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Cranefest celebration facing challenges in fourth year

HERALD staff report

Now four years old, Cranefest faces a number of challenges in 1996. First, a declining number of birds in West Texas and, second, attendance and viewer interest that has never seemed to gain momentum despite the efforts of a number of volunteers over the years.

While similar celebrations along the Platte River in central Nebraska draw upwards of 100,000 persons, Big Spring's Cranefest still counts its attendance in the lower hundreds.

And with only about 1,000 sandhill

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cranes wintering here this year, that number is not likely to grow.

"We don't have any water and there's not much food for them," explained Pat Simmons, chairperson of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event. Simmons said the bird count is about one-third that of recent years. In the past, between 6,000 and 10,000 birds have been counted in the area.



DR. JIM LEWIS

"But we have a wonderful lineup of activities for the folks who come out," she added.

Activities get under way at 8 a.m. Friday with a birding field trip and concludes Saturday afternoon with an "on-your-own" viewing of the return of the cranes to their resting area along One-and-Two-Mile Lakes in west Big Spring.

In between those sessions are a number of activities, including a Friday night banquet featuring Dr. Jim Lewis as the keynote speaker. Lewis is the national whooping crane coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Albuquerque,N.M.

Banquet tickets are $10 each and Simmons requests that anyone interested in attending make their reservations Monday so that an accurate food count can be given.

"Advance ticket sales are lagging a bit and we're hopeful of having a real good turnout for Dr. Lewis," Simmons said. "His program will be a talk and slide presentation on sandhill and whooping cranes and will be very informative."

In addition to the Cranefest activities, the Big Spring Art Association will hold its 42nd ArtsFest. Works will be displayed at both the Dora Roberts Community Center and the Heritage Museum.

Rep. Stenholm, Buffalo Trail Council salute Scouts, volunteers

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Congressman Charles Stenholm was in town this weekend to pay tribute to the Boy Scouts of America and their leaders.

The annual Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts recognition banquet was Saturday afternoon at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The Buffalo Trail Council is made up of 18 counties in West Texas including Howard, Midland, Glasscock, Martin and Mitchell counties.

"I never turn down an opportunity to speak to Boy Scouts in this area. The Boy Scouts are a great group of people and so are their leaders and their enthusiasm pumps me up for my return to Washington," Stenholm said.

Stenholm was a Cub Scout but helping out on the family farm kept him from moving up to the next level. He had visited stock shows in Aspermont and Claremont earlier Saturday morning. He is scheduled to attend the christening of his grandson in Fort Worth Sunday and return to the nation's capitol Monday morning.

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The Midland Lee High School Strict Lee Strings Orchestra provided the crowd of about 100 with some musical entertainment.

A special recognition to the Welch family honored them for donating an old building of theirs on Scurry Street for the Boy Scouts to use as their headquarters.

The biggest award given at the annual banquet is the Silver Beaver Award. These awards are given to registered scouters who are of exceptional character and give noteworthy services to the boys in the group. That group include Steve Blaylock, Midland; R. Alan Hale, Midland; Robert M. Leibrock, Midland and Barney G. Lee, Pecos.

Blaylock has served as an assistant scout master for eight years and as scoutmaster for six years, all with the Boy Scout Troop 272 sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Midland.

Hale, an Eagle Scout, is a Webelos Den leader for Pack 155. He has been involved in scouting for most of his life. He has served on several scouting boards as well.

Leibrock has served on the scout's council executive board as council vice president for finance and vice president for endowment. He raised a lot of money for the Buffalo Trail Council during his tenure on the board.

Lee served as a Merit Badge Counselor and Scoutmaster. He is currently a member of the Council Executive Board. He became a Boy Scout in 1960.

SCOUT SALUTE



Herald photo/Tim Appel

Congressman Charles Stenholm tells a joke at the podium during his keynote speech at the annual Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts recognition banquet Saturday. Stenholm was in Big Spring to pay tribute to the Boy Scouts and their leaders.

Budget crisis

Senate, Clinton dodge third shutdown

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Only hours before funds were to run out, the Senate approved a temporary spending bill Friday averting a third shutdown of the federal government in as many months.

Republicans were able to turn aside Democratic attempts to extend the federal government's borrowing authority and to shrink budget cuts in education programs.

The bill provides funds to enable nine cabinet-level departments and dozens of federal agencies, for which Congress and President Clinton have been unable to agree on a fiscal 1996 budget, to keep operating through March 15. The House approved a similar bill Thursday.

Clinton is expected to sign the measure, although White House officials have expressed reservations about spending cuts contained in the bill.

Many departments and agencies would receive funds at levels equal to last year's budget. However, the departments of Labor, Education, Interior, and Health and Human Services would receive a 25 percent spending cut for many programs.

The government has been operating at reduced levels under temporary spending bills since the start of the fiscal year on Oct. 1. Current spending authority was due to expire at midnight Friday. The Senate bill is the ninth temporary spending bill since the fiscal year began.

The bill also eliminates the Office of Technology Assessment, the Bureau of Mines, and more than a dozen other programs, most of them in the area of education.

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> **Sen. Mark Hatfield**

Unable to pass their seven-year plan for shrinking the federal government and shifting power away from Washington, Republicans are using a series of temporary spending bills to sharply squeeze annual spending, particularly for education, environmental and social programs.

The Senate defeated an amendment by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., that would have reduced the bill's 25 percent spending cut in education programs to a 5 percent cut from fiscal 1995 spending levels.

The vote was 51 to 40 in favor of the amendment, mostly along party lines, and was short of the sixty votes required.

The bill's 25 percent spending cut in federal education programs would amount to a $3.1 billion reduction if carried through to the end of fiscal 1996, Kennedy said.

"This would be the largest education cut in the nation's history ... and will cause disruption and chaos in colleges and school districts across the country," Kennedy said. "We're in danger of accepting through the back door what we would never have accepted through the front door."

Several Republicans expressed reservations about funding levels contained in the bill, but said they felt they had no choice but to accept them. Any significant change in the bill made by the Senate would require another vote by the House, which left town for the weekend Thursday night.

"We're sort of in one of those situations where, as I say, there's a gun to our heads or we run the responsibility of shutting down the government," complained Senate Appropriations Chairman Mark Hatfield, R-Ore.

The Senate also defeated an amendment by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., that would have extended the federal government's borrowing through the end of May 1997, avoiding an unprecedented default by the United States.

The vote was 46 to 45 to set aside Moynihan's amendment, mostly along party lines.

GOP leaders are trying to negotiate a package of tax and spending cuts — described as a "downpayment on balancing the budget" — with the White House as their price for agreeing to increase federal borrowing authority.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin has estimated the government will run out of funds by the end of February if legislation extending the debt limit is not signed into law first.

It is widely expected a default by the United States on its debts would provoke an international economic crisis.

"It would be the equivalent of losing a war — nothing is equal to this," Moynihan said.

House Republican leaders have been using the debt ceiling as leverage to gain budget concessions from Clinton. Their enthusiasm for that strategy was dampened somewhat this week after a bond rating service made public it was considering downgrading the rating given to U.S. Treasury bonds, and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan issued a private warning to GOP leaders of serious financial reprecussions.

Two local support groups join forces to ease past hardships

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Two support groups in Big Spring have decided to join forces to help people overcome past hardships.

The theme, "Let Freedom Ring," was adopted by Project Freedom and The Most Excellent Way. The groups had an open house Saturday afternoon at College Heights Christian Church.

Project Freedom Loretta Burns said the two agencies have joined together for the sole purpose of saying "we believe in freedom and we believe only Jesus Christ is the true authority. 1996 needs to be a year we all join together and declare battle on the garbage that's ruining our lives."

The two groups help people deal with alcohol or drug problems as well as emotional, physical, sexual and spiritual abuse.

"We are combining the efforts of the two groups for people to become free. They need to know the starting point and foundation of being free is with God," Burns added.

Burns started Project Freedom in August 1994 and has had seven groups so far complete the project. The 10-week program not only focuses on what is wrong with the past but teaches people how to live their lives and deal with the future.

The first four weeks take a look at the person's past but is different from other groups, Burns said, because Project Freedom does more than that. "We don't just dwell on the past, we look at ways to get on with our lives and prepare for the future."

Once the group starts, you can't join in during the middle but you can get on a waiting list for the next one. They meet on Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the church.

Leatrice Brown started the Most Excellent Way in 1994 as well. The support group leads individuals in the battle against drug and alcohol addiction and its effects. They meet on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Christian Bookstore.

Burns added she and Brown would like to find a building for both groups to use and build an agency to help people. They are working on developing a hotline as well.

Burns recently decided to focus all of her attention on Project Freedom and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in biblical counseling. Burns had worked at Rape Crisis/Victim Services for a number of years.



U.S. Trivia

What state is known as the Mountain State?

West Virginia

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SPORTS



Super Bowl XXX

One last look as the Cowboys prepare to take on the Steelers in Super Bowl XXX. Pages 8, 11 and 12A.

STATE

Outbreak

Parents line up for doses of medicine to help battle what is becoming to look like a meningitis outbreak. The disease has killed one eighth grader. See page 3A.

Mother arraigned

A 29-year-old Army wife is in FBI custody after suffocating her 3-year-old son and mutilating his 4-year-old brother. See page 3A.

TONIGHT'S WEATHER

Today



64 ▲ Highs / Lows ▼ 25

Clear

Today, sunny and warm with highs in the mid-60s. Tonight, clear and cold. Low in the mid-20s. Wind becoming northeast to east 5-10 mph.

Tonight



Permian Basin Forecast

Monday: Mostly sunny. High in the upper 60s. Southeast wind 10-15 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny. High around 65. Lows in the upper 20s.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Two sandhill cranes are shown flying from the One-Mile Lake area. The fourth annual Cranefest is scheduled for this Friday and Saturday.

Cranefest '96 schedule of events

A variety of activities are scheduled for the fourth annual Cranefest, scheduled for Friday and Saturday. The Dora Roberts Community Center (DRCC), located in Comanche Trail Park, will serve as the headquarters. Prices shown are for individual events. An advance package for all events may be purchased for $25.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. — Birding field trip, meet at DRCC.

10 a.m. - 9 p.m. — Big Spring Art Association's 42nd ArtFest. Accepted works on display at DRCC while unaccepted works will be on display at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry St.

5:30 p.m. — Meet at DRCC to travel in caravan to view the return of the cranes.

7 p.m. — Banquet featuring Dr. Jim Lewis, national whooping crane coordinator of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Albuquerque, N.M. Tickets are $10 per person and advanced registration is requested.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

7:30 a.m. — Dutch treat breakfast, DRCC.

8 a.m. — Depart for walking tour of Comanche Trail Park and Historic Big Spring. Guides are birders John Karges and Ross Dawkins.

9:30 a.m. — Bus tour of Scenic Mountain and Big Spring State Park. Guides are Karges of West Texas Nature Conservancy and Dawkins. Tickets are $5 per person.

11:30 a.m. — Luncheon at DRCC with featured speaker Hayes Stripling, Jr.

1 p.m. — "Last Chance Forever" program and demonstration at Amphitheater by Birds of Prey Conservancy, San Antonio, featuring rehabilitated hawks, owls, falcons and eagles. Children under 3 are free and from 6-12 are $3.

2 p.m. — Bus tour to view cranes and waterfowl north of Big Spring. Guides are Karges and Dawkins. This tour will also visit the M.E. Simer farm to view emus, ostriches and a few exotic birds. Tickets are $5 per person.

4:30 p.m. — Return to DRCC.

5:45 p.m. — On-your-own viewing of return of the cranes.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Booths featuring land management and a display and video on cranes will be set up.

A sales room featuring bird, butterfly and bat houses and Cranefest memorabilia available for sale will be open to the public.

OBITUARIES

Winnie Greene

Winnie Greene, 66, a former Big Spring resident, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 1996 in Lubbock. Services were 2 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, Turkey, with the Rev. Melvin Clinton, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Dreamland Cemetery, Turkey under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

She was born March 22, 1929 in Ropesville, and married W.A Greene in November 1950 in Lubbock. She attended Lubbock schools. She was a beautician and a member of First Christian Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include her husband, W.A. Greene, Turkey; a son: Michael Greene, Turkey; two daughters: D'aun Greene, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Lynn McCoy, Plano; seven sisters: Ruby McNeely, San Antonio; Charlotte Cross, Lufkin; Margaret Hester, Lubbock; Ruth Sullivan, Wheland Springs, Ark.; Jean Henderson, Garland; Dixie Jennings, Clovis, Calif.; and Linda Sneed, Bastrop; two brothers: John Ketchum, Albuquerque, N.M.; and Charles Ketchum, Dimmitt; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandsons.

Barbara McWhorter

Funeral services for Barbara McWhorter, 74, of Big Spring, were Saturday, Jan. 27, 1996, at 14th and Main Church of Christ with Royce Clay, minister, officiating. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park. She died on Friday, Jan. 26, 1996, in a Midland hospital.



McWHORTER

She was born on Aug. 19, 1921, in Coahoma and married J.C. "Mac" McWhorter on Aug. 11, 1942, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Jan. 30, 1970.

Mrs. McWhorter was a life long resident of Howard County. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1938 and then graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1942. She was a homemaker. She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include four daughters: Betty Wright and Sarah Roberson, both of Big Spring, Nancy Upham, Midland; and Jill Lankford, Greenwood; one sister: Betty Fay Collins, Big Spring and nine grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to: The Children's Home of Lubbock; P.O. Box 2824; Lubbock, Texas; 79408 or the New Mexico Christian Children's Home; HC 69 Box 48, Portales, N.M.; 88130-9411.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Berne Lee

Graveside services for Berne Henderson Lee, 78, of Stanton, are scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1996, at Evergreen Cemetery with Rev. Epifanio Melgoza of Midland officiating. She died Friday, Jan. 26, 1996, in Stanton after a lengthy illness.

She was born Dec. 23, 1917, in Freestone County, Texas, and moved to Stanton 12 years ago from Midland. She married Calvin Wesley Lee Sr. on April 8, 1939, in Teague, Texas.

Survivors include her husband Calvin Wesley Lee Sr., Stanton; three sons: Charles Douglas Lee, Midland; Calvin W. Lee Jr., Providence, R.I.; and Vallard C. Lee, El Paso; three daughters: Mae Jackson, Midland; Carolyn E. Lee Mitchell, Stanton and Willie R. Lee; Stanton; a sister: Catherine Powers, Teague; a brother: Willie Henderson, Teague; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Dog sniffs out huge heroin haul

DEL RIO (AP) — A drug-sniffing dog located 54.5 pounds of brown and black tar heroin concealed Saturday under the floorboards of a motor home, a Customs spokeswoman said.

"We think it's definitely one of the largest brown and black tar heroin seizures in Texas made by Customs agents or inspectors," spokeswoman Judy Turner of Houston said Saturday.

The black Labrador named Thumper found the drugs inside a 1972 Chevrolet Open Road motor home inspected at the Port of Entry at 8 a.m. Saturday, Ms. Turner said.

"The inspectors found a compartment under the floorboard in the kitchen area under cabinets and the refrigerator," she said. "This compartment was fairly sophisticated ... with 31 packages of the heroin concealed within."

A 57-year-old male resident alien, who had an address in San Jose, Calif., was arrested, she said.

Big Spring ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Friday to 3 p.m. Saturday:

•**CALVIN LYNN WILLIAMS**, 42, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**PAULA RENEE ARNOLD**, 27, of 3704 Amelia, was arrested on an outstanding Midland County warrant for failure to identify herself to a peace officer. She was transferred to the county jail and later released on a $10,000 bond.

•**GILBERT LOPEZ JR.**, 26, of 3302 Auburn, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was transferred to the county jail and later released on a $1,500 bond.

•**INEZ RODRIQUEZ ROCHA**, 28, of HC 69 Box 128, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**JUAN PABLO MENDEZ**, 23, of 1113 N. Scurry, was arrested for public intoxication and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was transferred to the county jail and later released on a $2,000 bond.

•**WILLIAM DEAN WOODARD**, 26, of 1507 Tucson, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•**INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** in the 500 block of West Fourth, 500 block of Nolan, 1100 block of Gregg, 1500 block of Gregg and 300 block of Runnels.

•**FORGERY** in the 1800 block of East Marcy.

•**HINDERING A SECURED CREDITOR** in the 1600 and 2200 blocks of Gregg.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 1200 block of Sycamore.

•**THEFTS** in the 300 block of Owens and 1500 block of East 11th Place.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 1100 block of Lloyd.

•**LOUD PARTY** in the 1500 block of Chickasaw.

•**BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** in the 500 block of East Marcy.

•**ASSAULT/UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** in the 300 block of East Fifth.

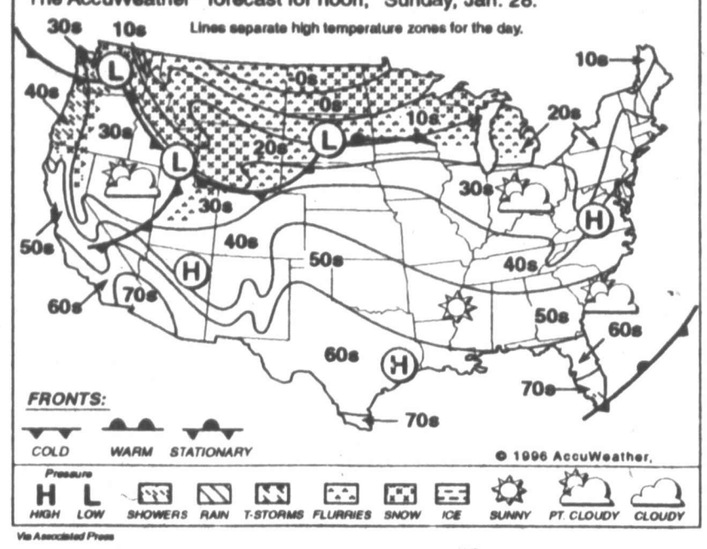
•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 300 block of East Fifth.

•**UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** in the 1100 block of North Scurry.

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NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Jan. 28.



Via Associated Press

NATIONAL SUMMARY:

It will be windy and cold in the Northeast tomorrow with a few flurries around northern New England and off the eastern Great Lakes. Snow will spread eastward across the northern Plains into the Upper Great Lakes. The Northwest will remain cold and unsettled with a chilly rain along the coast and snow farther inland. In contrast to all the cold weather, it will be pleasantly warm in the Southwest.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Friday to 3 p.m. Saturday:

•**PAUL DELEON**, 43, of 504 South Bell, was transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Abilene to serve 23 years for aggravated kidnapping.

•**JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY JR.**, 33, of HC 61 Box 491, paid a $500 cash bond on a capias attorney general warrant.

•**MELVIN DAVID FULLER**, 51, a transient, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested for criminal trespass and was later released on a $1,000 bond.

•**WILLIAM JEROD FRANKS**, 19, of 309 Driver Road, was released to Andrews County authorities.

•**JIMMY MARTINEZ**, no address given, pleaded guilty in district court to burglary of a building, sentenced to 10 years deferred adjudication, fined $1,000 and ordered to pay $106 in court costs.

SPRINGBOARD

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TODAY

•St. Thomas Catholic Church offers bingo 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Club. Lic. #3-00-786055-1.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Incipient Shire of Crossroads, local branch of the Society of Creative Anachronism, weekly fighter practice, 2 p.m., Comanche Trail Park. Call Robert Black, 393-5438 or A.J. Hashem, 267-5825.

•Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.

MONDAY

•Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in room 113, meeting starts at 6 p.m., Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th St. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•"Welcome Home" Alcoholics Anonymous NON-SMOKING meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad.

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

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Singles, single again have been changed to the Eagles Lodge. Contact Keith or Debbie Whiteside at 263-8868 for more information.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

TUESDAY

•Melissa Avila, of St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock, will do free health screenings, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Youth Center, 509 N. Aylford. Call, 1-806-765-8475.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.

•Comanche Lake Duplicate Weekly, Dora Roberts Civic Center, 1 p.m. Come early at 12:15 for mini-lessons.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Most Excellent Way chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m., or 263-3168 before 8 p.m.

•The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet during football season, 7:30 p.m., elementary cafeteria. The previous week's game film will be shown and Coach McHugh will discuss the game.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephens Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Survivors, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

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Meningitis outbreak scares Fort Worth parents

FORT WORTH (AP) — Parents lined up at Fossil Hill Middle School by the hundreds Friday to obtain doses of an antibiotic that protects against meningitis and meningococcemia, the disease that killed eighth-grader Kristi Burbach and hospitalized a classmate and his young sister.

For the first day since Kristi's death on Monday, Tarrant County reported no new cases of the diseases, said Scott Hanlan, disease control manager for the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Public Health Departments.

"It's the first good news we've had," he told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "We're crossing our fingers and hoping it continues."

Eighth-grader Cody Nordley and his 3-year-old sister, Amelia Hill, were upgraded to good condition Friday at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth.

But parents who streamed into the school said they are still fearful for their children.

"I'm worried because he's my only son. It's scary," said Ronald Mullen, who arrived with his 13-year-old son, Brian. "I'm taking him home and I'm not sure I'm bringing him back."

On their way to obtain the medicine, some looked at a tribute to Kristi that included a photograph, flowers, stuffed animals, blue and purple ribbons and a poignant letter, handwritten in red ink.

"Hey, girl. So how is it up there?" the letter reads in part. "I really wish I could have done something to help you. Are you playing soccer? You better be."

In the school's art room, parents lined up to sign consent forms, to obtain prescriptions and answers from health department doctors, and to receive medicine from pharmacists of Harris Methodist H.E.B. hospital, which provided the pills free.

Many left quickly afterward to attend Kristi's funeral.

No estimate was available of the number of people who visited the school, where there are 950 students enrolled and about 80 staff members.

Tyra Blackmon of Watauga said her 12-year-old daughter and three school friends spent a mostly sleepless night together Thursday.

"These kids are scared to death," Blackmon said. "It's so scary, especially to see someone so young die."

One of the Blackmons' overnight visitors was Kendra Johnston, a 13-year-old seventh-grader at Fossil Hill.

"It's freaky," she said breathlessly. "We keep hearing this has happened, that has happened."

Physicians and other health authorities on hand told parents that the antibiotic, rifampin, will protect against the diseases.

Once the children have taken the antibiotic, they do not need another treatment, said Bobby Jones, an epidemiologist with the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Public Health Departments.

Generally, up to 30 percent of the population carries the bacteria that causes meningococcemia and meningitis, Jones said. But no one is certain how carrying the bacteria translates into getting the diseases.

School outbreaks of the bacteria that causes meningococcemia and meningitis are "very rare," Jones said. In the past 10 years, U.S. schools have had about five outbreaks, he said.

Jones emphasized that parents should continue to monitor children for symptoms, which include a rapidly progressing high fever, severe headache, lethargy, irritability, loss of appetite and a purple rash. Seek medical advice quickly if symptoms appear, he said.

29-year-old mother arraigned in 3-year-old son's death

FORT HOOD (AP) — A 29-year-old Army wife was in FBI custody after a hearing Friday before a federal magistrate on Fort Hood in the suffocation of her 3-year-old son.

Michelle Greeen, who faces a federal charge of murder, was expected to be transported to a holding facility in Waco to await formal arraignment next week.

Meanwhile, FBI agents and Fort Hood police continued investigating Thursday's events that left Deel Green dead and his older brother mutilated. The 4-year-old boy's penis, which was severed in the incident, is believed to have been bitten off, authorities said.

"This is a tragic event," said Maj. Terry O'Rourke, a Fort Hood spokesman, during a news conference Friday afternoon. "It's very shocking for us here."

Mrs. Green was arrested Thursday at her home on the post, an Army spokesman said.

Military police said they responded to a neighbor's 911 call at 4:08 p.m. regarding an injured child at an on-post housing area.

They found the 3-year-old unconscious, his brother bleeding from the groin, and their mother nearby.

Both children were taken to the trauma center at Darnall Army Community Hospital, where the younger boy died within the hour. His brother was reported in stable condition. Police said a 7-year-old daughter was located uninjured at a neighbor's house.

Authorities said the woman's husband was not home at the time of the incident and was notified later by military police and taken to the hospital.

Man gets three life terms in Fort Bend County deputy's death

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — A man once sent to death row for killing a Fort Bend sheriff's deputy was resentenced to three life terms in prison.

Francisco Cardenas, 30, a Mexican national, was sentenced in the March 21, 1988, slaying of Deputy Eugene Heimann. The new sentences are part of a plea bargain after his first conviction was overturned by an appeals court.

Cardenas, who confessed to the slaying, Thursday pleaded guilty to capital murder, aggravated robbery and burglary of a habitation.

District Attorney John Healey said Cardenas, a Houston resident at the time of the killing, will have to serve at least 14 years in prison before being eligible for parole.

In a statement he read in Spanish after the sentencing, Cardenas said he was sorry for his acts.

Heimann's family agreed to the plea bargain.

Jurors sentenced Cardenas to die for the killing in 1989. He confessed to authorities that he, his brother and a Houston woman had been burglarizing houses in a rural area near Damon.

When Heimann stopped Cardenas and his brother while the pair were hitchhiking, Cardenas pulled a gun from a potato chip bag and shot Heimann five times in the chest, back and face.

Cardenas' capital murder conviction was reversed in 1993 when the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said prosecutors improperly eliminated a woman from jury service because she said she could not decide, based on the facts in the case, that Cardenas would be a future danger to society.

Prosecutors said the juror was excluded based on existing case law at the time of the trial.

Cardenas was arrested along with his younger brother, Juan Jose Cardenas, 27. The pair had been in the United States illegally less than six months at the time of the crime. The younger brother served a 10-year sentence on charges of aggravated robbery and burglary of a habitation and has since returned to Mexico, attorneys said.

Elizabeth Martinez, 28, of Houston, was driving the brothers on the day of the burglaries. She received a 10-year sentence.

Comptroller tells hard-luck lottery story

SULPHUR SPRINGS (AP) — State Comptroller John Sharp has a hard-luck story to tell about the state lottery.

The saga dates back to the first few months of the state lottery.

One day, a close friend came in the back door of Sharp's office with him a winning scratch-off ticket worth $2,500.

All the friend wanted was his money and figured he could get it quietly with not much made of his profit.

"I took great pride in telling him we couldn't do that, because, first of all, it wasn't every day that a deacon of a church came in with a $2,500 ticket," Sharp said.

Sharp proposed that his friend could legally find someone else to cash the ticket.

The lawyer convinced a fresh-out-of-college law clerk from his office to do the deed.

The three then drove together to cash in the ticket.

"We hid behind the bushes while she went in," Sharp said.

And they waited.

Forty-two minutes later, the young clerk came back..

"She said, 'They took our money,'" Sharp said.

It seems she had a bad loan from her last year at school and seized the winners to cover it.

Texas briefs

Man charged in attack on 10-month-old daughter

MONT BELVIEU — A man accused of slamming his 10-month-old daughter against a doorjamb has been charged with attempted capital murder.

Police refused to identify the 30-year-old father, although Texas law states that the names of people charged with crimes are public record. The man was being held without bond.

His daughter, identified as Karen Liu, was listed in stable condition Friday at Hermann Hospital. Officials said her spinal cord was damaged but not broken.

Responding to screams from the child's mother, two passersby rescued the girl in a motel room.

One of them, David Demsky, said the father was holding the girl by her feet and slamming her against a doorjamb.

Demsky said he tackled the father and subdued him with the help of another man.

Woman pleads for return of tape with love message

HOUSTON — A Luckenbach woman is pleading for the return of a tape recording of her late husband saying he loved her.

The tape was one of many personal items she lost when someone stole her van outside a Houston motel this week.

Eva Dalesio, 39, said she is offering an unspecified reward for the return of the answering-machine tape of Raymond Grant's final message to her before his death here in 1986.

"He just called to tell me that he loved me," Dalesio said. "It was a little something I carried with me to listen to when I wasn't feeling so hot."

The van is a dark green 1993 Plymouth Voyager with Pennsylvania license plates ARH-8397.

Dallas school official says board meetings will continue

DALLAS — The head of the Dallas school board says that trustees will continue to meet despite a pledge from a black leader to disrupt future meetings unless black trustees are more fully included in decision-making.

"If we have to alter the style and length and duration of meetings to avoid riotous behavior, we will," said president Sandy Kress.

Protesters led by NAACP president Lee Alcorn took over Thursday night's meeting, leading the board to quickly adopt the entire agenda, adjourn the meeting and leave through a back door while protesters chanted.

A protester and a school official later had to be pulled apart after a shoving match.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk said Friday that it was time to get on with the business of educating children, instead of "always dealing with this foolishness and noise."

"I thought it was disgusting," he said.

Homeless man freezes to death in front Dallas City Hall

DALLAS — Dewey Roberson died curled up on a bench in front of Dallas City Hall.

The 70-year-old man had been a fixture among Dallas' homeless for years, living on the streets as long as about anyone can remember.

He died wearing a suit coat with a couple of citations for public sleeping stuffed in his pocket, liquor bottles nearby.

Police believe he is the fourth homeless man to freeze to death this winter in Dallas, prompting more angst over what to do about the city's homeless, particularly those who don't want help.

"With these deaths, it should be a time of reassessment and soul searching in public policy," said homeless-advocate John Fullinwider, who spent three nights in December sleeping on the streets to protest the city's ban on sleeping in public.

The city has defended its ban on sleeping in public, and Mayor Ron Kirk has said that taking people to jail on cold nights is more humane than letting them freeze to death.

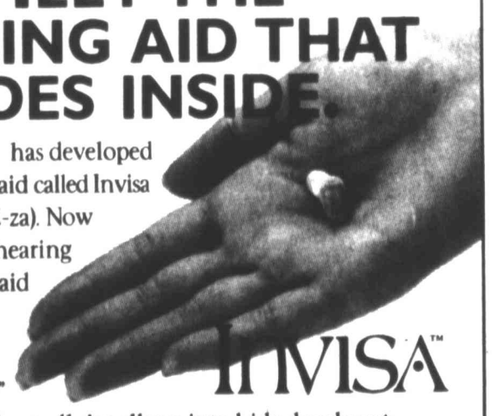
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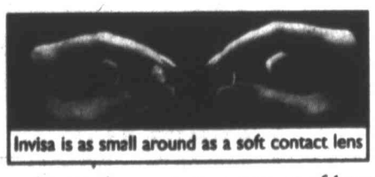
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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"It's the inherent right of the government to lie to save itself."

Arthur D. Sylvester

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Hogue's recognition a tribute to all officers

Troy M. Hogue gave his life in service to the people of the State of Texas, specifically Howard County.

Last Thursday, the people of Howard County and Big Spring were able to give something back.

The dedication of the Troy M. Hogue Law Enforcement Center, formerly the Big Spring Police Department, means that Hogue's name will be before the people from now on. It means that the loss of his life on Dec. 30, 1994 will not be allowed to be forgotten.

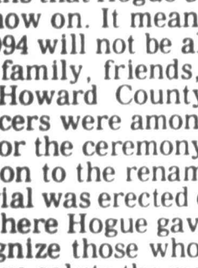
Hogue's family, friends, fellow DPS officers, Texas Rangers, Howard County deputies and Big Spring police officers were among the nearly 200 people who gathered for the ceremony.

In addition to the renaming of the building, a granite memorial was erected on the I-20 service road near the spot where Hogue gave his life.

We recognize those who made the dedication possible ... but we salute the memory of Trooper Hogue and we salute those men and women of the law enforcement fraternity who enter each day knowing they could face the same fate.

Too many times we take you for granted.

Time for GOP to get tough with Bill Clinton on budget



John H. Walker
Managing Editor

I'm not sure who's not getting the message in Washington ... Bill Clinton or Congress. Or, maybe it's both.

Once again, we find ourselves with a patchwork budget, band-aided through mid-March with rhetoric coming from both sides of the aisle about why the budget deal can't be done.

While spending two years in Arkansas, we learned that Bill Clinton is a master of many things — chicanery, manipulation, misrepresentation and, of course, the political spin.

Clinton was so well-liked and respected in Arkansas that the people couldn't wait for him to get to Washington. The feeling in Arkansas, whose motto was "The Land of Opportunity" before Clinton became president, was that if he were to be elected he and his wife could do less damage to Arkansas from Washington than from Little Rock.

And Bill Clinton has been able to put his political spin on the budget fiasco. He's painted the picture of the poor senior citizens being forced to do without and of school children without meals.

The man prevaricates.

And the Republicans and moderate Democrats — along with the American people — have allowed him to do it freely and virtually without challenge.

Remember ... this president of the month-at-a-time budget is also the Vincent Foster president, the Whitewater president and the Travelgate president. He's a president who left so much baggage at home in Arkansas that the most common bumper sticker in the state doesn't say "Soooie, pig - Razorback," it says "I didn't vote for the dope from Hope!"

The Republicans have failed miserably in their task because they've allowed themselves to be portrayed as the villains in the budgetary battle despite the fact they are doing what the American people told them they wanted in regards to a balanced budget.

They've failed miserably because of the political jockeying for party leadership, because of the sniping between the many Republican presidential candidates and because they've allowed Clinton to take the offensive every time he has vetoed a balanced budget presented him.

They've failed because they've allowed Leon Panetta to join in the offensive, claiming that government shutdowns and struggles over the budget were unprecedented before this year.

Panetta, you may recall, was one of the leaders in the Democratic charge against a budget a few years ago that resulted in a governmental shutdown with a Republican president.

The American people need to realize that the president has been presented with numerous budgets that accomplish what the American people have said they wanted.

And every time, the president has vetoed the budget of the American people. It's time for Haley Barbour and the Republicans to aggressively point out what's going on and that Slick Willie is the bad guy!

It looks as if this president is going to do his best to leave the United States of America in the same, sad shape he left Arkansas.

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In response to your comments and concerns:

• We hope you've noticed an increase in the coverage of area high school sports. While our staff is limited, we've found a better way to do things and to work to get our area schools into the newspaper.

• "Dennis the Menace" could be on the way back, returning on or around March 1. The strip that finished No. 12 (out of 13) in our December poll, "Geech" will become history.

• Your concerns over the quality of reproduction of photos in the paper caused us to look at our practices and procedures. Some experimentation resulted in some light photos but overall, the quality of the photos you get in your paper is improving and will continue to do so.

• "On the Street" returns today in response to requests for more reader participation. It will be a weekly feature on Sunday's Opinion page.

• Please sign your letters and provide us with your telephone number and street address if you are submitting a letter for publication.

• On other letters, a signature adds a measure of credibility to your comments, even though folks who are ashamed to sign their name once will always be ashamed of who they are.

• Thanks to the many who have called, written or come by to welcome us back. We're glad you like the changes we're making in your Big Spring Herald.

John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Letters in response may be sent in care of this newspaper.



Little Leaguer learns litigation is national pastime



Mike Royko
Syndicated Columnist

The news business, especially the radio and TV babblers, remains obsessed with O.J. Simpson and the poor fellow's endless legal troubles. They can have Simpson. I'll take the unusual case of Johnny "the Arm" Lupoli.

Johnny is the defendant in a personal-injury lawsuit. He is accused of really messing up a woman's face.

What makes his case unusual is that Johnny is only 9 years old. This makes him the youngest person I've heard of being sued for anything.

How did he damage the woman's face?

Last summer, he was at a Little League park in Connecticut warming up on the sidelines while waiting for his game to start.

He's a pitcher, but apparently he has a slight problem with control, which is not uncommon for 9-year-old athletes. As a result, one of his tosses missed a teammate's glove.

It struck the face of Carol LaRosa, who was sitting nearby on the grass. She was there because her son is on the same team as Johnny.

Mrs. LaRosa left the ballpark and went to a hospital to have her face treated. And nothing more was heard of the incident until a couple of days before Christmas.

That's when little Johnny happened to find a document addressed to him stapled to the front door of his home.

The kid can read. And what he read was a copy of the lawsuit. And he found himself accused of the following acts, among others:

He "failed to warn the plaintiff that he was throwing the baseball to her ... threw the baseball at a dangerous speed ... was inattentive and failed to keep a proper lookout while throwing a baseball."

Reading further, he found that Mrs. LaRosa wanted at least $15,000 from him for her injuries (the suit said she required 60 stitches), pain and suffering, and the rest of the usual miseries lawyers toss into a lawsuit.

Johnny's parents and lawyer say he was quite shaken, which is understandable. Imagine how you would have felt at age 9 if you found yourself being sued for $15,000. That's a lot of weekly allowance.

I have a friend who still feels nervous when he goes near a public library, because when he was about 10, he lost a library book and got a stern letter that made him fear he would go to prison.

Todd Bainer, who is Johnny's lawyer, says: "I think it stinks. He is the only defendant, not the Little League, not the coaches. I think it takes a certain type of human being to sue or cause to be sued by a child.

"I have adults who have no familiarity with the legal process, and when they are sued for anything, they are extremely apprehensive. Imagine how it would affect a 9-year-old kid."

Mrs. LaRosa and her lawyer declined to discuss the suit. The lawyer says he feels that he has been wronged by sportswriters who have written about it.

Without judging the merits of the lawsuit, some things do sound puzzling.

For example, the allegation that Johnny was "inattentive." Are there any 9-year-old boys who aren't "inattentive"? The typical 9-year-old boy spends most of his time in another mental galaxy.

And that he threw the ball at "a dangerous speed." If that's true, Johnny's parents should get him over his trauma, hire some coaches and get ready for that first multimillion-dollar contract.

But what makes this lawsuit interesting is that it raises simple questions about our litigation-crazed society:

Doesn't anything qualify as a plain old accident? Does any mishap that requires more than a Band-Aid have to land in front of a judge and jury?

One of the dictionary definitions of "accident" is "lack of intention; chance."

As Johnny's mother said: "He's just a normal boy who was playing baseball. He didn't mean to hurt anybody."

Right. And one might argue that if you are going to sit around where 9-year-old boys are tossing baseballs, you might be guilty of being "inattentive" if you happen to get conked.

This is the kind of lawsuit that gives all lawyers a bad name. They argue that tort reform is terrible because lawsuits protect us all from evil corporations and devil-may-care doctors. And there is some truth in that.

But then you get a 9-year-old kid being sued for what amounts to just being a 9-year-old kid.

Incidentally, LaRosa's husband also has put in a claim as part of the suit. He says that his wife's injuries caused him a loss of "consortium." That means ... well, I'm sure you know what that means.

Something like that could cause even further confusion for Johnny. If he had any sex-education courses in school, he probably asked his parents: "Hey, didn't they say that the ball hit her in the face?"

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Your views

Reader questions BSISD board about new athletic facility

To the editor:

Honesty, integrity, respectability; these three attributes are surely part of any person or group that represents the taxpayers of Big Spring in matters concerning the education of our children of which character is or should be one of the highest priority.

It has been revealed in the Sunday Jan. 21 Herald issue in an article concerning the athletic facility, which is causing the closing of 10th Street, that over $300,000 has been set aside by the school board over the last three years to help pay for the building. This revelation, reflects on the character of our school administration of which the school board is part and shows a breakdown of one of three attributes of character building. The most important one, "honesty' as witnessed by we taxpayers and "evidenced" consistently during the heated discussion on the closing of 10th Street by the announcement from the school administration officials, the board is part of the administration, that no taxpayer music would be spent on this facility. This was quoted in several Herald articles on the subject.

I personally was assured by the board president, after the city council meeting on closing 10th Street, that taxes would not be raised to pay for a building fully equipped costing between $1 million and $1.5 million also, standing with Mr. Wise and I at this time, was a board member, and he assured me additional money would come from the Dora Roberts Foundation to pay any balance due over the initial grant.

We have two questions facing we taxpayers and the school administration; both of equal importance: We taxpayers O.K.'d the building of the facility and the costly closing of 10th Street (I didn't), where is the money coming from; we need an honest accounting from both the school administration and the Big Spring City Council!!!: Second, what is the school administration and the board going to do to correct the character flaw, "honesty" with the taxpayers.

This subject was recently hampered by Supt. McQueary's comment, We've got to back at this bond issue again.

It's so easy to go out and get money for an athletic facility but can't set aside money for a new school or maintenance of our facilities. The school administration has demonstrated athletics as more important than academics as demonstrated by high school graduates that can't do a simple thing like make change in a local business if the calculator or register breaks down, this by their own admission and tell me they aren't taught and think some foreign country is some rock group they hadn't heard of.

Please, taxpayers, demand character, academics and honesty from our school administration.

Sincerely,
Bowden Hampton
Lt. Col. Ret.
Big Spring

ON THE STREET:

"WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET STALEMATE?"



"I really think it's sad they can't get everyone together and get a budget. It's unfortunate the government employees are getting caught in the middle. I guess I'm an optimist, but I really feel that they're going to work out their differences."

-Nancy Payton



"I am quite confident that in the long run, the situation will come to the grips and understanding of the people. We are all for a balanced budget ... most agree that government should be freezed or reduced. We need to find better, more efficient ways to do our work or find more efficient personnel. We can withstand the crisis."

-Jose Garza



"I really believe if Congress really had employees and the country the best interest in mind before they furlough anyone or cut anyone's pay, they should first look at applying those same measures on themselves. I also believe Congress has made a laughing stock of our country. I believe this affects our young people their view of government."

-Ester Schneider



"Congress and the administration have passed another continuing resolution. Since federal employees are now being paid again, enabling them to pay off loans, I would say personal situations seem to be returning to normal. Through the partial government shutdown, there was no interruptions in patient care. During that period, the professionalism and dedication exhibited by the employees made me doubly proud to be an employee at this (VA) facility."

-Fred Cox

DuPont heir keeps police at bay after allegedly killing Olympic wrestler

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — Police sharpshooters today kept a wary distance from a gun-loving heir to the Du Pont fortune, believing he is heavily armed in his mansion after the fatal shooting of an Olympic wrestling champion.

John E. du Pont barricaded himself in his second-floor bedroom and broke off negotiations with police soon after Friday's shooting. Though police were able to speak to him again by phone early today, they couldn't say if any progress had been made in getting him to surrender.

"We do not know what motivated Mr. du Pont to do what he did," said Newtown Township Police Chief Michael Mallon. "We intend to take as long as it takes to resolve this problem without any other people being injured."

"John du Pont is a marksman and he has an arsenal," added police Sgt. Brian McNeill. "We don't know how many guns or how much ammunition he has."

David Schultz, 36, a wrestler who won an Olympic gold medal in 1984 and was training on du Pont's property for the Atlanta Games, died at a hospital after being shot in the chest and arm with a .38-caliber revolver.

Mallon said the shooting took place in the driveway of the home on the estate where Schultz lived with his wife, Nancy, and two children. Du Pont then drove back to his mansion, about a mile away, and barricaded himself inside.

One of three du Pont employees in the mansion acted as intermediaries at first, talking with police by cellular phone, but they left a few hours later and du Pont refused to take any further calls.

Communications were further stymied by the fact that du Pont did not have phone lines on his property repaired after they were destroyed by two separate fires on his estate one day in October.

Phone company workers had wired makeshift phone lines to the mansion by midnight, and McNeill said police established phone contact with du Pont early this morning.

About 40 police marksmen had the mansion surrounded and a command center was set up a mile away. It was familiar territory for some; officers had once used a shooting range at the estate for target practice, and du Pont had been an honorary police force member in the 1970s.

Du Pont, 57, is a great-great grandson of E.I. du Pont, the French-born industrialist who founded the chemical company. He is one of hundreds of heirs to the family fortune.

Neighbors around his 800-acre estate in this Philadelphia suburb said he had a history of behaving erratically, once driving two new Lincoln Continentals into a pond on his property, one after the other.

"He has a bad reputation for being off the wall," said Carla White, 36, who lives a half mile away.

"He's an interesting fella," said Michael Piroff, whose house is across the street. "He'd stroll around in his bathrobe. I wasn't surprised (by the shooting). He just seemed very eccentric."

His former business manager, Victor Krievins, confirmed du Pont has a large cache of weapons and even a military armored personnel carrier on his property.

Krievins said there is at least one underground tunnel, but he added that he does not think du Pont could use the tunnel to escape. "He was very private about what he did," Krievins said.

A former wrestler who also trained on the estate, Dan Chaid, told The Philadelphia Daily News he saw evidence of du Pont's erratic behavior in October. Chaid said du Pont was often addled on alcohol and cocaine and had taken to walking around his estate armed with a machine gun.

"He started getting extremely violent," Chaid told the newspaper. Chaid said he told his story to police when he moved out in October. Police at the scene today were unable to immediately confirm his account.

Du Pont's ex-wife, Gale Wenk du Pont, in 1985 filed a civil lawsuit accusing him of physical abuse during their yearlong marriage. She said that on separate occasions in 1983 and 1984, he threatened her with a gun, choked her, threatened her with a knife and tried to push her out of his moving car.

The lawsuit also said that du Pont once accused his wife of being a Russian spy. He once pointed a handgun at her and said the only thing to do with spies is to shoot them, the suit alleged.

At the time, she said he was worth $46.2 million.

In 1986, du Pont founded a wrestling program at nearby Villanova University, funding student scholarships, paying the coaching staff and naming himself head coach. Two years later, Villanova dropped the program when the school and other coaches grew uncomfortable with the lavish way he ran it — flying his players on a Lear jet and allowing some to stay at his estate.

A former Villanova assistant coach, Andre Metzger, claimed in a 1988 lawsuit that he was fired after only nine months because he refused to become the homosexual lover of du Pont. Taras Wochok, du Pont's attorney at the time, called the accusations scandalous and "totally false."

In 1989, du Pont built the 14,000-square-foot Foxcatcher National Training Center in Newtown Square and recruited Olympic-caliber wrestlers worldwide, some of whom live year-round on the estate, about 13 miles west of Philadelphia in an exclusive section of rural Delaware County.

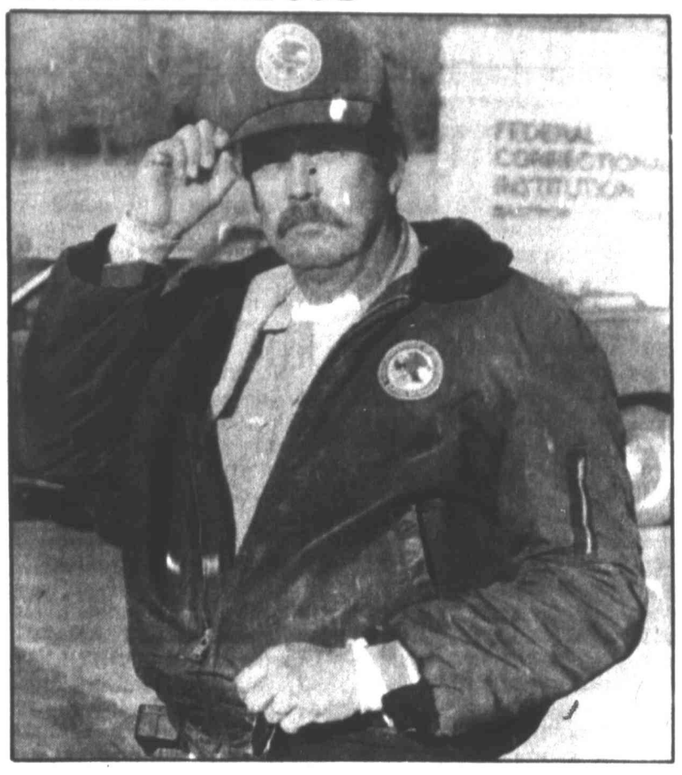
Du Pont also contributes about $500,000 a year to USA Wrestling, the governing body that runs the Olympic team.

Schultz, a native of Palo Alto, Calif., wrestled at Oklahoma University in 1981 and '82, winning the Big Eight title in '81 and the NCAA championship at 167 pounds in 1982. He was the nation's top wrestler in the 163-pound class over the last three years.

His former coach at Oklahoma, Stan Abel, said he did not want Schultz to take the job at FoxCatcher, where another former Oklahoma wrestler had quit a coaching job for reasons Abel didn't want to explain.

"I wish he would have taken my advice," Abel said. "He was a guy we wanted to try to bring home. And wish we could have, he would still be with us."

STILL ON THE JOB



Associated Press photo

John Eberle, a corrections officer at the Bastrop, Texas, Federal Correctional Institution, remains on the job after Congress and President Clinton agreed on another temporary budget Friday.

Nation briefs

Mother charged in death of daughter; search on for twin

OGLETHORPE, Ga. — Investigators searched a river, its banks and nearby woods for a 3-year-old boy whose twin sister's body was pulled from the water after their mother allegedly threw them off a bridge.

LaSonya Olivia Gipson, 26, has been charged in the death of her daughter, Latoshia, who disappeared along with her son two weeks ago. Authorities believe Gipson's son, Joshua, is also dead.

Latoshia's body was pulled from the rain-swollen Flint River Wednesday. The search for Joshua was interrupted Friday by darkness. It was to resume this morning.

At first, Gipson told relatives her son and daughter were with their father. Then she said she had left the children on a 25-foot bridge over the Flint River.

But Sheriff Charles Cannon said the concrete railing was too high — 4 feet — for the children to climb over themselves.

He said he believes Gipson threw them off the bridge in this remote farming area about 100 miles south of Atlanta on Jan. 14.

Cannon said Gipson, who lived in Oglethorpe, had a history of mental problems.

She has been charged with one count of murder and is being evaluated at a mental institution.

Milton Gooch, 71, a distant cousin, said he often visited the Gipson home, where she lived with her grandmother.

"I don't believe she did it," he said Friday. "If she did it, her mind had to have snapped. She was a good mother. She always treated her children good."

O.J. Simpson questioned about crime scene evidence

LOS ANGELES — Questions put to O.J. Simpson during his deposition turned to physical evidence found near the slashed bodies of his ex-wife and her friend, lawyers said.

Simpson was asked about a glove and a knit cap found in the yard where Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were killed on June 12, 1994, said lawyer Michael Brewer, who represents Goldman's mother.

A lawyer for the Browns said attorneys showed Simpson pictures of the items and asked what he knew about them.

"I'm confident that we'll be able to resume the deposition in the near future," said lawyer Daniel Petrocelli, who represents Fred Goldman, the victim's father.

Meanwhile, Simpson's lawyers moved to throw out the punitive damage sections of lawsuits filed by the Brown and Goldman families.

In a motion for summary judgment, attorney Robert Baker argued that punitive damages would constitute punishment and "any punishment of Simpson for conduct of which he has already been tried and acquitted would violate Simpson's double jeopardy and due process rights."

The motion was set for hearing Feb. 28.

A heavy lineup of witnesses still must be questioned before the April 2 civil trial date. Witnesses include Simpson's friends Al Cowlings and Robert Kardashian, as well as Simpson house guest Brian "Kato" Kaelin.

Simpson became so agitated during that session that the questioning had to be temporarily stopped, said Goldman's sister, Kim.

When asked if that was accurate, Ms. Goldman said: "Yes, that's true and there was a break taken to lower the tension."

Because Simpson cannot invoke the Fifth Amendment, he was forced to submit to the deposition.

Computer artist visited by Secret Service over graphics

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The Secret Service found some time to visit a computer artist who gets a rush out of making celebrities' heads "explode."

Daniel Burford, 22, selects photographs of famous people he dislikes — Rush Limbaugh, Bob Dole, Boris Yeltsin, Bill Gates and Tom Hanks — and blows them up on his World Wide Web page in comic-book fashion.

"Chop out the parts of the head you want to explode, paint in some fake blood and there you go!" Burford said Friday.

Not everyone gets the joke.

Two Secret Service agents showed up at Burford's workplace, Virtual Visions Inc., and asked him to come down to headquarters for a little chat.

"They asked me if I'd ever owned a gun, how I felt about Bob Dole, if I'd ever been in a mental hospital," Burford said. "I guess they decided I wasn't a security threat."

"I've gotten e-mail from some people saying it's too liberal, that I should be more of an equal opportunity offender," Burford said, who is thinking of offering Bill Clinton's head for detonation. "After that State of the Union address, yeah, I think I might."

AIDS activists hot about military discharge policy

WASHINGTON — A newly passed bill requiring the discharge of service members with the AIDS virus drew fire from Congress and AIDS advocacy groups as Clinton prepares to sign the measure into law.

The measure is now on Clinton's desk as part of the $265 billion 1996 defense authorization bill passed Friday evening by the Senate on a 56-34 vote.

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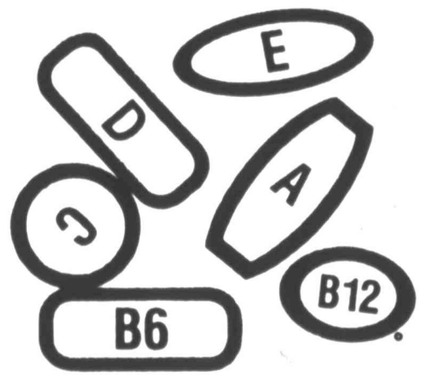
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Attack puts tourists lives and islands' economy on the line

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands — The governor of the Virgin Islands vowed to hunt down the gunmen who critically wounded three American tourists, while police scrambled to make good on the promise.

Two of the victims, 53-year-old Marie Sardella and 58-year-old Walter Schenk, were in critical condition after surgery at Centro Medico university hospital in San Juan, Puerto Rico, said Dr. Benjamin Morales.

Sardella, a flower shop owner from Walpole, Mass., and Schenk, a construction company owner from Philadelphia, were shot in the head during Wednesday's restaurant shooting.

"She's moving all her limbs. She's doing pretty well considering she's been shot in the head," Sardella's daughter Lisa said.

Gov. Roy Schneider on Friday visited the third victim, Atlantic City restaurateur William Garrity, 52, who was recovering in St. Thomas Hospital following abdominal surgery.

Schneider later promised "an aggressive approach" to "expeditiously arrest suspects."

The police, who have been criticized for being weak on crime, claim they are improving. Murders in the islands — with a population of 100,000 people — dropped to 22 last year from 36 in 1994. In 1994, the U.S. Navy resumed trips to St. Thomas after nearly a year of staying away because of frequent assaults on sailors.

One of the 1995 victims was a vacationer, a Washington woman whose throat was slashed in a November robbery. Two arrests have been made.

On Thursday, Schneider ordered roadblocks, vehicle searches and a teen curfew, and asked the FBI to help investigate. But a reporter on the island Friday evening saw only one police car.

Sardella's daughter, Lisa, said she was unimpressed by the police.

"No one has contacted us to tell us what happened," she said.

Some islanders were also underwhelmed by the governor's promise and the police effort. Charles Perry complained the government was "creating hysteria."

"I wonder, if one of us got shot, what would the reaction be?" asked the 34-year-old islander.

In fact, a 16-year-old islander was killed Friday on the front step of his home in a housing project on St. Croix island. Police spokeswoman Venetia Walcott said two suspects have been arrested and a third was being sought.

Attacks on visitors threaten the islands' lifeblood — tourism — which brings in $1 billion annually and creates 85 percent of the jobs.

In September, Hurricane Marilyn ravaged St. Thomas, the main island in this U.S. Caribbean territory, with 110 mph winds that seriously damaged or destroyed 85 percent of buildings.

"The whole industry is extremely concerned," Beverly Nicholson, director of the islands' private Hotel Association, said of the tourist attack. She said no hotels had reported cancellations.

Though troubled by the shooting, Jane Wherren, a 44-year-old public relations consultant from Waterville, Maine, decided to vacation here anyway.

"We saw it in the papers today and got a little scared," she said on Friday, "but we figured, we've made it this far."

PLAYING HOPSCOTCH



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Stacy Rangel hops on one foot in the squares as she and several other classmates were playing hopscotch on the playground of Marcy Elementary School Wednesday afternoon.

World briefs

More than 220 reported death in Nigerian boat accident

LAGOS, Nigeria — More than 200 people, most of them Nigerian traders, may have drowned when a boat capsized in squalls this week, a newspaper reported Saturday. The incident was not reported by either the government or the police.

The accident occurred off Nigeria's southeast coast as the boat headed for the country of Gabon, and bodies continue to wash up on shore, the Punch newspaper reported in today's editions.

Wednesday's accident was not announced by either the military government or the police, but the state-run news agency carried excerpts of the Punch report.

The boat developed engine problems and stalled, the newspaper said. "While the operators were battling to bring the engine to life, a great gale arose, and tossed the boat ... pouring its contents into the sea," said Punch. Fishermen in the area tried to rescue the passengers, but the storm thwarted their efforts.

Punch, which in the past has been forced to shut down for angering the government, quoted witnesses as saying the boat was carrying about 260 people but did not have adequate life rafts or other safety equipment. The witnesses included fishermen, hospital workers and police.

India tests nuclear-capable missile despite Western protests

NEW DELHI, India — India Saturday test-fired a ballistic missile despite Western criticism that it could be used to carry nuclear weapons.

The missile, a longer-range version of the short-range Prithva missile, was launched at a testing site in eastern Orissa state, United News of India reported.

India's ambitious missile development program has been criticized by the West because experts say the missiles could be fitted with nuclear warheads.

India conducted a nuclear test in 1974, and last month The New York Times quoted U.S. intelligence sources as saying India appeared to be planning a second nuclear test. India denied the report.

The Los Angeles Times reported earlier this month that the United States will cut off virtually all economic aid, military aid, loans and other assistance if India conducts a nuclear test.

India has refused to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, saying it needs to keep the nuclear option open because of uneasy relations with Pakistan and China, which both have nuclear capability. India has said it needs new ballistic missiles to counter Pakistan's purchase of missiles from China.

The short-range version of the Prithvi travels about 95 miles and could reach many cities in Pakistan.

American vet sentenced to five yeafs on weapons charges

HAIPHONG, Vietnam — A Vietnam War veteran who said he came back to Vietnam to live in peace was sentenced to five years in prison for bringing weapons, banned videotapes and books into the country.

Everett Sennholz, 45, was arrested last August when a .30-caliber Savage rifle was found in a shipment of his household goods in this port 90 miles southeast of Hanoi. Vietnamese officials called the rifle a military weapon, but Sennholz maintained it was used only for hunting.

The conviction comes at a sensitive time as Vietnam tries to open its economy to the outside world. Communist conservatives have objected to creeping Western influence, inspiring a crackdown on "cultural poison."

Sides appear closer to prisoner swap

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — In the strongest indication yet that the bloody barriers of war are beginning to tumble, top Muslim, Serb and Croat leaders are sitting down with each other to resolve key obstacles to peace.

The leaders hashed out terms Friday for a POW exchange and weapons inspection, while NATO agreed to provide limited support for U.N. troops investigating war crimes.

Among the developments:

• The NATO-led force implementing the peace agreement in Bosnia said two prisoner exchanges were planned today: one in northern Bosnia involving 52 government prisoners of the Serbs, and 40 Serbs held by the government; and a second near southwestern Mostar involving 127 Serbs and Croats.

• In Vienna, Austria, the sides reached an agreement Friday banning all military exercises for two years, and creating an intrusive system of inspection of each other's weapons-making facilities.

• In Brussels, NATO said it would provide air support for a 5,000-strong U.N. force in eastern Slavonia, a disputed province of eastern Croatia, and would give "logistical support" to war crimes investigators in Bosnia.

Failure to exchange all war prisoners on Jan. 19 — when only about a third of some 900 prisoners were freed — marked the first major failure of the Dayton peace accord.

After meeting with a top minister in Bosnia's Muslim-led government, Bosnian Serb leader Momcilo Krajisnik said Friday that all Serb prisoners would be released within two days, the Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA reported. Bosnian president Alija Izetbegovic also said his government was close to a decision on releasing its prisoners.

The Serbs had reported they were still holding 180 POWs. According to the Red Cross, the Bosnian government still holds 318 prisoners and the Bosnian Croats 177.

Krajisnik's talks followed a meeting in the Serb stronghold of Pale with Kresimir Zubak, the head of the Muslim-Croat federation, which will share Bosnia with the Serbs. It was the first such meeting since war erupted in April 1992.

They emerged from the 2½-hour meeting, saying they would cooperate in freeing POWS, implementing peace and trying to prevent a mass exodus of bitter Serbs from Sarajevo. An estimated 70,000 Serbs have threatened to flee, saying they fear retribution after the city is reunified under government control March 19.

The smooth reunification of Sarajevo is considered a litmus test of the peace deal.

The change in attitude among Bosnian Serb leaders came a day after Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic summoned them to his retreat outside Belgrade. Sources said the president pressured them to comply with the peace plan.

The shift was also evident on the streets of Ilidza, a Serb-held suburb. In contrast to angry protests by thousands last month against the peace deal, just 300 Serbs turned out in Ilidza on Friday for a candlelight protest.

Meanwhile, NATO's decision to support U.N. troops in eastern Slavonia, and to help evacuate them in the event of an emergency, was an effort to end uncertainty over the relationship between U.N. and NATO peacekeepers.

Without assurances of help from NATO, nations have been wary of committing forces to the new U.N. mission to police eastern Slavonia, a Serb-held section of Croatia. While NATO is keeping the peace in Bosnia, the United Nations has accepted the task of monitoring eastern Slavonia during its transfer back to Croatia.

A NATO official who declined to be named also confirmed that the organization would provide transport, communications, intelligence and office space to war crimes investigators.

NATO has been criticized for not providing more help for the U.N. war crimes tribunal based in The Hague, Netherlands. It insists it does not have the manpower to promise total support, including guarding of mass graves and other war crimes sites under investigation.

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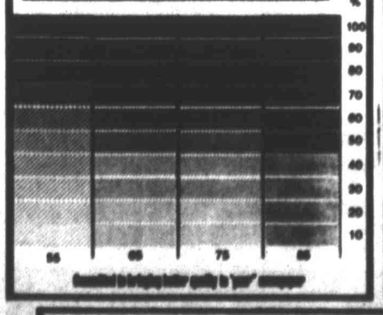
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Oklahoma City bombing

McVeigh had chance to fire attorney

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Bombing defendant Timothy McVeigh was told he could fire his lead defense attorney but chose not to last July when Stephen Jones was accused of lying to prison officials, The Oklahoman confirmed Friday.

Chief U.S. District Judge David Russell ruled at a secret hearing July 5 that McVeigh could replace his court-appointed attorney to avoid legal problems from the accusations, according to sources who knew of the hearing.

A transcript of the hearing remains under seal.

Jones, 55, is accused of sneaking two Newsweek reporters into the El Reno federal prison last June to interview McVeigh. Prison Warden Ron Thompson accused the attorney of misrepresenting the reporters as defense "investigators," sources said.

The reporters questioned McVeigh at the prison for 70 minutes June 22 for a story in the national news magazine's July 3 editions. Jones has denied doing anything wrong.

"I have never misrepresented Newsweek to anyone ... but that's not to say that misunderstandings do not occur," Jones said Thursday. "My conscience about Newsweek is clear.

"I have no problem with the warden and I don't think he has one with me."

Jones would not discuss the July 5 hearing.

"If such a hearing was held in public, it would be a matter of public record," he said. "If it's not a public hearing, then I can't comment."

Asked if McVeigh had a chance to fire him but declined, Jones replied: "I don't believe it's an accurate statement as you have phrased it."

The Oklahoman disclosed Friday that the warden's accusations are under investigation by a state lawyers' group. The professional misconduct probe began after Judge Russell referred the warden's accusations to the Oklahoma Bar Association.

The bar association is reviewing the accusations for possible ethical violations and is to report its findings to three federal judges, who could decide to discipline Jones. The severest discipline possible is disbarment.

The association also could decide to send the findings to the state Supreme Court for possible discipline.

Warden Thompson said Friday he was unaware of the association's probe. He said he had complained to Jones in a letter about the Newsweek incident, reported it to the U.S. attorney's office and "then we were out of it."

"I stand by my original letter (but) that was ... one of those things that happened early on. There have been no problems like that since," the warden said.

Prosecutors said Friday they could not comment on the accusations or the hearing.

U.S. Attorney Patrick Ryan announced during the closed July 5 hearing — held at the prison — that Jones would not be prosecuted over the accusations. He later sent a letter to Jones confirming that position.

Under federal law, making a false statement to a federal official is a felony offense punishable by up to five years in prison.

McVeigh apparently could have replaced Jones if he had worried that Jones might be less aggressive with prosecutors to avoid being charged. But McVeigh chose to keep Jones.

"I'm still Mr. McVeigh's attorney ... and there is no problem between me and the warden. So it's much ado about nothing," Jones declared.

Judge Russell appointed Jones to defend McVeigh on May 8.

McVeigh, 27, and a second defendant, Terry Nichols, 40, are awaiting trial on felony charges blaming them for the terrorist attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

The bombing April 19 left 169 dead.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, who has been assigned to the bombing trial, has refused to unseal a transcript of the July 5 hearing. Media organizations had sought to open the transcript and hundreds of other documents in the bombing case.

"There's been an accusation. I think the Stephen Jones' public interest would best be served by having the hearing in public, to have the thing exposed," media attorney Michael Minnis said. "Now all we know is that there's been a charge and it's just been kind of floating around and they held a secret hearing.

"It's ironic that this would arise within the context ... that someone was trying to get publicity for his client. Apparently he did get publicity for his client. If in doing so, he did something wrong, then that ought to get publicity, too," Minnis said.

"You know, the public is trying to evaluate the actions, including the failure to take action, of the public officials. And you can't do it in a vacuum. It would be much better for the public interest to find out what in the world went on."

OPEN HOUSE



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Loretta Burns talks to Gene Chandler and Darnell Small during an open house Saturday by Project Freedom and The Most Excellent Way, two support groups that have combined to help people with problems. The two groups help people deal with alcohol or drug problems as well as emotional, physical, sexual and spiritual abuse.

General news briefs

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The fate of Apple Computer Inc. remains up in the air as a trade paper reported the company is exploring an alliance or merger with Sony Corp. as well as Sun Microsystems Inc.

But a deal isn't likely with anyone soon, according to the Friday report by MacWeek on its on-line service.

Meanwhile, speculation continued about Apple's future, centered mostly on reports that Sun was ready to buy it.

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NEW YORK — In a blow to the tobacco industry, a former top cigarette researcher has reportedly testified that his company's chairman lied when he told Congress he did not believe nicotine was addictive.

The Wall Street Journal on Friday published excerpts of a pretrial deposition of Jeffrey Wigand, the former head of research at Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. In it, Wigand also charged that lawyers for the company hid potentially damaging research.

Gordon Smith, an attorney for Brown & Williamson, said the newspaper had published "an incomplete deposition that has been improperly leaked in violation of a court order."

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WASHINGTON — Regulators have opened an investigation of unusually heavy trading in Hasbro Inc. securities ahead of Mattel Inc.'s $5.2 billion takeover offer, an official said.

The Pacific Stock Exchange opened an inquiry into trading of Hasbro stock options early this week prior to Mattel's public bid on Wednesday for Hasbro.

"There was a flurry of activity at an unusual time. That always prompts our attention," said Dale Carlson, spokesman for the exchange. Hasbro rejected the takeover offer.

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WASHINGTON — The nation's economy will grow moderately this year, inflation will be restrained, and the unemployment rate will remain under 6 percent for the third straight year, top economists predict.

A survey of 47 economists by Blue Chip Economic Indicators, released Friday, was the latest assurance that the nation is not falling into recession despite signs of a slowing economy.

The consensus forecast sees 2.2 percent expansion both this year and next, compared to anticipated growth of just 1.6 percent in 1995.

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WASHINGTON — Three major brokerage firms are negotiating settlements with the Securities and Exchange Commission concerning their limited partnership sales practices in the 1980s, sources said.

Lehman Brothers Inc., Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. and Merrill Lynch & Co. could wind up paying millions of dollars to resolve separate civil investigations, according to sources.

News of the discussions Friday come a week after PaineWebber Group agreed to a pay more than $300 million to settle SEC civil charges relating to fraudulent sale of limited partnerships.

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BERLIN — Germany's biggest Internet provider cut access to neo-Nazi propaganda posted on a California computer and nearly 1,500 other services there ranging from financial services to "Santa Claus Online."

Computer users accused Deutsche Telekom, the national phone company, of overreacting and said such action could stifle the free flow of information that the Internet was meant to foster.

Technical limitations forced the blockage of the non-offending sites, along with the Nazi material.

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NEW YORK — American Express Co. shares surged 6 percent following a report in Business Week magazine that an unidentified financial services company may be targeting the charge-card company for a takeover.

Business Week cited an unnamed source as saying the buyer may offer $30 billion, or $60 a share, in a cash and stock merger. That would be the most expensive takeover offer in history.

Suit accuses Columbia-HCA of monopoly

EL PASO — Columbia-HCA Healthcare Corp.'s ongoing expansion into home health-care and other areas won't be affected by a lawsuit accusing the hospital giant of conspiring to create a monopoly, analysts said Friday.

Some viewed the federal suit filed in El Paso by two Texas health-care firms as just the cost of doing business, while others dismissed the legal action as being irrelevant to the future growth of the Nashville-based company's medical networks.

"It's a situation of a normal competitive event," said Sheryl Skolnick, securities analyst with Robertson Stephens in New York. "I certainly wouldn't want to blow it out of proportion."

Columbia, which operates 320 hospitals and more than 125 outpatient centers in the United States and Europe, has made a business of setting up health-care networks by buying or contracting services such as home-care companies, labs and outpatient surgery centers.

The hospitals then direct patients to these businesses.

The antitrust suit filed Jan. 17 by Columbia Health Services of El Paso Inc., which is not affiliated with Columbia-HCA, and Pampa-based Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency Inc. centers on that practice.

The plaintiffs allege Columbia-HCA is trying to monopolize the home health-care industry by funneling patients from its hospitals exclusively into the businesses owned by or otherwise linked to the corporation.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, also alleges that Columbia-HCA and others have pressured staff physicians at Columbia-HCA hospitals to stop referring patients to the plaintiffs' companies.

The other defendants include three health-care facilities and two El Paso doctors.

Attorney Ed Johnson said the plaintiffs may seek to expand the suit into a class-action which would cover any independent provider that believes it has been damaged by Columbia's activities.

"This lawsuit could have national implications for the home health-care industry," Johnson said in a statement.

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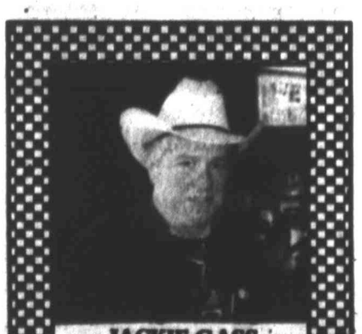
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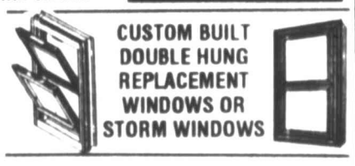

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Cowboys will win handily



Steve Reagan
Sports Editor

They're loud, brash, cocky, arrogant and few of them can be classified as out-and-out jerks. Why, I'd be surprised if they didn't have disparaging things to say about their kinfolks.

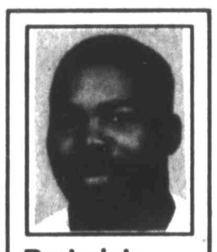
They are the Dallas Cowboys.

America's Hoodlums.

And, after tonight, they'll be the reigning Super Bowl cham-

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Sorry to say, Steelers win



Roderick Richardson
Sportswriter

I hope that knowing the fact that I'm young and naive in the world of sports journalism, you readers will have mercy.

So don't begin plotting my death when I say the Pittsburgh Steelers will win Super Bowl XXX.

Granted, it's not going to be a blowout – thank goodness – but Pittsburgh will be on top when it's over.

Pittsburgh's defense will give

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Courtesy photo
Dallas running back Emmitt Smith scores a touchdown against Pittsburgh during the team's 1994 game. The Cowboys and Steelers meet today in Super Bowl XXX.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1996
SUPER XXX BOWL
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Dallas wearing the black hats

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — They are glamorous and cocky. They almost have to be.

They are the Dallas Cowboys and they represent a conference that has won 11 straight Super Bowls. They've won two of those titles themselves, in 1993 and 1994.

Nobody has to ask the millions of fans who wear blue and white jerseys — especially Nos. 8, 21, 22 and 88 — the names of their favorite players.

The Pittsburgh Steelers?

Low-key, soft-spoken, "just happy to be here." Barely a star in the bunch. Quick, who are 91 and 95?

But when the Cowboys and Steelers meet at 6:21 p.m. EST at Sun Devil Stadium, the majority of neutral fans in America are likely to be rooting for Pittsburgh for all those reasons. They're tired of NFC dominance, of one-sided Super Bowls and perhaps most of all of Jerry Jones, the Dallas owner whose unceasing pursuit of the spotlight has made him as well known as any of his players.

Thus, for the 30th Super Bowl, the team in black jerseys wear the white hats; the team in white jerseys the black ones

"America's team isn't so small and dainty like everybody thought it was," said Nate Newton, hardly dainty himself at 330 pounds. "And now it's not a fine line anymore between loving and hating the Cowboys. You either love them or hate them."

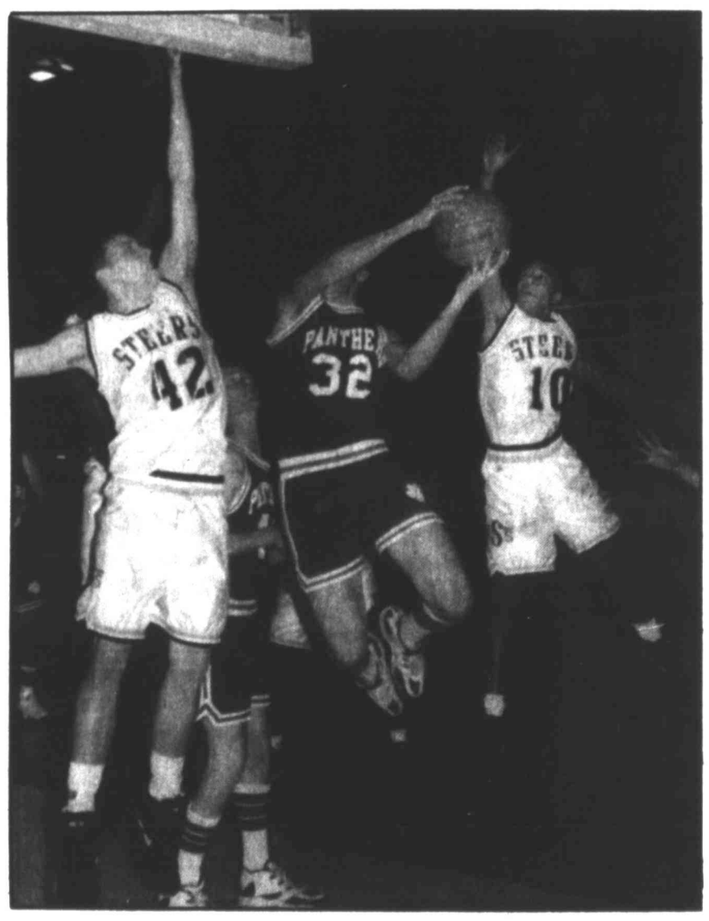
If Pittsburgh plays well, it's likely to be a good game. Even a Steelers' blowout isn't as bad as one by the Cowboys.

Maybe that's because the NFC's 11 straight Super Bowl victories are enough already. So are the Cowboys, seeking their third title in four years. Still, they're a two-touchdown favorite.

Pittsburgh is back for the first time in 16 years, representing the franchise whose four Super Bowls in six seasons between 1975 and 1980 represented the apex of AFC dominance.

In two of those Super Bowls, Terry Bradshaw, Franco

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Herald photo by Tim Appel
Fort Stockton's Hazel Mercado (32) is surrounded by Big Spring defenders Greg Wollenzien (42) and John Smith (10) during their game in Steer Gym Friday.

Streaking Steers outscore Fort Stockton

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring Steers kept their playoff hopes alive by knocking off Fort Stockton in a hard-nosed battle 94-84.

The game was so close, BSHS coach Gary Tipton was on shaky ground even though he had a 10-point margin of victory.

"It was eight seconds left to go in the game. That's when I knew we had it," said Tipton. "Up until that time, it was anybody's game."

District 4-4A Boys

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Andrews	6	0	23	2
Big Spring	**4**	**2**	**9**	**16**
Ft. Stockton	3	3	22	5
Monahans	3	3	16	12
Lake View	2	4	8	13
Pecos	0	6	5	17

TUESDAY'S SCORES
Big Spring 94, Fort Stockton 84; Andrews 64, Monahans 59; Lake View 72, Pecos 60.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Andrews at Lake View; Pecos at Monahans; Fort Stockton and Big Spring idle.

A large percentage of points came to Big Spring by breaking Fort Stockton's press. Point guard John Smith squeezed through the gaps in the press, which gave Big Spring numerous three-on-one fast breaks.

Starting wing Chad Warren, known for his ability to drive from under the basket, said he had no problem scoring on Fort Stockton's press.

"This game was a lot easier," said Warren. "Because their press helped us out a lot. It left a lot of things open so I could get the easy baskets."

Though they had luck with the press, the Steers fell short on rebounds. The Panthers stayed in the game by controlling the boards on both sides of the court. That was an obstacle Big Spring had to overcome if it wanted to take the game, but they still hit the locker rooms with a 44-40 lead.

"The first half was a little disappointing," said Tipton. "We didn't do a good job blocking out. We did in the second half."

Daniel Franks played a big

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Top-ranked Big Spring shoots down Prowlers

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

Fort Stockton apparently had no intention of being outdone by San Angelo Lake View in terms of victimization.

So the Big Spring Lady Steers provided an even bigger thrashing to the Prowlers Friday than they did earlier in the week against Lake View.

The blowout had a similar start to many other blowouts in that it was unnoticed at first. But point guards Heather Anderson and Kara Hughes quickly unloaded a sum of three three-pointers.

With the offense already established, the Lady Steers went to their full-court press. The points resulting from turnovers extended the lead to 24-11 at the end of the first quarter.

That's when the game got out of hand.

The reason to the huge win was defense. Big Spring continued to press the Prowlers until the Lady Steers felt they had enough exercise. With their aggressive defense intact, Big Spring's guards consistently stole the ball which led to easy baskets.

"I watch their stomach, not their eyes, because they'll fake you every time," said point guard Sara Lusk. "That's in any game – high school, college, or

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District 4-4A Girls

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Big Spring	**8**	**0**	**16**	**6**
Andrews	7	1	18	7
Lake View	4	4	11	10
Pecos	4	4	11	12
Monahans	1	6	8	14
Fort Stockton	0	8	14	14

FRIDAY'S SCORES
Big Spring 72, Fort Stockton 31; Andrews 60, Monahans 32; Pecos 58, Lake View 44.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Andrews at Lake View; Pecos at Monahans; Fort Stockton and Big Spring idle.

BOTTOM of the ORDER

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Monday

Basketball
Howard women at Western Texas, 7:30.
NMMI at Howard men, 7:30.

Tuesday

Basketball
Coahoma at Forsan (B/G), 6:30/8.
Jim Ned at Stanton (B/G), 6:30/8.
Garden City at Wink (B/G), 6:30/8.
Klondike at Sands (B/G), 6:30/8.
Grady at Borden County (B/G), 6:30/8.

STATE/NATION

'Rifleman' sparks Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — When the San Antonio Spurs traded Dennis Rodman in the offseason, they hoped to find someone to take up the rebounding slack.

Center Will Perdue, who came from Chicago, and free agent Carl Herrera were expected to fill Rodman's void, but it was a man known more for his shooting prowess who did the job Friday night.

Chuck Person, nicknamed the "Rifleman", had a career-high 18 rebounds and 21 points as the Spurs beat the Portland Trail Blazers 87-83.

"I was trying to track down everything I could," said Person, averaging just over five rebounds this season. "I came in and tried to get something started."

Person sparked a team that had lost four of five, and two in a row.

Seles wins Aussie title

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — A new series of injuries and a few dangerous moments couldn't stop Monica Seles from keeping her record perfect at the Australian Open.

With a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Anke Huber Saturday, she has her fourth Australian title in four tries and a 28-0 match record.

Afterward, giggles turned to tears as questions about playing in Germany again brought back the shock of the stabbing there that kept her off the tennis circuit for 2 1/2 years.

"Don't take pictures of this," she said, pulling a hat down over her face. Then she broke off her news conference and walked out, leaving her trophy behind.

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noon, CBS (ch. 7).

Steers

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part of the Steers' improvement on the boards. Franks was quiet in the first half, scoring only six points during that time. But he came back in the second half to regulate both aspects of the game for the Steers.

"I missed a bunch of shots at the beginning. I came back strong," said Franks. "They started falling at the end. I just had to stick with it.

"In the first half, they outrebounded me, and Coach [Tipton] got on me. The second half, I really got on those boards."

Big Spring was not able to put the opposition away despite the Steers producing several scoring streaks, and leading as much as 16 points in the third quarter. The Panthers came back with help from inside players Hazel Mercado and Ecter Lopez, and they rallied to position themselves for the kill by catching the Steers 86-84 with 1:20 remaining.

But as Fort Stockton applied its press in hopes of creating turnovers, opportunities presented themselves to Big Spring. Three straight layups by Warren forced the Panthers into desperation shots, but the margin was too great for Stockton to overcome.

Big Spring displayed the true definition of teamwork according to Tipton. "It took all nine of our kids to win," said Tipton. "They did a good job of winning the battle of the boards. It was a gigantic win."

Monahans, which was tied for second place with Big Spring were shot down by Andrews the same night. That means the second and final District 4-4A playoff spot lies solely in the Steers' hands. However, they must defeat Monahans Friday to keep it, but the Steers hope this win will give them the momentum.

"It's going to be tough," said Warren. "But this was a big win tonight. ... Hopefully, the motivation will carry over to Monahans."

BIG SPRING (94) – Warren 10 0 20, Wollenzien 3 0 6, Franks 12 4 28, Fernau 3 0 6, Simpson 11 2 24, Smith 1 0 2, Myers 2 3 8, totals 42 9 94.

FT. STOCKTON (84) – Perales 6 2 16, Mercado 8 7 23, Leyua 1 2 3, Lopez 1 0 2, Kellar 2 0 4, Wallace 4 3 11, Garcia, 5 4 15, Robbinos 0 3 3, Prado 3 0 6, totals 30 21 84.

BIG SPRING	20	24	26	24	– 94
FT. STOCKTON	20	20	24	20	– 84

Three-point goals – Big Spring, Meyers 1; Ft. Stockton, Perales 2, Garcia 1. Total fouls: Big Spring 22, Ft. Stockton 16. Technical fouls: Ft. Stockton (coach).

Girls

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pro. You just stay low and move your feet."

Since the game was one-sided until the end, head coach Ron Taylor was able to rotate his players for more playing experience. But the constant rotation of players is nothing new to Taylor's squad.

"The good thing is that the kids' experience substantial playing time the whole season," said Taylor. "Everyone on the team has started at one time or another, so they're about even."

Keesha Lott checked in to play to replace post Robin Wise, who was in early foul trouble, and had an impressive performance in the second half. "At first I didn't think I could do it," said Lott. "But I said to myself, 'If I keep shooting they'll fall.'"

Lott finished with 12 points, while Kara Hughes and Wise led the Lady Steers with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

The victory guarantees a playoff berth for the Lady Steers, but now they are striving for the district championship.

"[The regular season's] not over. We still have two more games," says Taylor. "I know these kids won't be satisfied unless they have that gold basketball (trophy)."

Taylor hopes to move the team an extra step toward the gold when they travel to Monahans Friday. Most teams are tough to beat in their home gym, and Monahans is no exception.

"Monahans plays physical. They are rough at home," said Taylor. "Our goal is to play, get a win and just get out of there."

In the Jan 12 game at Steer Gym, Big Spring got by the Lady Lobos 48-37. Since they have one win on them, Lusk feels confident about beating Monahans again.

"I feel comfortable now. The first time we played them, we weren't ready. Now we are," said Lusk. "If you play as a team and keep your head in the game, you'll be alright."

BIG SPRING (72) – Anderson 5 0 13, Smith 5 1 11, Hughes 5 0 15, Wise 6 2 14, Lott 6 0 12, Lusk 1 2 4, Cole 1 0 2, Purcell 0 1 1, totals 29 6 72.

FT. STOCKTON (31) – Hughes 2 0 5, Bilano 3 1 7, Pando 3 0 8, Rodriguez 0 2 2, Martinez 0 2 2, Creech 2 1 5, Granado 0 2 2, totals 10 8 31.

BIG SPRING	24	11	24	13	– 72
FT. STOCKTON	11	3	9	8	– 31

Three-point goals – Big Spring, Anderson 3, Hughes 5; Ft. Stockton, Hughes 1, Pando 2. Total fouls: Big Spring 20, Ft. Stockton 10.

Steelers

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it that championship ring Sunday. Most likely the defense will focus on Dallas running back Emmitt Smith, but I'll predict that one of the Cowboy Triplets (Smith, Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin) will have an off Sunday evening.

I figure I am going to be told about how the Cowboys always play their best game when it counts. Champions, such as the Cowboys, don't make mistakes in a big game. So on and so on.

Well, champions *do* make mistakes – they just don't come back to haunt them as much. The teams they've faced never capitalize on them.

But it happens. Remember last year against the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC Championship game? Three early Dallas turnovers gave the 49ers a 21-0 lead in the first quarter.

Three early turnovers cost Dallas the game. Not Cowboy coach Barry Switzer's dumbfounded call to run a quarterback draw on third and long, and not then-49er cornerback Deion Sander's smothering pass interference on Dallas receiver Michael Irvin that the referees missed.

Mistakes haunted the Cowboys then, and I place this year's Steelers in the same caliber as the 49ers.

Super Bowl XXX will be a close game. Smith will not be able to duplicate the Green Bay game by carrying the load. I say someone is going to fall short in their duty.

I'm not going to take the "what if..." route, by mentioning the 49er/Packer game, and I'm not sure that Switzer will call another bone-headed play.

Also, I hate to bring up old history, because Dallas is not going to be the only cause of its defeat. It will be linebacker Greg Lloyd and defensive ends Ray Seals and Kevin Greene that will help the Cowboys lose if Dallas doesn't watch out.

I know what I said about the results of Dallas and Pittsburgh duels in the Super Bowl, but that was a dream.

Right now I'm talking about a reality, and reality says Pittsburgh Steelers 27, Dallas Cowboys 21.

Cowboys

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pions.

This bit of information is causing a big part of the free world a great deal of distress. Most of us in the masses prefer our heroes to be quiet, modest, soft-spoken types who say "sir" to their elders and tip their hats to ladies.

These Cowboys don't fit that bill. From their owner on down, they are a supremely confident group of athletes who firmly believe they're the next Super Bowl champs.

They're right.

Today's game won't be a yawner like last year, but it won't be like past Dallas-Pittsburgh Super Bowls. In other words, we're looking at another NFC-dominated game.

This also has the great masses distressed.

Too bad. The truth is the truth, and the truth says that Dallas has just too many weapons for the Steelers to adequately counter. Quick, name one matchup which favors Pittsburgh.

Not too many, eh?

Actually, the Steelers do come out ahead when it comes to linebacking. Gregg Lloyd, Kevin Greene and their compadres do rate higher than Robert Jones, Dixon Edwards and Darrin Smith.

But that's it. Every other matchup favors the Cowboys.

Who would you rather have on your team? Troy Aikman or Neil O'Donnell? Emmitt Smith or Bam Morris? Michael Irvin or Yancy Thigpen? Dallas' offensive line or Pittsburgh's?

I could go on, but you catch my drift.

Pittsburgh's offense is not exactly rice pudding, and will score its share of points, if only because Dallas' defense hasn't shut out anybody this year.

But Dallas' offense is another proposition. Stop Smith, and Irvin will burn you. Stop Smith and Irvin, and Kevin Williams will have a field day. Stop Smith, Irvin and Williams, and Jay Novacek kills you. Stop Smith, Irvin, Williams and Novacek, and there's still Deion Sanders and Daryl Johnston to worry about. Stop all six of them and ... well, you can't.

The only chance the Steelers have is if the Cowboys are too cocky or overconfident.

Ain't gonna happen.

America's Hoodlums win, 37-24.

Super

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Harris, Joe Greene, Lynn Swann & Co. beat the Cowboys and Roger Staubach. Like the Cowboys, the Steelers will try to join San Francisco as the second team with five Vince Lombardi trophies. Unlike the Cowboys, they rejected a chance to be America's Team.

In the mid-70s, when they dominated pro football, NFL Films offered them the chance to use that nickname.

"My father turned them down," said Dan Rooney, the team's low-profile owner. "We wanted to be Pittsburgh's team."

So Staubach's Cowboys, who couldn't quite penetrate the "Steel Curtain," became the second-choice "America's Team."

But these are the Cowboys of Troy Aikman, Deion Sanders, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin. This is a team with stars on the field, on their helmets and on their shoulders.

The Steelers are relatively anonymous, a blue-collar team from a blue-collar city whose best-known players are:

— The Nasty Boys, outside linebackers Kevin Greene and Greg Lloyd. "We are not going to hold back," says Lloyd, who was fined $12,000 for a late hit on Green Bay's Brett Favre in an exhibition game. "If the ref decides it's a late hit, let him deal with it right then and there."

— Kordell Stewart, a rookie nicknamed "Slash" because he plays quarterback/wide receiver/running back.

— Rod Woodson, a six-time Pro Bowl cornerback who will attempt to play just four months after reconstructive surgery on his knee.

Another mismatch?

Maybe, maybe not.

It might be closer than most people think.

There's something about these Steelers that indicates they can stay with Dallas.

After starting 3-4, they won 10 of their last 11 games.

They were downgraded for their 16-13 win over upstart Indianapolis at home in the AFC championship game, one in which the Colts barely missed converting a "Hail Mary" on the last play. But they can be upgraded for their only loss in that stretch.

That came in the season's final game at Green Bay against a team that took Dallas deep into the fourth quarter in the NFC title game before losing 38-27.

The Steelers had nothing to gain, the Packers were playing for the NFC Central title. But Pittsburgh would have won had Yancey Thigpen held on to what would have been a game-winning TD pass in the final seconds.

And Dallas is beatable.

The Cowboys lost twice to Washington, which won only four other games; lost 38-20 to a San Francisco team playing without Steve Young; and lost in Philadelphia on the coaching gaffe of the year — Barry Switzer's decision to go on a fourth and 1 at his own 29 with the game tied.

They've also been beset all season by distractions, beginning on the opening Monday night, when Jones trotted onto the field to announce his deal with Nike. The deal challenged the NFL's licensing and revenue-sharing policies, and the result was a $300 million lawsuit by the league and a $750 million countersuit by Jones.

It's probably not an exaggeration to say almost all of the 29 other owners will join the fans in rooting for Pittsburgh.

Some of those folks might even be rooting against Switzer, perceived by detractors to be a college coach in over his head.

It didn't help when he didn't seem to know where he was during Super Bowl week.

"I'm glad to be here in Tucson this week," he said.

And this: "Our players got us here to the Orange Bowl. Whoops! Did I say Orange Bowl? I meant BIG Orange Bowl."

Hired in March 1994 after Jones and Jimmy Johnson had their much-publicized divorce, Switzer came in knowing that nothing less than a Super Bowl victory was acceptable. But last season, he lost to the 49ers in the NFC title game, incurring a 15-yard penalty for bumping an official that stalled his team's comeback.

His relationship with Aikman is shaky.

"Coach Switzer and I are after just one thing and that's winning football games," Aikman said. "That's about as far as our relationship goes."

Few doubt Dallas is the most talented team in football.

Smith and Aikman both have won Super Bowl MVP trophies, Irvin is one of the NFL's prime receivers and Sanders, who won with San Francisco last year, is Dallas' answer to Stewart. The best cover cornerback in football, he "accepted" a $35 million, seven-year deal, including a $13 million signing bonus, because Switzer and Jones promised to use him as a receiver and to return punts.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Tennis team takes third

The Big Spring tennis team took third place out of the eight teams participating in the Midland High School invitational this weekend.

Monica Villarreal won the singles competition for the girls, and the team of Jeff Johnston/Kaugan Welch landed second place in the boys' doubles.

Double match winners for Big Spring were Jeff Moss and Drew McKimmey.

National League slates meeting

The National Little League will hold a meeting at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday at the YMCA, 801 Owens St.

Parents and coaches are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Lady Steers to hold softball tryouts

The Big Spring Lady Steers will hold tryouts for the varsity softball club team Monday-Wednesday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Times for the tryouts are 5-8 p.m. each day.

For more information, contact Gilbert Cobos at 263-0778.

Baseball booster club holds meeting

The BSHS Baseball Booster Association will have its organizational meeting Monday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. at the high school library.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend and join the booster association. For more information call Laverne Neefe at 263-3620 or Kathy Caudill at 267-2187.

JV Lady Steers whip Stockton Prowlers

The Big Spring Lady Steer JV team stomped Ft. Stockton's JV team 73-37 Friday at home. Top scorers for Big Spring were Traci Bellinghauser (25 points), Melissa Martinez (16 points) and Marisol Carnero (13 points). The JV Lady Steers are 7-1 in district, 14-5 overall.

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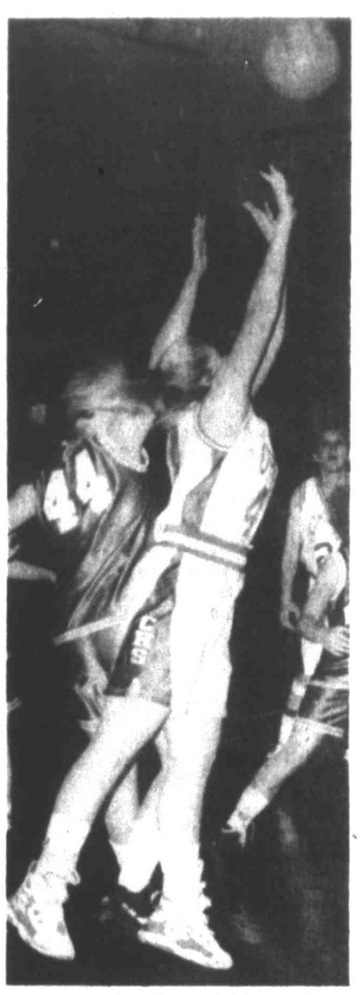
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Bulldogettes start District 6-2A second half with win



Coahoma's Terri Kirkpatrick, in white, shoots against Wall Friday.

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

COAHOMA – Basketball's postseason is still a few weeks away, but as far as the Coahoma Bulldogettes are concerned, they're already in playoff mode.

The Bulldogettes clinched second place during the first half of the District 6-2A race, but to avoid any possible problems, they'd just as soon run the table in the second half.

Coahoma took the first step of that journey Friday night when it rallied in the second half to take a 41-37 win over Wall at Coahoma Elementary.

The win improves the Bulldogettes' overall record to 13-12, while Wall drops to 15-11.

The Bulldogettes trailed by as many as eight points before tightening things up in the third quarter. With Coahoma trailing 20-14, senior wing Nicci Reid ignited the rally with a three-point play at the 5:40 mark. Two minutes later, Coahoma had a 23-22 lead.

The teams swapped the lead like mad until the last four minutes of the game, when freshman Cassie Tindol and sophomore Tara Sterling led a parade to the free throw line that finally subdued Wall.

"I feel confident at the line," Sterling said. "If anyone wants to be there, it's me. I just know I can put it in, and Cassie feels the same way."

Despite a lineup dominated by underclassmen, the Bulldogettes have become almost pressure-proof in the past few weeks, and their coach likes them that way.

"We've played some close games, and that's helped us," Coahoma coach David Cox said. "From here on out, we feel that a loss can pretty much end our season. It's almost playoff pressure, and we're approaching it that way."

The Bulldogettes have taken a group approach to scoring all season, and Friday was no exception. Nobody scored in double figures, but four players – Sterling, Tindol, Tori Elmore and Terri Kirkpatrick – combined for 32 of Coahoma's 41 points.

"Nobody on this team is selfish," Sterling said. "When somebody's high point one game, we know somebody else can do it next time. We just try to get the ball to the open person, and they put it in."

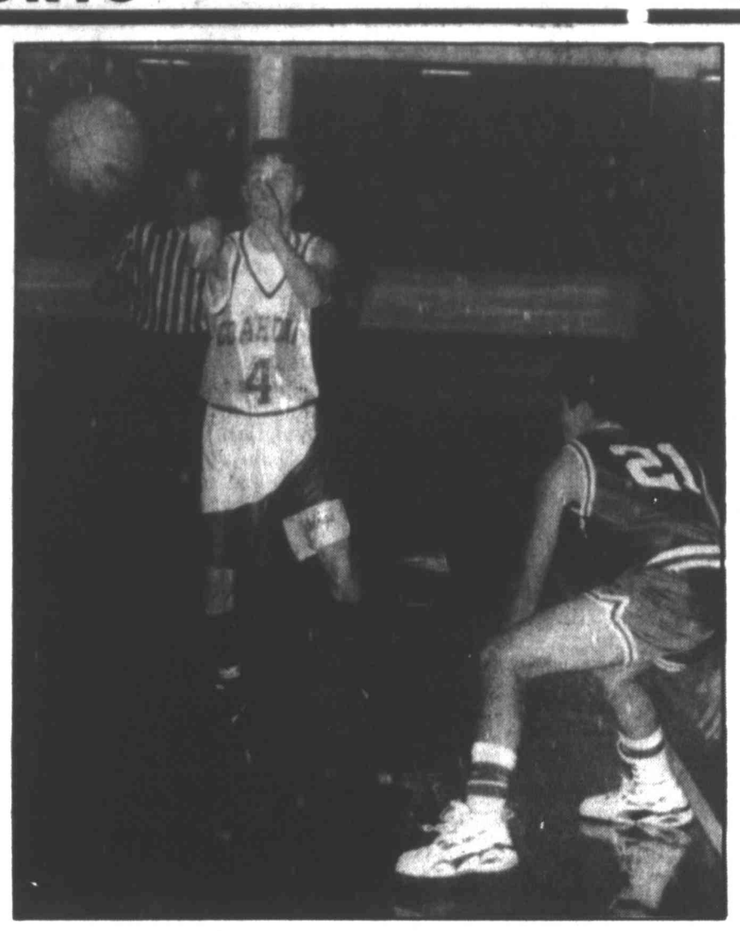
The Bulldogettes return to action Tuesday at Forsan. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

WALL (37) – Wilde 2 4-6 8; Weishuhn 1 1-3 3; Thomas 3 1-2 8; Bailey 1 0-0 3; Martindale 2 1-3 5; Gee 2 1-3 5; Watson 1 0-0 2; totals 12 11-20 37.

COAHOMA (41) Sterling 3 3-6 9; Reid 2 1-1 5; Elmore 2 3-6 7; Tindol 1 7-7 9; Coleman 0 1-3 1; Kirkpatrick 2 3-4 7; Rister 0 1-2 1; totals 10 19-29 41.

Wall	7	18	9	10 – 37
Coahoma	7	4	14	14 – 41

Three-point goals – Thomas, Bailey; Total fouls – Wall 25, Coahoma 20; Fouled out – Weishuhn



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Coahoma's Josh Collum (4) makes a pass during the Bulldogs' game with Wall Friday in Coahoma.

Bullogs rediscover defense, trounce Wall Hawks Friday

Coach's 'pep talk' inspires Coahoma in second half

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

COAHOMA – No one was pushing panic buttons, but the Coahoma Bulldogs realized that they really needed to get back in the win column.

Coach Kim Nichols just gave them a push in the right direction.

After what he considered a listless first half by the Bulldogs, head coach Nichols gave the team a somewhat heated talk during halftime. Whatever he said, it was obviously effective, as Coahoma broke a two-game District 6-2A losing streak with an 83-78 victory over Wall Friday night.

Brandon Shifflett scored 21 points to lead a quintet of Bulldogs in double figures. Brian Ruiz had 14 points, Josh Collum 13, Aaron Barr 11 and Adam Tindol 10 for Coahoma.

After finishing the first half of the district race with a 3-2 record, the Bulldogs didn't exactly classify Friday as a must-win situation, but they did realize its importance.

But after skipping out to a 21-9 lead after one quarter, Coahoma's defense evaporated in the second eight minutes, allowing Wall to climb within 37-35 at intermission.

"We weren't playing good defense, and we weren't rebounding at all," Shifflett said. "(Nichols) told us we had to start blocking out and playing defense like we're capable ... He was pretty upset."

Nichols' blistering of his troops produced the desired result: The reinvigorated Bulldogs opened the second half by scoring 10 straight points, built their lead to 15 points by the fourth quarter, then coasted in for the victory.

Afterward, Ruiz said the win was important, but not necessarily one the Bulldogs had to have.

"It might have been (critical) if we had lost our last five games, but it wasn't a do-or-die situation for us," he said. "But we've got to (keep winning), if we want to stay in it. We need to just take it one game at a time, and let the rest take care of itself."

"We really didn't consider this as more important as any of the other games ... but this was a big victory, coming off two losses," Shifflett said.

"We need to try not to worry, just try to relax and play like we're capable," Shifflett added. "We don't want to come out thinking, 'Oh, no, if we lose, we're out of it.' We just need to play relaxed, because we play better that way."

The Bulldogs travel to Forsan Tuesday. Game time is 8 p.m.

WALL (78) – Hohensee 1 4-5 6; Braden 9 4-4 24; Follis 2 0-0 4; Green 4 10-14 19; Kadlacek 1 0-0 2; Rojas 2 1-1 5; Whitaker 5 4-7 14; Payne 2 0-0 4; totals 26 23-31 78.

COAHOMA (83) – Collum 5 2-6 13; Ruiz 5 2-2 14; McHugh 2 3-4 9; Hamilton 1 2-2 5; Tindol 3 4-7 10; Barr 3 5-5 11; Shifflett 7 7-10 21; totals 26 25-38 83.

Wall	9	26	6	37 – 78
Coahoma	21	16	17	29 – 83

Three-point goals – Braden 2, Green, Collum, Ruiz 2, McHugh 2, Hamilton; Total fouls – Wall 28, Coahoma 25; Fouled out – Whitaker, Barr.

Jim Ned sweeps Forsan Friday

FORSAN – Forsan hoped for a better beginning of the second half of the District 6-2A race, but both teams fell short Friday night against Jim Ned.

The Forsan Queens were drained by Jim Ned 54-38 as the Queens stayed close for most of the game, but lost ground down the stretch.

Jim Ned led the majority of the game but couldn't put the Queens away, but that changed when the game entered its fourth period.

Seven points was all that Forsan could muster during the fourth quarter. Forsan guard Deborah Light helped the cause with 20 points which included four three-pointer

FORSAN (38) – D. Light 20, Evans 6, Johnson 12, totals 14 6 28.

JIM NED (54) – M. McClure 5, Rogers 19, Gates 5, L. McClure 9, Hart 2, Brown 14, totals 23 3 54.

Jim Ned	11	13	12	18 – 54
Forsan	10	11	10	7 – 38

For the Buffaloes, it was a matter of heating up too late as the Jim Ned boys won 53-44.

In both the first and third quarters, Forsan could not get its offense going. This cost them at the end.

Rusty Baker led the team in scoring with 16 points. Robert Hillger followed with 10 points.

FORSAN (44) – Lentz 6, Gaston 3, Hillger 10, Baker 16, Bristow 6, Epley 3, totals 16 9 44.

JIM NED (53) – Reeves 7, Graham 7, Brown 15, Dacas 16, Warren 6, Denson 2, totals 19 10 53.

Jim Ned	15	15	7	16 – 53
Forsan	9	14	8	13 – 44

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STANDINGS - Rockys, 114-46; Photo Magic Studio, 99-61; Big Spring State Park, 90-70; Fifth Wheels, 87-73; Petty Farms, 81-79; Hester's Mechanical, 79-81; O.S.I.M.I.A., 76-84.

FOOTBALL

NFL playoffs

All Times Local
Wild-Card Round
Saturday, Dec. 30
Buffalo 37, Miami 22
Philadelphia 58, Detroit 37
Sunday, Dec. 31
Green Bay 37, Atlanta 20
Indianapolis 35, San Diego 20
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Pittsburgh 40, Buffalo 21
Green Bay 27, San Francisco 17
Sunday, Jan. 7
Dallas 30, Philadelphia 11
Indianapolis 10, Kansas City 7
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
Pittsburgh 20, Indianapolis 16
Dallas 38, Green Bay 27
Super Bowl
At Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Sunday, Jan. 28
Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, 5:20 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 4
Pro Bowl at Honolulu

BASKETBALL

NBA

All Times Local
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	30	11	.732	—
New York	25	15	.625	4 1/2
Washington	20	21	.488	10
Miami	18	23	.439	12
New Jersey	17	24	.415	13
Boston	15	26	.366	15
Philadelphia	7	33	.175	22 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	37	3	.925	—
Indiana	27	14	.659	10 1/2
Atlanta	24	17	.585	13 1/2
Cleveland	22	18	.550	15
Detroit	21	18	.538	15 1/2
Charlotte	19	21	.475	18
Milwaukee	15	25	.375	22
Toronto	12	29	.293	25 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	27	13	.675	—
Houston	28	15	.651	1/2
Utah	26	14	.650	1
Denver	16	25	.390	11 1/2
Dallas	13	26	.333	13 1/2
Minnesota	11	28	.282	15 1/2
Vancouver	10	31	.244	17 1/2
Pacific Division				
Seattle	29	11	.725	—
Sacramento	22	16	.579	6
L.A. Lakers	23	18	.561	6 1/2
Portland	20	21	.488	9 1/2
Golden State	18	23	.439	11 1/2
Phoenix	17	22	.436	11 1/2
L.A. Clippers	16	24	.400	13

Thursday's Games
Washington 120, Houston 85
Detroit 93, Dallas 92
Vancouver 106, Toronto 101, OT
L.A. Clippers 94, Denver 93
Friday's Games
Indiana 107, Boston 90
New Jersey 115, Charlotte 107
Atlanta 96, Orlando 84
L.A. Lakers 100, Philadelphia 88
Chicago 102, Miami 80
Phoenix 107, Milwaukee 97
San Antonio 87, Portland 83
Seattle 94, Utah 93
Golden State 124, Sacramento 118
Saturday's Games
Minnesota at New York, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Denver, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 8 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's Game
Phoenix at Chicago, noon.

HOCKEY

NHL

All Times Local
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	29	11	9	67	182	135
Florida	29	13	5	63	166	127
Philadelphia	24	12	11	59	163	119
Washington	22	20	5	49	129	120
Tampa Bay	20	19	7	47	138	155
New Jersey	21	22	4	46	122	117
N.Y. Islanders	12	26	8	32	130	173
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	30	14	3	63	229	158
Montreal	22	19	6	50	146	146
Boston	20	18	6	46	159	162
Buffalo	19	24	3	41	133	148
Hartford	18	24	5	41	128	144
Ottawa	8	37	1	17	105	188
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	34	9	3	71	172	99
Chicago	25	15	10	60	167	136
Toronto	22	17	8	52	147	137
St. Louis	19	19	8	46	125	129
Winnipeg	20	23	4	44	169	174
Dallas	14	23	10	38	131	164
Pacific Division						
Colorado	25	14	9	59	185	135
Vancouver	16	19	12	44	170	161
Calgary	17	23	9	43	144	155
Los Angeles	16	22	11	43	162	169
Edmonton	18	24	6	42	133	182
Anaheim	17	26	5	39	135	161
San Jose	10	34	4	24	142	217

Thursday's Games
Hartford 8, Los Angeles 2
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3
Detroit 4, Ottawa 2
New Jersey 3, Washington 1
Montreal 6, Florida 2
Chicago 2, San Jose 1
Vancouver 2, Colorado 2, tie
Friday's Games
Washington 1, Buffalo 0
Edmonton 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
Dallas 4, Calgary 2
Saturday's Games
Winnipeg at Montreal, 12:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 2 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 2 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 2 p.m.
New Jersey at Hartford, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Washington, 11 a.m.
Boston at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Monday's Games
St. Louis at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Weekend

BASEBALL
PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUES, INC.—Named Pat O'Conner major league baseball liaison; Rob Dlugozima internal manager; Carolyn Ashe assistant to the president; Tim Brunswick assistant director of operations; Lori Ann Whitson assistant director of licensing; and Brian Earle assistant to the director of licensing.
American League
CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Signed Steve Ontiveros, picher, to a one-year contract with an option for 1997. Claimed Joe Rosselli, pitcher, off waivers from the San Francisco Giants.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Signed Scott Brosius, Jason McDonald and Scott Spiezio, infielders; Stacy Hollins and Todd Van Poppel, pitchers; and Brian Lesher, outfielder.
National League
FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with Greg Colbrunn, first baseman, on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with Todd Hundley, catcher, and Bernard Gilkey, outfielder, on one-year contracts.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with Geronimo Pena, second baseman, on a minor-league contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS—Signed Ronnie Grandison, forward, to a 10-day contract.
BOSTON CELTICS—Activated Eric Williams, forward, from the injured list. Placed Doug Smith, forward, on the injured list.
Continental Basketball Association
CHICAGO ROCKERS—Signed Stephen Bardo, guard. Placed Scott Meents, center, on the injured reserve list.
GRAND RAPIDS MACKERS—Signed Troy Brown, forward. Placed Charles Thomas, guard, on the injured reserve list.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES—Named Dan DiPofi executive vice president-chief financial officer; Larry Quinn president and chief operating officer for the Marine Midland Arena; Jennifer Smith vice president of broadcasting; Andi Poch acting vice president of sales; David Goldberg acting vice president of marketing; and Jeff Eisenberg vice president of ticket sales and operations.
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Recalled Janne Laukkanen, defenseman, from Cornwall of the AHL.

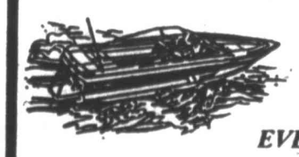
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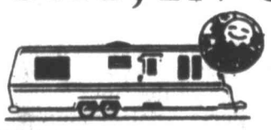


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Injury report

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Super Bowl

DALLAS VS. PITTSBURGH — Cowboys: DE Charles Haley (back), QB Troy Aikman (elbow-knees), TE Eric Bjornson (lower abdominal strain), CB Larry Brown (shoulder), DE Shante Carver (hand), LB Dixon Edwards (right pectoral strain), FB Daryl Johnston (elbow), FB David Lang (knee), S Brock Marion (thumb), DT Russell Maryland (foot), G Nate Newton (knee), TE Jay Novacek (knee), RB Emmitt Smith (calf), DE Tony Tolbert (knee), T Erik Williams (knee-thumb), WR Kevin Williams (shoulder) are probable. Steelers: CB Rod Woodson (knee), Corey Holliday (hand), WR Yancey Thigpen (shoulder), WR Andre Hastings (quadricep) are probable.

Lineups

Projected starting lineups and depth charts for the 30th Super Bowl:

Pittsburgh Steelers

Defense

LE—96 Brentson Buckner; 76 Kevin Henry; 78 Ta'ase Faumui.

NT—93 Joel Steed; 96 Brentson Buckner; 90 Bill Johnson.

RE—97 Ray Seals; 76 Kevin Henry; 98 Oliver Gibson.

LOLB—91 Kevin Greene; 92 Jason Gildon.

LILB—99 Levon Kirkland; 57 Eric Ravotti.

RILB—55 Jerry Olsavsky; 57 Eric Ravotti; 94 Chad Brown.

ROLB—95 Greg Lloyd; 57 Eric Ravotti; 54 Donta Jones.

LCB—27 Willie Williams; 21 Deon Figures; 26 Rod Woodson.

RCB—37 Carnell Lake; 28 Alvoid Mays; 21 Deon Figures.

SS—40 Myron Bell; 37 Carnell Lake; 41 Lethon Flowers.

FS—39 Darren Perry; 24 Chris Oldham.

Offense

WR—82 Yancey Thigpen; 88 Andre Hastings; 10 Kordell Stewart.

LT—65 John Jackson; 73 Justin Strzelczyk; 79 James Parrish.

LG—66 Tom Newberry; 73 Justin Strzelczyk; 68 Brenden Stai.

C—63 Dermontti Dawson; 69 Ariel Solomon; 60 Kendall Gammon.

RG—68 Brenden Stai; 73 Justin Strzelczyk.

RT—72 Leon Searcy; 73 Justin Strzelczyk.

TE—87 Mark Bruener; 85 Jonathan Hayes; 84 Tracy Greene.

WR—89 Ernie Mills; 83 Corey Holliday.

QB—14 Neil O'Donnell; 18 Mike Tomczak; 16 Jim Miller; 10 Kordell Stewart.

RB—20 Erric Pegram; 33 Bam Morris; 25 Fred McAfee.

FB—22 John L. Williams; 43 Steve Avery; 34 Tim Lester.

Specialists

P—3 Rohn Stark.

PK—9 Norm Johnson.

H—3 Rohn Stark; 18 Mike Tomczak.

KR—89 Ernie Mills; 20 Erric Pegram; 88 Andre Hastings.

PR—88 Andre Hastings; 82 Yancey Thigpen; 26 Rod Woodson.

PC—60 Kendall Gammon; 63 Dermontti Dawson.

KC—60 Kendall Gammon; 63 Dermontti Dawson.

Dallas Cowboys

Defense

LE—92 Tony Tolbert; 99 Hurvin McCormack; 91 Oscar Sturgis.

LT—67 Russell Maryland; 95 Chad Hennings; 91 Darren Benson.

RT—78 Leon Lett; 95 Chad Hennings; 68 Michael Batiste.

RE—94 Charles Haley; 96 Shante Carver; 78 Leon Lett.

SLB—58 Dixon Edwards; 98 Godfrey Myles; 54 Darryl Hardy.

MLB—55 Robert Jones; 98 Godfrey Myles; 52 Jim Schwantz.

WLB—59 Darrin Smith; 98 Godfrey Myles; 52 Jim Schwantz.

LCB—21 Deion Sanders; 23 Robert Bailey.

RCB—24 Larry Brown; 29 Alundis Brice.

SS—28 Darren Woodson; 25 Scott Case; 40 Bill Bates.

FS—31 Brock Marion; 42 Charlie Williams; 43 Greg Briggs.

Offense

WR—85 Kevin Williams; 21 Deion Sanders; 81 Edward Hervey.

LT—71 Mark Tuinei, 65 Ron Stone; 69 George Hegamin.

LG—61 Nate Newton; 65 Ron Stone; 68 Michael Batiste.

C—60 Derek Kennard; 70 Dale Hellestrae; 68 Michael Batiste.

RG—73 Larry Allen; 65 Ron Stone; 68 Michael Batiste.

RT—79 Erik Williams; 65 Ron Stone; 69 George Hegamin.

TE—84 Jay Novacek; Kendell Watkins; 86 Eric Bjornson.

WR—88 Michael Irvin; 82 Cory Fleming; 87 Billy Davis.

QB—8 Troy Aikman; 11 Wade Wilson; 17 Jason Garrett.

RB—22 Emmitt Smith; 20 Sherman Williams; 36 Dominique Ross.

FB—48 Daryl Johnston; 38 David Lang.

Specialists

P—19 John Jett; 18 Chris Boniol.

PK—18 Chris Boniol.

H—84 Jay Novacek; 19 John Jett; 86 Eric Bjornson.

KR—85 Kevin Williams; 31 Brock Marion; 21 Deion Sanders.

PR—85 Kevin Williams; 21 Deion Sanders.

PC—70 Dale Hellestrae; 90 Oscar Sturgis; 48 Daryl Johnston.

KC—70 Dale Hellestrae; 48 Daryl Johnston.

Past winners

1967—Green Bay (NFL) 35, Kansas City (AFL) 10
1968—Green Bay (NFL) 33, Oakland (AFL) 14
1969—N.Y. Jets (AFL) 16, Baltimore (NFL) 7
1970—Kansas City (AFL) 23, Minnesota (NFL) 7
1971—Baltimore (AFC) 16, Dallas (NFC) 13
1972—Dallas (NFC) 24, Miami (AFC) 3
1973—Miami (AFC) 14, Washington (NFC) 7
1974—Miami (AFC) 24, Minnesota (NFC) 7
1975—Pittsburgh (AFC) 16, Minnesota (NFC) 6
1976—Pittsburgh (AFC) 21, Dallas (NFC) 17
1977—Oakland (AFC) 32, Minnesota (NFC) 14
1978—Dallas (NFC) 27, Denver (AFC) 10
1979—Pittsburgh (AFC) 35, Dallas (NFC) 31
1980—Pittsburgh (AFC) 31, Los Angeles (NFC) 19
1981—Oakland (AFC) 27, Philadelphia (NFC) 10
1982—San Francisco (NFC) 26, Cincinnati (AFC) 21
1983—Washington (NFC) 27, Miami (AFC) 17
1984—L.A. Raiders (AFC) 38, Washington (NFC) 9
1985—San Francisco (NFC) 38, Miami (AFC) 16
1986—Chicago (NFC) 46, New England (AFC) 10
1987—N.Y. Giants (NFC) 39, Denver (AFC) 20
1988—Washington (NFC) 42, Denver (AFC) 10
1989—San Francisco (NFC) 20, Cincinnati (AFC) 16
1990—San Francisco (NFC) 55, Denver (AFC) 10
1991—N.Y. Giants (NFC) 20, Buffalo (AFC) 19
1992—Washington (NFC) 37, Buffalo (AFC) 24
1993—Dallas (NFC) 52, Buffalo (AFC) 17
1994—Dallas (NFC) 30, Buffalo (AFC) 13
1995—San Francisco (NFC) 49, San Diego (AFC) 26

Records

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points, Lifetime — 42, Jerry Rice, San Francisco.

Most Points, Game — 18, Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, 1985; Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Denver, 1990 and vs. San Diego, 1995; Ricky Watters, San Francisco vs. San Diego, 1995.

Most Touchdowns, Lifetime — 7, Jerry Rice, San Francisco.

Most Touchdowns, Game — 3, Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, 1985; Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Denver 1990 and vs. San Diego, 1995; Ricky Watters, San Francisco vs. San Diego, 1995.

Most Points After Touchdown, Lifetime — 9, Mike Cofer, San Francisco.

Most Points After Touchdown, Game — 7, Mike Cofer, San Francisco vs. Denver, 1990; Lin Elliott, Dallas vs. Buffalo, 1993; Doug Brien, San Francisco vs. San Diego, 1995.

Most Field Goals, Lifetime — 5, Ray Wersching, San Francisco.

Most Field Goals, Game — 4, Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Oakland, 1968; Ray Wersching, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1982.

Longest Field Goal — 54, Steve Christie, Buffalo vs. Dallas, 1994.

Most Safeties — 1, Dwight White, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, 1975; Reggie Harrison, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, 1976; Henry Waechter, Chicago vs. New England, 1986; George Martin, New York vs. Denver, 1987; Bruce Smith, Buffalo vs. New York, 1991.

RUSHING

Most Attempts, Lifetime — 101, Franco Harris, Pittsburgh.

Most Attempts, Game — 38, John Riggins, Washington vs. Miami, 1983.

Most Yards Gained, Lifetime — 354, Franco Harris, Pittsburgh.

Most Yards Gained, Game — 204, Tim Smith, Washington vs. Denver, 1988.

Longest Gain — 74, Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, 1984.

Most Touchdowns, Lifetime — 4, Franco Harris, Pittsburgh; Thurman Thomas, Buffalo.

Most Touchdowns, Game — 2, Elijah Pitts, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, 1967; Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Minnesota, 1974; Pete Banaszak, Oakland vs. Minnesota, 1977; Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. L.A. Rams, 1980; Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, 1984; Jim McMahon, Chicago vs. New England, 1986; Tim Smith, Washington vs. Denver, 1988; Tom Rathman, San Francisco vs. Denver, 1990; Gerald Riggs, Washington vs. Buffalo, 1992; Emmitt Smith, Dallas vs. Buffalo, 1994.

PASSING

Most Attempts, Lifetime — 145, Jim Kelly, Buffalo.

Most Attempts, Game — 58, Jim Kelly, Buffalo vs. Washington, 1992.

Most Completions, Lifetime — 83, Joe Montana, San Francisco.

Most Completions, Game — 31, Jim Kelly, Buffalo vs. Dallas, 1993.

Highest Completion Percentage, Lifetime — 71.9, Troy Aikman, Dallas.

Highest Completion Percentage, Game — 88.0, Phil Simms, New York Giants vs. Denver, 1987.

Most Yards Gained, Lifetime — 1,142, Joe Montana, San Francisco.

Most Yards Gained, Game — 357, Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1989.

Most Touchdowns, Lifetime — 11, Joe Montana, San Francisco.

Most Touchdowns, Game — 6, Steve Young, San Francisco vs. San Diego, 1995.

Most Had Intercepted, Lifetime — 7, Craig Morton, Dallas-Denver; Jim Kelly, Buffalo.

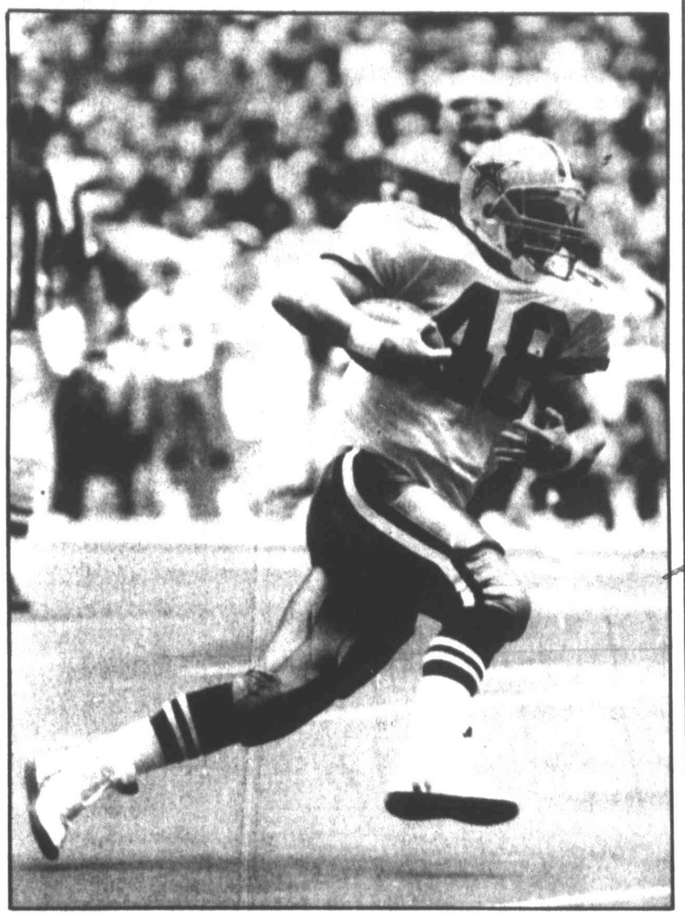
Most Had Intercepted, Game — 4, Craig Morton, Denver vs. Dallas, 1978; Jim Kelly, Buffalo vs. Washington, 1992.

Longest Completion — 80, Jim Plunkett (to Kenny King), L.A. Raiders vs. Philadelphia, 1981; Doug Williams (to Ricky Sanders), Washington vs. Denver, 1988.

RECEIVING

Most Receptions, Lifetime — 28, Jerry Rice, San Francisco.

MOOSE ON THE LOOSE



Courtesy photo

Dallas fullback Daryl Johnston heads upfield during a recent Cowboys' game. Dallas faces Pittsburgh today in Super Bowl XXX. Game time is 5:20 p.m., Big Spring time.

Zampese finally makes big show

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Ernie Zampese, long considered one of the NFL's best offensive minds, wondered if his Super Bowl number would ever come up.

The 59-year-old Zampese coached in four NFC championship games, but they were all losses either by the Dallas Cowboys or the Los Angeles Rams.



ZAMPESE

Dallas was bounced 38-28 by San Francisco last year and Zampese, who had taken over from Washington-bound Norv Turner, said, "I hope I'm not a jinx. It was beginning to look like it."

But the football gods decided it was Zampese's turn in the big show two weeks ago when the Cowboys whipped Green Bay 38-27. The Dallas offense, which had scored 30 points in a divisional win over Philadelphia, was unstoppable.

Late in the game, surrounded by the remnants of his three-pack cigarette day, half-filled coffee cups, pens and pads, Zampese leaned back and exhaled.

"Boys, I'm finally going to the Super Bowl."

Every coach, every player on the team was as delighted for Zampese as they were for themselves.

"This is what makes this Super Bowl so special," said quarterback Troy Aikman. "It's great to see Ernie finally get to one. He'd been trying his whole career."

The players were so delighted for Zampese, they decided to ambush him.

As he entered the locker room with a big smile, defensive end Charles Haley sent a red Gatorade shower cascading down on Zampese's bald head.

"Lord, it almost gave me a heart attack," Zampese said. "I'd seen other coaches jump after they had been hit before. But it was the first time for me. I know it made the equipment guys mad. It ruined a brand new shirt."

Zampese is a quiet, almost reclusive, offensive scientist. He likes to hide in his laboratory with tapes and charts and film of the opponent. His game plans seldom have flaws.

Almost unanimous: AP writers pick Cowboys

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Super Bowl picks by AP sports writers covering Sunday's game between the Dallas Cowboys and Pittsburgh Steelers.

By Dave Goldberg

The Steelers will beat the Cowboys for two reasons. The first is that nobody expects them to, leaving Dallas a bit too cocky. The second is Yancey Thigpen, their Pro Bowl wide receiver.

Had Thigpen held on to a last-second pass in the end zone at Green Bay, the Steelers would be coming in with an 11-game winning streak and the Cowboys would be favored by one touchdown instead of two.

STEELERS, 29-28.

By Barry Wilner

The Pittsburgh Steelers should have no trouble extending the AFC's futility streak to a dirty dozen. They've displayed no convincing evidence in the postseason that they can beat the Cowboys.

To win, the Steelers must shut down Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin and the rest of the formidable Dallas attack. It could happen on the ground, where Pittsburgh allowed 88 yards a game in 1995. It could happen in the air if Greg Lloyd and Kevin Greene can produce some pressure.

It won't.

The Steelers will score some points; everybody does on Dallas. They won't score enough.

COWBOYS 31-17.

By Hal Bock

Because Neil O'Donnell is not Terry Bradshaw and because Troy Aikman might be Roger Staubach, the Cowboys will beat the Steelers in the drive for five Super Bowl titles.

Remember that the Cowboys beat Philadelphia and Green Bay convincingly to get here.

The Steelers are a nice team, not a great one. The Cowboys overcame controvery and adversity to win and they still have the core of the team that won two straight titles before losing last year.

Dallas becomes the first team to win three Super Bowls in four years.

COWBOYS 37-14.

By Denne H. Freeman

The Cowboys won't beat the pointspread of 13 1/2 points but they'll hang on to beat the Steelers in the best Super Bowl since the Giants-Bills.

Dallas has enough firepower to outscore Pittsburgh's production against a very average Cowboys defense.

COWBOYS 31-27.

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Switzer's lost years: Biding his time between coaching jobs

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Barry didn't need the bucks. He didn't need the Dallas Cowboys, either.

For five years he was in football exile, beginning with the day he resigned under fire at the University of Oklahoma.

But even before he replaced Jimmy Johnson as coach of the Cowboys, he had it all.

He had Goldie's hamburgers. He had physical therapy clinics. He had an insurance business and a bingo supply company. He had a TV show.

He wrote "Bootlegger's Boy." He did some acting. He played golf. He fished.

And then Jerry Jones called in 1994.

"I never thought I'd coach pro football, but if it ever was going to happen, it would be with the Dallas Cowboys. Why? Because I knew Jerry Jones. That's how Jimmy Johnson got there," Switzer said. "In June 1989, I said I'd never coach again. I had some college opportunities, but I turned them down."

Switzer said he had enough money to live comfortably. He didn't need the salary Jones was going to pay him.

"I didn't have to coach the Cowboys because I needed the money," said Switzer, who was ushered out of Oklahoma after 16 years. "I came back into the game because I like the relationship with the players. I love being around the team."

A lot of crazy things happened during Switzer's busy exile.

Otha Armstrong broke into Switzer's home in July 1989, a month after the coach resigned from Oklahoma, and stole 25 championship rings. Armstrong played NAIA football at East Central State in Oklahoma.

From prison, he told reporters that he served as a middleman in delivering cash from boosters to OU players. Nothing ever came of the claims, in terms of NCAA sanctions.

On Dec. 7, 1989, Switzer made his acting debut in a segment of ABC's comedy, "Coach."

He pronounced it "a lot of fun."

It seemed a little odd that he would pick a TV program about a college coach, especially because he left Oklahoma as an embattled one.

His resignation came after the Sooners' football program was placed on probation and after five players were charged with felonies involving shootings, rape and drugs.

Super Bowl Trivia Quiz

I — What was the name of the first "Super Bowl"? (5 points)

II — Who has the longest run from scrimmage in Super Bowl history? (5 points)
a) Marcus Allen
b) Emerson Boozer
c) John Riggins
d) Tom Nowatzke

III — Who scored the first points in Super Bowl history? (5 points)
a) Don Chandler
b) Max McGee
c) Mike Garrett
d) Elijah Pitts

IV — Name the five defensive players who have been awarded the MVP award. Hint: Two defensive players shared the award in the 1978 Super Bowl. (5 points)

V — Who has the record for the longest field goal in Super Bowl history? (5 points)

VI — Only one player has won the MVP while playing on the losing team. Who is he? (5 points)

VII — Who scored the first points for the defense in the Super Bowl? (5 points)
a) Willie Wood
b) Mike Bass
c) Herb Adderly
d) Terry Brown

VIII — Name the last AFC team to win a Super Bowl. (5 points).

IX — What player has been with three different winning Super Bowl teams? (5 points)
a) Marv Fleming
b) Jeff Rutledge
c) Matt Millen
d) Preston Pearson

X — True or False. No punt has ever been returned for a touchdown. (5 points)

XI — Name the only Super Bowl champion that had a losing record prior to its championship season. (5 points)

XII — Name the three Super Bowl champions that had a losing records after its championship season. (2 points each)

XIII — Name the only coach to take two teams to the Super Bowl. (5 points)

XIV — The 1972 Miami Dolphins are the only Super Bowl team to finished with a perfect season. Name the four Super Bowl champions that finished with one loss. (1 point each)

XV — Two players have won the MVP award in consecutive years. Name them. (2 points each)

XVI — Arizona is hosting its first Super Bowl. Name other four states to host one Super Bowl. (1 point each)

XVII — Four wild-card teams have played in the Super Bowl. Name the team that won its Super Bowl. (5 points)

XVIII — Which Super Bowl received the highest TV rating? (5 points)

XIX — Not counting the Jacksonville Jaguars, name the three AFC teams that haven't made a Super Bowl appearance? (2 points each)

XX — Name the three coaches that have four Super Bowl losses. (2 points each)

BONUS — Name the only player to be on five consecutive Super Bowl teams. (5 points).

Answers

I — The AFL-NFL World Championship Game.

II — a) Marcus Allen, 74 yards vs. Washington, 1984 Super Bowl.

III — b) Max McGee on a 37-yard pass from Bart Starr vs. Kansas City, 1967 Super Bowl.

IV — Chuck Howley, Dallas, 1971; Jake Scott, Miami, 1973; Randy White and Harvey Martin, Dallas, 1978; Richard Dent, Chicago, 1986.

V — Steve Christie, Buffalo, 54 yards, 1994 Super Bowl.

VI — Chuck Howley, Dallas in the 1971 Super Bowl.

VII — c) Herb Adderly of Green Bay returned an interception 60 yards for a TD in the 1968 Super Bowl.

VIII — Los Angeles Raiders, 1984.

IX — c) Matt Millen (Raiders 1981, 1984; 49ers 1990; Redskins 1992)

X — True.

XI — The 1982 champion (1981 season) San Francisco 49ers were 6-10 in 1980.

XII — 1982 champion (for 1981 season) San Francisco 49ers finished 3-6 in 1982; 1987 champion (for 1986 season) New York Giants finished 6-9 in 1987; 1988 champion (for 1987 season) Washington finished 7-9 in 1988.

XIII — Don Shula, Baltimore 1969; Miami 1972, 1973, 1974, 1983, 1985.

XIV — 1977 champion Oakland 16-1; 1983 champion Washington 12-1; 1985 champioin San Francisco 18-1; 1986 champion Chicago 18-1.

XV — Bart Starr (1967-68) and Terry Bradshaw (1979-80).

XVI — Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas.

XVII — The Oakland Raiders beat Philadelphia 27-10 in the 1981 Super Bowl.

XVIII — The 1982 Super Bowl between San Francisco and Cincinnati had a 49.1 rating.

XIX — Cleveland, Houston, Seattle.

XX — Bud Grant lost with Minnesota in 1970, 1974, 1975 and 1977; Don Shula lost in 1969 with Baltimore and in 1972, 1983 and 1985 with Miami; and Marv Levy lost with Buffalo 1991-1994.

BONUS — Quarterback Gale Gilbert. Gilbert was on the Buffalo Bills roster for the 1991-94 Super Bowls and finally played in a Super Bowl with San Diego in 1995.

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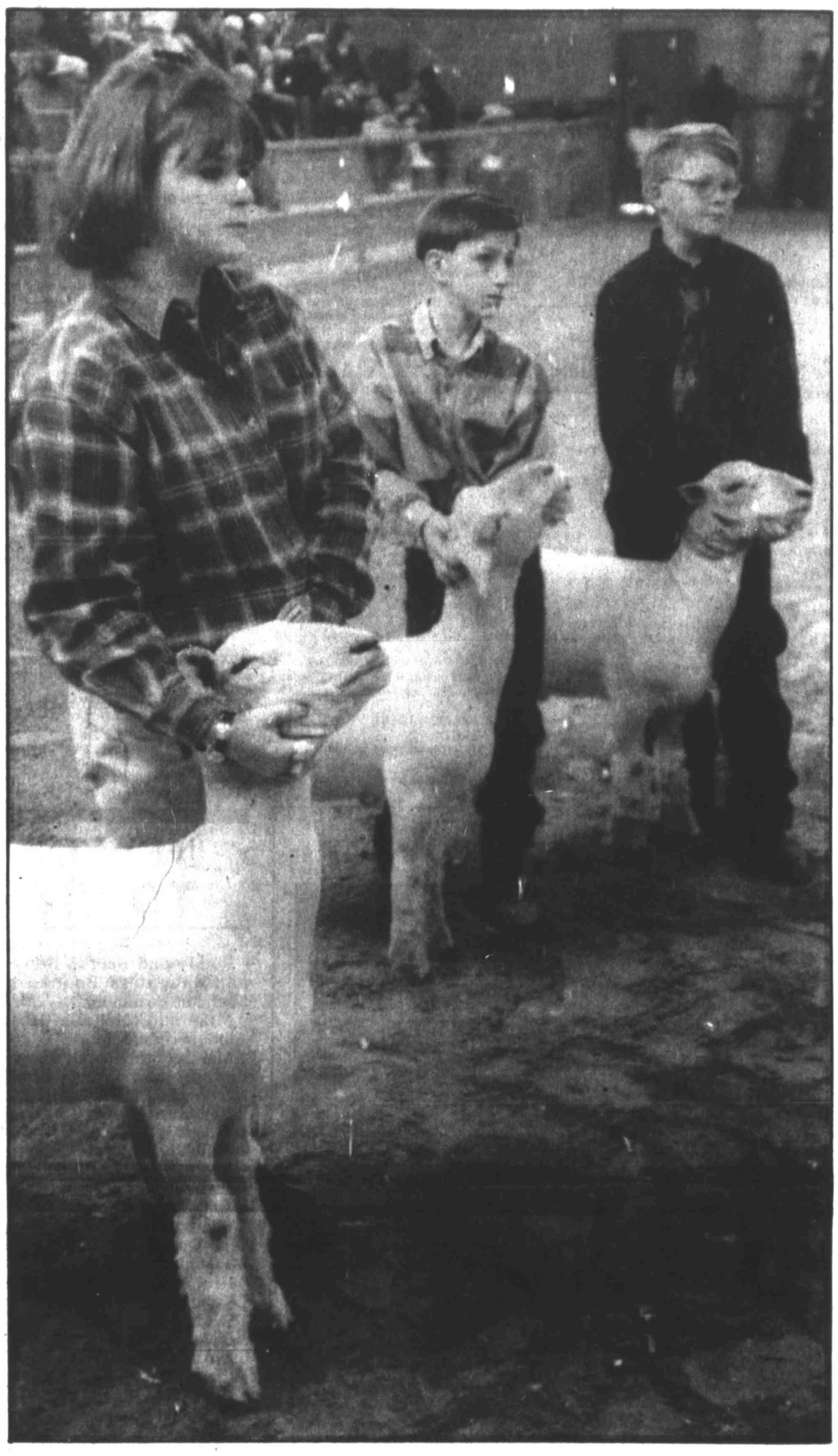
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And the veal - and the bacon

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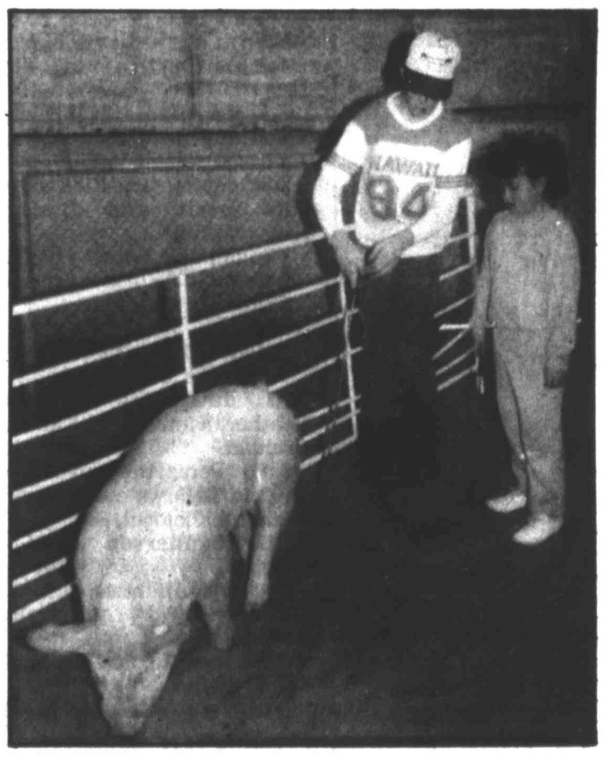
And when the dust settled in the Howard County Fairbarns, there were five grand champions in the lamb, swine, capon, heifer and steer catagories.

Afterward, there was the annual buyers' barbecue and the show arena was briefly turned into an auction house. Individuals and companies bid on each animal, with proceeds going to the youth to help defray the cost of their livestock.

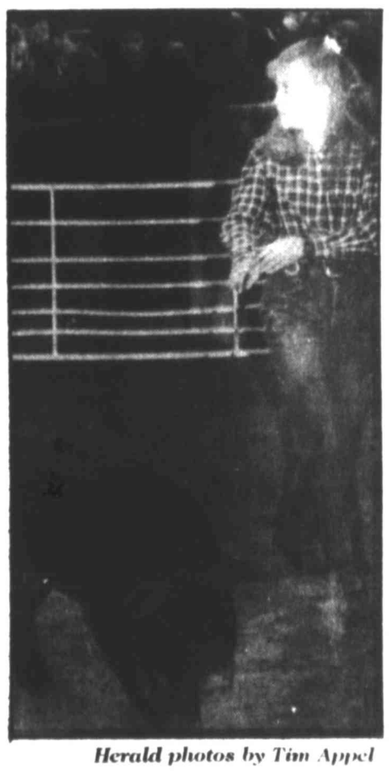




Clockwise from top left: Howard County Junior Livestock Show participants hold their lambs as they watch the judge while in the show ring; Jennifer and Cristy LaRue attempt to gang-brush a pig as it scurries away from the pair while they were cleaning it; Brock Carter shears the side of his lamb as he was preparing it for the lamb show; Tammi Walling watches the judge while directing her pig around the show arena during the judging of the lightweight Duroc division, which Walling took first place; Judge Chris Koonse checks the capon of Sydney Leatham during the capon judging; Brandi Kilpatrick gets a few pointers about directing her pig from Tuff Metcalf as several first-time participants spent the afternoon practicing manuevering their swine while keeping an eye on the judge.







Herald photos by Tim Appel

Middle child has a mind and temperament all his own



Barbara Morrison
Columnist

Editor's Note: Barbara Morrison has the week off. The following column originally appeared in July 1994.

The middle child. Oh boy!

Just when I think I've figured him out, he comes up with something else. Or maybe that's just all kids. My mom used to say something about grandkids being her revenge one day...hmmm.

Anyway, my middle child is a 10-year-old freckle-faced sportster who has some very honorable life ambitions.

When asked what he wants to do when he grows up, he very determinedly answers, "I want to go to the Air Force Academy for college." Not so bad.

But then he adds, "That way I can be an astronaut in my spare time when I'm not a professional baseball player." That's my kid.

Baseball is, indeed, his first love. He used to do competition speed roller skating and set for himself a goal to receive a national placement. He wanted to be one of the country's best.

So, last year, at the Junior Olympic National Championships, he came in third. To do this, though, he had to miss every one of his All-Star baseball games..

We promised him this year, no matter what, he could get to play his games. And he did.

HE had a truly unique experience, though, and I one I thoroughly enjoyed - although I did wait to laugh out loud until I was out of his space.

For the first time ever in his young little life, he was required to wear an athletic supporter, known across the man's world of sports as simply a "jock strap."

Anyway, Little League rules require all athletes to wear one and I quietly explained this to him after the coaches passed them out prior to a tournament. I told him the rule book said he had to wear it.

"So, then where does Janie Johnson wear hers?" he bluntly came back. I could see the wheels of analysis burning. I ignored his question and eventually we got off into where and how it should be worn.

Come tournament time, he and his other young friends were dressing in the back room for their first game. "Mom," he called. "Can you come back here for a minute?"

There they stood, pulling their shirts down to their scrawny little knees, dressed only in a shirt and their uniform socks. "I'm going to give you one quick look and then you need to tell me if it's on right," he said VERY seriously. His friend nodded his head in silent agreement.

So - FLASH - and that's when I saw it. The "thing" was over his underwear. I quietly explained that either 1) you don't wear underwear with athletic supporters; 2) they go UNDER their briefs.

"No way!" they both yelled at once. "Besides," added my son. "If that umpire is checking, he ain't seein' nothin' of mine!"

They decided to leave the strap the way they had it. They were obeying the rule. "It hurts a little this way," said my son to his friend. "I guess we're just too much man for it."

Yeah, right, guys.

So, we lived through Little League season and even learned a little on the way. My little guy decided he likes baseball more than skating and that's all right with us.

Besides, his first skating coach now refers to him as a "quitter," and I really don't think taking third place at nationals is "quitting." Maybe achieving a goal isn't found in that guy's vocabulary.

I guess we'll stick with Little League.

WEDDINGS

Johnson-Wright

Kathy Johnson and Jon Tod Wright were united in marriage on Dec. 23, 1995, at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma with Elwin Collum, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Kathy Johnson, Big Spring.

The groom is the son of C. Roy and Glenda Wright, Big Spring.

The couple stood before an archway with poinsettias and greenery with two spiral candelabras.

Pianist was Velma Ruth Woods, and Jeremy Miller was the vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory lace gown with a V-neck and puffed sleeves. She carried a bouquet of white magnolias with red roses.

Maid of honor was Diane Johnson, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Julie Hall, Jennifer Cooper and Chrissi Jones.

Coley Dobbs was the best man.

Jeff Rosen, Thomas Hoggard and Joe Don Wright, brother of the groom, served as groomsmen.

Jeff Denton and Jason Lamza were the ushers.

The candlelighters were Teri Denton and Heather Hall.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The bride's table had red and white roses with greenery. The cake was a two-tiered white cake and white icing with steps coming down with a red fountain and poinsettias and greenery.



MR. AND MRS. JON TOD WRIGHT

The groom's cake was a chocolate cake with chocolate icing. The table had a white linen cloth with a red lace overlay.

The bride is a graduate of Coahoma High School. She attends Angelo State and is employed by Sugar and Spice Day Care Center in San Angelo.

The groom is a graduate of Coahoma High School. He is currently attending Angelo State and is employed by Wal-Mart.

Following a wedding trip to Breckenridge, Colo., the couple will make their home in San Angelo.

GETTING ENGAGED



Tonya Lynn Holt, Garden City, and Joel Wayne Halfmann, St. Lawrence, will exchange wedding vows on April 27, 1996, at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Father Tom Barley, priest of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Tony Prater, Lawton, Okla., and MaryAlice Mulkey, Tyler.

He is the son of Wayne M. (Tex) and Barbara Halfmann, St. Lawrence.



Kim Coleman and Wes Hughes, both of Ackerly, will unite in marriage on Feb. 23, 1996, at Tinnie's Silver Dollar in Ruidoso, N.M.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Welling, Ackerly.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hughes, Big Spring.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

LUNCH

MONDAY - Charbroiled steak; potatoes; green beans; Waldorf salad; milk/rolls and brownies.

TUESDAY - Chicken breast; baked potatoes; carrots; fruited gelatin; milk/roll and pudding.

WEDNESDAY - Meat loaf; macaroni; cauliflower; carrot/raisin salad; milk/rolls and applesauce.

THURSDAY - Hamburger; beans; lettuce/tomatoes/onions; carrot and raisin salad; milk/bun and pie.

FRIDAY - Turkey and dressing; potatoes; mixed vegetables; Waldorf salad; milk/rolls and cookies.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal choice; graham crackers; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.

TUESDAY - Pancake/sausage on a stick; chilled fruit; whole/low-fat milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.

THURSDAY - Sausage and biscuit; chilled fruit; whole/low-fat milk.

FRIDAY - Waffle with syrup; sausage patty; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.

LUNCH

(Elementary)

MONDAY - Chicken patty/gravy; whipped potatoes; English peas; rosy applesauce; hot roll and milk.

TUESDAY - Chili dog; pinto beans; carrot sticks; ranch dip/Jell-O and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Mexican jambalaya with rice; corn on cob; orange and milk.

THURSDAY - Steak fingers; mashed potatoes with gravy; green beans; mixed fruit; hot rolls and milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger; salad; French fries; catsup; pork and beans; chocolate cake and milk.

LUNCH

(Secondary)

MONDAY - Chicken patty/gravy or roast beef, gravy; whipped potatoes; English peas; rosy applesauce; hot roll/milk.

TUESDAY - Chili dog or beef enchiladas;cornbread; pinto beans; carrot sticks; ranch dip/Jell-O and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Mexican jambalaya with rice; corn on cob; or chef salad; crackers; orange and milk.

THURSDAY - Steak fingers or meatball sandwich; mashed potatoes with gravy; green beans; mixed fruit and milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger or stuffed pepper; salad; French fries; pork and beans; chocolate cake; hot roll and milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Muffins; cinnamon applesauce; milk.

TUESDAY - Oatmeal; toast; milk and juice.

WEDNESDAY - Sausage and pancake on stick; milk and juice.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Burritos; macaroni and cheese; pork and beans; fruit and milk.

TUESDAY - Chicken strips; mashed potatoes with gravy; green beans; Jell-O; hot rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Frito pie; salad; pinto beans; corn bread; fruit and milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Pop tarts; little smokies or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Coffee cake or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Biscuit; gravy; sausage patty or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Cheeseburger or chicken patty/bun; tater tots; lettuce/tomato salad; mixed fruit and milk.

TUESDAY - Salisbury steak or pot pie; mashed pot/gravy; green beans; fruit gelatin; hot roll and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Nacho grande or baked potato; refried beans; lettuce/tomato salad; pineapple chunks; cornbread and milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal; fruit; graham cracker and milk.

TUESDAY - Texas toast; jelly; ham; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal with fruit; muffin; milk.

THURSDAY - Cinnamon rolls; ham; fruit and milk.

FRIDAY - Cereal; fruit, graham crackers; milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Tacos with meat and cheese; salad; pinto beans; fruit; milk.

TUESDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; salad; fruit; bread sticks; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken soup; cheese sandwich; corn; fruit; milk.

THURSDAY - Steak fingers with gravy; creamed potatoes; green beans; biscuits; brownie and milk.

FRIDAY - Ham and cheese sandwich; lettuce; tomato; pickle spears; chips; juice pop and milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS

LUNCH

MONDAY - Beef and bean burritos; chili; cheese; salad; vanilla pudding and milk.

TUESDAY - Beef goulash; pinto beans; spinach; Jell-O w-fruit; cornbread and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken-fried steak; gravy; butter rice; green beans; peach cobbler; hot rolls and milk.

THURSDAY - Beef stew; cheese sticks; salad; or cole slaw; cornbread; cookie and milk.

FRIDAY - Sandwiches; tuna; peanut butter; pimento cheese; French fries; baked beans; fruit roll ups and milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Hash browns; biscuits; jelly/catsup; juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Apple fritters; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Ham/eggs; biscuits; jelly/butter; juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Texas toast; jelly, juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Cereal; fruit rollup; juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Bean chalupas; corn; salad; taco sauce; fruit pies and milk.

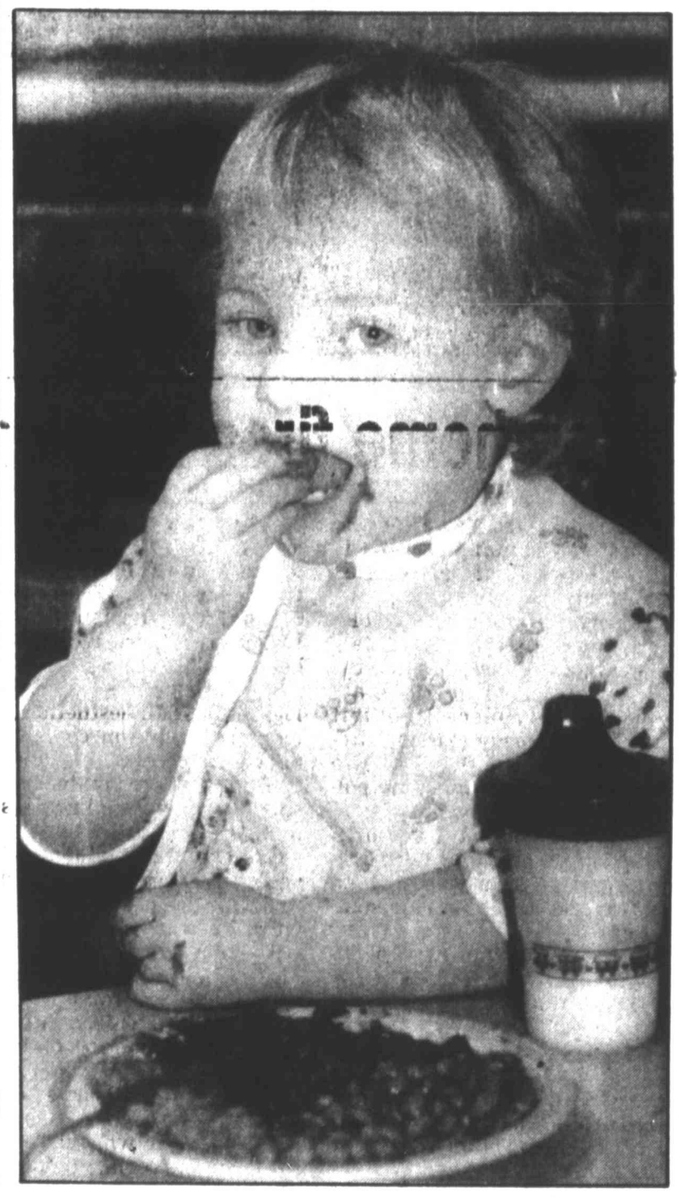
TUESDAY - Soft burritos; ranch-style beans; salad; peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hot dogs; French fries; salad; relish and onions; fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY - Stew; corn; crackers; tapioca pudding and milk.

FRIDAY - Ham/gravy; sweet potatoes; whipped potatoes; sweet peas; hot rolls; pineapple slices and milk.

DEE-LICIOUS



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Kaycee Clayton takes a bite out of a tater tot during the lunch hour at the Westside Day Care Center.

WHO'S WHO

Dorothy Jonina Graves, 14, has been selected as a finalist in the 1996 West Texas National Teen-Ager Scholarship Program to be hosted by Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, April 19-21.



DOROTHY

The West Texas National Teen-Ager Scholarship Program is the Official Regional Final leading to the Texas State Finals in June at TCU in Fort Worth.

The state winner will compete at the 25th Annual Miss National Teen-Ager Scholarship Program in Nashville, Tenn., in August.

Arthur and Delia Graves, Big Spring.

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Robert Duane Edmonds, Big Spring, and Justin Keith Wood, Coahoma, werea mong Texas A&M University's honor students for the 1995 fall semester, recognizing several thousand students for outstanding academic performance.

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Diplomas were awarded to more than 3,300 Texas A&M University graduates during December commencement ceremonies.

Among those receiving degrees were: George Robert Andrews, Jr, with a BA in History, Big Spring, and Kimberly Denise Locke, with a BA in Biology, also of Big Spring.

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Jennie Pierce of Big Spring made the President's List for the fall semester at Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, La.

She graduted from Big Spring High School in May 1995.

She is the daughter of Wayne Pierce and Rebecca Pierce.

IN THE MILITARY

Larry W. Platte has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Midland.

Platte will report to Fort McClellan, Ala., to begin military basic training Aug. 8, 1996.

He is the son of Larry E. and Jackie L. Platte of Big Spring.

Tony J. Greene of Big Spring, son of Alice and Allen Greene, recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training in the Navy's Nuclear program.

Tony enlisted under the Delayed Entry Program, and will report to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill., in June 1996, for active duty, where he will undergo basic training.

He is a senior at Big Spring High School.

NEW IN TOWN

Roddy and Bertha Bennett, and daughters Beunka and Shandor, Beaumont.

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Windell and Dorothy Leflore, Slaton.

James and Wilma Rice, Slaton.

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John and Sherril Hodnett, and daughters Whitney, Heather, Kimber and Natashea, Graham.

Angie Perez, Brownwood.

Karla Fellows and daughter Leah, Middletown, R.I.

Billy Sanderson, Jr., State Line, Pa.

Rey Rojo, Andrews.

Robert and Lynda Fry, Abilene.

Gary and Nicole Larcenaire, Monahans.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Smith

Vernon and Billie Smith, McKinney, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 26, 1996.

The celebration includes a gathering of friends in the McKinney area, attended by their son C. Allen Smith and wife Sheila.

The Smiths, formerly of Big Spring, were married on Jan. 26, 1946, at the Nazarene Church Parsonage by the Rev. Simmons, pastor.

They may be reached by mail at P.O. Box 513, McKinney, Texas 75069.



THE SMITHS

STORK CLUB

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Grandparents are June Russell, Big Spring, and Arden and Aurelia Colette, Canyon.

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Earliest Big Spring Boy Scouts remember badges, barbecues

Joe Pickle of Big Spring joined the Boy Scouts in 1922, just a few days after his 12th birthday.



Tumbleweed Smith
Columnist

"The scouts met at the old railroad YMCA. For our uniforms we wore the old World War One type of riding pants; puttees, I guess you'd call them. And they had the khaki leggings that you wrapped around your leg. The old campaign hat was the type hat we wore in that day and time. After the 20s we started wearing short pants, then slacks came along."

Joe was in Troop One, the oldest continuously operated Boy Scout troop west of the Mississippi River.

"Mrs. B. Reagan had read about the scout movement starting in the United States and she had two sons, Paul and Horace and wanted them to be Boy Scouts. So she conned Mr. C.S. Holmes into being scout master."

The troop had about 20 boys, more when times were good. They went on camping trips to the Concho River about 70 miles away. Joe says they'd put their gear on a horse-drawn wagon and the boys had to hike.

"We'd cover about half the distance the first day and get there the second day."

Joe says the hardest merit badge he earned was for cycling.

"We had to ride a bicycle 20 miles. We ended up carrying the bicycle. It broke down two or three times. We finally got back to town and qualified."

Joe was scout master of the troop for 11 years.

Walton Morrison became a member of Troop One in 1919. Earlier, he got hold of a scout handbook and became so familiar with it he passed his Tenderfoot test the night he joined.

Walton later served as scout master of the troop and kept the troop going when it looked like it was going to have to shut down. He recalls some of the early camping trips.

"We used to shoot rabbits with our sling shots. We'd stop by the blacksmith shop and get some metal slugs for ammunition. Sometimes we used green walnuts. We ate lots of rabbit stew."

He says there were a few tents and no bedrolls. The boys slept on the ground with their quilts and blankets.

"We always had plenty of syrup because we always had hotcakes for breakfast. Jake Pickle won the championship for eating more hotcakes than anyone else. We found later he had shared some of his hotcakes with his dog Rex. But we did some more investigating and discovered that even if we subtracted the ones Rex ate, Jake still won."

Goat was the main meat at campouts. "We'd buy Spanish goats for a dollar a piece and barbecue them. We caught the goats, killed them, hung them up and dressed them ourselves."

One night a flood came while the scouts were camped out. Walton says it rained about six inches.

"We got everybody up and we all went frog hunting. We served frog legs the next morning for breakfast."

Walton says evening campfires were special. After the stories and the singing, the scout master would get up and make some serious remarks.

"He got the boys to thinking how wonderful it was to live in a world where you had the moon and the stars hung up there in the right place and had a God that was generous to let us enjoy it."

Walton still has his Boy Scout uniform and canteen.

Obesity makes self-examination difficult

Scripps Howard News Service

Fat women cannot detect breast lumps through self-examination as easily as thin women and therefore are more likely to have widespread breast cancer when they do find it, according to a new Wisconsin study.

The findings prompted the American Cancer Society to issue an alert advising obese women to be vigilant about getting mammograms, X-rays to detect breast cancer, in the early stages rather than depending on self-examination.

"Larger women who self-detect their breast tumors do so at a later stage, because the tumors are simply more difficult to palpate (feel)," the authors of the study concluded. "Increased body mass was associated with a greater likelihood of non-localized breast cancer at diagnosis among women who detected their own cancer."

Non-localized cancers were those that had spread beyond the breast either regionally, to nearby lymph nodes, or to distant sites.

The report was published in Cancer, the American Cancer Society's research journal, by Wisconsin Division of Health epidemiologists, University of Wisconsin-Madison cancer researchers and field epidemiologists based in Wisconsin for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Previous studies had found a link between obesity and an advanced stage of breast cancer at diagnosis and a poorer prognosis. "Heavier women diagnosed with breast cancer have been shown to have both higher recurrence rates as well as higher mortality from breast cancer than normal weight women," the authors wrote.

This study looked specifically at whether it mattered how the cancer was detected — self-exam, mammography or a clinical breast exam by a health professional. Researchers found that a woman's body mass made a difference in stage of diagnosis only in those who detected their own cancers. Weight didn't matter when the cancers were found by clinical breast exams or mammograms, which can detect breast tumors years before they're large enough to be felt.

Patients in the study were 2,863 Wisconsin women entered in the state's cancer reporting system from 1988 to 1990. Of them, 55 percent had detected their own cancers through a self-exam. The findings also were directly proportional to the extent of being overweight. The heaviest women in this study were 2.3 times more likely to have their cancers detected through mammography than the most lean women were — another indication that fewer obese women find cancers through examining their own breasts.



ART DOG

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Treasa Wells, Judy Tereletsky and Radar the Drug Dog look at the five finalists of pictures of Radar drawn by Big Spring High School art students. Radar posed for two days, students were given three more days to complete their work, which was judged Tuesday morning. The winners are: First place - Cori Wilbanks; second place - Robin Dickens; third place - Heather Edwards; honorable mentions - Ricky Calderon and Yuching Li.

Build pattern with a purpose

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ST. LOUIS - Feel like you're going in circles?

Might as well get the most out of the experience, says Robert Ferre, and walk a labyrinth.

Ferre (pronounced FER RAY) is one of four founders of the St. Louis Labyrinth Project. If the group has its way, we'll all be walking labyrinths soon.

A labyrinth, I have learned, isn't the same as a maze, which has dead ends and false passages. A labyrinth is a pattern with a purpose, a single path that leads to the center. Ferre says that because reaching the center is assured, walking a labyrinth is more about the journey than the destination.

"Walking a labyrinth is an effective tool for meditation, for getting balanced, for having fun," said Ferre. "We don't ever tell people exactly what to expect when walking, but wonderful things do happen."

Ferre, 51, works for a commercial real estate management company, but describes himself as "a closet labyrinth builder." With the help of about 30 volunteers, he built three labyrinths at a celebration held on New Year's Eve. Two were outdoors; one was inside the Cervantes Convention Center here.

The indoor labyrinth was called the Peace Labyrinth, and participants were encouraged to think about peace and harmony as they walked. This was an elaborate labyrinth — it took 45 minutes to walk it — but it was not particularly elegant, as it was just tape on a cement floor, illuminated by fluorescent lights.

Stacy West was one of about 2,000 people who walked the indoor labyrinth.

"I found it soothing. When you spend 45 minutes walking, it gives your mind the opportunity to be clear of anything else," she said. "Still, I'm excited about doing it in a more natural setting."

Keep home fires burning

Scripps Howard News Service

The traditional fireplace is going the way of coal chutes and hitching posts.

It's even illegal to put an old-fashioned hearth into a new home built in many highly-populated areas, while clean air laws in many places prohibit the use of already existing fireplaces about a third of the time, especially during the pollution-prone months.

This has caused a boom in fireplace inserts that burn natural gas, or treat wood smoke so it meets EPA clean air standards.

Gas is by far the most popular fuel in the fireplace of the '90s. Although more expensive than wood, a gas fireplace is virtually maintenance-free. People may like the idea of a roaring wood fire, but almost no one likes chopping, hauling and stacking the wood, or cleaning up the ashes.

"We've had over 140,000 gas hearth products installed in Colorado in the last couple of years," says Susan Stallworth, a spokeswoman for the Denver Public Service Company's "Light a Better Fire" campaign. "Gas doesn't pollute, and if you already have a gas line running to your house it's affordable and easy to install."

There are three basic gas systems, according to Duane Neuenkirk, a sales manager at Fireplace Equipment of Colorado.

Gas logs are made of ceramics and designed to look real. Gas inserts easily can be installed in an existing fireplace. And for those without a traditional fireplace, an insert and fireplace facade can be installed against just about any wall in the home.

Neuenkirk isn't a fan of gas logs.

"They really don't produce any heat. You can actually touch them while they're burning," he says. "They burn 65,000 BTU (British Thermal Units) and return none of it as heat."

Stallworth agrees that these logs are just for aesthetic enjoyment; as a heat source, they are not cost-effective.

"But people enjoy them," she says. "And they're inexpensive to install."

Gas logs start as low as $300, according to Neuenkirk, and do produce a pleasant visual effect.

But if you want your fireplace to provide more than just dancing flames, you can install a gas insert fireplace unit that uses a heat exchange to warm a room, or even an entire house.

"The heat will cross some steel tubes and heat them up, and a blower will force that heat into the room," Neuenkirk says.

These products tend to run at about 50 to 85 percent efficiency, referring to the amount of heat that makes it into your home and doesn't go up the chimney.

And the intensity of a gas fire can be controlled with a thermostat, something that can't be done with a wood-burning fireplace.

There are some cheaper "ventless" fireplaces available, but Neuenkirk doesn't recommend them. These units don't vent dangerous gases such as carbon monoxide outside the home, but filter them instead.

Mike Silverstein, a planner for the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division, agrees. "It's up to each individual, of course, but I wouldn't use one in my house," he says. "You can't tell when they'll malfunction."

Skiwear latest sport to influence high fashion

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If it looks good on the ski slopes, the chances are that this winter it will look even better on the city streets.

Designers have taken skiwear as their latest inspiration and the result is sporty, modern clothing that is both practical and a joy to wear — even by those who can't tell a snowplow turn from a tractor.

Many of the styles, such as Donna Karan's high-tech, metallic parka, could easily withstand the rigors of Aspen, Verbier or Gstaad but would also look dashing and up-to-the-minute on Main Street.

Others simply draw on the best elements of skiwear — the sleek minimalism, futuristic fabrics, zipper fastenings, curvy jackets and stretch pants — and placed them in the setting of a metropolis rather than a mountain resort.

These are the sort of outdoor clothes that will brighten even the gloomiest, coldest January. Ideal for chic weekend dressing, warm quilted anoraks, futuristic parkas and jackets in neon bright colors can be thrown over everything from leggings to a shift dress.

"I love the fact that these clothes are warm and user-friendly and will work in so many diverse ways," says Donna Karan. "I wear ski jackets thrown over cashmere dresses for the office, with leggings or ski pants for the weekend, and I've even worn a ski parka with a fake fur collar to a black-tie dinner."

It's a sentiment echoed by Ralph Lauren, whose advertising campaign for Polo Sport features a man dressed in formal black tie with a silver ski parka over the top.

Perhaps it's not surprising that American designers are captivated by the ski-look. After all, they're renowned for their practical approach to fashion and they love clothes that suggest dynamism.

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"Bertie" spayed female terrier mix, brown coat, calm and sweet.

"Betty Marjorie" short-legged spayed female basset/bull dog mix; sleek black coat with white markings; extremely friendly and outgoing.

"Veronica" spayed female black Lab mix with white spot on chest; curious and playful.

"Baby" spayed female Dachshund with pretty red coat, cataract on one eye, very sweet and calm; older dog that needs calm and loving environment with older person.

"Hardie" female beagle/basset mix, spotted black and tan coat, friendly.

"Sue" black and tan female Shepherd mix, very pretty markings, cute with lots of love to give.

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

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TAG! YOU'RE IT



Herald photo by Tim Appel

An unidentified Howard College student takes refuge behind a barrel while taking aim with his laser gun during a five-on-five battle in the Student Union Building Wednesday. The Student Activities department of the college sponsored the event, which drew in would-be warriors throughout the afternoon.

Rodeo costumer seeks authentic Western garb

FORT WORTH (AP) — The woman's first mistake was wearing the antique western shirt to a show attended by Kay Gay. Her second was actually quoting a price when Gay asked how much she'd take for it.

The cream-and-black shirt was perfect for one of the costumes Gay was creating for the flag carriers for the grand entry at the Stock Show Rodeo. So Gay thought nothing of whipping out $50 cash and buying the shirt right off the surprised woman's back.

"Well, I didn't rassle her for it," Gay says, laughing. "She wouldn't have quoted me a price if she didn't want to sell it."

Gay meant business when it came to outfitting the 14 female riders who kick off each rodeo performance. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Stock Show, Gay created costumes illustrating the different eras of women's rodeo clothing, from the leather skirts of the 1890s to the flashy sequined outfits of today. And each outfit had to be authentic.

"To me, the girls are the show part of the rodeo. They bring in the glamour," said Gay, who has outfitted the pivot-setters, or flag carriers, for more than a dozen years. Her husband, Neal Gay, is the rodeo's production manager.

"I wanted to show what it was like," she said.

Starting right after last year's Stock Show ended, Gay pulled together a wardrobe of antiques and reproductions, drawing on dozens of research books and old photographs.

The result is a live-action history of women in rodeo, repeated at the beginning of each rodeo performance during the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show.

The seven pairs of riders each wears a costume from a different era. In their earliest rodeo appearances back in the 1890s, Gay explained, women wore long leather split skirts, so her first pair of riders are dressed in calf-length suede skirts with matching vests.

But leather skirts proved to be too heavy to ride in, Gay said, so within a few years women switched to twill or corduroy skirts, which make up the second set of outfits. But these, too, proved unwieldy.

"Some of the girls apparently were getting hung up in the saddle with the skirts, so they started putting rubber bands around their knees," to hold the skirts in, Gay said.

By the 1920s, these had evolved into bloomers, which replaced the split skirts for a time. In turn, these were replaced by sleeker-fitting jodhpurs by sometime in the 1930s, she said.

"The clothes were getting sexier, but there was still a lot of movement," Gay said.

Some of Gay's favorite outfits include the show chaps popular in the '30s and '40s. One pair of chaps is leather — trimmed with curly angora fur; another pair is elaborately stitched cream-and-black leather, worn with the antique shirt Gay had bought from its wearer.

Finally, the last pair of riders, who carry the Texas and U.S. flags, are dressed in modern rodeo clothing.

Quinceanera grows in popularity

BEDFORD (AP) — The first clue that this is not a typical day in Guillermina Rubalcado's home is the white satin gown, hanging phantomlike from a ceiling fan in the living room.

And her dining room is a veritable sea of fuchsia.

Boutonnieres and hair decorations of fuchsia netting and white roses — representing weeks of work by Rubalcado — lie by the dozens in neat rows. Piles of fuchsia Mylar sheets fill dining room chairs.

Lace gloves dotted with fuchsia rosebuds adorn the table. Dresses of fuchsia satin trimmed in white hang in groups of two and three on chairs against the dining room wall. And a Styrofoam head stands on the table like a macabre centerpiece, draped in a fuchsia-trimmed white-net veil.

Urgent feminine voices, mingling Spanish and English in exhortations and laughter, fill the house. It is Friday morning, and the Rubalcados' four daughters — Sandy, 20, Nancy, 15, Jeannette, 13, and Jessica, 8 — should be working or in class.

The reason for the upheaval in the Rubalcado household is profound and simple. The next day, with tender ritual and great fanfare — and at no small expense — the Rubalcados' second-eldest daughter will be transformed, according to Latin custom, from a girl into a young woman.

The next day is Nancy Rubalcado's quinceanera.

And Nancy, a Trinity High School sophomore, has been steeped in preparations.

"I guess I'm all grown up," Nancy says as she sits on the floor of her parents' family room, in sweat pants and a Trinity T-shirt, cutting squares of fuchsia netting that her sisters are fashioning into 50 centerpieces.

To join in celebrating this milestone in Nancy's life, her parents have invited 500 people. They have rented Grapevine Convention Center, hired a band and a disc jockey, and booked a church and a Dallas VFW hall for dinner.

Some attribute the resurgence of the custom to growing cultural pride within the Hispanic community.

Others say it reflects the growing immigrant population, and still others point to a combination of the two.

But there are rumblings of discord within the Hispanic and Catholic communities about where that popularity is taking the quinceanera, and calls for uniform guidelines to help parishes prepare girls spiritually for the rite.

Ideally, a quinceanera should give a girl a sense of who she is and what gifts she can bring to the community, says Kevin Prevou, youth ministry director for the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth.

But, critics say, some families view it as a chance to invite friends to a big party or to display their financial success.

"Unfortunately, that second part of the ceremony has become a competitive and very expensive part of the quinceanera," says Lucy Serenil, who with her husband, Benito, coordinates quinceanera preparations at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Arlington.

"That is an American evolution. We try to tell them that it can be a beautiful ceremony without worrying about limos and bands," she says.

Tips on making home inventory

Scripps Howard News Service

You live in the midst of stuff, but how well do you really know it?

Say, for example, your stuff was suddenly to disappear — wiped out by a fire or burglar. How well would you do when the claims adjuster came around asking: What did you have, when did you buy it and what did you pay for it?

Unfortunately, total recall is a rare commodity when faced with devastation.

"When the inventory is most important, people are overwhelmed with grief," said Cameron Dewey, a claims supervisor with Farmers Insurance Group.

The best bet for remembering is a room-by-room inventory preserved on paper or videotape. It helps speed up the claim process and assure full compensation, says Dewey.

However, doing a home inventory is a task that is often put off. Dewey said claims adjusters rarely have the benefit of working with a detailed home inventory.

Insurance companies provide forms for home inventories when insurance is purchased. The forms group items by room and are good memory prompters, asking for details on everything from carpets and blankets to dishwashers and stereo systems. A typical form has spaces for the age of the item and an estimate of replacement cost.

"When people suffer a large loss, which is usually fire-related, they don't remember what they have. It's usually an accumulation of the smaller items (that they forget). As ridiculous as it may seem, they forget they have silverware or items in the kitchen — small appliances like food processors. In isolation they may not seem like that big of a deal, but they can add up to several thousands of dollars that are overlooked," says Dewey.

Expensive jewelry, silverware, artwork or valuable collections should be included in an inventory, but they may require written appraisals and additional insurance coverage.

Dewey says the ideal home inventory would be a video with detailed narration, including descriptions of items, model numbers and information on when each item was purchased and the price.

But even without such detail, a videotape is helpful. "One of the beauties of video is that we can see what type of TV it is and then call a local TV place ," says Bill Jones, district manager of the California State Automobile Association.

THE RIGHT TOUCH



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Joyce Walker adds a touch of paint onto canvas as she and several others were working in the art room of the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Thursday morning.

Products to make life easier

Scripps Howard News Service

Boomers and Busters, Gen-Xers and middle schoolers, none of us have a second to spare. We're perennially pinched for time, constantly teetering on the brink of out-of-control. The last thing we want is to burn time.

U.S. consumers spent $54.4 billion on housewares during 1994, according to the National Housewares Manufacturers Association. That breaks down to $554 per household, more than each average household spent on public transportation or fruits and vegetables, NHMA figures show.

One category alone — bread-making machines — accounted for $565 million in retail sales during 1994, according to the trade publication Kitchenware News. Coffeemaker sales percolated right along as well, at $500 million.

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Big Spring music makers remember 50 years of song

Editor's Note: This is the first of two articles about the musical Nix family and the "West Texas Cowboys."

It was 50 years ago that Hoyle and Ben Nix assembled a four-piece band they called the "West Texas Cowboys" and went to work making music in Big Spring.

Their first job was at Yell's Inn. Hoyle was using the fiddle his father had taught him to play at the age of six, and Ben played the guitar.

According to an article in a 1959 copy of the Big Spring Herald, Hoyle said, "I only wanted to pick up a little money for the time being but it seems I couldn't get out once I was in the business."



Jean Warren
Prime Columnist

And stay in the business, he did. For 39 years, dance halls echoed to the best of the music of the "West Texas Cowboys." In 1954, Hoyle and Ben built the Stampede, a dance hall on the Snyder Highway, where they played every Saturday night.

In addition, they had a regular circuit of engagements in a 250-mile radius of Big Spring. Veteran band member, Tommy Harvell, recalls they traveled as much as 1,000 miles each week. They also played for rodeos, barbecues, and club functions.

For many years, they had a weekly program over a radio station in Lamesa. They recorded for Star Talent, Queen, Caprock, and bouquet labels.

Ben and Hoyle grew up in an environment of music. Their father, Jonah Lafayette Nix, who farmed in the Center Point Community, played both fiddle and guitar. After a day's work in the field, he liked to sit on a cane-bottom chair on the porch and play his fiddle.

While still in school, Hoyle and Ben began playing for school programs and community gatherings. They called their first band the "Center Point Serenaders." Later the group became the "Flash Cowhands."

My brother-in-law, Dr. Loran Warren, was a member of these early groups, and for a number of years, played piano and mandolin with the "West Texas Cowboys."

I met this musical family when I married Paul Warren. He, too, was a musician, playing clarinet and saxophone in the Big Spring High School and Texas Tech bands. For a number of years, he had the "Starlighters," a dance combo that performed for events in area country clubs and at the NCO and Officers Club at WAFB. Paul and Loran and their cousins, Hoyle and Ben, were carrying on a tradition begun by their grandfather, Bill Brooks. He was an accomplished fiddler and played for neighborhood square dances.



Courtesy photo
An early picture of the "West Texas Cowboys." Left to right: John Minnick, Hoyle Nix, Loran Warren, Ben Nix, Wayne Walker, Charlie Smith.

He grew up in Alabama and at the age of 14, enlisted in the Civil War as a drummer boy. After the war, he came to Texas and made a couple trips up the Chisholm Trail.

Bill and his wife Emma spent the first years of their marriage at Cross Plains, but in 1902 they settled on a farm north of Big Spring.

Their children grew up with a love of music. My mother-in-law, Callie, and Hoyle and Ben's mother, Myrtle, both played guitar. Another daughter, Lola, recalls how much she loved to hear them play.

Their sons, Allen and K. (James K. Polk), were popular performers at neighborhood dances. K. played guitar, and Allen was an expert fiddler.

The story goes that Allen bought his fiddle from Sears Roebuck for $1.98. He used to keep a few rattlesnake buttons in it to improve the tone.

Next month: Interviews with Larry and Jody Nix.

Banana cake looks odd, tastes great

By MARY RANDLE
Prime Columnist

Eating some flavored yogurt that tasted like cardboard, I was thinking about the banana cake I made last night, and wishing that's what I was savoring.

But Adrian and I are so fond of banana cake I have to freeze half of it, or we will eat the entire cake between us in a day. My mind was wandering ever closer to the cake, and I began to laugh about the very first banana cake I ever saw or tasted.

I was a little kid, growing up during the Depression, when some new people moved into the house next door.

The new neighbors were from another part of the country, even more interesting, we didn't see many new people in our small town.

Mother took a covered dish to them, I thought they were lucky, Mother's cooking was always good. The lady next door was appreciative, and also loved to cook, so after they were settled in, here she came with the lovely looking layer cake.

Mother thanked her profusely, took one look and said we would wait to cut it for supper. Immediately I knew something was wrong; we never waited to taste any food unless it was for a party! Mother took the cake inside put it on the kitchen table, sat down and just looked at it. I asked her what was wrong, I was hungry and could surely use a piece of cake. She sighed, got up to get a knife, and said we might as well cut it, so we could look at the cake.

What did she mean?

She cut the cake, took the piece put it on a plate, I started to get a fork then I looked at the cake. It looked funny - I was used to angel food, chocolate, white and fruit cakes, but I had never seen one like this.

It was sort of tan and had dark specks all through it. We didn't know what they were. Mother said she had never seen a cake like that. Talking to herself, she wondered if the flour had dirt in it, or something worse.

But the cake smelled so good, finally she went next door, and lying through her teeth, asked for the recipe, saying it was the best cake she had ever tasted.

She was gone quite a while and it was all I could do to stay away from the forbidden.

Suddenly she came back almost running with a grin on her face. She didn't say a word, just put on water for coffee. Dad would be home soon, got out plates, and began to cut the cake for all of us.

Much later she explained it was some newfangled recipe from out of state, using BANANAS. Well, that explained everything; the odd color, the specks that didn't go away when it was baked, and the yummy sweetness. The cake was gone in a wink.

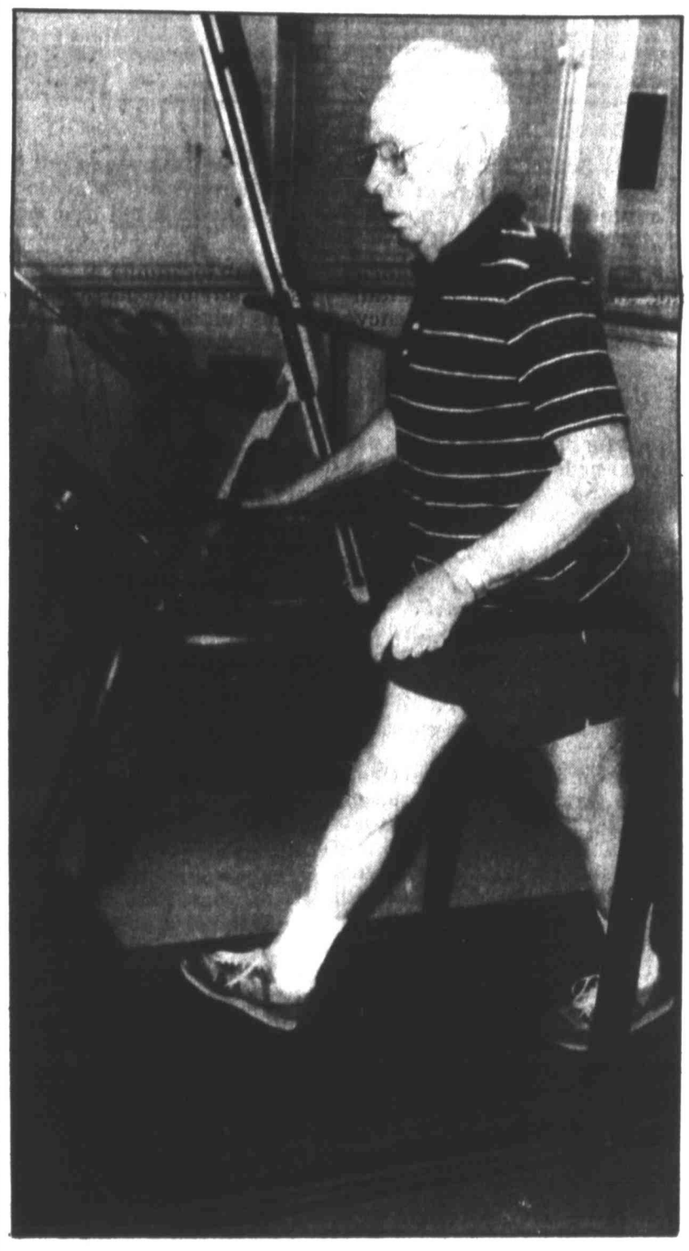
Over the years it became a family favorite. I would ask for it for my birthday, and they even brought one when I was at college.

My cousin was at Fort Sill getting ready to go overseas in the second world war, so Mother made the family favorite, put it in a cake tin and we planned a picnic.

It was a very hot summer, and we tried to protect the cake overnight; the next day we would all enjoy it. Wrong! When Mother opened the cakepan, there were a few crumbs and a lot of ants - sugar ants no doubt.

At least they had good taste!

KEEPING FIT



Herald photo by Tim Appel
Alex Sechelski takes a brisk walk on the treadmill as he was exercising at the Howard College Fitness Center Wednesday morning.

Prime POEM

Bed on the Floor

A little girl, sad and so lonely
a child, nobody cared for
she had no toys she could play with
her bed just a place on the floor.
"Oh please, pick me up
and just hold me
pretend its me you adore
rock me to sleep
in that old rocking chair
then lay me down on the floor
He picked her up o, so gently
and he held her
close in his arms
he rocked her to sleep
in the old chair
and he held her
till bright early morn
Then he lay her down,
o, so gently
her clothes so tattered and torn
little girl sweetly a-sleeping
on her bed.
Just a place on the floor.
Oh please, pick me up
and just rock me
pretend its me, you adore
rock me to sleep
in the old rocking chair
then lay me down on the floor.

—Bernice Reed Jones

Pets' company is good medicine

By WANDA DENSON
Prime Columnist

"The day may soon come when pets are prescribed instead of pills," says Doctor Leo Bustard, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University.

Scientists, psychologists and physicians are finding that the companionship of pets can improve your health and even help you live longer. One recent study conducted at the University of Pennsylvania by psychiatrist, Dr. Aaron Katcher, revealed that coronary patients who owned pets live longer than those who don't.

Katcher says pets are another form of preventive medicine just like a good diet, exercise and human companionship. Pets provide emotional outlets, helping get your mind off your worries. They are stimulating, relieve loneliness and depression and they make you laugh.

In addition, pets stimulate exercise and can get you outside when you might not go otherwise. Their antics and affection lower your stress level and studies prove petting an animal lowers your blood pressure immediately.

As a result of numerous studies, all 50 states now allow pets in nursing homes. An approach to better health for the elderly through the human-animal bond is outlined by Doctor William H. Thomas in his book, "The Eden Alternative." New York nursing homes put his methods to test by bringing in animals as a means of stemming dementia, boredom, helplessness, depression and loneliness.The mortality rate dropped 15 percent, infections and routine medications were both reduced by half.

Dr. Katcher points out that pets aren't a cure-all, but they help. He says when you own a pet your day is active, and busy people live longer. You walk the pet, talk to the pet, go to the store for pet food (where you'll have contact with the outside world). Many instances have been reported of a dog saving the life of his owner. Dogs have alerted owners to fires and prowlers. Their barking has brought help to owners who have had an accident.

Whether or not dogs can think, reason and remember has been debated but to dog owners the answer is obvious. Native Texan, Melissa Miller points out in her book, "The Dog I.Q. Test," how observation of a dog's behavior answers that question. For example, look at guide dogs for the blind. Although they want to please their owner more than anything, they will disobey a command if carrying it out would be dangerous.

As for memory, Miller says notice a dog's response when his leash is brought out or when his name is called. Or notice how he reacts when his owner pulls out the suitcases. The dog makes an association between them and his owner leaving, showing his ability to reason and remember.

Miller says when dogs have to spend their lives chained in a small yard, they show their boredom by barking, chewing on things, sleeping too much or becoming so territorial that they will attack anyone who comes near their turf.

She says if the dogs were stimulated regularly with walks, play or rides in the car, those problems would disappear.

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Local youth to show animals at Houston Livestock Show

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

After a successful Howard County Junior Livestock Show several area youth will head southeast to participate in the Houston Livestock Show, Feb. 16 through March 3, at the Astrohall.

Several local 4-H members from Big Spring and the surrounding area will exhibit their prize livestock along with other 4-H and FFA members from around the state in showring competition at the upcoming show.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors will showcase their animal projects during the second week of livestock competition, which is the junior livestock show. The first week, the open show, will feature professional ranchers and breeders throughout the country exhibiting their breeding stock.

The entries in the junior and open livestock shows combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest in the world.

The junior show will represent 932 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters and is expected to exceed 15,000 entries this year.

A variety of animals will be shown in the junior division of livestock competition: market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steers, lambs, barrows and poultry) represent animals raised by the exhibitors as food sources. Top animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. Last year, junior market auction sales totaled $4,545,349.

"The very heart of the Houston Livestock Show is the educational opportunities being offered to junior exhibitors in the state of Texas. Our show, which is the largest junior livestock exhibition in the world, is highly competitive, and a win in any division is highly coveted. These young people, who, through the dedication, hard work and ambition, benefit greatly financially as well as educationally," said Don Jobes Jr., Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo assistant general manager.

Big Spring FFA participants in Houston include: Marc Baker, Tori Borchardt, Toby Clanton, Bucky Crenshaw, Jeff Denton, Teri Denton, Andy Hyden, Justin McKenzie, Jordan Rainey, Rusty Sumpter and Angie Wood.

Howard County 4-H participants in Houston include: Trevor J. Bibb, Cade Bowlin, Luke Bowlin, John Jenkins, Megan Knight, Lindsay Moates, James Newman, John Paul Nichols, Nathalie Nichols, Brandi Purcell, John Purcell, Lance Purcell, Tonya Tabor, Tarence L. Tabor, DD Wright and Ryan Wright.

Other local participants at the Houston Livestock Show will include the Martin County 4-H Club, Stanton FFA, Glasscock County 4-H Club, Coahoma FFA, Sands FFA, Grady FFA and Gail FFA.

Mexico dislikes U.S. NAFTA choice

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Mexican government is continuing to fight a decision by the United States to delay new trucking rules that would allow Mexican cargo trucks access to highways throughout Texas and its sister border states.

The Mexican Embassy contends the U.S. decision represents "a clear violation" of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which provides for liberalization of trucking regulations between the United States, Mexico and Canada.

The federal government last month blocked implementation of the expanded trucking access. Currently, Mexican trucks are restricted to a maximum 20-mile commercial border zone. Under the NAFTA provisions, Mexican trucks would have access to the interior of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. U.S. trucks would gain reciprocal access to Mexican border states.

Critics have raised safety concerns about Mexican trucks, contending most don't meet state and federal standards regarding safety, weight and insurance.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said the expanded trucking access, to have taken effect Dec. 18, would be stayed pending completion of new talks between the United States and Mexico over improved trucking safety and border crossing efficiency.

As of Monday, there was no end in sight to the trucking flap, which has been the first major NAFTA flare-up between the United States and Mexico since the trade pact took effect in 1994.

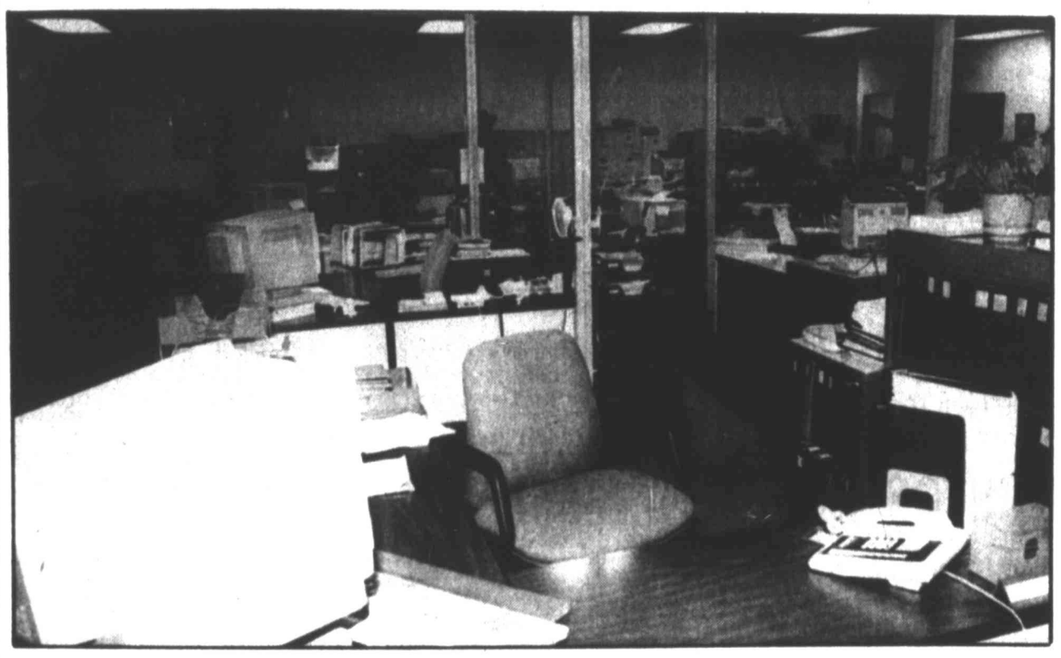
Friday, Mexican officials sat down for talks with representatives of the U.S. Trade Representative's Office in Washington.

"The Mexican government expressed its view that the U.S. actions are a clear violation of the NAFTA," the Mexican Embassy said.

"The government of Mexico will continue to seek a solution according to the procedures established in the NAFTA and with the view of protecting Mexico's interests," an embassy statement said.

The U.S. Trade Representative's Office, for its part, refused to quantify the future of the talks between the two governments, other than to say Friday's meeting was "useful and cordial."

BACK TO WORK...



Associated Press photo

This Social Security office in Palestine, Texas was cut from eight employees to two during the first government shutdown in November. To avoid another shutdown, the U.S. House voted Thursday night 371-42 to approve a bill that would keep the government running through March 15.

Thirty-second spot to cost $1.2 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Frogs croak for beer, a goldfish plays dead for a soft drink and a panther repels space invaders during what may be the most widely watched TV show of the year.

NBC's telecast of Super Bowl XXX on Sunday pits the Dallas Cowboys against the Pittsburgh Steelers. But with Dallas heavily favored, don't be surprised if come Monday the office chit-chat dwells on what ad provided the most entertainment.

In some cases, advertisers have drawn on visits to the zoo for inspiration. Other ads use classic rock, aging stars and cute shots of football's littlest warriors to score points with viewers.

The Super Bowl long has provided Madison Avenue with a showcase for creativity and the broadcast networks with a reason to charge record sums for advertising time.

The game typically attracts 100 million or more viewers and is usually the year's biggest draw on television.

With that much attention, the networks have been able to boost ad rates a notch higher annually. This year, NBC charged a record $1.2 million on average for each of 58 half-minute commercial slots.

That's $40,000 per second — a solid annual wage for many people, or about what it costs for a new low-end luxury car.

NBC executives say they were able to get a 20 percent increase over the $1 million ABC got for last year's Super Bowl commercial slots even with the prospect of the Summer Olympics in Atlanta providing advertisers with another high-profile sports event this year.

Anheuser-Busch Inc. has purchased four minutes, and plans to run another in a quirky series of ads launched last year featuring frogs that collectively croak its flagship beer name, Budweiser. It has Clydesdale horses, penguins and buzzards in three other ads.

The brewer also is conducting its eighth annual Bud Bowl sweepstakes, but for the first time won't have a Super Bowl commercial as part of it. In earlier years, the fictional football game featuring animated bottles of Bud and Bud Light appeared in as many as four Super Bowl commercials. This year, the winning play will simply be announced twice during the game.

Bob Lachky, a top Budweiser executive, said the brewer is committed to continuing the promotion, but no longer feels a Super Bowl commercial is a necessary component.

Pepsi-Cola Co. has four minutes of commercials. One shows a goldfish that plays dead, but revives when a youngster drops Pepsi in its bowl. In another, a Coca-Cola delivery man is caught on a convenience store camera raiding the Pepsi cooler.

Dallas Cowboys star Deion Sanders plays opposite the cartoon character Wile E. Coyote in another Pepsi ad.

The Pink Panther fights the space invaders' heat, cold and noise for Owens Corning Fiberglas Corp. in the insulation maker's Super Bowl commercial debut.

Master Lock Co., appearing for the 21st time, is using the rock classic "For What It's Worth." The song was popularized 28 years ago by Buffalo Springfield, and band member Stephen Stills authorized its use, the lock maker said. An unidentified woman croons it as risky situations are shown.

Two longtime actors show up in Super Bowl ads. Charlton Heston is the latest to reject Johnny the moocher's efforts to bum a Bud Light. Jack Palance leads a cattle drive in a Ford F-150 pickup.

Nike Inc., which ran a 90-second ad last year showing Dennis Hopper delivering a Patton-like ode to football, features pee-wee football in three 30-second commercials this year celebrating the sport.

Advertisers and ad consultants say the Super Bowl offers an unmatched onetime opportunity to introduce a product, deliver a sales theme or show off an arresting creative idea.

Wilson won't be advertising during the game this year.

Alzheimer's Association forming Big Spring group

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin is forming a local support group for Big Spring and residents of surrounding areas to gain a better knowledge and understanding of the disease.

The groups initial meeting was Friday evening at Comanche Trail Nursing Center

The association also announced the recent hiring of Executive Director Gail A. Harmon, who brings with her 14 years of non-profit experience with the Midland YMCA.

The Alzheimer's Association is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to providing information, education and support services to the community. The Permian Basin chapter currently provides services to Ector, Midland and Howard Counties as well as nine other West Texas counties.

In addition to providing educational materials, the association also provides speakers to local groups, contributes to national research, provides referrals and organizes support groups.

Along with the group being formed in Big Spring, one will also be formed in Odessa. Midland currently has support groups meeting at three locations.

Support groups are designed to allow caregivers, family members and persons with Alzheimer's Disease the opportunity to spend time sharing concerns and solution, and to gain understanding and emotional support.

According to the association the meetings can be used to help build caregiving skills, to find information on quality care, learn how to reduce stress and manage lifestyle changes and how to access professional and community services.

One in three families in the Permian Basin is touched by Alzheimer's. There is no cure for the disease or no specific diagnostic tool. A major goal of the chapter is to provide the most up-to-date information possible to the community.

Other goals include expanding support groups such as here in Big Spring, conducting a membership drive to enhance public awareness, and creating a respite care program to provide help for caregivers and families of Alzheimer's disease.

The Alzheimer's Association invites the public to learn why their motto is "Someone to stand by you - You're not alone." For more information on support groups, membership or other services, call 570-9191.

For more information about the Big Spring Support Group, call Silvia Casas at 263-4041.

FARMING SOFTWARE!



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Crop Growers Software President Rafe Hargrove poses with a computer screen in Austin showing soil data from a California field. Crop Growers Software provides information that facilitates precision farming.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

FAST TRACK

Sabre signs $400 million deal with SITA

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Sabre Computer Services announced Friday that it has signed a letter of intent for a seven-year deal worth more than $400 million with SITA, a leading supplier of global network services.

The deal, which will be finalized in the next few months, is for data network outsourcing.

Sabre Computer Services is a division of American Airlines Inc. and a business unit of AMR Corp.'s The Sabre Group. Sabre is the carrier's travel reservation network.

SITA will manage Sabrenet, which connects Sabre to more than 22,500 locations in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

Sabrenet serves Sabre Travel Information Network travel agencies, American Airlines, American Eagle, American Airlines Cargo and may of The Sabre Group's airline customers.

The SITA Group — comprising SITA, Scitor, ITS and Novus — owns and operates the world's largest international data network, providing more than 60,000 user connections in more than 220 countries and territories.

AUSTIN (AP) — The state unemployment rate for December was 6.1 percent, a slight increase over November's 5.9 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reports.

"Unemployment is up slightly from last month, and up three-tenths of a percentage point over last December," Workforce Commissioner David R. Perdue said Tuesday.

The unemployment rate for December 1994 was 5.8 percent.

The winter break at state universities and public schools contributed to a net loss of 4,100 jobs in the government sector from November to December, the Workforce Commission reported.

TI Inc. reports record earnings in 1995

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Instruments Inc. on Tuesday reported a 55 percent jump in fourth-quarter profits, as strong sales of its computer chips helped offset disappointing results from its notebook computer business.

The company earned a $291 million, or $1.50 per share, in the three months ending Dec. 31, compared with $188 million, or 99 cents per share, in the same period a year ago.

Sales were $3.6 billion in the quarter, up from $2.78 billion in the year-ago period.

The company said a loss by its notebook computer business was offset by the performance of its semiconductor operations and higher royalties in the fourth quarter.

For the year, the electronics company earned $1.08 billion, compared with $691 million in 1994. Earnings per share, after the effect of the two-for-one stock split announced in June, were $5.63, versus $3.63 for 1994.

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CORDLESS IS BOOMING!



Associated Press photo
A chinese man looks at the Taiwanese-made cordless phones at this exhibition in Beijing. Manufacturers from around the world exhibited phones in an attempt to get involved with China's booming telecommunications market.

Super Bowl guests a listing of Who's Who in business

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The big play for many of those attending the 1996 Super Bowl might happen in a hotel hospitality suite, on a golf course or in a private party at a restaurant instead of on the field at Sun Devil Stadium.

American business executives will arrive by the planeload and trainload to attend Sunday's game, making it an occasion to thank major customers and cultivate new ones.

"It's just a great opportunity to get their top clients and top executives together, give them a chance to mingle," said Scott Bartle, marketing coordinator for the Super Bowl Host Committee.

The NFL estimates that corporate America accounts for more than 50 percent of the tickets sold and that top executives from nearly 70 percent of Fortune 500 companies will be represented.

Super Bowl tickets are used mostly to reward existing good customers although they certainly help boost or even create future business, executives say.

The hospitality extended by businesses such as the Miller Brewing Co. unit of Philip Morris Cos. Inc., Union Pacific Corp. and The Coca-Cola Co. can include catered barbecues and golf tournaments at upscale resorts in the days before the game — and hospitality tents and game tickets for Super Sunday.

"They want to be a host to their customers and their employees and they want to have a Southwest flavor and to have some football fun, to be seen and have a presence," said Bob Marhenke, a catering executive for the Macayo chain that includes a restaurant a half-mile from the stadium.

While most corporate visitors will fly to and from Arizona, two major railroads are using private passenger trains to deliver customers and some of their own top executives.

Union Pacific's invited guests will board its train in Salt Lake City for three nights traveling en route to Arizona via Las Vegas and Southern California. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp.'s train will travel from Kansas City, Mo., to Southern California, where most of its guests will board for the ride to Arizona.

The trains include dome cars, diners, sleepers and business-office cars.

The Super Bowl's appeal to customers helps provide Burlington Northern a chance to show off its service. There is no substitute "to getting customers out on the railroad to see what it's like, zipping along at 70 mph," spokesman Mike Martin said from Schaumberg, Ill.

"I hate to use the term, but they'll be pampered," Martin said. "The food is gourmet food on fine china, crystal and sterling silver and fine linens on the dining table."

Other companies will host hospitality suites, private parties and the like in more traditional settings.

Miller Brewing's 600 guests get game tickets, invitations to players' and tailgate parties, admission to a hospitality tent on game day, dinners and golf outings, said spokesman Mark Abel.

Out-of-town visitors must pay for their own travel and lodging, but Miller likes to "make sure they have a good time once they're there," Abel said.

NBC has booked three-quarters of the 554-room Arizona Biltmore luxury resort. The network's guests include corporate buyers of Super Bowl commercial time — which is being sold for about $1.2 million for 30 seconds.

"It's an opportunity for corporate promotion," said Jim Ball, managing director of the Arizona Biltmore. Ball and other corporate spokesmen declined to discuss the cost of corporate entertainment.

"We don't talk about specific dollar arrangements because our competitors would like to know," Miller's Abel said from Milwaukee.

The big bills for entertainment should pay dividends, said Jim Austin, spokesman for the Pointe Hilton resorts, where several corporate golf tourneys are scheduled for Super Bowl weekend.

"If you ask how many widgets were ordered, probably none, but how many are going to get ordered in the future because of the relationship you've established on the golf course would be considerable," Austin said.

CRP Program in question, no budget

QUANAH, Texas (AP) — Wheat farmer Butch Tabor traded his plow-and-planting routine for grass management back in the '80s when the government offered a pay out program for land that could easily erode.

He was far from alone.

The federal Conservation Reserve Program enrolled 50,712 acres in Hardeman County, where Tabor still farms around Quanah, and 4.1 million acres across the state.

Texans signed 19,762 CRP contracts obligating them to plant grass instead of crops on fields prone to erosion. Those 10-year contracts, some of which expire this year, paid an average $39.50 "rent" per acre.

But the current budget standoff in Washington gives no indication what will become of a program lauded for its benefits to air and water quality, wildlife and the financial solvency of some farmers.

"The CRP's been a crutch to help them through hard times," Tabor said during a recent drive by his land about 70 miles northwest of Wichita Falls. "So were they better off with us broke, or with us able to buy some things?"

CRP contracts in Texas were worth $1.8 billion — including 27 contracts worth at least $1 million each — according to 1992 data researched by the non-profit Environmental Working Group.

Having grass on those fields has saved 144.8 million tons of soil annually in Texas, the group said.

Ken Cook, president of the Washington, D.C., group, supports the program for its results anchoring the dirt and providing brushy habitat for deer and quail. Yet its annual price tag of $1.7 billion, he said, causes an iffy outlook as politicians try balancing the federal budget.

"It's as up in the air as the rest of agriculture policy in this Congress," Cook said. "And that's not a tribute."

Several sources said farmers would eagerly sign their land up for another CRP go-round if Congress cuts the rent amounts by no more than 25 percent.

Doug Sharer, state conservation operations coordinator for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Temple, said many of the original participants 10 years ago were trying to retire.

"They couldn't raise livestock and make any more money than with CRP, and the same is true with farming," Sharer said.

Howard County residents made Livestock Show a hit

The 1996 edition of the Howard County Junior Livestock Show is now in the records and we offer congratulations to all the participants. A tremendous amount of work goes on prior to the actual "show." The members of the Junior Livestock Show Association (anyone can be a member...just show up!) begin plans for this event with any new rule changes, schedules, selections of judges, etc., as its annual Spring meeting, usually in May.



Don Richardson
County Agent

4H parents can learn of this meeting in their 4H'er's monthly newsletters. FFA members can learn of this date from their supervising Agricultural Science Teachers.

Volunteers are the key to any successful program as this and our county is blessed with many. I personally would like to thank some of the very special ones that helped with this year's show. First of all is our office secretary, Ms. Fredi Reed. Nowhere in her job description is anything mentioned about having to be secretary for a junior livestock show. She does this as a volunteer just like all the others. She gets no overtime pay or any extra salary for this job. She just enjoys working with people and being involved in such activities and it takes a lot of time out of her personal life and her "real job" to work in this position. We that work with her on a daily basis don't even know how many hours or how late she stays up at night working for the stock show. When jumped on by some rude or inconsiderate person for some incident she just lets it slide off her back with an attitude of "only those that do nothing receives no criticism." The President of the association, Dr. Dusty Johnston, receives constant unsolicited "advice" on running the show...talk about a diplomat! The superintendents of each division many times have to make unpopular decisions just to try to be as fair as possible to everyone. Thanks to Marion Newton, Skipper Driver, Ronnie Wood, Mike Yeater and Ace Berry. Ron Bruton helps as show announcer each year and this year came all the way from Stephenville just for this show. Many thanks to him. Special thanks to John Kearney for volunteering his services tot he always controversial lamb classification responsibilities. We also want to say special thanks to the staff of the BIG SPRING HERALD for the outstanding job they did in advance publicity for the show this year and in being there to carry all the results of the show with stories and photographs.

The premium auction sale perhaps receives as much "unsolicited advice" as any one event of the show...and always as the sale is occurring after a year of planning for the event has happened! In addition to Fredi, four other volunteer ladies handled successfully a mountain of paper work coming in during the sale. These include our other co-worker, Mrs. Dana Tarter and Mrs. Emma Jenkins. There is always what seems like hundreds of add-ons to be included from supporters for many of the youngsters. This year Mrs. Cindy Middleton and Mrs. Dianne Wood took on this awesome job in trying to make sure all the correct add-ons were matched to the correct youngster. One group of supporters, "The Old Wet Hens," a group of wonderful ladies in our county that get together and select a special youngster to support at the auction each year.



SHERRI KEY RECEIVES REAL ESTATE LICENSE

Ellen Phillips Real Estate proudly announces the recent association of local resident Sherri Key as its newest Sales Associate. Key, a Big Spring native, graduated from Big Spring High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Texas and a Master of Science degree from East Texas State University. Key taught for seven years in the Big Spring Independent School district and the Dallas Independent School District. She is the wife of local dentist Dr. John R. Key and they are the parents of a son, Richard, who is a seventh grader at Goliad Middle School. She is also the daughter of long time Big Spring residents Jack and Fern Alexander. Key is the current President of 1970 Hyperion Club and vice-president of Delta Kappa Gamma and past president of Child Study Club and DAR and is active in various social and civic clubs. Sherri is anxious to become active in the local real estate market and invites all her friends and colleagues to visit her at her new office location at Ellen Phillips Real Estate, Main Office Centre, 610 Main, or call her at the office, 267-3061 or at home, 263-7727.

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HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR JAN. 28

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are in the mood to enjoy yourself. Play marks the day as your spunky side comes out. Hook up with a boss or an older friend. You are happy making the rounds. Let your social side blossom. Touch base with a friend who may be feeling blue. Tonight: Go out.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Gather friends and loved ones together for an adventure. Check out an art show, or go to a movie or a play. Your personality melts barriers, and you can communicate on a deep level. Call a friend who is at a distance. Tonight: Go out on the town.*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Pull back and handle a problem carefully. Review what is happening before you leap to a solution. You need some downtime. Make a point of sharing this time with one other person. Contact your family and those you really care about. Tonight: Vanish quickly.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Focus on getting your friends together. You enjoy yourself most with a group. A spontaneous party may be right up your alley. Others want you around. Togetherness results in celebrations. You could meet someone if you are single. Tonight: Be with the gang.*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take your bows in the limelight. You enjoy all the attention you are getting. You make a change early on in the day. Trust your instincts as you talk about work and a potential change for the better. A partner is clearly there for you. Tonight: Go out on the town.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You hear news that makes you very glad. Take off at the drop of a hat. You are more in sync than you realize. Consider someone's feelings with care. Socializing and happiness mix, and you come out on top. Romance can flourish. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.*****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) One-to-one talking opens a door. Intimacy is high, and you enjoy yourself in the company of another. You get plenty of exercise, your creativity surges and you get a lot accomplished. You make an important decision. Tonight: Go for closeness.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) This is a day of extremes. Make time for a loved one who adores you. Romantic yearnings mark the day, if you are single. Be ready to discuss what you want. Someone is ready, willing and able. Get ready for fun and wildness. Tonight: Be spontaneous.*****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take a day to complete important projects done. You dig in and enjoy yourself as you do some extra work. A loved one is full of joy. Examine how you can simplify your life. Touch base with a family member, and plan a quiet get-together. Tonight: Make it easy.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You deal with a loved one creatively. Go with spontaneity and fun. If you are single, do what you love; the likelihood of meeting someone is quite high. If attached, you rekindle the feelings between you and your loved one. Tonight: Be a wild thing.*****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Make family a higher priority. Plan to stay close to home. You open up to unexpected news. Let your imagination go, and you can make this a fun day for loved ones. Be ready to do something a bit unusual. Tonight: Hang in there.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are in the mood to get together with friends and hang out. Talk about what is on your mind with a loved one. Togetherness comes from doing something special together that you both enjoy. Spontaneity is the way to go. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.*****

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 28, 1996: Make family and basic security a high priority this year, despite the emergence of your whimsical side. Do a better job of determining what you want, because you will begin a new luck cycle next year. Be ready to take a leap of faith and let go of what doesn't work for you. If you are single, romantic situations are likely, but be sure they meet your specifications. If attached, your relationship becomes an even higher priority. TAURUS keeps you grounded.

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Daughter's time with parents filled with pain of judgments

DEAR ABBY: My mother is very hard to talk to, but she reads your column faithfully, so maybe she will recognize herself. Mother wonders why I enjoy spending so much time with my in-laws. Here are a few reasons:

My in-laws do not criticize me every time they see me. They don't say I look fat, my clothes are not appropriate or my hairstyle is outdated. My in-laws don't point out everything I do wrong with my children; they say I'm doing a good job and I should be proud of myself. (I am.)



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

My in-laws understand when I have to split holidays between them and my parents. They actually enjoy spending time with their grandchildren - attending ball games, school plays and kids' birthday parties, and they don't act like it's a burden or an annoyance to baby-sit. Most of all, they listen when I talk.

Abby, I would give anything to have a good relationship with my parents. Believe me, I've tried, but they are so self-righteous and set in their own ways, they really don't know me. Even though we live very close to them and see them often, I still feel like I'm a million miles away.

Thanks for listening, Abby. I just thought instead of crying this time, I'd share my thoughts with you. Maybe other readers have gone through this, too. — DEPRESSED DAUGHTER

DEAR DEPRESSED: On the chance that your mother misses this column, it might be a good idea for you to READ it to her. She needs to hear from you how hurt you are ... and why.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the comments made by Dr. Charles F. Downen and Kimberly Carter regarding "Defensive Driver in International Falls, Minn."

I am one of those careless smokers who toss cigarette butts out of the car window. Usually it's because I am driving. To avoid taking my eyes off the road while putting my cigarette out, I simply toss it from my window.

Until today, I never considered that my actions could be harmful to others. But thanks to you and your commitment in allowing readers to share their experiences through your column, I am now aware of my irresponsible behavior.

To all my fellow drivers, I say, "I'm sorry."

Drivers who complain about cigarette butts are not "hatemongers" - they are people with a genuine concern for the safety of themselves and others.

I hope other drivers with the same habit realize the possible consequences and refrain from this behavior. You may use my name ... MICHELLE MDODANA, VAN NUYS, CALIF.

DEAR MICHELLE: Thank you for your honest letter. I, too, hope that drivers who carelessly toss cigarette butts will realize how dangerous this habit can be.

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The residence of such MARGARET ANN NORWOOD is 2101 SE 10th St., Mineral Wells 76067, the post office address is: 2101 SE 10th St., Minerals Wells 76067.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 23rd day of January, 1996.
MARGARET ANN NORWOOD
9691 January 28, 1996

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9692 January 28, 1996

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Ruth Morton, would like to express our gratitude to the people on Rural Route 3 who put bows and ribbons on their mailboxes in her memory. She would be pleased and honored, and we are comforted by your gesture.

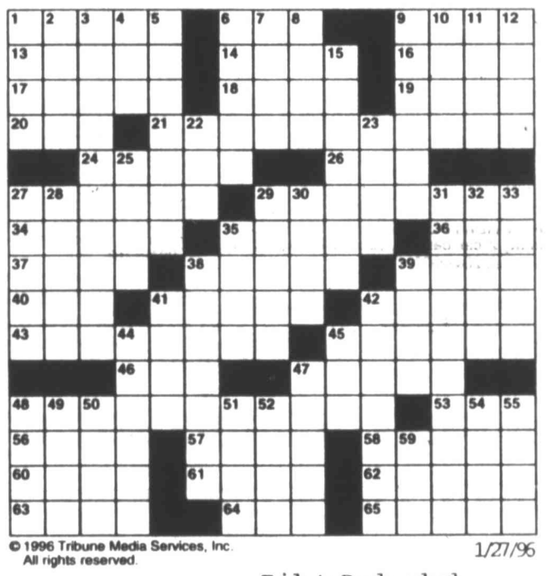
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I would like to thank each and everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, food, etc. during my wife's stay at Scenic Mountain Hospital and her untimely passing at Lubbock Methodist Hospital. She touched so many lives during her short stay on earth. Special thanks must go to Dr. Shroff, Dr. Crockett, Becky Hollomon, Michele Burt, Sharon Conner, all the staff at Howard College, the staff at Donuts Etc., the staff at Walmart and everyone else I may have missed. You are all lovely people and I love and appreciate you for everything.

The Family of Mammie Graham
(Carl, Brent, Chrstal & Brent Brown)

Card of Thanks

THE Daily Crossword by Charles R. Woodard



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1 Fable man
6 Cleo's viper
9 Grey of the Westerns
13 Director Frank
14 Hitchcock's window
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17 Bellowing
18 A Gardner
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24 Kind of post
26 "Exodus" hero
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29 Item for a gun
34 Oneness
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36 Remick or Harper
37 TV's "Larry King —"
38 Blessed girl
39 Desert-like
40 Follower: suff.
41 A Muse
42 Military trim
43 Kin of umbrellas
45 Spitfire and Mustang
46 Sped
47 Stow away
48 Long-lost Meredith Willson musical?
53 Branch
56 Zeus' wife
57 Scat lady
58 Asian peninsula
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61 Ruminant
62 Went wrong
63 Columnist Barrett
64 Match part
65 Holmes' creator

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2 Pitcher parts
3 New Mancini song hit?
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5 To a degree
6 Twirling
7 European
8 Language of Buddhism
9 Focus
10 Author Haley
11 Number of Muses
12 Diner sign
15 Royalty emblems
22 Biddy
23 Stew
25 Cigar ending
27 Tiny Tim flower?
28 Singer Bryant
29 Installs
30 "Leave — Beaver"
31 New Eastwood film?
32 Scary
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48 "— she blows!"
49 Sub style
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9681 January 21 & 28, 1996

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
OF PROPOSED BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORK
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Sealed proposals for: Reroofing of Maintenance and Engineering Building Big Spring, Howard County will be received by the Abilene District Office of the Texas Department of Transportation located at:
4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas
until
2:00 P.M., Thursday, February 15, 1996
then publicly opened and read.
All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend a Pre-Bid Meeting which will be held at the Texas Department of Transportation's Big Spring Maintenance and Engineering Building at
1201 N. Benton (SH 350 at IH 20),
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Applications for Childcare/Van Driver positions are being taken at Jack & Jill, 1708 Nolan.

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COAHOMA I.S.D. is now accepting applications for the position of Payroll Clerk. Contact the Coahoma I.S.D. Business Office at 394-4290 between 8:30 and 4:00pm. Applications will accepted through January 31, 1996 at 4:00pm or until the position is filled. We are an equal opportunity employer.

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The County of Howard, Indigent Health Care Program has an opening for a part-time contract Nurse. Must be an LVN or RN. Applications are available at the Howard County Courthouse, Third Floor, Room 310. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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