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NEWS DIGEST



▲ Oh no, got to pay those fines

A 32-year old Big Spring woman was forced to pay $65 in fines and court costs after attempting to steal two books from the Howard County Library. Elva Gamboa was caught when alarms went off and pleaded guilty to charges in court.



◀ MiniPage moves

The MiniPage is moving to Tuesday beginning Feb. 16. Youth news will also appear on the same day. The new deadline for youth news in is Fridays at 5 p.m.

Nap time ▶

Chiva Chaves spends a quiet Saturday taking a nap underneath the bushes while she and other members of her church group enjoyed the sunshine and warm temperatures at Comanche Park.





◀ Celebrate

Lady Steers basketball players celebrate with the District 3-4A trophy after defeating Fort Stockton Friday. The Lady Steers finished the district season undefeated and face the winner of Levelland-Borger in the playoffs. See story page 1B.

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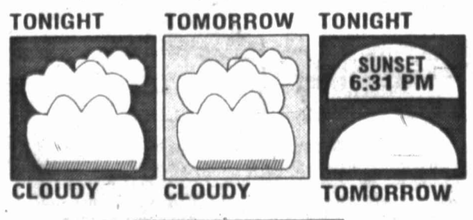
•Girls to play football:
Texas high school football, a near religion long observed only by boys, is opening its huddle to girls. The State Board of Education voted to amend UIL rules. See page 2A.

Sports

• Tough night for the Steers:
Observers of the Big Spring-Fort Stockton boys' basketball game Friday may have suffered neck sprains watching the contest's furious back and forth action. Big Spring's faint playoff hopes, however, were dealt a far more serious blow. See page 1B.

Weather

•Cloudy with a chance of rain:
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Morales to speak Monday

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales on Monday will make Big Spring his first stop on a six-week campaign to drum up grassroots support to revamp the state's criminal justice system.

A town-hall meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the Howard County Courthouse, where Morales will explain his six-point plan to ensure convicts serve more of their terms and victims get better compensation. A reception is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I would encourage as many citizens to attend the 10 o'clock town hall meeting as they can," said Big Spring Police Chief Joe Cook. "If anything, to let him (Morales) know the residents of Big Spring do care about law and order."

"We're going to need as much grassroots support as we can get," Morales said in a telephone interview Friday.

Morales unveiled his plan, now pending the Legislature's approval, in Houston last month. Among its proposals are:

• Limit appeal ability of death-row inmates. Morales said appeals extend the time necessary to carry out sentences to 10 years in many cases.

• Allow prisoners to be housed in tents or abandoned military bases. The conclusion of a suit decrying prison conditions and overcrowding, filed in federal court, now allows the state more flexibility.

• Force prisoners to serve sentences that resemble sentences issued, known as "truth in sentencing."

• Set up Victim Trust Fund so victims would get income made by inmates.

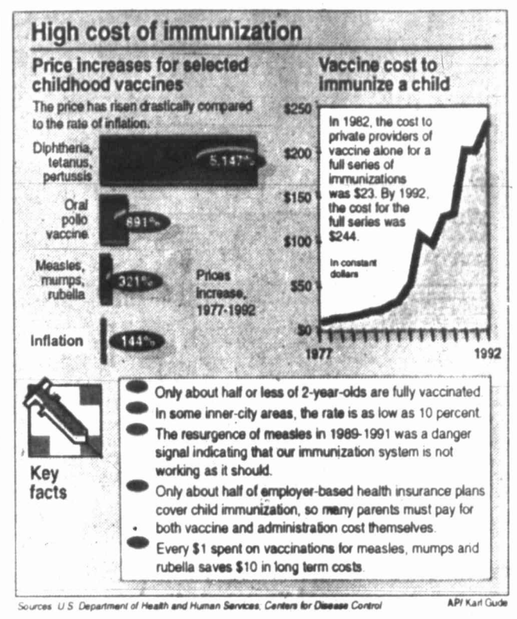
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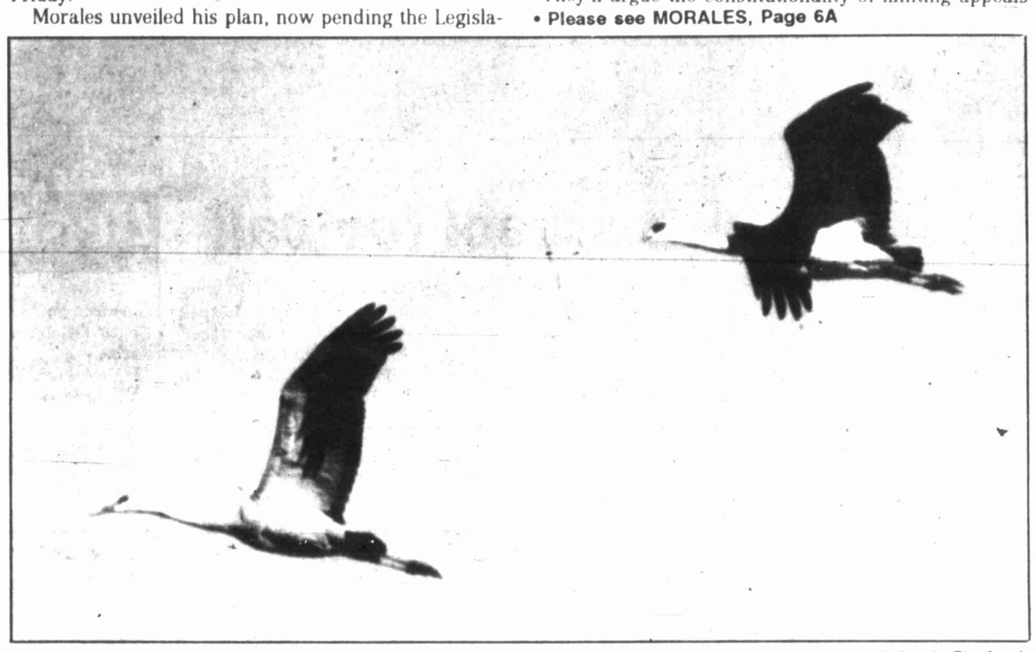
• Give the attorney general's office more ability to track down drug money laundering operations.

"I think it is a relatively ambitious set of bills we put together," Morales said.

He expects opposition from defense attorneys. "They'll argue the constitutionality of limiting appeals

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Two sandhill cranes, birds many West Texans see but know little about, soar over One Mile Lake. "Cranefest," a weekend of lectures and tours featuring the birds which winter in this area will be held Feb. 27-28 in Big Spring.

Cranefest activities scheduled

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Sandhill cranes, a migratory bird that winters at One Mile Lake in Big Spring and other areas of West Texas and eastern New Mexico, can make a big impression.

"I clearly remember the first sandhill cranes I ever saw," wrote Ronnie R. George in the December 1990 issue of Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine. "It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon in the fall of 1965 and I was a student pilot at Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring.

"My wife Barbara and I were driving around the north end of the air base when we began to see long, ragged lines of huge, gray birds winging in from the north and landing in a shallow lake near the north end of the runways," said George, now a biologist and crane program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"At a distance, the birds looked like geese, but their wing beats were sort of floppy and they did not maintain crisp "Vs" like migrating geese. As we drew closer to the lake, we saw a dense mass of gray bodies with long necks that pointed skyward and long legs that disappeared into the shallow water.

"Despite their unusual appearance, the most striking thing about these birds was their calls. Dozens or perhaps hundreds of the strange gray birds were calling at once. Their calls had a sharp rolling, trumpet-like quality that seemed to carry for miles. It was one of those wild, distant sounds that you never forget, like a coyote howling on a still night. Sometime later, I came to think of this sound as 'crane music.' "

Big Spring residents and visitors can get a bigger impression by learning more about the birds at Cranefest, a weekend of tours and lectures scheduled for Feb. 27-28 in Big Spring.

Some sandhill crane facts:

• In late October they return from summer nesting grounds in Alaska, Canada and the Arctic. Many make the trip in one or two flights on air currents that carry them to extreme heights. They return in April.

• They stand about 3½ feet and have a wingspread up to six feet and weigh five to eight pounds. Plumage on young birds is brownish, changing to gray in adults, which have bald red foreheads and black legs.

• Days are spent hunting for plant and animal food, especially grains and cotton seed. At dusk they head for playa lakes only inches deep where they are safe from predators. One Mile Lake is popular, where upwards of 4,000 stay. Total number of birds on the continent is 500,000.

• They're sometimes accompanied by geese and occasionally a whooping crane. While whooping cranes are rare, an endangered species, sandhill cranes are the most common crane. Those are the only two cranes in the nation.

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Schoolmen breathe easier with funding bill passage

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

Local school officials are breathing a sigh of relief since the Texas House passed a school finance resolution calling for a constitutional amendment.

The proposal, giving Texas voters a chance to make the current so-called "Robin Hood" method of equalization on a county-by-county basis part of the constitution, is being sent to the Senate for consideration on Monday.

"We're glad the legislators have taken some action, although the verdict is still out for the Senate to approve it on Monday," said Big Spring ISD Superintendent Bill McQueary. "(BSISD) will gain from any type of recapture from the (current) system."

The Supreme Court has given lawmakers until June 1 to pass a constitutional plan to equalize funding available to school districts or face a cutoff of state public education money.

Schools rely on state aid and local property taxes, and legislative leaders have raised the specter of school closings unless a measure is passed.

Large interest groups will support or fight the resolution should it reach voters for consideration, said Lee George, chairperson of the Howard-glasscock County Education District Board of Trustees.

"Many people will fight against it, but you will probably see a large majority of school people who will speak favorably of it and encourage voters to pass this," George said. "It's the best we're going to get."

George added the only alternatives would be a statewide income tax to fund schools or mass consolidation of school districts.

The current resolution also attempts to alleviate local CED tax limits, as well as state funding concerns.

"(The proposed measure) caps the CED (county education district) tax to $1 and also proposes that any state mandates be funded by the state," George said. "If the state mandates schools do something like the career ladder (bonus system for teachers), after December 1993, they must pay for it."

For the last 10 years, school officials have clashed with legislators who have required that local districts come up with increasingly larger shares of their total operating budgets, usually increasing property taxes.

The House-approved proposal, titled SJR 7, is favorable to local teachers whose only complaint regards wording about the state funding its own mandates.

"There was some concern about the wording in the section that prohibits unfunded mandates," said Suzy Combs, the local Texas State Teachers Association president. "We want to make sure the money is funneled in proper areas."

Although BSISD gains from the system (about $750,000 in 1992-93), other more property-wealthy districts in the local CED lose some of their property

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BSCC project making refuse moneymaker

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Big Spring Correctional Centers are using new equipment to chip Christmas trees into mulch, the first step in an ambitious recycling program for various wood and vegetable wastes.

The project not only provides productive vocational training for BSCC inmates, it could cut, by as much as 40 percent, wastes currently being buried at the landfill, according to Chesley Wilson, vocational training instructor at the BSCC Airpark Unit.

The first part of the project is underway, following the purchase of a large chipping machine and a large loader from a Midland manufacturer.

With these two pieces of equipment, BSCC workers can turn more than 12 tons of wood and trees into a pile of chips in an hour.

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Herald photo by Gary Shanks

Chesley Wilson, vocational instructor at the Big Spring Correctional Centers Airpark Unit, loads another scoop of Christmas trees into the hopper of a chipping machine, recently purchased by the city of Big Spring for use at BSSC. The equipment is used in a program that will create mulch and compost for landscaping, while reducing landfill wastes by as much as 40 percent, and providing vocational training for inmates.

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Mary Knotts Perkin

Associated Press photo

Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno (left) listens during Thursday's meeting of a State Boarfd of Education committee meeting in Austin. Board members Mary Knotts Perkins (center) and Patsy Johnson listen to testimony. Friday, the board approved a proposal allowing girls to play on high school football teams with boys.

GOP leaders vow funding plan fight

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — State GOP Chairman Fred Meyer said Friday Democratic leaders have broken a promise against new taxes by supporting a share-the-wealth school funding plan. Democrats said he's wrong.

Meyer predicted that the proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by lawmakers and voters, would cost Texans an additional $2.4 billion in school property taxes over the next two years.

Gov. Ann Richards, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and other Democrats who said there wouldn't be a state tax increase this legislative session "must have had their fingers crossed behind their backs when they did it," he said.

But Democrats noted that the proposed constitutional change, which would allow some sharing of local property tax money among rich and poor school districts, doesn't set a tax rate.

The measure instead limits how high a particular property tax rate could be when lawmakers approve a separate spending plan, which would implement the amendment. The $2.4 billion estimate is figured using that cap.

"They (Republicans) need to get their facts straight," said Janet Warren, spokeswoman for House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center.

No spending plan under consideration would raise taxes "anywhere near" $2.4 billion, she said. "In fact, enabling legislation under consideration would require school districts to ask the voters before raising their taxes beyond a certain level."

The proposed amendment by Rep. Libby Linebarger was prompted by a Texas Supreme Court order for lawmakers to come up with a constitutional plan by June 1 to equalize school funding, or face a cutoff of state money to schools. Public education relies on state aid and local taxes.

"If we left this issue up to Fred Meyer, I'm sure he would have 3 million children staying at home watching TV, come September," said Ms. Linebarger, D-Manchaca.

Meyer said Democrats are trying to "blackmail the voters of Texas with threats the schools will close unless we pass their tax increase plan."

He said Republicans would fight the measure if it goes on the state ballot. Ms. Linebarger and Bill Cryer, spokesman for Richards, said there would be a campaign in favor of the proposal. Sydney Rubin, spokesman for Bullock, had no comment.

"It's unfortunate that the Republicans want to polarize this as a partisan issue," Cryer said.

Girl gridders?

Board of Education liberates high school football

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas high school football, a near religion long observed only by boys, is opening its huddle to girls.

The State Board of Education voted 9-3 Friday to amend a University Interscholastic League rule allowing girls to hit the high school gridiron effective this fall.

"This is a gender equity issue," said Mary Knotts Perkins, a board member from Lufkin who voted for the rule change. "It's a matter of giving the opportunity to girls. That does not mean they have to be selected or they have to play."

The three votes against the change all came from men who feared for girls' safety.

"My concern is for girls' health," said board member Jack Christie. "I am voting against it because of compassion. Maybe it's chivalry."

In a state known for having a "good ole boy network," allowing girls on the high school football field with anything other than pompons or marching band instruments is quite a coup, officials said.

"Friday night lights would take on an entirely different meaning," said Will Davis, an education board member from Austin, who voted for the rule change.

Davis was referring to the weekly migration that occurs in rural and urban areas across the state to high school football stadiums on fall Fridays.

While the decision is considered a victory in gender equality for girls, many of the state's education leaders believe only a handful will try out.

Marla Brumfield, a 5-foot-7, 120-pound freshman who plays three sports at Elsik High School in Houston, says she would consider trying out for football.

But Ms. Brumfield quickly reminds herself, "There's a difference between playing with your brothers and an opponent who's purposely trying to hit you."

No girls or parents testified on behalf of the rule change during two public hearings before the vote.

"Other than the fact that it does provide the possibility for a girl to play, in reality it doesn't really provide much access for girls," said Texas Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno. "It would be the exceptional girl who could compete."

Tam Hollingshead, coach of traditional football power Odessa Permian, said while he will give girls a fair try out, he is concerned about injuries.

"My concern is football is a very violent sport, and I don't know if there are any young ladies that are physically and mentally prepared for that," Hollingshead said Friday.

"We must afford them the opportunity," he added. "We are going to carry 55 players and we have 103 in the off-season conditioning program right now. Spots on this team are going to be hard to come by."

Texas becomes one of more than 40 states that currently allow girls to play high school football.

In those states, nearly one million boys competed last year, while only 112 girls took the field, according to UIL officials.

Bill Farney, a top UIL spokesman, said there has been no evidence from states where girls do compete that they suffer more injuries than boys.

Several doctors wrote the State Board of Education, saying girls weren't physically developed to play high school football. But Bonnie Northcutt, assistant to the director of the UIL, said, "You can find doctors who will speak on both sides of the issue."

Concerns over where girls will dress for the games can be solved with a little common sense, Ms. Northcutt says.

"A girl could dress down the hall in the women's restroom and then head into the locker room," Ms. Northcutt said. "That shouldn't be a problem."

School leaders said allowing girls to play football could cause a backlash of boys wanting to play predominantly girls' sports, such as volleyball.

But Ms. Northcutt quickly points out that "boys would not be allowed to play volleyball" because the rules, such as the height of the net, are written for girls.

"And besides, most schools have enough boys interested in playing volleyball to start their own team," she said.

Austin residents favoring comprehensive sex ed plan

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A majority of Austin voters favor a sex education curriculum that is "broader and more positive than the abstinence-only approach," according to a poll.

The Families Against Censorship in Teaching Poll, released Thursday, shows that 70 percent of Austinites favor comprehensive sex education.

The Austin school board is considering two proposals to change the sex education curriculum.

One plan suggests education that teaches students to remain abstinent until married. The other identifies abstinence as the safest behavior for students, but would continue education on the use of contraceptive devices.

The sex education poll was conducted by Austin-based Opinion Analysts Inc. The company surveyed 400 randomly selected voters.

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Space station gets reprieve?

Lawmakers claim Gore refutes cuts

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WASHINGTON — Two Texas congressmen with ties to the space station said they were assured Friday by Vice President Al Gore that no money will be cut from the NASA program next year.

The vice president's assurance refutes speculation that President Clinton would deal the space station a crippling — if not fatal — blow by slashing funding.

Reps. Jack Brooks, D-Beaumont, and Jim Chapman, D-Sulphur Springs, said the administration will seek $2.25 billion for Space Station Freedom, which is the full amount requested by NASA. Alabama Sen. Howell Heflin, a longtime space station supporter, said he had a similar conversation with Gore.

A White House source, who declined to be named, confirmed the figure.

Capitol Hill had been abuzz for days with rumors that the administration was eying a 40 percent cut for the controversial orbiting laboratory. Numerous congressional sources said the administration would only recommend $1.35 billion for the space station.

"I am pleased that President Clinton is committed to maintaining and advancing the space station and the general progress of NASA although with the firm conviction that rigorous cost control, efficient management and well-targeted objectives must be NASA's mission in the 1990s," Brooks said.

Chapman, who talked privately with Gore Friday after a White House meeting with the president and other members of Congress, was pleased by the administration's commitment.

"That is a major victory, I think, for those of us in the Congress that support it," said Chapman, a member of the House appropriations subcommittee that allocates NASA funds.

In a related development, the head of the embattled space station project at Johnson Space Center quit Friday, two hours after his ouster was called for by Sen. Bob Krueger.

Krueger, D-Texas, had blamed project manager John Aaron for huge cost overruns and the difficulty in selling the project to Congress.

"If we don't improve, we could lose the whole thing," Krueger said in calling for Aaron's ouster.

The chairman of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee said Aaron's departure should help the space station's fortunes on Capitol Hill. "That's a good response and that will get a little respect from people here on the Hill," said Rep. George Brown, D-Calif, when informed by a reporter of Aaron's ouster.

Brown said Clinton made no specific commitment to two dozen members of Congress who met with him Friday afternoon, although the space station was discussed.

"We are in the middle of a trial balloon," Brown said. "There is a little hot air involved. We are also in the middle of a bitter struggle with contending forces of various kinds putting cutting the deficit above the nation's investment in research and development."

The latest word in the space station rumor mill was coolly greeted by Sen. Phil Gramm's office.

"Given that the administration was clearly considering gutting the program just yesterday evening, supporters for the space station might be best advised to wait and see what's in the president's budget next week," said Larry Neal, press secretary for the Republican senator from Texas.

"If in fact the Clinton administration decides to support the $2.25 billion recommendation by President Bush then we can all celebrate," Neal said.

Lawmakers had spent the last few days scrambling to learn of the administration's plans for the space station.

Heflin said Gore told him that Clinton is "very much interested in keeping the space station on track, very interested in keeping the jobs and in complying with his campaign promises" to support the station.

The Alabama senator also said Gore told him that Clinton intends to retain NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin, at least temporarily, with instructions that he work to get the space station's cost overruns under control.

Brooks and Krueger are just two of the many lawmakers who have complained of cost overruns in the space station, estimated to cost between $30 billion and $40 billion.



Associated Press photo

Sen. Bob Krueger talks to reporters in Houston Friday about a reported message from the White House indicating that the Space Station Freedom project would be cut by 40 percent. Kruger noted that the project would continue to get federal money and called for the ouster of John Aaron, the project's manager.

Courthouse gunman sentenced to death

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMARILLO, Texas — A lawyer was sentenced to death Saturday for killing two attorneys during a rampage in a Fort Worth courtroom last summer that left three other people wounded.

A Potter County jury took about an hour Saturday to sentence George Lott, 45, to death by lethal injection. Lott was convicted of capital murder on Friday.

Lott stepped back slightly when state District Judge Sharen Wilson read the verdict. He made no comment, but asked that the jurors be polled individually.

He noted the verdict on his yellow notepad as Judge Wilson read it.

Lott, who confessed in a television interview, saying he wanted to draw attention to wrongs allegedly done to him by the legal system during his divorce and in a child-molesting charge brought against him by his ex-wife, represented himself during the trial.

In a one-minute closing argument, Lott braced his arm on a podium, stared at the jury panel, then quietly and evenly advised jurors of their duty.

"Make your decision so that you can live easy with yourself and God," he said.

Prosecutor Alan Levy followed Lott's statement with an impassioned plea to give Lott "a date with the executioner because he deserves it. He's earned it."

Levy said Lott was a predator who planned for months to ambush a courtroom and kill people he didn't even know.

"Lott radiates hate like a stove radiates heat," Levy said.

Lott summoned no witnesses on his own behalf Saturday.

Prosecutors called seven witnesses, including five people who testified Friday about Lott's character. On Saturday, they described Lott as a belligerent and fight-provoking man.

"I am 2,000 percent sure that Mr. Lott is a danger," said Fort Worth Judge Maryellen Hicks, who presided over Lott's child custody battle in January 1990.

Lott could have been sentenced to life in prison for killing the lawyers July 1 at the Tarrant County Courthouse. Three other men — including two judges — were wounded when the gunman began firing inside the 2nd Court of Appeals.



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George Lott, 45, is escorted from the Potter County Courthouse Friday evening in Amarillo after being convicted of capital murder in last summer's shooting rampage in a Fort Worth courtroom. Jurors sentenced Lott to death during Saturday punishment deliberations.

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Green tax proposed

Environmental groups are smiling and just a bit happy with President Bill Clinton because of his proposed "green" tax - some type of energy pollution tax.

An energy tax is seen as the influence of Vice President Al Gore in the policy making of the new president. But, we should be prepared for a fight over the tax.

The president is working on addressing the regressive nature of the tax by possibly expanding the tax credit for lower- and middle-income families or by a cut in payroll taxes.

And environmentalist are happy on another front - the split among business leaders over an energy, pollution or gas tax.

But, either way the tax goes, Congress will be gearing up for a fight. And, the public is faced again with paying more taxes. But, polls are showing people would prefer an energy, pollution tax over another hike in the gasoline tax.

Whatever your feelings on the issue, the best thing to do is let your legislature know how you feel and how you would like to see him vote on the issue.

Health crisis needs leadership



Hodding Carter III

Take a system of vital importance to all Americans that costs vastly more than any other comparable program in the world, is on the road to breaking the Treasury and fails to deliver even minimal services to tens of millions of Americans. You can assume it is broke and needs fixing. Call it health care.

Then take President Clinton's decision to appoint his wife as chairman of a special task force with 100-day mandate to come up wit recommendations for reforming t e system. You can just about bet the farm that he has decided to make health-care reform a domestic priority second only to that basket of problems subsumed under the general title of "the economy." You can also safely assume that if he delivers, his early missteps will soon be as forgotten as last summer's stock market performance.

Then mix in the fact that virtually everyone believes, some with considerable urgency, that reform cannot be postponed any longer. Corporate executives and labor union officials agree, as do most politicians, professors, health-care professionals and working Americans.

Put all this together, and it should spell victory for a comprehensive overhaul of our crazy-quilt health-care system. It ain't necessarily so. The trouble is that while there is general agreement that something is badly wrong, there are as many proposed solutions as there are special interests. Only the president has the podium and the power to decide on one and shepherd it into law.

Defining the problem is easy. In 1992, the United States spent $838.5 billion -- 14 percent of its total economic output -- on medical care. That includes everything from drugs to hospitalization to insurance forms to doctors. This year, the Commerce Department estimates the figure will jump another 12 percent, a rate four times the rate of inflation, to $939.9 billion. Unless there is fundamental reform that includes cost containment, the nation will be spending $1.6 trillion on health care by the year 2000, roughly 20 percent of the nation's gross domestic product.

By comparison, in 1990, Canada, France, Germany, and Sweden spent about 8 percent to 9 percent of GDP on health care. Japan spent 6.5 percent. Great Britain, home of "socialized medicine," spent 6.1 percent, exactly half of the American figure.

But high cost might be acceptable if we had an efficient health-care delivery system. We don't. About 35 million Americans have no health insurance. Another 20 million or more are underinsured. The United States is the only industrialized nation that does not guarantee health care for all its citizens. It is the only one that tolerates active discrimination by health-care providers and insurers against the poor, those with pre-existing illnesses and other subsets of the population most at risk.

It needs to be said for the record that America's medical care is the best in the world for those who can afford it. Our research facilities have been the advance guard against illness and disease. Our medical technology produces near-miraculous results.

But the trend lines are all wrong. During the 1980s, some 15 million new jobs were added to the economy, but 5 million Americans lost their health insurance. Our infant mortality rate is relatively high and our childhood vaccination rate, shockingly low. Medicaid, meant to handle the health needs of the poor, in fact covers less than half of all Americans who are below the poverty line. On the other side of the ledger, after adjusting for inflation, real per capita health expenditures grew on average 4.5 percent a year between 1960 and 1990. The average rate of growth for the economy as a whole averaged 1.95 percent during the same period. You do not need a Nobel Prize in economics to figure out where these trends are taking us.

So what is to be done? Again, the theoretical answer is quite clear. We need to put a basic health-care floor under all Americans as a matter of right. And the government needs either to cap health-care expenditures or provide the states and private sector with the tools to force costs down.

There are many roads to both objectives, too many to cover in one short column. But in the end, there is only one way to reach both, just as there was only one way to put the Medicare and Medicaid systems into place in the mid-1960s. The president of the United States will have to spend a vast amount of political capital to cajole, coerce or lead Congress into adopting a comprehensive plan that will inevitably require new taxes and gore a number of powerful oxen.

Consultation and compromise, at which Bill Clinton excels, will help, but determination and political courage will be essential. This is the place for him to draw a line in the dust and stake the future of his presidency. Hillary Rodham Clinton's high-visibility role is an encouraging sign that he has.

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We asked:

What do you think about B.S.I.S.D.'s decision to adopt the state policy prohibiting prayer during school ceremonies?

"How sad. I think it's sad that we can't have prayer in school anymore. I think our kids really need it."

Estaleene Rice



ESTALEENE RICE

"I think they should have prayer in school. It's one of those things that don't hurt nothing if they do it."

Juan Lujan



JUAN LUJAN

"I disagree with the decision. They are taking away the rights of the people that do believe in prayer. If they don't believe in it, they don't have to pray."

Susan Yeater



SUSAN YEATER

"I think they should have prayer. Even when I played football they had prayer. They should go with the majority of the people. There are more people that want it than those that don't."

Jose Tova



JOSE TOVA





This date in history

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 1993. There are 320 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 14, 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

On this date:

In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Star and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1876, inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray applied separately for patents related to the telephone. (The U.S. Supreme Court eventually ruled Bell the rightful inventor.)

In 1894, comedian Jack Benny was born Benjamin Kubelsky in Waukegan, Ill.

In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established.

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union.

In 1920, the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago. Its first president was Maude Wood Park.

In 1941, "Reflections in a Golden Eye" by Carson McCullers was first published.

In 1945, Peru, Paraguay, Chile and Ecuador joined the United Nations.

In 1962, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House.

In 1985, Cable News Network reporter Jeremy Levin, who was being held hostage in Lebanon, gained his freedom.

In 1989, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini called on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie author of the novel "The Satanic Verses," a work condemned as blasphemous throughout the Islamic world.

Ten years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin appointed Moshe Arens, Israel's ambassador to the United States, to be defense minister, replacing Ariel Sharon.

Five years ago: Hours after learning that his sister had died of leukemia, American Dan Jansen lost his bid for a gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Canada, when he fell during the 500-meter speed-skating event. Broadway composer Frederick Loewe, who wrote the music for "My Fair Lady" and "Camelot," died in Palm Springs, Calif., at age 86.

Today's Birthdays: Sportscaster Mel Allen is 80. TV personality Hugh Downs is 72. Actress and singer Florence Henderson is 59. Journalist Carl Bernstein is 49. Actor-dancer Gregory Hines is 47. Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., is 46.

Thought for Today:

"Love that's wise
Will not say all it means."

— Edwin Arlington Robinson, American poet (1869-1935).

Caught in a Bosnian bog

Scripps Howard News Service

There are two clearly defensible positions from which the United States could have crafted a response to the bloody breakup of Yugoslavia. To wit:

• Yugoslavia is on Europe's doorstep — as Central America and Haiti, with their civil strife and resulting refugees, are on ours. Let Europe seek to arrest Serbian aggression, as this country copes with the problems of its own neighborhood.

• "Ethnic cleansing" is the greatest human rights outrage in the European area since Stalin deported entire ethnic groups to Central Asia and Siberia after World War II. Resisting it — at the very least helping its victims defend themselves — is a moral imperative for the democratic superpower.

After a painstaking review of the Bosnian situation, however, the Clinton administration has opted instead for a policy of gradual American entanglement. It has signed on to the peace process initiated by the European Community and the United Nations, about which it had previously expressed well-justified doubts.

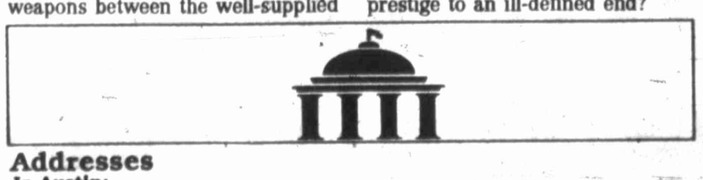
The EC-UN process is compromised at its core. Ethnic cleansing is conducted by violence and can only be stopped by force, until its perpetrators choose to quit. Six months of shuttle diplomacy by Cyrus Vance for the U.N. and David Owen for the EC produced a score of broken cease-fires, while hundreds of thousands of civilians were expelled from their homes. A grotesquely even-handed U.N. arms embargo locked in the disparity in weapons between the well-supplied Bosnian Serbs and their mostly Muslim victims.

Vance and Owen have designed a new political arrangement for Bosnia, carving it into 10 autonomous provinces, three for each major ethnic group, with the capital, Sarajevo, shared. The Bosnian Serbs and Muslims so far reject this. The plan, moreover, enshrines ethnic separation, encouraging minorities to flee. It also requires the Serbs to withdraw from much land they have conquered, which their fighters are unlikely to do.

The United States has now joined this uncertain process. A new American negotiator, the skilled Reginald Bartholemew, will try to improve on the Vance-Owen plan. If the parties settle, the United States will send perhaps 10,000 ground troops as part of a multilateral peacekeeping force. Enforcing a much simpler agreement in neighboring Croatia has proved ineffectual.

Oddly underplayed in reports of the Clinton policy is Secretary of State Warren Christopher's public renewal of George Bush's commitment to Kosovo. This province of Serbia is an ethnic tinderbox, under martial law. Its 90 percent Albanian population is already tasting ethnic cleansing at Serbian hands.

"We remain prepared to respond against the Serbians in the event of a conflict in Kosovo caused by Serbian action," said Christopher. Is that a line in the sand — like George Bush's vow that Iraq's takeover of Kuwait would not stand, a pledge to go to war? Or is it a vaguely escalating commitment of U.S. power and prestige to an ill-defined end?



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Thanks for the day-brightening letters



DD Turner

Now I understand why my mother placed such an emphasis on sending out thank you notes. They really do make the person feel good.

Okay, so I had to experience it myself to fully appreciate what my mother was talking about. That seems to be one of those kids things — parents don't know what they are talking about until you find out for yourself they really do know what they are talking about. I guess it's that voice of experience thing.

Anyway, I received a packet from Bauer Magnate Elementary School, containing a bunch of thank you letters from Ms. Simmons' fifth grade class. All I had done was spent an hour talking to them about how to put a newsletter together. And, since I totally goofed on my first appointment, making me feel smaller than a bug in a rug, I knew I owed those kids a good talk.

I'm am grateful — this is where that mother talk stuff comes in — to know I did a good job explaining it to the kids. That's where the thank you notes came in.

I really enjoyed reading them. It seemed each child picked up on something different and applied it to what they wanted to do. And if they are reading and using the newspaper, well all the better.

Everyone wants to know why the ink comes off on your hands, making them black And, that's what Bobi Villa wanted to know. So I explained to her why that happens. So, in her letter she wrote she was able to explain to her dad about why the ink came off in her hands as they were sharing the paper.

Really does make you feel good you were able to share something of what you know with someone else.

I think that has to be the hardest job of all — teaching young minds, turning them toward knowledge and making them want more. And, given everything they have to go through, I think our teachers do an excellent job with their students.

Even here at the Herald, there is much that all of us can learn. The one thing you have to keep in mind is you never stop learning. Keeping an open mind, receptive to new input is sometimes very hard. Often we thing once we are out of college we know everything we need to know, especially about our chosen professions. We don't. College courses in journalism truly never prepare you for the real thing. Real life is so different from college.

And, learning how to impart the knowledge you have is hard. How to go about teaching someone, making them understand what they need to know without making them feel dumb. Talk about walking a fine line.

But, as long as you are willing to learn, accept your mistakes and learn from them then things will work out in the long run.

But, the letter that got to me the most was from Ashley Rains. One of the things I was asked to tell them was how to write a story. So, I talked about the five Ws - who, what, when, where and why - and catchy leads or first paragraphs. Ashle wrote "If you hadn't come and explained about catchy beginnings, many would have been lost when they started writing."

Now, if I can only figure out how to get that across to my staff.

Thanks kids for the letters. They really did brighten my day. Now I understand what my mom was trying to say.

Phantom AIDS-like syndrome is finally unmasked

Scripps Howard News Service

Deadly, seemingly indestructible, shape-shifting, hungry for a human host: AIDS has all the attributes of a low-budget movie monster. But this all-too-real horror stalks alone. Hysterics aside, AIDS has no invisible twin.

Rumors of a communicable AIDS-like syndrome, but without the telltale human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), sprang up in July just before the International Conference on AIDS in Amsterdam. Newsweek gave cover play to this supposed AIDS mimicker that scientists could not detect, much less treat. A Cornell researcher warned citizens to carry their own blood while on the road.

As it turns out, there is good reason that phantom AIDS can't be identified: It doesn't exist, according to five reports in the current New England Journal of Medicine. Since Newsweek's article roiled the AIDS conference, researchers have combed through 230,000 AIDS cases chronicled by the Centers for Disease Control. Of the 101 known cases of non-HIV immune-system shutdown, none relates to any other, the studies agree. The sexual partners of these patients, whose "AIDS" apparently derives from a hodgepodge of disorders, stayed well. The same is true even for persons who received their transfused blood.

"The syndrome is not new," concludes leading AIDS sleuth Dr. Anthony Fauci in an accompanying editorial. "(It) is a rare syndrome ... and does not appear to be caused by a transmissible agent."

In short, the only new AIDS epidemic is one of fear, fanned by Newsweek's white-knuckle speculations about secretly contaminated blood banks.

Clinton expands vaccination program

Sharply criticizes drug companies for rising prices

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Va. — A $300 million program that will make vaccines available to a million more children was announced Friday by President Clinton, who visited a community clinic and sharply reproved drug companies for charging "unconscionable" prices.

"Our nation is the only industrialized nation in the entire world that does not guarantee childhood vaccinations for all children," Clinton said. "It ought to be like clean water and clear air. It ought to be a part of the fabric of our life."

He had strong words for the nation's drug makers, saying it was a "cruel irony" that American pharmaceutical companies make most of the world's vaccines but charge more for them here than they do in other countries.

Two leading vaccine makers said Clinton was unfairly singling out drug companies for blame and giving a false impression of undue profits.

Only about half of America's 2-year-olds are fully vaccinated, and the rate is as low as 10 percent in some inner-city areas, according to federal health experts. In the Western Hemisphere, only Bolivia and Haiti have lower immunization rates than the United States.

Clinton, accompanied by his wife, Hillary, watched as an oral polio vaccine was administered to 20-month-old Danielle Bailey in Arlington's Fenwick Center health clinic, where vaccinations are administered for free. The child whimpered just a little, and then smiled for the TV cameras.

The president then told a group of children and parents, "We should be under no illusion that every family and every child in America has access to a health clinic as good as this one."

Clinton promised his economic stimulus package would include an extra $300 million to promote immunization efforts this year at clinics in underserved urban and rural areas. The money would be added to the $342 million already allocated to the Centers for Disease Control for immunization programs.

In addition, he directed Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to negotiate with drug companies to make sure states and federally assisted health programs can buy vaccines at "reasonable" prices. He accused pharmaceutical companies of refusing to make vaccines available to many states at affordable rates, even for bulk purchases.

"Compared to other countries, our prices are shocking," Clinton said. "We must tell the drug companies to change those priorities. We cannot have profits at the expense of our children."

Overall, he said, vaccine prices have risen at six times the rate of inflation over the past 10 years and drug companies are spending more on advertising and lobbying than on developing new drugs.

Clinton said he hoped drug companies would be involved in developing legislation to further expand immunization programs, but added, "Whether they are or not is up to them. But this is unconscionable. We are running the risk of new epidemics spreading out in this country."

Shalala offered more conciliatory words, saying she looked forward to negotiations with the drug companies and had "every reason to believe that they care about America's children, too."

Craig Engesser, a spokesman for Lederle-Praxis, one of the nation's top vaccine makers, said Clinton was unfairly blaming drug companies.

He said the cost to fully vaccinate a child has increased because the number of recommended doses has nearly doubled over the past 10 years and because of rising biotechnology research costs, a new excise tax, inflation and higher product liability insurance costs.

In addition, he said, low immunization rates have more to do with access to health clinics and with parental education than with prices.

David Williams, president of Connaught Laboratories, another major vaccine manufacturer, said Clinton was choosing a convenient target in criticizing drug companies when the real "profiteers" were lawyers filing product liability suits.

Clinton said that in addition to lowering the costs of vaccines, the country needs to improve access to immunizations.



Associated Press photo

President and Mrs. Clinton watch as nurse Dorothy Sellers administers an oral polio vaccine to 20-month-old Danielle Bailey at an Arlington County health clinic Friday. The president rapped the drug industry for its "shocking" prices and launched an initiative to get American children vaccinated.

Newspaper memorials recall Vietnam deaths

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHREVEPORT, La. — A quarter-century after 23-year-old Gene Youngblood died in Vietnam, a stranger came forward to tell his parents the details.

Gordon and Emma Lou Youngblood learned that their son died in an ambush a day earlier than they had believed, after they found a memorial to him on the obituary page of The Times in Shreveport.

It read: "Charles E. Youngblood. Nov. 1944-11 Feb. 1968.

"It has been 25 years since that day that you and the other nine men courageously fought by our sides and were called to the service of our Lord. You will live forever in our hearts and we will always love you. All the men of 'C.R.I.P.' 2nd Bn. 27th Inf. (Wolfhounds) 25th Inf. Div."

The Youngbloods found that Leonard N. Brooks, 46, of Austin, Texas, placed the ad. He was the medic of the Combined Reconnaissance Intelligence Platoon when it lost more than one-third of its 28 soldiers outside a hamlet called Boa Trai.

Brooks, a security officer at Austin Community College, said he also placed his memorial in seven other newspapers.

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Moot court's finding: Military shouldn't have tried Dr. Mudd

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Va. — More than a century after his conviction, Dr. Samuel A. Mudd's appeal to clear his name as a co-conspirator in Abraham Lincoln's assassination was finally heard.

That the defendant is long dead and the evidence long gone didn't matter. No real court agreed to consider the case.

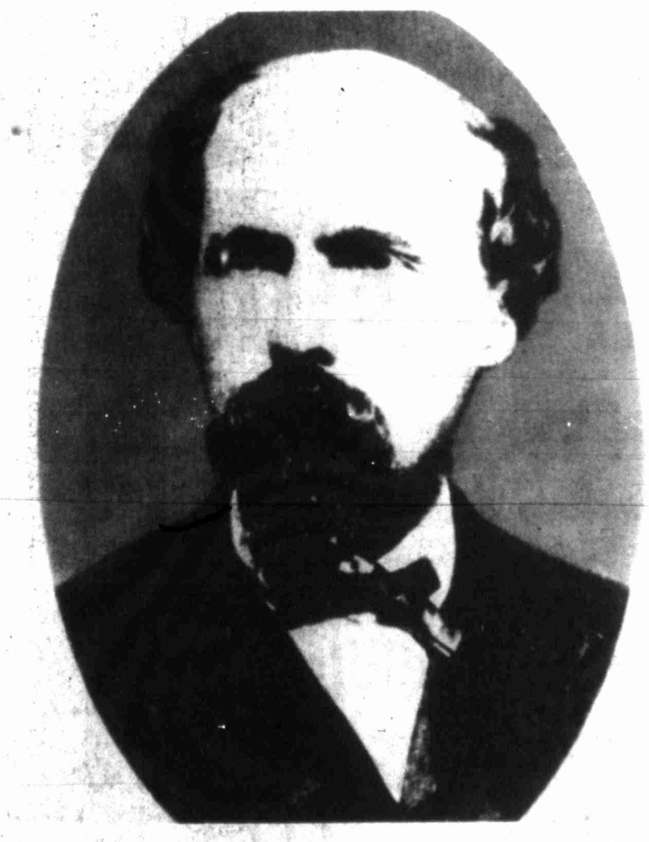
On Friday, the 184th birthday of the 16th president, defense attorney F. Lee Bailey argued Mudd's case in a moot court trial at the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law. "Mudd's prosecution was one sledgehammer after another upon the Constitution," Bailey said.

When Bailey was done, the three judges concluded that the Army commission that convicted Mudd had no right to try him in the first place.

Only one of the judges addressed whether Mudd was guilty of conspiracy — and said he didn't think so.

"I cannot resist the temptation of saying I have very serious doubts whether an impartial military panel distanced from the moment ... would have found the evidence presented was sufficient beyond a reasonable doubt," said Edward D. Re, retired senior judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade.

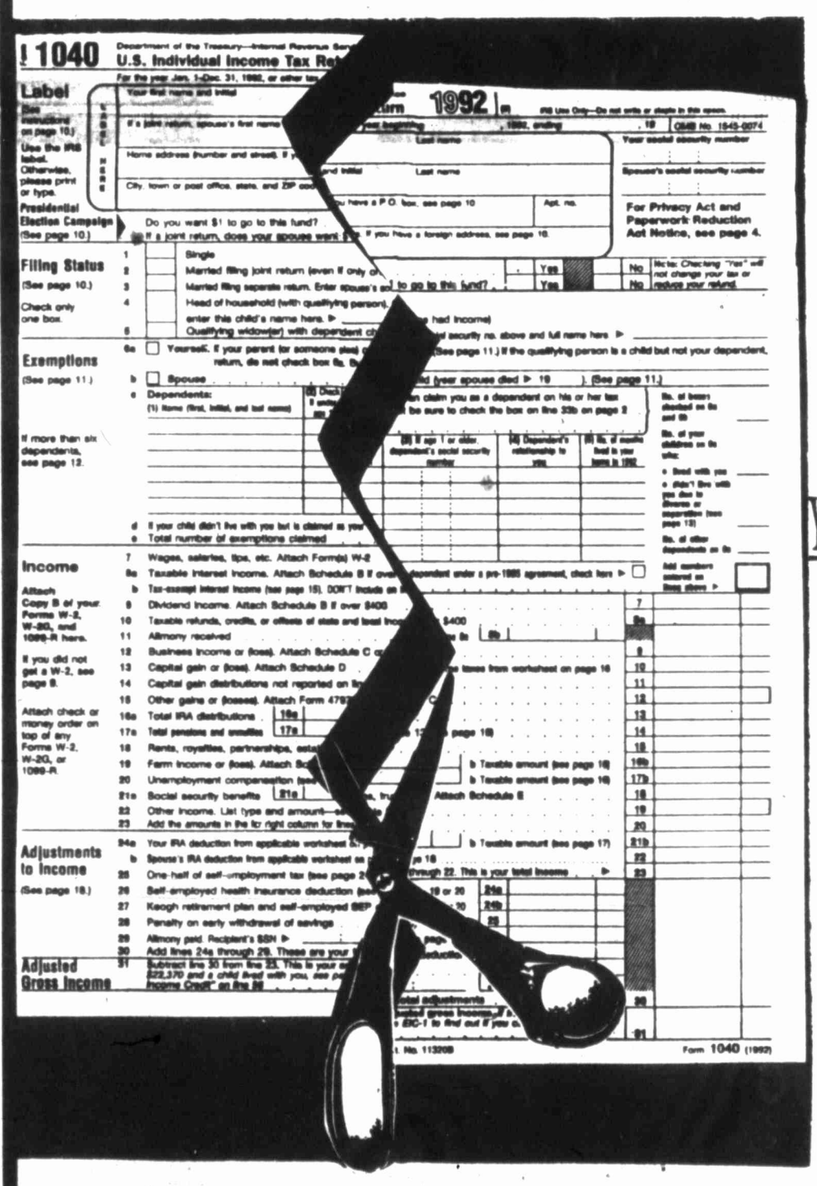
John Paul Jones, a law professor, said he organized the moot court trial using the assumption that Mudd appealed his conviction to a military appeals court, a body that didn't exist in Mudd's day. Mudd had maintained he was wrongfully convicted.



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More than a century after his conviction, Dr. Samuel A. Mujdd, shown in this undated file photo, had an appeal to clear his name as a co-conspirator in Abraham Lincoln's assassination heard in a moot court trial in Richmond, Va., Friday. Defense attorney F. Lee Bailey argued Mudd's case before a three judge panel which concluded the Army commission that convicted Mudd had no right to try him in the first place.

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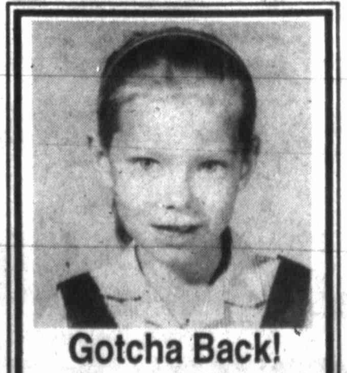
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Bosnian cities pledge to reject aid shipments

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — A second city promised to join Sarajevo and reject aid shipments Saturday, further fraying relations between the government and relief agencies struggling to end the suffering in Bosnia.

U.N. and Western officials condemned the decision to impose a virtual hunger strike on the capital. Bosnian leaders apparently took the extreme move to protest what they call inadequate international efforts to end the ethnic bloodshed in the former Yugoslav republic.

Sarajevo officials, backed by the Bosnian government, said Friday they would halt distribution of the donated food that has kept the city alive until besieged Bosnians in the east are fed. Fighting and Serb soldiers have blocked U.N. convoys from reaching several towns in eastern Bosnia for months.

The 90 distribution centers around Sarajevo were quiet Saturday.

Officials in Tuzla, 50 miles northeast of the capital, said future aid to the town would be blocked to show solidarity with the tens of thousands of hungry Bosnians under Serb siege across the republic, said U.N. spokesman Sergio Appolonio in Zagreb, Croatia.

Tuzla has become a haven for thousands of Mulsim refugees from eastern Bosnia.

International aid officials promised to try again to reach eastern areas and said a truck convoy would head for the town of Cerska on Sunday.

Bosnian radio said 166 people have starved recently in Cerska, which has been isolated since the war began last spring. But Bosnian reports of mass starvation have been disputed by U.N. officials in the past.

More than 18,000 people have died and more than 1 million have lost their homes since Serbs went to war against Muslims and Croats who seceded from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia nearly one year ago. Harsh economic sanctions against Yugoslavia for backing the rebels have not ended the war, and a peace plan proposed by international mediators is foundering.

Some said that blocking food shipments would backfire and only add to the suffering in Bosnia.

Gen. Philippe Morillon, the commander of U.N. forces in Sarajevo, called the tactic "unacceptable and irresponsible."

"If the supplies are kept from Sarajevo, everybody will die here," Morillon told reporters as artillery shells fell near U.N. headquarters. "I hope the person responsible for this decision will decide to fast to the death himself."

"This is a very bad and stupid idea," said a 21-year-old Sarajevo woman who identified herself only by her first name, Jasna. "The Western world knows, but just doesn't care, and if we stop getting food, that won't help people in eastern Bosnia."

Other Sarajevans were more hopeful.



U.S. Marine Lt. Jay Harris of San Antonio makes his way up rubble-strewn stairs with his pistol drawn, looking for a gunman who had fired on Marine positions at the Green Line that divides Mogadishu's main factions Friday. Harris is followed by Cpl. Joe George of Boswell, Okla.

UN could take command in Somalia within weeks

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOGADISHU, Somalia — U.S. command of international forces in Somalia could pass to the United Nations within weeks, a U.N. spokesman said Saturday, and most American forces could be home by late April.

The news came as military officials expressed increasing confidence that Operation Restore Hope, now in its third month, could be handed over to U.N. command. The U.S.-led military coalition has quelled most of the clan violence that had made it nearly impossible for relief workers to feed millions of starving Somalis.

The international force continues to face gunfire and seize weapons, however. Shootouts left two Somalis wounded on Friday, and Italian troops sweeping through a Mogadishu neighborhood on Saturday uncovered arms including more than 100 grenades, 12,000 detonators and four missiles.

Farouk Mawlawi, the spokesman for U.N. operations in Somalia, said U.S. forces could hand over the international operation to a U.N. commander in a matter of weeks.

He said U.N. peacekeepers would need authorization from the Security Council to use force to maintain order in Somalia, a policy that would be unprecedented for a U.N. peacekeeping force.

"We couldn't have the traditional peacekeeping operation," Mawlawi said, adding that he expected Security Council approval when it takes up the issue next week.

A U.S. military spokesman said most of the 19,000 American troops and support personnel could head home before May.

"Looking at our timeline, that's perhaps technically feasible by mid- to late April," said Marine Col. Fred Peck. "That's presupposing everything happens in quick succession," starting with the Security Council action, he added.

In Washington, President Clinton said he was encouraged by the reported timetable.

"This does need to go from a U.S. mission to a U.N. mission," Clinton said.

Coalition forces from 22 other nations number 14,000. Officials are proposing a U.N.-led force of about 20,000 troops, including at least 3,000 Americans.

Meanwhile Saturday, the international force continued to seize weapons.

No one was arrested or injured in the sweep, and some people even volunteered to hand over weapons, he said.

Funding

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taxes.

Glasscock schools lost $1.2 million for 1992-93. Forsan schools suffered a loss of about $1 million, and Coahoma schools broke even.

The losses have prompted property-rich districts to speak out against the plan, which in essence, requires state collection of local property taxes to fund schools.

Since the Texas Supreme Court ruled the taxes levied by CEDs unconstitutional in 1992, legislators have been scrambling to come up with a constitutional plan to meet the June 1 deadline.

Two-thirds approval by the Legislature is required for a proposed constitutional amendment to go on a statewide ballot.

Most Republicans continue to oppose the share-the-wealth plan authored by Rep. Libby Linebarger, D-Manchaca, but enough Republicans decided to support the measure to guarantee passage.

Many legislators believe the proposal will fail in a statewide vote.

Lawmakers must pass a proposed amendment by Feb. 20 for it to be placed on the May 1 state ballot, because of requirements for ballot printing and public notice.

Compost

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Later, when lawn clippings are available, the chips will be mixed with grass and composted.

Composting, or bacterial fermentation, processes the lawn clippings and wood chips into a fertilizing product to be mixed with soil.

Precise amounts of grass and wood are combined, with regards to the nitrogen to carbon ratio of the overall heap, Wilson said. The mound is moistened and bacteria begins breaking down the wood and grass into its simpler, component compounds.

Workers use testing equipment to maintain appropriate temperature, moisture and oxygen levels in the mound.

The mound is occasionally turned and remixed.

The new equipment, including a machine to lay the mulch in uniform windrows, cost a total of $140,000. The state of Texas is paying half this cost with a grant to the prison.

Crane

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• Hunting has increasingly been allowed to keep numbers down. In the United States they must be hunted by shotgun, long bow and arrow or by falcon.

"You've probably heard that cranes are skinny as a rail, tough as a boot, and taste like liver," George said. "Actually, I have found cranes are quite plump and tasty when skillfully prepared."

Sheriff

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

• Annie Ruth Farr, 36, of Big Spring was arrested for tampering with government records.

• Andy James Kilgore, 21, of Big Spring was arrested for revocation of probation (burglary of a vehicle).

• A Jonesboro woman reported being struck in the head and neck.

Courts

The following cases were decided in area courts:

• Johnny Heredia Jr., 25, of Midland pleaded guilty to felony driving while intoxicated and was sentenced to two years in prison.

Lotto

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas — Here are results of Lotto Texas winning numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:

6-20-29-38-41-46

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $3 million

Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

• Brent C. Newton, 21, of Big Spring was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

• Richard A. Renteria, 19, of Big Spring was arrested on local warrants.

• A television, jewelry, wallet and cigarettes were reportedly stolen at gunpoint from a 71-year-old woman in an apartment complex in the 1900 block of Wasson Road.

• A car was reported stolen in the 700 block of Cherry Street.

• A wallet and clothing valued at $65 were reported missing following the burglary of a vehicle.

• A VCR was reported stolen and a window broken in the 500 block of North Runnels. Loss is estimated at $250.

• Paul Talavera, 25, of Big Spring was arrested for family violence.

• Joaquin Duenez, Jr., 20, of Big Spring was arrested on local warrants.

• Orlando Chavez, 38, of Big Spring was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• Doors were reported damaged at the Rodeo Arena.

Correction

Juanita Margarita Zapata, 21, 1520 Tucson, was not arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated as reported Thursday in the Big Spring Herald. She was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended.

Morales

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or housing prisoners in tents or military bases," he said. "They have got a very strong lobby and a very strong influence."

Cook applauded Morales' proposals. "I certainly think those are issues that need to be addressed, need to be taken care of," the police chief said. "Those plus a bucketful of other things need to be looked at."

Prior to the town-hall meeting will be a 9 a.m. briefing for area law enforcement officials. Media visits are scheduled from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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Odessa couple exchange vows at VA hospital

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Features Editor

The groom was nervous, and a little short of breath.

Not surprising at a wedding — but especially not at this one.

John Holst married Grace Daigle from his hospital bed Thursday at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

"We decided to get married now and not wait," said Holst, who had to remain lying down. He suffers from a bad heart and diabetes.

"I wanted to get married here because I've got friends in here that take care of me, and they've taken care of Grace also," Holst said. Now and then, he coughed, apologizing.

Holst's son, daughter-in-law and their children came from Houston. They joined several hospital staffers — including Medical Center Director Conrad Alexander — at the bedside wedding. It is believed to be a first.

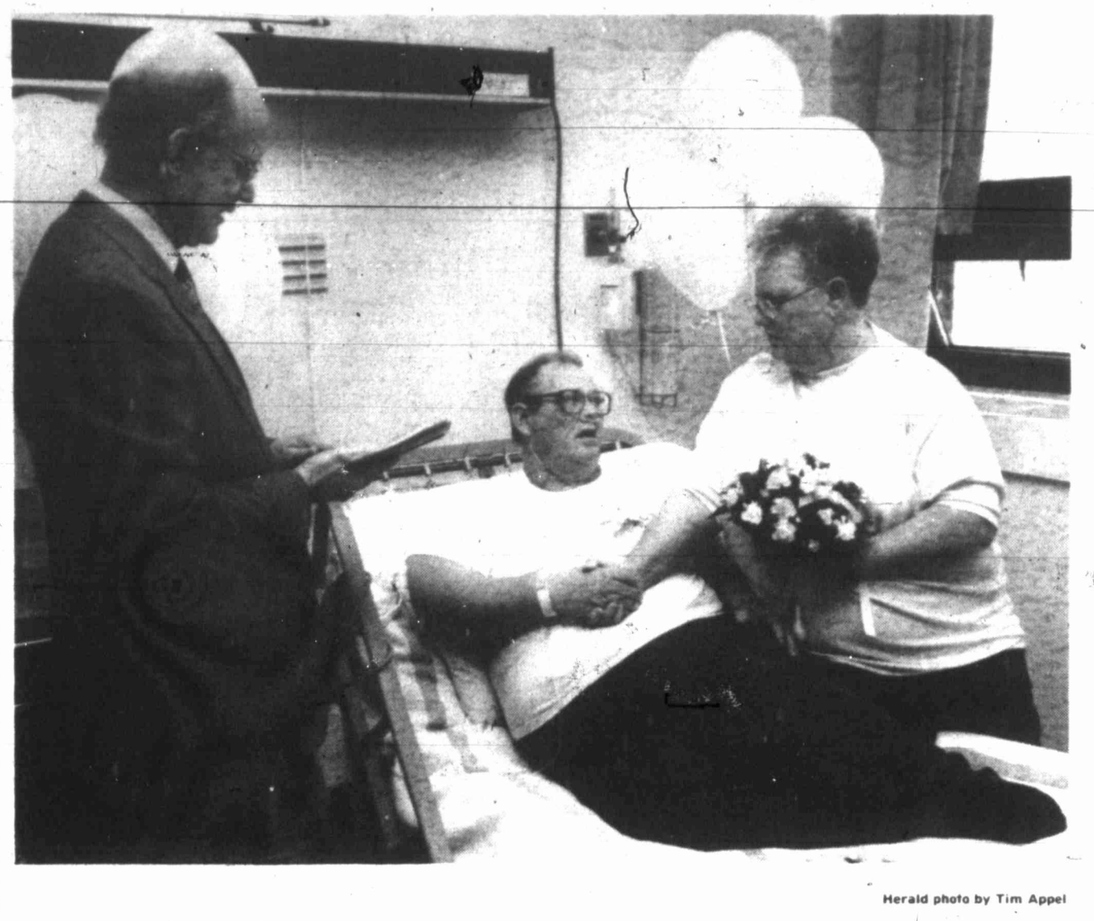
Holst and Daigle, who live in Odessa, plan to return there upon his release that's expected soon. He said he's been in the hospital at least five times in the last year.

So the bride held her bouquet, leaning next to her groom, while chaplain Lee Emerson officiated. White helium balloons were suspended from the bed posts. A computer-generated sign of congratulations decorated one wall.

Before the service began, Holst talked about how they met, and how long it had taken him to finally give up working because of his heart. It wasn't always a smooth road to commitment for the two, but Thursday brought a happy climax to their courtship of several years.

"One thing about it," Holst said. "No matter what happened between her and I. There was always some part of me that was hers and some part of her was mine. It was always like that.

"Now I just want to be with her as much as I can."



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Big Spring VA Medical Center Chaplain Lee Emerson, left, married John Holst and Grace Daigle, Thursday. They were married at Holst's bedside in the first ceremony of that kind at the hospital.

Hazardous materials seminar set

HERALD STAFF REPORT

MIDLAND — Safety-Kleen Corp. of Illinois has slated a number of hazardous materials handling seminars in Texas, including two set for Tuesday, Feb. 16, in Midland.

The seminars deal with regulations from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The local seminars will be conducted at the Hilton & Towers Airport.

"How to Comply with Hazardous Waste Laws" begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues through 1 p.m. Study of "Right to Know" laws begins at 2 p.m. and continues through 5 p.m.

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SMMC offers inexpensive cardiac risk assessments

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is setting its sights on helping area residents reduce their risk of heart attack by offering a $5 cardiac risk assessment the week of Feb. 15-19, according to Julie Wolf, the hospital's marketing director.

The assessments will be performed from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the hospital laboratory.

"Heart disease is still the nation's number one killer, and most coronary heart desease goes undetected until it's serious," Wolf said. "This is a great opportunity for people to see if they are at risk for heart attack or stroke and take some steps to prevent it."

Wolf said the $5 Cardiac Risk Profile includes total cholesterol, HDL and LDL, glucose and triglycerides testing.

However, for cholesterol results to be as accurate as possible, health professionals suggest those planning to be tested fast for a period of eight to 12 hourse prior to the test.

Wolf said results of the tests will be mailed to each participant within a short period of time. In addition, the hospital will have tips available on how to become more heart healthy — the importance of regular exercise, why you should get an annual physical, what foods to buy and how to prepare them.

"An ounce of prevention has always been worth a pound of cure, and it's even more true in this day and time," Wolf added. "That's why we are focusing our efforts on helping people in the community be more aware of their health and how they can maintain it."

For more information on SMMC's cardiac risk assessment offer, call 263-1211, extension 125.

Local emergency planning committee re-organizes

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Reorganization of the local Emergency Planning Committee is aimed at reducing and making people aware of hazardous materials risks in Howard County.

The group had been chaired by former City Manager Hal Boyd, and in his absence, the committee's 30-plus membership is working to maintain effectiveness.

C. Roy Wright, chief of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, has been appointed to replace Boyd as the committee's chairman. He and others in the organization are busy cataloging information from all companies storing fuel or hazardous materials.

Although no money is budgeted for the planning committee, Wright and others have applied for grant to buy a computer system.

"A computer could hold all this information instead of having drawer after drawer of files," Wright said, adding that it would also make the information more readily accessible.

The committee has two primary goals: to ensure people's right to know what kinds of potentially hazardous materials are stored and where they are stored in the county; and to review and maintain emergency response plans regarding these materials.

PLAN AHEAD FOR DISASTERS

Recent newscasts have reminded us that no one is safe from the possibility of natural disaster. Thousands of American homes and businesses were hit this past year by hurricane damage, floods, fire, earthquakes, and tornadoes.

While you can't change Mother Nature, you can do some planning to protect your financial stability in the event a disaster strikes. Consider these suggestions:

1. Have your insurance policies reviewed by an experienced agent. Find out whether you are adequately insured for the replacement value of your home and your personal property. Also, have your agent explain exactly what natural disasters are not covered by your policy. (Many policies don't cover flood damage, for example.) You may need to purchase a supplemental policy to get complete coverage.

Business owners should consider business interruption insurance, which provides payments if your business operations are suspended because of a fire, flood, or other covered disaster.

2. Get a safe deposit box, or arrange another way to keep important papers safe. The following papers should be in safe storage: real estate deeds, auto titles, stocks and bonds, marriage and birth certificates, military service record, social security numbers, insurance policies, list of credit card account numbers, and an inventory of the contents of your home (see #3 below).

Business owners should keep financial records in fire-proof storage, and a backup of all computer files should be kept off-site.

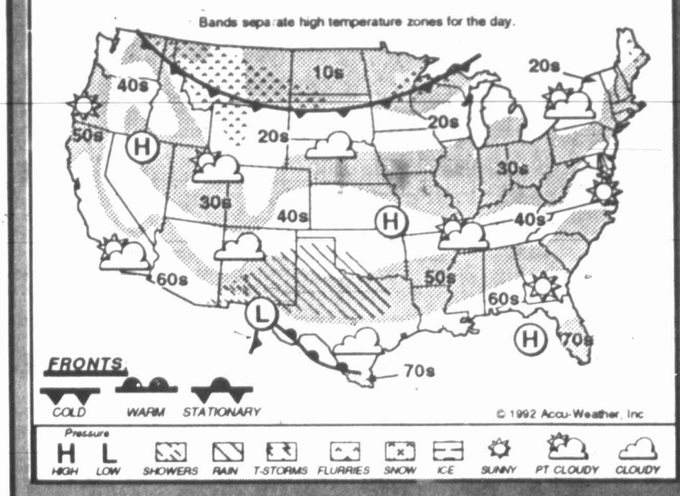
3. In the event of a loss, you'll have to prove to the insurance company what was destroyed. So before a disaster occurs, consider taking photos or video footage of your insured possessions, or make a complete list of them. Also make a record of the purchase price or estimated value of all major items.

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Herald National Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Feb. 14.



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Monday Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light rain. Turning windy and colder around midday.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy High around 50. Low in the upper 20s.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High around 50. Lows in the mid 30s.

Important dates in Black History noted

This is the 12th in a series of stories concerning Black History Month which is celebrated in February.



By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

All blacks in the United States not already free received freedom with the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 but the right to vote and seek office took longer.

Some important dates from the 1982 edition of The Negro Almanac:

• 1865 — President Andrew Johnson calls for ratification of the 13th Amendment, which forbids slavery but opposes right of blacks to vote.

• 1866 — Edward G. Walker and Charles L. Mitchell are elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, the first blacks to serve in a legislative assembly in the United States.

• Enforcement of Reconstruction Act provides blacks with majority of vote in most southern states and alliances of blacks and white Republicans control in border states.

• 1867 — Iowa and Dakota grant suffrage to blacks, Ohio rejects it.

• 1868 — Oscar Dunn, an ex-slave and captain in the Union Army, is elected lieutenant governor of Louisiana. Blacks outnumber whites 87 to 40 in South Carolina Legislature, but whites have majority in state senate.

• 1868 — U.S. Congress passes the 15th Amendment, guaranteeing vote to blacks.

• 1868 — Nine states grant suffrage to blacks, two deny it. Republican platform omits demand for black suffrage in northern states.

• 1870 — 15th Amendment is ratified. Hiram Revels of Mississippi is America's first black senator.

• 1870 — Democrats regain control of many states, allegedly through intimidation by the Ku Klux Klan.

• 1872 — P.B.S. Pinschback becomes acting governor of Louisiana.

• 1874 — Virginia rearranges election districts and local government system thereby reducing political power of blacks.

• 1875 — Blanche K. Bruce of Mississippi becomes only black man to serve full term in Senate until middle of 20th century. He was defeated in 1880.

• 1875 — After three years of controversy, the Senate refused to seat H.R. Pinchback of Louisiana.

• 1884 — Former black Reconstruction Congressman John Roy Lynch is elected temporary chairman of the Republican convention, the first black to preside over a national political gathering.

• 1889 — Frederick Douglass is appointed U.S. Minister to Haiti. Three blacks, from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, take seats in Congress.

• 1890 — Mississippi Constitutional Convention begins systematic exclusion of blacks from voting by adopting literacy and other complex "understanding" texts as prerequisites. Seven other Southern states follow by 1910.

• 1893 — George Murray of South Carolina is only black to take seat in Congress. National lynch count is 117.

• 1894 — Section of Emancipation Act — which freed slaves — dealing with right of blacks to vote is repealed.

• 1898 — Addition of "grandfather" clause to Constitution enables poor whites to vote while curtailing black registration. In 1896 there were over 130,000 black voters on Louisiana rolls. Four years later, the number is about 5,000.

• 1901 — George White, the only black in Congress, gives farewell speech. No black serves in Congress until 1928.

• 1919 — National lynch count approaches 100,000, despite attempts in some areas such as Texas to make it illegal.

• 1928 — Oscar De Priest, a Republican from Illinois, is first black elected to Congress from a northern state.

• 1935 — U.S. Supreme Court upholds the Texas law that prevents blacks from voting in Texas Democratic primary.

• 1936 — President Franklin Roosevelt, elected four years earlier with little black support, is re-elected with increased support, marking a shift from broadbased black support from Republicans to Democrats. In his first term, Franklin appointed blacks to responsible posts and his wife, Eleanor, showed sensitivity to black problems.

• 1938 — Crystal Bird Fauset of Philadelphia is elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, the first black woman elected to a legislature.

• 1940 — 80,000 blacks vote in eight Southern states. Five percent of voting age blacks are registered.

• 1944 — Adam Clayton Powell Jr. of New York becomes the first black congressman from the Northeast.

• 1947 — Only 12 percent of blacks in Deep South meet voting requirements. Only 3 percent in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi.

• 1947 — A black is elected to the city council in Winston Salem, N.C.

• 1949 — Congressman William L. Dawson becomes first black to head a congressional committee when he's named chairman of the House Committee on Government Operations.

• 1950 — Edith Sampson is appointed an alternate delegate to the United Nations.

• 1958 — Black voter registration reaches 72 percent in Tennessee, 39 percent in Florida, 36 percent in North Carolina and Texas but is only 3 percent in Mississippi.

• 1968 — Lusius Amerson is elected sheriff of Macon County, Alabama, the first black sheriff in the South since Reconstruction.

• 1973 — Thomas Bradley, former policeman and son of a sharecropper, is elected mayor of Los Angeles. Black elected officials in nation rose from 370 to 2,991. Black mayors rose from 81 to 108.

• 1975 — William T. Coleman is appointed secretary of transportation, the second black in a presidential cabinet.

• 1976 — Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson of Newark, N.J., is elected first black president of 43-year-old U.S. Conference of Mayors.

• 1976 — Andrew Young is appointed chief delegate to United Nations. In 1982 he became mayor of Atlanta.

• 1982 — Rep. Shirley Chisholm, D-New York, the first black woman to be seated in Congress and former candidate for president, announced she would not seek another term in Congress.

• 1982 — Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley wins Democratic nomination for governor of California.

Deaths

Marvin Hayworth



HAYWORTH

Marvin O. Hayworth, 75, Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 12, 1993 at his residence.

Services will be 10 a.m., Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Arnold Tonn of Spring Tabernacle officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born May 14, 1917 in Granbury. He married Edna Hartley on May 14, 1971 in Big Spring. He moved to Big Spring from Hood County as a young boy. He served in the Army durin World War II. He worked as serv manager for several auto dealerships for 35 years and retired as manager of the automotive department at Montgomery Wards.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Hayworth, Big Spring; one son, Jim Hayworth, Big Spring; one daughter, Peggy Kirby, Big Spring; one stepson, Leonard Hartley, Odessa; two sisters: Leola Davidson, Big Spring and Dorothy Fay Jarrell, El Centro, Calif.; one brother, Mike Hayworth, Morrow, Ga.; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Family suggest memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Mrs. Wayne Bonner, PO Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721-2121.

Audra A. Scott

Audra A. Scott, 91, Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1993 in a Stanton nursing home.

Graveside services will be 2:30 p.m., Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park, the Rev. Bob Farrell, pastor of East 4th St. Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

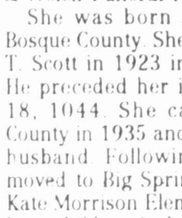
She was born July 3, 1901 in Bosque County. She married Earnest T. Scott in 1923 in Bosque County. He preceded her in death on Aug. 18, 1044. She came to Howard County in 1935 and farmed with her husband. Following his death she moved to Big Spring. She taught at Kate Morrison Elementary. She later kept children in her home and had also worked at the Big Spring State Hospital. She was a member of the East 4th Street Baptist Church and had been a charter member of the Crestview Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons: E.V. Scott, Midland and Kenneth Scott, Big Spring, two daughters: Pauline Hanson, Big Spring and Sara Hodges, Greenwood; one brother, Otto Taylor, Lubbock; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a grandchild.

Family suggests memorials be made to any fund at East 4th Street Baptist Church, 401 E. 4th St., Big Spring, 79721.

Vito Garcia Sr.



GARCIA

Vito Yanez Garcia, Sr., 36, formerly of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 12, 1993 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Rosary will be 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Horace Yanez officiating. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m., Tuesday at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. James Delaney, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 10, 1956 at Loraine. He married Christina Dutchover on Oct. 14, 1974 in Big Spring. He had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring until three weeks ago when the family moved to Lubbock. He had worked at Harris Lumber and Hardware for a number of years before retiring due to ill health. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Christina Garcia, Lubbock; one daughter, Tammi Garcia, Lubbock; one son, Vito Garcia Jr., Lubbock, and his father, Victor Garcia, El Paso.

The family will be at the Robert Dutchover home, 1205 Lamar.

Katherine Edwards

Katherine Edwards, 63, Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 12, 1993 in a Lubbock hospital.

Services will be 4 p.m., Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Bob Farrell, pastor of East 4th Street Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born May 2, 1929 in Brownfield. She married James William Edwards on April 3, 1948 in Big Spring. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1941. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, James Edwards, Big Spring; four sons: James Edward, Roger Edwards, both of Big Spring, Mark Edwards, Houston, and Mark Edwards, Houston; five daughters: Sandra Nix, Christine, and Dorothy Hyden, Jimmie Alexander, Judy Estes, and Kelhe Edwards, all of Big Spring; her mother, Egelee Patterson, Big Spring, one sister, Dorthy Derden, Abilene, 22 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and one daughter.

Viola Bailey

Viola Bailey, 75, Colorado City, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1993 at her residence.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Vito Yanez Garcia, Sr., 36, died Friday. Rosary will be 7:00 P.M., Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Mass will be 10:00 A.M., Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive.

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BIG SPRING

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Audra A. Scott, 91, died Saturday. Graveside Services will be 2:30 P.M. Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Katherine Edwards, 63, died Friday. Funeral Services will be 4:00 P.M. Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at the Coahoma Cemetery.

Viola Bailey, age 75 of Colorado City, Texas died Saturday, February 13, 1993 at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Arrangements are by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring, Texas.

Fire destorys home, injures elderly man

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

An 89-year-old Big Spring man received minor injuries in a sudden fire that destroyed his trailer home around 10 a.m. Friday.

The home was located at 2609 Neil Road, just northeast of Big Spring, according to Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief C. Roy Wright.

The occupant, Jack Bryant, suffered minor burns to his face — the blaze's heat singing his hair and "bubbling" the vinyl cap he was wearing, Wright said.

As a precautionary measure, Bryant was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center via ambulance, where he was treated and released.

The cause of the fire has been identified as a liquid propane gas tank that was left on its side after filling. Because the tank was not upright, instead of gaseous propane, liquid propane spewed from stove burners when Bryant turned them on to heat his home.

Liquid propane expands 270 times to its gaseous state at normal room pressures, Wright explained. As a result, the stove top was engulfed in flames and the fire soon spread to nearby structures.

The trailer was totally aflame when volunteers arrived at the scene. Bryant had managed to make his way out of the home and is currently staying with relatives in Big Spring.

Fire ighting teams from Big Spring, Tubbs Addition, Jonesboro and Sand Springs responded to the call. Firefighters had the blaze under control within 10 minutes.

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Big Spring Herald



Mike Butts

HC women just fine undefeated

Some people are just never satisfied. Their team wins the Super Bowl and they go beat up a stranger for the offense of attending a parade. You bring over a six-pack and they moan because the brew's not imported.

The Howard College Lady Hawks have played 26 basketball games this season. And each contest has produced the same result — a win for Howard.

But some have suggested the team could have done better. They might have had the sense to lose a game, they say.

The Lady Hawks almost dropped their hold on a perfect record and their number one junior college national ranking when they had to come from behind to beat New Mexico Junior College Monday, 78-75.

After the game some fans suggested the team needs to lose a game, the thinking being that maybe a dose of reality would serve them well in the region playoffs next month.

Well, call me a sentimental old fool, but I see nothing wrong with Howard winning every regular season game it plays this year. I wouldn't get all atwitter if the team went into the playoffs undefeated.

After all, this is junior college basketball. It's not the NBA or even major college. It's not like the Lady Hawks are a bunch of cocky prima donnas in need of getting shot down to put them in their place.

The team is pretty much void of superstars and gets equal contributions from about eight players. I think they are well aware of both their capabilities and their limitations.

And don't ever suggest to a coach that a team can gain something from losing. Coaches can be pretty predictable in comments about their teams. And when the question is whether a certain loss could have helped a team, coaches give their most predictable answers of all, namely, "Nothing good comes from losing," or words to that affect.

I don't completely agree with that. Good things can come out of failure, in the sports world and outside of it. People tend to learn more from their mistakes than from their successes. And since failure in any arena is inevitable, the proper response to it is important.

But that doesn't mean that a given person or group in a given situation needs to fail to get better.

"I think maybe the group (of Lady Hawks) last year might have needed some humbling, but this group has kept their focus," Chadwick says. "They have the season and they really have their goals in perspective."

In 1972 the Miami Dophins played an entire regular season in the NFL without losing a game and went on to win the Super Bowl. Would that team have been any better if it had lost one or two along the way? I don't think so.

"I don't think it's ever good to lose," Lady Hawk coach Royce Chadwick says. (What'd I tell you) "I understand the point, but it depends upon the individual players and whether they are challenged to improve or whether they are satisfied where they are."

No doubt some teams have come back from losses to play better or rededicate themselves. But a team like that has problems to begin with. If a team can't play at a consistently high level, if it needs to get beat to inspire it to give its best effort, how good is it in the first place?

This season's Lady Hawks don't need a loss. My guess is they know somebody *could* beat them. And that might mean nobody does.

When will Nolan pitch?

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — After Nolan Ryan announced this season would be his last, fans have inundated the Texas Rangers ticket office with the unanswerable question: When will he pitch?

It is a good guess Ryan will make most of his starts at Arlington Stadium. In the last two years, Ryan has made 35 starts at home and 19 on the road.

Howard faces highly-ranked OC teams

No. 6 Lady Wranglers, No. 8 Wranglers pay visit to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

By MIKE BUTTS
Sports Editor

Sixteen teams occupy the top eight spots of the two junior college national basketball polls. And four of them will face off against each other Monday night at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

If that's not enough to pique interest in the Howard College-Odessa College men's and women's doubleheader, consider that two of the teams will be looking to pay their opponents back for handing them rare defeats earlier in the season. And the games also will probably decide the Western Junior College Athletic Conference championships.

Other than that, they're just a couple of mid-February, junior college basketball contests.

HAWKS VS. ODESSA

The fifth-ranked Howard College Hawks have lost only two games this season. And one of those came at the hands of WJCAC-rival and eighth-ranked Odessa College, 69-67, Jan. 16.

The Hawks would take over the conference's first-place spot with a win. Odessa is currently on top at 9-1 with Howard second at 8-1.

"This game here is going to decide who's going to win the conference," Hawk coach Jeff Kidder said.

Considering what's at stake in the game and Howard's desire to atone for its earlier loss, Kidder expects an intense first several minutes of play.

"As much as you try to downplay the emotional aspects, the first five or six minutes are going to be very emotional for both teams," Kidder said. "It's going to come down to whoever executes best in the last 35 minutes."

HOWARD BASKETBALL

Monday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

Odessa vs. Lady Hawks, 6 p.m. (KBYG, 1400 AM)

Odessa vs. Hawks, 8 p.m. (KBST, 1490 AM)

In Odessa, the Wranglers came back from a 61-50 second-half deficit to win. The Hawks' Brian Green made a driving layin at the buzzer to apparently tie the game, but officials ruled he charged on the play.

To keep pace with the Wranglers, the Hawks have won five straight conference games since the Odessa loss.

"I think what we've got to do differently (from the last game) is solve their press better and get the ball inside to big people," Kidder said. "Those (inside) kids have got to handle the ball well in the half court."

LADY HAWKS VS. ODESSA

Odessa's Lady Wranglers, ranked sixth nationally, have lost one conference game in eight tries — against Howard's number-one-ranked, 26-0 Lady Hawks in January.

A win would give the Lady Hawks their second-straight conference championship. Howard is first in the conference with an 8-0 mark and Odessa is second at 7-1. The Lady

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Lady Steers close loop play perfectly

By MIKE BUTTS
Sports Editor

Friday night at Steer Gym the Big Spring Lady Steers let Fort Stockton back into the game with an 11-0 run to end the first half.

So what was Lady Steer coach Ron Taylor doing sitting on the Big Spring bench at halftime? Didn't his team need some locker-room goading, a halftime pep talk or lecture in the game it eventually won 66-43?

Taylor didn't think so. He had just a few words with his players before spending the rest of the break on the floor.

"Basically what I told them is, 'You've been told what to do and you know how to do it, there's no sense in me sitting here and drawing on the chalkboard or anything else,' " Taylor said. "I just told them to talk it over amongst themselves."

After they followed Taylor's advice, the Lady Steers came out in the second half and outscored the Prowlers 34-16 to finish their District 3-4A championship regular season undefeated in loop play at 12-0.

"He didn't yell at us," senior wing Cassie Underwood said of Taylor's brief halftime locker room appearance. "He just told us there wasn't anything he could say. (So) we just decided we were going to really go out there and stick it to 'em."

Plenty of ceremony preceded the game — the last home appearance for the team's seven seniors. Members of the boys basketball team and the seniors' mothers awarded roses to the seniors. The Lady Steers pinned a boutonniere on Taylor.

That seemed to affect Big Spring's play early in the game. The Lady Steers led 15-8 after the first quarter, but shot only 5 for 19 in the period.

"The seniors were talking about this being their last game in Steer Gym and that maybe had something to do with it," Underwood said. "I was real nervous."

Big Spring hit its first four shots of the second period and ran out to a 32-16 lead with 3:14 left in the first half.

That's when Fort Stockton (13-13, 3-9) made its run, cutting Big Spring's halftime lead to 32-27.

"I don't know how to put it other than they just panicked, and that's not in these kids' character," Taylor said. "Maybe they were just trying too hard."

The Big Spring coach took the Lady Steers press off in the second half, and the team rolled to its 22nd-straight district win.

"All their points in the first half were free shots or off the press," he said. "They didn't score hardly any off our half-court defense, so we just decided to get out of the press and win the ball game."

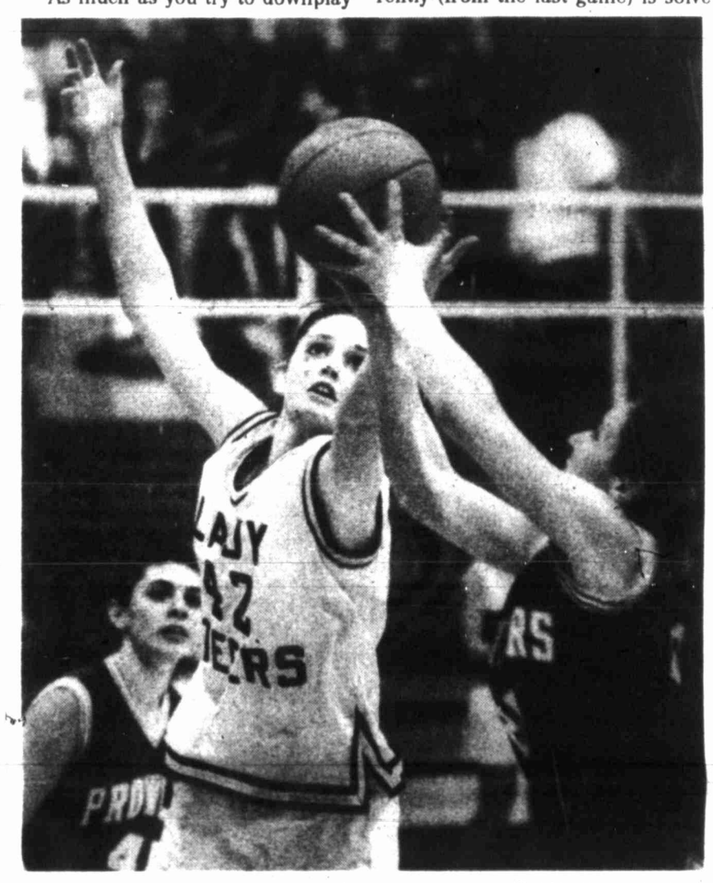
Senior guard Casey Cook shot 7 for 14 in the game. She had eight points in the first half of the second period to help the Lady Steers get their big lead in that quarter.

After the Prowlers shut her out from the field in the first half, Big Spring leading scorer and junior post Amy Earnst hit five shots in the second half. She finished with a game-high 16 points.

Earnst and six-foot sophomore post Kerry Gregg frustrated Fort Stockton shooters with three blocked shots apiece. Bernie Valles was the Lady Steers other double-figure scorer with 13.

After the game Big Spring principal Kent Bowermon presented Big Spring with the district championship trophy.

"I was happy, I was real happy," Underwood said. "Coach Taylor said he wasn't sure if any Big Spring (girls basketball) team had ever gone undefeated in district."



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Lady Steer junior post Amy Earnst (42) reaches for the ball against a Fort Stockton player in Big Spring's final home game Friday night. The Lady Steers won the game 66-43 to finish their district season undefeated.

The Lady Steers play in the area state playoff game Saturday, Feb. 20, against the winner of a bi-district game between Levelland and Borger. Levelland (25-5) is the state's number one ranked 4A girls team.

The Lady Steers play a practice game Tuesday against Jayton at 7:30 p.m. in Snyder. Taylor says he'll use the game to get ready for Levelland, which he expects to meet in the area contest.

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The Lady Steers junior varsity closed out their season with a 47-27 win over Fort Stockton Friday at Goliad Middle School. Big Spring's JV finishes 18-5 and 10-2 in district.

Leading scorers for the JV were Holly Armstrong (9), Kari Blauser and Jennifer Braodrick (6).

FORT STOCKTON — Ivy 3 1-2 7, Lannom 1 0-0 2, Nix 1 0-0 2, Armendariz 5 3-3 13, McKenzie 1 4-6 6, Aaron 1 0-0 2, Johnson 4 1-2 9, Byrd 1 0-0 2. Totals 17 9-5 43.
BIG SPRING — Leslie Fryar 1 0-0 3, Hope Martinez 1 2-2 4, Casey Cook 7 0-0 14, Bernie Valles 5 2-3 13, Amy Earnst 5 6-9 16, Cassie Underwood 4 0-0 8, Kerry Gregg 4 0-0 8. Totals 27

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Celtics Parish apoligizes

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Boston Celtics center Robert Parish, charged with possession of marijuana, apologized Saturday, saying, "I have made a stupid mistake which I can guarantee will never happen again."

Parish didn't admit guilt when he spoke with reporters at the team's shootaround at HemisFair Arena before playing the San Antonio Spurs. He promised to cooperate with authorities.

Two ounces of marijuana were found in a package sent to Parish and officers found three more ounces of marijuana in his home last week.

"I realize I have let many people down and I want to apologize to everyone, especially my teammates, the Celtics organization, the NBA and the fans who have been so supportive of me over the years," he said.

"Regardless of the consequences, no one could possibly be as hard on me as I will be on myself," Parish said. "I fully intend to cooperate with the authorities and bring this matter to an end as soon as possible."

'I realize I have let many people down and I want to apologize to everyone, especially my teammates, the Celtics organization, the NBA and the fans...'

Robert Parish
Boston Celtics center

Parish said he wouldn't comment on the matter any further because he feared it would become a distraction for the Celtics.

A drug-sniffing dog in San Francisco on Wednesday night detected marijuana in a Federal Express package addressed to Parish. The information was relayed to police in Massachusetts.

A police dog again detected marijuana when the package arrived at a Federal Express facility in Natick, Mass.

Officers who obtained a search warrant opened the package and found two ounces of marijuana inside, said Kurt Schwartz, an assistant prosecutor in Middlesex County, Mass.

After another warrant was obtained for Parish's home, authorities found three more ounces.

Parish said he didn't think the drug charge affected his play or his teammates'. He had eight points and 15 rebounds in a victory over Dallas Friday night, his first since being charged.

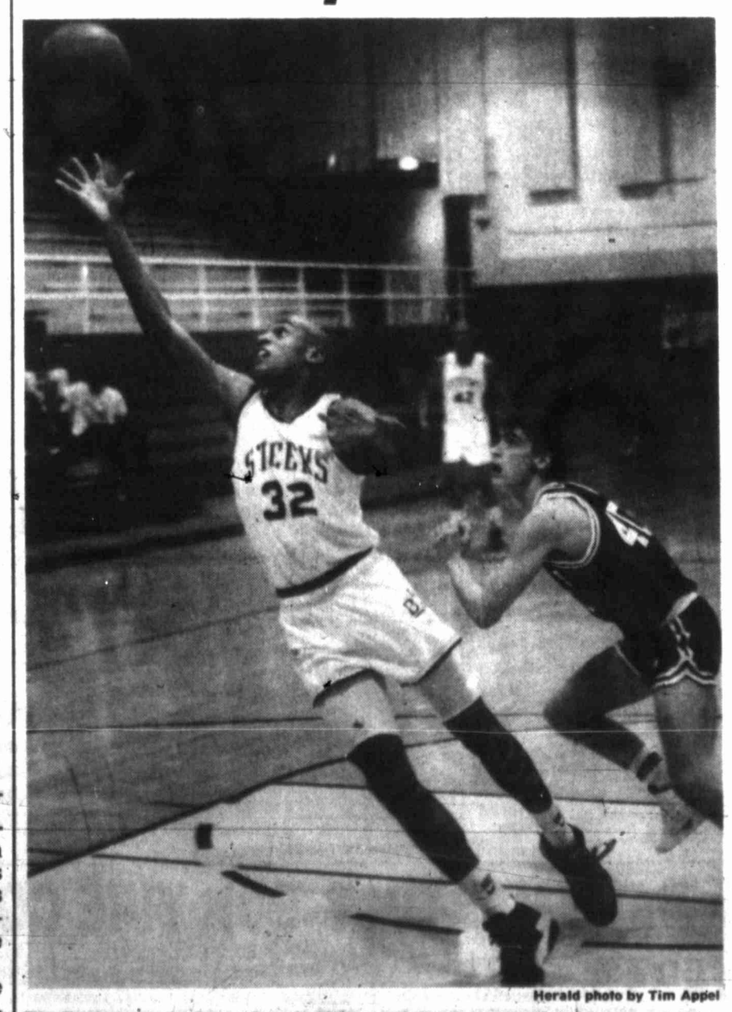
Parish is scheduled to appear for arraignment on March 3 in Waltham, Mass. District Court.

The NBA's anti-drug policy does not include marijuana, and players are not tested for it.

The possession charge is a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum of six months in jail and a $500 fine. There is a provision for first-time offenders to receive probation, said Schwartz, who knew of no other drug offenses by Parish.

Bob Woolf, Parish's attorney, called the case "an unfortunate incident which has been magnified way out of proportion and will never happen again."

Stockton presses Steers out of playoff race



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Big Spring sophomore Dustin Waters (32) tries to grab an inbound pass against Fort Stockton Friday at Steer Gym. The Steers lost to the first-place Panthers 102-92.

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Observers of the Big Spring-Fort Stockton boys' basketball game Friday may have suffered neck sprains watching the contest's furious back-and-forth action.

Big Spring's faint playoff hopes, however, were dealt a far more serious blow.

Fort Stockton, using a relentless press to force 39 turnovers and create numerous easy scoring opportunities, destroyed the Steers' playoff dreams with a 102-92 victory at Steer Gym.

The league-leading Panthers improved their record to 27-3 overall and 10-0 in the District 3-4A standings with the victory. Big Spring fell to 13-14 and 4-6.

Wes Hughes led all scorers with 27 points — 12 from three-point range — and Tyrone Banks added 15 for the Steers. Tony Franco, Jesse Gonzales and Josh Simons led Fort Stockton with 23, 20 and 18 points.

The Panthers dominated the early going, using their superior speed and tenacious press to fullest advantage. After taking a 22-14 lead after one quarter — and causing 15 Big Spring turnovers in the process — Fort Stockton increased its lead to 14 late in the half before the Steers began nibbling at the lead.

Hughes started the rally with a three-pointer. After Gonzales and Steer guard Nick Alvaraz traded baskets, Hughes hit again from long range to cut the lead to 48-40 with 1:52 left in the half. At intermission, Big Spring trailed, 52-45.

The Steers cut the deficit to four points early in the third quarter on a putback by Jody Leggett before Fort Stockton regained control of the game.

The Panthers' press again took its toll, causing turnovers on five consecutive Big Spring possessions, and Fort Stockton took advantage of the situation, increasing its lead to 64-49 midway through the third.

Fort Stockton kept a comfortable lead until the final two minutes, when the Steers again closed the gap.

Trailing by 13 with 2:29 remaining, the Steers began their late rally when Hughes sank a three-pointer from the left side. Following a Fort Stockton miss, Hughes hit on both ends of a one-and-one to make the score 90-82.

Gonzales and Russell Houston countered with free throws to push the advantage back up to 12, but reserve center Mike Smith hit a short jumper and Hughes nailed another three-pointer to bring the Steers to within seven.

They got to within six — on a three-pointer by Josh Jones — with 54 seconds remaining, but turnovers on two of their final three possessions killed any hopes of an upset.

"We went into a delay game, but the kids got kind of anxious and hurried some shots," Fort Stockton Coach Melvin Reynolds said of the Steers' late rally. "They went down and scored, then we missed some crucial free throws and they went down and scored again."

Big Spring Coach Gary Tipton said the turnovers certainly hurt his team's chances, but not as much as the Steers' inability to rebound late in the game.

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Associated Press photo

Emmitt weeps

Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith sits in tears as he receives a warm welcome back home in the Florida Panhandle Saturday, after a triumphant season as the NFL and Super Bowl rushing leader. Smith is in tears as Katrina Washington of Pensacola sings a song.

Television appearance shows Marge Schott still doesn't get it

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott doesn't seem to grasp the concerns that other races and cultural groups have about her racial slurs, community activists say.

"It sounds like, to me, she still really doesn't understand," Arzell Nelson, director of the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission, said Friday.

He was responding to an interview Thursday with Schott on ABC television's "PrimeTime Live" in which she blamed the media for talk accusing her of racism. "Well, I think it is created by the press ... that it isn't really there," she said.

During the interview with Diane Sawyer, Schott said she thinks that almost everyone has used racial slurs and that her situation has been blown out of proportion.

Last week, baseball's executive council suspended Schott for one year beginning March 1 and fined her $25,000 for using slurs against blacks, Japanese and Jews. The council said her use of the terms had embarrassed baseball.

Baseball is examining the remarks Schott made during her ABC interview, The Cincinnati Enquirer reported today. It was not clear whether Schott could face additional punishment. Schott is eligible for reinstatement after eight months, on Nov. 1, if she complies with terms of her suspension.

"Given her suspension and probation, she runs a terrible risk in giving interviews such as this," the newspaper quoted an unidentified source described as close to baseball's investigation as saying. "I don't know what purpose was served by her making those statements."

In her interview, Schott said she does not believe that the Nazi swastika is a symbol of evil or that blacks have a tougher time of it than whites in this country. A former Reds employee, testifying for a lawsuit filed against Schott, had said Schott kept a Nazi swastika armband in a drawer in her home.

"I think that she still doesn't seem to understand that words hurt, that they have a life of their own," said Michael Rapp, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council. "I walked away with the impression that after three months of public diversity training, she still doesn't understand."

Nelson said Schott should make an effort to meet and communicate with blacks, Asians and Jews to improve her understanding.

"Socialization is really the key for her. As we all see more cultural styles, we expand our awareness," Nelson said.

Rapp, Nelson and other community activists met Friday with Reds general manager Jim Bowden and Chip Baker, the team's marketing director. Schott didn't attend.

It was the fourth in a series of monthly meetings since Nov. 20 between Schott's representatives and a coalition of black and Jewish groups. They are pressing her to improve hiring of minority-group members and financial support for minority community activities through the Reds and her car dealerships.

Rapp said the Reds have shown progress, including contacting predominantly black Central State University and Wilberforce University and other colleges to locate participants for a new minority internship program.

"There are things that are being done," said Sheila Wilson, president of the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati and a member of the coalition meeting with Schott's representatives.

The Reds also are considering ways to increase their financial support of inner-city youth baseball programs and are trying to market in minority communities and publications to attract more fans, Rapp said.

Nelson said he hopes the Reds will hire a community relations coordinator who could provide community groups with continuing contact with the team's administration.

"We're making progress. We've got the main components in place," Bowden told reporters after the private meeting.

He said the community groups have been helpful. Both sides agreed to meet again in about a month.

Baseball's executive council also ordered Schott to undergo a cultural diversity training program the council must approve. Bowden told the coalition that the Reds are soliciting bids for such a program, Rapp said.

QB gives inside story on NFL combines

EDITOR'S NOTE — Quarterback Drew Bledsoe of Washington State, who may be the No. 1 draft pick, looks at the NFL combine through interviews with AP sportswriter Hank Lowenkron.

By DREW BLEDSOE
For The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Saturday began early as I headed to the NFL combine with a 5:45 a.m flight to Seattle, then a connection to Indianapolis. I'm excited about these three days, having the first opportunity to compete on a one-on-one basis with Notre Dame's Rick Mirer and the other quarterbacks expected to go high in the draft.

I've talked to quite a few people about the combine. I've heard all the horror stories about the physicals, how long it takes and how they check every possible body part. People have told me that it's crazy.

Most of us haven't worked out for a while and that means we won't be as sharp. I plan to schedule a workout in Washington later. It will depend on what teams show interest in me and what works out in terms of everyone's schedule. We'll know a lot more after the combine. Scheduling a workout is a little more difficult than it is for most players, because as a junior I'm not able to hold it on campus.

I'm a little out of shape. I'm not going to run or do any of the agility drills at the combine. It's been cold in Washington and I haven't been able to do a lot of running. I don't feel what I would show in Indianapolis gives a clear picture of what I can do.

This is a strange time for me. I'll be 21 Monday when I have my workout in the Hoosier Dome. That's a bummer actually. For the past 20 years I've spent my birthday with my family and now I have to take this trip over the weekend. But, it's a worthwhile excuse.

The combine is the first step in what I hope will be a long and successful NFL career. It's something I've dreamed about ever since I was a young boy playing outside with my father and tossing him passes, pretending I was Terry Bradshaw and guys like that. My dad, Mac, still coaches high school football in Yakima, Wash., and I'll be thinking about those days for a long time.

There are many questions in my mind about the combine and the NFL. I have no control over who selects me, but I am anxious to see how things develop. I've never been in a situation where I've had to stand on the sideline and watch except for a few games my freshman year. I don't know how I'll feel in that situation.

Maybe, I'm naive to think that I could just go to the NFL and start playing but that's what I'd like to do. If I end up in a situation where I'm behind an established quarterback, I'll just try waiting and being brought along slowly.

Injured Jet Byrd returns to cheering crowds

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

TULSA, Okla. — Dennis Byrd came home Friday and was greeted by fans who lined the road from the airport and cheered for the partially paralyzed New York Jets' lineman.

Byrd, injured in a game Nov. 29, held his hand outside the limousine's dark-tinted window in sign language for "I love you."

Byrd was greeted by dozens of children from the youth group at Woodlake Assembly of God church, where he works as a sponsor in the offseason. The children held banners and signs along a street leading to Byrd's home in the northeast suburb of Owasso.

Most of the signs showed the insignia that Jets players wore on their helmets — the Christian fish symbol with Byrd's number 90 inscribed.

"We knew Dennis was coming and wanted it to be private, but we couldn't resist giving him a hero's welcome," said Dave Mewbourne, youth pastor of Woodlake. "We at least wanted to wave at him and welcome him home.

Lady Steers

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10-14 66
Score by quarter
Fort Stockton 8 19 6 10 — 43
Big Spring 15 17 13 21 — 66
FINAL DISTRICT STANDINGS
Big Spring 12-0, 23-3
Andrews 8-5, 18-15
Monahans 7-5, 19-10
Pecos 5-7, 11-15
Lake View 4-8, 11-20
Fort Stockton 3-9, 13-13
Sweetwater 3-9, 6-21

Friday's games
Big Spring 66, Fort Stockton 43; Andrews 71, Sweetwater 36; Lake View 54, Pecos 41.
End regular season.

Steers

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"Sure we made a lot of (turnovers), but to be honest ... I'm not sure we didn't have as many the last time we played them," Tipton said.

"We just didn't do a good job blocking out," he added. "In my 18 years of coaching, that's probably the aspect of the game that's repressed the most. It's something that can be learned, but it takes millions of repititions."

Big Spring's next game is Tuesday at San Angelo Lake View at 7:30 p.m.

FORT STOCKTON (102) — Jesse Gonzales 5 9-12 20; Carlos Leyva 3 2-4 8; Tony Franco 9 4-6 23; J.J. Lawson 1 1-2 3; Russell Houston 3 2-3 8; Josh Simons 7 4-7 18; Shawn Beeles 2 5-6 9; Jeffrey Hughes 0 0-0 0; Andy Rios 3 1-3 7; Richard Rojas 0 0-0 0; John Ligon 3 0-0 6; totals 36 28-45 102.

BIG SPRING (92) — Teddy Fitzpatrick 0 0-0 0; Wes Hughes 8 7-8 27; Trey Terrazas 2 1-1 5; Nick Alvarez 3 1-2 8; Josh Jones 2 2-2 7; Dustin Waters 4 1-3 9; Tyrone Banks 5 4-6 15; Torbin Lancaster 1 2-2 4; Jody Leggett 4 1-2 9; Mike Smith 3 2-4 9; totals 32 21-30 92.

SCORE BY QUARTERS:
Fort Stockton 22 30 25 25 — 102
Big Spring 14 31 13 34 — 92

Three-pointers — Fort Stockton (Gonzales, Franco); Big Spring (Hughes 4, Alvarez, Jones, Banks); Total Fouls — Fort Stockton 22, Big Spring 30; Fouled out — Banks, Lancaster; JV game — Big Spring 93, Fort Stockton 84.

DISTRICT STANDINGS
Fort Stockton 10-0, 27-3
Sweetwater 7-4, 16-12
Lake View 6-4, 11-17
Big Spring 4-6, 13-14
Monahans 4-6, 12-14
Pecos 3-8, 12-16
Andrews 2-8, 6-20

Friday's games
Fort Stockton 102, Big Spring 92; Sweetwater 72, Andrews 62; Lake View 75, Pecos 59.

Howard

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Hawks played one of their best games of the season beating the Lady Wranglers 80-67 Jan. 16 in Odessa.

"I really feel like they felt like they didn't play well against us over there," Lady Hawk coach Royce Chadwick said. "They're really out looking for another opportunity to play against us."

Freshmam forward Tisa Morris leads the Lady Wrangler attack and the WJCAC in scoring and rebounding with 22.1 points and 12.4 boards per game. Odessa also has the league leader in assists and steals in sophomore point guard Lakeita Richardson. Richardson led all scorers with 23 points in the teams' last game. She is fourth in the conference in scoring with a 16.7 average.

The Lady Wranglers also have two effective post players in 6-foot-1 Debra Harris and 6-3 Tameka Johnson.

"They have tremendous perimeter quickness and great outside shooting," Chadwick said. "They have a very, very strong inside game, probably one of the strongest in the conference. Odessa's the kind of team that can take you apart if you're not playing well."

As the top-rated teams in junior college Region V, Howard and Odessa could well meet again in the region tournament.

"It's really hard to look ahead and say, 'Yes, we'll probably see them again,' " Chadwick said. "But I think statistically the chances are pretty good that we'll see them in the regional tournament. But of course there's a lot of things we have to take care of between now and then — both of us."

Briefs

Howard goes 1-3 in Tyler

TYLER — The Howard College Hawks opened their baseball season by splitting one doubleheader and getting swept in another.

The Hawks defeated Tyler Junior College 15-6 in the second game Friday. They lost the first game Friday in the last inning 5-4 and dropped two games Saturday 2-0 and 6-2.

Brian Roberts got the win for the Hawks Friday. Sergio Martinez hit two home runs in the game.

"We had four good games from our pitching staff," Hawk coach Brian Roper said. "Besides our bullpen I thought our game was great."

The Hawks home-opener is Tuesday at 1 p.m. in a doubleheader against Vernon College.

Steers drop baseball scrimmage

ODESSA — Big Spring High School began its preseason baseball play Saturday with a 9-2 loss to Class 5A Odessa Permian.

Both teams collected eight hits in the game played in Odessa. But Big Spring coach Bobby Doe said Steer pitchers walked over 10 batters.

The team's major objective was not to win, Doe said, but to work new players into the lineup. He said the Steers got what they wanted out of the scrimmage, but he added his team could be relying too much on its past success. The Steers made the state semi-finals last season.

"I think the big thing we learned from this is we can't live on our reputation," Doe said. "We need to go out there and play baseball. I hope it was a wake up call for us."

Coahoma Little League meets Monday

The Coahoma Little League will meet Monday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Coahoma Community Center.

Coaches, parents and all those interested in helping with this year's league events are invited to attend.

Garden City girls down Forsan

STERLING CITY — The Garden City Lady Bearkats beat the Forsan Buffalo Queens Saturday in a district playoff game, 40-37.

The two teams finished in a three-way tie for first in District 6A with Sterling City. Garden City plays Sterling City Monday in Forsan. If Sterling City wins it advances to the playoff with Garden City. If the Lady Bearkats win Sterling City will play Forsan for the district's second playoff spot Tuesday in Garden City.

Ladies Golf membership meeting

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association will conduct a general membership meeting Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the Golden Corral Restaurant on FM 700.

Topics on the agenda will be the installation of new officers, news from the Permian Basin Women's Golf Association, membership and handicap dues. All new golfers are cordially invited to attend. Bring a friend and come join us for a new golf season.

International LL meets Tuesday

The International Little League meets Tuesday, Feb. 16th at 7:30 p.m. at Bob Brock Ford.

All coaches, managers and interested parties are urged to attend.

Softball meeting set for Feb. 17

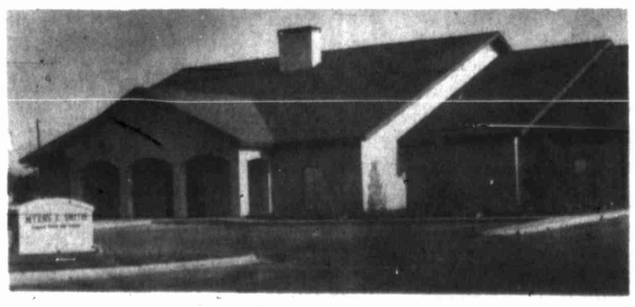
The Big Spring Industrial Softball League will have an organizational meeting Feb. 17 at the Coors meeting room.

For more information call Chuck Martin at 263-5279.

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Free throws give Spurs win 90-85

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SAN ANTONIO — An inability to get to the free-throw line proved costly for the Boston Celtics Saturday night.

The Celtics, who didn't attempt their first free throw until midway through the third quarter and finished 5 of 10 from the line, dropped a 90-85 decision to San Antonio despite hitting six more shots from the field than the Spurs.

"They made a living at the line," said Boston center Robert Parish, who became the eighth NBA player to pass the 40,000-minute barrier and finished with 18 points and 16 rebounds. "The difference in the game was free throws."

San Antonio, which won its seventh straight game overall and 13th in a row at home, went 19 of 26 from the line. David Robinson led the Spurs with 28 points and 10 rebounds, while Dale Ellis scored 18 points and J.R. Reid 15.

"They're such a smart team," Robinson said. "They're not going to beat themselves. Teams lately have been slowing it down on us."

The Robinson-Parish battle produced a couple of physical tussles inside, with Robinson ending up on the floor twice and Parish getting knocked down once.

"It's how you hit somebody," Robinson said. "He leans his shoulder into my chest. I guess they think I'm flopping. But you've got to reward the guy for good defensive play."

San Antonio took control of the game late in the third quarter.

Trailing 66-62 with 4:03 left in the period, the Spurs went on a 16-4 run, highlighted by six points from Robinson. Avery Johnson's layup ended the spurt that gave the Spurs a 78-70 lead with 9:16 left in the game.

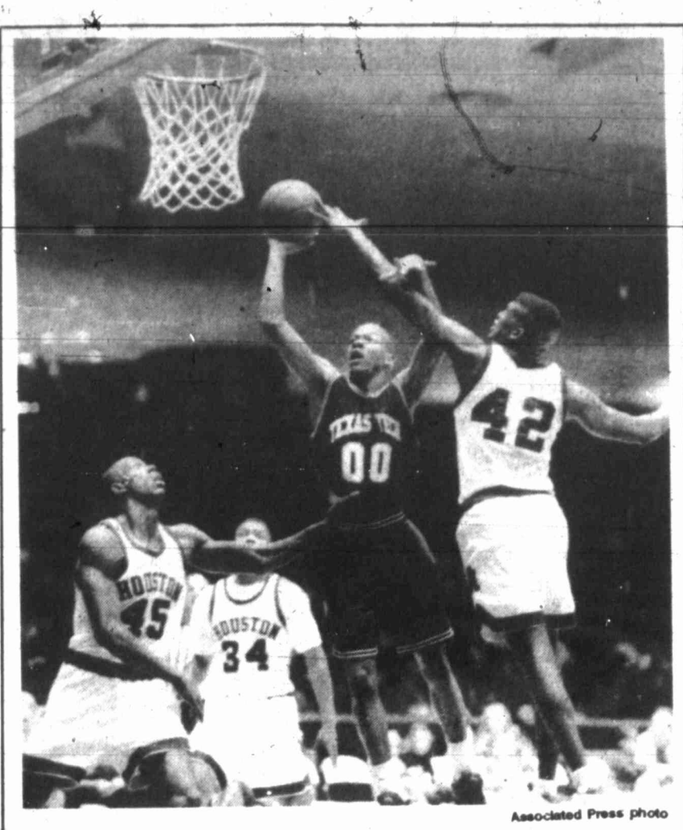
"They picked it up defensively," Boston coach Chris Ford said. "It was still a ballgame all the way, but we couldn't hit a big shot."

The Spurs lead was 84-80 with 4:18 left before Robinson and Johnson hit field goals around a free throw by Parish, putting San Antonio ahead 88-81 with 1:23 left.

Boston came no closer than five the rest of the way as its four-game winning streak came to an end. The Celtics shot just 42 percent from the field, but held San Antonio to 45 percent, ending a streak of 13 straight games over 50 percent.

The Spurs, who swept their seven-game homestand, are actually looking forward to leaving town.

"I'm glad we're going on the road," said coach John Lucas, whose record improved to 22-3. "It's time to see some different scenery."



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Going for two

Texas Tech's Koy Smith (00) shoots as Houston's Jessie Drain (42) attempts to block his shot during the first half of the teams' game in Houston Saturday.

Kentucky comes back to defeat Notre Dame

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — When No. 2 Kentucky finally stopped Monty Williams on Saturday, Notre Dame had nowhere to turn.

Williams scored 26 points in the game's first 24 minutes, but managed just two foul shots the rest of the way while the Wildcats (18-2) used deadly second-half foul shooting for an 81-62 win.

Jamal Mashburn scored 22 points for Kentucky (18-2), which lost to No. 14 Arkansas on Wednesday. Mashburn had eight straight in a key second-half stretch after the Irish (9-12) pulled within three.

Gimel Martinez and Travis Ford combined for 15 straight points — 12 from the foul line — after Mashburn went out with four fouls with 10:36 to play. Ford finished with 17 points and Martinez had 13.

After Williams hit a jump hook to pull Notre Dame to 48-45 with 15:44 left, Mashburn hit a foul shot, a putback, a 3-pointer and two more foul shots to make it 56-45 with 12:23 remaining.

Mashburn went to the bench with four fouls with Kentucky leading 58-48 and 10:36 left.

The Wildcats managed just two baskets over the next six minutes, but Ford and Martinez hit 12 of 14 free throws to build the lead to 77-57 with 3:47 remaining. The Irish, who have lost seven of nine, did not hit a field goal in that stretch.

Freshman Ryan Hoover had 16 points for Notre Dame.

Williams, who had 21 first-half points on his way to a career-high 32 in a win over Dayton on Tuesday, matched that first-half total against Kentucky. While defending Mashburn most of the first half, Williams scored 12 of Notre Dame's first 14 points and made all but two of the Irish's 10 first-half field goals. Williams added five rebounds while Mashburn had nine points and four boards.

Kentucky led by as many as 17 in the first half, but the Irish pulled to 42-33 at the half as Kentucky was called for 15 fouls and Notre Dame hit 11 of 19 free throws.

Rockets top 'Wolves

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MINNEAPOLIS — Otis Thorpe scored 12 of his 23 points in the decisive third quarter Saturday night as the Houston Rockets beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 97-88.

Hakeem Olajuwon had 16 points and 13 rebounds and Carl Herrera 10 points and a career-high 14 rebounds for the Rockets, playing their fourth game in six nights on the road.

Houston, which lost at home to the Wolves eight days earlier, has won 14 of 19 games, including seven of 10 on the road.

Thorpe had 12 points and eight rebounds in the third period, and his dunk with 3:19 left in the quarter capped a 16-6 run that gave the Rockets their first double-digit lead at 66-55.

Doug West scored 18 points for the Wolves, who shot just 25 percent from the field in the third period and just 41 percent for the game. Minnesota has won more games on the road (6-16) than at home (5-18) this season.

Starting Wolves point guard Micheal Williams missed Saturday's game with a bruised leg.

Rookie Chris Smith earned his third start of the season in place of Williams and scored a season-high 14 points. Guard Lance Blanks matched his NBA high with 15 points.

Minnesota rookie Christian Laettner scored a season-low seven points on 3-for-10 shooting. Laettner shouted profanities at Wolves assistant coach Chuck Davisson during two heated exchanges in the first half.

UTEP loses WAC contest

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Keith Bonds scored 26 points, 15 of them on 3-point shots, to lead Colorado State to an 82-77 Western Athletic Conference victory over Texas-El Paso Saturday night.

Colorado State advanced to 15-8 and overall and 7-6 in the WAC, good enough for fourth place in the conference.

UTEP, a game behind the Rams at 14-9 and 6-6, fell to fifth place in the conference.

Colorado State led throughout the game with Bonds, who scored 16 first-half points and eight of the Rams' first 12 points. His 3-pointer late in the first half gave CSU its largest first-half lead at 42-24.

CSU led at the half 44-31.

UTEP moved to within 10 points 53-43, with 15:50 to play on Eddi Rivera's 3-point shot, but CSU followed up with a 14-5 run to run up the score 67-48 with 11:43 to play.

UTEP's Johnny Melvin hit three 3-pointers in the game's final minute to cut the Rams lead to the eventual five-point margin, the closest the Miners came in the contest.

Colorado State outshot the Miners 53 percent to 40 percent in the game.

CSU's Dwayne Molyneaux added 15 points for the Rams, while UTEP was led by Rivera with 24 points, Antonie Gillespie with 18, and Melvin with 15 points.

A&M wins

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WACO — Aundre Branch sank seven 3-pointers and scored 28 points, leading Baylor to a 90-82 victory over Texas A&M Saturday night.

The Bears (14-6 overall, 6-3 Southwest Conference) had built a 28-point first-half lead before going into the locker room up 61-41.

But the Aggies (7-12, 2-6) fought back behind Damon Johnson and David Edwards. Johnson led A&M with 21 points and Edwards added 20.

An Edwards layup late in the game moved the Aggies to within 82-79. A Brett Murry free throw with 1:50 left also put them within three, 83-80.

A&M got sloppy, committing several turnovers over the final minute and the Bears capitalized by icing the victory.

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No. 5 Arizona victorious

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — The Arizona Wildcats are picking up momentum and picking up confidence, too, while thinking about going undefeated in the Pac-10.

The fifth-ranked Wildcats won their 15th straight game, tying a school record, and remained unbeaten in the conference by beating Washington 81-72 Saturday.

"With each road win that we get, we're getting closer to it," Arizona coach Lute Olson said.

The "it" is Arizona's goal of becoming the first Pac-10 team to go unbeaten. UCLA went 14-0 in winning the Pac-8 in 1978.

"It's something they've talked about but it's not something I've talked with them about," Olson said.

Khalid Reeves scored 15 points and Chris Mills added 14 for the Wildcats (17-2, 11-0), who had six players in double figures. Mills pulled down a dozen rebounds for Arizona, which had a 44-25 rebounding edge.

Reeves dislocated his right shoulder against Oregon in Eugene on Jan. 28 and aggravated the injury at Washington State on Thursday night. He said he didn't expect to play when he left his hotel room to come to Hec Edmundson Pavilion.

"But it felt good in the shootaround," Reeves said.

Reeves played 27 minutes and came out of the game 3:39 into the second half after he was fouled hard by Chandler Nairn. Reggie Geary shot Reeves' foul shots.

"He played really well," Olson said of Reeves. "His play of late has been a real key for us."

Arizona led by 24 points three times in the second half in scoring its first win at Seattle in three seasons.

Rich Manning led Washington (11-9, 5-6) with 23 points, 15 in the first half. Nairn added 11.

Damon Stoudamire scored 11 points and Ray Owes, Ed Stokes and Geary each had 10 for Arizona.

Starting guards Reeves and Stoudamire outscored Washington's starting guards, Prentiss Perkins and Bryant Boston, 26-2.

Ahead 46-30 at halftime, the Wildcats broke open the game in the second half when they took a 63-39 lead with 6:28 gone.

Owes had given the Wildcats a 52-32 lead when he scored Arizona's first three baskets in the opening 2:25 of the second half.

Arizona outscored Washington 17-3 in the final 5:22 of the first half for its 16-point halftime lead.

With Arizona ahead only 29-27 after an 18-footer by Manning with 5:39 left in the first half, Mills started a 12-0 Wildcats' run with a 3-point shot. Mills also had a 15-footer and Reeves had two field goals in the run.

The Huskies didn't score after Manning's basket until Mark Pope made a pair of free throws with 1:47 to go. After Pope hit a free throw with 21 seconds left, Stoudamire made a 3-pointer as the first half ended.

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Bridgeport 109, Keene St. 102
Bryant 119, Assumption 110, OT
Bucknell 82, Army 63
Catholic U. 93, Gallaudet 73
Delaware 88, Vermont 73
E. Connecticut 98, Plymouth St. 76
Elmira 87, Albany, N.Y. 66
Evansville 74, Duquesne 71
Fairfield 61, Loyola, Md. 57
Fordham 93, Lehigh 74
Hobart 92, Clarkson 70
Holy Cross 97, Colgate 95
Hunter 86, Bloomfield 64
Ithaca 80, Hartwick 72
Kean 65, Stockton St. 63
Lafayette 65, Navy 60
Lock Haven 79, Edinboro 78
Long Island U. 76, Fairleigh Dickinson 73
Manhattan 75, Canisius 55
Marist 79, St. Francis, NY 62
Mass.-Dartmouth 77, S. Maine 63
Mass.-Lowell 86, Sacred Heart 75
Massachusetts 68, George Washington 65
Messiah 71, Juniata 61
Middlebury 102, Bates 68
Mount St. Vincent 83, Stevens Tech 67
N. Adams St. 90, Wooster 72
Northeastern 73, New Hampshire 45
Point Park 63, Daemen 56
RPI 81, Alfred 74
Ramapo 64, Rutgers-Camden 58
Rider 67, St. Francis, Pa. 63
Rivier 81, Albertus Magnus 79, 3OT
Rochester Tech 123, St. Lawrence 82
Rutgers-Newark at Rowan, ppd., snow
S. Connecticut 107, N.Y. Tech 82
Salem St. 81, Framingham St. 68
Shippensburg 74, Slippery Rock 67
St. Joseph's, Maine 104, Maine-Presque Isle 79
Stonehill 85, St. Michael's 79
Teikyo-Post 81, Dominican, N.Y. 64
Temple 79, West Virginia 62
Trenton St. 68, Wm. Paterson 62
Westfield St. 79, Fitchburg St. 58
Widener 53, Swarthmore 42
Yale 51, Dartmouth 42, OT

SOUTH

Alabama 93, Arkansas 82
Belmont 92, Bethel, Tenn. 90
Bethany,W.Va. 91, Thiel 79
Bethune-Cookman 103, Morgan St. 93, OT
Birmingham-Southern 107, Loyola, NO 72
Brewton-Parker 80, Ga. Southwestern 62
Bridgewater,Va. 67, Lynchburg 61
Charleston Southern 49, N.C.-Asheville 45
Citadel 75, Appalachian St. 71
Davidson 76, Furman 64
Defiance 83, Thomas More 73
E. Kentucky 98, Murray St. 82
E. Tennessee St. 93, Georgia Southern 88, OT
East Carolina 81, George Mason 51
Emory & Henry 70, Va. Wesleyan 64
Ferrum 80, Christopher Newport 68
Florida St. 87, Maryland 84
Georgetown, Ky. 97, Arkansas Tech 77
LSU 75, Auburn 73
Lees-McRae 89, Limestone 78
Longwood 76, Queens, N.C. 69
Marshall 85, W. Carolina 81, OT
Md.-E. Shore 69, Delaware St. 65
Milligan 86, Covenant 80
Morehouse 90, Tuskegee 89
N.C. Charlotte 84, Va. Commonwealth 70
NE Louisiana 94, Stephen F.Austin 74
Oglethorpe 87, Sewanee 57
Pembroke St. 93, Georgia Coll. 90
St. Augustine's 102, Shaw 93
Tn.-Chattanooga 93, VMI 70
Tusculum 96, Alice Lloyd 93
Virginia 83, Clemson 78
Wake Forest 98, Duke 86

MIDWEST

Ala.-Birmingham 44, Marquette 38
Beloit 62, Lawrence 58
Bowling Green 49, Kent 48
Calvin 91, Adrian 52
Cardinal Stritch 91, Northwestern, Wis. 67
Case Western 75, Earlham 59
Cincinnati 64, St. Louis 39
Cornell, Iowa 76, Illinois Col. 71
Drury 81, Wayne, Neb. 78, 2OT
Findlay 104, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 89
Franklin 103, St. Francis, Ind. 96
Grace 82, Marian, Ind. 72
Heidelberg 88, Muskingum 77, OT
Hillsdale 87, Ferris St. 72
Hope 76, Albion 55
Huntington 89, Bethel, Ind. 87
Kalamazoo 72, Alma 57
Kansas 67, Missouri 63
Kentucky 81, Notre Dame 62
Mac Murray 72, Webster 70
Mancnester 51, DePauw 49
Miami, Ohio 65, Illinois St. 55
Michigan St. 81, Ohio St. 66
Minnesota 91, Iowa 85
N. Iowa 81, Bradley 76
N. Michigan 66, Saginaw Val. St. 60
NE Illinois 91, Wis.-Milwaukee 86, OT
Nebraska 80, Kansas St. 59
Oakland, Mich. 84, Michigan Tech 71
Ohio Northern 68, Mount Union 46
Parks 73, Blackburn 52
Pittsburgh 95, Illinois 79
Ripon 88, Lake Forest 62
Rosary 78, St. Xavier 71
Rose-Hulman 59, Hanover 51
SIU-Edwardsville 82, Park 61
SW Missouri St. 65, Creighton 62
Spring Arbor 89, Grand Rapids Baptist 80
St. Norbert 72, Carroll, Wis. 57
Taylor 84, Indiana Tech 59
Trinity Christian 89, Ind.-South Bend 81
Viterbo 90, Clarke 61
W. Michigan 60, Akron 44
Wabash 85, Anderson, Ind. 76
Wayne, Mich. 105, Grand Valley St. 82
Wittenberg 113, Oberlin 41

SOUTHWEST

Hardin-Simmons 80, McMurry 63
Houston 93, Texas Tech 76
John Brown 79, Williams Baptist 61
Oklahoma 81, Iowa St. 77
Oklahoma St. 77, Colorado 59
Rice 68, Texas Christian 50
Wayland Baptist 89, Schreiner 82

FAR WEST

Arizona 81, Washington 72
Colorado Christian 74, BYU-Hawaii 73
New Mexico 76, Wyoming 60
Southern Cal 69, Oregon St. 60

Local scores

GIRLS

Colorado City 52, Crane 39
CRANE — Basurto 10, McGillis 4, McDonald 3, Allen 3, Jeffrey 9, Polleg 1, Ashburn 2, Timmons 5, Roberson 2; totals 14 9-18 39.
COLORADO CITY — Aguilar 11, Ceballos 2, Bridgford 4, Lentz 10, Moreno 6, Crawford 12, McKnight 7; totals 25 1-8 52.
Score by quarters

Crane	2	7	21	9 — 39
Colorado City	14	12	16	10 — 52

Records — Crane 19-7, 2-8 in District 6-3A; Colorado City 16-10, 4-6.
JV game — Colorado City 66, Crane 19.

Garden City 48, Water Valley 43
WATER VALLEY — Cole 23, Lacy 6, Marrow 2, Ashley 2, Phelps 2; totals 17 12-16 43.
GARDEN CITY — J. Jones 2, Glass 8, Braden 14, Eoff 12, Machicek 12; totals 21 6-17 48.
Score by quarters

W. Valley	8	16	13	6 — 43
Garden City	18	7	14	9 — 48

Records — Garden City 21-6, 6-2 in District 6-1A. Water Valley 10-16, 2-6.
JV score — Garden City 27, Water Valley 13

Wall 52, Stanton 36
STANTON — Herm 5, Moore 3, Hopper 3, Tollison 11, Woodsin 4, Wyckoff 3, Bundas 7; totals 14 7-18 36.
WALL — Mutler 2, Beene 2, Wilde 11, Powell 2, Kretschner 20, Dierschke 10, Martindale 3, Ethridge 2; totals 17 16-21 52.
Score by quarters

Stanton	10	6	9	11 — 36
Wall	15	15	10	12 — 52

Records — Stanton 18-8, 4-2 in District 6-2A. Wall 26-4, 6-0.
Stanton is runner-up in the district.

Loop 43, Borden County 32
BORDEN COUNTY — Harrison 15.
LOOP — Halbrooks 15, Bogan 10.
Score by quarters

Borden County	8	8	6	12 — 32
Loop	8	8	13	14 — 43

Records — Loop 16-9, 6-4; Borden County 9-13, 4-6.

Klondike 55, Grady 35
GRADY -- Romine 14
KLONDIKE — Cope 18, C. Franklin 12.
Score by quarters

Grady	3	4	9	19 — 55
Klondike	12	14	12	17 — 35

Records — Grady 17-7, 0-10; Klondike 18-10, 6-4.

BOYS

Klondike 73, Grady 49
GRADY — Odom 17, T. Hewtty 14
KLONDIKE — Etheredge 21, M. Arismendez 12, Riggins 11, C. Arismendez 10.
Score by quarters

Grady	6	20	11	12 — 49
Klondike	19	16	21	17 — 73

Records — Grady 15-13, 6-4; Klondike 10-16, 8-2.
Klondike and Sands are district co-champions. They decide the district title Thursday in Borden County at 7:30 p.m.

Water Valley 73, Garden City 22
WATER VALLEY — Dameron 3, Murray 10, Sisco 7, Treadaway 2, Greebon 7, Sterart 2, Jones 2, Bacon 14, Millican 20, Brewer 6; totals 26 12-15 73.
GARDEN CITY — Lopez 4, Braden 2, Seidenberger 2, Harp 2, Pearce 5, Blalock 6; totals 7 7-16 22.
Score by quarters

W. Valley	18	18	13	24 — 73
Garden City	0	11	4	8 — 22

Top 25

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll fared Saturday:

1. Indiana (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Sunday.
2. Kentucky (18-2) beat Notre Dame 81-62. Next: vs. South Carolina, Wednesday.
3. Duke (19-4) lost to No. 9 Wake Forest 98-86. Next: at No. 24 Virginia, Thursday.
4. Michigan (19-3) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Indiana, Sunday.
5. Arizona (17-2) beat Washington 81-72. Next: vs. Arizona State, Thursday.
6. North Carolina (19-3) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Sunday.
7. Kansas (20-3) beat Missouri 67-63. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Wednesday.
8. Cincinnati (19-2) beat St. Louis 64-39. Next: at South Florida, Wednesday.
9. Wake Forest (16-4) beat No. 3 Duke 98-86. Next: vs. Maryland, Wednesday.
10. Florida State (19-6) beat Maryland 87-84. Next: at North Carolina State, Wednesday.
11. Vanderbilt (18-4) vs. Middle Tennessee State. Next: at LSU, Wednesday.
12. UNLV (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Louisville, Sunday.
13. Iowa (14-6) lost to Minnesota 91-85. Next: vs. Ohio State, Tuesday.
14. Arkansas (16-5) lost to Alabama 93-82. Next: vs. Tennessee, Tuesday.
15. Marquette (17-4) lost to Alabama-Birmingham 44-38. Next: at Notre Dame, Wednesday.
16. Utah (18-3) at Hawaii. Next: vs. Air Force, Thursday.
17. Pittsburgh (15-5) beat 95-79. Next: vs. No. 21 Boston College, Tuesday.
18. Purdue (14-5) at Wisconsin. Next: at No. 1 Indiana, Sunday, Feb. 21.
19. Seton Hall (17-6) at Villanova. Next: vs. St. John's at Madison Square Garden, Wednesday.
20. Tulane (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Canisius, Monday.
21. Boston College (13-6) at St. John's. Next: at No. 17 Pittsburgh, Tuesday.
22. Massachusetts (17-4) beat George Washington 68-65. Next: at Buffalo, Thursday.
23. Kansas State (15-5) lost to Nebraska 80-59. Next: at Colorado, Tuesday.
24. Virginia (15-5) beat Clemson 83-78. Next: vs. No. 3 Duke, Thursday.
25. New Orleans (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. Louisiana Tech, Monday.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	32	15	.681	—
New Jersey	28	21	.571	5
Boston	26	22	.543	6½
Orlando	22	22	.500	8½
Philadelphia	18	29	.383	14
Miami	16	30	.348	15½
Washington	15	32	.319	17
Central Division				
Chicago	33	17	.660	—
Cleveland	32	19	.627	1¼
Charlotte	25	21	.543	6
Atlanta	23	24	.489	8½
Indiana	22	26	.458	10
Detroit	20	27	.426	11½
Milwaukee	18	29	.383	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	32	14	.696	—
Utah	31	16	.660	1½
Houston	28	21	.571	5½
Denver	19	28	.404	13½
Minnesota	11	34	.244	20½
Dallas	4	43	.085	28½
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	36	9	.800	—
Portland	29	15	.659	6½
Seattle	30	17	.638	7
LA Lakers	25	22	.532	12
LA Clippers	24	24	.500	13½
Golden State	20	29	.408	18
Sacramento	17	30	.362	20

Friday's Games
Charlotte 116, Miami 107
Cleveland 120, Milwaukee 98
Minnesota 102, Indiana 100
Detroit 106, New Jersey 97
New York 104, Chicago 98
Boston 109, Dallas 100
Portland 111, LA Clippers 104
Denver 126, Philadelphia 122

Saturday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Houston 97, Minnesota 88
Cleveland 116, Chicago 111
Philadelphia 119, Dallas 96
San Antonio 90, Boston 85
Indiana at Milwaukee, (n)
Washington at Denver, (n)
Atlanta at Utah, (n)
Phoenix at Seattle, (n)
Golden State at Sacramento, (n)

Sunday's Games
New York at Orlando, 1:30 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 2 p.m.
Miami at New Jersey, 5 p.m.
LA Clippers at Portland, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

RICE 69, TEXAS CHRISTIAN 66
TEXAS CHRISTIAN (8-12)
Krueger 1-3 0-0 2, Hunter 4-9 1-2 9, Bumsted 5-13 2-2 12, Gray 4-8 0-1 8, Boris 5-8 4-6 15, Hesse 6-15 0-2 16, Spetman 0-0 0-2 0, Rengstorff 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 26-58 9-17 66.
RICE (10-9)
Frese 3-9 1-2 7, McCallum 3-8 5-9 11, Conaway 9-16 2-3 20, Garcia 2-5 1-2 6, Hisaka 6-10 0-2 14, LaLonde 1-2 2-2 4, Manzo 1-4 3-8 5, Mundschau 0-0 0-0 0, Hartline 1-1 0-0 2, McClain 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-55 14-28 69.
Halftime—Rice 29, TCU 26. 3-Point goals—TCU 5-10 (Boris 1-1, Hesse 4-9). Rice 3-5 (Garcia 1-3, Hisaka 2-2). Fouled out—Rice, McCallum. Rebounds—TCU 37 (Bumsted 10), Rice 42 (Conaway 10). Assists—TCU 12 (Hesse 5), Rice 18 (Frese 7). Total fouls—TCU 23, Rice 22. A—275.

BASEBALL

Southwest Conference Baseball Standings
Through games of Friday, Feb. 12.
By The Associated Press

Southwest Conference	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Houston	0	0	.000	8	0	1.000
Rice	0	0	.000	3	0	1.000
Texas A&M	0	0	.000	3	0	1.000
Texas	0	0	.000	6	1	.857
Baylor	0	0	.000	8	2	.800
Texas Christian	0	0	.000	4	3	.571
Texas Tech	0	0	.000	0	0	.000

SPORTS

BASEBALL
National League
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with Bob Tewksbury, pitcher, on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
INDIANA PACERS—Placed LaSalle Thompson, forward, on the injured list. Activated Kenny Williams, forward, from the injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Announced they have extended the contract of Rich Kotite, head coach, for one year through the 1994-95 season.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Sent Bret Hedican, defenseman, to Peoria of the International Hockey League.

COLLEGE
ILLINOIS—Named Greg Landry offensive coordinator.

BOWLING

MENS MAJOR

Hagen TV Repair over Rocky's, 8-0; 1st Nat. Bank over B.S.I., 8-0; Bob Brock Ford over Western Container, 6-2; Walker L.P. Gas over Fina Engineers, 6-2; Parks Conv. Center over Pollard Chevrolet, 6-2; Big Spring Herald over O'Daniel Trucking, 6-2.
High single game Ray Kennedy, 299; high total series Ray Kennedy, 654; high team game Walker L.P. Gas, 1073; and high team series Walker L.P. Gas, 3044.
STANDINGS — Walker L.P. Gas, 114-62; O'Daniel Trucking, 113-63; Big Spring Herald, 111-65; Fina Engineers, 89-87; Parks Conv. Center, 89-87; Bob Brock Ford, 88-88; Hagen T.V. Repair, 81-95; Western Container, 81-95; B.S.I., 80-96; Rocky's, 78-98; Pollard Chevrolet, 68-108; and 1st Nat. Bank, 64-112.

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LADIES CLASSIC

Bits & Pieces over The PJ's, 8-0; Pretty Things and Shock Wave, 4-4; The Dream Team over L&M Properties, 6-2.
Hi. sc. series ind. Renae Carr, 614; team Pretty Things, 1999; hi. sc. game ind. Evelyn Williams, 226; team Pretty Things, 701; hi. hdcp series ind. Renae Carr, 683; team Pretty Things, 2407; hi. hdcp game ind. Evelyn Williams, 248; team Pretty Things, 837.
STANDINGS — Pretty Things, 89-63; Shock Wave, 88-72; L&M Properties, 85-75; The Dream Team, 76-84; Bits & Pieces, 72-80; and The PJ's, 54-90.

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CAPROCK

Bojangles over Tough As Nails, 6-2; Bob Brock Ford over Pin Breakers, 6-2; Just Showing Up over Two Ballers, 6-2; Fred's Septic Service over Coors, 6-2; Trio Fuels over Burgess Automotive, 8-0.
Hi. sc. ind. game Neal Anderson, 254; hi. sc. ind. series Fred Van Steenburgh, 597; hi. hdcp ind. game Neal Anderson, 273; hi. hdcp ind. series Robert Gerstenberger, 675; hi. sc. team game Coors, 737; hdcp Just Showing Up, 838; hi. sc. team series Coors, 2175; and hdcp Fred's Septic Service, 2421.
STANDINGS — Trio Fuels, 32-8; Tough As Nails, 32-8; Fred's Septic Service, 24-16; Bojangles, 22-18; Just Showing Up, 20-20; Coors, 18-22; Two Ballers, 18-22; Bob Brock Ford, 14-26; Pin Breakers, 10-30; Burgess Automotive, 10-30.

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STERLING CITY TRAVELERS

Fifth Wheels over Millers, 8-0; Permian Research over Well Tech, 8-0; Crazy Eights and Nitty Gritty, 4-4; and Moms & Dads over Bowl-A-Rama, 6-2.
Hi. sc. series team Permian Research, 1945; hi. sc. series Mark Dobek, 618; Faye Hobbs, 512; hi. sc. game team Permian Research, 714; Mark Dobek, 247; and Faye Hobbs, 202. Hi. hdcp series team Permian Research, 2437; Mark Dobek, 684; Faye Hobbs, 644; hi. hdcp game team Permian Research, 878; Mark Dobek, 269; Faye Hobbs, 246.
STANDINGS — Nitty Gritty, 114-70; Moms & Dads, 106-78; Well Tech, 98-86; Fifth Wheels, 95-89; Permian Research, 94-90; Crazy Eights, 84-100; Bowl-A-Rama, 80-104; and Millers, 65-119.

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LADIES MAJOR

Campbell Concrete over Rocky's, 6-2; Pretty Things and Arrow Refrigeration, 0-0; EP Driver Ins. over Frame Busters, 6-2; Sassie Ladies over S&H Floor Covering, 6-2; Tom Boy Shop over Barber Glass & Mirror, 6-2; KC Kids over La Contesa Cutters, 8-0; Miss Royale over Vanessa's, 8-0; Hall's Air Cooled Engine over Team Hughes, 8-0.
Hi. sc. series ind. Joycee Davis, 681; team Arrow Refrigeration, 1910; hi. sc. game ind. Joycee Davis, 268; team Hall's Air Cooled, 652; hi. hdcp series ind. Joycee Davis, 723; team Hall's Air Cooled Engine, 2454; hi. hdcp game ind. Joycee Davis, 282; team Hall's Air Cooled, 839.
STANDINGS — Hall's Aircooled, 106-70; Campbell Concrete, 102-74; Arrow Refrigeration, 102-66; Miss Royale, 98-78; La Contesa Cutters, 97-79; KC Kids, 96-80; Sassie Ladies, 94-82; EP Driver Ins., 92-84; Pretty Things, 91-77; S&H Floor Covering, 90-86; Frame Busters, 86-90; Barber Glass & Mirror, 82-94; Team Hughes, 74-102; Tom Boy Shop, 72-104; Rocky's, 70-106; Vanessa's, 48-128.

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TUESDAY COUPLES

Headhunters Beauty Salon over Linda's Country Store, 8-0; NALC #2 over Texas T's, 8-0; C&T Cleaners over NALC #1, 6-2; Arrow Refrigeration Co. over Town & Country of Coahoma, 6-2; Big Spring Mobile Park over A Timeless Design, 6-2; Big Spring Skipper Travel over Parks Agency, Inc., 6-2; Baker's Joy over Vogue Beauty Salon, 6-2; Webco Printing over B&M Bonding, 6-2; Trio Fuels tied Golden Corral, 4-4; KC Steak House tied Casual Shoppe, 4-4; Double R Cattle Co. (unopposed); Fina Oil & Chemical (postponed).
Ind. sc. game Sam Gonzales, 238; Donna Williamson, 226; ind. sc. series Marcus Phillips, 567; Donna Williamson, 562; ind. hdcp. game Sam Gonzales, 249; Donna Williamson, 255; ind. hdcp series Chris Jones, 644; Donna Williamson, 649; team sc. game Big Spring Skipper Travel, 765; hdcp Big Spring Skipper Travel, 883; team sc. series Double Arrow Refrigeration Co., 2050; hdcp NALC #2, 2373.
STANDINGS — Baker's Joy, 122-70; Arrow Refrigeration Co., 118-74; C&T Cleaners, 108-84; Parks Agency, Inc., 106-86; NALC #2, 102-90; Webco Printing, 102-90; KC Steak House, 100-92; Vogue Beauty Salon, 100-92; Fina Oil & Chemical, 99-85; Headhunters Beauty Salon, 98-84; Double R Cattle Co., 98-86; Big Spring Mobile Park, 97-95; Golden Corral, 96-96; A Timeless Design, 96-96; Casual Shoppe, 95-97; Town & Country of Coahoma, 90-102; NALC #1, 89-103; Trio Fuels, 88-104; Big Spring Skipper Travel, 79-113; Linda's Country Store, 76-116; B&M Bonding, 75-117; Texas T's, 70-122.

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GUYS & DOLLS

J&D Garage over Coahoma Beauty Center, 8-0; 2 Mini Acres over Arrow Refrigeration, 6-2; Photo Magic Studio over Rocky's, 6-2; Quail Run tied Fifth Wheels, 4-4.
Hi. sc. ind. game Merlin Purser, 202; LaVerne Berger and Evelyn Williams (tie), 189; hi. sc. ind. series Merlin Purser, 551; Evelyn Williams, 531; hi. hdcp ind. game Merlin Purser, 241; LaVerne Berger, 229; hi. hdcp ind. series Merlin Purser, 668; Faye Hobbs, 627; hi. sc. team game Rocky's, 705; hdcp 2 Mini Acres, 833; hi. sc. team series Rocky's, 1919; hdcp 2 Mini Acres, 2347.
STANDINGS — Rocky's, 110-66; Photo Magic Studio, 102-74; Arrow Refrigeration, 94-82; J&D Garage, 90-86; Quail Run, 82-94; Fifth Wheels, 78-98; Coahoma Beauty Center, 74-102; and 2 Mini Acres, 74-102.

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WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

Timeless Design over Copy Cats, 8-0; Security State Bank over Rascals, 8-0; We Are Family (unopposed), 8-0; S.A.W. over Fifth Wheels, 6-2; Newman Outdoor Advertising over Fast Stop Exxon, 6-2; Saunders Company over NAPA Slingers, 6-2; Arrow Refrigeration over Neal's Sporting Goods, 6-2; Slow Starters over Loan Stars, 6-2; Big Spring Music over First National Bank, 6-2; Alley Cats split with Fly By Night, 4-4.
Hi. sc. game Scott Hendricks, 234; Pat Harbuck, 207; hi. sc. series Tom Davis, 618; Joycee Davis, 569; hi. hdcp game Scott Hendricks, 293; Janie Shivers, 260; hi. hdcp series Scott Hendricks, 716; Larinda Hair, 706; hi. sc. team game Big Spring Music, 604; hdcp Big Spring Music, 717; hi. sc. team series Big Spring Music, 1647; hdcp Big Spring Music, 1986.
STANDINGS — Security State Bank, 108-62; We Are Family, 104-70; S.A.W., 99-77; Big Spring Music, 98-78; Fly By Night, 97-79; Saunders Company, 96-80; Slow Starters, 93-81; Copy Cats, 93-83; Newman Outdoor Advertising, 93-75; Timeless Design, 92-84; Rascals, 92-82; Fifth Wheels, 90-86; Arrow Refrigeration, 89-79; Loan Stars, 86-90; Neal's Sporting Goods, 84-90; Alley Cats (postponed), 80-96; Fast Stop Exxon, 79-93; First National Bank, 76-96; and NAPA Slingers (unopposed), 65-103.

LADIES CLASSIC

RESULTS — L & M Properties over Pretty Things, 6-2; The PJ's over The Dream Team, 8-0; Bits & Pieces over Shock Wave, 6-2; hi sc. game and series Joycee Davis, 206 and 579; hi sc. team game and series L & M Properties, 660 and Pretty Things, 1866; hi hdcp game and series Mary Ann Herrera, 237 and 653; hi hdcp team game and series Bits & Pieces, 861 and 2448.
STANDINGS — L & M Properties, 91-77; Pretty Things, 91-69; Shock Wave, 90-78; Bits & Pieces, 78-82; The Dream Team, 76-92; The PJ's, 62-90.

PINPOPPERS

RESULTS — Calverts Liquor Store over Short Sircuit, 6-2; Kimella's Cafe tied Hair Clinic, 4-4; Casual Shoppe over Holland Cottonseed, 8-0; Health Food Center over A & B Farms, 6-2; Steve Smith Agency over Tret-O-Lite, 6-2; Kuykendall Inc. over Yates Cattle Co., 6-2; hi sc. game and series Lucille Romine, 189 and 526; hi sc. team game and series Health Food Center, 632 and 1847; hi hdcp game and series Krinkle Miears, 230 and Lucille Romine, 634; hi hdcp team game and series Calverts Liquor, 807 and Hair Clinic, 2298.
STANDINGS — Health Food Center, 130-54; Kimella's Cafe, 114-70; Hair Clinic, 113-71; Kuykendall, 104-80; Casual Shoppe, 102-82; Tret-O-Lite, 93-91; A & B Farms, 92-92; Short Sircuit, 86-98; Calverts Liquor St., 81-103; Yates Cattle Co., 71-113; Steve Smith Agency, 69-115; Holland Cottonseed, 49-135.

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End of an era

Ryan's final year full of sparkles

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Sports Writer

'You don't want to stay too long. I'd rather be premature than a little late on that decision.'
Nolan Ryan

ARLINGTON — How many times will Nolan Ryan amaze us this year?

It's only February and he's already started. Entering uncharted territory — a record 27th season in the major leagues — Ryan walked into the Texas Rangers offices Thursday and announced this year would be his last.

And just like that, Troy Aikman was old news.

The word flashed across the country like one of Ryan's crackling fastballs. This is it. One last summer. One last chance to haul the family and the kid in all of us to the ballpark and see the legend pitch again. It's like watching Astaire dance or Picasso paint.

What is Nolan now, 46? And here we thought he'd go on forever.

Suddenly, baseball fans everywhere feel a little bit older themselves. Was that a new twinge in the hamstring during your morning jog? And how about that wrinkle you noticed in the mirror this morning?

Ryan smoked the radar guns at 95 mph in his final appearance last season. So why now? There's a new ballpark next year, and a Ryan Expressway to take fans there.

"You don't want to stay too long. I'd rather be premature than a little late on that decision," Ryan explained. "I hope at the end of this year I'll feel like I could have come back and maybe squeezed one more year out of it."

Twenty-seven years and he's talking about letting go before he's washed up. Who else but Nolan?

Of course, he's been amazing the masses as long as he's been baffling batters. Was there ever a bigger sigh of relief from American League hitters than when they heard Ryan had finally decided to retire?

Ryan said he made the decision because he could no longer attend to his family while juggling his physical preparation and his various business interests.

"I haven't had any time for myself long to her or their hometown of Alvin or even to Texas, for that matter, but to the world.

And he was right. For 27 years. Come September, though, it'll be time to return Ryan to his family.

But the memories and milestones are for keeps.

And there's a bushel full of those, isn't there?

How about his sixth and seventh no-hitters, his 5,000th strikeout and his 300th victory? And that's just since he joined the Rangers in 1989.

Ryan didn't have the best of seasons last year, but Texas didn't have the best of bullpens or big bats, either. He won but five games, yet six times he entrusted his relievers a lead they proceeded to lose.

He compiled a 0.99 ERA over his last four starts, although he had one loss and three no-decisions to show for it.

Forty-six years old and 27 major league seasons, and it seems like he's pulling the trigger too soon, doesn't it?

The best thing about this farewell season is this: Ryan will go out the way he came in, driven still by that old saying from the West, "All hat and no horse." That's all talk and no action, all mouth and no muscle.

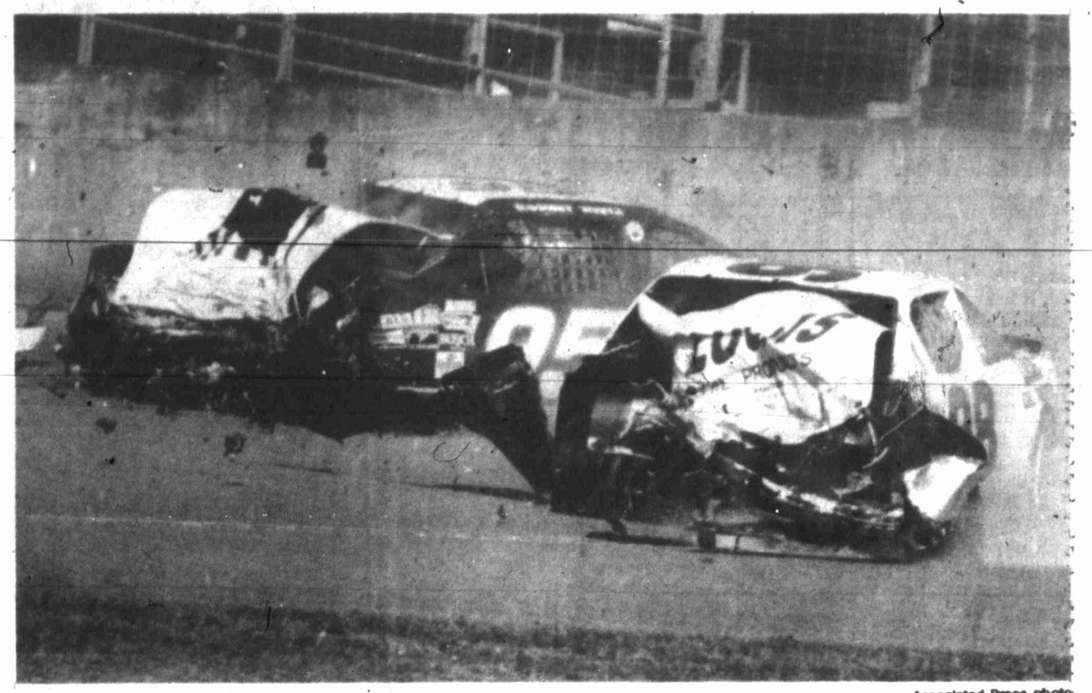
Those five words have quietly inspired Nolan Ryan since he first picked up a baseball, discovered he had something special and quickly discarded his dream of playing college basketball.

"Nolan wants to have a hat AND a horse," former Rangers pitching coach Tom House once said, "meaning, Nolan wants to be a power pitcher or he wants to go home and be a rancher, nothing in between."

The ranch will have to wait a little while longer. For one more glorious season, Nolan Ryan still belongs to baseball.

in years," Ryan said. "The fact is my children are getting to the point where they're going to be leaving home shortly, and I'm not going to get the opportunity with my schedule the way it is to do a lot of things with them. I felt like with the family situation and also my physical situation, this really should be my last year."

Fair enough. Red Murff, the scout who discovered Ryan throwing wild heaters in high school, once took Ruth Ryan aside to inform her, as he put it, that her husband didn't be-



Associated Press photo

Debris flies off the cars of Rodney White (95) and Joe Booher (98) after they collide entering turn one on the second lap of Friday's Florida 200 Dash race at Daytona International Speedway. Booher, 51, died at a local hospital as a result of massive internal and head injuries suffered in the crash.

Earnhardt not considering favorite label

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — It rankles Dale Earnhardt that he has begun numerous Daytona 500s as the favorite, but in 14 tries, he has come up empty.

Sunday, in the 35th running of NASCAR's most richest and most prestigious event, the five-time Winston Cup champion again is the odds-on favorite to add the crown jewel to his sparkling list of accomplishments.

"I can't be thinking about being a favorite," Earnhardt said. "I'm going to get in there and go. Five-hundred miles is a long way to go. The car's got to work all day, and you've got to have no problems. I think the car's been working good enough — it'll do the job if we do ours.

"Somebody's got to win. Why shouldn't it be me? What's happened before doesn't mean a thing when that green flag drops Sunday."

There are plenty of other potential winners in the 41-car field at Daytona International Speedway.

Kyle Petty and Dale Jarrett will start from the glamor spots in the front row, with Petty hoping to join two previous generations of his family as Daytona 500 winners.

His father, Richard, who will wave the green flag Sunday for the first Winston Cup race since his retirement as a driver, won the 500 seven times. Kyle's grandfather, Lee, won the inaugural 500 in 1959.

"I'm as ready to race as I'm going to be," Kyle Petty said.

"I can win. I have just as good a chance as 40 other guys out there."

Jarrett, whose father, Ned, was a two-time Winston Cup champion but never won this race, said, "I feel confident that we can be competitive all day."

Last year, Ford Thunderbirds dominated both qualifying and the race, sweeping the top four finishing positions, led by Davey Allison. This year, so far, it appears Petty's Pontiac Grand Prix and the Chevrolet Luminas of Jarrett, Earnhardt and precocious rookie Jeff Gordon, who will start next to Earnhardt in the second row, are the cars to beat.

Jarrett, however, thinks the talk of a GM advantage is irrelevant.

"I think any make of car here could win the Daytona 500," Jarrett said. "It's just a matter of who has the better handling car and who gets the most (drafting) help. It doesn't matter what kind of car you're driving. If you don't have some kind of help, you're not going to get the job done.

"People talk about working together before the race, and it never works out. I'll try to help whoever my car works best with. Hopefully, that's going to be another Chevrolet. But I'm going to do whatever it takes for this (No.) 18 car to win. If that means working with somebody else, that's what I've got to do."

"You can't ever get confident at Daytona," Earnhardt said. "I was

Toney makes winning choice over Barkley

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — James Toney chose to box rather than brawl with Iran Barkley in their battle of "two angry men" Saturday night and it proved to be a winning choice.

Toney peppered Barkley with left jabs, right-hand counters, right uppercuts and hooks to the head, badly lumping his face. At the end of the ninth round, Dr. Flip Homansky advised referee Richard Steele to stop the bout.

Toney won the IBF super middleweight championship from Barkley and now will relinquish the IBF middleweight title.

Barkley came barreling out of his corner at the opening bell and the two went toe-to-toe for about 30 seconds as an estimated crowd of 4,000 at the Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion roared.

There were other toe-to-toe exchanges during the match and sometimes Toney would purposely go to the ropes. He chose, however, to keep the fight mostly in the center of the ring.

Courier holds serve on Mansdorf to advance

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Jim Courier broke Amos Mansdorf only once Saturday, but his timing was perfect as he pulled out a 7-6 (7-3), 2-6, 6-4 semifinal victory in the Kroger-St. Jude International.

"I can only think of two break points I didn't play smart on," said Courier, the No. 1 player in the IBM-ATP Tour Rankings. "The only one I got was match point. That's the one that mattered, but it would've been a lot nicer to get three or four of those."

Courier, the tournament's top seed, held serve to go up 5-4 in the third set and went up 40-15 when Mansdorf put a shot into the net. Following his next serve, Mansdorf again hit into the net to give Courier the match.

No. 2 seed and seventh-ranked Michael Chang was to meet unseeded Todd Martin on Saturday night in the other semifinal.

Courier holds a 5-0 advantage against Mansdorf, who he said played much tougher Saturday.

"Mansdorf is always tough. Today Amos played up to here while I started the match at a very high level, then I nosedived," Courier said. "He was just going for shots harder than he has in the past."

Mansdorf, ranked 26th, seemed to gain momentum when he tied the final set at 4-4 by surviving two game points by Courier and six deuces. He won the game to tie the set when Courier hit a cross-court shot wide.

Courier rallied quickly by holding his serve on the next game to go up 5-4. A ball that hit the net and dropped over for a point put him up 30-15, and then Mansdorf hit into the net twice to give Courier the match.

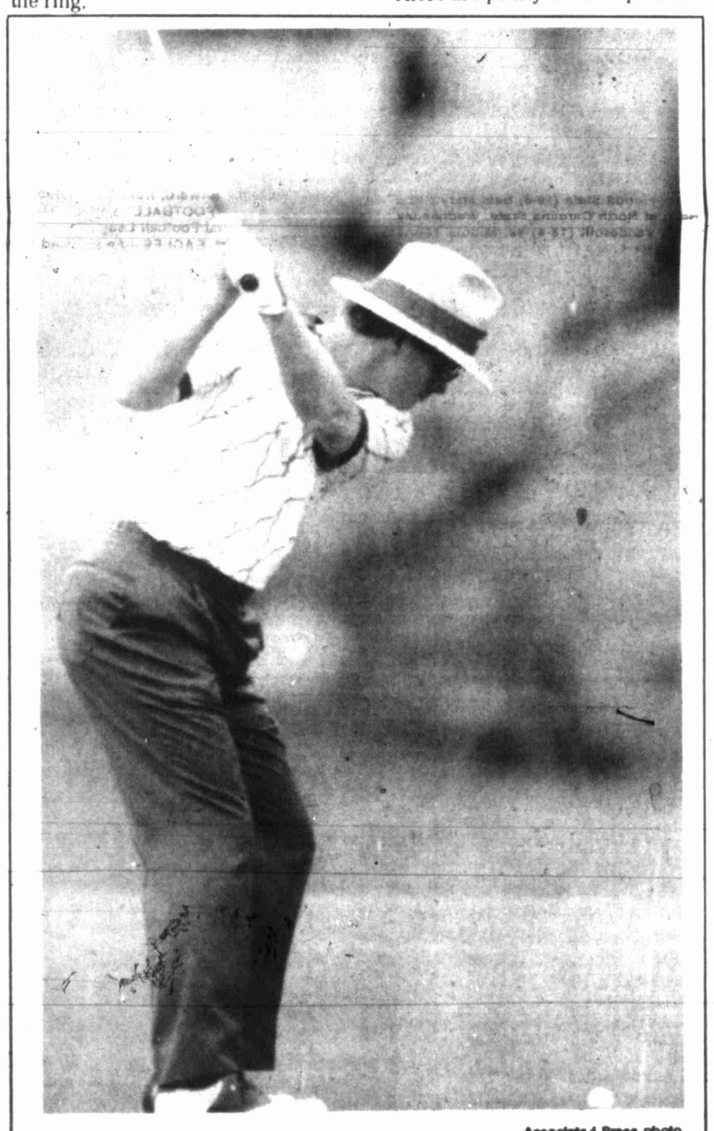


Top-seeded Jim Courier from Dade City, Fla., shows the effects of a tough match against Amos Mansdorf during Saturday's semifinal round of the Kroger-St. Jude International tennis tournament in Memphis, Tenn. Courier advances to Sunday's final round.

"I probably played a bit better than the other times. This time I'm terribly disappointed because I felt I played good enough to win," Mansdorf said.

Neither player could take control in the first set as each held serve until the tiebreaker. Then Courier jumped out 3-0 and had Mansdorf yelling at himself before closing to 5-3 on a cross-court shot. Courier closed out the set when Mansdorf missed on a long passing shot and then could not handle Courier's serve.

Mansdorf jumped out to a 4-0 edge in the second set and won as Courier held his serve only twice.



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Kite takes flight

Tom Kite of Austin hits his approach to the 16th hole at PGA West Palmer Course Saturday during the fourth round of the Bob Hope Classic. Kite fired a 7-under-par 65 to take the lead at 25-under-par.

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Crappie fishing much improved at O.H. Ivie

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Although crappie are still moving in 20 to 25 feet of water, fishermen have been experiencing fantastic results at Lake O.H. Ivie, said Richard Halfmann, lake superintendent.

Many fishermen were catching their limits in 1 to 1¼ -pound crappie. Jigs and Roadrunners and minnows worked slowly along brushy areas, got best results, particularly along the Observation Point.

Surface level of the lake was only 4 inches from spillway top, and temperatures were 50.2 top and 49.1 bottom, clear except for murky in the upper end.

Most of the black bass were 12-15 inches, and under limit of 18 inches, but a few up to 20 inches were taken on jigs, Roadrunners, and spinners in 8-25 feet of water. Most of the larger fish were being caught at greater depths. Best results came off points and banks.

Smallmouth bass fishing was good, although at 16 inches they were still under limit. Best catches came in 20-30 feet of water off points and ridges.

Far results were reported on channel catfishing in depths up to 80 feet, and yellow catfish on trotlines along rocky ledges.

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Sportsmen and families coming to Lake J.B. Thomas from the northwest are advised that the Bull Creek bridge on FM 1610 is blocked.

Highway officials say the bridge is being replaced, and it will require several months for the project.

Considerable confusion resulted for those coming from Gail and Lamesa over the weekend, reported Doug Frey, lake superintendent at Lake Thomas. Springlike weather stepped up the volume of traffic, and there were reports of people getting lost on detours. Highway officials said these points would be more clearly marked.

Those approaching from the west, said Frey, should continue east on US 180 past the FM 1610 intersection until they come to FM 1606, and turn right or south. This will lead past the old Monsanto and magnesium plants to the Knapp intersection with FM 1610, but on the east side of the Bull Creek Channel.

Frey also advised boaters using the Bull Creek ramps that water is getting shallow, on the order of two feet. Larger boats can get stuck, he added. Ramps on the south side — both near the dam and at George White Island — offer excellent launching.

Water temperature is still 47 degrees, he added, hence crappie are in deep water and may not move to shallows for three to four weeks to spawn. However, some are being caught such as a two-pound crappie by Ray Wilson, Shallowater.

Striped bass catches at Lake Spence are stepping up, and Joe Longoria, patrolman, said specimen appeared to be in good condition. While most were being caught in deep water, there were reports of some reeled in from the bank. Other varieties were biting as well. Water was 53 degrees. Some results included:

PAINT CREEK MARINA — Bill Barfield, Robert Lee, used slab to catch a 14½ -pound striper; Lil and Dee Anderson, Odessa, caught four blue catfish up to 16½ pounds, an aggregate of 49½ pounds; Phillip Drake, Millersview, had a 14-pounds, 10-ounce striper.

WILDCAT MARINA — Anthony and Glenn Cobes, Odessa, used purple and black plastic worms to catch 2.5 and 4.4-pound black bass and a 4.3-pound blue catfish; Randy and Terry Durasette, Odessa, caught seven stripers up to nine pound, using a silver spoon.



Cleaning up

Roger Selner of the Rocky Mountain Antler Museum in Ennis, Mont., cleans a deer rack earlier this week prior to the opening of the Seattle International Sportsman's Exposition at the Kingdome.

Hunter education course to be offered in Snyder

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has scheduled a hunter education course for Feb. 20 and 21 in Snyder.

The TPWD requires every hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, complete a Hunter Education Training Course. Any individual may take the course, which costs $5. It includes instruction in firearms and archery handling and safety, outdoor responsibility and ethics, laws and regulations, conservation, hunting traditions, wildlife identification, field care of game, and wilderness first aid and survival.

The course is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. the 20th and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. the 21st. Volunteer instructors Gene and Nancy Bowlin will teach the course. The site of the course will be determined according to the number of registrants. Call 1-573-2323 for more information.

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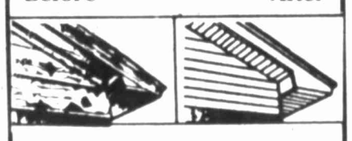
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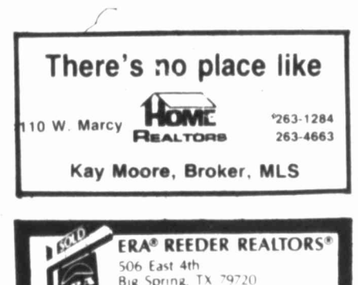
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ATTENTION CALENDAR USERS: Support groups will be listed regularly in Tuesday's paper on 2-B.

Calendar

Today

• Bingo is offered at the Lions Building, Monday and Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., and Saturday at 1 and 6 p.m. Lion's Lic.#12372690748, Harc Lic. #30008084854.

• St. Thomas Catholic Church offers bingo at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday.

• Bingo at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, Fridays and Saturdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. License #1751274202. Maximum payout.

• The Salvation Army will have a dinner for area needy at 5:30 p.m. at their building, 308 Aylford, Monday through Friday.

• Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers, trained by IRS, available to help until March 10. Wednesdays from 10-3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 8th & Runnels, 263-4211; and Monday and Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, bldg. 487, 267-1628. Bring tax package from IRS and copy of last year's income tax return.

Monday

• There will be gospel singing at 7 p.m. at the Kentwood Center on Lynn Dr. Everyone welcome. For information call 393-5709.

• Christian Home Schoolers Mother's Night Out will be at Alberto's at 6:45 p.m. Call Donna for information, 267-8851.

• Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapter Home on Young St.

• Howard County Lioness Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church, memorial hall.

• The monthly meeting of Survivors of Suicide, a support group for the family and friends of suicide victims will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital. For information call 685-1566.

Tuesday

• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St, has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

• Big Spring Senior Center ceramics class from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

• Christian Home Schoolers Group will meet at the Washington's for Spanish lessons and craft day at 2 p.m. Call Jeana for information, 264-0304.

• Howard College will have a brown bag luncheon workshop. "Divorce and Family Law" will be the topic from noon to 1 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Student Union Bldg., Tumbleweed Room. For information call 264-5085.

• Big Spring Band Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All parents of band members are encouraged to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association will meet at 7 p.m. at the West Texas Center for the Arts. For information call Elnora Hart at 267-2974.

Wednesday

• West Texas Legal Service offers legal help on civil matters at the Northside Community Center for those unable to afford their own attorney. For information call 1-686-0647.

• "Crude Diamonds" Big Spring chapter of the Texas Country/Western Dance Assoc. will meet 7-9 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. For information call 267-7937 or 264-0717.

Thursday

• Big Spring Senior Center will have art classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

• Masonic Lodge #1340 will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

•Human Services Council will meet at 10 a.m. at the Howard County Mental Health Center, conference room. Individuals representing any organization, club or group providing human services to our community are invited. For information call Gail Zilai at 263-0027.

Friday

• Friday night games of Dominoes, Forty-two, Bridge and Chickentrack from 5-8 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn Dr. Public invited.

L O V E and marriage

Young love lasted

'I wasn't scared. I didn't know what I was doing. I didn't know anything about it.'
Mercedes Escobedo, about her wedding day

'We argue all the time some days, but nothing important. I may get mad if she wants me to do something, but I do it anyway.'
Francisco Escobedo

Francisco and Mercedes Escobedo know there is no great secret to a lasting marriage.

But the two, married 59 years, have some ideas about why their commitment lasted through hardship and lean times.

"We were never separated, never apart for more than one day, except when he was working," explained Mrs. Escobedo, whose health problems have forced her to rely on her husband in recent years.

After a battle with cancer, she continues to have trouble with diabetes. She tires easily, and her joints are sore and numb.

But she has cared for him as well. Escobedo has had two heart attacks and numerous operations, including the removal of a blood clot from his leg.

They have lived together through economic depression, prosperity and sorrow. Their promise to love has withstood the death of six children — including one who was murdered at age 25.

But they raised 16 children, and the mention of any brings obvious pride. At times, Escobedo worked 19 hours a day while his wife cared for the kids alone.

Now that she is 73 and he 81, they are raising two of their 65 grandchildren.

"We tell our children — look how we made it," Mrs. Escobedo said. "We hope they will do as well."

"We have 60-some great-greatchildren," Escobedo added proudly, showing pictures of a few of them.

Both still remember their meeting, his proposal and the early years of their marriage. Mrs. Escobedo was barely a teenager when they made the commitment. They had grown up together in Fort Davis.

"I wasn't scared," recalled Mrs. Escobedo of her wedding day. "I didn't know what I was doing. I didn't know anything about it."

No wonder — she was a month away from being 13 years old.

He was working hard, holding down several jobs, when Escobedo began courting his future bride. He recalled he was interested in no less than five girls he knew at the time.

"But I loved her," he said. "She was the one."

He made his decision, and went by to pick her up after work on a nearby ranch.

"I had been cutting cattle all day and I was covered in mud up to here," recalled Escobedo, gesturing to his neck. "And I was bloody from (being gored by) the horns."

They were married by a justice of the peace and she began to learn to cook. Now, he does most of the cooking, as well as sewing and occasional ironing, Escobedo said.

They admit to arguing once in a while.

"We argue all the time some days, but nothing important," Escobedo said. "I may get mad if she wants me to do something, but I do it anyway."

"It's getting hard to hear, and I'm always telling him to speak louder," Mrs. Escobedo said.

"But I don't like to raise my voice," her husband added.

After being married so young, Mrs. Escobedo has encouraged her children to wait for such a commitment.

"When I got married, I (became) an old woman," she explained. "I made my mistake, and I don't want them to make it."

Their marriage lasted, each agreed, because they refused to give up. Mrs. Escobedo, who was raised by her grandmother and aunt, admits she holds onto some ideas others call old-fashioned.

"I don't believe in divorce," she said, offering this advice to young people.

"If he gets mad, let him talk. Let him finish. Then say your part. The same goes if she gets mad," said Mrs. Escobedo. "And don't get jealous."



Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Escobedo

Nine years later, she married him again

Doris Norton thinks she probably has the best husband around.

"He has just always acted like he was crazy about me," said Mrs. Norton, who lives in Garden City with her husband, Russel, and three children.

One day more than a decade ago, the Nortons were tilling flower beds in their backyard. After a long day of work, Mrs. Norton realized she had lost her wedding ring.

They searched everywhere. The next day he used a metal detector in the yard. The ring was never found.

A week later was their ninth anniversary. Norton told his wife he wanted to take her out to eat, and to dress very nicely.

"I thought it was kind of strange, he said he wanted me to wear this long dress I had," she recalled.

He drove her to the church where they had been married. Norton had gathered their children, their parents, some friends, and a pastor inside.

Then he asked his wife if she would marry him all over again. She said definitely yes.

They repeated their wedding vows and he gave her a new ring.

"We said the same vows," Mrs. Norton recalled. "He even had the same figurine on top of the wedding cake."

She can't recall much about when they met the first time. He had gone hunting with her brother and another friend.

But the second time, about two years later, her family moved to Fort Stockton, where his already lived. She was sent on an errand to a nearby house, and he opened the door.

"He acted really funny," Mrs. Norton explained. "I was there to see his sister, and he was mad at her or something."

But in nearly 22 years of marriage, the Nortons have maintained a wonderful relationship, she said.

So much so that in 1988, she wrote "My Special Friend," a poem about her husband.

"(He) has seen me through good times as well as bad," Mrs. Norton wrote. "He knows me as many people do not. He has given me what I could not have achieved alone. I know he will always love me as I love him."

Learning to love

Tim Drinkard says marriage has definitely changed him.

"My grandfather sees a 100 percent change in me," Drinkard said, smiling at his wife of nearly two months. "He says I'm more sensitive, more caring, everything."

But Drinkard's friends, at first, were skeptical of his dedication. He said they thought he would miss being single.

"But I enjoy it," said Drinkard, who married fellow Big Spring resident Angela Huckaby Dec. 23.

"I like being with him," said Mrs. Drinkard, using her husband as in interpreter because she is hearing impaired.

"My mother said in time it will get better and better," she continued.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Drinkard are only 20, and 19, respectively, they are devoted to each other. Drinkard interprets for his wife. She worries about him.

"She doesn't know how to cook," he said. "I'm teaching her."

And she, in turn, is helping him improve his sign language.

"I had never had any contact with deaf culture at all before I met her," said Drinkard. He met his future wife through friends, they began dating and — eventually — decided to move in together.

"Because we love each other, we wanted to be together," Drinkard explained. "But that didn't fit in with our Christian beliefs. We got married because we believe we are meant to be together."

"When we first met, I didn't believe in love at first sight," Mrs. Drinkard said. "But we fell in love at first sight."

She teased him about their first telephone conversation, using an interpreter from the Relay Texas system.

"It was a male interpreter," Drinkard recalled. "He told me, 'I love you.' and I answered, 'I love you too.'

"It was very strange."

Mrs. Drinkard recalled fondly, too, that on their wedding day, he left the rings at home. The ceremony waited while they went back to get them.

Now, they both agree, the reality of married life has begun to set in.

"We don't have any problems," said Drinkard, adding that they never fight. "But the honeymoon is over."

He is employed in the maintenance department at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and she is in school at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

They spend many of their evenings at home, but often go together to her school activities and friends' homes. Both say the other's personality is their best trait.

Despite the odds, the Drinkards are determined to make their marriage last.

"We don't believe in divorce," she said.

"Because," he added, "we believe there isn't a problem that can't be worked out."



Tim and Angela Drinkard





Stories by Debbie Lincecum
Photos by Tim Appel

Weddings

Crawford-Kirkham

Lana K. Crawford and Kenneth Kirkham, both formerly of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 19, 1992 at the Hampton, S.C. Courthouse. Justice of the Peace Bessie P. Cope officiated.

Parents of the bride are Ginny and the late Jackie Don Crawford of Sand Springs. Parents of the groom are D.E. and Marie Kirkham of Big Spring.

The bride is a housewife and the groom is employed by Fiberflex Co. in Varnville, S.C.

They are making their home in Varnville with their three children, Kimbre, Kayla, and Randle.



LANA AND KENNETH KIRKHAM

Try miniature livestock

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

FARGO, N.D. — If New MacDonald has a farm, it's likely to be in the suburbs. So he or she will need a smaller menagerie.

How about a 3-foot cow or a grown pig that sits in your lap?

Miniature cattle, horses, sheep and donkeys make fine pets, said Maureen Neidhardt, editor of the Rare Breeds Journal in Crawford, Neb. They're practical as livestock as well.

"Miniatures fit neatly on a small farm. They require less food, smaller shelter. Everything about them is more manageable," Neidhardt said in a recent interview.

Suburbanites are going for tiny livestock everywhere, she said, though like others in the business, she declined to venture estimates, much less hard numbers on the popularity of little livestock.

There's a wide, if smallish selection.

Cattleman Russ Largent in Fort Davis, Texas, has bred a line of miniature cows that resemble tiny Herefords and stand about 3 feet tall from hoof to shoulder. He said the tiny critters are the most economical way to produce beef, especially in the cramped suburbs.

"They don't have to have the heavy equipment or fences to hold them in," he said. "They're very docile in nature, and it works out real well."

Cute animals can also be costly.

Largent's itty-bitty cows sell for $1,000 a head. At Prairie Gold Exotics in Goodrich, N.D., the price of a 34-inch donkey — from shoulder to hoof and weighing from 250 to 450 pounds — starts at $500. Females, called jennies, go for $2,000.

Breeder Stephanie Stober also raises 18-inch-high sheep, which weigh from 40 to 100 pounds. She sell them for $800 and up, 10 times the price of a standard-sized animal.

Miniature horses range from $5,000 for a 4-month-old filly to $15,000 for a stallion. A mature animal measures eight hands or 34 inches from hoof to the highest part of the shoulder.

Jacqueline Bigar

FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 14, 1993

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be more in touch with your feelings and reach out to those about whom you really care. Go past the "sweetheart" significance of the day and be sensitive to those who make a difference to you. Go for a drive. Tonight: Romance rules. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are able to relate deeply to a loved one today. You gain greater rapport after a moment of friction. Understand that there are ways of letting everyone have what they desire. Tonight: Let it all hang out. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are really a party animal today and cannot get enough of others. Be careful with your ego, however, or you could mar a near-perfect day. Be more sensitive to those around you and don't take another for granted. Tonight: Scope out the scene. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be more nurturing when dealing with a child or loved one. You might feel as if you keep giving without receiving. Criticism will get you nowhere. Tonight: Head home early. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your romantic side emerges, and you really are in your element. Play Cupid or let Cupid's arrow hit you. Don't be afraid to be carefree. Tonight: You are the party. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You might be overly tense right now. Relax. Stop pushing to have everything your way. You are lucky with the bucks. Tonight: A cozy night at home. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Let go of a misunderstanding and realize that you could be overly sensitive. Visit with a relative who is not up to snuff. Tonight: A quiet talk over a candlelight dinner. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You might be going overboard trying to impress another; realize that your behavior could have the opposite effect. Be more aware of how strong you are. A sensitive, open and emotionally caring approach brings you what you want. Tonight: Dinner out

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be more in touch with what you want, and you can make it happen. Be more sensitive to a friend or loved one and worry less about your image. Focus on happiness, renewed caring and a greater sense of friendship. Tonight: Whoop it up. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You know your limits, and today you might need to put your foot down. You need some down time for daydreaming, fantasizing and considering the long term. Tonight: Vanish, hopefully with another. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on friendship, celebrations and making the most of a special relationship. You might be better in groups than in a one-to-one situation. Be compassionate with a loved one who is hurting. Tonight: Shoot off some fireworks. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): All eyes are on you today, as others want to hear what you have to say. A problem with a loved one will pass, if you get some perspective on the situation. Be positive and smile. Tonight: Out and about. ****

IF FEB. 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Listen to your inner rhythm about what you need to do this year. Partners might mean well, but could sometimes lead you down the wrong trail. Learn to be more understanding of others and respect where they are coming from. Your increased empathy, understanding and caring will make you a winner. Be open to further education and self-development. A foreigner or travel to a foreign land can have "heavy" impact. Next winter will prove lucrative professionally. Count on a dynamic year, when relationships will flourish. SAGITTARIUS brings out the best in you.

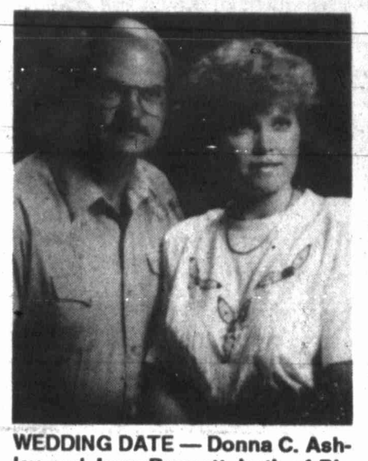
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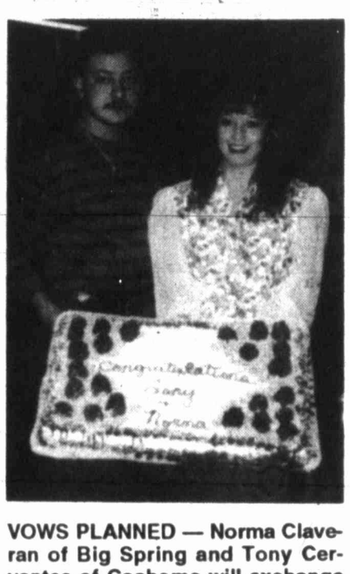
WEDDING DATE — Donna C. Ashley and Jerry Bennett, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows March 20, 1993, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Big Spring. She is the daughter of Neal and Margie Squires of Big Spring. He is the son of Callie Bennett of Big Spring and Gerald Bennett of Pecos. Bro. Shell Denison, pastor, will officiate.



DATE SET — Julie Elizabeth Wheeler and David Leeshaw, both of Midland, will exchange wedding vows on June 12, 1993, at St. Lukes United Methodist Church, Midland. Parents of the bride are Mr. & Mrs. James E. Wheeler of Stanton. Mother of the groom is Betty Johnston of Colton, Calif. Dr. Jarrell Sharp, pastor, will officiate.



MARRIAGE PLANS — Tracy Carpenter and Lance Moore, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on June 12, 1993, at First Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Gary Smith will perform the ceremony. Parents of the bride are Dr. and Mrs. James Carpenter of Big Spring. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Autry Moore.



VOWS PLANNED — Norma Claveran of Big Spring and Tony Cervantes of Coahoma will exchange wedding vows on Feb. 20, 1993, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Parents of the bride are Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Claveran of Tucson, Ariz., and Mr. & Mrs. Pancho Hernandez of Big Spring. Parents of the groom are Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Cervantes of Coahoma. The Rev. J.P. Delaney will officiate.

Ways to send sweetheart a love message

By PATRICIA BIBBY
Associated Press Writer

My darling dirty rotten puppy dog,

If only this piece of paper were my body so when you unfolded it, it would be as if you were opening my arms out wide to expose the contents of my soul within. That way we could do away with these silly words.

But since I'm stuck with pen and paper, I've decided to write you a special sentiment for Valentine's Day. And because I'm a mere novice at this, I've asked a few literary types: Just how do I write a love letter that will capture the rapture?

Actually, that "I'm a mere novice" line comes from George Plimpton, who says it helps me appear more sincere (DON'T FRET, DEAR, I AM!). "The key is to put a lot of qualifiers in the letter, such as, 'I don't know how to put this,' or 'I'm not very good at this sort of thing,' or 'I've never said this to anyone before, but ...,'" says the editor of the Paris Review. "This gives you free rein to be utterly foolish."

Plimpton also suggests writing sweet nothings in code. He says he once wrote a love letter all in numerals, with each number corresponding to the letter in the alphabet, because the words were "sort of embarrassing on the page." So, my darling, if all of this is making you blush:

2-1-2-25, 25-15-21 13-5-1-14 5-22-5-18-25-20-8-9-14-7 20-15 13-5.

(Hint: Always double check the code, lest you bare your soul by saying, "Honey, I muv you.")

By the way, I hope you're not blushing over my salutation. It's just that pet names create a cozy tone, opines Cathy Davidson, an English professor at Duke University who has just come out with "The Book of Love, Writers and Their Love Letters."

And I'm in good company. Hemingway called his inamorata "Pickle," Davidson said. Zelda Fitzgerald called F. Scott Fitzgerald "Goofo." Checkhov favored the zoological — "River Perch," "Pony," "Pup," "Sweet dog," "Crocodile," "Dogman," "Goldfish" and the oh-so-charming "Cockroach." Not to be outdone, John Middleton Murry endeared himself to Katherine Mansfield by calling her "My darling Worm."

Pet names also work for short story writer Jill McCorkle, who avoids mush in favor of humor.

"Find something that is funny and something that is maybe cryptically funny, so that it's intimate, but not mushy," says McCorkle. "It's best if you can refer to some private joke."

Brevity may be the soul of wit and your lingerie but it's not at the heart of love letters, according to Norman Mailer, who advises love-scribes: "It is the only situation in writing where the basic law — keep it short — does not apply."

Erica Jong says Cupid's arrow reaches its target best with poetry. As a teen-ager, she says, she had a beau who sent her "these beautiful lines from Ezra Pound." Only he didn't attribute them to the King of Cantos, says Jong, who warns that when lifting a clever line, it should always be credited "so you don't get in trouble with your beloved."

If the heart is talking but you still aren't writing, Jong has another idea: "If you can't send poetry, just send emeralds."

Some prefer hyperbole over subtlety as a way to capture their feelings — the excess of the ecstacy! The exaggeration of the palpitation! The deep chasm of the spasm!

This reminds me of why I am writing to you in the first place, my sweet.

"Do exaggerate!," says Dr. Ruth Westheimer. "Do say little white lies." (NEVER, SWEETHEART!) "Say this relationship was made in heaven and none of your other relationships meant as much to you.

"And instead of ending it with 'love' say something like, 'Every night before I fall asleep, after I've said my prayers, my last thought at night and my first thought in the morning is of you.'

life! section deadlines

Deadlines for submissions to the Sunday *life!* section are as follows:

Weddings, engagements, anniversaries: Wednesday at noon prior to Sunday of desired publication. Must be printed on Herald's form, available at the office, 710 Scurry, or by mail to out-of-town residents by calling 915/263-7331.

Stork Club — Thursday at noon prior to Sunday of desired publication. Published as space allows, using information on Herald form.

Military — Thursday at noon prior to Sunday of desired publication. Accepted in writing from family members as well as the branch of service.



WEDDING DATE — Yolanda Sue Perez and Hector Cortez Martinez, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on March 6, 1993, at Iglesia Bautista Central. Parents of the bride are Daniel O. and Paula Perez of Big Spring. Parents of the groom are the Rev. Juan and Amalia Martinez of Big Spring. The Rev. Joe Torres will officiate.

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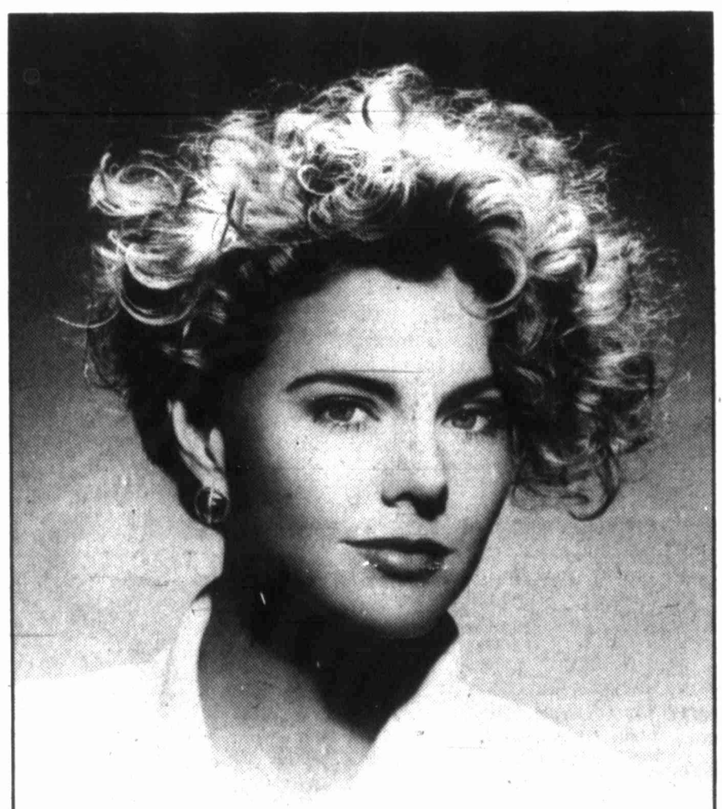
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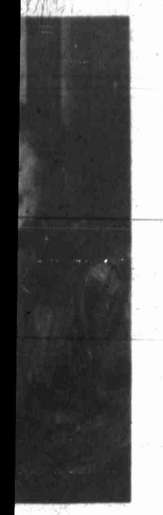
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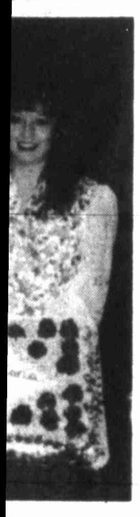
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Anniversaries





CLARA G. AND JESSE HERNANDEZ, THEN AND NOW

Hernandez

Jesse Fierro and Clara G. Hernandez celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 30, 1993 at Dora Roberts Community Center with a dance. Mass was said at IHM Catholic Church. Hosts were their children, Mr. & Mrs. Nicklos Baquera, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and their godchildren.

He was born in Big Spring and she was born in San Antonio. They met in September 1941 at the United Shoe Department while trying on shoes.

They married Jan. 25, 1943, at St. Mary's Church in San Angelo with Father Raymond Soper performing the ceremony.

They have one daughter, Elizabeth Baquera of El Paso, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

During their marriage they have lived in Big Spring, New Orleans, La., San Angelo, El Paso and Lubbock.

He has worked for T & P Railroad, Pinkies and the State Hospital. She has worked as a beautician, and for the Big Spring and Lubbock school districts.

They are now both retired and enjoy stamp collecting, fishing, gardening, sewing and doing volunteer work. He is a member of the VFW and American Legion.

They say lots of patience is the key to their 50 years together.

Spring Fling offered for those 55 and over



Naomi Hunt

Experience spring and nature at its best this year "Deep in the Heart of Texas." That's what folks 55 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood when several hundred will enjoy the 15th annual Spring Fling during April.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, four weeks are offered from which men and women alike may choose:

Spring Fling I — April 6-9; Spring Fling II — April 13-16; Spring Fling III — April 20-23; and Spring Fling IV — April 27-30.

Opportunities include "hands-on" learning centers where one can learn leather working, oil painting, woodworking, stained glass and other exciting projects. Educational programs on topics such as horticulture, photography, nutrition, finances, and other current interests are a popular highlight.

Boat rides and fishing on Lake Brownwood add popularity to your stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card and table games are all popular activities.

A special "Rock Around the Clock" theme will provide a festive atmosphere to the event. Thursday's theme party will feature some exciting activities and entertainment.

Each week of camp follows a similar format:

Registration will be from 2-3:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Plan to arrive no earlier than 2 p.m. We will be serving refreshments during registration. General assembly will be at 4 p.m. Departure time will be about 9 a.m. Friday.

This year's theme will be "Nifty Fifties." Slick back your hair, put on your poodle skirt and come to the sock hop!

There will be a small fee charged for some activities or items:

- Handcraft projects, needlepoint, basketweaving, oil painting, windchimes, etc. (to cover cost of supplies 25 cents to $15.)
- A scenic tour of Lake Brownwood on the deck boat $1.50
- Group pictures, $2.50.

Dominoes, "42," and Trivial Pursuit; as well as Bridge, Uno, and other card games will be offered at. Bring your own favorite games to teach and enjoy with others.

Spring Fling! Are you 55 or older? Then it's for you! Each week is limited to 165 participants at $94-$11[illegible] per person depending on room accommodations. Get away and learn to make the most of the best years of your life. Call your county extension office today at 264-2237.

Naomi Hunt is Howard County Extension Agent — Home Economics.

Touching history

Singer Lou Rawls, right, and actress Denise Nicholas explain to Julian Davidson the Zimbabwe Shona sculpture titled, "Spirits in Stone" at a recent exhibition honoring Black History Month.



Associated Press photo

Flag store's wares flying high



Tumbleweed Smith

Branson, Mo., has more than just country music. It also has a flag store that sells nothing but flags.

It's owned by Bob Weaton, who got interested in flags when he was a Boy Scout executive. He was on a five-day camping trip with some scouts and wanted to have a different historic flag on display every day.

"Well, I had to do some studying on the different flags. I got hooked and now I'm a vexillologist."

That's someone who studies the history of flags. The word comes from the Latin noun vexillium, meaning flag or banner.

Bob can date flags back to 1003 AD with the Viking flag.

When he decided to open his store ten years ago, people called him crazy and told him he could not not survive selling only flags. But his store is doing quite well.

Although he specializes in U.S. flags, the store, called The Flagstore, sells flags from the 174 nations represented in the United Nations.

He sells flags for yachts and limos, car racing flags, grand opening flags, product flags, signal flags, armed forces flags, religious flags, POW/MIA flags, storm flags, holiday flags and all the bunting, poles, stands and accessories to go with any flag you may want. If you wish to have a special flag designed, you can do that, too, at the Flagstore in Branson, Missouri, one of only a dozen stores in the US selling nothing but flags.

The Flagstore has a unique catalogue and an 800 number (658-0413).

Being a vexillologist, Bob has studied flag etiquette.

He says on a stage or head table area, the US flag should always be to the audience's left, or the speaker's right.

If you fly a state flag on the same pole as a US flag, the US flag has to be on top and be one size larger than the state flag.

If you display international flags, they should all be the same size as the US flag.

In any international gathering, if you have a speaker from a foreign country, the flag from his country should be displayed opposite the US flag and should be the same size as the US flag.

Recently, legislation was passed allowing flags to be displayed around the clock. But they have to be lighted at night by a specific light that has no other purpose than to shine on the flag for a patriotic effect.

When you destroy a flag, first cut out the blue and white star section, set it aside, then burn the stripes. When that's done, burn the stars. The flag is burned in this order to honor the founding fathers of the 13 original colonies.

The flag is not to be used as an article of clothing.

Bob Lewis of Big Spring, also known as Tumbleweed Smith, is a speaker, broadcaster and journalist who produces literary sketches of people and places.

Stork Club

Scenic Mountain Medical Center

Edward James Ausbie, Feb. 4, 1993, 5:11 p.m.; parents are Debra Ausbie and Willie Maxwell.

Timothy Henry Lee Williams, Feb. 8, 1993, 6:52 a.m.; mother is Tottie Williams.

Manuel Armendariz, Feb. 11, 1993, 9:25 a.m.; parents are Manuel Armendariz and Elodia Gutierrez.

Christopher Andrew Yanez, Feb. 7, 1993, 8:59 p.m.; parents are Lorenzo and Melinda Yanez.

Midland Memorial Houston

Jackson Richard Watkins, Jan. 29, 1993, 4:57 a.m.; parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ricky P. Watkins.

Mt. Carmel East Hospital, Columbus, Ohio

Lanham James Phipps, Feb. 1, 1993, 6:15 p.m.; parents are Mike and Dana Hodnett.

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This-n-That

Mitchells starring in Lamesa musical

Pam and Rick Mitchell and sons, formerly of Big Spring, are all involved in Lamesa Community Theatre's production of "The Music Man."

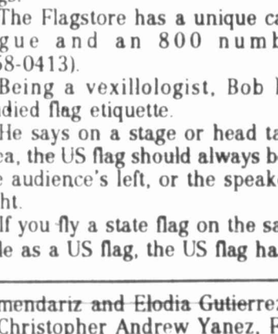
Mitchell has the starring role, Prof. Harold Hill, and son Michael is Winthrop. Mrs. Mitchell and son Chris are part of the townspeople.

Mitchell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mitchell of Big Spring. He is the former high school band director. The show begins Feb. 18 in Lamesa. Call 806-872-2705 for information.

Hacker featured in Who's Who

Shelley Hacker, manager of oil movement for Fina Oil and Chemical Co. refinery in Big Spring, was recently included in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest" for 1993-94. Among his accomplishments listed were his volunteer service for the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center and the Big Spring State Hospital. He is a professional engineer who does support work for Texas Tech University.

Outstanding People...
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"I have worked at this hospital for 10+ years. People often ask me why I stay here; I say, 'It is my hospital helping my community help my neighbors.'"

Meet Ike Low, RN, CNOR, just one of the faces behind the scenes at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. After attending Angelo State University where he graduated with an Associates Degree in Nursing in 1975, Ike worked a short time at Shannon Medical in San Angelo. He is currently the OR Supervisor, a position he has held since 1989. Ike also holds a Certification in Operating Room Nursing. He and his wife, Glenda, a school nurse, have two children. Barbara who is a freshman at Howard College and Jimmy Brian who is a senior at Rankin High School. Ike enjoys hunting, basketball, baseball, and collecting miniture liquer bottles.

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Why is society so unfair to kids?



Christina Ferchalk

How many times have I heard it said, "The problem with kids today is they have too much ... everything's handed to them ... they don't want to work ... they appreciate nothing."

Seems to me I've heard this rhetoric before. As I recall, similar comments were used to describe "boomers" three and four decades ago. My grandmother once told me the same things were said of her turn-of-the-century peer group.

I suppose every generation, from the beginning of time, sheltered a certain percentage of spoiled brats, just as every generation has had its share of children to be pitied. My father's generation had more than its share, and I've always felt deep compassion for people who grew up in the 1930s. Still, given a choice, I'd rather have been a child of the Great Depression than to be a child of today.

I agree with those who say children of today have too much. Certainly they have too much loneliness. Babies start on the day care merry-go-round even before their umbilical stumps have a chance to heal. Some of them will know a dozen or more caregivers by the time they begin the preschool circuit. I know of toddlers who are on the move from morning till night. They're lucky to spend two or three waking hours a day in the comfort and security of their own homes. I know of 6- and 7-year-olds who routinely get themselves off to school in the morning and then come home to an empty house.

Do today's children have everything handed to them? We'd like to think so. We want to be a society that indulges its children. But the numbers tell us otherwise. Hunger has risen 50 percent since the mid-1980s. Thirty million Americans don't have enough to eat. In your neighborhood and mine, kids go to bed hungry. They avoid going to school because they're ashamed of their shabbiness. They go without dental care, or eyeglasses, and doctor visits are in emergencies only. A poll taken in an elementary school in my area revealed that the fathers of 75 percent of the students were out of work.

That's too many little bodies treading water in the sea of poverty.

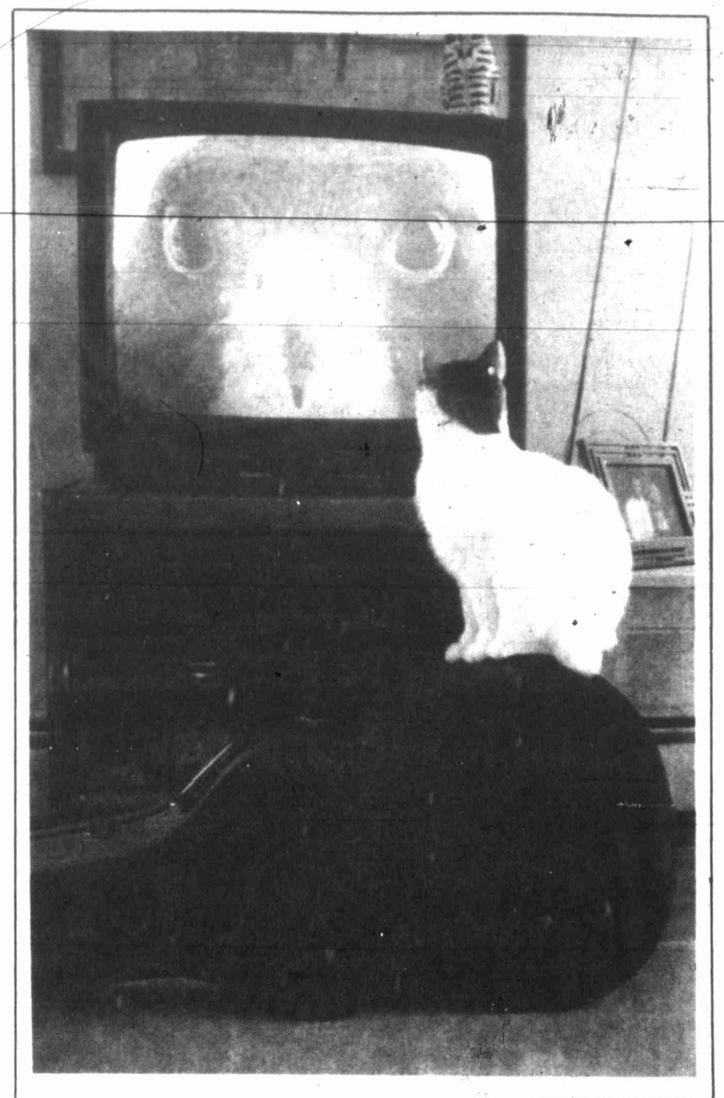
"Children today don't want to work." Tell that to the 12-year- old who, after school, starts supper, vacuums, throws a load of laundry in the washer and is practically raising her younger siblings. Tell it to the army of teenagers who man the fast-food restaurants and cash registers at the market checkout lines. In most cases, the money they earn is earmarked for their education. Of all the college kids I know, not a single one is being completely bankrolled by mom and dad. Tell them they don't appreciate a decent education.

Children rarely get credit for the good that they do. Teenagers volunteer at hospitals, rec centers, and literacy programs. Their organizations pick up roadside litter. They donate blood. Not that they're all candidates for sainthood, not by a long shot. In small towns as well as big cities, adolescents roam the streets at all hours. They can't be bothered with school. They produce offspring at an alarming rate. They're alcoholics at 13 and burnt out before they're old enough to drive. They steal, they destroy, they kill, seemingly without conscience or remorse. We wonder how children can become so hardened.

I couldn't survive as a child today. I lack the necessary skills. The stress alone would pull me under. It's open season on our children. They're molested in their churches, their school buses, and their own beds. They're neglected, abused, tormented, locked in dungeons, victimized, and thrown out of their homes. They learn early on that no place is safe, and no one is to be trusted.

How shameful that we should try to hold these children responsible. We know who is at fault. It's not fair to ask children to wake up, shape up, and grow up, at least not until their parents are able to do likewise.

Christina Ferchalk is a columnist for Thomson News Service.



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Curiosity ...

"Zippy" takes a front row seat in its Providence, R.I. home recently to give full attention to the television screen. The cat is fascinated by the image of a bird.

Humane Society



Valentine's Day Special! Come today and adopt any dog for $30 or any cat for $20. This includes spaying or neutering and vaccinations. "Cupid" — shown above — a purebred female Springer Spaniel would be a great choice. She is a liver and white young adult.

Pets available for adoption at the Big Spring Humane Society include:

"Lil Bit" small chihuahua mix. Black and white shorthaired coat. Very gentle female. Needs an indoor home. Five years old.

"Tex" small sheltie mix. He is very petite with a sable and white long coat. Friendly neutered male.

"Star" 4-month-old shepherd mix pup. Longhaired black coat with white chest and tan legs. Will be a large female.

"KC" benji terrier. Around 9 months old. Beige wirey coat with black saddle and markings. Small to medium size. Active and playful spayed female.

"Jack and Frost" lab mix pups. Jack is black with brown feet and Frost is gold. Both have shorthaired coats. Around 4 months old. Males.

"Montana" sheltie mix. Black, sable and white longhaired coat. Around 8 months old. Friendly neutered male.

"Tina" British cream calico cat. White shorthaired coat with grey/blue and peach spots. Gentle female.

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Shelter hours are Mon-Fri. 4-6 p.m. and Sun. 3-5 p.m. 267-7832.

Please save your aluminum cans to help feed the animals. Just call 267-5698 to have them picked up! Thank you.

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8 week old pups need home. Shepherd/lab mix. Some white, some brown. Call 354-2547.

Australian shepherd mix pups need home. 8 weeks old. All females. Call 394-4476.

Fluffy white male pup, about 10 months old. Needs home, call 263-5335.

Boomer toys go to museum

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LENEXA, Kan. — Stuffed in a suburban Kansas City warehouse are cartoned chunks of the childhood of the Baby Boom generation — belonging to Chuck Saults, a journalist and avid toy collector.

Open one of the boxes. Yes, it's that "Davy Crockett At The Alamo" play set you pestered your parents for when you were 7.

Or this one over here. Look! It's a Big Wheel! That one, over there, is the Rock-Em Sock-Em Robots someone gave you, and the other one is the doll house your sister wanted.

One thing about this warehouse collection: All of the toys are original models, molds or early-run versions.

Another couple things: Appraisers figure the collection is worth more than $2 million, and the Smithsonian wants the whole shebang.

The toys were designed and manufactured by the Marx Toy Co., the nation's largest toy company in the 1940s and '50s, experts say. When the company went out of business in 1979, liquidators hauled away its production facilities, but most of the original molds and toys were simply boxed up and stored.

Enter Saults. Researching a feature story in 1983, he stumbled upon the collection. After checking it out, he got some friends to help him buy it. He won't disclose the price, but he says it was a steal.

The collection includes more than 1,500 individual sculpted models for Marx toys, 871 tinplate patterns, 468 early-run toy sets (about 100,000 individual pieces) and 10 industrial molds used to produce toys. The collection also includes engineering notes and directions for production.

Children's museums in London, San Francisco, Indianapolis, Boston, Portland, Denver, Detroit, Wichita and Kansas City have requested exhibitions of the collection.

But after several displays, Saults decided the real audience for the exhibit is not the children of today; it's the children of the 1940s and '50s — the Baby Boomers who played with the Marx toys.

"The kids that came to the exhibits couldn't have cared less," Saults said. "But their parents were going ape over the stuff."

Newcomers

Bill and Margaret Henderson, Marlin. He works for H & R Block. She works at the VA Medical Center.

William and Aida Bianxax, Syracuse, N.Y. He works at the VA Medical Center and she works at Comanche Trail Center.

Mike and Sue Gruben, Eula. He works at Western Container.

Ben and Peggy Elliott, Oklahoma City, Okla. He works at Big Spring Chrysler.

Clint and Cherie Holmquist, Lakewood, Colo. He owns and operates The Gun Shop.

Thomas Hawkins, El Paso. He works at the Federal Correctional Institute.

Mark and Kelly Davis, and son, Brandon, Ft. Benning, Ga. He works in the oil field.

Richard and Chris Fuchs, and daughter, Lynn, Waco. He works at Xerox Corp. in Waco and she works at A.M.T. ambulance service.

Fred and Sheila Brown, Lamesa. He works at HEB.

Callie McElyea, Ft. Worth. She works at Wal-Mart.

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Group exalts lowly armadillo

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — If you've ever felt sorrow — or revulsion — at the sight of all those squashed armadillos alongside Southern roads, Bob Graessle may have just the organization for you.

Graessle, known around here as "Dillo Man," is head of the International Order of the Armadillo. He founded it about a decade ago, he says, because of his love of the primitive mammal and his belief that others felt the same way. He claims that about 1,200 have signed up.

"I discovered what I called the armadillo underground. There are a lot of people out there fascinated with armadillos, from Supreme Court justices to rock 'n' roll stars to everyday people," Graessle said. "I realized they needed an organization to belong to."

The young entrepreneur won't tell you who those armadillo-loving justices are, though. He says that even though the IOA is a very "loose-knit organization," he doesn't have members' permission to reveal their names.

The only one requirement for membership: a $10 fee. Members get a decal, a membership card and a sheet containing myths, legends and facts on the armadillo.

"I always get calls from conference planners wanting to plan our convention for us," says Graessle. "I always say we are afraid to cross the road."

Graessle seems obsessed with the ever-humble armadillo. "It draws on our compassion," he says. "It is such a maligned creature. It is not a thing of obvious beauty to some people."

Armadillos, he observes, "are stupid. They get run over. You think of an armadillo and it is the one you see on the side of the road. Some people assume they are born that way."

In fact, he points out, one nickname for armadillo is road pizza. They are also known as pocket dinosaurs, Texas turkeys, and possums on the half-shell. During the Great Depression they were known as Hoover hogs.

One of America's more celebrated armadillos, the stuffed creature named Clarence on the television show, "Night Court," cheers Graessle's heart. "Good publicity," he says.

Graessle says he decided he "needed to be in the armadillo business" while taking a statistics course at the University of Florida about a dozen years ago.

He started "Dillo Ware," a company that sold T-shirts and other giftware items featuring armadillos. That company has gone by the wayside, but the International Order of the Armadillo, like the animal itself, seems to survive, even thrive, against the odds.

Most people, Graessle says, don't know a great deal about armadillos. "It is not a fad animal like the pink flamingo." As a result of his organization, he says, "I became a national clearinghouse for armadillo information."

Here's some of it:

Armadillo means "little armored one" in Spanish. The only type of armadillo living in the United States is the nine-banded armadillo, although there are 20 species living in Central and South America. Armadillos can live 10 to 15 years in the wild and are the only mammals to routinely produce identical quadruplets.

In many areas of South America, says the Dillo Man, and not just during times of Great Depression, armadillos are a culinary delight. Nice tender meat. Gauchos call them traveling lunch boxes and often cook them over a campfire. When he's not talking armadillos, Graessle is general manager of Southern Nature Works Inc., a company that sells diamond-shaped nature signs which resemble highway road signs.

Although Texas is considered a stronghold for armadillos, Graessle said his members come from all over the United States and he even has some foreign members.

"I believe my role is creating armadillo awareness," he said. "The less ignorance there is about armadillos, the less they will be ridiculed."

Military

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Anthony E. Randle, son of Essil Randle of 3614 Parkway, Big Spring, recently reported for duty aboard the submarine USS Silversides, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

The 1983 graduate of Big Spring High joined the Navy in July 1985. His wife, Angela, is the daughter of Kay Barber of 605 Linda Lane, Big Spring.

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Brigadier General Carl Franklin, has been promoted by the US Air Force to rank of Major General.

His wife, Edith, was a graduate of Big Spring High and is the daughter of Christine Freeman of 2110 Johnson, and sister of John E. Freeman Jr., owner of Freecom Inc.

They are currently stationed in Ramstein AB, Germany.

The family of Linda Ward wish to express our appreciation to all our friends; thank you for your love and support during the recent death of our precious Linda.

The Family of Linda Ward

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Dear Abby - Letters...

Abby's commandments of love



Dear Abby

DEAR READERS: Can you believe it's Valentine's Day again -- already? And what better day to revive my Ten Commandments of Love!

Yes, Dear Readers, I actually had the chutzpah to write my own Ten Commandments -- but that was more than 20 years ago, when I was younger and knew everything.

Originally, I had written two sets of commandments --one for men and one for women. Then, an early feminist from Milwaukee wrote to demand equality for women, insisting there should be only ONE set of commandments -- separate, but equal.

She was right, so how's this for a gender bender?

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE

-- Thou shalt put thy mate before thy mother, thy father, thy son and thy daughter, for thy mate is thy lifelong companion.

-- Abuse not thy body with excessive food, tobacco, drink, or any foreign substance that goeth into thy arm or up thy nose.

-- Do not forget that cleanliness is a virtue.

-- Permit neither thy business nor thy hobby to make thee a stranger to thy children, for the most precious gift a parent can give his or her family is TIME.

-- Make not a beggar of thy mate. Willingly share with him or her thy worldly goods.

-- Forget not to say, "I love you." For even though thy love may be constant, thy mate doth yearn to hear those cherished words.

-- Remember that the approval of thy mate is worth far more than the adoring glances of a hundred strangers, so cleave unto thy mate, and forsake all others.

-- Keep thy home in good repair, for out of it cometh the joys of old age (not to mention its resale value).

-- Forgive with grace, for who among us does not need to be forgiven?

-- Honor the Lord thy God all the days of thy life, and thy children will grow and bless you.

★★★

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine told me that you had recommended calling people out of the blue just to say, "I love you." Did you really say that? -- HOWARD SINGER, LOS ANGELES

DEAR HOWARD: Yes, I did -- in 1986. And I still think it's a good idea. So, for those who missed it -- here it is again:

DEAR ABBY: It may please you to know that one of your columns inspired something quite wonderful last Valentine's Day.

On the morning of Feb. 14, my telephone rang. It was a classmate named Bob. (Imagine still going to school at 78!) He said, "Betty, I just read a Dear Abby column, and she said, 'Be a sweetheart and call someone you love and say, "I love you." Make that two or three calls ... who says you can't love more than one person, in different ways of course,' so I'm calling you to say I love you, and I'm glad you are my friend."

Abby, that really touched me. I thanked him and told him how much I loved him and his lovely wife.

After hanging up, I called another classmate and told her how much I valued her many years of friendship. She thanked me, and said it made her feel so good, she was going to call a friend or two and do what I had done to lift their spirits.

The following morning at school, the teacher asked how many had received a Valentine's Day call. Thirty hands went up! And it all began with an idea Bob got from you. -- BETTY BARNETT, PERENNIAL STUDENT

DEAR BETTY: Thank you. However, an idea is only an idea until it's utilized. Your classmate started the ball rolling.



Associated Press photo

Duck rescue

An arrow-pierced water fowl receives treatment at Tokyo's Ueno Zoo Friday. The duck was netted by a rescue team after it had flown around for two weeks impaled by the arrow. Its plight and efforts to rescue it had become regular features in the news.

Couples say dedication led to their long marriages

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK — Love is in the air, and it has been for more than 50 years for the Baker sisters and their husbands.

The faces on these four couples beam as they talk animatedly among themselves. Every now and then one gives another a simple touch, a certain look; their eyes sparkle.

The sisters — all four of them — and their husbands all have made it past their golden anniversaries. Not so unusual, they would say, when you love each other. But with the divorce rate well above 50 percent, some might wonder how they did it.

"I just planned on forever," said Mary Gale Young, who has been married to Alvin Young for 54 years. "Because we married so quick after we met, people said it wouldn't last. I asked them, 'Well, how long is a marriage supposed to last?' "

The Youngs, who live in Post, said they met on a blind date.

"A boy invited me to go to Post with him, probably because I had a car and he didn't," Young said. "I had 50 cents in my pocket, and he wanted me to go with him and his girlfriend to meet another girl. And that was the beginning of the beginning, as they say."

"We knew each other exactly three months when we got married," Mrs. Young added. They married on the Fourth of July because they wanted the ceremony to coincide with a memorable day.

Mrs. Young's sister, Consuelo, also married on a special day — New Year's Eve — in 1938. She married L.G. Thuett following a seven-year courtship.

"This is hard to say, but we started going together when I was 13 years old," Mrs. Thuett said. "We went together all during high school. What stands out in my mind is that first time I was visiting a friend's house and he was there. I thought that he was the cutest little boy I'd ever seen, and I knew I was going to get him.

"Sure enough, my family moved to (his hometown) the next year, and I got him."

The Thuetts, who also live in Post, grew up in a community called Ragtown or Cloves City, which was located seven miles west of Post. The town had a country school, church and grocery store, but it no longer exists, Mrs. Thuett said.

'I just planned on forever. Because we married so quick after we met, people said it wouldn't last. I asked them, "Well, how long is a marriage supposed to last?" '

Mary Gale Young married to Alvin Young for 54 years

The Youngs and the Thuetts were married three years after their oldest sister.

"We lived in the same community as kids, so it's hard to say exactly when we met," Mrs. Kenley said of their beginning.

"But when we probably fell in love was at a senior play," Kenley added. "We didn't date each other long, but we had known each other forever." The Kenleys were married on Halloween 57 years ago.

"We wanted to get married on a special day, too, but we didn't want to wait until Christmas," Mrs. Kenley explained, chuckling.

"We didn't have an orange and black wedding, but we did have people (hazing) us. One boy got up under our bedroom window and was pulling a string through a can to make a horrible noise."

The sister in the family to cross the 50-year threshold the most recently is Melvena McGlaun. She and her husband, Frank, live in Lubbock.

McGlaun met the youngest Baker sister at a football game in Lamesa. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day.

"I was a drum majorette and he stumbled over my feet on the sidelines," Mrs. McGlaun said of their first encounter.

"But I did it on purpose. ... I wasn't drunk," McGlaun said with a smile.

All four couples said it would be difficult to pinpoint why their marriages have lasted.

It may simply be coincidence, or it could just run in the family, Mrs. Kenley said.

The women's parents, L.P. and Gertrude Baker, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1964. They were married for 53 years before Mrs. Baker's death in 1966. Baker died in 1970.

'It just never occurred to us in those days that it wouldn't work. Divorce wasn't near as prevalent then as it is now.'

Dorothy Kenley, wife of W.H. "Dub" Kenley of Tahoka

"It just never occurred to us in those days that it wouldn't work," Mrs. Kenley said of when she was married. "Divorce wasn't near as prevalent then as it is now. There's a big word that people don't use anymore: commitment."

Mrs. Thuett agreed with her sister. "Never in our marriage did it occur to me to run home to momma when things weren't working right. It's just too easy to get a divorce these days."

"Maybe it had something to do with our rural upbringing," Mrs. Young added. "We had a good home life. We grew up in a very loving home."

Paige Dominick, 38, one of the McGlaun's daughters, said she, too, grew up in a loving home yet she is divorced and remarried.

"This (marriage) is working much better," she said, grinning.

The success of her parents' marriage, she believes, is a result of the ideals held by their generation.

"They went through the Depression and the war, and after all that, marriage came easy," Mrs. Dominick said.

"(My parents) were made of true grit, and our generation was, well, spoiled," she said. "(My generation) grew up in the land of milk and honey. We pretty much had what we wanted; so if something didn't work right, we threw it away and got another one — whether it be a husband or something else.

"But back then, bad times were supposed to pull you together and make you stronger. (My parents) always said, 'You go through the hard times and you stick together.' When you got married back then, you stayed married. There was love and trust and commitment."

But the love that Mrs. Dominick saw in her parent's relationship has helped her through tough times in her marriages, she said.

"One thing I can say about my parents is that I've always felt unconditional love from them, and they always had unconditional love for each other. I hope with my daughter it will be the same."



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Smiling winner

Mary Nguyen, left, age 16, from Fullerton, Calif., is cheered on by fellow contestants as she is announced Teen Magazine's Miss Teenage America Thursday night in Los Angeles. She will receive a scholarship and prizes.

True country

Survey looks at what those top songs are really about

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drinking. Cheating. Trains, guns and beer. The fundamental themes of country music, right? Well, maybe not.

To find out what country performers are actually singing about these days, Country America magazine studied the words of the 20 top country songs during Country Music Association awards week last October. Discarding the relatively meaningless stuff — prepositions, conjunctions and the like — the study got right to what's on the minds of today's songwriters.

And what was the most mentioned topic in the songs? Love. Some form of the word was mentioned 46 times. Other very popular words included free (26), no (25), out (25) and gone (23). Standing, saying and holding were also popular in that order.

In 20 songs, there was only one railroad, one bar and one guitar. There were no trains, no guns, no trucks, no prisons and no cheating.

Drinking was mentioned only four times, and it was as likely to be associated with coffee as with beer. Performers still sang about their mamas more than any other person, and they preferred nowhere (5) to Nashville (3). They were more likely to sleep (4) than eat (3), more likely to dance (4) than they were to sing (1).

Chances are, though, they'd just leave (17, if you include those who are leaving and have already left) — but they were definitely going to tell (18) you about it.

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Shriver: Women are different

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maria Shriver may take a break from NBC to stay home with her children and husband Arnold Schwarzenegger — and possibly become involved in public service.

"As much as women want to say we're like guys, there's a big difference," Shriver, 37, told Nancy Lloyd in an interview in the current issue of Good Housekeeping. "Nothing happened to my husband's career after we had children. If anything, it got bigger.

"But everything about my life has changed dramatically. I had two children very close together, and they became my focus (instead of the job)."

She gave up all anchor duties and instead does prime time television specials, working mostly from an office in her Pacific Palisades home near Los Angeles. She gets up at 6 a.m. to make breakfast for the children, driving Katherine, 3, to and from preschool, arranging play dates for Christina, 1½, and seeing to lunch and dinner. Shriver and Schwarzenegger announced in early February they expect their third child in October.

Shriver is the daughter of Eunice Kennedy and Sargent Shriver and the niece of President John F. Kennedy. Early in her career skeptics questioned whether she got her job through her name and connections.

"I don't blame anybody for thinking that," Shriver said. "If I were in their shoes, I'd think the same thing."

But after 15 years of proving her career was no fluke, she now is at a crossroads. She is thinking of leaving for family and other reasons.

"As much as I love television, as a journalist you have to take a passive position," she said. "You can't serve on boards for fear of conflict of interest. You can't support a political candidate or work for a cause."

Shriver wants to help children and working women less fortunate than she.

"One of the biggest crimes against children now is neglect," she said. "So many children, even from well-to-do families, suffer from it. I want to do something to make it easier for families to raise their children, get some balance in their lives. Companies need to do more."

She is lucky in getting help in juggling her life from her employer and her movie star husband.

"Fatherhood didn't change me as a person or the way I act," Schwarzenegger said. "But it does change the decisions I make."

He now avoids exotic locations "so I can have dinner and playtime with my kids."

"I was really crazy about Arnold from the beginning," she said. "I was pretty sure when I met him, I would marry him."



Swingin'

Associated Press photo

Ben Ellis, 6, left, and Matt Plunkett, 6, enjoy a ride on a tire swing while Brandon Newman, 7 dodges the swing after pushing it. The boys were on their way to school in Columbus, Neb.

Missing
Families of Korean War MIAs want equal treatment

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The search for unaccounted U.S. servicemen from the Vietnam War has broadened into renewed inquiries and talks with North Korea on the fate of the 8,200 Americans missing in that war.

The families of those missing in the Korean War from 1950 to 1953 have pressed for information over the past 40 years.

But their efforts have been overshadowed by the 2,264 unaccounted for Americans in Vietnam. Families of MIAs from both conflicts say that their own government lied to them and the Washington bureacracy rebuffed them when they sought answers.

"One must review the past wars to understand that the U.S. government handled the Vietnam POW-MIA issue in the same manner as it did after World War II and the Korean War," says Dolores Apodaca Alfond, a spokeswoman for families of missing from World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

"It was just a continuance of how the U.S. government would manipulate the POW-MIA issue for Vietnam," says Mrs. Alfond, of Bellevue, Wash. national chairwomen for the National Alliance for the Return of America's Missing Servicemen. "There have been organizations concerned about their loved ones from past wars such as the Korean War 'Home Folk.'"

Mrs. Alfond says that had it not been for the Vietnam veterans and families of the MIAs pursuing the issue, the U.S. Senate never would have created a select committee to look into it last year.

The Select Committee on POW-MIA Affairs conducted a yearlong inquiry into Americans unaccounted for in Vietnam and broadened it to Korea and World War II before its term expired at the end of 1992. There are 78,750 Americans listed as missing in World War II.

'I expect that in the coming weeks North Korea and the United States will be able to formalize joint working level efforts at Panmunjom, Korea, which will lead to the repatriation of the remains of these brave servicemen.'

Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H. committee chairman

Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., vice chairman of the committee, met with North Korean leaders in Pyongyang in mid-December. He said afterward he hoped more Americans would be accounted for as a result of the talks.

Smith said North Korean officials pledged to search the country for additional records and personal artifacts. He said they reaffirmed commitments made to him in September 1991 to continue to recover and return the remains of U.S. servicemen from cemeteries in former POW camps and on battlefields in North Korea.

"I expect that in the coming weeks North Korea and the United States will be able to formalize joint working level efforts at Panmunjom, Korea, which will lead to the repatriation of the remains of these brave servicemen," said Smith.

"They have not been forgotten."

Sportswear becoming more politically correct

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new strain of earth-friendly apparel companies is developing, and with names like Earth Age, Wearable Integrity, Ecosport and Eeko, you can bet your beansprouts they're politically correct.

Even retail giants like Esprit, Levi Strauss & Co. and VF Corp. are joining the green marketing movement, but don't expect consumers to rush to trade their trendy togs for those that are neither bleached nor dyed.

"They won't dash out to buy something simply because it's ecological...," says George Akers, vice president of O wear in Los Angeles. "The fact that it's environmental would be the swing vote, but the first question is, 'Do I need it?'"

O wear — the "O" is for organic and the "w" is lower case — is a subsidiary of the $3 billion VF Corp., in Greensboro, N.C., marketer of Wrangler, Lee, Vassarette, Barbizon and Health-tex. Its line of organic cotton casualwear made with non-toxic dyes is expected to generate more than $20 million in retail sales this year, it's second. Akers attributes its success to an upscale customer — relatively young, educated men and women with dollars to spare.

"They're looking for value over price, quality over quantity," he says. "Before they make a purchase, they're not afraid to research it. They're going to buy because it's fashionable and environmentally correct."

Seventh Generation, a $10 million retail company in Colchester, Vt., also is in its second year of selling earth-friendly products ranging from organic cotton children's clothing to bath towels and bed linens in "green" cotton, which is made without bleach, dye or formaldehyde.

"These clothes don't take the same toll on the environment," says Jeffrey Hollender, the company's chief executive officer. "They have a measurably positive impact on avoiding pollution and saving resources."

He estimates that because of manufacturing techniques, his company has saved, thus far, 10,000 gallons of oil, more than 3 million gallons of water and 142,000 pounds of solid waste.

While every little bit helps, there are those who doubt any real impact.

"Organic clothing is a fashion flash in the pan," says David Wolfe, creative director of the Doneger Group, a New York buying office of fashions for retailers. "It accounts for a fraction of a fraction of a fraction of the billions of dollars spent each year on clothing."

Organic cotton is generating more publicity than presence, says Bill Daddi, director of public relations for Cotton Inc., a research and promotion company in New York.

"It makes a good media story, but there's only a certain segment of the consumer population that looks for that type of product," he says. "This whole sub-segment of the market is a niche market, and it's anyone's guess whether that will grow."

Part of the problem, Daddi says, is that it is too expensive to produce organic cotton on a large scale.

Wolfe points to another problem: faded hues of organic pigments and vegetable dyes typically won't wow the public.

"They're not the colors we've grown to expect," he says, "and people might find them ugly because it's a really primitive way of coloring."

So far, consumer interest in eco-friendly garb is pretty much limited to the coasts.

"We do well in ecology-minded areas like San Francisco, which is home of the Sierra Club, and in college towns like Cambridge, Mass., where students are aware of the environment," says Paula Carbone of New York. Carbone, a designer of Earth Age's naturally-colored cotton underwear and sleepwear, says she expects the company to do about $6 million in retail sales this year.

Wolfe says that while environmentalists on the West Coast cozy up to natural apparel, "there aren't enough of them to make a difference in terms of the big apparel picture.



Top sheep

One of Jose and Karla Bascaran's sheep gets top choice of the hay pile last week as the group feeds on the couple's farm in Hoosick Falls, N.Y.

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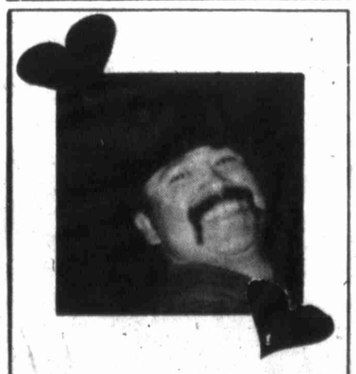


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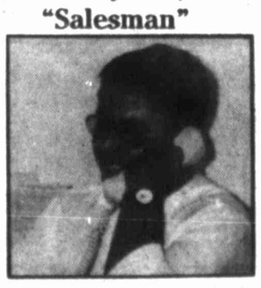
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They may miss catalog most

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARLINVILLE, Ill. — Millions of American households are filled with items ordered from the Sears catalog. This town boasts an entire neighborhood where the houses themselves came from the Big Book.

As far as anyone knows, the 152 houses on nine blocks that constitute the enclave known as Standard Addition are the world's largest cluster of homes ordered straight out of the Sears catalog.

So the announcement by Sears, Roebuck and Co. last month that the spring catalog would be its last stirred a particular wistfulness in Carlinville.

"Everybody feels sad this institution and part of America is going to be gone," said Linda McGill, who is acting director of the Economic Development Corp. in this town of 5,400 and lives in a Sears home.

Sears sold about 100,000 mail-order houses from 1908 to 1940, primarily in the Midwest and East. For a few thousand dollars, buyers got floor plans, pre-cut lumber, nails, paint, doors, light fixtures — everything they needed, all delivered to the nearest railroad station. Sears even provided the mortgage services.

"It provided us an outlet for everything we offered," said Greg Rossiter, a Sears spokesman. "If we could sell them a home, we could probably sell them everything that goes in it."

When Standard Oil Co. opened two coal mines near Carlinville 75 years ago, it suddenly needed homes for its workers. The company ordered what it needed from the 1918 Sears catalog.

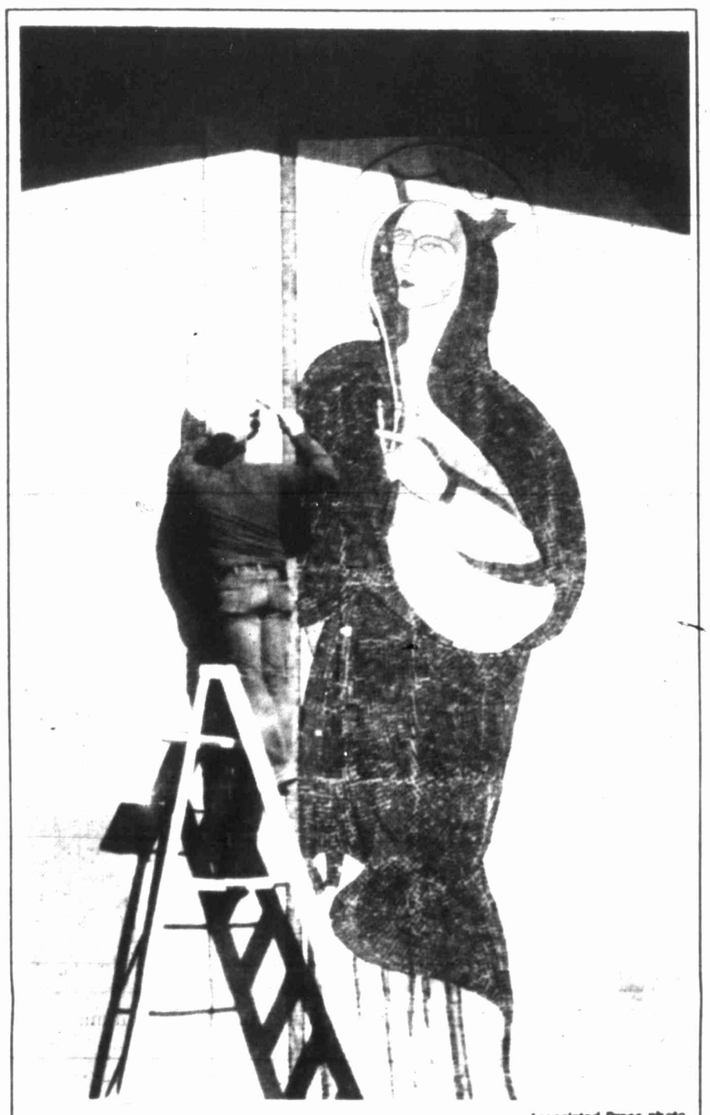
Standard Oil erected the houses in Carlinville, in central Illinois, then rented the houses to its workers.

"It's just a real neighborhood, still. It has that old feeling," said Danley Vlasich, who recently sold her Sears house after 13 years. "There are young couples with children, and then there are older couples."

The neighborhood has a mass-produced uniformity to it, right down to the standard-issue two trees in the front yards.

The boxy houses have changed over time — an extra room here, an enclosed porch there, some aluminum siding, a red, yellow or blue paint job — but most still have "character that will long retain popular favor," as the catalog put it.

Rooms are small, basements sometimes leak, and most second floors are unheated, owners say. But the houses, which go for $20,000 to $40,000 today, are sturdy and require few repairs.



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Help from above

St. Helena appears to hand nails to a workman who is using a hammer and chisel to remove loose tiles from the mosaic on St. Helena's Catholic Church in Hobbs, N.M. A crew was repairing damage to the building.

Hasidic fashion new rage

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Put away your bell-bottoms. Get out the shawls.

Just when you thought it was safe to stock up on platform shoes, hip-huggers, leisure suits and other '70s-inspired styles comes this curve ball from the fashion world:

Hasidic garb.

Italian designer Fabio Inghirami, who unveiled a Hasidic-themed collection in New York recently, said he was inspired by the reclusive ultra-Orthodox Jews when he traveled the subway around Manhattan.

"I've always admired Jewish culture and traditions — the painter Chagall, who used Hasidim in his works; the writer Isaac Bashevis Singer and (Martin) Buber's stories," Inghirami said. "I admire and relate to the ascetic simplicity of their dress."

The Inghirami look? He calls it a mix of "Talmudic scholar...with panache."

As unveiled on the runway, the collection included a long, slim, slate-black jacket, black chalk-striped trousers, a white tie-less shirt, a white fringed scarf a la Jewish prayer shawl, and a wide-brimmed black felt hat.

Models also wore the traditional flowing sidecurls.

"He's very interested in European Jewish culture, the atmosphere of ancient Russia, the fiddler on the roof," Paolo Lombardi, a spokesman for Inghirami, said Thursday in a telephone interview from Milan.

Lombardi said Inghirami saw the Hasidim on subway trips and when he went walking in the diamond district.

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MONDAY — Spaghetti, spinach, carrot and raisin salad, toast; banana pudding; milk.

TUESDAY — Beef stew; sweet potatoes; tossed salad, corn bread; pears; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Roast beef with brown gravy; mashed potatoes; spinach; rolls; cake; milk.

THURSDAY — Baked liver; green beans; cabbage; gelatin; milk.

FRIDAY — Baked chicken; carrots; mashed potatoes; rolls; cookies; milk.

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FORSAN BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Holiday.

TUESDAY — Cinnamon rolls; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Sausage and pancake on a stick; syrup; juice; milk.

THURSDAY — Ham and eggs; biscuits; jelly; butter; juice; milk.

FRIDAY — Texas toast; jelly; juice; milk.

FORSAN LUNCH

MONDAY — Holiday.

TUESDAY — Chicken and noodles; black-eyed peas; salad; crackers; fruit pie; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Steak fingers; gravy; whipped potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; pears; milk.

THURSDAY — Barbecue on a bun; french fries; salad; pickles; onions; brownies; applesauce; milk.

FRIDAY — Stew; corn; corn bread; crackers; cookies; peaches; milk.

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COAHOMA BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Holiday.

TUESDAY — Waffles; syrup; ham; fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Biscuits with sausage; jelly; fruit; milk.

THURSDAY — Glazed donuts; ham; juice; milk.

FRIDAY — Sweetened rice; toast; fruit; milk.

COAHOMA LUNCH

MONDAY — Holiday.

TUESDAY — Hamburger; french fries; lettuce; tomato; onions; pickle; peanut butter cookies; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Chicken tenders; gravy; mashed potatoes; blackeyed peas; biscuit; milk.

THURSDAY — Taco salad, cheese and beans; fruit; corn bread; milk.

FRIDAY — Pizza; french fries; fruit; milk.

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SANDS BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Fruit danish; juice; milk.

TUESDAY — Donuts; milk; juice.

WEDNESDAY — Cereal; milk; juice.

THURSDAY — Hot cakes, sausage, syrup, milk; juice.

FRIDAY — Cinnamon rolls; juice; milk.

SANDS LUNCH

MONDAY — Grilled chicken burgers, french fries; ketchup; lettuce; tomatoes, pickle; cake; milk.

TUESDAY — Pigs on a blanket; ranch style beans; sliced potatoes; fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Frito pie; pinto beans; corn bread; salad; cobbler; milk.

THURSDAY — Beef fajita burritos; salad, potato salad; milk.

FRIDAY — Corn dogs; mustard; macaroni and cheese; pork and beans; carrot sticks and milk.

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STANTON BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Texas toast; jelly; juice; milk.

TUESDAY — Cinnamon roll; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Sausage and gravy; biscuit; milk; juice.

THURSDAY — Buttered oats; toast; juice; milk.

FRIDAY — Pancakes; syrup; milk; juice.

STANTON LUNCH

MONDAY — Ravioli casserole; vegetable salad; corn; peanut butter; syrup; hot rolls; milk.

TUESDAY — Sloppy Joes on a bun; french fries; pork and beans; fruit cobbler; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Spaghetti with meat sauce; blackeyed peas; whole potatoes with sauce; applesauce; corn meal twist; milk.

THURSDAY — Corn dogs; mustard; fried okra; English peas; fruit; Jello; milk.

FRIDAY — Barbecue chicken; creamed potatoes; ranch style beans; cookies; sliced bread; and milk.

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BIG SPRING ELEMENTARY
BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Donut; orange juice; cereal; milk.

TUESDAY — Pancakes; syrup; butter; sausage pattie; apple juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Blueberry muffin; cereal; milk; orange wedge.

THURSDAY — Pancake and sausage on a stick; grape juice; milk.

FRIDAY — Nutty bar; apple wedge; cereal; milk.

BIG SPRING ELEMENTARY
LUNCH

MONDAY — Italian spaghetti; buttered corn; spinach; hot rolls; chilled sliced peaches; milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken fried steak; gravy; mashed potatoes; broccoli; hot rolls; coconut pudding; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Corn dog; mustard; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; hot rolls; apple cobbler; milk.

THURSDAY — Roast turkey; gravy; whipped potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; fruit gelatin with whipped topping; milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburger; french fries; catsup; pinto beans; chocolate peanut butter bar; milk.

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BIG SPRING SECONDARY
BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cereal; milk; donut; orange juice.

TUESDAY — Pancakes; syrup; butter; sausage pattie; apple juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Blueberry muffin; orange wedge; cereal; milk.

THURSDAY — Pancake and sausage on a stick; grape juice; milk.

FRIDAY — Nutty bar; apple wedge; cereal; milk.

BIG SPRING SECONDARY
LUNCH

MONDAY — Hamburger steak with gravy; or Italian spaghetti, buttered corn; spinach; hot rolls; chilled sliced peaches; milk.

TUESDAY — Stuffed pepper; or chicken fried steak with gravy; mashed potatoes; broccoli; carrot sticks; hot rolls; coconut pudding; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Meat loaf; corn dog with mustard; buttered steamed rice; green beans; celery sticks; hot rolls; apple cobbler; milk.

THURSDAY — Baked ham; or roast turkey with gravy; whipped potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; fruit gelatin with whipped topping; milk.

FRIDAY — Salmon pattie; or hamburger; french fries; catsup; pinto beans; lettuce and tomato salad; corn bread; chocolate peanut butter bar; milk.

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WESTBROOK BREAKFAST

MONDAY — No school.

TUESDAY — French toast sticks; little smokies; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Biscuits; bacon; juice; milk.

THURSDAY — Blackberry muffins; juice; milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal; milk; juice.

WESTBROOK LUNCH

MONDAY — No school.

TUESDAY — Steak fingers; gravy; creamed potatoes; green beans; biscuits; butter; syrup; honey; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Corn dogs; mustard; curly-q-potatoes; lettuce wedge; berry peach cobbler; milk.

THURSDAY — Nachos; cheese; meat; Mexican salad; corn; peanut butter strips; milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburgers; lettuce; tomatoes; onions; pickles; french fries; half orange; milk.

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GARDEN CITY LUNCH

MONDAY — Chicken strips with gravy; mashed potatoes; broccoli; fruit; hot rolls; milk.

TUESDAY — Taco salad, pinto beans; lettuce; tomatoes; cheesecake; chips; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Turkey and noodles; green peas; chilled fruit; battered bread; milk.

THURSDAY — Fish strips; oven potatoes; salad; pudding; corn bread; milk.

FRIDAY — Tuna; pimento cheese; peanut butter sandwiches; chips; pork and beans; cookie; milk.

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ELBOW BREAKFAST

MONDAY — No school.

TUESDAY — Pancakes and sausage on a stick; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Scrambled eggs, biscuits, juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Pancakes, sausage, juice; milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal; hot rolls, fruit and milk.

ELBOW LUNCH

MONDAY — No school.

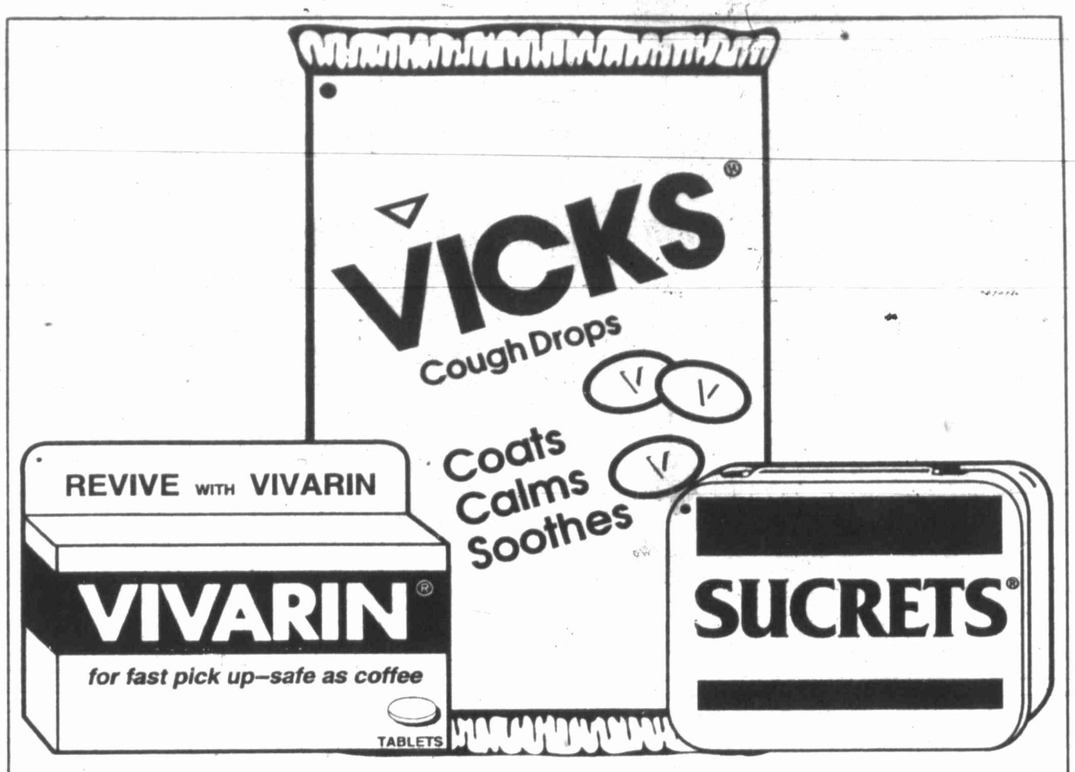
TUESDAY — Ham; black eyed peas, sweet potatoes, apple sauce, hot rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Turkey patty, scalloped potatoes, peaches, hot rolls, milk.

THURSDAY — Corn chip pie; pinto beans, salad and cheese, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY — Turkey pot pie, mashed potatoes, salad, fruit, crackers and milk.

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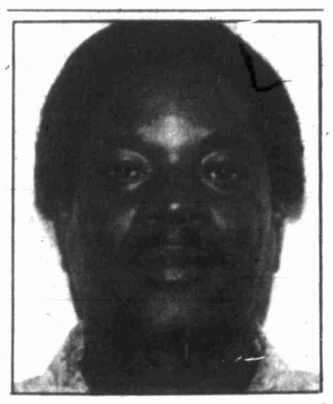
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ALBERT SMITH

City names first monthly employee

Big Spring City firefighter Albert "Albo" Smith is the city's first Star employee of the month, a new recognition program.

Smith was cited for saving a home on the northwest side of town by single-handidly extinguishing a fire. He learned of the fire while visiting friends, went in, checked for people and doused the fire, in the kitchen, with a mop. It was out before other firefighters arrived.

Smith will get a paid day off and use of the city manager's parking spot for a month.

New gun shop in town

Clint's Gun Shop opened at 2302 N. U.S. 87. Owners are Clint and Cherie Holmquist.

It's open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Service includes: general repair on shotguns, rifles and handguns; stockmaking, custom work, shooting supplies, new and used guns for sale.

Clint was born and raised in Montana and Cherie is a native Texan who says she's "glad to be back in Texas!" Clint is also an NRA Certified Instructor and will teach home firearms safety and personal protection courses as requested by area organizations or businesses.

Call 263-GUNS (4867)

Fiberflex joins other company

Peter J. Sanger, president of Fiberflex Inc. and Roger Anderson, presidend and principal shreholder of Structural Composites Inc. formed Precision Structural Composites In.

"This new affiliation and partnership with Precision Structural Composites and Roger Anderson will bring additional technical depth, manufacturing capability and help broaden our line of pultruded products," Sanger said. "It will also give us additional capability in technology transfers and joint ventures in areas outside of the U.S."

Butts promoted to sport's editor

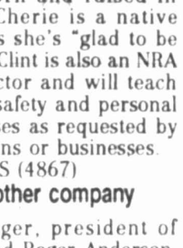


MIKE BUTTS

Mikes Butts was promoted to Sports Editor of the Big Spring Herald. He joined the Herald in March as a staff reporter after working as a free-lance writer in the Dallas area.

"I'm just going to do everything I can to make the sports pages the best they can be and I would encourage any of the readers comments or suggestions," he said.

Gonzales named January employee of month



CARLOS GONZALES

Carlos "Gonzo" Gonzales is the Herald's employee of the month for January.

Gonzales joined the newspaper five years ago, inserting sections in the paper. He worked his way up to district circulation manager and in November was promoted to mailroom supervisor.

GNA Sales gets several awards

Lori Metcalf and Arlene White of GNA Sales received several awards at a Xerox meeting last month in Dallas.

For a 55-county area they received Sales Agent of the Year for 1992, highest percent of copier plan for 1992, highest percent of centralized copiers (large copiers), distinguished performance for third quarter 1992 (number one in region).

White owns GNA Sales, an authorized Xerox agent, 706 Main. Metcalf is the sales representative.

Tale of two buildings

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

After construction in the late 1920s, the Hotel Settles and Abilene's Windsor Hotel were touted as the tallest buildings in their cities for decades.

Both had similar histories and are still among the tallest buildings in respective cities. But today the Windsor is on the verge of renovation while the Settles sits vacant, deteriorating.

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Many considered the Settles' 15 floors a work of elegance and architectural beauty — as were the 11 floors at the Abilene hotel. With ballrooms located in each of the hotels' mezzanines, plush rooms and fine dining facilities, they were the premiere stay-over spots for travelers going across the desolate West Texas plains.

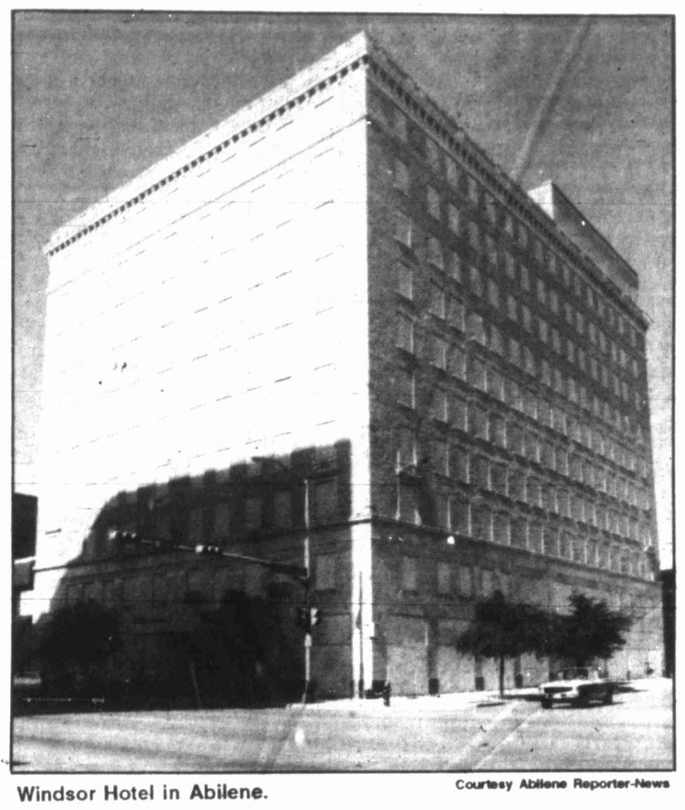
Historical accounts say the Settles was known as the tallest building and the finest overnight lodging available between Fort Worth and El Paso. Millionaires, politicians and socialites graced the rooms, dinner tables and dance floors.

Through the 1950s, the sites were the center of activity. But as more buildings were constructed and as business began to move away from their respective downtown areas, the landmark hotels' value and usuage decreased. By the mid 1980s, the hotels were vacant, boarded-up with lack of maintenance taking its toll.

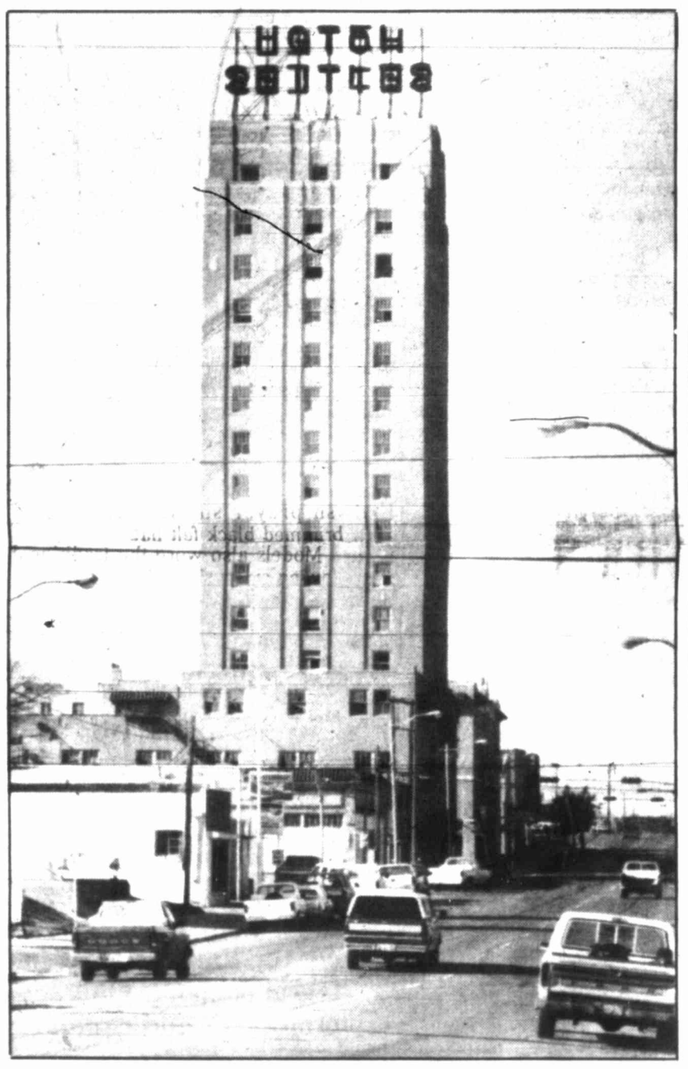
Throughout the 1980s, different developers examined the feasibility of renovating the hotels. Investors purchased and sold the historical monuments several times over.

In 1978, Dallas developers Harry D. Hawn and William Wortley purchased the Settles, keeping until 1981 when it was sold to Odessa developer Bo Rich. Rich was affilated with Dallas businessman Robert Kendall who publicized restoration plans.

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Windsor Hotel in Abilene. Courtesy Abilene Reporter-News



Hotel Settles in Big Spring. Herald photo by Tim Appel

Ag Commissioner Rick Perry to speak at chamber banquet

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

Attracting value-added agriculture industries will be addressed by Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry Saturday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet.



RICK PERRY

Tuesday is the deadline to make reservations for the banquet, to be held in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Perry's topic will probably be the state government's role — and changes needed — to attact industry, said Lorie Woodward, a spokeswoman in Perry's Austin office.

"Basically how some of the big business climate issues affect Texas agriculture and the role Texas agriculture plays in business, Woodward said. "His big premise is that we need to sit down and look at everything we do in government to make sure that Texas is the best place to do business."

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One example is state trucking regulations, under attack by Republicans and Democrats who say strictness causes higher shipping rates.

More than 350 tickets for the banquet are sold so far, said Pam Welch, chairwoman of the chamber's Membership Relations Committee, who is overseeing ticket sales.

"They're going about as they do every year about this time," Welch said. "Everybody usually waits until the last minute."

She added, "It's something they don't want to miss."

Perry, 42, elected commissioner in 1990 after serving three terms in the Texas House of Representatives, in 1990 campaigned heavily on pushing more value-added agriculture processing.

A 5 percent increase in agriculture processing would translate to a $2.5 billion annual economic impact to the state, the Republican said last year at the West Texas Ag Expo in Big Spring. There's a $33 billion annual economic impact from $11 billion in direct annual agriculture sales.

There's about $130 million direct sales in Howard County.

Perry, a farmer and rancher from Haskell north of Abilene, graduated from Texas A&M University in 1972 with a degree in animal science. He graduated from Paint Creek High School in 1968. He served in the Air Force through 1977, attaining the rank of captain.

Investment hedges can lose money or stall when economy is dragging

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

'After all, gold has worked as a long-term store of value against paper money since the dawn of history. So saying that it's finished is a heroic call.'
Barton Biggs
Morgan Stanley & Co.

NEW YORK — As the record of the past year convincingly attests, inflation hedges don't grow well in cool economic climates.

Whether you invested in tangible assets such as real estate, commodities such as precious metals, or collectibles such as art, the typical results were meager at best as the economy struggled fitfully to recover from the 1990-91 recession.

In contrast to the heady days of the 1970s and early 1980s, a single-digit return was about the best you could expect from these vehicles in 1992, according to figures compiled by Barton Biggs, director of global research and strategy at the investment firm of Morgan Stanley & Co.

In Biggs's just-published annual ranking of some two dozen investment choices, farmland posted an estimated gain of 7 percent for 1992, and residential real estate 4.7 percent, while commercial real estate was dropping 6.6 percent.

Art eked out a 1.3 percent increase, while gold dropped 5.7 percent and silver was down 4.9 percent.

The reason for this uninspired showing is no mystery, Biggs says, when you consider that inflation has been on the wane for more than a decade.

"After a long period of disinflation and bull markets in financial assets, it is not surprising that the real and precious assets have underperformed," he observes.

Reported rates of inflation remain low now that the economy is doing a bit better, and most investment advisers continue to view tangibles with little enthusiasm. In fact, there's a tendency to regard vehicles like gold and real estate as "ancient history" with no future worth talking about.

Viewed in this light, he says, "gold and silver are intriguing for a contrarian. Gold is as far below the mean trend line as stocks are above it.

"After all, gold has worked as a long-term store of value against paper money since the dawn of history. So saying that it's finished is a heroic call.

Today's problems are not new nor are solutions unique



Dan Wilkins

After 12 years of a Republican administration, our nation has voted to change course. Where will it lead?

While pundits debate about our future, the economy goes on. In fact, our leaders have always voiced opinions and made predictions about the destiny of this nation.

Take, for example, the national debt. Before Ronald Reagan was president, he said he could not understand "how the Democrats can run those $1,000-a-plate dinners at such a profit and run the government at such a loss."

Even the founders of our country couldn't agree on the national debt. In 1781, Alexander Hamilton said, "A national debt, if it is not excessive, will be to us a national blessing." Forty years later, Andrew Jackson argued, "I am one of those who do not believe that the national debt is a national blessing but rather a curse to a republic, inasmuch as it is calculated to raise around the administration a mneyed aristocracy dangerous to the liberties of this country."

Excessive debt is the result of uncontrolled spending without matching revenues. Calvin Coolidge reminded us that those revenues can come only from the economy and that "the business of America is business."

After the national deby, two other areas the Clinton adminstration promises to target are unemployment and youth. Thomas Edison offered a solution that combined the two - "What young people should do to avoid temptation: Get a job and work at it so hard that temptation would not exist."

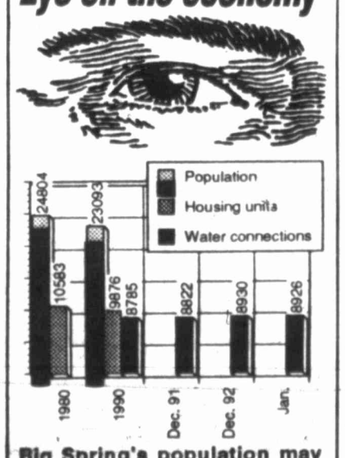
Henry Ford, a man whose industry changed the world's work habits, agreed. "There will never be a system invented which will do away with the necessity of work." George Ade, another advocate of labor, spoke of "a people so primitive that they did not know how to get money except by working for it." Noel Coward lightly referred to work as "more fun than fun." George Saud was more philosophical: "Work is not man's punishment, it is his reward and his strength, his glory and his pleasure."

Regardless of personal philosophy or political affiliation, most people agree that a strong work ethic is the basis of a strong economy. In our capitalistic economy, jobs are created by industry. To survive, industry must produce sufficient goods to pay the bills and to earn a reasonable profit for investors. Coolidge believed that "civilization and profits go hand in hand." Samuel Gompers went a step further: "The worst crime against working people is a company which fails to operate at a profit."

Today's problems are not new nor will the solutions be unique. More recent history will likely prove that despite all the economic changes and Henny Penny's warnings, the sky isn't falling after all.

Financial Focus is a reader service of Edward D. Jones & Co., 219 Main St., 267-2501. Local investment representative is Dan Wilkens.

Eye on the economy



Big Spring's population may have increased in recent years, city water connections indicate. Figures were unavailable for 1980. The 1990 figure is for December.

Planting time is here and so are questions on what to plant here

With the approach of spring landscape and garden fever begins to take hold on most people and the search begins for plants to add to the existing landscape or garden or in preparing a new landscape or garden.

Our office, at this time of year, begins to really get the calls requesting lists or suggestions of recommended varieties of plant materials for our area. Coping with conditions we live with in this area of the country can be challenging, to say the least!

I learned long ago to not say "Never" about growing anything in West Texas! About the time I have convinced myself that I could safely tell everyone that a certain plant would not grow here, I would be out and about and around the next turn see a magnificent specimen of that plant growing under the most adverse of conditions! And on top of that, the next twenty people who inquired about that plant probably would tell me about seeing that plant themselves here and that I did not know what I was talking about! So . . . about all that I do now when such inquiries come in is to explain that particular plant is not a recommended one for our area but, under certain conditions, unbeknown to anyone on earth, it has been known to survive here or might possibly do so! Unfortunately, there is no way to show people just how many specimens of that one surviving plant in question did NOT survive in our condition! A good example of this is Magnolia trees. Generally speaking, these trees require a much longer growing season that we normally experience out here in West Texas and thrive under such more acidic soil conditions than our highly alkaline soils have to offer, but I can show you several very nice examples of this tree right here in Big Spring and



Don Richardson

I can also show you a huge Washington Palm tree as well!

With limitations of space a critical issue for today's article, I want to limit this article to selection of fruit trees only for our area.

Cultivar selection is one of the most important steps in successful fruit growing. A cultivar may perform well in one area of Texas and yet be a complete failure in another area. For this reason the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has prepared several publications identifying cultivars which have demonstrated outstanding performance for several years.

It is a good idea to include at least two cultivars of each crop in the home fruiting planting as one may do better than another in certain years. In other words, put your eggs into more than one basket as one cultivar may survive a late freeze.

We recommend the following Apples for our area of Texas: Top Red, Red Chief, Starkrimson Red Delicious, Starkspur Golden Delicious, Smoothie, Gala, Prime Gold, Jersymac, Mollie's Delicious, Starkspur Supreme Red Delicious, Granny Smith and Johnagold. Bare-rooted trees should be planted from Jan. 1-Feb. 28. Containerized plants may be planted from Jan. 1-March 31.

Hybrid Seedless Table grapes include Flame, Reliance, Glenora, Thompson Seedless and Pearlette. (Same recommended planting dates for Apples).

For juices, jams, wines and jellies, recommended varieties of grapes for these uses include: French Colombard, Chenin Blanc, Ruby Cabernet, Sauvigon, Emerald Reisling and White Reisling. Planting dates are once again the same as for Apples.

For early season peaches, try Ranger, Cresthaven or Redhaven. Midseason choices are Redglobe, Milam, Belle of Georgia (white flesh) and for the late season, we suggest Dixieland, Redskin, and Jefferson. A very late season variety of choice would be Frank. Be sure all varieties are grafted on the rootstock, "Nemaguard," however. Plant bare root trees now through Feb. 15 and containerized ones from now until March 31.

Some good dwarf peaches include Bonanza II and Early Golden Glory. These are genetic dwarfs but produce full size fruit on very dwarf plants. These are good choices for folks with very limited space. Again, they can be planted the same dates as with the other peach varieties.

Pears that have grown successfully in our area include Orient, Moonglow, Kieffer, LaConte, Ayers, Garber, Maxine and Warren. I have noticed that the Orient and some of its hybrid relatives have shown considerably more resistance to fire blight and iron cholorisis than many of the French hybrids have. Planting dates are the same as for apples.

For additional information on other recommended plant materials for our area we invite you to please contact the Howard County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 264-2236 or come by its location in the Howard County Courthouse on its first floor.

Don Richardson is agricultural extension agent for Howard County. His column appears each Sunday.

Join enthusiasm, attend chamber banquet Saturday



Linda Roger

I have always liked the word enthusiasm.

I especially like the fact that the last four letters are i-a-s-m. They make a vivid work picture of commitment: I Am Sold Myself. One has to be convinced of, and believe in, what they are promoting.

Can you say that about Big Spring? Can you help improve our town to the point where you can say that? If not, then you need to find some other torch to carry.

Community attitude is the most important issue that we must consider when pursuing Economic Development. Our community must be committed, organized, and unified to aggressively move forward. We must have enthusiasm.

In the last 12 months, we have succeeded in improving our attitude and our image. Passing two bond issues that will improve our quality of life; the city of Big Spring and Howard County working together in a concerted effort to help area residents with major clean up efforts; and a joint effort organized by Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. to secure Wright Fibers. These are a few of the accomplishments that have matured because of enthusiasm.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has enthusiasm. We believe that each and every citizen living in Howard County can make a difference.

Next Saturday night, the Chamber's annual banquet will give everyone the opportunity to focus on the positive. Your attendance is important.

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry will be here to support Howard County's enthusiasm.

Reservations must be made by Tuesday, so don't delay in coming to the Chamber to pick up your tickets.

Let's not wait on someone else to take the lead. Join your community in making a difference.

Schedule: 6 p.m. reception; 6:30 p.m. food service begins; 7 p.m. program; and 8:30 p.m. adjournment.

Linda Roger is executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Her column appears each Sunday.

Area cotton deficiency payment is 20 cents

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials announced the final 1992 deficiency payment rate for upland cotton is 20.3 cents per pound, according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers.

The final payment reflects the difference between the weighted average price received by farmers for the 1992 calendar year and the 72.9 cent target price mandated by the 1990 farm bill.

Cotton Growers' officials note that the 20.3 cent final payment rate will translate into a 12.8 cent final payment to producers who received the advance payment to 7.5 cents.

Attempt to sell Settles opened to all interested buyers

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

Hotel Settles, up for sale to any interested non-profit groups since April, is now up for sale to any interested party, said owner David Weseloh of Midland.

The price is still $295,000 for the historic downtown building. Also, 1992 property taxes on $68,482 of valuation were not paid as of a Jan. 31 deadline. Weseloh, owner since January 1992, said either him or a new owner will pay before penalties and interest begin accumulating July 31.

"I've got the word out. Any broker that has a buyer can sell it, I'll give them a finder's fee," said Weseloh, who originally planned to open the building for low-rent senior-citizen apartments, shops and a restaurant. "I am going to try to find someone that will carry through with the idea that I have.

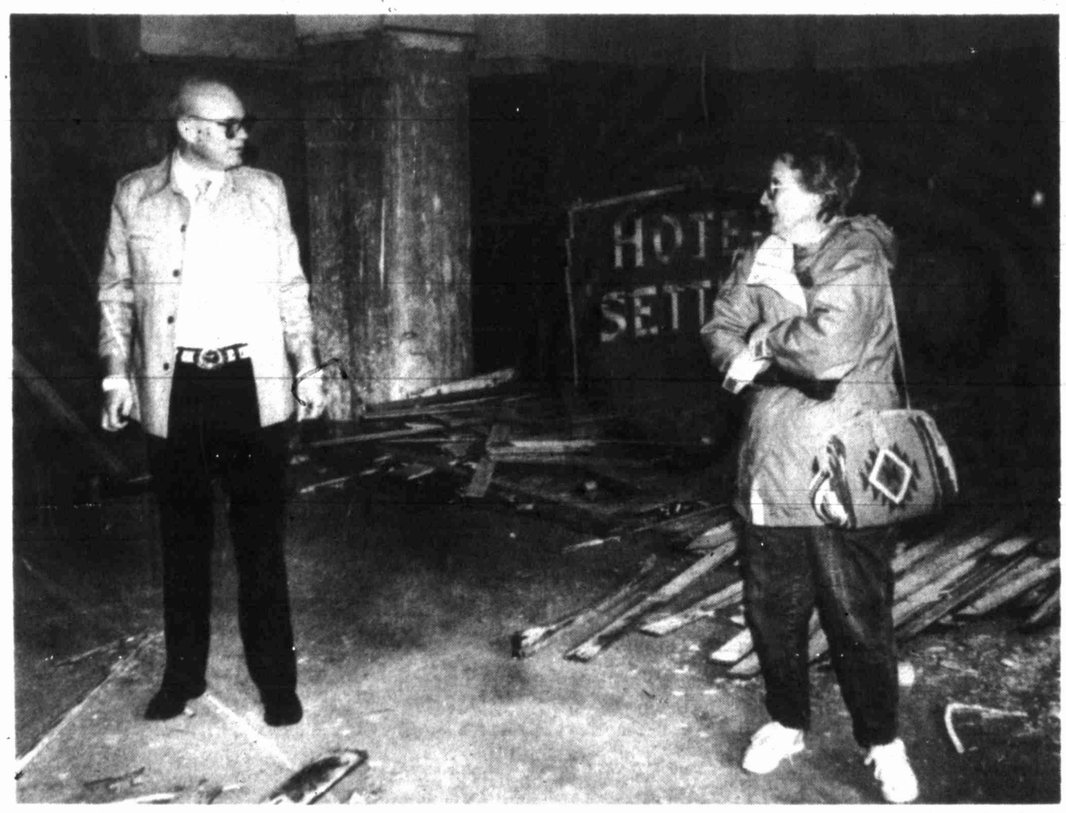
"It's a sad idea," he said. "It's just something I hate to see left the way it is."

There's been some interest in buying it, he said. "It's talk, it's nothing firm."

Richard Atkins, president of Big Spring Main Street Inc., a downtown development group, said, "He's in a panic. He doesn't have any money . . . to do it and he wants to get rid of it and move on to better things."

"We're no worse off than what we were," Atkins said. "I'm not disapointed."

After learning renovation would cost more than anticipated, Weseloh in April attempted to form a non-profit group to seek grants and loans not available to individual developers. He would have then offered to sell the building to that group, with



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Hotel Settles owner David Weseloh, left, talks to Pauline Long on the first floor of the hotel in January 1992 shortly after Weseloh assumed ownership and opened it to a tour.

payments due in five years. However, three directors have been hired and quit since.

"People in town tell them they're crazy, they're insane, it's not going to work," Weseloh said. "So I cannot get an executive director because they're all afraid of what they're told in town.

"I've never ran into what I ran into here," said Weseloh, who owns several properties.

Some individuals interested in downtown development were unhappy that Weseloh asked $295,000. Some also said they learned later that interest was being asked on money not paid during the five-year grace period, which could add up to another $132,000.

"Any loan has an interest to it," Weseloh said. "If you put money in the bank, you'd earn interest on it."

Hotels

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At the time of Rich's death in 1983, tax trouble resurfaced and it was tied up in probate court as part of the dispute between Rich's former wives.

In 1984, San Antonio developer Cil Cuadra purchased the building espousing grandious renovation plans. Cuadra anticipated opening the first three floors six months after his renovation announcement. A jewerly store, liquor store, coffee shop and a gormet steak house would be housed on the floors.

The shops never materialized.

The Windsor also went through several owners with plans of renovation, but the outcome was similiar to the Settles. After all the talk, boards nailed to the windows kept vagrants out of the dilapidated building.

But the 1990s are looking better than the 1980s did for the Windsor. In the last six months, Abilene developer Bruce Davis purchased the building.

Davis plans to transform the hotel into low-income senior citizen housing. Upon completion, 80 apartments will be available with 64 single units and 16 two-bedroom apartments. All apartments will have a full kitchen. Single units will rent for $140 with utilities paid, Davis said.

Presently, Davis has obtained the title to the property. Debris removal began about six months ago and is still taking place, he said.

Davis is working with the city's Economic Development Program to secure financing.

Two of the funding resources utilized are Section 108 Loan and Tax Credit Program from the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development. A Historical building tax credit is also being sought.

'The project is not feasible without the tax credits. The development center has been an integral part of getting this project off and running.'
Bruce Davis
Windsor Hotel developer

Tax credits are incentives for investors to purchase a limited partnership in a project. With the purchase they receive a 9 percent tax credit for 10 years on renovation costs.

Refurbishment costs is expected to take about $5 million with $2.4 million in equity coming from tax credits, said Stephanie Dugan, Economic Development Program director.

The tax credit program is in hiatus until the U.S. Congress reenacts it, she said.

Dugan and Davis anticipate construction beginning in six to nine weeks. Completing the renovations by December 1994.

"The project is not feasible without the tax credits," Davis said. "The development center has been an integral part of getting this project off and running."

Davis completed a similar project in Omaha, Neb., in 1975. He is a national consultant for housing development with Bruce Davis and Associates. He is also director of Center for the Study of Aging at Abilene Christian University.

The similarities between the Windsor and Settles continue in the 1990s, current Settles' owner David Weseloh, Innovative Growth Investments of Midland, planned to transform the hotel into a senior citizens housing project with retail stores, hotel rooms and restaurant.

After buying the hotel in January 1992, paying $100 to taxing entities and an undisclosed amount to other parties, Weseloh revealed plans to locate shops on the first floor, housing on floors three to 12, hotel rooms on the 13th and 14th floors and the restaurant in the penthouse. The building was to be opened floor by floor with revenue from tenants helping continued renovations.

A community-wide cleanup helped remove trash and debris from the ground floor. The hotel was secured with plastic covering the windows. A security firm was hired to patrol the grounds.

Hindrances began to manifest with Weseloh's plans.

The Texas Historical Commission said he could not change the orginal architecture fo the building preventing him from installing storm windows or single air conditioning units.

Initial elevator and water system repairs were higher than Weseloh expected. The cost would be near $100,000, not $10,000 as he thought because water had to be restored to the whole building at once, not floor-by-floor as planned. Damage was done to the interior after two breakins.

Three months after acquiring ownership, Weseloh announced he intended to sell the building to a non-profit group to seek grants and loans not available to private developers. Some local residents expressed disdain with his offer to sell the hotel, valued at $68,482 on tax rolls, for $295,000, payable within five years with interest, and his renovation advice.

Since then, three directors for the non-profit group Weseloh was forming quit. He blamed Big Spring residents negative attitudes for the resignations.

Last week, Weseloh announced he gave up on forming a non-profit group and will seeking other buyers.

Meanwhile, plastic covering windows continues to be ripped out by inclement weather and vandals reportedly are continuing to enter the building.

Public Records

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John David Olson, 24, Baytown & Kellie E. Cooper, 27, Baytown.

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David Dean Fisher, 37, HC 69 Box 133 & Gwendolyn Meguire Smith, 35, HC 76 Box 103 A1.

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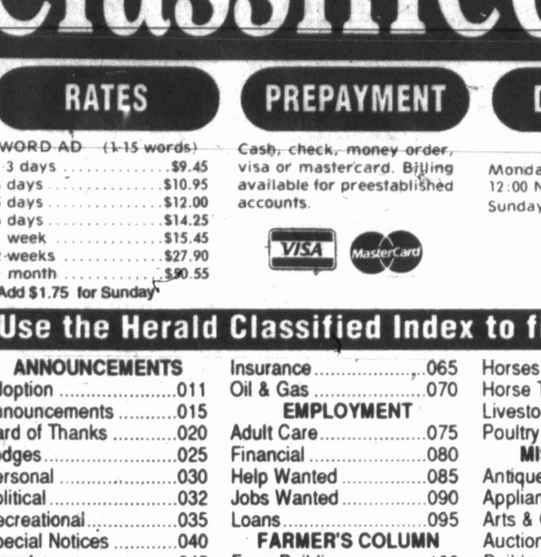
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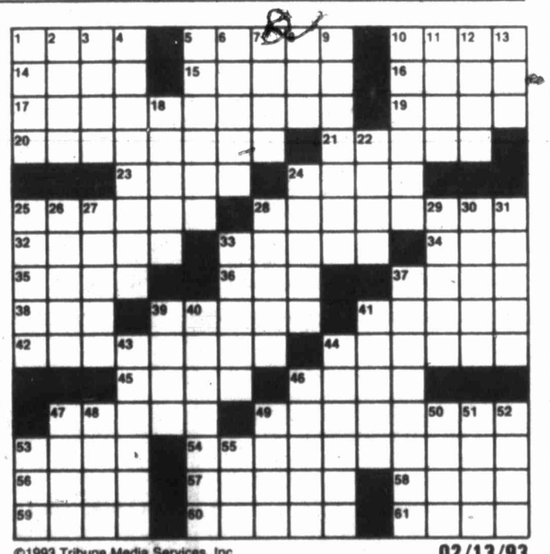
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With the approach of spring landscape and garden fever begins to take hold on most people and the search begins for plants to add to the existing landscape or garden or in preparing a new landscape or garden.

Our office, at this time of year, begins to really get the calls requesting lists or suggestions of recommended varieties of plant materials for our area. Coping with conditions we live with in this area of the country can be challenging, to say the least!

I learned long ago to not say "Never" about growing anything in West Texas! About the time I have convinced myself that I could safely tell everyone that a certain plant would not grow here, I would be out and about and around the next turn see a magnificent specimen of that plant growing under the most adverse of conditions! And on top of that, the next twenty people who inquired about that plant probably would tell me about seeing that plant themselves here and that I did not know what I was talking about! So . . . about all that I do now when such inquiries come in is to explain that particular plant is not a recommended one for our area but, under certain conditions, unbeknown to anyone on earth, it has been known to survive here or might possibly do so! Unfortunately, there is no way to show people just how many specimens of that one surviving plant in question did NOT survive in our condition! A good example of this is Magnolia trees. Generally speaking, these trees require a much longer growing season that we normally experience out here in West Texas and thrive under such more acidic soil conditions than our highly alkaline soils have to offer, but I can show you several very nice examples of this tree right here in Big Spring and



Don Richardson

I can also show you a huge Washington Palm tree as well!

With limitations of space a critical issue for today's article, I want to limit this article to selection of fruit trees only for our area.

Cultivar selection is one of the most important steps in successful fruit growing. A cultivar may perform well in one area of Texas and yet be a complete failure in another area. For this reason the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has prepared several publications identifying cultivars which have demonstrated outstanding performance for several years.

It is a good idea to include at least two cultivars of each crop in the home fruiting planting as one may do better than another in certain years. In other words, put your eggs into more than one basket as one cultivar may survive a late freeze.

We recommend the following Apples for our area of Texas: Top Red, Red Chief, Starkrimson Red Delicious, Starkspur Golden Delicious, Smoothie, Gala, Prime Gold, Jersymac, Mollie's Delicious, Starkspur Supreme Red Delicious, Granny Smith and Johnagold. Bare-rooted trees should be planted from Jan. 1-Feb. 28. Containerized plants may be planted from Jan. 1-March 31.

Hybrid Seedless Table grapes include Flame, Reliance, Glenora, Thompson Seedless and Pearlette. (Same recommended planting dates for Apples).

For juices, jams, wines and jellies, recommended varieties of grapes for these uses include: French Colombard, Chenin Blanc, Ruby Cabernet, Sauvigon, Emerald Reisling and White Reisling. Planting dates are once again the same as for Apples.

For early season peaches, try Ranger, Cresthaven or Redhaven. Midseason choices are Redglobe, Milam, Belle of Georgia (white flesh) and for the late season, we suggest Dixieland, Redskin, and Jefferson. A very late season variety of choice would be Frank. Be sure all varieties are grafted on the rootstock, "Nemaguard," however. Plant bare root trees now through Feb. 15 and containerized ones from now until March 31.

Some good dwarf peaches include Bonanza II and Early Golden Glory. These are genetic dwarfs but produce full size fruit on very dwarf plants. These are good choices for folks with very limited space. Again, they can be planted the same dates as with the other peach varieties.

Pears that have grown successfully in our area include Orient, Moonglow, Kieffer, LaConte, Ayers, Garber, Maxine and Warren. I have noticed that the Orient and some of its hybrid relatives have shown considerably more resistance to fire blight and iron cholorisis than many of the French hybrids have. Planting dates are the same as for apples.

For additional information on other recommended plant materials for our area we invite you to please contact the Howard County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 264-2236 or come by its location in the Howard County Courthouse on its first floor.

Don Richardson is agricultural extension agent for Howard County. His column appears each Sunday.

Join enthusiasm, attend chamber banquet Saturday



Linda Roger

I have always liked the word enthusiasm.

I especially like the fact that the last four letters are i-a-s-m. They make a vivid work picture of commitment: I Am Sold Myself. One has to be convinced of, and believe in, what they are promoting.

Can you say that about Big Spring? Can you help improve our town to the point where you can say that? If not, then you need to find some other torch to carry.

Community attitude is the most important issue that we must consider when pursuing Economic Development. Our community must be committed, organized, and unified to aggressively move forward. We must have enthusiasm.

In the last 12 months, we have succeeded in improving our attitude and our image. Passing two bond issues that will improve our quality of life; the city of Big Spring and Howard County working together in a concerted effort to help area residents with major clean up efforts; and a joint effort organized by Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. to secure Wright Fibers. These are a few of the accomplishments that have matured because of enthusiasm.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has enthusiasm. We believe that each and every citizen living in Howard County can make a difference.

Next Saturday night, the Chamber's annual banquet will give everyone the opportunity to focus on the positive. Your attendance is important.

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry will be here to support Howard County's enthusiasm.

Reservations must be made by Tuesday, so don't delay in coming to the Chamber to pick up your tickets.

Let's not wait on someone else to take the lead. Join your community in making a difference.

Schedule: 6 p.m. reception; 6:30 p.m. food service begins; 7 p.m. program; and 8:30 p.m. adjournment.

Linda Roger is executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Her column appears each Sunday.

Area cotton deficiency payment is 20 cents

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials announced the final 1992 deficiency payment rate for upland cotton is 20.3 cents per pound, according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers.

The final payment reflects the difference between the weighted average price received by farmers for the 1992 calendar year and the 72.9 cent target price mandated by the 1990 farm bill.

Cotton Growers' officials note that the 20.3 cent final payment rate will translate into a 12.8 cent final payment to producers who received the advance payment to 7.5 cents.

Attempt to sell Settles opened to all interested buyers

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

Hotel Settles, up for sale to any interested non-profit groups since April, is now up for sale to any interested party, said owner David Weseloh of Midland.

The price is still $295,000 for the historic downtown building. Also, 1992 property taxes on $68,482 of valuation were not paid as of a Jan. 31 deadline. Weseloh, owner since January 1992, said either him or a new owner will pay before penalties and interest begin accumulating July 31.

"I've got the word out. Any broker that has a buyer can sell it, I'll give them a finder's fee," said Weseloh, who originally planned to open the building for low-rent senior-citizen apartments, shops and a restaurant. "I am going to try to find someone that will carry through with the idea that I have.

"It's a sad idea," he said. "It's just something I hate to see left the way it is."

There's been some interest in buying it, he said. "It's talk, it's nothing firm."

Richard Atkins, president of Big Spring Main Street Inc., a downtown development group, said, "He's in a panic. He doesn't have any money . . . to do it and he wants to get rid of it and move on to better things."

"We're no worse off than what we were," Atkins said. "I'm not disapointed."

After learning renovation would cost more than anticipated, Weseloh in April attempted to form a non-profit group to seek grants and loans not available to individual developers. He would have then offered to sell the building to that group, with



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Hotel Settles owner David Weseloh, left, talks to Pauline Long on the first floor of the hotel in January 1992 shortly after Weseloh assumed ownership and opened it to a tour.

payments due in five years. However, three directors have been hired and quit since.

"People in town tell them they're crazy, they're insane, it's not going to work," Weseloh said. "So I cannot get an executive director because they're all afraid of what they're told in town.

"I've never ran into what I ran into here," said Weseloh, who owns several properties.

Some individuals interested in downtown development were unhappy that Weseloh asked $295,000. Some also said they learned later that interest was being asked on money not paid during the five-year grace period, which could add up to another $132,000.

"Any loan has an interest to it," Weseloh said. "If you put money in the bank, you'd earn interest on it."

Hotels

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At the time of Rich's death in 1983, tax trouble resurfaced and it was tied up in probate court as part of the dispute between Rich's former wives.

In 1984, San Antonio developer Gil Cuadra purchased the building espousing grandious renovation plans. Cuadra anticipated opening the first three floors six months after his renovation announcement. A jewerly store, liquor store, coffee shop and a gormet steak house would be housed on the floors.

The shops never materialized.

The Windsor also went through several owners with plans of renovation, but the outcome was similiar to the Settles. After all the talk, boards nailed to the windows kept vagrants out of the dilapidated building.

But the 1990s are looking better than the 1980s did for the Windsor. In the last six months, Abilene developer Bruce Davis purchased the building.

Davis plans to transform the hotel into low-income senior citizen housing. Upon completion, 80 apartments will be available with 64 single units and 16 two-bedroom apartments. All apartments will have a full kitchen. Single units will rent for $140 with utilities paid, Davis said.

Presently, Davis has obtained the title to the property. Debris removal began about six months ago and is still taking place, he said.

Davis is working with the city's Economic Development Program to secure financing.

Two of the funding resources utilized are Section 108 Loan and Tax Credit Program from the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development. A Historical building tax credit is also being sought.

'The project is not feasible without the tax credits. The development center has been an integral part of getting this project off and running.'
Bruce Davis
Windsor Hotel developer

Tax credits are incentives for investors to purchase a limited partnership in a project. With the purchase they receive a 9 percent tax credit for 10 years on renovation costs.

Refurbishment costs is expected to take about $5 million with $2.4 million in equity coming from tax credits, said Stephanie Dugan, Economic Development Program director.

The tax credit program is in hiatus until the U.S. Congress reenacts it, she said.

Dugan and Davis anticipate construction beginning in six to nine weeks. Completing the renovations by December 1994.

"The project is not feasible without the tax credits," Davis said. "The development center has been an integral part of getting this project off and running."

Davis completed a similar project in Omaha, Neb., in 1975. He is a national consultant for housing development with Bruce Davis and Associates. He is also director of Center for the Study of Aging at Abilene Christian University.

The similarities between the Windsor and Settles continue in the 1990s, current Settles' owner David Weseloh, Innovative Growth Investments of Midland, planned to transform the hotel into a senior citizens housing project with retail stores, hotel rooms and restaurant.

After buying the hotel in January 1992, paying $100 to taxing entities and an undisclosed amount to other parties, Weseloh revealed plans to locate shops on the first floor, housing on floors three to 12, hotel rooms on the 13th and 14th floors and the restaurant in the penthouse. The building was to be opened floor by floor with revenue from tenants helping continued renovations.

A community-wide cleanup helped remove trash and debris from the ground floor. The hotel was secured with plastic covering the windows. A security firm was hired to patrol the grounds.

Hindrances began to manifest with Weseloh's plans.

The Texas Historical Commission said he could not change the orginal architecture fo the building preventing him from installing storm windows or single air conditioning units.

Initial elevator and water system repairs were higher than Weseloh expected. The cost would be near $100,000, not $10,000 as he thought because water had to be restored to the whole building at once, not floor-by-floor as planned. Damage was done to the interior after two break-ins.

Three months after acquiring ownership, Weseloh announced he intended to sell the building to a non-profit group to seek grants and loans not available to private developers. Some local residents expressed disdain with his offer to sell the hotel, valued at $68,482 on tax rolls, for $295,000, payable within five years with interest, and his renovation advice.

Since then, three directors for the non-profit group Weseloh was forming quit. He blamed Big Spring residents negative attitudes for the resignations.

Last week, Weseloh announced he gave up on forming a non-profit group and will seeking other buyers.

Meanwhile, plastic covering windows continues to be ripped out by inclement weather and vandals reportedly are continuing to enter the building.

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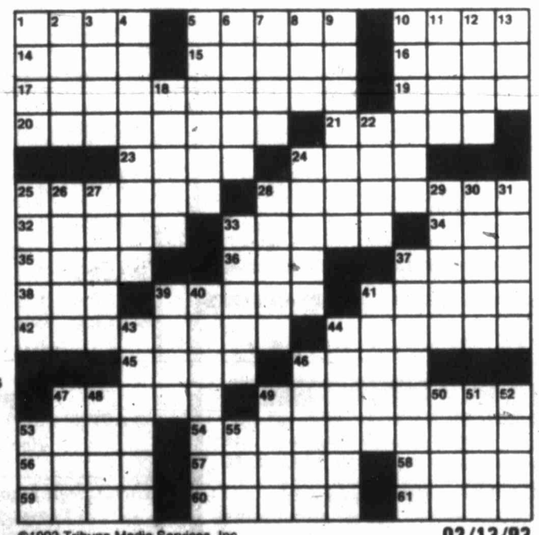
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THE Daily Crossword by Kenneth Holden



ACROSS
1 Cupid
5 Furnish food
10 Musical group
14 Piercing place
15 Think
16 Winglike
17 Four
19 Prying
20 437.5 grains
21 Fury
23 Network of nerves
24 Shortly
25 Moves swiftly
28 Four
32 Modify
33 Underhand
34 Tchrs.' org.
35 Ran together, as dye
36 Layer
37 Makes lace
38 Electrified particle
39 Maud or Don
41 Ms Horne, et al.
42 Ten
44 Edible stalk
45 Enthusiastic appraisal
46 Blackthorn fruit
47 Extra
49 Stretch
53 Caravel
54 Three
56 Funnyman Johnson
57 Nonsense
58 Like — of bricks
59 Feat
60 Gorges
61 Lump

DOWN
1 Choir member
2 Cut
3 Woodwind
4 Took recourse
5 Is important
6 Rapidly
7 Fatigue
8 Vane letters
9 Large tree
10 Pudding fruit
11 Thanks —
12 Poet Ogden
13 Unimaginative
18 Strange
22 Glutinous
24 Cobs
25 Wont
26 Permit
27 Office worker
28 Motif
29 Insipid
30 Repair the macadam
31 Pert
33 Pare
37 Wire
39 Distant
40 Gets rid of
41 Sierra —
43 Like some movies
44 Pungent spice
46 Incline
47 Vexed
48 Party spread
49 Egress
50 — boy!
51 This puzzle has five
52 Long time
53 Spoiled
55 Bank acct.

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

DABS DARES ROMA
IGOR ERATO EMUS
SUNTORCHANDLAMP
CANARIES IANS
ADD LOFT
CASTLE PILFERS
ASHE BOGIE APT
SPOTFLASHORFIRE
TIA RESET ELIA
CLEANER CHESTS
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Big Spring Herald

Help Wanted 085

PART—TIME custodian needed. Early morning hours. Call for appointment. 267-8288.

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Local, permanently established firm has immediate opening for secretary. Shorthand required, good typing speed, word processor skills desirable. Good benefits, 5-day work week, exceptional working conditions. Salary commensurate with abilities. Qualified applicants may call 267-6341 for more information.

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-Clean MVR, DOT qualified.
-No beard. Take physical and drug test.

Contact: Ricky Kinsey/Pro Source
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THERMO DIET. Lose weight, increase energy, suppress appetite. 1-465-8176.

WANTED OFFICE CLERK. Send resumes to P.O. Box 891, Big Spring Texas, 79720.

Help Wanted 085

THRIFT STORE CLERK. 28 hrs. a week. Experience required. For more information call 267-8239.

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WEEKEND MAINTENANCE person. 23 hours weekly. Saturdays 7am-10pm. Sundays 10am-6pm. Apply at Big Spring Mall management office wednesday thru friday, 9am-12noon. Only serious need to apply.

Jobs Wanted 090

CLEAN YARDS and alleys, haul trash, pruning, trim trees, remove stumps. Painting, odd jobs. Call 267-6541.

ROTOR TILLING. Call Darrell for estimate. 263-0765.

FARMER'S COLUMN

Farm Building 100

MASSEY FERGUSON 85 $2,250.00. 24 FT. Steel cotton trailer. $225.00. 915-398-5406.

Farm Equipment 150

3 ALL Steel buildings, 40x60 was $8890 now $6342; 50x100 was $15,77 now $10,849; 100x100 was $46,321 now $30,000. Never erected, can deliver. 202-757-3107.

Horses 230

STANDING AT STUD. Paint horse-toblano, sorrel & white. 263-6077 after 6:00pm.

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$50*

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267-6770

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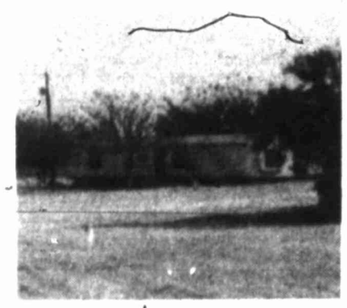
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MISCELLANEOUS

Auctions 325

SPRING CITY AUCTION- Robert Pruitt Auctioneer, TXS-079-007759. Call 263-1831/263-0914. We do all types of auctions!

THE LORAINE FIRE DEPARTMENT farm sale will be held at the Coop Gin in Loraine on Saturday, March 27th. Consignments welcome. Bring to Sell! Come to Buy! For more information call: K. Hudson, Auctioneer, 915-235-9639. D. Graham, 915-737-2744. D. Phillips, 915-737-2933. L.F.D. will haul within reasonable distance for a small fee.

Dogs, Pets, Etc 375

FEMALE BLUE HEELER. 4 months old. Good natured. Free to good home. 263-5942.

SANDS SPRING KENNELS
A.K.C. Toy Poodles, Beagles, Boston Terriers, Pomeranians, Chihuahua, Lay-a-ways. 393-5259.

JUST IN TIME FOR VALENTINES
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Garage Sale 380

501 JEANS
WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE
Your used 501's. Any condition. Will pay $1.00 to $10.00. Jean jackets. Saturday & Sunday only. Garage sale items also. 1706 W. 3rd.

❑HUGE GARAGE SALE-New & used toys, pictures, T-shirts, clothing, bed, 7 hp Marine motor, AC motor, small trolling motor, trailer hitch for mini-van. Saturday 9am-6pm., Sunday 1pm-5pm. 1811 Settles.

❑SALE-Furniture, and small appliances. TV, VCR. Saturday & Sunday 8am-5pm. 109 Canyon Dr.

Household Goods 390

EXCELLENT SELECTION of new and used bedding, appliances, arid household furniture. Branham Furniture, 2004 W. 4th. 263-1469.

FOR SALE used Kenmore side by side refrigerator. Good condition. 267-1069.

FURNITURE STRIPPED, refinished. Southwest colors or traditional stains. Pickup & Delivery. 267-2137 or 263-2656.

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WANTED A 3 0r 4 door refrigeration unit. Self contained. Call 264-9107.

Lost & Found Misc. 393

LOST SOUNDDESIGN cordless phone receiver between Hillside Dr. and Walmart. REWARD. 267-8574.

TO WHO IT MAY CONCERN

ON wednesday, February, 10th my wallet disappeared at 7-11 on Willa Street around 5:30pm. The money is YOURS. A REWARD is offered for the REST of contents especially my GRANDSON'S PICTURES. Just CALL. NO QUESTIONS ASKED. Robert Gilbert, 267-2979.

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263-1252

Lost- Pets 394

CHILD'S PET. Vietnamese potbellied pigs. Lost near Chaparral Road. Answers to Susie & Rosie. REWARD. Call 267-8144, 267-7411(Diane).

Miscellaneous 395

1-800-CARS-LOAN.

¼ PRICE SALE starting Monday, February 15th. The Chalet, 313 Runnels.

AUCTIONEER SERVICES
Estates, Business Liquidation, Real Estate, etc. Ron Howard, Real Estate & Auction. TXS#9928. 263-1536, 2114 W. 3rd.

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20% OFF CHIMNEY CLEANING! Free inspections. Repairs, caps, fireplace accessories. Licensed and insured. 263-7236.

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Telephone Service 445

TELEPHONES, JACKS, install, $22.50. Business and Residential sales and services. J - Dean Communications, 267-5478.

Want To Buy 503

WORKING VCR'S- Premiere Video, 1915 Gregg, 263-0289 or College Park Shopping Center 263-3823.

REAL ESTATE

Business Property 508

1 ACRE fenced land with office building. $150.00 per month plus deposit. Gatesville Road. Call 263-5000.

FOR SALE: COMMERCIAL building. 1500 square feet. All metal, well insulated. Only 9 years old. Refrigerated air, large. Off street parking. Very good location. Corner of 19th & Scurry. Phone 263-3043.

Houses for Sale 513

3 BEDROOM, 2/2, den, gameroom, yard water system. Please call 267-9709 for appointment.

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$338 — 1 Bedroom
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HOUSE FOR SALE in good location. Near high school, college & elementary schools. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Fenced in yard. Nice neighborhood. Call 264-9615 leave message or call after 6pm.

NEW 1993 16X80. $175.00 monthly buys new 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home. Free delivery and set at your location. All appliances included. 10% down 240 months, 7.5APR. Call 915-561-5850, or 1-800-456-8944.

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Lots For Sale 515

1 ACRE. 25th Street & Birdwell Lane. 263-3686.

Manufactured Hsg. 516

$4,300.00! 14 X 56 2 BEDROOM MELODY MONARCH. New: doors, gas range, evaporator cooler. Well maintained; 402 Jill Road, 394-4006.

RENTALS

Business Buildings 520

2500 Sq.ft. BUILDING with office on 2 acres, fenced yard, $300.00 monthly, $100.00 deposit, 263-5000.

Furnished Apts. 521

$99. MOVE IN Plus deposit. Nice 1,2,3 bedrooms. Electrice, water paid. HUD accepted. Some furnished. Limited offer. 263-7811.

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BEAUTIFUL GARDEN COURTYARD
Swimming Pool - Private Patios - Carports - Built-in Appliances - Most Utilities Paid. Senior Citizen Disc.
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FOR RENT 1 bedroom courtyard apartments, 4000 W. Hwy. 80. Contact Robert Jones after 5:00pm or leave message 267-1358.

ONE-TWO bedroom apartments, houses, or mobile home. Mature adults only, no pets 263-6944-263-2341.

HOUSES/ APARTMENTS/ Duplexes. 1 -2 -3 and 4 bedroom. Furnished, unfurnished. Call Ventura Company, 267-2655.

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Your home is our business. Don't limit yourself. Come see the best value in Big Spring. 1&2 bedrooms $200.-$295. furn. or unfurn. $100. deposit. You pay elec. Sorry no pets. 3304 W. Hwy 80. 267-6561

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SOUTH APPROX. 19 acres, small 3 bdr frame house water good fixer up. '25,000.
WEST 13TH 3 bdr, 1 bath 2 car clean & neat. '20's.
WOOD STREET Clean 2-2-2 Corner Assume '40's.
KENTWOOD - 3-2-1 brick cen H/A many amenities, assume. '40's.
E. 18TH - 3 bdr brick 1-ba brick, den fireplace assume. '20's.
E.23RD - 3-2 brick quiet neighborhood cen H/A, owner ANXIOUS (can be assumed). '40's
CAPEHART - 3 bdr. 1 ba, cen. H/A, VERY CLEAN O.F. Small down '197**
SUBURBAN - 4-3-3 on 2 acres, executive place. '100's.
SUBURBAN - 4-2 on approx. 61/2 acres. '90's
COLORADO CITY LAKE HOME - 3-2 deeded lot many amenities. $SACRIFICE
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Furnished Apts. 521

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Storage Building 531

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Unfurnished Apts. 532

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All Bills Paid
NORTHCREST VILLAGE
267-5191 1002 N. Main

Unfurnished Houses 533

2 BEDROOM, extra nice, with dirining room. Corner of Johnson and 11th place. 394-4975.

3 BEDROOMS, attached garage, fenced backyard, fruit trees, close to college and Washington school. $325.00 month, $150.00 deposit. 393-5588.

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NICE CLEAN four bedroom, two bath. Stove & refrigerator furnished. Washer & dryer connections. Carpeted throughout. References required. 267-3184. $290/month, $100/deposit.

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TWO BEDROOM mobile, 1407B Mesquite. Stove and refrigerator. Will accept HUD. $225.00 monthly, $100.00 monthly, 267-6677.

VEHICLES

Boats 537

FUN! FUN! FUN! 1990 Kawasaki Jet Mate 8 ft. boat, 52 horse power inboard. Seats 3 or 2 and pull a tub or skier. Call Pat Morgan 263-5145 evenings or 263-7331 days. $4,000 firm- includes custom trailer.

Cars for Sale 539

1967 VW BEETLE. $1100.00, runs good. 263-6085 after 4 pm.

Little Things Do A
BIG JOB
Big Spring Herald
Classified Dept. 263-7331

M.A. SNELL
REAL ESTATE

640 ACRES - South of Big Spring Ranchland, home
360 ACRES - South of Big Spring All Cultivation
330 ACRES - St. Lawrence area Cultivation, 6 wells
330 ACRES - St. Lawrence area All grassland
320 ACRES - Lutheran Home, CRP
320 ACRES - St. Lawrence Area Home, CRP
320 ACRES - East of Big Spring Grassland, minerals
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78 ACRES - North of Coahoma Farm, minerals
40 ACRES - Luther area Farm, home
36 ACRES - South of Big Spring Mobile home, barn
34 ACRES - Silver Heels Addn. Grassland
20 ACRES - Longhorn Road Mobile Home, barn
24 ACRES - SW Coahoma Homesite

RANCH Style Executive Home 2 Acres, Derrick Road
FARM Country Luxury Home 2 Acres, Old Ackerly
COUNTRY Farmstead Home 2 Acres, N. Coahoma

COMMERCIAL Bldg. - Offices, Bus. Scurry Street
WAREHOUSE Bldg. - Offices Inc. Scurry Street
APARTMENT Complex - 17 unit West Big Spring

BUSINESS - Specialty clothing store Best location, Gregg St.

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Productivy of U.S. workers is up

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The productivity of American workers shot up 2.7 percent in 1992, the largest gain in two decades, the government said today.

The Labor Department said that last year's increase in productivity, defined as output per number of hours worked, represented a fivefold increase from the tiny 0.5 percent advance in non-farm productivity posted in 1991.

The year ended on an especially good note with productivity in the fourth quarter advancing by 4 percent, a big jump from the third quarter increase of 2.9 percent.

In other good economic news today, the Commerce Department reported that orders to U.S. factories, which had fallen in 1991 because of the recession, posted a 3.3 percent gain in 1992. The yearly increase was aided by a 5.3 percent December surge, the best monthly showing since July 1991.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department reported that the number of Americans filing first-time claims for unemployment benefits fell to 352,000, the first improvement in four weeks.

The decrease of 11,000 for the week ending Jan. 23 reflected fewer claims in 49 states and territories.

U.S. Christmas sales were up

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Consumers who spent enthusiastically at Christmas kept right on going in January, giving the nation's largest retailers surprisingly strong sales. The results reported today provided more evidence of a strengthening economy.

"In most cases, the sales were at or better than (the retailers') plan, which indicates the consumer continues to spend quite freely," said Daniel Barry, a retail industry analyst with Merrill Lynch & Co.

Many analysts believed that consumers, having given retailers their first good holiday season in four years, would retreat in January to pay down credit card bills and to see whether income taxes would be going up in the new year.

"That's getting a lot less likely based on these numbers," Barry said, "but it still could happen."

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING ON AN APPLICATION FOR A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT

GLASSCOCK COUNTY, P.O. Box 67, Garden City, Texas 79739 has applied to the Texas Water Commission (TWC) for a permit (Proposed Permit No. MSW2154) to authorize a Type III municipal solid waste management facility. The proposed site covers approximately 20 acres of land and is to receive approximately 1 ton of solid waste per day for disposal or other processing. The waste management facility is to be 1 mile south-southeast of the intersection of RM 33 and FM 461 in Glasscock County, Texas.

This application has been declared administratively complete and is currently under technical review by the staff of the TWC. Once the technical evaluation is completed, the TWC will issue further notice of the applications and the terms of any proposed draft permits.

Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the offices of the Texas Water Commission, Park 35, 12118 N. Interstae Highway 35, at Yager Lane, Building B, Room 190, Austin, Texas, telephone 512/908-2920 or 512/908-2921.

The TWC will conduct an informal public meeting to receive and consider public comments on the application. The informal public meeting will be held at:

2:30 p.m. - Tuesday, February 16, 1993
Glasscock County Courthouse - District Court room
Highway 158 & Curry Street - Garden City, Texas 79739

Information concerning the public meeting may be obtained by contacting Ann Scudday or Charles Stavley, Municipal Solid Waste Permits Section, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, Telephone 512/908-6687 or 512/908-6688.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpretors for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or braille are requested to contact Charles Stavley or Ann Scudday, Municipal Solid Waste Permits Section at 512/908-6688 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) at least two (2) work days prior to the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Issued this 22nd day of January, 1993.

Gloria A. Vasquez, Chief Clerk
Texas Water Commission

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REQUEST FOR BIDS ON
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Sealed proposals for 5.489 miles of micro-surfacing (poly mod) and seal coat on BI 20-G from IH 20-W of Big Spring to IH 20 E of Big Spring covered by CPM 5-10-12 in Howard County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 P.M., March 3, 1993, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of B.R. Lindley, Area Engineer, Big Spring, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Division of Construction and Contract Administration, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO INCREASE SURFACE INJECTION PRESSURE

EP Operating Limited Partnership, Claydesta Center, 6 Desta Drive Suite 5250, Midland, Texas 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a increase in the permitted surface injection pressure from the current 2,100 psig to 4,900 psig for injection of fluid into a formation that is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to increase surface injection pressures for injection into the Silurian - Devonian formation, within the Southeast Luther (Fusselman) Unit RRC #20583 Well Numbers 6-1, 10-1, 17-1, 19-4, 21-1 and 28-1. These injection wells are located approximately 13 miles north of Big Spring, Texas, in the Luther, S.E. (Silurian-Devonian) Field, in Howard County. Fluid is being injected into strata in the subsurface depth of approximately 9,800.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railraod Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6790).

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Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 A.M., 5th March 1993. Bids will be considered by the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M., 8th March 1993. Bids should be mailed or presented to the County Auditor, P.O. Box 1949, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1949.
Payment will be made after delivery is completed and invoices have been approved by the Commissioners' Court.

Bill Mims,
County Engineer,
Howard County, Texas
8196 February 14 & 19, 1993

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1993, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING RE-ROOFING BUILDING 604 AT THE BIG SPRING MCMAHON/WRINKLE AIR PARK.

BIDS ARE TO BE OPENED AND READ ALOUD IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR, CITY FOURTH AND NOLAN STREETS, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720, WITH AWARD TO BE MADE AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL. BID INFORMATION AND SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED IN THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT, ROOM 105, FIRST FLOOR, CITY HALL, FOURTH AND NOLAN STREETS, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720. ALL BIDS MUST BE MARKED WITH THE DATE OF BID AND A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE BID ITEM(S).

THE CITY OF BIG SPRING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY OR ALL FORMALITIES.

SIGNED: TIM BLACKSHEAR
MAYOR
SIGNED: THOMAS D. FERGUSON,
CITY SECRETARY
8194 February 14 & 21, 1993

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING

THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUEST FROM H AND G CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR A TEMPORARY MOBILE HOME PERMIT. THE MEETING WILL BE AT 5:30 P.M. FEBRUARY 15, 1993, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BUILDING 1106, MCMAHON/WRINKLE AIR PARK, 2000 AIR PARK DRIVE, BIG SPRING, TEXAS.

SAID CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IS SEEKING PERMISSION TO PLACE A TEMPORARY MOBILE HOME AT 1700 LANCASTER TO BE USED AS AN OFFICE AND SECURITY BUILDING WHILE IN THE PROCESS OF ERECTING CANTERBURY WEST RETIREMENT CENTER AT SAID LOCATION.

ADDITIONALLY, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1993, 5:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BUILDING 1106, MCMAHON/WRINKLE AIR PARK, 200 AIR PARK DRIVE, BIG SPRING, TEXAS.

8178 February 5 & 14, 1993

PUBLIC NOTICE

RESIDENTIAL HOME OWNERS -
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

I. All residential homeowners who acquired their home in 1992, must file an exemption form with the Appraisal District to be granted the exemption for 1993, even if they purchased a home with a homestead exemption from the previous owner.

II. If neither spouse is receiving an over-65 exemption and either spouse turned 65 years of age before midnight January 1, 1993 you can qualify for the over-65 exemption, BUT YOU MUST APPLY with the Appraisal District.

III. If neither spouse is receiving an exemption for FICA disability and either spouse became disabled before midnight January 1, 1993 you can qualify for a disability homestead exemption BUT YOU MUST APPLY with the Appraisal District.

IV. All residential homeowners who received an exemption, homestead, over-65 or disabled, for 1992 the District will carry the exemption(s) forward without application. You need only apply if yo fall in one of the above 3 categories.

Keith Toomire
Chief Appraiser
Howard County Appraisal
District
8180 February 7 & 14, &
April 4, 1993

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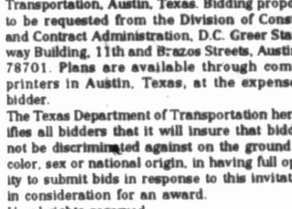
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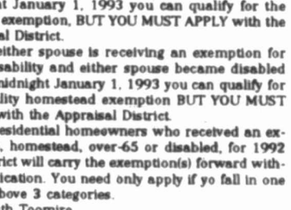
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Search, seizure law to be tested

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A test case on computer users' privacy rights and a publisher's rights to be free of sweeping searches by federal agents is in the hands of a federal judge.

The case, which pits an Austin company against the U.S. Secret Service, has garnered national attention because of its far-reaching implications for individuals who use computer bulletin boards and electronic mail.

The lawsuit also seeks to protect businesses from heavy-handed searches by law enforcement officers who suspect that an employee of a company might engage in illegal activity.

The lawsuit was prompted by a raid three years ago on Steve Jackson Games, a producer of role-playing games and game materials.

In response to the raid, several computer pioneers pooled their money and formed the Electronic Frontier Foundation, which underwrote the lawsuit to try to obtain a court ruling protecting computer users.

A goal of the organization is to protect computer rights in the same way that traditional publishing is protected by the Constitution.

"We think it's a groundbreaking case," said Peter Kennedy, lawyer for the company and three other plaintiffs.

"If the judge rules in our favor, it would establish several important precedents. The government practice of shutting down (bulletin board services) without suspecting the operator of wrongdoing will cease. And the government will have to treat electronic mail the same as they treat private mail in post offices, which is how everyone who uses electronic mail treats it," he told the Austin American-Statesman.

The government didn't suspect Jackson or his company of any wrongdoing when the raid was conducted March 1, 1990.

One of Jackson's employees, Loyd Blankenship, was suspected of computer-related crimes in connection with a bulletin board that he operated out of his home. Blankenship, who still works for the company, hasn't been charged with any crime in connection with the investigation.

Agents seized three computers and considerable software from Jackson's company, and in the process took a nearly completed role-playing game called "GURPS Cyberpunk," which company officials said was days from going to the printer.

In the almost four months that the Secret Service kept the material, Jackson laid off nearly half his staff and had to postpone publication of the game and other products.

One of the seized computers was used for a bulletin board, called Illuminati, that was run by the company and could be accessed from anywhere in the world by computer users with a modem.

The lawsuit, which seeks more than $2 million in lost income for the company and lost royalties for Jackson, centers on two key issues: whether the bulletin board messages are protected under privacy laws and whether a law protecting publishers from search warrants also applies to Steve Jackson Games.

The lawsuit also contends that Secret Service agents lacked probable cause to obtain the search warrant and points out several errors and alleged misrepresentations in the affidavit used to obtain the warrant.

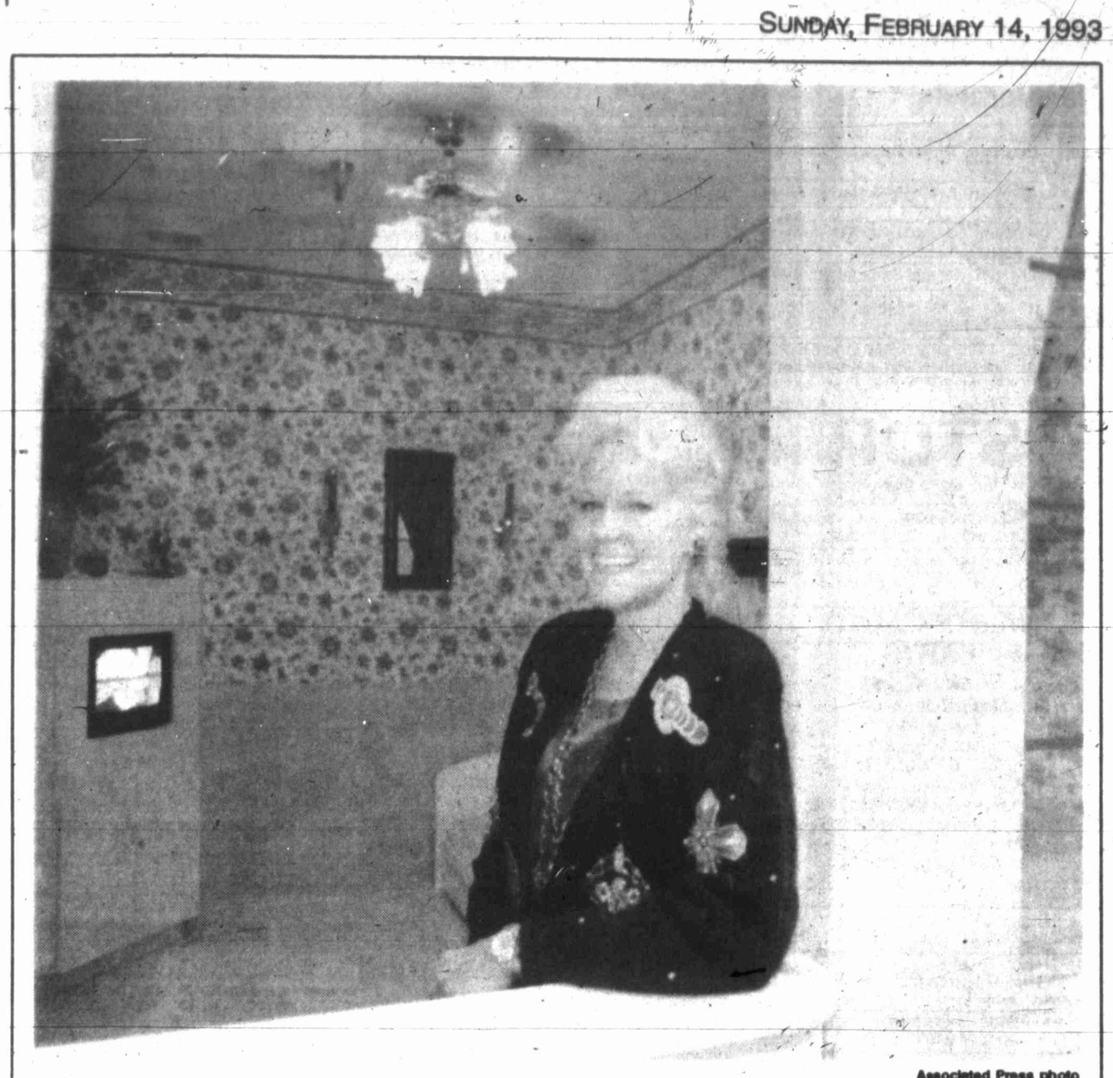
The government contended that the Privacy Protection Act, which prohibits government searches of publishing companies, does not apply to Steve Jackson Games.

In motions and briefs, U.S. attorneys have argued that the company is simply a manufacturer of games, while the privacy act is intended to protect news media.

The government also has said that the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, which prohibits the interception and use of electronic communications, does not apply to the bulletin board messages seized by the agents.

The Secret Service contends that the messages are not private because they are disclosed to the bulletin board's operator and that they were never "intercepted" because they were stored in a seized computer.

Of the seizure of the GURPS Cyberpunk game, the government said that was inadvertent because the manuscript happened to be stored in material seized as part of the search warrant.



Associated Press photo

Puppy Penthouse

Kay Davis-Sellers poses recently at the doorway of one of five penthouse suites at Planet Pet in Bedford. For $29.50 per night a pampered pet can lounge on the bed watching color TV under the breeze of a ceiling fan.

Where is Clinton's economic recovery plan?

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Analyst

NEW YORK — We need more jobs, the president said, shortly before disclosing plans to reduce the White House staff by 25 percent and ordering his Cabinet to eliminate 100,000 federal government positions by 1995.

Thus did President Clinton reveal the dilemmas, the contradictions, the challenges facing the nation, its workers, its various governments, businesses and not-for-profit institutions.

The country does need more jobs. Near the end of 1992, more than 9 million people were out of work, another million or so had withdrawn from the labor force, and about 6 million were working part-time instead of full-time.

Despite the need for jobs, companies are eliminating jobs rather than adding them. Military contractors, facing defense cutbacks, are shrinking payrolls. Large companies are reducing their midriffs to remain competitive. In some ways, the early 1990s are a mirror image of the early 1980s, when overly confident employers stockpiled workers — just in case they needed them. Great size, it was thought, was necessary in an enlarged global economy.

Employers today not only avoid hiring, often using temporaries, but scan their offices and plants in search of workers to let go. Bulk of any sort is out; the new ideal is a slim, competitive, finely conditioned body.

Once upon a time, government could create jobs with the stroke of a pen, and often did. No more. Make-work projects are now associated with deficits and high taxes, and people from the president on down are against them.

So, with both government and business seeking to eliminate jobs in the name of efficiency, all the old make-work ideas are viewed with scorn and derision — and no evidence of a new plan has been put in place.

In fact, comments by employers suggest there are serious disincentives to adding workers. High on the list are uncertainties over about medical insurance costs, government-mandated regulations and higher taxes.

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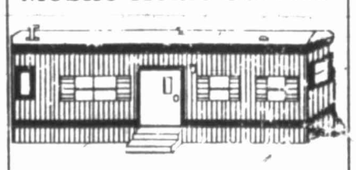
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