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Allies say 20 percent of Iraqi hardware disabled

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Allied warplanes streaked through dense clouds over Kuwait on Saturday, firing missiles and bombs that ripped the turrets and treads off more Iraqi tanks and flipped some belly up in the sand.

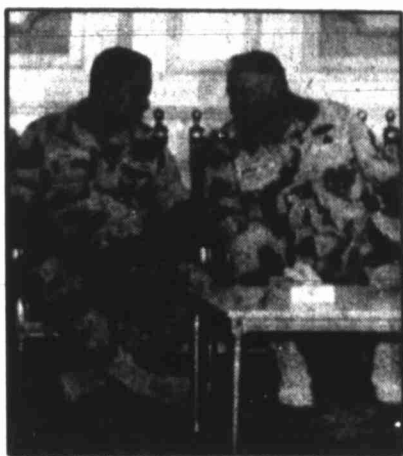
After 24 days of 57,000 combat and supply sorties, the bombers have destroyed up to 20 percent of the tanks, artillery and armored personnel carriers in Kuwait and southern Iraq, the U.S. command said.

President Bush's top two military advisers were meeting with Gulf War commanders to decide when and where to launch a ground attack.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, talked for eight hours with the Desert Storm commander, Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, and other U.S. military leaders.

The meeting in the map-lined "war room" of the Saudi Defense Ministry in Riyadh went longer than planned, Marine Brig. Gen. Richard Neal said.

The mood was upbeat, Neal said. But he added: "When you're fighting a war, it's not slapping



GEN. COLIN POWELL AND GEN. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF

everybody on the back and saying 'great job.'"

ABC-TV reported that allied commanders had urged a 30-day continuation of bombing against Iraq before starting the ground war. That report couldn't be confirmed.

As the Americans conferred behind closed doors, the commander of the French armed forces predicted that a ground war will last at least several weeks.

"Don't forget that we are going

to find ourselves confronted with 400,000 combatants. And behind these 400,000 men will be the Republican Guard which was placed there in reserve for a counterattack," Gen. Maurice Schmitt said.

The focus of the air strikes recently shifted from industrial and military targets in Iraq to front-line troops in Kuwait and southern Iraq, and the success of that new mission may determine when a ground assault begins.

Recently, U.S. and British officials said a ground campaign may not start until the allied air forces have destroyed 50 percent of Iraq's forces.

While the allies contemplated an escalation of the war, the Soviet Union and Iran took steps aimed at ending it.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev warned that military operations in the Persian Gulf War threaten to exceed the U.N. mandate and said he was sending an envoy to Baghdad for talks with Saddam Hussein.

In Tehran, an Iraqi official met with Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani and delivered Saddam's reply to a secret Iranian

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Reminders of love

Barbara Madsen, right, an employee at Sugg's Hallmark, helps Marvin Christy with the selection of the right Valentine's card this week as people in Big Spring prepare for the upcoming

holiday. Valentine's Day means big business for some local stores. For additional details and photos, see Lifestyle, page 1-C.

City deficient in number of firefighters



Editor's note: This is the first of a three-part series that examines existing deficiencies in Big Spring fire protection, and looks at what action, if any, is planned to correct the problems.

By DEBBIE LINCEUM
Staff Writer

How long can two firefighters perform the duties normally assigned to three?

This is the question that may very soon be facing city officials, the city council and area citizens. Officials and firefighters admit the answer must consider both safety and economics.

The Big Spring Fire Department currently operates with two firefighters riding each truck dispatched to a fire scene. Regulatory agencies such as the National Fire Protection Association and the State Board of Insurance recommend at least three or four firefighters be assigned to each truck.

The State Board of Insurance, while conducting an inspection to set the city's key rate, recently determined that the local department is 20 percent deficient in manpower. A 2-cent addition to the rate will likely be assessed as penalty.

The Big Spring Professional Fire Fighters Association has requested that the city council address the issue. City Manager Hal Boyd said it will be part of the budget hearings set to take place during the summer months.

Fire Chief Frank Anderson said he, too, is concerned about the need for more firefighters. He said it was one of the first needs



While waiting for the fire bell to ring, Big Spring firefighters usually check and recheck their equipment, making sure that it will function properly when the time comes. Mitch Gill,

foreground, checks his air pack as Kevin Murphy takes inventory in another truck at Central Fire Station Saturday afternoon.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

"With only one man going into a fire, anything can happen. It's not safe. Nobody should have to go into a fire alone."

Former Fire Chief Alvie Harrison

he noticed when he took the job two years ago.

"When I first looked at this department, I... evaluated it," Anderson said. "I have established a five-year plan that will make this a first-class department."

With a gradual increase plan, by fiscal year 1994-95, if not before, Anderson said he believes the department will be at full staff.

Association President Paul Brown said he does not think the city can wait that long.

In a Feb. 2 letter to city council members, Brown says "having fewer men on the (fire) scene

enormously increases the possibility that a small fire can get out of control. Having fewer men available could lead to having fewer stations adequately manned or keeping less equipment in the necessary state of readiness."

Staffing is an issue frequently addressed by firefighting publications and regulatory agencies. According to a November 1984 issue of *Fire Command* magazine, a test conducted by the Dallas Fire Department revealed that lowered staffing levels greatly increased the time it took to extinguish a fire. Three men per

truck was the lowest number tested.

Anderson said additional firefighters would allow the department to use a more efficient system of fighting fires.

"A crew is three," he said. Three firefighters, he explained, can use the "direct attack," in which one firefighter dismounts from the truck at the hydrant to connect the hose. The remaining two continue to the scene to begin "suppression" (extinguishing the fire) and rescue, if necessary.

Firefighters currently use a system in which the truck is driven to the scene immediately and one firefighter is left there while the driver goes back to the hydrant. That leaves one firefighter to begin suppression and rescue alone.

Alvie Harrison, fire chief from 1974 to 1980, said the department

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Man shot after threatening police

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

A man was shot either by a police officer or a private citizen Saturday around 5:30 p.m. after police responded to a domestic dispute on the 1400 block of W. Second.

The name of the man and his medical condition have not been released. A police report, which does not mention the extent of the injuries, said the man was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and was undergoing treatment.

However, employees at the hospital reported several times that no patients with a gunshot wound had been brought there Saturday night. A check of hospitals in Midland and Lubbock also showed that nobody with a gunshot wound was brought in Saturday.

According to the police report, the man exited a white pickup truck after officers arrived on the scene. He ignored repeated orders from officers

Richard Perez and John Leubner to drop the gun.

"This order was ignored and the subject pointed his weapon at the officer and then went behind his open truck door and aimed the weapon at several persons on the porch of 1403 E. Second. At this time shots were fired by a civilian at this address at the suspect," the report says.

"The suspect crouched into the cab of his truck and then came back out bringing his weapon to bear on the officers," the report continues. "At this point the officers fired on the suspect."

The suspect then fled in the pickup with officers in pursuit. The man then crashed into a pole at Sixth and Presidio. "At this time it was discovered the suspect had been shot," the report says. "It has not been determined if his wound was received from police fire or civilian fire."

No formal charges were filed Saturday but an investigation was continuing.

Homeless shelter on council agenda

By DEBBIE LINCEUM
Staff Writer

Personnel and litigation issues will be part of the agenda for the City Council of Big Spring regular meeting Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark office.

The council will also consider committing \$50,000 of the Housing Assistance Program operating reserve funds toward the construction of a homeless shelter at 106 NE Eighth Street, adjacent to the Northside Community Center.

The council will adjourn into executive session to discuss pending litigation against the city. City Manager Hal Boyd said he could not discuss the subject of the litigation or the parties involved. The agenda states that the council will

reconvene in regular session to take action on the item.

Council members will hear a presentation concerning the termination of city employee Michael Stahl. Stahl's employment with the Big Spring Police Department was recently terminated.

In other business, the council will:

- Consider establishing a threshold of \$30,000 in the Housing Assistance Payment program operating fund.
- Hear a request concerning the sale of property.
- Hear a request from the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association concerning use of the downstairs waiting room at the municipal swimming pool building.

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Big Spring loses to Andrews Friday night in Steer gym. Details on page 1-B.



Mail order drug companies come under fire. See story on page 1-D.



The Hawks get set for baseball. For a preview see 1-B for the story.

Sidelines

Hundreds attend funeral for Marine

WHITEHOUSE (AP) — About 500 friends and family members packed a high school gymnasium Saturday for the funeral of Marine Lance Cpl. Daniel B. Walker, the first Texan killed fighting in the Persian Gulf war.

Walker, 20, was killed Jan. 30 near Khafji, Saudi Arabia, in the first sustained ground battle of the war.

In a eulogy, Navy chaplain Lt. Wayne Rhodes said Walker thrived being a Marine.

"Like a lot of those in his generation, he felt a sense of call, of patriotism and of duty," Rhodes said. "He knew what it felt like to think, to act, and to live like a Marine. And through the discipline he truly found himself."

No family members spoke at the funeral, but friend Don Evans read a statement from Walker's father Bruce.

"The glory of his spirit shines like an oh so bright star in the darkness of my despair. It makes my heart soar like an eagle," Evans said. "Go proudly into your next life, my son, and know we love you very much."

The service was held at Whitehouse High School, where Walker attended classes for two years. A large U.S. flag covered the front wall of the gymnasium. Walker's flag-draped coffin was surrounded by flowers.

Granny joins fast food team

HOUSTON (AP) — A 90-year-old Houston woman says retirement bored her, so she's back at work, as a hostess at a fast-food restaurant in Houston.

Angie Runnels, a former caterer, now greets customers and stocks condiments at a McDonald's restaurant.

"You can always use money, but I came to work for pleasure this time," said Ms. Runnels, while sponging off a table Friday. "I was just looking for something to do. I was bored."

Ms. Runnels can't drive or see well enough to read comfortably or watch television. She bakes and walks three miles a day.

The new job came as an accident, literally.

Two weeks ago, Ms. Runnels and a friend were in a car that stalled near the restaurant. Supervisor Corinne Mickelson noticed the elderly pair and offered help.

An hour later, Ms. Mickelson, 31, offered her a job.

Many fast food restaurants, faced with fewer teen-aged workers, have turned to the elderly as a valuable employment source.

Chief shoots deputy for wooing ex-wife

BAYTOWN (AP) — Columbus Police Chief Robert Edmund Connor Jr. will be able to keep his job despite shooting a Harris County sheriff's deputy after Connor found the man sitting on his estranged wife's bed.

Visiting State District Judge P.K. Reiter on Friday fined Connor \$200 after the chief pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor assault charge in connection with the Jan. 1 shooting in Baytown.

Connor was tried in September on a felony aggravated assault charge stemming from the shooting of Harris County sheriff's deputy Charles Whitsey. But the case ended in a mistrial in November when jurors could not agree on a verdict.

Testimony showed Connor arrived unexpectedly at the Baytown home of his estranged wife, Penny, on New Year's Day. Connor apparently pulled a gun when he saw his friend Whitsey sitting on the bed shirtless, according to testimony.

Connor and his wife were struggling over the pistol when it discharged.

Arrests end decade-long theft probe

HEMPSTEAD (AP) — A decade-long investigation into an alleged organized theft ring has prompted the arrest of seven North Texas men, Hempstead police said.

Police Chief Charles Gaines said a joint investigation by the Texas Rangers, the Texas Department of Public Safety, Waller County sheriff's deputies, the Precinct 1 constable's office and Hempstead authorities led to the arrests Thursday night.

The men are accused of switching bar codes on merchandise in Wal-Mart, Kmart and Target stores so it could be purchased for lower prices and then exchanged for cash later, Gaines said. In addition, he said the seven obtained more cash with forged receipts.

Waller County Sheriff Randy Smith said the men were arrested after their scam was noticed by employees at the Wal-Mart in Hempstead. He said receipts totaling about \$100,000 from stores in Tennessee, Mississippi, Indiana and several Texas cities were found in the men's two vehicles.

The seven remained in jail Saturday in lieu of \$50,000 bonds.



Packaging chin straps

SAN ANTONIO — Celia Torres, a worker for the San Antonio Association for the Blind, packages one of thousands of chin straps to be worn on the helmets of American soldiers stationed in the Persian Gulf.

Tentative agreement ends months of talks

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines and its pilots union Saturday agreed to a tentative contract, replacing one that expired more than a year ago and ending 16 months of talks.

The two sides would not disclose the length or other details of the pact. They did say it includes higher wages for pilots and some modifications that pilots sought in American's two-tier pay scale.

Costs of the contract and other details will be released after the agreement is put in legal form next week, representatives of the sides said.

"It has all the earmarks of a done deal," said Lou Townsend, spokesman for the National Mediation Board, which moderated the talks held at a Washington hotel since Jan. 7.

The talks broke down Jan. 30 when the Allied Pilots Association rejected an offer that would have increased American's cockpit costs by more than \$1 billion over four years. The breakdown raised the prospect of a 30-day cooling period that, under the bargaining terms, would be required before a strike.

Mediator Harry Bickford instead pushed the two sides back to the table Monday and kept them there virtually around-the-clock Thursday and Friday. In statements announcing the agreement, the sides called Bickford's efforts "extraordinary."

Negotiators were "physically beat down" when the deal was reached Saturday morning, said Tom Hunt, spokesman for the union that represents American's

8,800 pilots. Al Becker, spokesman for Fort Worth-based American, said the company was pleased an agreement had been reached.

The agreement is subject only to a vote by the union's board of directors, not rank-and-file members, Hunt said.

The two sides left a handful of issues, including pilot contributions to American's health plan and retiree medical coverage, to be decided by an arbitrator.

The deal averts a costly strike for the nation's largest air carrier, which lost \$215 million in the last three months of 1990 because of lower traffic and higher fuel costs propelled by the unrest in the Middle East. The loss erased \$175.5 million of profit in the first nine months of the year.

American last week reduced service on some international routes because terrorism fears had further depressed passenger demand.

American's pilots until last month were seeking a wages like those of Delta Air Lines' pilots, the industry's best paid. The company's last public offer contained a wage scale based on the pay of Northwest Airlines, the second-best in the industry, and bonuses in profitable years. The union's last public offer proposed wages between those of Delta and Northwest.

Northwest pilots agreed Wednesday to negotiate contract concessions because of the carrier's worsening financial condition. Hunt said the decision by Northwest pilots had no bearing on the American talks.

Show hits sour note with townspeople

GEORGETOWN (AP) — Residents of this Central Texas town are raising a beef over beefcake and say they will try to stop a traveling troupe of male strippers from putting on a show.

The Kansas City dance troupe — called Seduction — has rented the town's community center for a March 8 show described by the

group's owner as having "a little something for everyone."

For \$10, folks can see a 2½-hour show of five men, average age 26, gyrating in costume as Vikings, policemen, cowboys and Top Gun pilots, said Mike Powers, the troupe's owner.

But some people in this town of about 17,500, which boasts a family

image, want to stop the sweating hunks cold.

Don Brown, a member of the American Family Association, known for his protests against pornography, said, "We're going to do everything we can to stop this."

City officials said they cannot prohibit the troupe from renting the community center.

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Attorney probed in adoption operation

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County grand jury has joined state authorities in an investigation of a Houston attorney alleged to be operating a baby-buying operation.

Leslie Thacker, 73, a lawyer and adoption agency owner, has been barred by the state from operating her licensed child placement agency until April 1, when a hearing will be conducted.

But Friday, Ms. Thacker was in a Houston court seeking the return of items confiscated her home and office by the Harris County district attorney's office for use in the local investigation.

State District Judge Brian Rains ordered the district attorney's office to return Ms. Thacker's financial documents in a week and the remainder in three weeks.

Prosecutor Lorraine Parker said the grand jury is reviewing allegations of purchasing a child, tampering with a government document, perjury and theft.

Investigators seized 227 files, diaries, canceled checks and bank statements dated to 1980 from Ms. Thacker. The materials were sought as evidence in three cases, said investigator Larry Boucher.

Defense attorney Dick DeGuerin challenged the validity of the search warrant, saying her business records were privileged between the attorney and client. He also said the search warrant was vague and invalid.

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Resident lay dead 24 hours

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A nursing home resident lay dead more than 24 hours before staff members found his decomposing body, officials said.

The body of Daniel Luther Orvin Jr., 67, was found last Saturday under a sheet at the River-view nursing home, where he had lived since 1987.

"People just messed up," said Catherine Kimrey, superintendent of the city facility. "It should not have happened. Our people were not doing their job."

Several staffers were being disciplined because of the incident, Ms. Kimrey said.

Orvin died of heart disease ear-

ly Friday morning or the night before, the city's Medical Examiner's Office said.

Orvin was last seen alive watching television in a community room about 11 p.m. Thursday. He was found shortly before 2:30 p.m. Saturday. His body had begun decomposing because of a heater nearby.

Medical Examiner Dr. Hareesh Mirchandani said Orvin's bed was in a ward, behind a divider and not in open view.

His relatives live in Charleston, S.C., and had not seen him since 1982. They attended his funeral here on Friday.

Pilot reunited with plane

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — If A.W. Lemmons ever wondered exactly what time it was when his Navy dive bomber rolled off the deck of the USS Wolverine into Lake Michigan nearly 48 years ago, the lake's chilly depths have left a clue.

Lemmons, 70, was reunited Friday with the Vought SB2U Vindicator he crashed while attempting to land on the training aircraft carrier on the morning of June 21, 1943. The plane is being restored at the National Museum of Naval Aviation here, its cockpit clock jammed at 9:14 a.m.

Lemmons was rescued from the water. And last October, the plane was, too, pulled from 130

feet down in Lake Michigan off Chicago.

Two other dive bombers have been pulled from Lake Michigan, and another from the Pacific Ocean off California. All four planes are being restored at the Florida museum.

"We've recovered four airplanes now and we found three of the four people that flew the airplanes into the water," said retired Navy Capt. Bob Rasmussen, the museum director.

Lemmons went on to fly 53 combat missions in the Pacific and received the Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross. He spent 21 years in the Marines and retired as a lieutenant colonel.

Two life sentences recommended

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A jury Saturday recommended life in prison for a former sailor convicted of murdering two people and blaming the slayings on the trauma of seeing shipmates killed in a missile attack several weeks before.

Walter Thomas Taylor Jr. will face a judge March 11 for sentencing.

The jury heard five hours of testimony before recommending two life sentences and no chance of parole for at least 25 years.

Taylor, 24, was convicted Friday of two counts of first-degree murder in the Aug. 8, 1987, slayings of acquaintance Paula Smits, 21, and her 3-year-old daughter Amanda.

The defense tried to spare Taylor from the death penalty by linking the murders to a May 1987 Iraqi missile attack on Taylor's ship, the USS Stark, that killed 37 of his shipmates.

Taylor's lawyer claimed he was suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome when he took a



Taylor was convicted of murdering two people and blaming the slayings on the trauma of seeing shipmates killed in a missile attack several weeks before.

hammer and beat the two just days after the ship limped home to Mayport. Iraq later said the bombing was an accident.

Taylor showed no emotion as the recommendation was read.



Pre-election security

VILNIUS, Lithuania — Volunteer guards check identifications at barricades outside the Lithuanian Parliament Friday on the eve of that country's historic vote to secede from the Soviet Union.

Terrorism ruled out in pipe bomb attempt

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Three men arrested Saturday were charged with attempting to bomb two large chemical storage tanks in a plot to collect insurance money, investigators said.

Charles Edward Gresham, who had a lease on one of the tanks, was picked up in Maryland and accused of taking part in the alleged scheme with two men arrested in Arizona.

The discovery Monday of six crude pipe bombs at a storage tank complex owned by Allied Terminol Inc., just 40 miles from Norfolk Naval Base, raised concerns of a possible link to the Persian Gulf War and terrorist threats by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The bombs, which were disposed of without incident, prompted companies in the region to increase security, but authorities have since ruled out terrorism in the case.

According to an affidavit, the FBI was told that the alleged insurance conspiracy would have netted a \$1 million profit for the three men, with half going to Gresham, 57, who owns Applied Technology Inc. in Ellicott City, Md., where he was arrested.

"He was in arrears on the lease," said FBI special agent W. Lane Crocker Jr., in Norfolk.

The two others charged were Joseph Wayne Openshaw, 36, of St. Johns, Ariz., and Cecil Ross, 31, of Glendale, Ariz.

All three were charged with conspiracy to commit a bombing in furtherance of a mail and wire fraud scheme, Crocker said.

The arrests came a day after federal authorities said they had eliminated terrorism as a motive for the attempted bombing. Crocker said the investigation was continuing. He didn't rule out the possibility of further arrests.

The bombs were found attached

to a tank that contained 1 million gallons of highly flammable methanol and a nearby tank owned by Gresham containing less volatile sodium sulfates.

The affidavit, citing information from an informant who called the FBI while the bombs were being dismantled, said Gresham had been trying for several months to dispose of about 2 million gallons of the sulfates.

It was costing him \$16,640 a month in lease payments for the tank and by the time the bombs were found, his lease payments were in arrears by more than \$66,000, the affidavit said.

In December, Gresham more than doubled the insurance on the chemical to \$2.7 million by telling his insurer he had a contract to sell the solution to a company in China, the affidavit said.

Openshaw's name appeared on the sales contract as broker, but the affidavit said he admitted to the FBI there was no China buyer. Ross was listed in the affidavit as having sent a facsimile of plans for a proposed pipe bomb to Gresham after a meeting of all three men in early January in Tempe, Ariz.

Crocker would not elaborate on the affidavit or say whether the men were suspected of actually putting the bombs at the storage tanks.

However, the affidavit said Openshaw told authorities the \$2.7 million insurance proceeds were intended to pay prior expenses and leave about \$1 million with Gresham getting \$500,000 and the others \$250,000 each.

The affidavit said only a faulty fuse kept the bombs in the methanol tank from exploding.

Openshaw and Ross were arraigned Saturday in federal court in Phoenix. Gresham will be arraigned Monday in federal court.

World

Government denies famine

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Tens of thousands of Sudanese will starve this spring, and up to a million more could die unless the government owns up to the famine and allows a relief program to be organized, a Western ambassador says.

As late as Thursday, a minister of the military government spoke of "this alleged famine that ravages 7 million Sudanese people."

The junta leader, Lt. Gen. Omar Hassan el-Bashir, recently told reporters his government refuses to accept relief or assistance "despite the so-called food gap in Sudan. They are seeking to humiliate us and force us to get down on our knees."

Relief workers in Sudan are certain the country faces catastrophe.

One warned Thursday that the disaster, which experts say will bring hunger to a third of the population, could be even worse if rains fail again next summer as they have two summers in a row.

The relief workers said their operations are almost at a standstill because of the evacuation of agencies' staff and lack of relief supplies.

In Khartoum, Western diplomats and relief officials who seek to discuss the famine are told their help is not needed.

In 1988, at least 250,000 Sudanese died in famine caused by drought and civil war.

Emergency system halts reactor

TOKYO (AP) — An emergency cooling system shut down a nuclear reactor after abnormal levels of radioactivity were detected at Mihama Nuclear Power Plant in Fukui in western Japan today, officials said.

No damage to the environment from the accident was immediately apparent at Kansai Electric Power Company's Mihama plant, 220 miles west of Tokyo, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said.

They said the accident occurred at the plant's No. 2, a 500,000-kilowatt reactor.

This is the first time in Japan an emergency core cooling system has functioned to halt any

reactor, according to officials at the Natural Resources and Energy Agency in Tokyo.

Kansai Electric officials said there was no change in radioactivity levels recorded outside the plant.

Kansai Electric and government officials said the reactor began showing abnormal radioactivity readings in its secondary cooling system at 1:40 p.m., when the reactor was operating at maximum capacity. Workers immediately started to reduce its output, and the reactor automatically stopped 10 minutes later, with the emergency system functioning, they said.

Shevardnadze rejects U.S. offers

MOSCOW (AP) — Eduard Shevardnadze, who stunned the Kremlin by resigning as foreign minister, has rejected offers to teach at American universities and is forming a foreign policy research group, a news agency reported Saturday.

Offers have poured in for Shevardnadze to make a lucrative lecture tour in the West, or to be a guest instructor at Brown and Stanford universities in the United States, the independent Interfax news service said.

The courtly, white-haired diplomat "has declined all of the offers with gratitude, intending to concentrate on the foundation and development of the Foreign Policy Association," Interfax quoted a former Shevardnadze aide, Teimuraz Stepanov, as saying.

Shevardnadze made no public comment on the report.

Interfax said the research association's organizing commit-



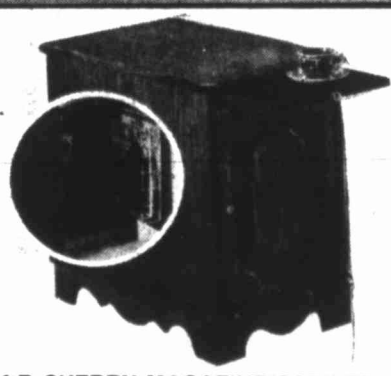
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tee includes some of the Soviet Union's leading political scientists and diplomats. But Shevardnadze "is being regarded as the only possible leader of the new association," the news service reported.

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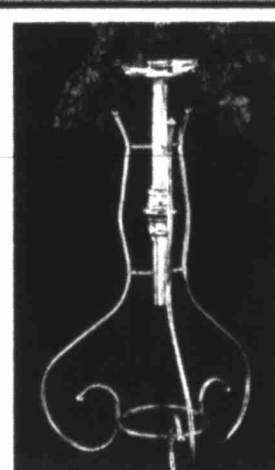
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Opinion

Herald opinion

Let reporters do their jobs

Are we winning the war? Are we actually doing as well as reports in the media indicate? Are we being told all the facts?

Who knows? We can't, because journalists in the area are operating under restrictions and censorship by the military.

There are three reasons usually cited for the restrictions. The first concerns the number of journalists in the region. According to a recent report, more than 700 members of the press are registered with the U.S. military's Joint Information Bureau in Dhahran. Apparently the thought of 700 people wandering around among 500,000 allied troops strikes terror in the hearts of military leaders and federal officials, since they use this argument to form small "pools" of reporters who are escorted to a pre-selected destination to interview pre-selected people, under the supervision of a press officer.

A second reason often given for controlling the members of the media concerns their safety. War journalists would likely say they are more expendable than the truth. At any rate, the risks are theirs to take or reject. War journalists are a special breed. Allowed to work with few restrictions in Vietnam, they admirably proved their ability to cover the story under the terrible conditions of battle.

The third reason used to impose restrictions on members of the media is to protect military security. We agree that some subjects should not be reported immediately if they would jeopardize security. However, it is too easy to label an embarrassing or discomforting subject a matter of national security when the press is not informed enough to argue the point.

So far the American public hasn't complained about the lack of real war coverage. People seem to have accepted press briefings, controlled interviews and censorship as adequate, accurate coverage during wartime.

We disagree. As a matter of history, we know that federal officials and the military did not hesitate to lie to the American public when expedient during the Vietnam conflict. Our government has proven that it needs monitoring by alert and suspicious journalists to keep it honest.

We think it is important to know the real story, the whole story, all sides of the story, about the war. And this can only happen if reporters are allowed the freedom to go where they will, to question who they will, and to see what they can of the war and the people fighting it.

Mailbag

Column expresses reader's feelings

To the editor:

Thank you for the article entitled "Feminist Movement Adds More Problems" in the Jan. 28 *Big Spring Herald*.

This article was written by Betty Johansen. Betty has expressed

my sentiments perfectly.

Thank you, Betty, and thank you, *Big Spring Herald*, for this pertinent, timely and well-written article.

MRS. VIRGINIA CHAPPELL
1809 Owens

Try a revival instead of war

To the editor:

Instead of war — why not an international revival? To bring all men together — to get ready for the return of our Lord! Maybe Jesus is already here, and in the process of war he could also be killed! Wouldn't this be horrible not to know who we may be killing! Won't man ever learn that fighting is not the way to a more peaceful and rewarding

existence?

Man will fight over women, money, oil, etc., but will man fight for God Almighty? These are some very serious times we are facing, and man must think long and hard before firing that weapon! Forgive me, Lord! We know not what we do!

SHERRI L. GABRIEL
1505 Tucson Rd.

Avoid another empty building

To the editor:

It is my opinion that we should use the Runnels School building, rather than build a new building. The Runnels School is centrally located, in a safe neighborhood, with a gymnasium, and beautiful grounds.

Even though it is 75 years old, it is still structurally sound and I believe we should make use of this building. Every community gains when existing structures are used, rather than tearing down and starting over. (Example: compare our courthouse to those in Marfa and Weatherford.)

As to the asbestos, doors that need replacing, the atrium, and all the other negatives that were so well pointed out by the members of the tour, I am sure

the architect's estimates included these items. Two things I recall very well from the architect's remarks are:

1. More communities are renovating existing structures than building new ones when there is a choice.

2. It will cost 1.3 million dollars less to renovate the Runnels School than to build a new school.

And, last but not least, by using the Runnels School we will avoid:

First, an empty building

then, an empty building with broken windows

then, an empty building with boarded up windows

then, another vacant lot.

RAMONA HARRIS
Route 2, Box 28M

Local speakers could do it better

To the editor:

The editorial on Sunday, Feb. 3, was, in my opinion, excellent, both in content and clarity. The speaker for the Chamber of Commerce banquet was not clear in the points she attempted to make. Somewhere I became lost in her attempt to offer and motivate any solution to helping this community.

It could have been a golden opportunity to present some workable ideas that would not be out of this community's ability to reach. Ideas that would hopefully benefit the majority of the citizens as they become a workable

reality.

Along with the editorial writer as a possible speaker, why not use people like woman of the year Shirley Shroyer or man of the year, Hooper Sanders? They would be excellent choices to motivate this community. After all, they live and work here and obviously have proven they are creative and motivating.

Perhaps next year those responsible for getting a speaker who can give us ideas and motivate us to workable solutions will first look at our home folk.

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Lottery biggest tax of all

The new Texas did not last very long for the state's poorer citizens.

Although Gov. Ann Richards' victory prevented the governor's mansion from being sacked by another Texas millionaire, the poor may not know the difference after four years of her administration.

The poor, in fact, are about to be socked with a tremendous tax hike: a lottery. It will fall most cruelly on them, who voted overwhelmingly for Richards.

The little people in Texas need many things, most of which neither Richards nor state government can provide. But if the poor should be able to depend on anything from a liberal Democrat, it should be fair taxation. But, out of the gate, Richards is actively supporting a lottery, which in reality is an excise tax of 60 percent.

How does this figure, that the poor's liberal champion would start off by bashing them? It boils down to politics, as always: Richards must find a way to balance the budget without a tax increase.

Why? One of the reasons is next year's elections. After post-census redistricting, all members of the Texas Legislature must run for election. A tax bill, especially one that included a fairer tax on income, might be an unbearable load for many legislators when the economy might hit the skids.

The political repercussions of a tax bill could cut into the Democrats' legislative majority — already certain to shrink due to the Republican gains produced by a census that undercounted, you guessed it, the poor of Texas.

Those are the politics of it. But must it be that way? I think not. Yet Hispanic and black lawmakers, confoundingly, are among the lottery's loudest proponents. They should give more serious consideration to this fiscal menace Richards wants to loosen on the very people who supported her election.

The pipedream of the lottery not only falls regressively on the poor, it is bound to endanger education — the poor's only real hope of escaping poverty.

Jesse Trevino



According to the experts, if the state wanted to raise \$1 billion in state revenues each year from the lottery, it would have to sell \$2.5 billion in lottery tickets.

According to another expert, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, half of all lottery tickets are purchased by people who occupy the bottom 10 percent of the income ladder. If Bullock is correct, the state could raise \$1 billion from a lottery, in effect, by collecting \$1.2 billion from the poorest 10 percent of its citizens.

This, in a state with the third highest sales tax rate in the country.

Any knowledgeable person knows the sales tax is the most regressive of all taxes. A poor person buying a can of orange juice pays the same tax as a wealthy person. But now comes an excise tax on the poor of 60 percent.

And, because large regions of the state are conservative, the poor may end up buying more than 50 percent of the lottery tickets because many people, in the so-called Bible Belt, will refuse to play.

That is not the only problem with the lottery. In states where it was instituted to fund education, the lottery caused decreases in education funding. Florida and California are two prime examples.

Richards says she does not want to dedicate lottery revenues to education for the very reason that a lottery can be unpredictable. But because almost one-half the state's budget goes to education, the impact a lottery would have on general state revenues cannot be ignored. Any way you cut them, the vagaries of a lottery will inevitably affect education.

Richards' support for a lottery in Texas cannot be defended, especially in a day and time when

the state is wrestling with the very subject of public school finance. That Richards and Hispanic lawmakers, in particular, would introduce yet another unstable ingredient into the very complex issue of public school finance is nothing short of irresponsible.

Texas needs good, stable schools. They can only be achieved with a stable system of public school finance. The lottery introduces another unknown into education and strikes at the poor's only real hope of escaping their poverty.

The morality of a lottery is not an issue. People will and can gamble in Texas if they so choose. But another question does involve morals: do state officials who support a lottery really have the best interests of their constituents in mind? Some of these officials see a lottery as a local economic development tool. That argument is vaneer.

Neither the printing, the computers nor the machines will generate any credible level of economic activity. A lottery will take revenue out of cities which need those revenues circulating within their local economies. But yet the lottery would produce another state bureaucracy — hardly the addition to the state workforce the Legislature should be making.

Anyone who thinks the lottery is an economic development tool should consider Atlantic City. Tycoon Donald Trump was supposed to convert a sorry city into a mecca. After all, casinos are more tangible than lottery ticket stubs.

But the locals lost their homes and were given the opportunity to bet on the outcome. In the end, the poor suffered and Trump landed in the soup — in which Texas will end, too, if it depends on farces such as the lottery to shape its future without reforming its tax structure.

If the people of Texas had wanted the Trump approach, they could have voted for the next best thing. But Texas elected Richards instead. Despite their votes, the new Texas is reverting to the old.

Jesse Trevino, formerly of *Big Spring*, is editorial page editor of the *Austin American Statesman*.

Just my type



Weighed down by paralysis

By ROBERT WERNSMAN
Publisher

It's personal confession time. I'm tangling with my oldest nemesis.

No, no, even for those who might think otherwise, it's not my ex-wife. Although I do have such stories to tell from that arena, we'll leave those for another day and another witness stand.

My oldest nemesis? Near as I can tell, it's my weight. A personal battle of the bulge.

A new acquaintance told me a story recently about the circle of comfort within which he believes we exist throughout our lives.

Like most every intangible, that circle of comfort doesn't remain constant. In fact, it seems to close in as we grow through infancy to adulthood, he suggests. By the time most people have reached the age of 17 or 18, you've picked up enough attitudes, perceptions, prejudices and preconceived notions that your circle of comfort is fairly restricted. Especially, says he, when you consider the openness and trust of the young.

His argument, which is very persuasive, contends that we must work constantly at enlarging that circle of comfort. We do so by dealing with self-imposed restrictions, which keep us from reaching our potential — those attitudes and feelings that get in our way and create roadblocks and hurdles.

While they may not stop us from achieving our goals entirely, they certainly detract from the final result and may discourage us from attempting steps we might otherwise have taken. The message is particularly timely for me since I tend to display a characteristic this fellow tells me many people have — analysis paralysis.

The initial symptoms are not to be dismissed: Lots of study and analysis of a situation before finally taking the bull by the horns and dealing with the matter. However, it's the length of time and amount of analysis before finally dealing with the matter that can lead to the paralysis.

Analysis paralysis — that point reached when no amount of additional analysis of a given situation can result in a more sensible, fair decision being made, and yet the worrying and analysis continues at a brisk pace. That, of course, is when the paralysis has already begun to sink in.

When it comes to dealing with weight, I could very nearly prepare a master's thesis on the subject. While I lack a bit in the scientific field, there's hardly anything I've not tried in dealing with the problem of excess weight gathering at my mid-section.

In fact, it's been gathering there in a rather serious fashion the past year or better. What have I done — besides contributing to the gathering excess by consumption — you might wonder, to rectify the situation?

Enough analysis of the problem, I can assure you, to have gained firm control over this nemesis if I simply applied all of the resulting data. Instead, I discovered, paralysis had set in and so have the pounds.

Because I weighed, at one time, 111 pounds over what my scales tell me I now weigh (no exaggeration here, folks) I knew just what I had to look forward to if this progressively growing midsection continued unabated.

The action? Returning to a sensible diet and becoming a little more active on a real regular schedule. Having been down this road before, I was clearly aware of the benefits.

In fact, I have a few words of wisdom posted near a mirror that should have reminded me of what I need to keep in mind anyway: Nothing tastes as good as being thin feels.

For one who has been obese, as I have, no truer words have ever been spoken.

The result? It's working. The formula's not complicated: if you take in fewer calories than you burn and exercise regularly, it's going to happen. The weight comes off and the energy increases.

Paralysis, be gone!



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On the home front

Valentine greetings to U.S. troops

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Two thousand people packed Broadway to pose for a photograph that will be sent as a valentine to the Middle East.

More than a dozen men and women from the Eagle County are stationed in the Persian Gulf.

"We say prayers for them every night," said Lena Yost.

The photograph was set up by the *Eagle Valley Enterprise* newspaper, and will appear in its Feb. 14 edition. Copies will be sent to the Persian Gulf.

Officials said government offices, stores and businesses shut down for the rally. Schools also recessed briefly and hundreds of children joined in.

For 20 minutes, the crowd cheered while still and video photographers took pictures.

Bible on way to fourth war

MANCHESTER, Conn. (AP) — An Army-issue pocket Bible that comforted soldiers in three wars has been sent to an Army private in the Persian Gulf.

The Bible belonging to James Tobits has been sent to Michael Mull, 21, a soldier who carried the Bible through World War I gave it to Tobits in 1941.

Tobits said he hoped the Bible would bring Mull the same comfort it brought him in World War II and Korea.

"In hard and trying times, times that I was pinned down in places and didn't know if I'd get out, I would open it up anywhere and just read it," he said.

Mull, also of Manchester, is with the Army's 761st Chemical Co.

Tobits met his parents at a rally and although he considers the Bible one of his most valuable keepsakes, Tobits said, he decided to part with it after speaking with Edward Mull at the rally.

"You could feel the anxiety and worry in his voice," Tobits said. "I thought it would help him."

"I was overwhelmed that a total stranger would come up to me and offer something that was very valuable to him and give it up so freely without knowing if he'd get it back," Mull said.

The Mulls haven't heard from their son since Jan. 13, Mull said.

Americans rally in support of troops

(AP) American Indians pounded drums in North Dakota and thousands of people posed for a "human postcard" in Florida during rallies Saturday to support U.S. troops fighting in the Persian Gulf.

About 9,000 people gathered at Veterans Square in Media, Pa. They shouted "U-S-A, U-S-A" and carried flags and signs that read "God Bless Our Troops."

Many of about 2,500 people who rallied in downtown Albuquerque carried yellow balloons in support of troops.

About 10,000 people massed in Homestead, Fla., to pose for a giant "human postcard" to be sent to American troops. Photographers in helicopters shot pictures of the crowd arranged in the shape of the United States.

With drums, flags and a traditional pipe, American Indian tribes gathered in Bismarck, N.D., to honor and pray for soldiers.

Other demonstrations in support of U.S. troops were held in Georgia, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Alabama, California, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Kansas.



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Allies want to isolate enemy before ground war

The biggest guessing game in Saudi Arabia is when the ground war will start and the betting is sooner rather than later: Perhaps Feb. 14, on which there will be a moonless night, but maybe in 10 days, two weeks or even a month.

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — Allied warplanes have shifted the focus of their relentless bombing blitz in an attempt to isolate Iraqi forces on the battlefield in Kuwait ahead of a ground offensive.

The U.S.-led coalition wants to cut Iraqi supply lines and communications with Baghdad and deprive Iraqi troops of everything from sleep and food to life itself.

The biggest guessing game in Saudi Arabia is when the ground war will start and the betting is sooner rather than later: Perhaps Feb. 14, on which there will be a moonless night, but maybe in 10 days, two weeks or even a month.

For President Bush, who wants to keep casualties as low as possible, the decision will likely hinge on allied assessments of bomb damage to Iraqi forces dug in along the border, a subject of some debate.

Earlier this week, Maj. Bob Baltzer said the Air Force hopes to destroy 50 percent of Iraq's forces before a ground offensive with saturation bombing of ground troops, using a mix of B-52s and faster strikes by smaller jets. Privately, other U.S. officers have confirmed the figure.

British Defense Secretary Tom King said Friday the allies would not launch a ground assault unless they were confident of having destroyed 50 percent of the Iraqi capacity. But Marine Brig. Gen. Robert Johnston said the United States had not established any percentage that would suffice to start a ground war.

Air strikes have shifted from strategic targets to Iraqi front-line troops in Kuwait and southern Iraq. King predicted that air attacks will pick up.

Estimates of how much of their military might the Iraqis have lost so far start at 15 percent to 20 percent, by King. At the higher end, Air Force Col. John McBroom estimated Tuesday that some Iraqi units have had their might cut roughly in half.

Johnston said Iraqi supply lines into Kuwait have been cut by up to 90 percent and the British said half

the strategic bridges from Iraq into Kuwait, said by U.S. forces to number about 40, had been put out of action.

The U.S. military command said Saturday that 750 tanks, about 10 percent of Iraq's total of 4,000, and 650 artillery pieces, about 20 percent of its total of 3,200, had been confirmed destroyed.

The difficulty with assessing the effectiveness of the air war, however, is the absence of independent, on-the-ground confirmation of bomb damage.

"That magical figure — that we must reduce Iraqi strength in Kuwait by 50 percent — that's nonsense," said Francis Tusa, European editor of *Armed Forces Journal International*. "It's irrelevant. You'll never know."

He said the sheer number of bombing missions has to be taking a toll, but it might be on only the least protected targets, not the

most entrenched. Last week, pilots said there were still plenty of targets, but prime targets were harder to find and they were trying to destroy Iraqi armor tank by tank.

Tusa said more than 1,000 air sorties daily are combat runs and if each aircraft caused only one casualty, that would mean more than 7,000 troop deaths every week.

Reports that Iraq's best-trained Republican Guards have lost 20 percent to 30 percent of their strength in two weeks, if true, would be impressive, he added.

Defense Secretary King said there may be mass surrenders of Iraqi troops within days. But U.S. military sources said Iraqi soldiers are abandoning Kuwait and heading home in greater numbers than they are deserting to allied forces. Several famished Iraqi deserters this week complained of getting very little food.

Gulf war toll at a glance

(AP) Here's a summary of the latest numbers on the Persian Gulf War.

REPORTED SATURDAY:
2,400 sorties.

SINCE START OF WAR:
Allied Sorties
Over 57,000 missions flown.

Reported by the allies:

- 30 killed in action, including 12 Americans and 18 Saudis.

- 24 Americans listed as non-combat deaths. An additional 105 Americans listed as non-combat deaths in Operation Desert Shield before the war.

- 45 missing in action, including 27 Americans, eight British, one Italian and nine Saudis.

- 12 prisoners of war, in-

cluding eight Americans, two British, one Italian and one Kuwaiti.

- 28 allied planes lost: 21 in combat, including 14 American, five British, one Kuwaiti, one Italian. Non-combat losses: seven planes, including five American, one British, one Saudi. Six American helicopters to non-hostile causes.

- More than 936 Iraqis taken prisoner.

- 135 Iraqi planes destroyed plus three helicopters.

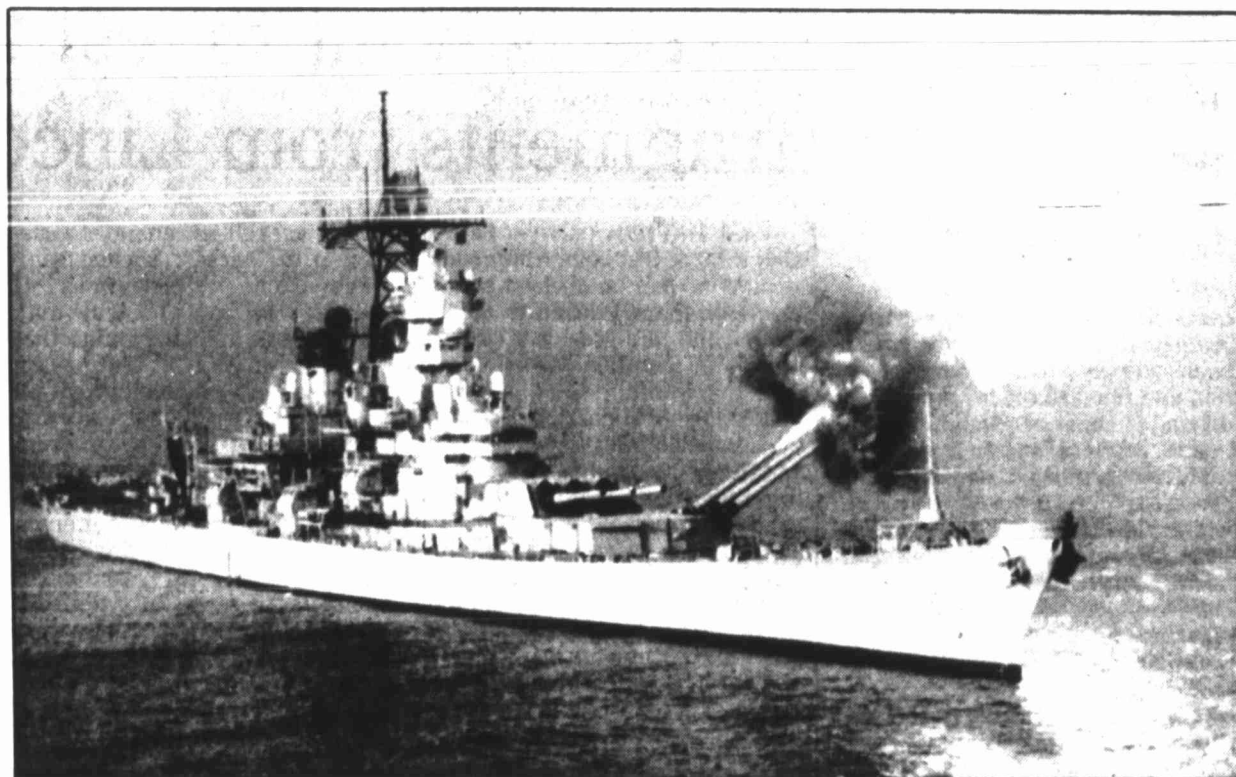
Reported by Iraqi:

- More than 180 allied aircraft downed.

- More than 20 prisoners held.

- 647 civilians killed and 90 soldiers killed.

- 750 civilians wounded.



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Blasting away

IN THE PERSIAN GULF — The battleship USS Wisconsin fires its mammoth 16-inch guns toward Iraqi positions along the shoreline of Kuwait. The battleship has fired more than 100 one-ton shells at Iraqi positions.

U.S.S.R. sends envoy to Iraq

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev today warned that military operations in the Persian Gulf War threaten to exceed the U.N. mandate and said he was sending an envoy to Baghdad for talks with Saddam Hussein.

In an announcement carried by the official press agency Tass, Gorbachev appealed again for the Iraqi president to withdraw Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

"Events in the Persian Gulf region are taking a more and more alarming and dramatic turn," he said.

Gorbachev expressed concern that the international coalition waging war to liberate Kuwait might go beyond the bounds of U.N. resolutions. He also said he was dispatching an envoy to Baghdad for talks with Saddam, a move Moscow had made before and after the war began.

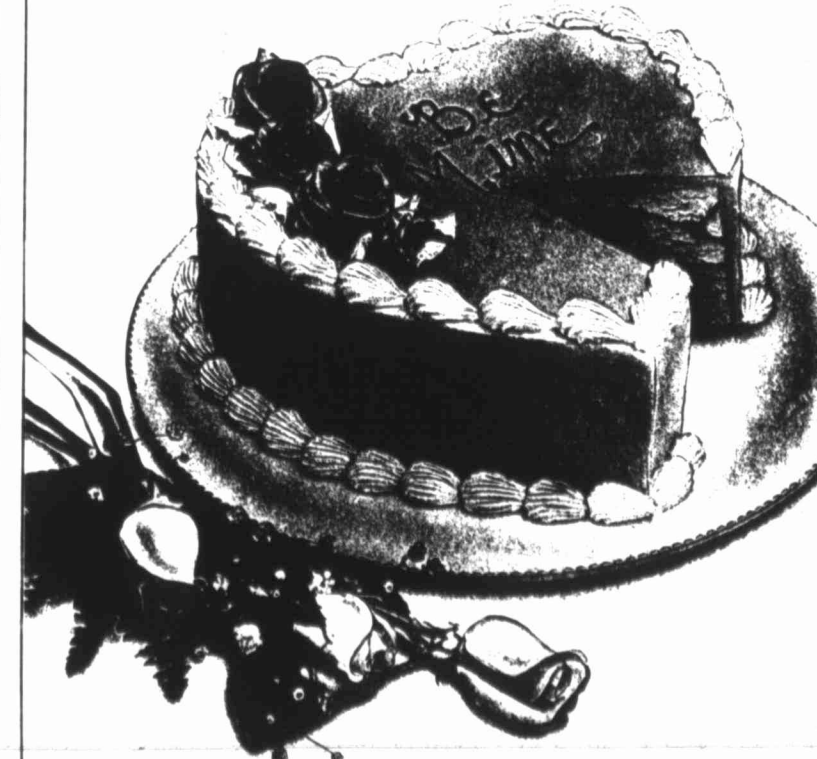
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Peer pressure led to drug abuse

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Fredda Arney, administrator of the State Hospital's alcoholism and drug unit, another counselor and two recovering alcoholics, were guest speakers at Bauer Magnet School Thursday for a "Just Say No" assembly.

"There is no such thing as part-time, recreational drugs. Every family has someone in it who drinks or does drugs. If you have a problem, go to your school counselor or parents or brothers or sisters. Or pick up the phone and call the State Hospital and tell them you want to talk about a drug or alcoholism problem," said Arney.

Monty, a recovering alcoholic, told the children peer pressure started him drinking when he was young. He told the students they should listen to the "little voice" that tells them when something is wrong.

"If I'd get mad at my parents or teachers, I'd go to these guys who'd be drinking and they'd make me feel better at the time. But just say no. You have rights. There are plenty of people out there who don't



"Bauer Bears" attending a "Just Say No" assembly Thursday were given t-shirts from the school's Parent Teachers Association. Representatives from the Big Spring State Hospital spoke to the children about drug and alcohol abuse.

do it."

Rhonda, a 17-year-old recovering alcoholic and drug addict, said peer pressure led to her use of drugs as well.

"Doing drugs made me hurt. I

couldn't stop. This is a disease, and it's not my fault, it's not anyone's fault — I just am. But that's o.k., because there's help," she said.

Drug and alcoholism counselor Doug Carson told the students do-

ing drugs "messes up" their thinking. He said a person might use drugs to make themselves feel better.

"They don't do it to be a bad person or a criminal. They don't realize it will hurt their lives, hurt their brains, and if they start young they might not grow. But there are a lot of ways to feel better. A lot of kids out there don't do drugs and they have fun," he said.

The students were given an opportunity to ask questions in the last portion of the meeting.

The students asked, "is it hard to stop drinking, is it o.k. to drink occasionally, what happens in treatment and how long does it take to quit." One student related how she had found a "brown bottle with a lid and some white powder in it" on a park playground, and another said she found a syringe and threw it away.

Bauer's "Just Say No" program is sponsored by the Parents and Teachers Association which purchased the t-shirts given the students during the assembly. Mike and Sherree Moates are the co-chairpersons for the organization.

Former drug chief given probation in DWI case

HOUSTON (AP) — The former head of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency in Houston has been sentenced to two years probation and fined \$2,000 for a drunken driving incident in which he ran into a 66-year-old man on a bicycle.

Marion Hambrick, 50, pleaded no contest in December to the driving while intoxicated charge stemming from the May 31 accident. He had been acquitted in March on another DWI case in which he allegedly smashed into the back of a city bus.

County Court-at-Law Judge Al Leal Friday said cyclist Rup Tandan, a native of India, was "an accident waiting to happen." Testimony showed Tandan had been weaving on the bicycle on a rain-slicked, narrow road about 11 p.m.

Besides the probation and fine, Leal decided against imposing a 30-day jail sentence on Hambrick, instead sentencing the former lawman to 10 days in the Harris County Jail. But Leal said Hambrick could satisfy the term by performing 500 hours of community service.

Hambrick admitted he had spent hours before the accident drinking with another man and was drunk "under the legal definition." Hambrick said he was driving down the road at 45 mph behind a pickup truck, which suddenly moved to the left, revealing Tandan.

Hambrick retired from the DEA in November, after almost three decades as a Harris County sheriff's deputy, Houston policeman and federal agent.

Experts want to test the bone fragments from Lincoln autopsy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists want to test bone fragments, strands of hair and blood stains from Abraham Lincoln to determine if the 16th president had an inherited condition called Marfan's Syndrome.

Dr. Marc S. Micozzi, director of the National Museum of Health and Medicine, said Saturday new techniques may make it possible to use 126-year-old specimens in his museum to reconstruct Lincoln's complete genetic pattern.

Such studies, he said, could tell much about Abe's aches, pains and health problems.

"There is a lot of potential social value to learning the answers to these questions," Micozzi said.

While settling the historians' debate about whether Lincoln had Marfan's, he said, the studies could also "provide an inspiring perspective" on what people can accomplish despite serious medical problems.

Marfan's is an inherited condition that can have painful and crippling effects. Its most common symptoms include exceptional height and thinness, along with elongated fingers, arms, toes and legs and the effects of the condition can range from mild to very serious heart problems.

Patients severely affected die at the average age of 32.

Lincoln, assassinated at age 36, had many of the characteristics of Marfan's, but medical data on him isn't detailed enough to determine if he really inherited the disorder.

"He was tall and gaunt and narrow in the chest," Micozzi said. "From some descriptions, it looks like his legs and arms may have been within the range that you see with Marfan. But having gone over all the evidence, I do not have an opinion to any reasonable degree of medical certainty."

To settle the question, Dr. Darwin J. Prockop of the Jefferson Institute of Molecular Medicine in Philadelphia, has proposed genetic testing of medical specimens collected during Lincoln's autopsy in 1865.

Micozzi said his museum had eight to 10 bone fragments recovered by Army doctors when they performed a post-mortem after Lincoln was assassinated. The president was mortally wounded with a gunshot to the head as he sat in a box at Ford's Theater in Washington.

The bone fragments, which are only fractional inches in size, bear the beveled marks of penetration by a bullet, Micozzi said. The museum also has strands of hair and clothing stained with Lincoln's blood.

Army doctors who performed the autopsy kept the specimens and family members turned them over to the museum in the 1950s. Since then, Micozzi said, the specimens have been sealed in airtight glass containers.

Prockop has developed tests that extract DNA, the molecule that contains the genetic pattern, from very small samples of tissue, bone or hair. Micozzi said

if Prockop is successful, Lincoln's entire genetic pattern could be determined and his genes preserved for future studies.

The genetic pattern could bear evidence of Marfan's along with any other disorder Lincoln may have inherited.

The findings, Micozzi said, could enable Lincoln to instruct a whole new generation.

"We live in an era where we are taking a hard look at disease and disability and what it means in people's lives," he said. "There could be a very inspiring message from whether or not Lincoln had these medical conditions and what he overcame and that it did not prevent him from enormous accomplishment."

Asked if he thought Lincoln would approve of the idea of genetically testing specimens from his body, Micozzi said:

"It was very clear that Lincoln was a very strong supporter of all kinds of scientific and medical research. And he was very much interested in his own health."

However, Micozzi said the museum is concerned about how such testing could affect studies of materials from other past presidents.

There are questions of privacy that would have to be settled because there are preserved medical specimens from a number of long-dead presidents, including Ulysses S. Grant and Grover Cleveland, he said.

Members of the committee will include people from the White House staff and from Congress.



War game

NEW YORK — Strategy & Tactics magazine has rushed out an edition about the Persian Gulf containing a game about the Middle East called "Arabian Nightmare: Kuwait War," complete with map, and game pieces representing troops and weapons of the countries involved.

Valentine's last day of smoking at hospital

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, in conjunction with American Heart Month, has announced February 14, Valentine's Day as its target date to go "smoke-free."

Hospital administrator Ed Cunningham said the dangers of smoking and the hazards it presents in a hospital environment has been cited by the Texas Hospital Association.

"If we, as health care providers, allow smoking to continue within our walls, how can we provide a fresh, healthy environment to those we have made a commitment to serve?"

Cunningham said the smoking committee, which was comprised of both smoking and non-smoking employees and members of the medical staff, had discussed the possibility of becoming a smoke-free hospital for several months.

Although there is the likelihood of some tension and controversy regarding the policy, Cunningham stated the members of the committee agreed smoking in the facility was in direct opposition to the hospital's mission of health.

One of the committee's goals in implementing the policy was to emphasize that employees, volunteers and visitors are not being told they cannot smoke, but requested they not smoke in the hospital building.

"Smokers have just as much right to smoke as non-smokers have the right not to be subjected to it," Cunningham said. "Scenic Mountain Medical Center believes the issue is not smoking or non-smoking rights, but rather the impact of smoke on the health of the many people who pass through the hospital each day."

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Spring board

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Q. What is the history of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association?

A. It was founded in 1877, and began hiring brand inspectors in 1883 to investigate cattle theft along the trails that took herds from Texas to the northern markets, according to Dallas Life Magazine. The organization also encouraged cattlemen to register their brands as proof of ownership. The association continues to keep this log current today. Also, over 40 inspectors still search for and capture modern cattle rustlers.

Calendar

TODAY

MONDAY
• The Big Spring Symphony Association is sponsoring the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and \$7.50 at the door.

• The Howard County N.A.A.C.P. will meet at 7 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce conference room.

TUESDAY

• There will be a novice radio operators' licensing class at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Amateur Radio Club building on south Hwy. 87.

• AMAC (Adults Molested As Children) will meet at 5:15 p.m. at the Howard County Mental Health Clinic. Anyone interested must call first - Dr. Federman or Dawn Pearson at 267-8216 ext 287.

• The Kentwood Older Adult Center's annual chili supper will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the center, 2805 Lynn. Tickets are \$4.

• The Saudi Arabia Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church.

WEDNESDAY
• The Divorce Support Group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, room 101. Anyone welcome. Child care is available. Enter at back entrance at Gregg St. Parking lot. For more information call 267-6394.

• Co-Dependents Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, fourth floor.

THURSDAY
• The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 6 p.m., followed by the American Legion meeting at 7 p.m.

• There will be a Kentwood Country-Western program at 7 p.m. at the Kentwood Older Adult Center. Public invited. No dancing.

Tops on TV

• The Chase NBC Sunday Night at the Movies. Robert Beltran, Ben Johnson. Denver police and a news helicopter team join a fight to capture an escaped convict who is holding a hostage. 8 p.m. Channel 9.

• Big ABC Sunday Night Movie. 8 p.m. Channel 2.

• Lucy & Desi: Before the Laughter CBS Sunday Movie. 8 p.m. Channel 7.

CrimeStoppers

CrimeStoppers is looking for information about a recent retail store burglary in Big Spring.

On Tuesday between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m., an unknown person or persons entered Wards Western Wear at 212 Rannels. They removed numerous items including western-style clothing and boots.

CrimeStoppers pays up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction or indictment of persons involved in crimes. If you have information, call 263-TIPS; callers remain anonymous.

Canvassers start listings this week

Canvassers for R.L. Polk & Company will begin gathering information about Big Spring for the 1991 City Directory publication this week.

The canvas, which is expected to take four to six weeks, will cover all residents and businesses. Persons contacted are requested to provide needed information to assure accurate listings. All enumerators will carry identification cards supplied by Polk.

A local telephone number (276-3083) will be in operation from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to allow working residents to provide information if not at home when enumerators call.

Swiss expected to replace Czechs as Cuban sponsors

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Swiss Embassy is expected to become the sponsor of Cuban government interests in Washington when Czechoslovakia's embassy ends that role next month, diplomatic sources say.

The Czechoslovak government decided to end its 13-year relationship here with Cuba as an outgrowth of its transition from pro-Moscow Marxist rule to multi-party democracy. For much of the past year, the ties between the former allies have been plagued by friction.

The Cuban Interests Section in Washington has been operating, in effect, as a nominal extension of the Czechoslovak Embassy. The arrangement has permitted Cuban

diplomats to serve in Washington even though the United States and Cuba lack full diplomatic relations. The U.S. Interests Section in Havana uses the Swiss Embassy there as its sponsor.

There has been intense speculation here about which embassy Cuba would decide on as a replacement for the Czechoslovaks. With the collapse of the socialist bloc, there were few obvious ideologically like-minded options from which Cuba could choose.

Switzerland has nothing in common ideologically with Cuba but is among the most avowedly neutral countries in the world. The diplomatic sources, who requested anonymity, said Cuba was attracted by Switzerland's impeccable neutralist credentials.

Spokesmen for the Swiss Em-

bassy and the Cuban mission declined to comment on the proposed new arrangement. State Department officials said they have not been informed of Cuba's intention. They said Cuban officials have been told that the decision on a replacement for the Czechoslovaks was Cuba's alone to make.

As an example of the degree to which the Swiss prize their neutrality, Swiss voters overwhelmingly rejected in 1986 a government-backed proposal for Switzerland to join the United Nations.

In 1945, Switzerland refused to become a U.N. member, seeing the organization as an alliance of World War II victors.

Switzerland serves as headquarters for several United Nations agencies. The projected rela-

tionship with the Cuban Interests Section here is one which the Swiss government carries out in about a dozen other countries.

A Swiss diplomat said his government's goal in carrying out these kinds of tasks is to promote better understanding internationally and that it receives no fee for these services.

After the American hostages were seized in Iran in 1979, the Carter administration turned to the Swiss to handle U.S. interests in Tehran, a function they still carry out because there are no American diplomats there.

The Swiss role on behalf of the Cubans here is expected to be much more limited. There is no need for Swiss diplomats to act as intermediaries because Cuba has a

14-member staff here.

Cuba also will continue to operate out of the building that served as the Cuban Embassy until relations with Washington were broken in 1961. Cuban representatives reclaimed the building in 1977 when the Interests Section was opened.

Cuban diplomats have said that, aside from the official stationery letterhead on which the Interests Section is listed as part of the Czechoslovak Embassy, the hosts have had virtually no input into the operation.

The Czechoslovaks notified Cuba in December that their Washington connection with Cuba would end in late March. The move has been strongly supported by some Cuban exile groups.



Support for troops

The Veterans Awareness Organization at Big Spring High School created Valentines for the soldiers in the Persian Gulf and students signed

the big poster and sent personal messages to 37 military personnel. Pictured are, left to right: Valerie Akin, Amy Parrish and Jon Sims.

War

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peace plan. Later, Iran's government met to study Saddam's message, which was not made public.

Despite tank and artillery losses in the field, the desertion of more Iraqi soldiers across the border, and an air force that continues to flee to Iran "helmet for leather," Iraq thumbed its nose at the allies again Saturday.

Its Defense Ministry newspaper, Al-Qadisiya, said the Iraqi army was "fully ready" for the expected allied ground offensive.

"We have prepared for them something that will make them regret the day they were born," said the paper, vowing that the offensive would be crushed.

Another state-run daily, Al-Jomhuriya, said Iraqis were eager for the ground battles to begin, "so that the evil enemies can swim in their blood."

When war began Jan. 17, Iraq had about 4,200 tanks, 3,200 artillery pieces and 4,000 armored personnel carriers in Kuwait and southern Iraq. But allied bombers have since destroyed 750 tanks, 650 artillery pieces and more than 600 of the personnel carriers, Neal said, or up to 20 percent of the total.

"These are destroyed," Neal told reporters in Riyadh, the Saudi capital. "This is a critical point. A lot of things have been damaged but unless we see a tank belly up, its treads off, turret askew we will not count it as a kill."

Despite poor weather Saturday, the U.S. and allied pilots continued to pound positions in Kuwait and southern Iraq. If clouds obscured one target, Neal said, the pilots simply went after another one.

The relentless bombing runs have turned the highway connecting Baghdad and Amman, Jordan,

into a deathtrap, according to Dilip Ganguly, an Associated Press correspondent who drove to Baghdad on Friday. Hundreds of trucks, cars and other vehicles have been bombed, and huge craters remain, he said.

Nearby homes have been hit and residents killed, a young Iraqi officer told Ganguly. "Look — this is what the Americans are doing," the officer said, pointing at two damaged trucks with their cargo of flour sacks strewn about.

The officer said the warplanes bombed the trucks, then strafed them and killed the drivers. The trucks were riddled with bullet holes.

The 340-mile highway is Iraq's only surface link to the outside world except for the road to Iran. And the Iraqis have limited cross-border traffic to refugees fleeing the war.

Firefighters

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was staffed by 51 at that time. He said two men on a truck, and one man left to begin suppression of a fire, are very dangerous.

"With only one man going into a fire, anything can happen," he said. "It's not safe. Nobody should have to go into a fire alone."

Brown's letter to the council relates cuts in personnel to job-related injuries.

"(Since) the cuts in personnel that took place... in 1985, five firefighters have retired due to disability, four of which were job-related," Brown points out that, prior to 1985, only three firefighters were receiving disability leave, and none of those incidents was job related.

Anderson and Boyd both said economics have caused a major part of the staffing problem.

"My hopes and aspirations are that we will have a first-class fire department — progressive, professional and one the community

can be proud of," Anderson said. "I'd like to have it tomorrow, but you have to consider the economics of it."

Boyd said the city is "making things happen... as time permits and as money permits."

"I want an effective, efficient department," he said. Boyd added that he had not previously believed staffing was a major problem.

With what Anderson calls "full staff" — 10 additional department personnel including nine firefighters and an additional fire prevention officer — costs would be near \$250,000.

Beginning firefighters are paid \$1,413 per month plus benefits and education bonuses. A full-time fire prevention employee, as recommended by the State Board of Insurance, would probably start at lieutenant status, with a salary of \$1,678 per month plus benefits and education bonuses.

Boyd noted that firefighters would require equipment,

uniforms and protective gear as well, all of which adds to the required funds.

Anderson said the answer lies in his five-year plan. It includes requests for additional personnel in fiscal years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95. He said he would like to add three firefighters the first year, as well as a full-time fire prevention officer. The next two years, he said, he would like to add three firefighters each year.

Boyd said staffing increases would be part of a multi-option improvement package he will present to the council during budget considerations.

Firefighters, Brown said, plan to attend Tuesday's City Council meeting to gauge members' reaction to the letter the group sent to them last week. He said he is not sure if the association will attempt to seek action on the staffing issue.

Equipment deficiencies are the subject of part 2 in Monday's Herald.

Council

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• Discuss an improper demolition permit on Main Street.

• Consider hospital bills for prisoners from the police department.

• Recognize Tuesday as recognition day for prisoners of war and soldiers reported missing in action as well as those now serving with Operation Desert Storm.

• Recognize February as Parent-Teacher Association month.

Recommendations from city ad-

visory boards include:

• Placement of yield signs at 12th and Donley streets and completion of a speed study on FM-700, from the Traffic Commission.

• Use of Moss Creek Lake "rock account" funds for construction of a boat ramp.

Bids to be under consideration include: Mowers to be used at the McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark; dump trucks; a local area network computer system for the health department; and a portable air

compressor.

The council will consider specifications for a computer system to be purchased for the police department.

Among consent agenda items are:

• Second and final approval of placement of "no parking" signs on a section of Wood Street.

• Setting of an at-large city council election May 4.

• Approval of late homestead exemption refunds.

Questions raised on Fina abatement

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Questions on the validity of tax abatements granted to Fina Oil & Chemical Company by three taxing entities continue to surface and the county attorney is researching the issues. The Commissioners Court will receive legal advice Monday morning.

With an additional \$640,000 in taxes at stake, concerns involve what should or can be changed in the agreements, which were pushed for passage before Jan. 1 in order to conform to other requirements. Another question has been raised as to whether any changes would be effective this year or go back through 1990, as Fina officials requested.

Problems arose when officials recently learned that ten-year tax abatements on as much as \$15.6 million in plant improvements, approved Dec. 31 by commissioners and trustees of the Big Spring Independent School District and Howard College, needed to be identical, according to Section 312.402 of the state's 1981 Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act.

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

• Officers were dispatched to investigate a report of shots fired in the 1400 block of West Third Street.

• An aggravated robbery in the 800 block of South Gregg Friday was solved when police arrested and charged a 24-year-old local man in connection with the incident. The victim reported having been robbed, threatened with a steak knife.

• Three firearms were reported

Sheriff's log

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

• Four strands of copper wire were reported stolen from a railroad yard in the 100 block of West First Street. Its value was listed as \$850.

• The theft of a hoist was reported in the 400 block of Fifth Street in Coahoma. The complainant said the orange-colored piece

Court docket

Filings in Howard County Courts included the following:

• Enrique Sabedra Jr., 21, 200

Deaths

Vernice Miller

Vernice Miller, 75, Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 1991, at a local hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Mount Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Earnest C. Wilson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 4, 1916, in Rosebud. She married Hubert Miller in May of 1946, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death April 28, 1980. She had lived in Big Spring since 1946. She was a member of Mount Bethel Baptist Church. She was a member of the Heroines of Jericho, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include one sister-in-law, Dorothy Green, Big Spring;

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stolen from a truck in the parking lot of a local bowling alley. Perpetrators apparently broke through the passenger side window.

• Vehicles were reported damaged in the 4000 block of Vicky and the 2100 block of Cecilia.

• A 29-year-old woman and a 35-year-old man were arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• An accident occurred late Friday at the intersection of Owens and Third streets when a local resident apparently ran a red light. No injuries were reported.

• A vehicle and a driveway were reportedly damaged by spray paint in the 4000 block of Connally.

of equipment was taken from his yard.

• A 23-year-old Big Spring resident serving time in a Sweetwater Texas Department of Corrections unit was summoned to Big Spring on a bench warrant in order to resolve pending county court cases.

• A 26-year-old Big Spring man was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

• A Dallas man was arrested on IH-20 on warrants for theft by check in Dallas County.

East Second St., was given 20 days in jail and a \$264 fine.

• Manuel Medina Flores, 32, Fort Worth, was given four days in jail and a \$600 fine for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

another sister-in-law, one niece, one nephew, and one great-niece. Pallbearers will be Ralph Palmer, Glen Person, Leroy Perry, James LaBrew, Clarence Brown, Willie James Hubbard.

Agnes Kingsland

Agnes M. Kingsland, 83, Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 1991, at a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Vernice Miller, 75, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be 2:00 P.M. Monday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Agnes M. Kingsland, 83, died Saturday. Services are pending Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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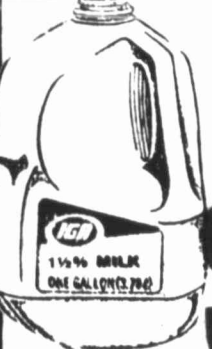
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Missing the point

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

This time, it was the Cardiac Kids who had their hearts broken.

The Forsan Buffalo-Queens, who relied a great deal on come-from-behind wins to make the playoffs in 1990, almost followed the same script to post-season play this year.

The Queens started slow this season (as they did last year), going 3-4 in the first half of District 6-2A basketball play. But Forsan caught fire in the second half (again like last year), earning a 6-1 record and a share of the second-half title.

To paraphrase Yogi Berra, it was almost like *deja-vu* all over again.

There was, however, a slight change to this year's script, and it had a great deal to do with keeping the Queens out of the playoffs.

District administrators, before the season began, adopted a point system to determine playoff representatives in case of ties at the end of the season.

Points were awarded to each district team based on their finish at the end of the respective halves (eight points for first, seven for second, six for third, etc.). The points would be tallied at the end of the season, and the top two teams would advance to the playoffs.

Sounds simple, right? The problem was that, near the end of the season, coaches were looking more at their point total in the standings than the point total on the scoreboard. And, excuse me if I'm wrong, but I always thought the scoreboard determined winners and losers.

In determining the district winner, Wall simplified things a bit by winning the first half outright and tying for the second-half title. The race for the second and final playoff spot was messier, however.

The battle for that final spot came down to Forsan and Coahoma. The Bulldogettes finished tied for second in both halves, while the Queens finished fifth in the first half and tied for first in the second.

Both Forsan and Coahoma had to wait until the outcome of the Wall-Eldorado game to decide which team would go on to the playoffs. If Wall won, Coahoma would make the playoffs; if Eldorado beat Wall, Forsan would win second place.

Not so simple, right?

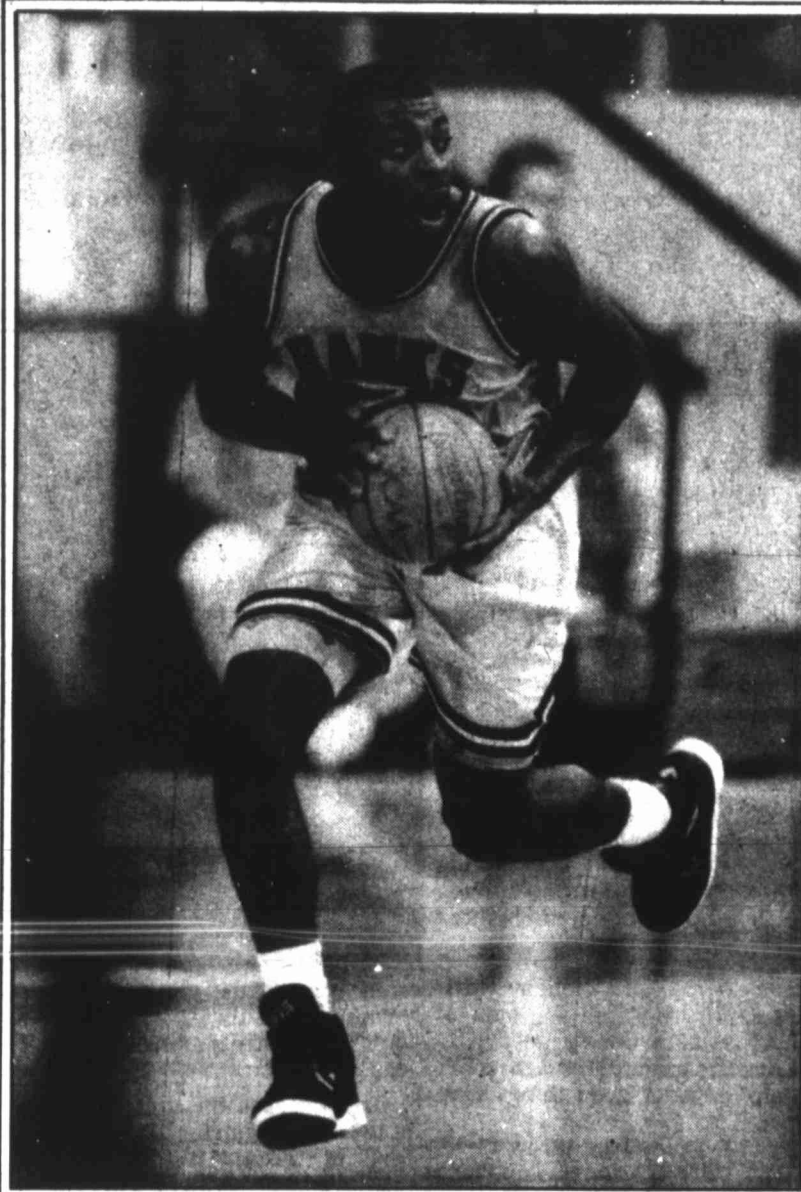
To make a long story short, Wall defeated Eldorado Friday, giving the Bulldogettes the final playoff spot, and leaving the Queens out in the cold. The Bulldogettes finished with 12 total points to Forsan's 11. Needless to say, Forsan Coach Johnny Schafer was disappointed with the results.

"I didn't like (the point system) when it was proposed; I was against it from the very beginning," Schafer said. "Several other coaches were against it too. I'm going to try to get it overturned next year. 'I think it's unfair,' Schafer said. 'If we had four or five teams tied at the end of the season, we'd probably have to have some sort of tournament, but I think that's better than a point system. Even a coin flip would have given us a better chance.'"

"They say we're supposed to be playing in halves, but when a point system is in, you're not really playing in halves," he said. "I think quite a few coaches... are not very happy with it."

Schafer, who said his team would have probably qualified for the playoffs under the old system, is opposed to determining playoff representatives according to teams' overall record.

"With halves, everybody gets a fresh slate," he said. "It keeps it interesting in the district; it keeps you on your toes... If you go by cumulative record, after three or four games, a couple of teams might be out of it."



Herald photo by J. Fierro

My ball

Howard College post player Johnny McDowell looks for someone to pass to during recent action at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks and Lady Hawks will be in action Monday when they travel to Odessa.

'Stangs knock Steers out of lead in district

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

Things just keep getting more interesting in the 3-4A boys basketball race.

Friday night at Steer Gym the Andrews Mustangs dropped the Big Spring Steers from first place with a 74-60 win. The loss drops gives Big Spring a 7-4 district record with one game left.

Andrews goes to 6-4 with two games remaining. San Angelo Lake View, which beat Pecos Friday night, is 7-3, as is Sweetwater, an 88-76 winner over Fort Stockton Friday night. Both teams have two games remaining.

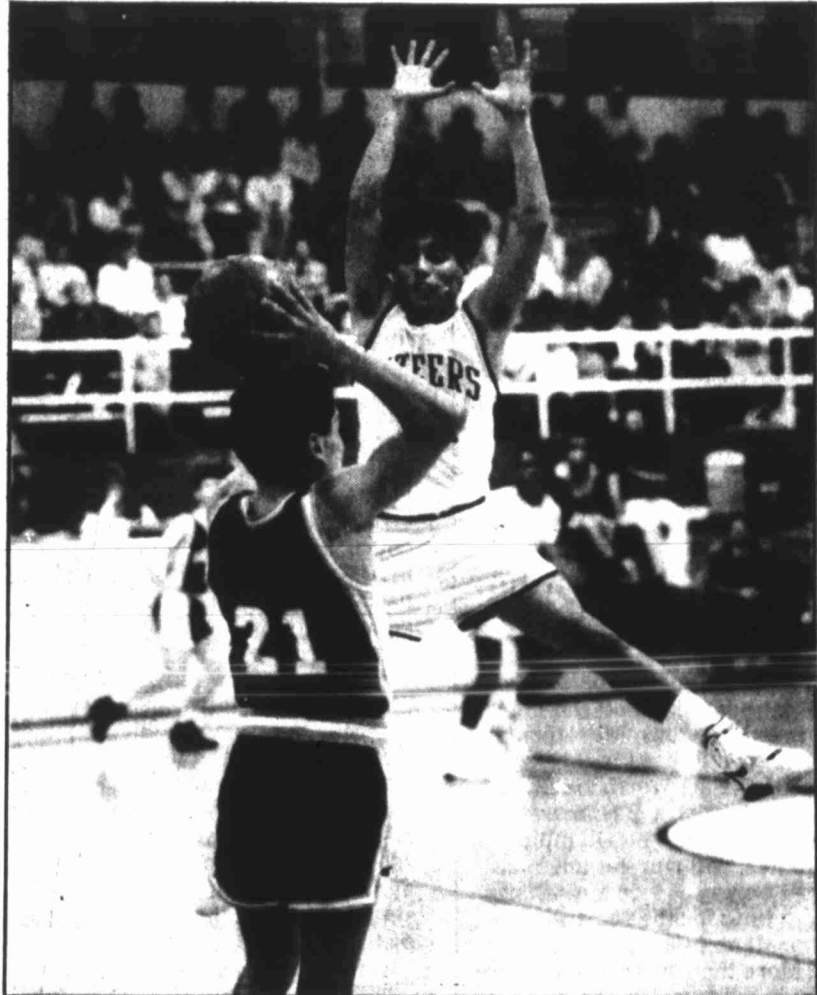
The Mustangs made an impressive showing, avenging a one-point loss to Big Spring in Andrews. Andrews played good halfcourt defense and shot the ball extremely well from both the field and foul line.

Unlike the first meeting when the Steers' three-quarters press forced 23 Andrews turnovers, the Mustangs only turned the ball over 12 times Friday night. Just as impressive was a 55 percent shooting from the field and an 87 percent (27-31) performance from the foul line. The Mustangs didn't miss their first free throw until early in the fourth quarter.

On the other hand, Big Spring struggled all night, shooting 42 percent from both the floor and foul line.

"Our offense got real stagnant,"

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Herald photo by J. Fierro

Big Spring point guard Gerald Cobos, in white, applies defensive pressure to an Andrews Mustang during District 3-4A action at Steer Gym Friday night. Andrews defeated the Steers.

Hawks ready to begin '91 baseball season

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

Last season the Howard College Hawks baseball team had a remarkable season. Coach Bill Griffin's club earned a berth in the state tournament, posted a 42-14-1 record and were ranked ninth in the nation.

This season Howard will be hard-pressed to match that record, but Griffin and new assistant Joe Almaraz return a veteran infield to lay the foundation for what has become one of the top junior college baseball programs in the nation.

Griffin is the third-winningest coach in junior college history, sporting a 926-394-1 career record. Almaraz, a 12-year coaching veteran, comes to Howard from San Antonio Southwest High School.

Howard returns three starting infielders from last year's team: Catcher Sean Teague, first baseman Franklyn Johnson and shortstop Jeff Schulz, although Schulz will be playing second base this year. Jose Gomez also started some games at shortstop.

There's also Willie Olivas, an infielder who was used mainly as a designated hitter last year. This year he'll play in the outfield.

In addition to that, Howard returns three right-handed pitchers — Rene Benavides, Mike Copple and Steve Spencer.

The hard part is replacing a veteran outfield which included two players who turned pro. Tim Demerson is in the New York Yankees organization and David



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Howard College infielders, from left, David Snyder, Jeff Schulz and Keith Cosby, participate in fielding drills at Jack Barber Field recently. The Hawks, ranked ninth in the nation last year, begin their

Wallace is with the Houston Astros organization. Todd Kolbicka is playing at Texas Tech University.

Howard had to do some regrouping when Griffin dismissed five players from the squad for

disciplinary reasons earlier in the season. That prompted assistant coach Almaraz to go to Puerto Rico to find some players. Coach Griffin said five players from Puerto Rico

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Norris gets decision; Leonard retires again

NEW YORK (AP) — Terry Norris spoiled Sugar Ray Leonard's Garden party Saturday night, twice knocking down the winner of five world championships and beating him up over 12 rounds.

"This was my last fight," the 34-year-old Leonard said after the one-sided decision was announced. It was all Norris, as he knocked Leonard down in the second round and again in the seventh.

An announced crowd of 7,495 turned out to see Leonard's Madison Square Garden debut. By the eighth round, many of the fans were chanting, "Terry! Terry!"

Before the fight, Leonard had said, "I won't allow it to be driven into my head that I've lost something."

Well, the 23-year-old Norris drove it into Leonard's head that he definitely has lost something. He slammed the message home with jabs, left hooks and counter punches with amazing speed and accuracy.

Leonard, who will be 35 on May 17, must have thought that he was watching the ghost of Sugar Ray

Leonard Past and Norris certainly did a credible impersonation of Leonard in his glory days.

Judge Barabara Perez scored it 120-104, Sid Rubenstein called it 119-103 and Billy Costello had it 116-110, all for Norris.

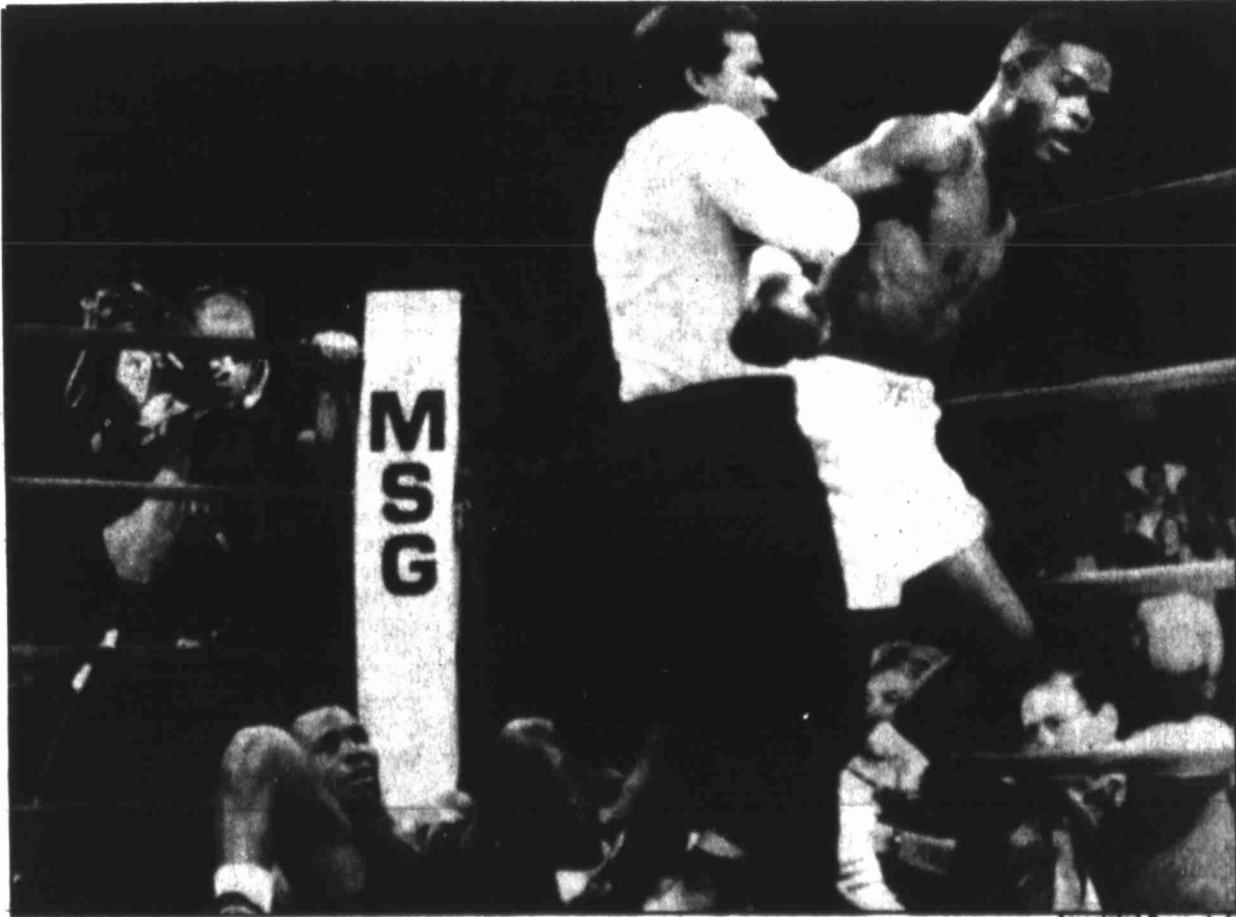
The AP scored it 118-108 for Norris.

Leonard went down from a left hook late in the second round. The punch sent him tottering backwards and he fell in a heap. Norris chased after him and threw a left hand that grazed Leonard's head while he was down.

Leonard got up at 3 and the bell rang.

The second knockdown came with 25 seconds left in the seventh round, when Norris, who retained the World Boxing Council super welterweight championship, countered from off the ropes with a left hook and a right that dropped Leonard. He bounced up immediately but took a mandatory 8-count.

"This was definitely my last fight," Leonard said. "It just wasn't there."



Associated Press photo

NEW YORK — The referee sends Terry Norris to a neutral corner after Norris knocked down Sugar Ray Leonard, left, in the second round of the WBC super welterweight title fight in Madison Square Garden Saturday night.

Sidelines

Reunion set for ex-Bulldogs

The 1965 Coahoma football team will have a reunion Feb. 9 in Lubbock at Western Sizzlin.

The reunion will start with a dinner at 1 p.m. Western Sizzlin is located at 8301 Indiana. Later that afternoon Spike Dykes will be roasted. This will be a fund-raiser for the Parkinson-Disease Research Center.

For more information call Eddie Read at (806) 796-6874.

Girls youth hoops begins in March

The YMCA girls youth basketball league will begin in March.

Deadline for girls to register is March 15. There are no tryouts and every child plays in every game. Entry fee is \$22 for YMCA members and \$33 for non-members.

Cowtown Marathon set for Feb. 23

Olympic gold medalist Frank Shorter will kick off the 13th Annual Cowtown Marathon and 10 K runs Feb. 23 in the historic Fort Worth stockyards.

Shorter, 43, a U.S. marathon winner at the 1972 Olympic Games, will run the 10K race that begins at 9:20 a.m. Starting time for the 26.2 mile marathon is 9 a.m.

More than 10,000 runners are expected to run in the event, including 1,800-2,500 school children.

Early registration fee for the marathon is \$18, and \$12 for the 10K. After Feb. 18 fees are \$25 and \$15.

For more information call (817) 735-2033.

Nolan Ryan coming to Abilene

Abilene Christian University is opening its first baseball season since 1975, and in conjunction with the home-opener, Texas Rangers pitcher Nolan Ryan will be in Abilene.

On Feb. 22 ACU officials have scheduled "An Evening with Nolan Ryan", a benefit dinner honoring the veteran pitcher. The \$50-a-plate dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Scruggs Gymnasium on the ACU campus. Before the dinner at 6 p.m., a reception and silent auction of autographed baseball items will be held at the ACU physical education center.

For more information call 674-2693.

AAU girls hoop tourney scheduled

The West Texas Association of the Amateur Athletic Union/Carriger Sports Program has scheduled its 1991 Association Girls' Basketball Tournament June 6-9 in Amarillo.

Site of the tournament will be Austin Middle School, 1808 Wimberly St. Divisions offered will be 12 and under, 13 and under, 14 and under, 15 and under, 16 and under and 18 and under. Age is determined by age as of Jan. 1. Girls may play in an older age division, but not in a younger division. A maximum of eight teams will be accepted in each age division tournament.

The winners of each division qualify to participate in national tournament conducted in different parts of the United States. Entry deadline for receipt of information and fees is May 27.

For more information call Garey von Netzer at (806) 353-7116 (home) or at (806) 376-4488 (office).

Marathon set in Abilene

The Marathon of the Great Southwest will be April 6 in Abilene. The event will feature a marathon race and a 5K run. Entry deadline is April 2 and entry fee is \$15. There are several age groups for males and females, starting with 12 and under to 60 and older. All runners will receive T-shirts and the top three finishers in each division will receive trophies.

For more information call Mike Osborn at 677-8144.

Queens end with win; Buffs win in overtime

Queens 34, Ozona 32
OZONA — The Forsan Buffalo-Queens won the battle but lost the war.

The good news is that the Queens rallied from a fourth-quarter deficit to take a 36-32 win and a share of the District 6-2A second-half title. The bad news is that, because of a point system used by the district, Forsan finished out of the playoff hunt behind district runner-up Coahoma.

"I had to do one of the most difficult things I have had to do as a coach," Forsan mentor Johnny Schafer said. "I had to tell a group of girls who started the second half of district by taking Eldorado into two overtimes before losing, then proceeded to knock off their next six district opponents... that they would not be going to the playoffs."

"That was an extremely unpleasant thing for me to do," he added. "These girls had overcome all kinds of obstacles to achieve their 6-1 record. I am extremely proud of them. They are champions to me."

Leading the Queens Friday night was freshman Jenny Conaway, who led all scorers with 16 points. Letty Dominguez was the leading scorer for the Lady Lions with 11 points.

After the first quarter, which ended in an 8-8 tie, the game remained deadlocked until an Ozona basket late in the second quarter gave the Lady Lions an 18-16 lead at halftime.

The two teams played on even terms in the third quarter and entered the final eight minutes with Ozona clinging to a 27-25 lead. In the final quarter, however, Conaway, Barbara Mitchell, Kara Evans and Becky Gerstenberger scored all of Forsan's 11 points, and the Queens finished with their sixth victory in the second half of district.

Buffalos 63, Lions 56 (OT)
The Forsan Buffalos improved

Hawks

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will help his team's chances. "I'm pleased that we've got those positions back in the outfield," said head coach Griffin. "I also think we've got some freshmen who can step in and fill the holes. I don't think I can replace Demerson and Wallace in the outfield; they had speed, arms and bats."

Schulz has the best average of any returning infielder, batting .372 and leading the team in runs batted in with 53. He was second in homers, hitting nine. Johnson led the squad in homers with 12, with a .348 batting average and 50 RBIs. Gomez and Teague both batted .319 and hit six homers. Olivias hit .338 in spot duty.

As far as pitching goes, Griffin said Spencer has improved a lot since last year when he was 3-2 and had an earned run average of 6.00. Benavides, battling an arm injury, was 5-1 with a 4.00 ERA last year.

"Rene had arm problems late in the season and has not fully recovered. If he does he'll be a main cog in our pitching staff," said Griffin.

Copple is the most seasoned of any of the pitchers. Last year he pitched 76 innings, posting a 9-3 record with a 3.50 ERA. He only averaged two walks per game.

"I think Steve Spencer had a great deal of maturity to go through, and he has. Mike Copple gives us leadership and experience. He's the type of pitcher you can use every day. He has a split-finger (fastball) and it's very deceptive," Griffin said.

New infielders Griffin has to choose from include David Snyder, Keith Cosby, David Kelly and Daniel Pagan from Puerto Rico.

"Like most freshmen they need experience. They make mistakes freshmen would make," said Griffin.

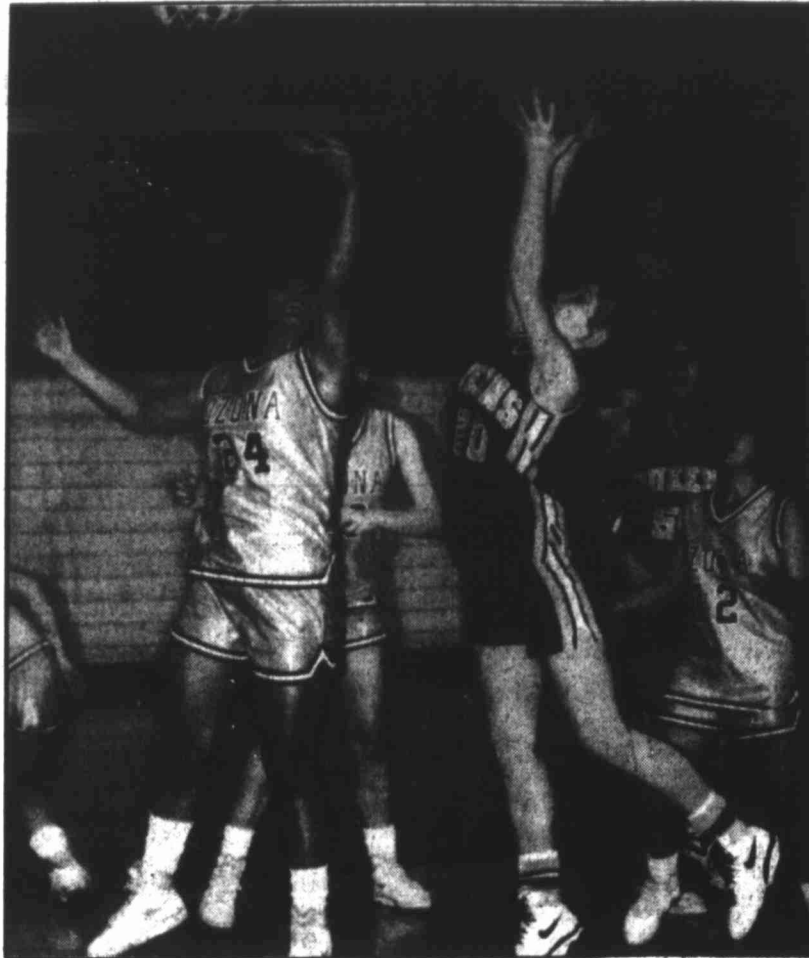
The new-look Howard outfield will have Puerto Ricans Efrain Contreras and Milton Diaz, along with Olivias, Kenny Strish, Manuel Antu and Jesus Fraire. "Contreras is a center fielder. He's a left-hander who gets a good jump on the ball. Diaz should get consistent with playing time. He has a good arm and instinct," said Griffin.

Griffin also has ample catchers in Corey Bower, who was red-shirted last year, and Nelson Delphin from Puerto Rico. Bower can also play the infield.

Bringing a West Texas flavor is pitcher Jesse Arredariz, the only left-hander on the staff. Arredariz is joined by Frank Rodriguez, Shane Zigler and Richard Fontenot. Zigler and Rodriguez can play the infield, and Fontenot is also an outfielder.

Griffin said he'll go with the experience for right now. "We've got some good battles for starting positions," he said. "I'll probably go with the sophomores early in the year, and play the freshmen occasionally until they gain experience."

The Hawks begin season play Wednesday with a doubleheader against College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M. Then Howard will have a nine day homestand, when they'll play five doubleheaders.



OZONA — Forsan Buffalo-Queen Casey Cook (20) grabs a rebound away from Ozona's Tenna Tambunga (24) Friday night in the above photo. At right, Forsan's Michah Epley (20) applies defensive pressure to Ozona point guard Mingo Perez.

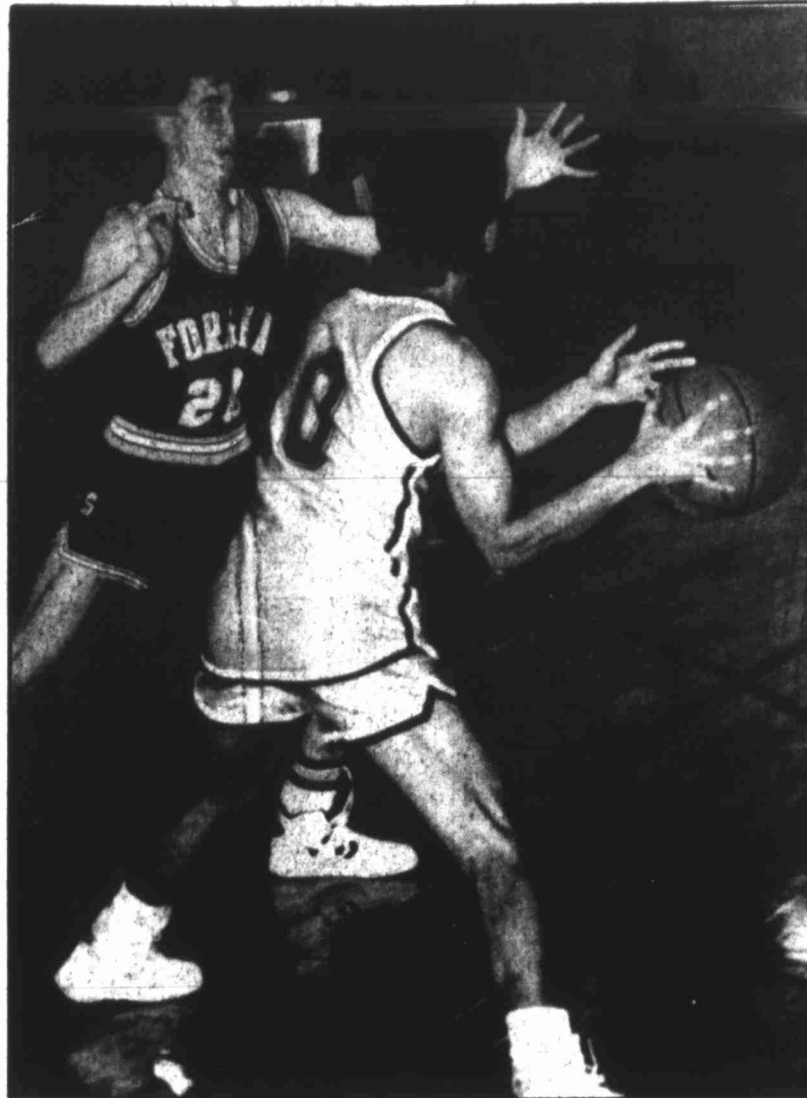
their record to 4-1 in the second half of district play by defeating the Ozona Lions, 63-56, in overtime Friday night.

Joey Conaway led the Forsan effort with 19 points, followed by Michah Epley with 16 points and Stephen East with 12. Manny Munoz scored 14 points and Mingo Perez 12 to lead the Lions, now 3-2 in the second half.

"We played a good game under

pressure," Forsan coach Kurt White said. "Anytime you win in Ozona, you have done a good job. We have two games left. With a little help, a lot of good things can happen."

After an Epley free throw gave Forsan a 9-8 lead after one quarter, the Buffs went on an 8-0 run to gain command in the middle of the stanza. Ozona rallied to cut the lead, but Forsan led, 28-22, at halftime.



The two teams played on even terms in the third, which ended with Forsan still holding a six-point lead.

Ozona scored the first six points of the fourth quarter to tie the contest at 28-all, but the Buffs answered with an eight-point run to go back on top, 36-28.

The Lions again rallied, and tied the contest with 2:07 remaining.

Perez sank a jumper with 1:35 left to give the Lions a 52-50 lead, but a pair of Epley free throws late in the game sent the game into overtime.

In overtime, Ozona got into foul trouble, and the Buffs responded by sinking seven of 10 foul shots to ice the game.

Game stats can be found in Scoreboard, page 5-B.

Coahoma girls in playoffs; 'Dogs win in two OTs

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — With 2:52 left to play in the second overtime, Coahoma's Mark Arguello sank two foul shots to give the Bulldogs the lead, and they never looked back as they went on to defeat the first half champion Stanton 81-67 in district 6-2A basketball action.

The Bulldogs improve to 5-0 in the second half of district play, while Stanton drops to 2-3 after posting a 7-0 mark in the first half of league play. The Bulldogs managed a 6-1 record, with its only loss against Stanton, in the first half of district play.

"We tried to bottle up (Jeremy) Stallings and Slick (McAlister) on defense and keep them from scoring, plus we wanted the ball out of Slick's hands," Coahoma coach Kim Nichols said. "Stanton did a fantastic against our press. We just wanted to keep trading baskets and try for an opening."

"This is a big win for us. This is a tough district and we won this one, but we have Forsan waiting, here at home, Tuesday night," Nichols added.

The Bulldogs had a chance to win in regulation, but a pass from Brent Elmore to Rusty Ginetti was too high with one second left. Stanton passed the ball out and Allan Carby got the chance to win the contest, but his shot just missed at the buzzer, sending the game into overtime tied at 61-all.

The Buffalos began the first OT by scoring the first basket as Carby hit, giving the visitors a 63-61 lead. Arguello was fouled and he connected on both free throws to tie the tilt once again at 63-63. Both teams tried to find a way to score again, but the buzzer sounded, ending the first overtime in a deadlock.

The second overtime was all Bulldogs as Arguello kept driving to the hoop and causing the Buffs to get into foul trouble. Stanton's woes were compounded as Grant Woodfin and Kenny "Slick" McAlister fouled out. Coahoma was helped by a 2-to-1 advantage in foul shots; shooting 32 free throws to the Buffs' 16.

The contest began with the Bulldogs ahead in the first period 16-12 on Elmore's 11-point performance. The game was tied only once in the period as Woodfin hit a basket with two minutes left in the quarter to knot the score at 10-10.

Mike Hernandez hit a three-pointer and Elmore tied the game to give the home team a 16-10 lead. With seven seconds left in the quarter, Jim Bob Kelly hit for the visitors, cutting the lead to 16-12.

In the second stanza, the Buffs went on a 9-2 run, giving them their first lead of the game with 5:22 left before halftime, as McAlister hit two three-pointers.

The lead was short-lived, however; the Bulldogs mounted an offensive attack that took them to a 30-28 lead. Hernandez connected on another three-pointer for the 'Dogs at the buzzer to give Coahoma a 33-28 lead at halftime.

The Buffalos captured the lead in the third quarter by scoring seven unanswered points at the start of the stanza. Guard Jeremy Stallings was a key as he penetrated to the free throw line and popped two baskets for the visiting team, while Carby added another.

Bulldog John Ed Ezell muscled his way for two rebounds and teammate Elmore found the postman under the basket twice for the only home team scores with 3:55 left in the period.

McAlister began to hurt the Bulldog defense as he accounted for nine of his 29 points. Rex Denton managed to keep Coahoma alive as he contributed seven points of his own. The Buffs held a 49-46 lead going into the final eight minutes of regulation.

In the final period, the Bulldogs outnerved the visitors 15-12 to take the game into overtime. Stanton committed two crucial turnovers in the final quarter to hurt its chances of keeping a slight lead.

With 4:46 left in the game, McAlister moved through the Bulldog defense, giving the Buffs a 55-53 lead. Stallings stole Coahoma's next possession, but a bad pass gave the ball back to the home team and new life.

Elmore drove to the basket and was fouled as the Bulldogs added five points in less than a minute

with the Buffs scoring only one basket from Robin Barnes. Ezell scored the final points in regulation to tie the game at 61-61.

"This has been the best game we have played without John (Wyckoff). If we can play them again, which I'm sure we will, on a neutral court, we can beat them," Stanton coach Kevy Allred said.

"We have two games left. We played good in spots, but we had some turnovers in crucial times that could have changed the outcome, but we'll be ready for Eldorado and Iraan at home, then we can start getting ready," Allred added.

In earlier action the Coahoma Bulldogs advanced to the playoffs with a 57-49 win over the Stanton Lady Buffalos. The Lady Buffs finish the second half with a 1-6 district mark, while dropping the first half 0-7. The Coahoma Bulldogs finished each half with identical 5-2 marks.

COAHOMA (81) — Elmore 3-8 12 17; Ezell 4-2 12; Denton 9-4 22; Arguello 3-9 10-15; Ginetti 1-2 3; Carper 1-0 2; Hernandez 2-0-0; totals 27-24-32 81.
STANTON (67) — McAlister 11 5-9 29; Stallings 4-5 12; Barnhill 1-1-3; Woodfin 2-2-4; Kelly 3-0-6; Carby 2-0-4; Cazares 2-0-4; Barnes 1-2-3; totals 24-13-47.
Rebounds — Stanton 25 (McAlister 11; Stallings 2; Barnhill 5; Woodfin 3; Carby 2; Barnes 2); Coahoma 19 (Ezell 5; Elmore 3; Denton 5; Ginetti 2; Arguello 1; Carper 1); Fouled out — Woodfin, McAlister; Technicals — Arguello, Carby, Stallings.
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Ben Johnson to Carl Lewis: Anytime, anywhere

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — Ben Johnson has a message for Carl Lewis: "Any time, anywhere."

"Carl Lewis should know that I'm not afraid to run against him," said Johnson, in Japan to compete in his fourth comeback race after a two-year ban for using steroids.

"I'm not taking anything away from the great runners, but when I'm ready I can do better than

anyone."

The 29-year-old Canadian, stripped of the 100-meter world record and gold medal after failing a drug test at the Seoul Olympics, is scheduled to race against Lewis Aug. 5 at Malmö, Sweden.

But at a news conference Saturday, his manager suggested the two may meet sooner.

"We are hoping that (Malmö)

won't be the first race," Kemeel Azan said. "There is a strong possibility of a match-race sooner ... in Europe, or possibly Canada."

Azan refused to elaborate, but said the race "won't be a Donald Trump-style spectacle."

Meanwhile, Johnson said he plans to keep a high profile.

"I've been banned for two years, while a lot of great runners in the

world were competing," he said. "My intention is to run as many races as possible just to be in competition."

So far, Johnson has won one race and finished second in two others in his comeback, which began Jan. 11. In the process, he has set two Canadian records — 5.75 seconds for 50 meters and 6.20 for 55 meters.

Steers

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said Steers coach Tommy Washington. "We weren't turning it. Against a zone you can't stand around, you've got to move the ball."

The Mustangs really took control of the game in the third quarter, outscoring the Steers 21-14 and taking a 52-42 lead going into the final quarter. In the fourth, Big Spring was forced to foul, and Andrews made the home team pay dearly with its deadly foul shooting.

Leading the Andrews was junior post player John Lujan, who played much taller than his 6-foot-1 frame. Lujan scored 23 points. The other key man in the win was junior point guard Marc Morris. Morris was 12 of 13 from the line, finishing the game with 22 points, two steals and seven assists.

The Steers were led by junior forward Rod White who scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Senior post player Louis Soldan scored 20 points, but was limited to

just six rebounds against the much-shorter Mustangs front line.

Andrews led by four after the first quarter. Big Spring got four points each from Soldan and Pat Chavarria, and Lujan scored eight points for the Mustangs. Phillip Neeley came off the bench and scored the last two baskets of the quarter, giving Andrews an 18-14 lead.

Andrews led 27-21 late in the second quarter but a basket by Soldan and a three-pointer by White narrowed the margin. Andrews took a 31-28 halftime lead on a jumper by Morris just before the buzzer.

Andrews came out hot in the third quarter, hitting six of its first 10 shots. Jon McDonald passed to John Parra, who hit a jumper, and Andrews led 46-34 with 2:50 left in the quarter. Big Spring cut the deficit to 50-42 on a three-point play by White and a steal by Ricky Rodriguez, resulting in a basket by Chavarria. But Neeley hit two foul

shots, giving the Mustangs a 52-42 advantage going into the final quarter.

In the fourth quarter Big Spring got as close as 65-57 on a basket by Chavarria with 2:50 left, but Andrews iced the game with its good foul shooting.

"Our shot selection wasn't that good, but they (Andrews) had a lot to do with it," said Washington. "They played good defense. Sometimes when you win you get a false sense of security if you don't handle it right. If we win our last game the worst we could do is have a playoff for a playoff. We just have to take care of our business."

Big Spring falls to 12-17 overall while Andrews goes to 14-14.

JV'S LOSE CLOSE ONE

The Steers junior varsity couldn't hold on to a 37-23 halftime lead, and ended up losing 62-60. Jon Downey led Big Spring with 21 points. Brian Earnst followed with 12 and Pat Martinez scored 11. The Steers JV is now 6-5 in district

play.

The Steers are off Tuesday and will conclude regular season play on the road against Fort Stockton at 7:30 p.m. Junior varsity action begins at 6.

BIG SPRING (40) — Gerald Cobos 2-4, 1-2 5; Ricky Rodriguez 2-4, 2-4 4; Rod White 8-15, 2-2 20; Louis Soldan 10-15, 0-1 30; Pat Chavarria 4-13, 0-0 8; Lemont Jojola 0-2, 0-0 0; Darrell Wrightsall 0-2, 0-0 0; Abel Hilarie 0-3, 0-0 0; totals 27-44, 5-12 60.
ANDREWS (74) — Alex Lopez 0-1, 0-0 0; Marc Morris 5-11, 12-13 22; Carlos Lujan 9-13, 5-4 23; Marc Byerly 2-2, 1-1 4; John Parra 1-3, 4-4 6; Jay Harper 0-1, 1-1 1; Phillip Neeley 2-2, 2-2 6; Jon McDonald 3-4, 2-3 8; totals 21-38, 27-31 70.

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Ladies finish on losing note

ANDREWS — The Big Spring Lady Steers finished their season on a losing note, falling to the Andrews Lady Mustangs, 53-47, in overtime Friday night.

The Lady Steers, who ended their season with a 5-21 record overall (4-8 in district play), were led by Bernadette Valles with 14 points and Leslie Fryar with 10.

Big Spring led, 39-28, entering the final quarter, but the Lady Mustangs scored 19 points in the last eight minutes to send the game into overtime.

The extra period was all Andrews, as the Lady Mustangs outscored Big Spring, 6-0, to take the win. Foul shots were a major difference in the game; Andrews made 20 of 44 free throw attempts, while the Lady Steers managed but three of 10 charity tosses.

SCORE BY QUARTERS:

Big Spring 12 10 17 0 0 — 47

Andrews 11 11 6 19 6 — 53

Girls' final standings

(x) Sweetwater 12-0

(y) Pecos 9-3

(v) Lake View 9-3

Big Spring 4-8

Andrews 4-8

Monahans 3-9

Fort Stockton 1-11

(x) — clinched district championship.

(y) — will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Midland to determine second playoff representative.

Friday

Andrews 53, Big Spring 47 (OT); Pecos 44, Lake View 35; Sweetwater 73, Fort Stockton 38.

Owens' last-second shots saves day for Syracuse

(AP) Seventh-ranked Syracuse, which got a last-second reversal Friday, got a last-second reprieve Saturday.

Billy Owens, one of seven Syracuse players briefly ruled ineligible a day earlier, scored with six seconds left as the Orangemen rallied to beat Notre Dame 70-69. "I only had an idea of where it (the basket) was," Owens, who scored 31 points, said. "I didn't have full focus, but at the last second I saw the rim and just went up with the shot."

Following the flurry of off-the-court activity, none of the Orangemen seemed fully focused. Syracuse (20-3) seemed in trouble against Notre Dame (9-14) when four starters and three others were declared ineligible Friday by the university for unspecified infractions. The NCAA reinstated the seven later in the day when it found no indications that any rules were

College roundup

purposely violated. Dave Johnson, LeRon Ellis and Michael Edwards were the other suspended starters. Johnson had 13 points, Ellis eight and Edwards six, all three scoring under their averages. Also suspended and reinstated were Mike Hopkins, Dave Siock and walk-on Chaundu Carey.

In other games, No. 3 Ohio State beat Northwestern 96-64, No. 6 Duke downed Maryland 101-81, Providence beat No. 8 St. John's 75-64, No. 9 North Carolina defeated No. 11 Virginia 77-58, Mississippi State stopped No. 10 Kentucky 83-82, No. 12 Southern Mississippi beat Memphis State 87-81 and No. 13 East Tennessee State stopped The Citadel 101-69.

Also, No. 15 Nebraska defeated Colorado 86-72, No. 18 Kansas top-

ped No. 22 Oklahoma State 79-69, No. 20 Georgetown got past Villanova 71-62 in overtime, Louisiana Tech stung No. 21 New Orleans 68-63, Seton Hall beat No. 23 Oklahoma 92-85, No. 24 Pittsburgh defeated Boston College 82-74 and Wisconsin upended No. 25 Michigan State 84-78 in double overtime.

Later, it was 16 New Mexico State against UC Irvine and No. 17 Utah against San Diego State. Coach Jim Boeheim said the Orangemen played less intently, but he didn't blame the controversy.

"You can't figure those things out at all," he said. "There's no way to tell. We might have had everybody here yesterday and got beat by 15."

Elmer Bennett made a 3-pointer with 35 seconds left that put Notre Dame ahead by 69-68. Owens got

the game-winner when he grabbed Adrian Autry's miss and scored on the rebound.

"The game came down to one rebound," Notre Dame coach Digger Phelps said. "It was an offensive rebound for them and a defensive one for us, and we didn't get it."

No. 3 Ohio St. 96, Northwestern 64. Jim Jackson scored 26 points and had eight rebounds and six assists as Ohio State retained a share of first place in the Big Ten.

Northwestern (5-16, 0-11) has lost 43 consecutive conference road games since 1986 and 12 straight games overall.

Jackson made 10 of 12 shots and all six of his free throws for the Buckeyes (19-1, 9-1). Ohio State has won 14 straight home games and is tied with Indiana for the conference lead.

No. 6 Duke 101, Maryland 81. Reserve Thomas Hill keyed a

second-half rally as host Duke reached the 20-victory mark for the eighth straight season.

The Atlantic Coast Conference-leading Blue Devils (20-4, 8-2) trailed by as many as seven points with seven minutes left in the opening half. But Duke, which made seven of nine 3-pointers in the first half, pounded the ball inside early in the second period to stop Maryland (12-10, 2-7).

Providence 75, No. 8 St. John's 64. Eric Murdock scored 28 points, 23 of them in the second half, as Providence won at home.

Providence (14-8, 5-6 Big East) led 35-31 at the half. St. John's (16-5, 7-5) shot only 26 percent from the field for the first half and 37 percent for the game.

The Friars held Malik Sealy, St. John's leading scorer, to 12 points. No. 9 N. Carolina 77, No. 11 Virginia 58.

Hubert Davis scored 19 points

and connected on four of six shots from 3-point range as North Carolina won its 10th straight game against Virginia in Chapel Hill.

The Tar Heels (17-4, 6-3) secured second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Virginia (17-6, 5-4) dropped to third.

Mississippi St. 83, No. 10 Kentucky 82. Reserve Tony Watts scored 22 points and Mississippi State used three free throws in the final 37 seconds to hold on at home.

Kentucky, which lost consecutive games for the first time this season, had a chance to tie in the final six seconds. But Sean Woods, thinking his team trailed by two points, drove for a layup instead of taking a 3-pointer.

The Bulldogs improved to 15-6 overall and 8-4 in the Southeastern Conference. Deron Feldhaus scored 19 for Kentucky (17-5, 9-3).

Sidelines

Frogs edge Texas A&M

FORT WORTH (AP) — Albert Thomas scored 18 points to lead Texas Christian past Texas A&M 71-69 in Southwest Conference basketball action Saturday night.

The Horned Frogs never trailed in the game and improved to 6-4 in the SWC and 15-6 overall. The Aggies fell to 1-10 and 6-16.

Mark Moten and Reggie Smith each added 15 for TCU.

The Aggies kept the game close in the second half and got to within one point, 50-49, on a lay-in by Sheddric Anderson with 6:12 to play.

But TCU's Michael Strickland hit a three-pointer and Moten converted a three-point play 40 seconds later as the Horned Frogs jumped ahead 56-49.

Brooks Thompson led the Aggies with 24 points, going 8-for-12 from the floor and 5-of-5 at the line. Rashone Lewis added 15 points for A&M, while both Anderson and Freddie Ricks finished with 10 apiece.

Butts leads Tech to win

WACO (AP) — Derex Butts scored a career-high 29 points to lead Texas Tech to a 79-66 victory over Baylor in Southwest Conference basketball action Saturday.

Baylor (9-11, 2-9) used a fast break offense and strong inside play to build an early 18-10 lead. But Steve Miles and Butts each reeled off 10 points as the Red Raiders (8-16, 4-7) closed the gap to 34-32 at halftime.

Miles and Butts continued their solid play in the second half, as the two seniors accounted for 9 of Tech's 14 field goals and 29 of the Red Raiders' 47 second-half points.

They scored all the points in an 11-0 run that helped Tech erase a 7-point deficit to take a 68-64 lead with 2:47 to play. Baylor was held to two points in the final 6:29.

Tanner seeks to buy Astros

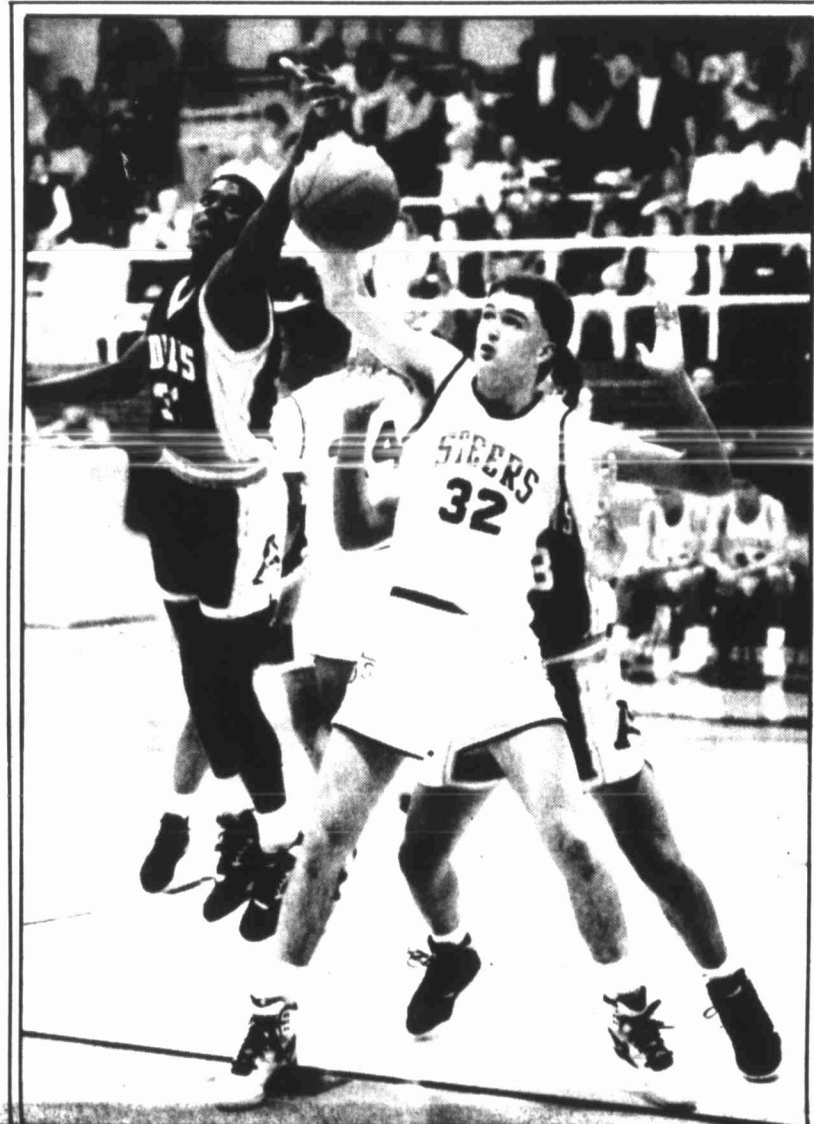
HOUSTON (AP) — Former Pittsburgh Pirates manager Chuck Tanner has joined a Pennsylvania business partner in arranging a bid for the beleaguered Houston Astros.

However, Salomon Brothers, the New York investment broker, said the two have not made a firm offer to Astros majority owner John McMullen.

Tanner told the Houston Chronicle in its Saturday edition that he and partner Vince Piazza of Valley Forge, Pa., have been working for four months on plans to buy the Houston club.

"We're doing our due diligence to try to get everything in line," Tanner said. "There have been a couple of instances where we have had to step back a few times, but we think we're making progress."

"We're going along at it in a manner that when it's time to approach them (Salomon), we'll be set."



In a crowd

Big Spring High School post player Louis Soldan (32) grabs a loose ball away from two Andrews players during District 3-4A action at Steer Gym Friday night. A related story appears on page 1-B.

Allison wins pole position for Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Davey Allison went to the front of the pack Saturday, taking the pole position for the Feb. 17 Daytona 500 with a lap of 195.955 mph.

Ken Schrader, who was trying for a record fourth consecutive pole in NASCAR Winston Cup racing's premier event, wound up eighth at 194.045, although Allison, who was the seventh of 49 qualifiers, had an anxious wait until Schrader went out third from the end.

"Anticipation is a killer, especially when you know there are guys back there like Ricky Rudd and Ken Schrader who have a habit of knocking people off the pole," Allison said.

"Streaks come and end sometime. Today, I'm just glad it was me that broke his."

Schrader shrugged off the disappointment. "Now I won't have to hear anything about that four pole stuff. I won't have to answer all those questions all week. ... I'm ready to race."

Allison, the elder son of three-time Daytona 500 winner Bobby Allison, won nine poles from 1987 through 1989, but failed to start from the front during the 1990 season.

His fast lap on Daytona International Speedway's 2.5-mile, high-banked oval was barely good enough to beat Ernie Irvan's 195.639. Allison got around the big track in 45.929 seconds, .074 seconds faster than Irvan.

Those two are the only drivers who have clinched starting positions in the 500-mile race. The rest of the 42-car lineup will be determined by the results of Thursday's two 125-mile qualifying races and by two more days of time trials.

"The car drove perfect around the racetrack," Allison said. "I couldn't ask for a better effort."

Allison, who will turn 30 on Feb. 25, started second in this race in 1987 and 1988. In the 1988 race, he wound up losing a dramatic late-race battle to his father. It was Bobby Allison's last victory before he was badly injured in a race crash and subsequently became a team owner.

Davey won his first Daytona 500 pole in his fifth try. It took his father 18 years to win a Daytona pole and 15 years to win the race for the first time.

"The wait, the hard work was very trying on him sometimes," Davey said. "Sometimes he'd be down here with a real shot to win it and something would happen to knock him out of the race and it would really bother him. He wanted to win here so bad, more than at any other racetrack. I think probably that feeling has carried over to me."

Allison credited his crew for solving the mystery of the carburetor restrictor plate, designed to reduce speeds at Daytona and Talladega speedways, NASCAR's fastest tracks.

"Last year, we came down here and we were out to lunch and we knew it," Allison said. "Our engine room guys worked awful hard. They left no stone unturned. There weren't any great jumps (in speed during the 1990 season), just a little bit at a time all year long."

It was something of a surprise

that Allison was able to win the pole in a Ford Thunderbird. "Chevrolets won all four superspeedway events last year and the Fords as a whole didn't show a lot of strength in those races, so I guess this is an upset," the pole-winner said.

"Our lap was faster than we'd ever run here," Irvan said. "It was faster than we ran in practice. But it wasn't good enough to win the pole, so we'll have to go back and do a little more homework."

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COAHOMA 57, STANTON 49
Stanton 10 11 13 15-49
Coahoma 8 17 17 15-57
Leading scorers — Stanton: Brooks 10;
Coahoma: Gee 20, Walling 13, Willborn 11;
Records — Coahoma 20-9, 5-2; Stanton
4-18, 1-6; JV score — Coahoma 53, Stanton
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KLONDIKE 48, BORDEN CO. 47
Klondike 10 9 8 21-48
Borden Co. 12 10 8 17-47
Leading scorers — Klondike: Franklin 17,
Barton 14, Cope 10; Borden: Hess 15,
Anderson 10, Jones 10; Records — Klondike
23-5, 8-0; Borden Co. 11-12, 4-4.

GRADY 55, O'DONNELL 35
Grady 12 18 14 11-55
O'Donnell 3 12 13 7-35
Leading scorers — Grady: McMorris 25,
Madison 14, M. Romine 10; O'Donnell:
Blair 11; Records — Grady 18-4, 5-3;
O'Donnell: 6-20, 0-8; JV score — O'Donnell
40, Grady 24.

FORAN 36, OZONA 32
Foran 8 8 9 11-36
Ozona 8 10 9 5-32
Leading scorers — Foran: Conway 16;
Ozona: Dominguez 11; Records — Foran
19-8, 4-1; Ozona 12-15, 1-6; JV game —
Ozona 33, Foran 24.

COLORADO CITY 51, CRANE 41
Crane 18 4 3 16-41
C-City 18 14 5 4-31
Leading scorers — Crane: Workman 13,
McWhorter 10; C-City: Rosas 12, Hoover
12; Bridgeford 10; Records — Crane 15-11,
1-4; C-City 13-13, 4-1; JV score — Crane 49,
C-City 44.

BOYS
FORAN 43, OZONA 56 (OT)
Foran 9 19 12 14 9-63
Ozona 9 14 12 20 2-54
Leading scorers — Foran: Conway 19,
Epley 16, East 10; Ozona: Munoz 14, Perez
12; Records — Foran 15-10, 4-1; Ozona
9-16, 3-2; JV score — Ozona 59, Foran 41.

SANDS 63, SUDAN 51
Sudan 12 12 14 13-51
Sands 15 18 13 17-63
Leading scorers — Sudan: Weaver 22,
Baker 16, Bellar 11; Sands: Hughes 21,
Rodriguez 21; Records — Sudan 12-13, 5-4;
Sands 19-3, 7-0; JV score — Sudan 48,
Sands 24.

O'DONNELL 75, GRADY 64
Grady 13 18 19 14-64
O'Donnell 11 23 14 27-75
Leading scorers — Grady: Robertson 21,
Garza 11, Valle 10; O'Donnell: C. Summers
21, Hernandez 13, Cruz 13, Torres 13;
Records — Grady 4-15, 2-6; O'Donnell 9-15,
4-4.

BORDEN CO. 67, KLONDIKE 43
Klondike 10 8 9 16-43
Borden Co. 17 16 13 21-67
Leading scorers — Klondike: O'Brien 16,
Vogler 10; Borden: Rios 14, Kemper 12;
Records — Klondike 10-16, 2-6; Borden
9-10, 4-4; JV score — Klondike 37, Borden
36.

Steers' golf

ODESSA — Here are results from the
Odessa Invitational Golf Tournament, held
this weekend at Mission Country Club:

TEAM RESULTS

E.P. Coronado 308-319 — 427
Big Spring 313-317 — 630
Monahans 312-329 — 641
Tascosa 324-326 — 640
Permian 319-346 — 665
Midland Lee 323-333 — 646
Midland 322-336 — 668
Lubbock Monterey 342-341 — 683
Plainview 349-336 — 685
Lamesa 349-336 — 685
Amarillo 348-351 — 699
Snyder 344-334 — 700
Lubbock Coronado 357-345 — 702
Seminole 348-370 — 718
Abilene 375-357 — 732
Permian 2 374-367 — 741
Morton 381-383 — 744
Odessa 391-381 — 772
Lubbock 377-402 — 779
Odessa 2 405-405 — 810
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BSHS Results

Eric Lusk 75-77 — 152
Carlos Garcia 72-80 — 152
Jon Sims 89-94 — 164
Kyle Plumlee 87-78 — 165
James Welch 84-82 — 168

College scores

EAST

Allegheny 77, Denison 55
American Intl. 81, Springfield 77
Amherst 77, Coast Guard 52
Army 54, Lafayette 52
Assumption 73, Bryant 71
Bloomfield 70, Caldwell 53
Brooklyn Col. 78, Dominican, N.Y. 41
Bucknell 79, Holy Cross 69
Clark U. 76, Middlebury 69
Cornell 66, Penn 77
Dartmouth 71, Brown 70
Delaware 70, Rider 68
Dowling 101, Concordia, N.Y. 85
Drexel 68, Hofstra 61
Duquesne 68, Massachusetts 67
E. Connecticut 82, Mass.-Boston 48
Edinboro 80, California, Pa. 77
Elmira 81, Upsala 80
Fairleigh Dickinson 92, St. Francis, Pa. 86

Fordham 75, Lehigh 73
Gallaudet 65, York, Pa. 60
Gannon 68, Buffalo 66
Geneseo St. 69, Oswego St. 47
Geneva 75, Lake Erie 72
George Washington 80, Rhode Island 64
Georgetown 71, Villanova 62, OT
Glassboro St. 88, Rutgers-Camden 54
Gordon 90, Curry 79
Hamilton 95, Nazareth, N.Y. 70
Jersey City St. 84, Kean 77
Juniata 67, Drew 66
King's, N.Y. 79, Nyack 66
Kings, Pa. 88, Delaware Val. 64
La Salle 84, Canisius 68

LeMoyne 77, Union, N.Y. 52
Long Island U. 117, St. Francis, NY 115,
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Loyola, Md. 67, Niagara 65
Maine 84, Boston U. 43
Merrimack 91, Stonhill 89
Monmouth, N.J. 87, Mount St. Mary's,
Md. 82, 20T

Muhlenberg 76, Gettysburg 60
N.Y. Tech 71, Queens Coll. 65, OT
New England Coll. 73, Salve Regina 65
New Haven 88, New Hampshire Coll. 66
Oneonta St. 97, Fredonia St. 60
Penn St. 84, St. Joseph's 68
Pittsburgh 82, Boston College 74
Plymouth St. 92, SE Massachusetts 86
Potsdam St. 77, Cortland St. 66
Princeton 65, Columbia 47
Providence 75, St. John's 64
Quinnipiac 80, St. Anselm 67
RPI 74, Alfred 39
Ramapo 95, Rutgers-Newark 89
Richmond 79, American U. 59
Robert Morris 70, Marist 59
Roberts Wesleyan 70, Houghton 48
Rutgers 97, St. Bonaventure 84
S. Connecticut 82, Keene St. 77
S. Maine 93, Rhode Island Coll. 89
Sacred Heart 89, Lowell 83
Salem St. 120, Framingham St. 86
Salisbury St. 104, Frostburg St. 88
Scranton 87, Elizabethtown 63
Shepherd 98, Dist. of Columbia 77
Shippensburg 66, Clarion 61
Siena 87, Iona 80
Skidmore 91, Vassar 58
Slippery Rock 104, Lock Haven 89
St. Michael's 84, Bentley 76
St. Peter's 85, Fairfield 72
St. Vincent 111, Pitt.-Bradford 74
Stony Brook 92, Old Westbury 63
Susquehanna 80, Lycoming 71
Towson St. 84, Cent. Connecticut St. 76
Tufts 70, Worcester Tech 83
Utica 70, Utica Tech 61
Vermont 79, Hartford 74
W. Connecticut 124, N.Y. Poly 97
Waynesburg 86, Thiel 52
Westfield St. 79, Fitchburg St. 65
Westminster, Pa. 71, Point Park 68
Widener 93, Haverford 52
William & Mary 82, Navy 73
William Smith 76, Clarkson 60

Williams 82, Connecticut Coll. 52
Yale 98, Harvard 91, 20T

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Ala.-Birmingham 84, Jacksonville 68
Alabama 88, Florida 80
Ark.-Little Rock 54, Mercer 40
Ark.-Little Rock 51, SW Louisiana 63
Athens St. 86, Birmingham-Southern 76
Auburn 72, Mississippi 69
Barton 86, High Point 84
Belhaven 85, Spring Hill 71
Belmont Abbey 86, Guilford 75
Berea 90, Cumberland, Ky. 85, OT
Campbellsville 112, Alice Lloyd 91
Carson-Newman 72, Wingate 48
Catawba 77, Lenoir-Rhyne 73
Cent. Florida 89, Lamar 72
Centenary 116, Texas-San Antonio 105
Coastal Carolina 84, Radford 66
Coll. of Charleston 71, Augusta 67
Coppin St. 81, Florida A&M 71
David Lipscomb 118, Cumberland, Tenn. 80

Delaware St. 109, Md.-E. Shore 95
Dillard 86, Louisiana Coll. 84
Duke 101, Maryland 81
E. Tennessee St. 101, Citadel 69
Erskine 53, Presbyterian 50
Erskine 104, Wofford 92
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Flagler 72, Warner Southern 69
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Gardner-Webb 82, Mars Hill 73
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Georgia Southern 78, Stetson 62
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Jackson St. 94, Alcorn St. 87
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Johnson C. Smith 77, Winston-Salem 71
Kennesaw 97, North Georgia 87
Ky. Wesleyan 102, Ind.-Pur.-Ft. Wayne 85

Limestone 125, Newberry 107
Lindsey Wilson 104, Brescia 96
Louisiana Tech 68, New Orleans 63
Louisville 88, Florida St. 72
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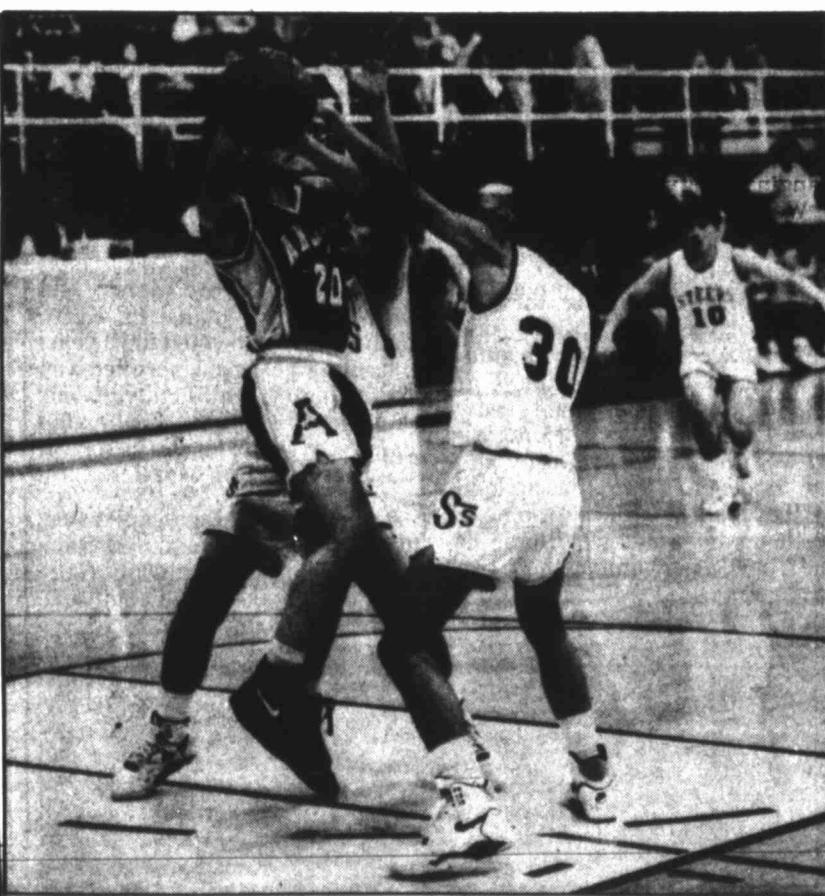
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Outdoors

Sidelines

Return requested of deer questionnaires

AUSTIN — Landowners in counties receiving antlerless deer permits are reminded deer harvest questionnaires they received with their permits should be returned to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as soon as possible.

Landowners response is needed to evaluate deer harvest regulations in those counties, said Jose Cano, wildlife biologist from Clifton. "Landowners and hunters who received permits either through the mail or in person should fill out the questionnaires and mail them as soon as possible. We need these even if no deer or turkey were killed."

Cano also said landowners who obtained hunting lease licenses need to return their record books to their local game warden.

Bale twine, wire harmful to wildlife

AUSTIN — Farm and ranch operators who feed a considerable amount of hay to livestock during the stressful winter months should watch out for wire and twine used to wrap the bale since it can be hazardous to wildlife, especially deer.

Trey Carpenter, wildlife technician from Abilene, said deer can become entangled in wire or nylon twine and the result can be death. "I personally know of three occasions where deer have died after becoming entangled in bales' twine," he said. "In one case, a buck the rancher wanted to keep as a breeding buck had twine wrapped in his antlers. The rancher asked hunters not to harvest the buck, but later it was found dead after becoming entangled in low tree limbs."

To prevent possible hazards to wildlife, Carpenter said all twine, wire or string associated with hay bales or feed sacks should be removed and properly disposed of after the feed is put out.

Areas closed to protect nesting sites

Several areas at Big Bend National Park have been closed or restricted to use by the public to prevent the disturbance of nesting sites selected by the Peregrine Falcon.

The falcons, an endangered species, will abandon nesting sites if disturbed by humans, according to Park Superintendent David Dreier, in a press release.

The following areas have been closed to public entry until July 15:

The Casa Grande peak above 6,660 feet; the Southeast Rim trail and a portion of the Northeast Rim trail from the Boot canyon/South Rim junction to a point just north of campsite "NE4"; the Mariscal Rim trail; the Santa Elena canyon rim trail between entrance camp and Bruja canyon; and all areas within 1/2 mile of a known eyrie site are closed to climbing.

In addition, the following areas are closed to use of motors until July 15:

The twelve river miles between the Santa Elena canyon entrance and the mouth of Alamo Creek; the ten river miles between Talley and Solis including Mariscal canyon; and the seventeen river miles between the entrance and exit of Boquillas canyon.

Dreier urged park visitors unfamiliar with the locations to check with a ranger before venturing through the park.

New rules protect wild horses, burros

A new set of rules to prevent injury, death or mistreatment of adopted wild horses and burros have been approved by the Bureau of Land Management.

The rules will help BLM better protect the adopted wild horses and burros during the one year waiting period before title of the animal is transferred from the BLM to the adopter.

Animals believed to be abused or neglected, according to a provision in the new laws, are now subject to repossession by the BLM. The adopter will have the right to appeal any BLM decision.

A calendar: possibly the best fishing tool

By MARK WEAVER

When thinking of "tools" for fishing, what comes to mind? A rod and reel? Lures? Fishing line? A tackle box?

Well, this week we'll learn one of the most useful tools for successful bass fishing, but we're going to get out of the boat for just a few minutes. I know, it's difficult, but be strong... this won't take long. In fact, we're even going to by-pass the garage and walk away from all those rods and reels.

This isn't even about the best lures to use either. We're not looking into the tackle box today. We're going to our "favorite" office supply store! That's right, now that everyone thinks they have this fishing thing "down pat," let's put it all together to make it work all year around. And "all year" is what we're looking for here at the office supply store — a calendar. Now don't spare any expense — be bold! We're looking for a calendar that has room to write information in on each day of the year!

That's right. The calendar might just take the place of that favorite rod and reel as a best friend in angling. It's no secret. Although weather patterns from year to year might fluctuate, the general flow of weather and fishing conditions will remain mostly the same from year to year for any given month. Spawning, of course will take place at relatively the same time each year. And the point of this article is there is a very good chance whatever lure combination and fishing strategy brought home "the big one" last year, will be the same one that brings him home this year too.

Fishing with Mark



That's why we want plenty of room to jot down notes about location, cover in the area, lures fished, time of day, temperature and weather, and what kind of success we had. Remember, for the serious angler, fishing tactics will have to change as the temperature and seasons change. And a calendar is the best way to keep track of what approach was taken on a given day with a given set of factors. Through the winter months, I hope everyone learned a lot about strategy. Remember, bass are still there in the winter, but they're not "swimming in line" to get on the hook. Try a variety of tactics. Once the right combination is found for use in just the right location — log the information in the calendar. But don't stop there. Write down the other things that weren't so successful. Next year, use that information to an advantage to get ahead of the game.

Fish are creatures of habit. And I think everyone will find what worked well last year will work again for this year at the same time period, under the same conditions. So take a trip to the office supply store and pick up a calendar before they're all gone! The time spent this year writing may have a lot to do with the time spent reeling in fish next year.



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New park

AUSTIN — A new 260,000 acre state park was opened to the public by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area, known for its environmental and archaeological uniqueness, will remain in its natural state. No new trails will be built and all back-country use will be primitive.

End the season with proper cleaning

By AARON PASS

Now that shooting season is winding down, it is time to think about hanging up our guns. But before storing those firearms, we should give them a thorough cleaning and prepare them for the off-season.

Both in season and in storage, fouling and corrosion are the enemies of any gun. Powder fouling coats the bore and, in the case of gas-operated autoloading, the operating mechanism as well. The residue from plastic shot cups remains in the shotgun barrels, and copper fouling builds up in centerfire rifle barrels, adversely affecting accuracy. Most serious rifle shooters clear the barrel every 20 to 30 shots.

Rust is also a problem, and any firearm that has been exposed to wet conditions (particularly salt water) should be dried and cleaned thoroughly.

A thorough cleaning of both action and barrel is in order at the end of the shooting season. Disassemble the action (only as far as the owner's manual recommends) and use old toothbrushes and moisture displacing solvents to remove moisture and field debris from nooks and crannies. Dry thoroughly to prevent solvent residue from building up, and avoid solvent contact with the stock.

Shotgun bores should be treated with solvent and given a vigorous brushing with a bore brush to

remove plastic residue. When the bore is clear, apply a good coat of oil or grease to protect it during storage.

Centerfire rifle bores are more delicate, requiring more meticulous and extensive care. The copper fouling from jacketed bullets should be removed for best accuracy. Use a solid, plastic-coated cleaning rod to avoid excessive bore wear. First, wet the bore with a patch saturated with good quality copper solvent. Then pass a solvent-soaked, phosphor-bronze bore brush, appropriate in size to the rifle's caliber, through the bore several times. Pass another wet patch through until the dry patch emerges clean.

For very fouled bores, the use of special extra-strength solvents may be necessary. However, some of these are abrasives and should be used carefully. Avoid the use of jointed-rod or steel brushes to prevent bore damage.

Once the rifle bore is clean, protect it from rust with a good gun grease. Wipe down the exterior surfaces with an oil or silicone rag and store in a moisture-controlled area. Do not leave any firearm in a plastic traveling case during the off-season. The moisture condensation may cause rust.

Some argue "excessive" gun cleaning will result in excessive wear. The use of proper equipment and technique will minimize the wear factor.

Sports

The '76 Hoosiers: College hoop's last unbeaten team

(AP) Quinn Buckner, Bobby Wilkerson, Kent Benson, Tom Abernathy and Scott May. For 15 years, those have been the first five names in the boxscore of college basketball's last unbeaten team. Remember them.

In another month, the names could be Anderson Hunt, Greg Anthony, George Ackles, Stacey Augmon and Larry Johnson as top-ranked UNLV challenges the 32-0 record of the 1975-76 Indiana Hoosiers.

"We still talk about it and laugh," Wilkerson said. "And we think of all the guys we played against who thought they had pretty good teams, and we beat them. They can say what they want, but we kicked their butts in college."

Since 1976, other schools have flirted with perfection, including Indiana State, which didn't lose until the national championship game against Michigan State in 1979. Now, UNLV not only has a shot at being undefeated, but also at becoming the first repeat NCAA champion since UCLA in 1973.

"No question about it," Buckner said. "They've got a shot."

It won't be easy, though, and nobody knows that better than

Buckner, Wilkerson, Benson, Abernathy, May & Co. All five of the starters went on to the NBA for at least 5 years, and many of them now are in coaching. For a decade and a half, they've revealed in it, and they recognize what it takes. For them, it was a special mix of talent, poise, motivation, luck and coaching that carried them to that unforgettable season.

"You've got to have a couple of things to go undefeated," said Buckner, the captain of the team and now a TV sportscaster. "Some you can control. Some you can't. First, you've got to be lucky and avoid injuries. That's what got us into trouble in 1975."

The Hoosiers might have had a better team the year before their perfect season. They went 31-1 and rolled up some pretty big winning margins, like 74-48 over Michigan, 104-71 over Purdue, 98-74 over Kentucky. But May, the Hoosiers' leading scorer, broke his arm late in the season, and Indiana wound up losing in the third game of the tournament, 92-90, in its second meeting with Kentucky.

"That's when we made the commitment to win it all, after that game," said Wilkerson, an assistant coach first at Colorado

and now at Maryland-Eastern Shore. "Our quest started the year before, and from then on, whenever we accomplished a milestone, we'd just say: 'It ain't over yet.' We never celebrated until after we won the national championship."

The end result might have been perfect, but there were some bumps in the road to the title: an overtime game against Kentucky in the fourth game of the season, another overtime victory over Michigan later on, and a 3-point win over Purdue. But the Hoosiers didn't give a thought to bungling it, until maybe the title game against Michigan.

"I can't remember us ever worrying about being undefeated," said Jim Crews, one of the reserves on the team who later became a Bob Knight assistant at Indiana and later head coach at Evansville. "The only thing I can remember is coach Knight saying: 'Do we have to lose to re-establish ourselves? Do we have to lose to re-energize? Do we have to lose to learn a lesson?' He thought that was ridiculous."

"The only time we thought it might be going down the drain was halftime of the Michigan game, but we got that quickly resolved."

Criminal Type wins Eclipse Award

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For Criminal Type, the end of a long road through enemy territory was an Eclipse Award for Horse of the Year.

Criminal Type, winner of the four Grade I stakes before his season was ended by injury, edged out Kentucky Derby winner Unbridled and the sentimental choice, Go for Wand, to win the award on Saturday.

"Criminal Type took on all the horses in the category who were competing for the championship or Horse of the Year honors and beat them in their own back yard," D. Wayne Lukas, Criminal Type's trainer, said.

"I think he was the most traveled horse, too."

From mid-May to early August, Criminal Type won the Pimlico Special at Pimlico, the Metropolitan Mile at Belmont, the Hollywood Gold Cup at Hollywood Park and the Whitney Handicap at Saratoga.

Calumet Farm's 5-year old son of Alydar won seven times in 11 starts before the leg injury that kept him out of the Breeders' Cup Classic. Criminal Type capped a season in which he earned more than \$2.2 million with victories in the Pimlico Special, the

Metropolitan Mile and the Hollywood Gold Cup.

"To think back in January of last year when he was winning allowance races that he would be Horse of the Year is just amazing," Lukas said. "He was too social. He liked to run with horses. Once we taught him to run by horses, that's when he got good."

Criminal Type was also voted the outstanding 4-year-old and up colt, horse or gelding.

Kentucky Derby winner Unbridled, also a finalist for Horse of the Year honors, was voted the top 3-year-old colt or gelding. Unbridled won more than \$3.7 million with four victories in 11 starts, a campaign capped by a one-length victory in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

"To finish second or third in this group is still great," said Carl Nafzger, Unbridled's trainer who was voted trainer of the year.

"Not to take anything away from Criminal Type, but Unbridled won the Kentucky Derby and the Breeders' Cup Classic and he'll probably be the only horse in history who won't win Horse of the Year" after winning those two races.

Go for Wand, the brilliant win-

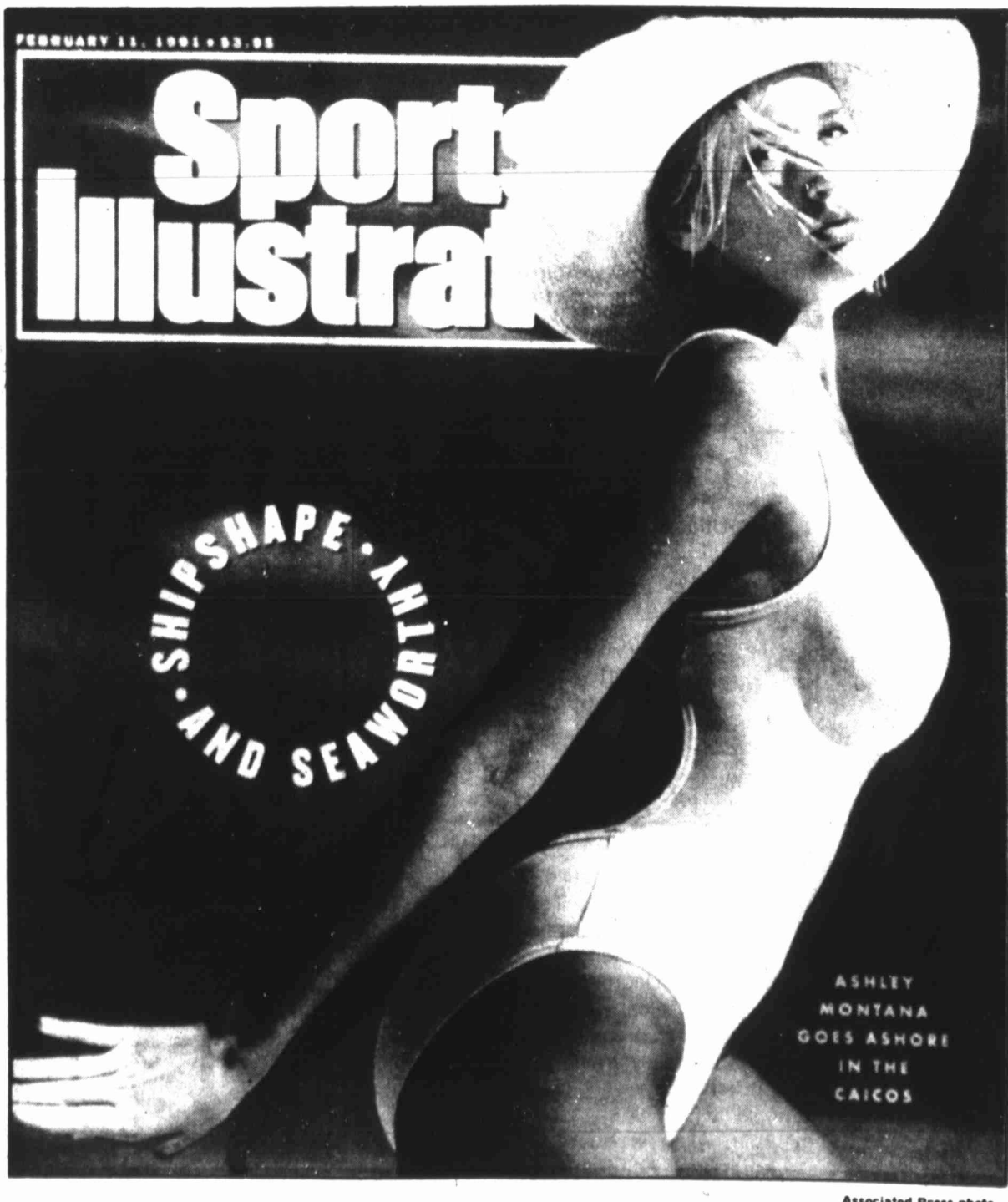
ner of six Grade I stakes before breaking down in midstretch in the Breeders' Cup Distaff, was voted top 3-year-old filly.

The daughter of Deputy Minister captured the heart of the horse racing world with stunning victories in Maskette Stakes and the Beldame last fall at Belmont Park only to break that heart on national television. Go for Wand shattered a foreleg dueling for the lead with the champion mare Bayokoa, and had to be humanely destroyed.

Trained by William Badgett Jr. for the Christiana Stables, Go for Wand won seven times in nine starts in 1990, earning \$624,046 and so much respect that only 11 fillies challenged her in her three starts leading up to the Distaff.

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The Eclipse Awards are voted upon by the Thoroughbred Racing Associations, the Daily Racing Form, and the National Turf Writers Association.



No splash this year

Ashley Montana graces the cover of Sports Illustrated's annual swimsuit issue, but the usual

hype has been toned down this year because of the Persian Gulf War.

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Soldier's mother copes with gulf stress

Christina Ferchalk



Medical science has told us a certain amount of stress is a good thing. A little stress keeps the old juices flowing. Medical science has also told us that too much stress can be not only harmful, but even fatal.

Personally I've never subscribed to that theory. I've always held that if stress could kill I'd have been dead and buried 10 times over by now. Until lately, I thought I knew what stress was all about. Then, on Jan. 16, after the shooting started, I began to know the true scope of stress.

When your child, or someone else you just happen to love more than life itself, is in mortal danger and there isn't a damn thing you can do about it, one of two things will happen to you.

1. Your head will be under so much pressure it will shoot right off your shoulders (not unlike a Scud missile); or

2. Something deep inside you kicks in, takes over, and allows you to cope.

The human mind is a powerful mechanism. It can perform almost mystical feats, especially under duress. First, it drops a thin layer of insulating fog. Then, it grabs hold of your internal gear shift, throws it into neutral and locks you on cruise. Next thing you know you're coasting. You're fully operational, but functioning on a very peculiar level.

There are more than 430,000 American troops over there. Each has immediate family, extended family, sweethearts, lifelong friends and bosom buddies, all fearful for their welfare. That adds up to a heck of a lot of stressed-out people walking around over here.

I haven't seen many flying heads dotting the skies lately so I assume the others, like myself, are learning to get through the pain. We have to get through it, life simply isn't offering us any other options. But we will each get through it in our own way.

Some of us will burn flags, some wave flags, some march in protest, some march in support. The rest of us will sit and wait.

In each of the 430,000 families, one member (usually the mother or spouse) is singled out by the other members and voted "most vulnerable." This family member must be protected and guarded by the rest of the herd.

Apparently I am the designated member in my family. My husband has the look of death warmed over, but he worries about me. I have never seen my parents more terrified, yet they are careful about what they say in front of me.

They all talk about me behind my back. "Does she look OK to you?" "How do you think she's holding up?" I can take this sort of thing from my family. Families are like that. But I wish my friends would stop.

I certainly can't speak for anyone else. I only know how I wish to be treated. Don't tell me everything will be all right. Everything will not be all right, not for a very long time. Don't try to minimize the situation for my benefit. I'm grown-up. There is no need to handle me with kid gloves. If I were all that fragile I would have shattered long ago.

And please, don't tell me to think positive or start planning that welcome home celebration for my son. Not every mother's son is coming home. That's a fact of life that every mother has to come to grips with sooner or later.

I know that's cruel, but life can be merciless and we must be prepared.

If you want to be of help, hugs are welcome and prayers are required. Once you've offered your arms and your prayers, there is little else you can do.

I know you're tired of talk of war, and I can't promise I won't write along these same lines again. In fact, I probably will. Maybe you don't need to hear it, but I need to tell it.

Christina Ferchalk, Atlanta, Ga., is a syndicated columnist with the Thomson News Network.

Be my Valentine

Roses are red, violets are blue;
Sugar is sweet, and so are you.

If you think the one you love will bring you flowers and candy this Valentine's Day, you must be out of your mind! How is your cat going to get money for things like that?



Viola Mendoza, left, constructs Valentine flower baskets as Lupe Paffin works on a wreath for the holiday at Jane's Flowers.

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Hearts, flowers, candy, cards — expressions of love such as these have become St. Valentine's Day traditions.

The holiday has come a long way since its beginnings, when the Roman Emperor Claudius II imprisoned a Christian martyr of the same name.

According to "The Folklore of American Holidays," Valentine's Day began when St. Valentine cured the jailer's daughter of blindness, and on the eve of his execution in A.D. 269, sent her a letter signed "from your Valentine."

Other theories include a relation to the Roman feast Lupercalia, celebrated in February to honor pastoral god Luperus. In one aspect of the festival, young men and women were matched by drawing names from an urn.

Thoughts of romantic love have probably been associated with the holiday since the Middle Ages, "Folklore" says. Some of the first observances may have resembled the mating rituals of birds.

Whatever its beginnings, modern St. Valentine's Day is dominated by messages of love — sentiments in edible, floral or paper form.

Local florists are rolling out the red ribbon in celebration of the holiday.

Added Touch Florist manager-designer Q.T. Coats said the shop will make "spring" arrangements of cut flowers, including dark blue irises, yellow daffodils, pussywillows and tulips of all colors. Novelty items available include "Casonova Coyote," a boxer-short clad stuffed animal with a romantic message.

At Jane's Flowers and Gifts, designer Lupe Paffin described "Jane's Special" — an arrangement of carnations and daisies in an iridescent bowl. The shop also has balloons, stuffed animals and various FTD arrangements available.

Country Flowers manager Becky Harkins said the store will make corsages for your sweetheart to wear Feb. 14. Candy, stuffed animals and plants are also available — all with traditional red and pink trimmings and the appropriate messages of love.

At Faye's Flowers, sales manager Beverly Knous said new scents of potpourri are available, such as Giorgio Red and Polo for Men. The shop makes its own silk flowers as well. Fruit baskets, an alternative for the dieting sweetie, are a 90s approach to love messages, Knous suggested.

If food is on your mind during this holiday of romance, area bakeries have candy, cupcakes and cakes ready to order.

At Gale's Cakes and Cookies, cakes for two are



Gale Pittman, owner of Gale's Bakery in the Big Spring Mall, arranges cookies on a plate as part of a window display showing some of the Valentine goodies which can be purchased.

Michael — The seed was planted and the flower has blossomed into something strong and beautiful. This flower will keep growing inside of me because I love you more and more each day! Happy Valentine's Day. Love — Monique.

Dave, Dave, it's you I crave! Jill

\$4 each, and can be decorated with a personalized valentine. Larger cakes are available, serving up to 10, as well as heart-shaped cookies and cookie baskets. Owner Gale Pittman said he will take orders until Thursday, but prefers advance orders (by Tuesday) for special requests.

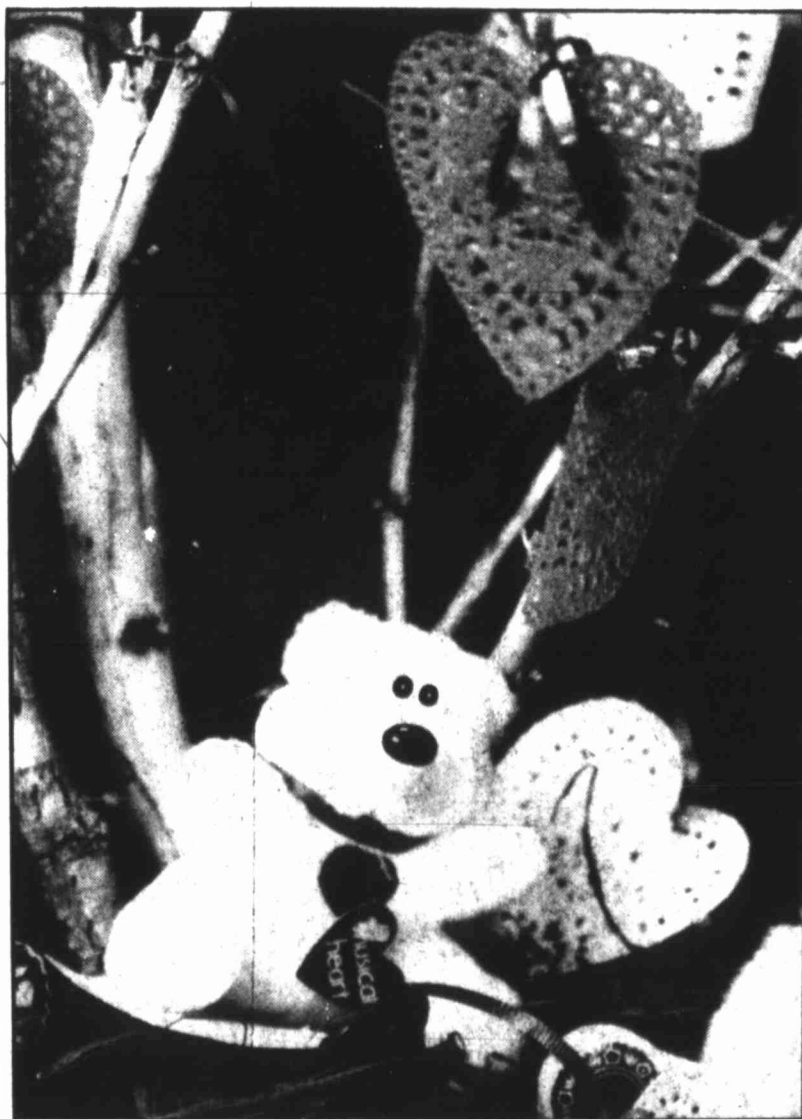
At Furr's College Park, cake decorator Georgia Sanders said small heart-shaped cakes are very popular for \$4. Larger cakes, cookies and cupcakes are available as well, with decorating an option.

Cards have long been traditional for St. Valentine's Day. The first recorded valentine was a letter sent in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while the duke was a prisoner in the Tower of London.

According to information from Hallmark, more than one billion valentines will be exchanged this year. It is the largest card-selling holiday of the year in the U.S.

Classified newspaper advertisements have become a modern medium for an old custom. Advertisers can send love messages using "pet names" for their sweethearts and tell the world how they feel.

Hallmark researchers report the changing face of St. Valentine's Day: Families and friends, not just lovers, are increasingly getting into the act of a Feb. 14 expression of affection.



Michelle Wilbanks moves items around on a table as she sets up a display at Gifts, Etc. The store specializes in unique gift items.

Dear Mommy — When we say our prayers at night, we should pray that you never change. You're everything to us. Love — Your Children.

My Valentine is on a rig
We travel near and far.
When my Valentine returns,
I mark my lucky star.



Anniversaries

The Albert Pettuses



MR. AND MRS. PETTUS, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pettus were honored at their home Feb. 2 and 3 by their children in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Albert Pettus and Effie Willborn, whose fathers were both Baptist preachers, met at the Mount Joy Baptist Church in Knott. They were married Feb. 5, 1941 and have lived in Big Spring most of their married life.

Albert has been an electrician for 54 years. He started as an apprentice at Masters Electric in 1936 and started his own business, Pettus Electric, in 1954. He and his wife operated the business for 36 years. In addition, Albert has pastored one church in Big Spring



MR. AND MRS. PETTUS, 1991

and one in Abilene, plus conducted revivals in South Central and East Texas.

Albert said the couple contribute their success in marriage and business "to the love they share with each other and for the Lord Jesus Christ and his work here on Earth."

Hosts were their two daughters and families. Teena, Mrs. Joe Storinola, Irving, has two daughters Gina and Danielle. JoBeth, Mrs. Jack Power Jr., Big Spring, has a son and daughter, Jack and Jacqueline.

Albert and Effie have four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and attend Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

The R.E. Haney



R.E. AND EDITH HANEY, 1941

Mr. & Mrs. R.E. Haney will be honored at an open house, hosted by their children, Feb. 16 in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary at the couple's home.

R.E. married Edith Wallace, Feb. 15, 1941 at the Howard County Courthouse, with Walter Grice, J.P. presiding.

R.E. born in Mississippi, came as a child to Howard County where he met and grew up with Edith. They have made their home on their farm northeast of Big Spring since their marriage. They are members of North Birdwell Lane Methodist Church.

R.E. is a lifetime farmer and rancher and still works with his



R.E. AND EDITH HANEY, 1991

son in farming operation. Edith is involved in the quilting circle at the their church and in The Happy Crafters.

Mr. & Mrs. Haney were actively involved in Howard County 4-H activities for a number of years while their children were exhibiting livestock. Their favorite hobby is spending time with their family and especially with their four grandchildren.

Hosts are daughter Glenda Finley and husband Gorman with their children, Jim Bob and Shana from Beaumont; son, Robert Haney and wife Suzanne and children Paul and Sarah.

The Donald Lambs

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Lamb will be honored with a reception Sunday in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Donald Ray (Dick) Lamb married Bess Lee Rhodes in Ira at the First Baptist Church in 1951. The couple have lived in Westbrook for many years. He owns Lamb's Well Treat and she is a homemaker and relief postmaster. They are members of the Christian Fellowship Church.

A "come and go" reception is planned today from 3 to 5 p.m. at the couples home in Westbrook. An invitation to all the couple's friends and relatives is extended.

The couple has four children: Mrs. Lanny (Susan) Skelton, Big Spring; Mrs. Larry (Barbara) Casey, New Mexico; Michael Lamb, Sterling City; and Mrs. Kenny (Vickie) Briggs. They have five grandsons and two



MR. AND MRS. DONALD LAMB

granddaughters.

Weddings

Wegner-Newton

Toni Sue Wegner and Gregory Scott Newton, both of Big Spring, were united in an afternoon ceremony Feb. 2 at the Chapel of the Fountain in Las Vegas, Nevada, with Dr. James Edward Swain officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Sherry Wegner, Big Spring. The groom is the son of Marion and Sherry Newton, Big Spring.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, wore a pale pink, tea length fitted dress with peplum and three-quarter sleeves. The bodice was styled with a scoop neck accented with off the shoulder collar and bow.

She carried a bouquet of pale pink and white roses with a touch of baby's breath and tied with a white satin bow.

Matron of honor was Lusara Wegner, sister-in-law of the bride. Best man was Tommy Wegner, brother of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and has attended Angelo State University.

The bridegroom is a graduate of



MR. AND MRS. GREGORY NEWTON

Big Spring High School and has attended Howard College.

The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas.

Reeves-Morrow

Melisa Gail Reeves, Katy, and Thomas O. Morrow, Houston, were united in marriage Jan. 25 in Houston.

The bride's parents are Harold and Sally Reeves, Katy. The groom's parents are William and Virginia Morrow, Stanton.

The bride graduated from Katy High School in 1980. She is employed by Tejas Gas Company

of Houston.

The groom graduated from Stanton High School in 1979. He attended Panhandle State University, Goodwill, Okla., and Angelo State University, San Angelo. He graduated from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, in 1984 with a degree in petroleum engineering. He is employed by Texaco, a subsidiary of British Petroleum of Houston.

Engaged



DATE SET — The engagement and approaching marriage of Tracy Suzanne Perkins to Randy Allan Menges has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Perkins, East Alton, Ill. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Menges, Jr., Big Spring. The wedding will be performed at 6 p.m., March 30, at the Ivy Heights Church of God in East Alton, Ill. The bridegroom-to-be, a graduate of Big Spring High School, and the prospective bride are both currently graduate students in chemistry at the University of Missouri, Rolla, Mo.

Space film offers astronauts view

NEW YORK (AP) — "It's the nearest thing to being up there and seeing for yourself," said NASA astronaut Ellen S. Baker, after the first showing of "Blue Planet" at the American Museum of Natural History recently.

But the story here isn't space or the astronauts. The large-format movie's focus is Earth and it first shows our global home as astronauts see it.

The cameras then come down to Earth for vivid close-up footage of phenomena seen from space. The film also plunges into the ocean's depths and explores the surface by way of computer animation.



TO BE WED — Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Fannin, Big Spring, announce the engagement of their granddaughter Helen Lorine Jordan, Amarillo, to Stephen Alexander Wilson, Amarillo. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jordan, Amarillo, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Wilson, Henrietta. The wedding will take place March 2 at West Amarillo Christian Church, with Steve Buxton, assistant pastor, officiating.

Johnson-Mills

Before an altar marked with a large brass fan candelabra, Laura Louise Johnson exchanged wedding vows with Michael Scott Mills at St. Luke's Catholic Church, Irving, with Rev. Fr. Daniel Clayton officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Richard E. and Mary Lou Johnson, Irving, formerly of Big Spring.

The bridegroom's parents are Richard and Linda Mills, Irving.

Arrangements of gladioli were placed on either side of the traditional unity candle and parents' candle, lighted during the ceremony.

Robert Clayton played the piano and sang.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white lace over satin, accented with pearls. The bodice was styled with puffed sleeves and a Victorian neckline. Her veil cascaded from a pouf of white netting, sprinkled with pearls.

The bride carried a nosegay of white roses and carnations interspersed with miniature white orchids.

LaDonna Michelle Johnson attended her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Suzanne Mills, sister of the bridegroom; Lisa Cox, Patti King and Tabatha Moore.

Brittany Mills, niece of the bridegroom, served as flower girl; and Daniel Devereaux, cousin of the bride, was ringbearer.

Steve Minyard was best man. Groomsmen were Richard Mills Jr., brother of the bridegroom; Paul and Ricky Johnson, brothers of the bride; and Daniel Kirby.

Ronald J. Devereaux and Paul



MRS. MICHAEL SCOTT MILLS and Ricky Johnson served as ushers.

Candelighters were Michael Sisk and Jason Schmitz.

A reception at the DFW Marriott, Irving, followed the ceremony. The reception table was centered with an ice sculpture, with the bride's cake and bridegroom's cake on either side. Both cakes were baked in a basket weave, decorated with fresh flowers.

The bride attended Big Spring High School and graduated from Nimitz High School, Irving. A graduate of the Art Institute of Dallas, she is employed at the Decorating Den in Arlington.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Nimitz High School, is employed by Heritage Press, Dallas.

After a wedding trip to Houston and Austin, the couple will live in Euless.

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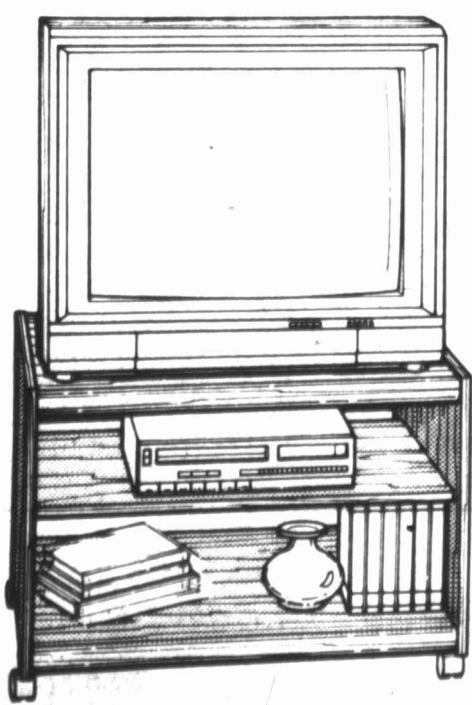
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Yellowstone: a natural wonderland

Tumbleweed Smith



By TUMBLEWEED SMITH

We went to Yellowstone National Park last summer and were amazed to see how many trees had been burned by the 1988 forest fire. Over half the trees were destroyed. In some areas the ground is still ash gray.

Naturally caused fires have occurred in the Yellowstone area since the first vegetation appeared there 12,000 years ago following the retreat of the glaciers.

Ecologists have known for years that wildlife plays a part in the evolution of a natural setting. But for most of Yellowstone's existence as a national park, fires have been suppressed.

In 1972, Yellowstone initiated a program to allow some natural fires to run their courses. During the first sixteen years the plan was in effect, tens of thousands of lightning strikes simply fizzled out with no acreage burned. Of the 235 strikes that produced fires during that period, most burned only a small area. Yellowstone is usually too wet to allow fires to reach any

significant size. But in 1988 a combination of unusually dry weather and high winds created conditions which led to a summer like no other in history.

The 1988 Yellowstone fires have been described as the greatest ecological event in the history of the national parks system. They were also the cause of one of the greatest fire fighting efforts in all of history.

According to fire cycle ecologists, fires like those experienced in 1988 occur every few hundred years.

Yellowstone is still the magnificent place it has always been. Fires are part of the natural process there and the park's vegetation is regrowing and seeding into the burned areas as it has countless times before.

Congress established Yellowstone as the first national park in 1872. It is the largest national park in the lower 48 states, encompassing nearly 3,500 square miles. It spreads across the borders of three states: Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Three hundred fifty miles of paved road wind through the park, crossing the continental divide three times. Elevations range from 5,300 to 12,000 feet.

Yellowstone is a natural wonderland of scenic lakes, tall

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There are warning signs all over the park about bears. Do Not Feed Feed the Bears. Bears Crossing. Bears Are Dangerous. In the past, bears were responsible for about 148 incidents of property damage and 48 personal injuries per year. In the early seventies, park officials started trying to make the bears less dependent on tourist for food. They moved most of the bear population away from hordes of people and increased trash pickups throughout the park.

Just about every American has visited Yellowstone. We all hurt when we watched it burn. But the visitor count never slowed down. And the efforts to restore the flora and fauna are being helped by people who make donations to various recovery funds.

I hope some of the youngsters who were at the park this past summer return there in twenty years or so with their children so they can observe the beautiful tall trees and tell them they saw the park when it was just miles and miles of charred forest.

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Protect the little passengers by using safety seats and belts

By NAOMI HUNT
County Extension Agent — Home Economics

This Valentine's Day parents can show how much they love their children by taking the time to correctly buckle them in safety seats and safety belts. Buckle them up and do it right every time every trip.

Be part of Buckle Up for Love! week, February 10-16, 1991. Join the effort that saved the lives of 238 children in 1989.

A study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicates correct safety seat use would prevent about 53,000 injuries and could save about 500 lives each year. That's a lot of hugs and kisses from happy, healthy and safe children for the few moments it takes to protect them.

All 50 states and the District of Columbia have child passenger protection laws making drivers responsible for protecting the lives of children who ride with them. The good news is that many people have heeded the word.

According to a recent study about 83 percent of children under five years of age are buckled in safety seats. The bad news is that about a third of these safety seats are used incorrectly.

The use of seat belts and child safety seats in rural areas is less than in urban areas. A research survey conducted in Howard County last August showed 55 percent of children age four and younger had no restraint of any kind while traveling. This means 1,589 of the 2,522 children were not buckled in by any method.

Focus on family



Parents and other adults with young passengers are urged to be sure they are using the safety seat correctly to offer children and others the best possible protection. Used correctly safety seats and belts are 71 percent effective in preventing fatalities and 67 percent effective in preventing serious injuries to children under the age of five.

Once children are too old for safety seats, don't forget to continue the good habit already established. Insist the children wear their safety belts snug and low on the hips. Parents should make certain their children use safety belts whenever they are riding in a vehicle — even if the parents aren't with them.

A few seconds can be worth a lifetime of love. The most cuddly Teddy bear or sweetest Valentine's Day card cannot match the generous gift of a safe, happy and healthy child. It's your chance to show you care. What better way to tell someone you love them? Remember: Buckle up for love!

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Stork club

• Born to Evelyn Salazar, 200 S. Reynolds, and Martin Yanez, 506 N. Runnels, a daughter, Mapi Renae, on Feb. 3, 1991 at 1:34 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces, delivered by Dr. Cox. Grandparents are Ramiro and Delia Salazar, Coahoma; and Margarita and Margarita Yanez, 506 N. Runnels.

• Born to Gary and Vanessa Austin, P.O. Box 2525, a son, Billy Jay, on Feb. 4, 1991 at 2:45 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 1 1/4 ounces, delivered by Dr. Cox. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clinton R. Osburn, 700 E. 16th; and Dewell Austin, 610 E. 16th. Billy is the baby brother of James, 10, Gary, 6, and Troy, 4.

• Born to Kenneth Pennington and Stephanie Robledo, a son, Kenneth Shane, on Feb. 2, 1991 at 2:08 p.m., weighing 9 pounds 5 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter and Dr. Cox. Grandparents are James Pennington, Rt. 2 Box 110-A; and Toni and Francisco Medina, 2506 Gunter Circle.

• Born to Albert and Yolanda Gomez, a daughter, Evelyn Marie, on Feb. 2, 1991 at 8:03 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces, delivered by Dr. Cox. Grandparents are Lorenzo and Elena

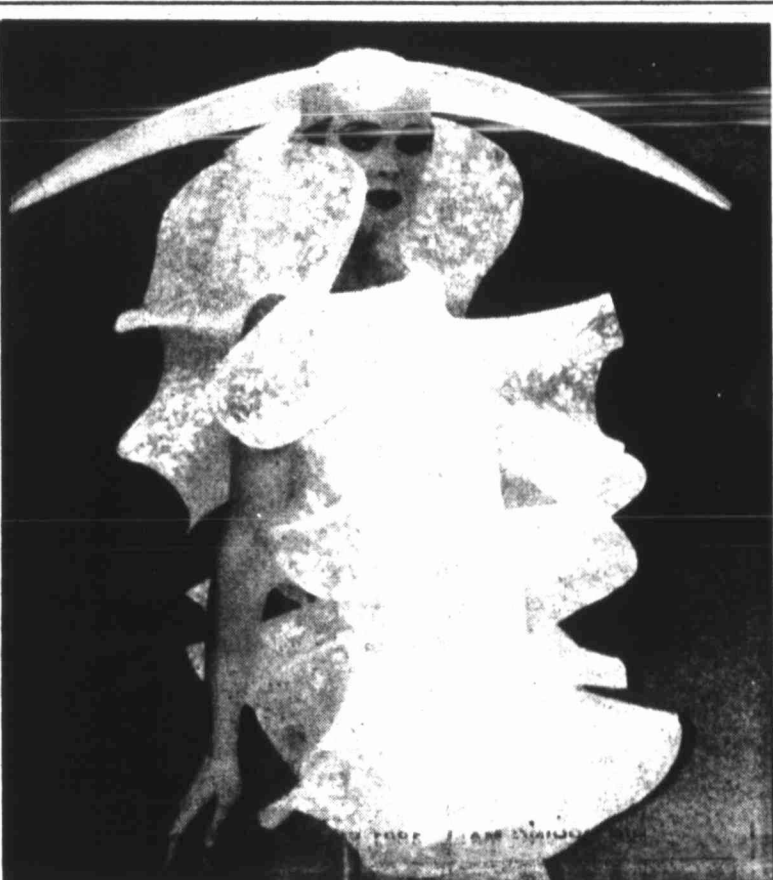
Martinez, Levelland; and Blas and Minga Gomez, Levelland. Evelyn is the baby sister of Roy, 12, Patrick, 10, Beatrice, 6, and Gabriel, 1.

• Born to Ben and Sylvia Dominguez, a daughter, Mandi Michelle, on Feb. 5, 1991 at 9:17 a.m., weighing 9 pounds 2 1/4 ounces, delivered by Dr. Farquhar and Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Joe Gomez, Maria Dominguez, the late Pete Dominguez, and Elvira Olivas.

• Born to Buddy and Rebecca Cunningham, P.O. Box 1842, a son, Blake Alexander, on Feb. 2, 1991 at 8:50 p.m., weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces, delivered by Dr. Cox. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Self, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cunningham, Big Spring; and Kaye Self, Calif.

ELSEWHERE

• Born to "Termite" and Traci Kendrick, Brownwood, a daughter, Tessa Jordan, at Brownwood Hospital, on Feb. 3, 1991 at 12:05 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces. Grandparents are Marvin and Helen Kendrick, HC 76 Box 319; and Wilma and Grady Dorsey, Sand Springs.



Lace ensemble

PARIS — This wavy lace ensemble, worn with a bow-shaped hat, was created by Pierre Cardin for his 1991 Spring/Summer collection.

Patriotic fashions using stars and stripes

In the wake of the Persian Gulf war, the American flag is being unfurled on garments from sea to shining sea.

"The flag look has universal appeal for young and old, men and women," says Alan Reed, president of Judy's, a mall store in California and the Southwest. "Everyone seems to be responding very well because it's a combination of fashion and patriotism."

What's available runs the gamut, and given enough time and money, you virtually could dress in stars and stripes from underwear to outerwear.

At a recent rock concert, AC-DC guitarist Angus Young dropped his drawers to display a pair of banner-bedecked skivvies.

The rap group 2 Live Crew fell for North Beach Leather's red, white and blue bomber jacket with the flag on the back and "USA" emblazoned on the sleeve. So did Arsenio Hall, Frank Sinatra and Burt Reynolds.

It's about \$850 for men and

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women at North Beach Leather boutiques nationwide. Spokesman Rommie Davis says sales have doubled since Operation Desert Shield was upgraded to Operation Desert Storm.

But much of the credit for flag fashions goes to Ralph Lauren who jumped on the look a couple of seasons ago with his Old Glory crew neck and turtleneck sweaters.

His styles for resort '91 include a flag-motif crew-neck cotton sweater in cream or navy, about \$265. There's also a denim jacket with a banner on the back, about \$130. Available in both men's and

women's sizes, they're sold nationwide at Polo Ralph Lauren boutiques.

For \$19.50 you can snag a grand old flag on a Ralph Lauren makeup bag. A canvas duffel ranges from \$60 to \$155, depending on size. Come summer, look for stars and stripes on a yard-square silk-twill scarf. If you can't wait, Echo has an American bandana in cotton for \$18.

If you're high on patriotism but low on dollars, visit Judy's, the mall store. There you can find a red, white and blue stripe clear-plastic ring for \$2.50. A silver-tone ring with flag charm is \$9.

For the workout room, also from Maximum USA Energy and available at Judy's, are cotton and Lycra stars and stripes bike shorts and crop top, \$26 apiece.

Men, too, can say hurrah for the red, white and blue without tossing all their coins to the wind. In addition to cotton tees and boxer shorts with the flag motif, G.H., a mall store in California and Texas, sells cotton walking shorts by Pantaloni. They're \$48, with stars on one leg and stripes on the other.

If you want to put your patriotism to your lapel, Ciro is selling flag pins in 22-karat gold electroplate with red, white and blue enamel. A Betsy Ross version retails for \$20 plus tax, a larger 50-star flag pin sells for \$30 plus tax. The company says all of the profits — \$10 to \$11.25 for each pin — will go to the American Red Cross to help American troops and their families.

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Eyes front

LONDON — Model Joe Nightingale displays a Couture Hat collection. "Button Up" hat, part of David Shilling's Haute

Newcomers

Jennifer Hughes from Lubbock, is a special ed teacher with the Coahoma Independent School District. Hobbies are water skiing, and reading.

Pete and Lynda Akin from Las Vegas, Nev. Pete is self employed with A.I. Casing. Hobbies include golf, fishing and sewing.

Mike and Cindy Matthews from Colorado City. Mike is employed with A & B Electric. Hobbies are puzzles, fishing and reading.

Larry and Desiree Lucas from Cisco, and their sons, Shawn, eight months, and Russell, 15. Larry is a crane operator with Jack Cathry Construction. Hobbies include snow and water skiing, gardening and art.

Thomas and Sheila Payne from Abilene, and their daughter, Sheena, 5, and son, Bryce, 4. Thomas is employed at Perco Car Care Center. Hobbies are fishing, cooking and sewing.

Thomas Mata from Pecos, is an electrician with Saulsbury Electric. Hobbies are fishing, hunting

and sports.

Lolo Quintana from Van Horn, is an electrician with Saulsbury Electric. Hobbies include horses, fishing and hunting.

Donald and Susan Johnson from Rochester, Minn. and their sons, Steven, 12, and Tommy, 6. Donald is employed at the Federal Correctional Institution as a correctional supervisor. Hobbies include fishing, camping and baseball.

Nancy Leal from Midland, is a student at SWCID. Hobbies are reading, cooking and sewing.

Tayna Anderson from Colorado Springs, Colo., is a student at SWCID. Hobbies are swimming, reading and cooking.

Tamatha Copeland from San Angelo, is a student at SWCID. Her hobby is sports.

Gerardo Loustaunau from Houston, is a student at SWCID. His hobby is sports.

Karie Gee from Amarillo, is a student at SWCID. Her hobby is reading.

Rafaela DeLeon from Lamesa, is a student at SWCID. Her hobby is art.

County 4-H'ers win stock show honors

By DON RICHARDSON
County Extension Agent — Agriculture

Howard County 4-H members won several top awards at the recent Fort Worth and El Paso junior livestock shows. These shows attracted hundreds of youngsters throughout Texas exhibiting some of the state's top livestock.

Dondi Brewer, Forsan 4-H'er and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Brewer, exhibited the Grand Champion Spotted Poland China barrow in the Junior Swine Show at Ft. Worth. Prior to being selected breed champion, the barrow was selected first place winner of the medium weight class division.

Michael Brooks, Coahoma 4-H member and son of Mr. and Mrs. Marty Brooks, won third place with his European Cross Steer. Fellow Coahoma 4-H'ers, Dutch Barr and Justin Wood, exhibited the fourth and seventh place European Cross steers, respectively. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. David Barr and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Wood.

Several Big Spring Lucky Acres 4-H members exhibited prize winning animals. Justin and John Jenkins, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Jenkins, had the sixth and 10th place medium wool lambs in their classes. Tori Borchardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Borchardt, placed 21st with her finewool lamb. Dane Driver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Skipper Driver, had the 12th place American Cross steer.

In El Paso, Dane Driver exhibited the seventh place heavy weight Crossbred Steer and was the recipient of the \$1,000 Beef Cattle Scholarship award. Adam and Marcus Williams, Coahoma 4-H members, were awarded third place with a medium wool lamb and fifth place for a Southdown. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Williams.

Coahoma 4-H'er Kelly O'Daniels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robbie

O'Daniels, had an eighth place Southdown lamb.

A large number of local youngsters will be competing in the San Antonio Livestock Show this week. Dane Driver will be honored for his accomplishments in 4-H at the show's Rural Youth Day Banquet.

Junior Livestock Shows, the major activity for 4-H and FFA youngsters involved in livestock programs, offer the participants the opportunity to compete, meet new friends and become familiar with the latest trends in livestock practices.

Today's livestock shows emphasize education and offer the opportunity for the young competitors to earn scholarships. All the major livestock shows in Texas now offer scholarship programs. Recipients are selected according to their scholastic and leadership accomplishments and their desire to major in agriculture at a Texas university offering agricultural degrees.

For more information concerning these programs contact the Howard County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Big Spring. Phone numbers are 267-6671 or 267-1821. Office hours are 8-5:00 p.m., closed at noon, and are located near the East entrance on the first floor of the County Courthouse.

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Ask the agent



Dad's night life leaves kids cold

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: My husband's father retired last year (he is 66 years old, but in good shape and looks and acts like a man of 50). He lost his wife last year (a wonderful woman), but he bounced back really well and has never been a burden on anybody.

Dad lives in Illinois, but he comes to visit us quite often. I love having him, but here's the problem. We live in Las Vegas, and when Dad is here, he loves to go to casinos every night. He is not a big gambler — he just enjoys seeing the shows.

My husband has an excellent job (nothing to do with the casinos), but we don't enjoy going out every night. Dad has a very nice income; he's not a millionaire, but he lives well and has no big money worries.

Anyway, we hate to send Dad out alone every evening, but we have had enough of the casinos, so how can we handle this sticky situation? — DAD'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

DEAR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW: What's wrong with telling "Dad" what you told me? In plain language, you love him and want him to enjoy himself while he's visiting you, but you have had your fill of the casinos, so you hope he will forgive you if you don't accompany him every night.

And by the way, if it hasn't occurred to you that a gentleman

Dear Abby



who looks and acts like a 50-year-old might appreciate some female companionship — give it some thought. Everybody knows at least one woman who would be tickled pink to fill the bill.

DEAR ABBY: I can't believe I'm writing this. This is a second marriage for both me and my wife. The problem is this: I have two daughters and two stepdaughters. All four daughters have gotten married since my wife and I were married. My one stepdaughter had a big church wedding; the other one ran after the fellow and finally married him in Texas. They were married by a judge, so I sent them the money I would have spent on a big wedding.

Now, both stepdaughters are divorced. The one that got married in Texas is engaged again and wants a big wedding since she didn't have one the first time. Abby, I don't believe I should be expected to pay twice — especially since I don't think this will be her last, either.

It's not that I don't have the money, but it has been earmarked for retirement, which is three years away.

How can I handle this? Please answer soon because the wedding looks like it may be in May 1991. — ONE DAUGHTER, ONE WEDDING

DEAR ONE DAUGHTER: I think you've stated your case clearly in your signature. Before your stepdaughter proceeds any further with her plans for a big church wedding, sit her down and tell her that you are not going to pay for a second wedding. Period. And don't apologize for your decision. You have already gone above and beyond. Stand firm, Dad!

CONFIDENTIAL TO HELEN J. HAMMES OF CHICAGO: The poem "Comes the Dawn" has been attributed to Blanche Keegan, Veronica A. Shoffstall, as well as "my aunt," "my grandmother," "my English teacher" and "my minister."

It was copyrighted by Joy Whitman in 1987, although I first saw it more than 20 years ago with "Author Unknown." Go figure.

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These glamorous items and others, about 60 in all, have been flown in from a Paris showing for the exhibition, "Reflections of Cartier: The Art Deco Years," now going on public view in nine cities across this country.

The glittering exhibits were all designed by Louis Cartier during the 25-year period from 1915-1940. They were brought out for the occasion from Cartier's private archives in Geneva — necklaces, bracelets, brooches, vanity cases, jeweled objets d'art and rare watches and clocks.

ches and clocks.

The art-deco revival has been in full fling for some time now. But these are classics, with a look that transcends the mode of the moment.

Louis Cartier made pieces that set the style and are a continuing esthetic influence. As an inventor, he created new forms such as the wristwatch and his famous "mystery" clocks. As an innovator, he brought platinum into use, designed the baguette cut, introduced the animal theme and "transformable" jewels. Examples of all of these are in this exhibition.

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Local pride on display at banquet

By LEA WHITEHEAD
For the Herald

There was a swell of patriotism and hometown pride at the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce banquet. The 400-plus dinner guests got the upbeat feeling from the moment songbird Jennifer Shirey hit the downbeat for a sing-along "Star Spangled Banner."

Scores of American flags ringed the floor of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the yearly gathering that's always one of Big Spring's most anticipated social affairs. (The flags, by the way, were furnished by the Rotary Club. They're the same flags you see waving up and down Gregg Street!)

Dr. P. W. Malone enjoyed the acknowledgement of being the oldest Chamber past president in attendance. He headed the group in 1938, Chamber records show.

The event was the first time the new elite corps of Chamber volunteers was introduced publicly. (Each wore a distinctive red badge that proclaims "Say Yes! for Big Spring." Membership recruitment and retention are among their many duties.)

State Rep. Troy Fraser said he and wife, Linda, cut short a ski vacation in Vail, Colo., to be on hand.

Dining on steak were the Ralph McLaughlins, Sid and Andre Clark, Max and Neva Green, Bob and Deana Rogers, Jeff and Karen Morris, the John Taylors, the Scott McLaughlins, Charles and Helen Rainwater, Marjorie Rainwater and Dixie Hogan.

Also Janell and Harold Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Mullins, Tommy and Teresa Welch, Eddie and Vicki Cole, the Bob Rileys, Pete and Hooper Sanders (he's the Man of the Year), Margaret Lloyd, Ben and Kay Bancroft, John and Carolyn Freeman, Red and Edna Womack, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Jones, the John Yaters and the Cliff Attaways.

Others enjoying the festivities were Iris Correa (the Luv Ya Blue Award winner), Gail Earls (who had to resort to lots of tricks to be sure Iris was there!), Bill and Joyce Crooker, Corky and Cheryl Harris, Don (out-going president) and Lane Reynolds, Gus and Phyllis Graumann, Charles and Joan Bell, Bob and Brenda Moore, and Sonny and Shirley (Woman of the Year) Shroyer.

Plus the Ron Plumlees, Don (Pat on the Back Award winner) and Marilyn Newsom, James and Pam Welch (she handled the coyote 'n cactus decorations), Roberta Shive, Aileen Rodriguez, Delbert and Barbara Donelson, Owen and Yvonne Ivie, Donna Carey and so many more.

Jennifer came back to the microphone to lead the crowd in singing "God Bless America" to top off the evening.

Friends they've known since World War II paid a recent visit to Al and Ozella Long.

Dale and Lorraine Higgins, Beatrice, Neb., were in Baghdad last spring to visit an Iraqi friend they had met when he was a student at the University of Nebraska. They described some of the sights they had seen there, including the rebuilding of ancient Babylon and the women wearing traditional black veils and cloaks.

"They are afraid for their friend and his family there now," says Ozella.



Enjoying the reception prior to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet were Eddie and Vickie Cole and Donna Carey, top photo, and Barbara and Delbert Donelson, bottom photo, share a moment with Yvonne Ivie.

Tidbits



Gloria McDonald, whose southwestern miniatures are painted on the faces of watches, has just returned from the O.A.S.I.S. southwest gift market in Phoenix. Her art was considered some of the most unusual in the show, she said, and she was interviewed and photographed for the O.A.S.I.S. newsletter.

She introduced her new line of Western designs, including a saddle, a booth with Western hat, and a longhorn steer. Plus her first country theme — a windmill in a field of bluebonnets. Her work attracted the attention of a Las Vegas sales rep as well as one who calls on the European market. (Her creations are exclusively at Blum's here.)

Gloria was accompanied by a friend, Carolyn Corbin, Dallas, and the two did some sightseeing before and after the show, including Tucson, the Gila River and Scottsdale.

They particularly enjoyed touring an Indian artifacts museum on a reservation and seeing "the forests of saguaro cactus in bloom. Some of them were 60 feet

tall!"

In town this week for another look-see at Big Spring as a location for one of their retirement villages were visitors from St. Francis Village, Inc. Making a return visit was Rev. "Big Al" Walsh who made a big hit here last year; Norbert Kash, and newcomer, Rev. Mike Ewert.

Their first day here they were chauffeured about town, then out to dinner by hosts Steve and Karen Fraser, Bob and Gail Riley, Ralph and Billye McLaughlin, John and Cheri Sparks, Hooper Sanders and Ted St. Clair (he's the new Moore Development Director). Bob treated the group to first row seats to the Howard College Hawks basketball game that night.

Joining these hosts for the tour Monday and for the Tuesday breakfast were Conrad Alexander, David King, Rev. Robert Zretaeu, and Rev. Patrick Walsh.

When Baylor University recently honored its distinguished alumni for 1991 at a banquet on campus, the honorees included Boone Powell, president and chief executive officer of the Baylor Health Care System and the Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

Boone is married to the former Peggy Hogan, who grew up in Big Spring. She is the daughter of Dixie Hogan and the late Dr. Hogan.

Is it aging or hypothyroidism?

By W. GIFFORD-JONES, M.D.

Have you looked in the mirror lately to see how much you're aging? Or commented about a friend, "My, how she has aged?" But are the changes entirely due to the passing years? Or could you, or your friend, be one of the seven million North Americans suffering from a poorly functioning thyroid gland (hypothyroidism)? If so, you'd better get your FSH checked before having cosmetic surgery to remove puffiness under the eyes.

Dr. Mark Lebwohl, associate professor of dermatology, at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital, says that, unlike ordinary aging, the effects of hypothyroidism are largely reversible.

Skin, like joints, suffers from prolonged use. The effects of facial muscles forming smiles, frowns and squints inevitably cause lines and wrinkles as skin ages. Weight gain and gravity add the jowls and sagging flesh. Aging is also intensified by ultraviolet light, which creates degenerated elastic tissue under the skin's surface. And the nicotine from cigarette smoke magnifies puckering around the mouth.

Lebwohl says that hypothyroidism causes a different kind of aging. He says the thyroid glands help to control the production of hyaluronidase, the enzyme that prevents the accumulation of hyaluronic acid in the skin. That extra puffiness is due to the collection of this acid in the upper layers of the skin, which in turn holds onto water, giving it a doughy appearance, he says.

Hyaluronic acid collects in skin all over the body. But the effect is most pronounced around the eyes, where the skin is loose and readily shows minor changes. Other researchers suggest that decreased levels of thyroid hormone have an effect on the muscles of the up-

Doctor game



per eyelids, causing them to droop. Hypothyroidism is similar to a car engine that gradually runs out of gas. The body slows down, heart rate drops, reflexes are dull, nails grow slowly and become brittle and patients suffer from constipation, muscle weakness and increase in weight.

Patients complain they're cold and wear sweaters when others are comfortable. Cold skin results from constriction of blood vessels and dryness from a decrease in oil secretion from sebaceous glands. As the disorder gets worse, patients have trouble concentrating and remembering recent events. About 10 per cent of the elderly have hypothyroidism and, in some instances, the condition may mimic senility. The thyroid gland produces only about a teaspoonful of hormone every year, but this amount can make the difference between an idiot and an alert individual.

Lebwohl says doctors should suspect hypothyroidism in middle-aged women when they complain of recent hair loss. Most commonly, the hair loss is confined to the outermost part of the eyebrows. Tiny fat deposits around the eyelids can be another symptom.

Lebwohl describes an interesting case of a Hasidic Jew who complained he couldn't grow a beard, a very decided liability in his religious group. He could only grow thin, patchy hair, even though the hair on his head and the ritual sideburn curls grew normally.

Tests confirmed hypothyroidism. After a few months of treatment with thyroid hormone, the beard grew, much to the individual's delight.

The most common cause of hypothyroidism is "thyroiditis," an inflammation in the thyroid gland. Normally, the immune system protects the body against foreign substances, such as viruses. But in this instance, the immune system gets tricked into thinking the thyroid gland is a foreign body and progressively destroys it. Some patients develop this problem after too much of the thyroid is removed either during surgery or by radioactive iodine used to treat an overactive gland (hyperthyroidism).

Today, half the cases of hypothyroidism go undiagnosed. Sometimes the diagnosis is missed because the skin changes are attributed to aging. At other times the disease "fools" conventional blood tests that measure the level of thyroid hormone, thyroxine. The levels may be normal even though the thyroid is failing.

Now there's a new "gold standard" test for diagnosing the disorder. Called the "TSH" assay, this blood test detects slightly increased levels of the "thyroid stimulating hormone" (TSH) produced by the pituitary gland when the thyroid begins to fail.

Hypothyroidism is treated with levothyroxine, which is identical to natural thyroxine and costs about 15 cents a day. This tablet is taken once a day for life.

Often women tell themselves aging "runs in the family," not knowing that hypothyroidism and premature aging are often inherited. These women need levothyroxine rather than moisturizers, lotions, cleansers, collagen injections, dermabrasion, acid peels and face lifts.

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THURSDAY — Chicken fried steak, gravy; corn; mixed vegetables and apple cobbler.

FRIDAY — Roast beef; mashed potatoes; English peas and fruit.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Corn pops; blueberry muffin; banana and milk.

TUESDAY — Honey bun; peanut butter & syrup; orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Biscuit & sausage; apple wedge and milk.

THURSDAY — Choco-cake; cereal; fruit punch and milk.

FRIDAY — Buttered toast & jelly; sausage patie; apple juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Steak fingers, gravy; whipped potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; pink applesauce and milk.

TUESDAY — Turkey & noodles; buttered corn; spinach; hot rolls; banana pudding and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Italian spaghetti; tater tots; English peas; hot rolls; brownie and milk.

THURSDAY — Burrito w/Picante sauce; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; hot rolls; apple cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY — Fish fillet; French fries, catsup; pinto beans; cornbread; peanut butter cookie and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Steak fingers, gravy or German sausage; whipped potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; pink applesauce and milk.

TUESDAY — Turkey & noodles or Salisbury steak; buttered corn; spinach; celery sticks; hot rolls; banana pudding and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Italian spaghetti or country sausage; tater tots; English peas; tossed green salad; hot rolls; brownie and milk.

THURSDAY — Burrito w/Picante sauce or roast beef, gravy; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; carrot sticks; hot rolls; apple cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY — Fish fillet or green enchiladas; French fries, catsup; pinto beans; coleslaw; cornbread; peanut butter cookie and milk.

COAHOMA

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cereal w/fruit; toast and milk.

TUESDAY — Biscuits w/scrambled eggs; sausage; jelly; fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Sweetened rice; toast; juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Pancakes w/syrup; sausage; juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Cinnamon toast; ham; juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Steak fingers w/gravy; creamed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; fruit and milk.

TUESDAY — Tacos w/cheese; refried beans; salad; cinnamon rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Oven baked chicken; fried okra; scalloped potatoes; light bread; fruit and milk.

THURSDAY — Hamburger steak w/white gravy; mashed potatoes; sweet peas; finger rolls; sweetheart cake and milk.

FRIDAY — Burrito; French fries; salad; fruit and milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cereal; toast; fruit and milk.

TUESDAY — French toast; syrup; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Buttered rice; toast; juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Cinnamon roll; fruit and milk.

FRIDAY — Sausage and gravy; biscuit; juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Bean chulapas; fried okra; Spanish rice; butternut cookies and milk.

TUESDAY — Steak fingers w/gravy; creamed potatoes; English peas; chocolate brownies; hot rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Hamburger; hamburger salad; French fries; banana pudding and milk.

THURSDAY — Baked ham; candied sweet potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; pumpkin pie w/topping and milk.

FRIDAY — Chili mac; carrot & pineapple salad; ranch style beans; fruit; cornbread and milk.

ELBOW

MONDAY — Pancake & sausage on a stick; syrup; juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Cinnamon rolls; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Scrambled eggs/bacon; biscuits; jelly; juice and milk.

THURSDAY — French toast; juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal; toast; juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Chicken strips; broccoli/cheese; scalloped potatoes; hot rolls; peaches and milk.

TUESDAY — Steak & gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Tacos/sauce; refried beans; lettuce & tomato salad; Spanish rice; fruit cocktail jello and milk.

THURSDAY — Tuna fish sandwich; chips; pickle spear; celery sticks; cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY — Frito pie; lettuce & tomato salad; pinto beans; rice krispy bar and milk.

GARDEN CITY

MONDAY — Frito pie; tossed salad; buttered corn; peanuts; cornbread and milk.

TUESDAY — Sausage & cheese pizza; French fries; carrot sticks; fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Tuna casserole; English peas; tossed salad; peaches; crackers and milk.

THURSDAY — Chicken strip w/gravy; steamed rice; green beans; jello & fruit; hot rolls and milk.

FRIDAY — Sandwiches; tuna salad; pimento cheese; peanut butter; chicken veg. soup; chips; pickles; fruit and milk.

FORSAN

MONDAY — Doughnuts; juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Sausage and eggs; biscuits; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Waffles and bacon; syrup and butter; juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Muffins; butter; juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Cinnamon rolls; juice and milk.

MONDAY — Chuckwagon special; whipped potatoes; salad; crackers; cookies; pears and milk.

TUESDAY — Bean chulapas; corn; salad; apple cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Fish sandwich; cabbage slaw; potato chips; brownies; pineapple and milk.

THURSDAY — Green enchiladas; blackeyed peas; salad; crackers; fruit pie and milk.

FRIDAY — Chicken strips; gravy; whipped potatoes; green beans; hot rolls and butter; jello with fruit cocktail and milk.

SANDS

MONDAY — Donut; juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Hot cakes; sausages; syrup; milk and juice.

WEDNESDAY — Muffin; juice; walnuts and milk.

THURSDAY — Fruit pies; milk and juice.

FRIDAY — Cinnamon rolls; juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Chicken fillet sandwiches; lettuce; tomatoes; pickles; French fries; cake; milk or tea.

TUESDAY — Hamburger steak with gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; fruit; hot rolls; milk or tea.

WEDNESDAY — Fish sticks or fish portions; macaroni and cheese; pork and beans; peaches with topping; butter bread; milk or tea.

THURSDAY — Beef and cheese tacos; pinto beans; salad; corn bread; pudding; milk or tea.

FRIDAY — Fiestadas; salad; corn; cookies; fruit; milk or tea.

WESTBROOK SCHOOL

MONDAY — Pancake pups; juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Cheese toast; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Donuts; juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Sausage; biscuits; butter; juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal; juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Pizza; corn; tossed salad; peaches; peanut butter and crackers and milk.

TUESDAY — Corn dogs; potato wedge; pork and beans; apple crisp and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Oven-fried chicken; creamed potatoes; carrot & celery sticks; biscuits; butter; applesauce and milk.

THURSDAY — Green enchiladas; Mexican salad; corn on cob; strawberry cake and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburgers; lettuce; tomatoes; onions; pickles; French fries; fruit bar and milk.

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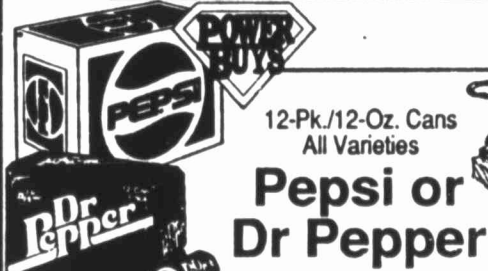
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The Noid

The Noid, the unofficial mascot for Domino's Pizza, made a visit to Big Spring recently, greeting customers at the Gregg Street business Thursday afternoon.

Texas: Your money

What controls rates?

By JOHN PAYNE

Question: What controls interest rates? Don K.

Dear Don: It used to be that interest rates were very stable and moved gradually in one direction or another. But, in the last 10-15 years, there has been tremendous volatility in the rates of interest we earn or we pay.

Don, in a competitive market, supply and demand determine prices and quantity of goods that are purchased or sold. The interest rate market, as are all financial markets, are affected by supply and demand also.

It's important to look at money as a product and interest rates as the price of that product. The rate of interest is the price of credit and will rise or fall according to how eager lenders and borrowers are to make loans or to borrow money.

When lenders have surplus cash on hand, such as banks having large amounts in CD deposits, they are obviously motivated to lend. But, if borrowers are reluctant to borrow because of high interest rates, then the rate of interest will fall. The opposite scenario is when borrowers are eager to borrow money and lenders do not have large amounts to lend, then the rate of interest is likely to rise.

Don, I'm sure the above is a rather general description of what controls interest rates, but determining the forces affecting interest rates is an inexact science.

The statement above concerning "a competitive market" is often a misnomer in today's economy. Our friends in Washington have a tremendous effect on interest rates through the use of the Federal Reserve Board, the Discount Rate, and the Federal Funds Rate.

In addition, the amount of borrowing done by the U.S. government because of the massive budget deficit also affects interest rates.

In later columns I will discuss these topics in more detail.

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Mail-order pharmacies come under fire

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Mail-order pharmacies have been touted as being a cost effective alternative to the old corner drug store. But, do they save money and, more importantly, are they safe?

Mail-order firms are large, compared to community pharmacies, according to Sara Martin of the American Pharmacy Magazine. She adds, in her July 1990 article, that mail-order companies attempt to offer less expensive medication through the economics of scale: more orders, volume purchasing, and the efficiency of assembly-line production.

Betty Kreiger of Medco Public Relations in New Jersey explains that the mail-order companies dispense so-called maintenance

Why use mail-order pharmacies?

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

With no benefit in price or safety, why would people use mail-order pharmacy?

According to Tom Christenson of the American Pharmacy Magazine, financial incentives such as lower deductibles and co-payments are offered by the com-

pany's insurance for those who choose to use mail-order. These practices erect an artificial barrier to community pharmacists who wish to inject competition into this market.

Kreiger acknowledges, "The individual cannot access Medco personally. Insurance companies provide access as part of a benefit

program for companies, unions and other organizations."

"I do not blame the patients," Miller said. "I blame the insurance companies and the large company benefit managers. I feel that if the local pharmacies were given the opportunity to offer the same medications for the same

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medication. Maintenance medications are taken every day to treat the symptoms of existing medical conditions, such as high blood pressure and diabetes.

Prescriptions to treat short-

term, or immediate, illnesses are still obtained through the community pharmacy.

"For the entire industry," said Kreiger, "the annual savings for all those who use mail-order is at

least \$1.5 billion."

In 1987, Eran Broshy of the Boston Consulting Group performed a study of mail-order pharmacies. Of the study, Broshy said, "Essentially our conclusion was

that mail-order service has a huge cost advantage."

Results of numerous studies since then refute this claim. A study conducted by Brandeis University and the University of Maryland compared the average charges of one day's supply of medicine from mail-order and community pharmacies.

Only nine out of a possible 34 mail-order firms would release financial information. This study showed an average cost of 56 cents per day for the mail-order firms that responded, compared to 58 cents per day for those who used community pharmacies.

Thomas E. Menighan of the American Pharmacy Association said of the companies which would not release information, "If the

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Doom's eerie outlook

DALLAS (AP) — Unlike most economists, Ravi Batra has always hoped his fiscal forecasts are dead wrong.

Batra, an India-born economics professor at Southern Methodist University, has been writing books and giving speeches warning of impending economic doom for more than a decade.

In his 1987 New York Times No. 1 bestseller "The Great Depression of 1990," Batra said a recession beginning in 1990 would fester into the worst depression the world has ever known.

"Dr. Doom" has not wavered. "The depression will not be confined to the economy," he said in a recent interview. "It will be a depression in every walk of life."

Batra's 1987 prophecy and a follow-up called "Surviving the Great Depression of 1990" foresee worldwide unemployment, deflation, stock market crashes and bank failures over the next six years.

The end result will be the collapse of capitalism, he said.

"People think capitalism is invincible, but that is the same thing they said about communism," Batra said.

In 1978, he wrote a book titled "The Downfall of Capitalism and Communism." The book documented how both systems would fall by the year 2000.

Publishers laughed at the notion

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Tree inspection

HOUSTON — Nursery worker Marva Beck inspects a dwarf peach tree at Treesearch Farms in Houston. The \$2 billion Texas nursery industry is starting to blossom after some lean years.

Business beat

Fina refinery January highlights

Employees of the Big Spring Fina Refinery completed their second consecutive month with no OSHA recordable injuries or off-the-job lost time or restricted duty injuries.

This is the first time this has occurred since 1983.

Also in January, the refinery began supplying 89 octane unleaded and 92 octane premium unleaded gasoline to all its terminals as the transition from leaded regular gasoline continues.

This transition should be completed this month.

Permian Research promotes Horton

Douglas J. Horton has been promoted to the position of Senior Project Engineer for Permian Research Corporation in Big Spring.

Horton joined Permian Research in 1986 after graduating from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

While with Permian, he has been extensively involved in developing the InstaMelt Rotary Screwless Extruder, which decreases damage to material being extruded as compared to regular extruders.

Permian Research, an affiliate of Midland-based Wagner & Brown, develops new products and technologies for the plastics industry.

Pace reducing coating costs

Pace Products, based in Overland Park, Kan., announced recently that it was slashing the price of its petroleum-based roof coating by 33 percent.

Additionally, as a show of support for U.S. troops participating in Operation Desert Shield, Pace will send an "appreciation pack" to servicemen and women for every order placed during February. Each pack contains items requested and needed by military personnel.

Pace products are not available for homeowner use, but commercial, industrial or institutional firms who want more information can contact local distributor William Hull at 263-5208.

Hereford breeders annual sale

The 42nd annual National Anxiety 4th Hereford Breeders Sale will be held Feb. 25 in Snyder. In addition, there will be a dutch treat supper at Snyder's Golden Corral at 6:30 Feb. 24.

For more information, contact David Moore at 576-3684 or 576-2205.

SPE monthly section meeting

MIDLAND — The Permian Basin section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers will hold its

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Wall Street's confounding climb: go figure it

Analysis

NEW YORK (AP) — A war of uncertain length is under way, unemployment is rising, production is falling, the budget deficit is rising, the financial structure is shaky — and the stock market is rising.

For a couple of weeks now it has been rising, and bad news seems unable to stop it. Housing starts fall, General Motors cuts its dividend, Sears is forced to cut costs

radically.

Every day the bad news pours out, not just from run-of-the-mill operations but from the bluest of the blue chips. Unemployment is increasing, not only in the usual cyclical trades but among big

earners in banking and brokering.

Through it all, stocks surge, and the rise in the Dow Jones industrial average, sharp as it has been, doesn't tell the full story. Some small-company stocks have jumped 50 percent — a few of them in just a day or so.

If times aren't confusing enough, the stock market seems intent on making them more so. What in the world is going on? The obvious

answer is that nobody knows for sure, but just as obvious is that certain beliefs have taken hold.

Here are the two basic ideas making the rounds:

1. Investors believe the recession may be bottoming out. This assumption incorporates the belief that the war will be over in a matter of a few months. In the past, it is claimed, the stock market has anticipated a recovery by three to

six months. A casual review of brokerage house literature demonstrates that this thesis is widely held right now.

However, stock market researchers tend to be overly optimistic. Three months ago some said there wouldn't be a recession. Two months ago they said the recession would be short and shallow. Now they see it ending.

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Down-on-luck airlines offering discount fares

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's airlines are getting swept up in a fare war they can hardly afford.

America West Airlines started it Wednesday with a half-price ticket sale. United, Northwest, Trans World, Southwest, American and Delta moved quickly if reluctantly to match or counter the promotion.

Northwest scrapped its plans to impose a \$15 surcharge starting today to offset higher costs related to the Gulf War. "It would be difficult, from a competitive standpoint, for us to fill seats if our fares were \$15 higher," Northwest spokeswoman Christy Clapp said.

America West said it was trying to jump-start the depressed air travel industry by selling half-price tickets through Saturday to any of its destinations, for travel good through Jan. 5, 1992. The tickets are non-refundable and the travel dates can't be changed.

America West cuts the price of a New York-Honolulu roundtrip ticket, for example, from \$667 to \$334, or a Chicago-Phoenix trip from \$175 to \$88.

Of the other airlines, American apparently was the first to offer cheap fares in cities not served by America West. Spokesman Tim

Smith said the bargains would be available in "roughly 100 different cities: in general, all of the big East Coast cities, all of the big West Coast cities."

As travelers got their first crack at the cheap seats, Phoenix-based America West and some travel agents said their phones were ringing wildly.

"I think it's a boost," said Eric Munro, chief executive of Uniglobe Wide-World Travel in San Diego. "The travel business has been dead since the outbreak of the Middle East war. At this time, when air flights are going out half-full or half-empty, depending on whether you're an optimist or a pessimist, you've got to do something."

Fear of war-related terrorism is causing travelers to drop bookings, industry officials say.

"No one can say when that fear is going to subside, but you have a situation that people are going to travel sooner or later," America West spokesman Dik Shimizu said. He said the carrier couldn't give specifics on how business was going.

An analyst and a competitor doubted slashed ticket prices would do much to help the sick industry.



Upward economy

WASHINGTON — Budget Director Richard Darmon gestures while testifying on Capitol Hill Tuesday before the Senate Budget Committee.

The committee was holding hearings on the 1992 federal budget.

Businesswomen helping women

HOUSTON (AP) — Now that women have made it into the business world, it is time for them to set up a "Good Ol' Girl" money network that helps their impoverished sisters survive, a Houston businesswoman says.

Businesswomen Bonnie Foxworth, Deborah Rose and Thelma Marlowe helped found the Greater Houston Women's Foundation 18 months ago to break a cycle of poverty among women and children by setting up a program for women to help women.

"Women are just not in the habit of giving that much money," said Ms. Marlowe, an editor with *Petroleum Management* and the foundation's education chairwoman. "They are the least likely to give to political causes, for instance. A woman's husband might give \$10,000 to his alumni group, but if she was approached for \$500, she might think it was too much."

"I think all of us, maybe in the back of our minds, have this subconscious fear that we will end up as bag ladies. We see women who are divorced or widowed, and we fear it may happen to us," she said.

Ms. Foundation for Women, set up in 1973 with profits from *Ms.* magazine, is credited with begin-

"Women are just not in the habit of giving that much money."

Thelma Marlowe
Co-founder of women's foundation

ing the women's charity trend. Over the years, the Ms. Foundation has donated about \$3 million and has built a \$4 million endowment fund. But it wasn't until the 1980s, when statistics regarding poverty and women worsened, that similar foundations began and now number about 60 nationwide.

"It was the kind of thing where we found out that Dallas had started a fund five years ago, and we said, 'If Dallas can do it, why can't Houston?'" said Ms. Foxworth, president of Speakers Unlimited and of the non-profit Houston foundation. "The group has come very far, very fast, but that is true around the country."

The Houston organization has 250 members who have paid between \$45 and \$1,000 to support the foundation.

The fund also aims to encourage professional and wealthy women to increase their charitable giving. Even women who have money are often reluctant to take control of it.

"We keep emphasizing to people that is a fund-raising effort, not a networking group. We're interested in money," Ms. Foxworth said.

The Houston foundation has given \$7,500 to two local groups — \$5,000 to Advance Family Support and Education Programs, which develops parenting skills in low-income Hispanic families, and \$2,500 to Wellspring, which assists temporarily homeless women.

Educational efforts have provided basic budgeting courses offered free through the Houston Community College for women who are newly employed, divorced, widowed or just off welfare. Future programs will focus on women interested in investing and saving.

"I'm constantly amazed at how much there is to do," Ms. Foxworth said. "But it's exciting to be associated with women who are so involved in their professions and personal lives, but can still say 'yes' time and time again."



VA Employee of the Month

Gloria Rodriguez, VA Canteen employee for 14 years, was designated employee of the month for January, according to Conrad Alexander, VA Medical Center Director. Rodriguez shows concern and dedication, as she serves her customers, and completes her tasks efficiently. She is always willing to take on more responsibility.

Wake-up alarm invented for Japanese commuters

TOKYO (AP) — For the Japanese who has everything but a good night's sleep, there's a new device from the land of miniature marvels: a commuter train wake-up alarm.

In hard-working Japan, the commute is often the time to catch up on lost sleep. Snoozing is also encouraged by low crime rates, plush train seats, and long commutes prompted by high downtown land prices.

In a one-year experiment, East Japan Railway Co. is adopting a "station call" device that uses a high-frequency radio wave to signal slumbering train riders to their stop.

The rider merely has to set the pocket-size radio transmitter to a certain station, and a sharp "beep" like those on battery-operated alarm clocks will awaken him through a tiny earphone. Different stations emit different frequencies. It may sound ingenious, but an informal survey of train riders yielded smirks.

Most said it was unnecessary since Japanese rail commuters,

like 9-to-5ers everywhere, depend on their internal clocks to wake up when their stop comes.

"It's nonsense," said Ichiro Kishimoto, a New York-based performance artist who was visiting family and friends here. "It just shows you there's too much money in this country."

"Maybe it's a good idea for people drunk on sake (rice wine), but otherwise..." said another rider.

Still, several electronics companies have already jumped into the market, selling for \$20-\$30 a less sophisticated device that works on a timer and vibrates when it goes off.

Currently the alarm device is only being used experimentally at three stations south of Tokyo.

The Tokyo-area railway, one of seven that makes up Japan's national railway system, is also experimenting with a way of passing the time for those who remain awake: an onboard screen that transmits stock information.

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Albert Sindlinger, whose company conducts hundreds of phone interviews each week with a cross section of households, agrees that the market is looking for greener grass in the spring, and not simply because of warmer weather.

"But what they don't see," he says, "is that beyond the green grass is a Grand Canyon." He says structural changes are needed, especially in banking, before the economy gets out of the recession. It will be a long one, he says.

2. The Federal Reserve is dictating the direction of the economy.

It is doing so, according to this thesis, by undertaking an unusually strong attack on recession, by means of lower interest rates and lower reserve requirements for banks. It has indicated that more of the same is to come.

This Fed behavior is a switch from an unusually austere stance for several years. In the past, when the Fed shifted from restraint to ease, the economy began its ascent from recession. Why should it be different now?

In theory, the process is easy to understand. Lower interest rates mean lower borrowing rates, which means production loans become less expensive for manufacturers and homes and cars become more affordable for consumers.

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price as the mail-order places, we could. But we have never had the opportunity, from Fina, or anyone else, to bid for them."

All of the local pharmacies have lost business to mail-order firms. Jim Bob Coates of the Medicine Shoppe said, "Since the late '80s I've lost probably 20 prescriptions a day, but my customers — whose insurance has forced them to switch — tell me that they still want me for their pharmacist, and I'll always try to be there for them."

Neal Roberts of Neal's Pharmacy explains, "These are out-of-state companies that do not conform to state laws that have been put in place to protect the people of Texas."

In the next session of the Texas state legislature, freedom-of-choice legislation will be discussed, according to Richard Beck of the Texas Pharmacy Association. If passed, this legislation may force mail order firms to conform to the laws of Texas, and may even require that out-of-state companies that do business in Texas must be licensed by the state.

Corson said, "To be fair, insurance companies should be made to offer the same deductible and/or co-payment for both community pharmacies and mail-order firms. In this way, the free-market system can do its work. Then, individuals and companies will find that they can get medications from a full-service pharmacy for the same cost or less than they can get at the mail order places."

Kreiger of Medco said, "The lower deductible and co-payment are simply a competitive edge, which is just the usual way of doing business in this country. There is no reason to single us out."

"Pharmacists were voted number one by the public in ethics and honesty," said NARD executive vice president, Charles West. Speaking of the same 1988 Gallup poll, he said, "It is a reputation we have worked very hard to attain, and we didn't earn it through the mailbox."

Question: Can the Fed pull it off? Or will the financially tenuous condition of banks compel them to harbor rather than lend money? Will shell-shocked consumers decide to dig in rather than dish out for purchases?

Those are huge questions, which even the Fed cannot answer, but there is another aspect to the Fed's involvement even dearer to the minds of stock market researchers.

It is this: A campaign to lower interest rates is a notice for investors to get out of cash and into equities. If enough investors believe that, stocks should benefit from lots of new money.

Here is how that signal is interpreted by Robert Barbera, economist for Shearson Lehman Bros.:

"Money fund investors and CD owners beware. Yields today are not what they used to be. And we strongly believe that by the middle of 1991, money fund yields will be below 5 percent."

"As a safe haven, cash makes sense. But 'cash investment' will soon sound like an oxymoron. Cash will offer safety, but cash returns will be trash."

These beliefs might have real substance — and they might not. Only hindsight from a perch in the future will determine the correct answer.

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monthly meeting at 11:30 Feb. 19 at the Ranchland Hills Country Club.

Archie M. Skov, 1991 president of SPE, will be the speaker, and will address the changing world of petroleum engineering.

Attendees to the meeting must RSVP by Friday by calling 686-7329.

Jones to speak at PBPA luncheon

The Permian Basin Petroleum Association in cooperation with the Petroleum Equipment Suppliers Association will hold its monthly meeting at noon Thursday at the Midland Hilton Hotel.

Luncheon speaker will be Dale P. Jones, president of Halliburton Co.

The luncheon is open to the public with a cost of \$12 per per-

son. Reservations may be made by calling 684-6345. All reservations will be considered guaranteed unless cancelled 24 hours in advance.

WeCTOGA sets annual meeting

The West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association's 58th annual meeting for members and their guests has been scheduled for Feb. 24-25 in Abilene.

The annual meeting will begin with a reception from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Abilene Civic Center. Activities the next day will include breakfast at the Abilene Petroleum Club, followed by the membership meeting from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The meeting will conclude with a noon luncheon at the civic center.

For more information, contact the association at 677-2469.

BSGEFCU holds 41st meeting

The Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union held its 41st annual meeting at Garrett Hall Monday.

Cleo Young, treasurer manager of the credit union, gave an update on upcoming legislation concerning credit unions. She said she will be attending a rally in Washington, D.C. Feb. 28, at which time credit union officials will meet with lawmakers and present petitions from FCU members.

Yellow ribbons were given to the 250 persons in attendance as a sign of support for U.S. military personnel participating in Operation Desert Storm.

Mail-order

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data had been in their favor, it's likely that they would have given more financial information."

Since the mail-order firms prefer to supply medications in larger 90-day supplies, there is considerably more waste involved with their use.

A 1988 Gallup Poll found that the average mail-order participant wasted 128.7 tablets every year. The average community pharmacy patient, on the other hand, wasted only 36 tablets each. This waste occurs when physicians change the patient's medication, or when spillage occurs.

Ed Corson, a senior pharmacist with Leonard's Prescription Pharmacy in Big Spring, said, "Many mail-order companies publicize statistics showing reduced cost. Money, not health advantages, has been the justification for adopting these programs."

However, studies conducted by PCS, a policy claims processor, and by the U.S. Department of Personnel Management, have concluded that, contrary to earlier expectations, mail-order prescription programs do not appear to reduce the overall expenditures of drugs. In fact, the PCS studies found that

lower unit cost savings are more than offset by higher usage by the patient."

If cost is not sufficient reason to switch to mail-order, what is? A 1987 Senate hearing showed it was not safety. Pharmacists from large mail-order firms testified behind concealing screens while being guarded by federal marshals.

According to transcripts of the subcommittee hearings published in the *Journal of National Association of Retail Druggists*, pharmacists revealed "horrifying" stories of a system fraught with errors.

Subcommittee Chairman Sen. Jim Sasser said, "We will hear of a consumer from Virginia Beach who received a 90-day supply of Coumadin, a blood thinner, rather than a 90-day prescription of Cordarone, a beta-blocker (heart medicine)."

Sasser continued, "Another consumer in Virginia received a prescription for Feldene rather than one for Procardia, which he was taking for treatment of a mild heart attack. He subsequently developed a gastric ulcer, was hospitalized where he had (another) heart attack and died."

A pharmacist with the retail drug association, speaking of the large mail-order firms, testified: "The only time a worker sees the actual prescription is when the so-called screener, a position through which both technicians and pharmacists rotate, enters it into a computer."

"Prescriptions are then filled according to the computer printout. If the screener misreads the prescription specifications, there is then no way to catch the mistake as it proceeds through the system at breakneck speed."

Criminal charges were filed against Medco Containment services, one of the largest mail-order firms. In that Idaho case, sworn testimony confirmed that Iris Hemmelman received a prescription of Coumadin in a bottle marked as Prednisone.

Thinking that she was taking Prednisone as her doctor ordered, Hemmelman began ingesting the Coumadin. Within two months, Hemmelman died of massive internal hemorrhaging, which is consistent with Coumadin poisoning.

This problem has apparently come to Big Spring. Larry Miller of Carver Pharmacy, an outspoken

opponent of the mail-order business, has had several people bring in mail-order prescriptions.

Some of these were the wrong medication, and others were the wrong dosage of medication, Miller said.

"There is a child in town, about 10 years old, that received blood pressure medicine (because of an error from the mail-order pharmacy). His parents gave him the medicine and took him to the doctor when he developed bad side effects to the medication," Miller said.

The August 1988 NARD journal also included a report on one patient who received his medication from the Indiana Association of Retired Persons mail-order business.

This person received a prescription from the doctor that read: Cytadren, 250mg. every 6 hours. The medication bottle read: Doriden 250mg. every 6 hours.

An alert home health care nurse brought the bottle in for a community pharmacist to check. The pharmacist immediately recognized that 250 milligrams of Doriden every six hours is a potentially lethal dose.

But there is some good news, he says.

The beginning of the 21st Century will commence a golden age in which the major economic players on the globe will work to form a new socioeconomic system, he said.

"The new era will be dominated by spirituality as opposed to materialism," he said.

By the year 2010, the influence of money in politics will totally disappear, he said.

for The Boston Co. and an economics professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Brandeis University, says Batra should not be taken lightly. But Sinai doubts a depression is looming.

"Anything is possible," Sinai said. "The start of this downfall is very severe and there are lots of similarities between now and the Great Depression."

"But the power the government policymakers have over maintain-

ing the growth in the economies is too strong. There is enough knowledge there to avoid another depression."

But few are offering solutions for a recovery, Batra said.

In the recession of the early 1980s, interest rates were lowered to stimulate growth and the economy responded favorably.

Not this time, Batra said. "Interest rates are already relatively low so there will be little if any monetary ease there."

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Some West Texas towns are trying to attract physicians

AMHERST, Texas (AP) — The 900 folks living in this West Texas farming community vow that the next time a prospective doctor comes to town, it will be one heckuva house call.

The chili will be extra spicy, the chicken mesquite-grilled to perfection and the steaks lavished in hickory barbecue sauce.

Bands will twang at a town square hoedown. The schools and churches lining Amherst's weathered brick streets will be shown off.

It may be a little extreme, even for West Texas hospitality, but folks say such a reception would show only a fragment of their desire to find a doctor to reopen the town's once-flourishing hospital.

"If we could get someone to come out and visit, there is unbelievable support here," said Carol Hill, the interim administrator of Amherst's closed South Plains Hospital. "You give us a couple days notice and you wouldn't believe the response."

Several rural towns across the state, including Sweeny, Colorado City, Seminole and Booker are in search of a doctor. But the odds are against them, officials say.

Texas has led the nation in hospital closures for the past five years.

And the Texas Hospital Association estimates that the 193 rural hospitals in the Lone Star State will lose nearly \$20 million in Medicare services in 1991.

"Because so many of the patients in rural areas are on Medicare, there isn't a whole lot of incentive to practice in small towns," said Marvin Cole, director of the rural hospital branch of the THA.

The sign greeting visitors to Amherst reads: "The Pick of the Plains and Home of the South Plains Hospital."

For nearly 50 years, the hospital was the town's second largest employer behind the school, a source of pride for residents and the only haven for medical care in miles of treeless farmland.

But in July 1989, the fifth of five doctors resigned from the hospital, forcing the recently rebuilt facility to shut its doors.

The old South Plains Hospital was replaced for about \$3 million in 1982 with a brightly stuccoed, 35-bed medical center containing the amenities of many urban facilities.

The structure stands out among the barns and grain silos in the area.

But today state-of-the-art delivery, emergency, X-ray and recovery rooms filled with shiny, new equipment are frigid because the heat has been turned off.

A hardly used cardiogram sits unplugged inside an operating room.

Eight bassinets lie empty in a darkened nursery.

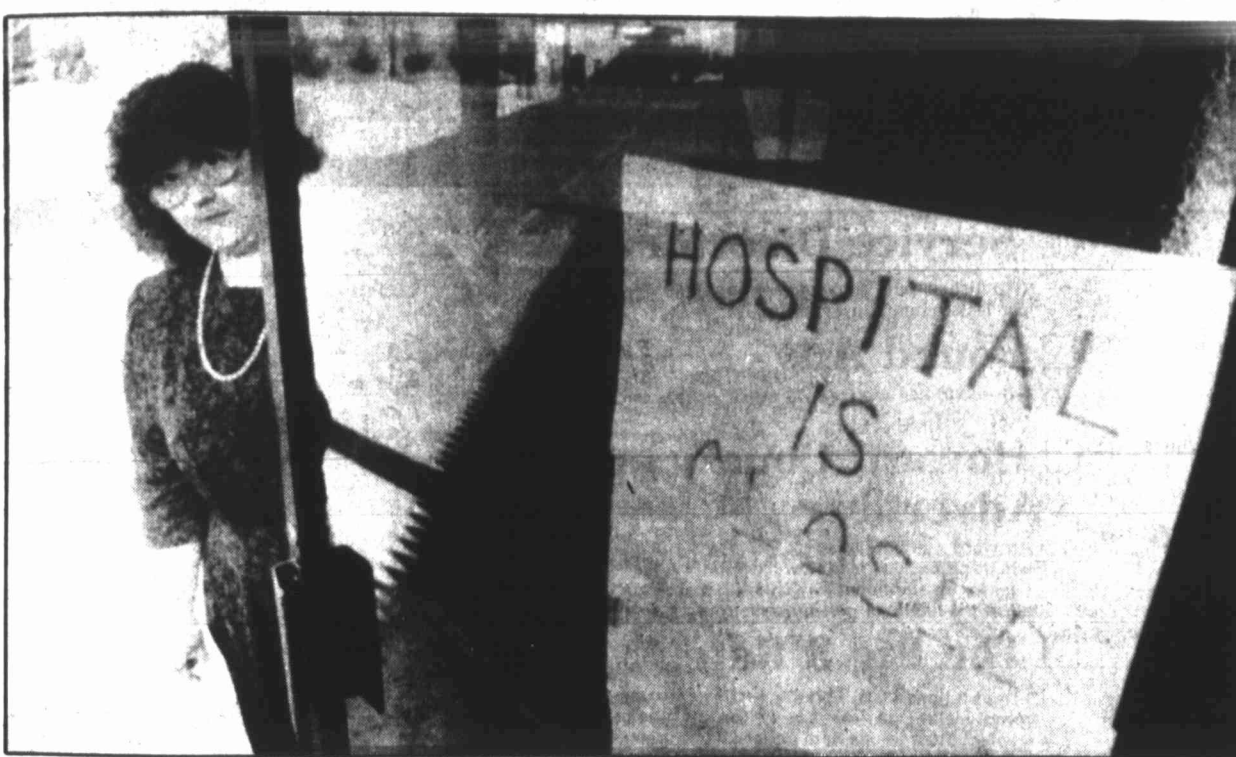
And hundreds of medical records for patients who used to drive more than 50 miles to see doctors in Amherst now collect dust.

"I never dreamed it would close," said city secretary Gayla Cowan, who was born the year the hospital opened in 1940. "I guess we just all thought it would be there forever because it had always been here."

South Plains, which has continued to operate a pharmacy to pay outstanding overhead, is searching for a doctor, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner to reopen the hospital's X-ray lab and clinic.

Two or three doctors would be required to open the entire hospital.

But shortcomings in Medicare payments, rising insurance costs and sometimes days in a row "on



Associated Press photo

No doctor in the house

AMHERST South Plains Hospital administrator Carol Hill pauses recently at the closed sign of the Amherst, Texas, hospital which was forced to shut down in 1989 after the fifth of five doctors

resigned. South Plains, like many rural hospitals, may remain closed if this West Texas farming community can't find a new doctor.

call" have made family practitioners reluctant to practice in rural areas.

Residents here know what they are up against and have raised nearly \$40,000 to reopen South Plains.

"It's going to be tough," said Clyde Brownlow, the pharmacist at South Plains for the past 22 years.

"Unless federal programs change it's going to be hard for someone to justify the move out here," he said. "But not a day goes by when someone in town doesn't

ask me if we have found a doctor. The interest and support is overwhelming."

The Prospective Payment System (PPS), which was implemented by the federal government in 1983, pays rural hospitals up to 40 percent less than urban facilities for Medicare patients.

PPS was created with the belief that it cost less to run a rural facility than an urban hospital.

Gordon Russell, administrator of Hi-Plains Hospital in Hale Center and a crusader for rural health in

Texas, says PPS caused 12 rural hospitals to shut down in Texas last year.

"It gives me great pain to think about how little money it would have taken to keep them open if we had an equal urban-rural ratio," Russell said. "But once the hospitals close it's almost insurmountable to get them back open again. The staff disperses, doctors leave and patients go elsewhere."

"I have said it's not bureaucracy's job to keep the hospitals open. But I remind them

Boy Scouts asked not to participate in tour

NEW YORK (AP) — The Boy Scouts of America is recommending that scouts avoid participating in the Philip Morris national Bill of Rights tour so they don't seem to be endorsing the company's products.

Anti-smoking activists praised the decision, but a public relations firm retained by the Boy Scouts said the decision was unrelated to the fact that Philip Morris makes cigarettes.

"The decision was based on the commercialism issue," said Caytie Daniell of Edelman Public Relations in Dallas.

"I think they did the right thing for the wrong reason," said Stanton Glantz, a heart disease researcher at the University of California, San Francisco.

"The Bill of Rights campaign is clearly a political effort on the part of Philip Morris to protect its ability to advertise and market cigarettes to children," he said.

A memorandum from the Boy Scouts of America praised the Philip Morris campaign, which is taking an exhibition that includes an original copy of the Bill of

"While Phillip (sic) Morris is commended for making an original copy of the Bill of Rights accessible to millions of Americans, it is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America to refrain from endeavors of commercial character."

Memorandum from the Boy Scouts of America

Rights to all 50 states. The tour began last October and is scheduled to last until early next year.

"While Phillip (sic) Morris is commended for making an original copy of the Bill of Rights accessible to millions of Americans, it is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America to refrain from endeavors of commercial character," the memo said. "We recommend that you do not become involved in local sponsorship."

Philip Morris is asking local community groups, including Boy Scouts, to participate in the exhibit's opening in each town and attend a reception.

The Boy Scouts did not announce their position on the Bill of Rights

advertisements fool you," the handbook says. "It's best never to start smoking in the first place. If you do smoke, stop now."

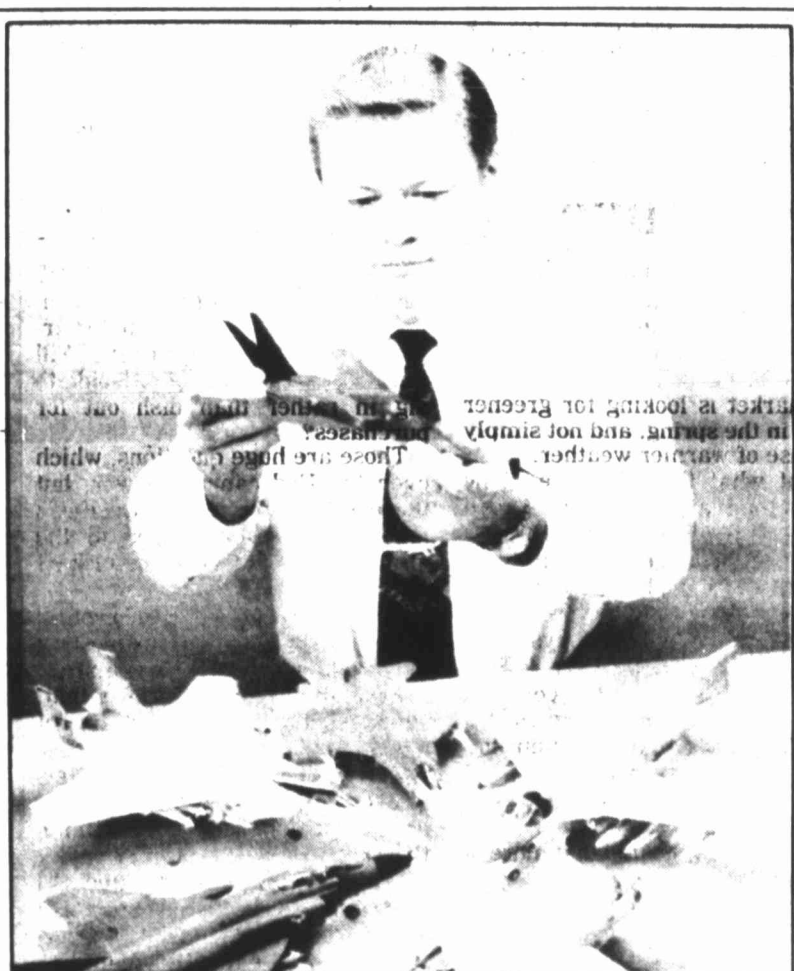
The federal government last week raised its estimate of the number of annual smoking-related deaths to 434,000. Second-hand smoke causes an additional 53,000 deaths in non-smokers, Glantz concluded in a recent study.

In other circumstances, Boy Scouts have worked closely with industry.

The Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts, for example, holds an annual fund-raising luncheon in which it presents "Good Scout" awards to members of the food, liquor and tobacco industries.

The most recent such luncheon was chaired by Theo W. Folz, president of the Consolidated Cigar Corp. Awards were given to Richard H. Orcutt of the tobacco maker Lorillard Inc., and to Richard E. Basser of the House of Seagram, a liquor company.

Similar fund-raising luncheons are held to recognize executives in other industries, said David Anderson of the New York Boy Scouts.



Associated Press photo

Skyrocketing sales

DES PLAINES, Ill. — Roger Harney, vice-president for design and engineering for Revell/Monogram, holds the company's model of the Stealth F117A in Des Plaines on Thursday. Sales of operation Desert Storm-related products have risen sharply since the start of the Allied offensive. Other models, clock-wise from bottom right are the F18 Hornet, F4 Wild Weasel, F15E Strike Eagle, F16 Falcon and A6 Intruder.

Romanians take their wares to Warsaw to trade

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Times are so tough in Romania that a steelworker spent his vacation hawking rugs in Warsaw.

"I've got eight days holiday, so I've come to Poland to make some money," said Andre, the only name he gave. His wares were spread over two cars beside the road in a Warsaw suburb.

Andre, on his second rug-selling foray into Poland, offered a 6x9-foot carpet for the equivalent of \$126.

"I can work all month and still only make enough money to buy a pair of jeans," he said, fingering his dirty trousers.

"The situation in Romania is bad. . . . Prices have gone up three or four times, while wages are still the same as they were before."

Looking into a shop window piled high with fruit, he said: "I've got four children at home and I can't

even buy oranges for them. . . . Whatever money I make, I will use to buy clothes, and perhaps things like Coca-Cola, for the children."

Andre and some colleagues drove for days, mostly through the Soviet Union, from their industrial town of Suceava, 330 miles away.

"What is really awful is that we had to wait three days in a line to cross the border" into Poland, he said.

Long lines have developed at border stations in Eastern Europe as Bulgarians, Romanians and Soviets fleeing economic hardships head for more prosperous Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The economic migrants buy the few cheap goods available in their own countries, sell them in countries where there is more money to spend, and use the proceeds to buy goods in demand back home.



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Talking VCR

TOKYO — A model holds the remote control unit of Panasonic's new VCR that features voice-recognition technology. The user can program the recorder by talking to the built-in microphone of the remote control unit. The maker does not plan to market the machine overseas since it only understands Japanese.

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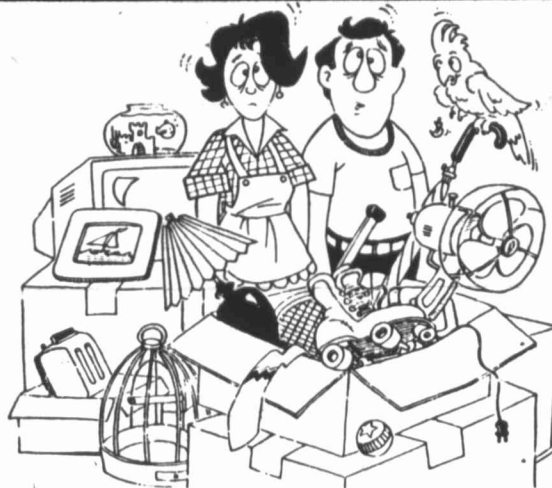
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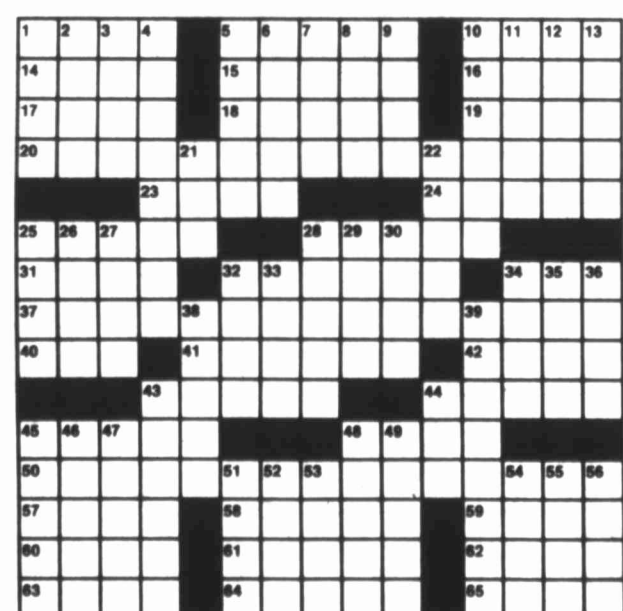
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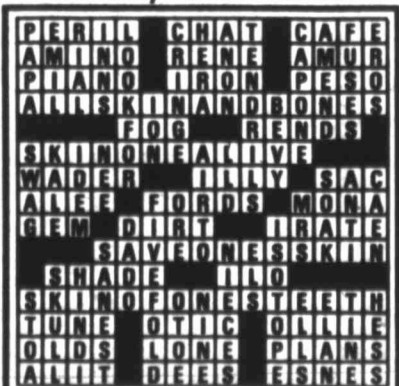
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529

FOR SALE: Thomas Trowbador organ. Color-glo music box, plus five music and teaching books. 263-2593.

Appliances

530

GE 30 INCH electronic microwave range. 2 years old. 264-9103.

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3 DOOR, ALMOND whirlpool refrigerator freezer. 25.7 cubic feet. Ice water dispenser. \$450. 263-7765.

Garage Sale

535

COMMERCIAL RACKS, ladies old hats, jewelry, much, much more. Friday, Saturday & Sunday. 3303 Cornell.

Produce

536

WE BUY pecans, small or large quantities. Top prices. (915)366-9793, FM 554 Gardendale, Texas.

Misc. For Sale

537

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE gone up? Have you received a notice that the company you have now is pulling out? Contact A.J. Pirkl Insurance, 267-5053.

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Misc. For Sale

537

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I NEED to buy a good used washer and dryer! Call 263-7456.

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Drive carefully.

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539

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549

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601

2 BEDROOM, COMPLETELY redone. Good buy if good credit. Call 263-8284.

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LAKE THOMAS. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Fenced yard. 1 bedroom, 1 bath guesthouse. Borden schools. Must sell. Make us an offer. 573-8048.

Houses For Sale

601

3 2 1/2 - 2, brick, pool on 5 acres. Assumable 8 1/2% loan. Coahoma Schools. 263-2415, 267-7537.

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LOTS FOR SALE

602

FOR SALE 200 x 210 lot in Coahoma. Call 267-8305 for information.

Business Property

604

FOR SALE: Landmark 46 room Motel/150 seat restaurant in progressive town on Highway 7083. Owner's living quarters. Serious inquiries. 806-435-2731 DAY. 806-435-5695.

Farms & Ranches

607

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Manufactured Housing For Sale

611

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Mobile Home Spaces

613

2 LOTS for sale. Owner will finance. All mobile home hook-ups. In Forsan District. 263-5467.

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620

(2) TWO cemetery lots, #494 Meditation, Trinity Memorial. \$700 for both, regular \$900. Call 318-343-5904.

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Furnished Apartments

651

\$99 MOVE IN plus deposit. Electric, water paid. Nice 1, 2, 3, bedrooms. Some furnished. HUD approved. 263-7811.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Big Spring will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 27, 1991 for the purpose of updating the public on the status of the City's wastewater treatment and disposal project. The City of Big Spring is seeking funding for the project through the State Revolving Fund administered by the Texas Water Development Board. The purpose of the hearing is to present the selected method of wastewater treatment and disposal and to present information related to the selected project.

The proposed project includes the construction of additional treatment units in order to produce an effluent in compliance with anticipated State discharge requirements. Biological treatment of the wastewater and discharge of the treated effluent will be continued. The project includes the abandonment of the existing aeration ponds and the construction of a new aeration basin, final clarifier, sludge dewatering facilities, chlorination/dechlorination facilities, and related work.

The estimated cost impact of the project on the typical residential customer is as follows:

Current average residential monthly charge \$10.20

Estimated increased operation maintenance cost \$1.80

Estimated debt service charge \$4.80

Estimated monthly residential bill \$16.80

One of the purposes of this hearing is to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the project and alternatives to it.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and is encouraged to provide input on the selected wastewater treatment and disposal project. A copy of the Environmental Information Document related to the project will be available for review in the office of the Assistant City Manager, City Hall, 4th and Nolan, beginning February 1.

The hearing will be held in City Council Chambers, Bldg. 1106, located at the Big Spring McMahon/Wrinkle Air Park. The public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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Anti-Saddam curios are popular sellers

NEW YORK (AP) — A talking Uncle Sam mannequin hawks Saddam Hussein voodoo dolls and dartboards at a New York novelty store. Customers can even throw the switch on "Saddam's electric chair."

"Uncle Sam wants you to shop at Abracadabra," the eye-rolling, jaw-clacking, dummy clad in red, white and blue urges passersby from a display window. "We even have Saddam Hussein in an electric chair. If you'd like to have your picture taken pulling the lever, it's just \$5."

Abracadabra's owner, Paul Blum, admits that a New York tradition — anything for a buck — inspired him to stock anti-Saddam trinkets.

The Greenwich Village store's usual fare runs to parlor tricks, theatrical supplies, costumes and gag gifts. But when distributors started pitching the Saddam stuff and customers started asking for it, he couldn't resist.

"We said: Let's roast the guy," Blum recalled.

To accomplish that goal, he's selling:

- Cardboard dartboards bearing Saddam's mug, priced at \$3.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of the State Property Tax Code, Section 33.06 styled: DEFERRED COLLECTIONS OF CERTAIN TAXES

(a) An individual is entitled to defer or abate a suit to collect a delinquent tax if he is 65 or older and he owns and occupies as a residence homestead the property on which the tax subject to the suit is delinquent.

(b) To obtain a deferral, an individual must file with the Chief Appraiser for the Appraisal District in which the property is located an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. The Chief Appraiser shall notify each taxing unit participating in the district of the filing. After an affidavit is filed under this subsection, a taxing unit may not file suit to collect delinquent taxes on the property until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.

(c) To obtain an abatement, the individual must file in the court in which suit is pending an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. If no controversy exists, the court shall grant the abatement. If, after a hearing the court finds the individual is entitled to the deferral, the court shall abate the suit until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.

(d) A tax lien remains on the property and interest continues to accrue at a rate of 8% per year during the period collections of taxes is deferred. Application Forms are available at: Howard County Appraisal District, Howard County Courthouse Annex, 315 Main St., P.O. Box 1151, Big Spring, TX 79721-1151.

Authorized by 1989 Texas Law Section 33.06

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- "Beast of Baghdad" voodoo dolls, \$8.

- A computer game, \$30, that allows players to launch missiles at pictures of a cursing Saddam.

- A caricature Saddam mask with a black beret, moustache and bushy eyebrows. It's coincidentally displayed next to a George Bush mask. Mikhail Gorbachev, Margaret Thatcher and the Big Bad Wolf are one row away.

"We did have Saddam Hussein toilet paper, but we sold out," Blum said apologetically.

There also are patriotic license plates, bumper stickers and flag pins.

But the ghoulish piece de resistance is the Saddam electric chair.

Before the war, Abracadabra, sold stockades and fake guillotines and electric chairs. So the next step came naturally.

Blum dressed a blow-up doll in a German surplus military uniform, added a Saddam mask and bulging, glass eyes, and placed it on the "electric chair," complete with blinking lights, smoke and a metal contraption for the dummy's head.

In the past week, dozens of people have forked over \$5 each to play executioner, Blum said.

"We had kids the other day," said Mark Torres, the actor-salesperson who recorded Uncle Sam's voice. "They were having a great time. They just hated the guy (Saddam) and thought he was ruining the environment and was an insane man."

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263-1532
(Drug-Free Youth in Texas)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is here given that the Commissioners' Court of Howard County, Texas, will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., February 25th, 1991, in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Howard County Courthouse, Big Spring, Texas, for a County Depository.

The County Treasurer will supply bid application forms.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all technicalities.

By order of the Commissioners' Court, Howard County, Texas

Ben Lockhart, County Judge

Howard County, Texas

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LOST HILLS, Calif. — San Joaquin Valley grower Fred Starrh wonders how he will save his almond orchard now that the state project water he

depended on has been cut off for agricultural use after five years of drought in California. Starrh has no access to well water for irrigation.

California drought killing trees

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California's fifth year of drought is killing trees faster than in any of the previous four years — a time when officials say more than enough lumber to build 1 million three-bedroom houses was lost.

The drought, which threatens agriculture and is prompting water restrictions, also caused the loss of about 10 billion board-feet of timber on federal, state and private lands in 1989 and 1990, said Don Perkins, the state Department of Forestry's pest management chief.

He said that equals about 10 million average-sized trees:

enough to build 1 million large three-bedroom houses or fill 2 million logging trucks, which bumper-to-bumper would more than circle the Earth at its equator.

"I don't want to sound too severe, but I want to convey the scope of the problem," U.S. Forest Service spokesman Matt Mathes said Thursday. "There are certainly more dead trees than there ever have been in modern times."

Officials said the tree kill, scattered so far, will likely increase this year, but they don't know by how much.

But 6 billion board-feet was reported lost last year, compared

with about 800 million board-feet during a normal year.

Trees that don't get enough water can't produce sufficient pitch to keep insects from boring through their bark and laying eggs. The hatching insects feed on the tender layer beneath the bark that serves as a tree's circulatory system.

This year of drought will also increase the number of insects, said California Department of Forestry spokeswoman Karen Terrill, because it will produce a greater number of weakened trees that can be infested.

Iacocca takes on consumer magazine

DETROIT (AP) — Lee Iacocca is taking on *Consumer Reports* magazine for bashing Chrysler Corp.'s Ultradrive transmission, and the magazine's chief automotive tester is firing right back.

In its February issue, *Consumer Reports* advised readers to avoid Chrysler minivans and cars with Ultradrive transmission, saying the gear-shifter has been unreliable.

Chrysler strongly denied the charge and promised to telephone

about 1 million owners to make sure they are happy.

Consumer Reports "can test toaster ovens one week and minivans the next, never mind how sophisticated our product is," Iacocca said in a speech reported in Monday's edition of *Automotive News*, a weekly industry magazine. "We're thrown right in there with the frozen pot pies and low-flush toilets and the spot removers and the shower heads."

Bob Knoll, chief of automotive testing for the magazine, called Iacocca's comment fascinating.

"Fact: The people that I have here test automobiles and have for 54 years," Knoll said from his office in Connecticut. "We know less about spot removers than he does, in truth."

Knoll recalled that a year ago, the magazine praised Chrysler's Dodge Spirit and Plymouth Acclaim cars, and Iacocca liked that.

"It's a case of 'If you say nice things about me you're very smart and if you say bad things about me, you're no longer very smart,'" Knoll said.

Soviets selling space business

WASHINGTON (AP) — A picture filling the back page of the newspaper *Space News* displays the most powerful rockets in the Soviet armada.

At one time the picture, if it had appeared at all, might have seemed an arrogant threat of Soviet might. But in these days of glasnost and perestroika it's an advertisement soliciting space business, much as Ford prints ads to sell cars.

"Need a Ride?" is the come-on. The Soviet rockets stand as if for a family portrait. They range from the slender Kosmos and the workhorse Soyuz, to the Energiya, the most powerful launch vehicle in the world. Its carrying power rivals the mighty Saturn that propelled U.S. astronauts to the moon. It will be used for the Soviet space shuttle, Buran.

The ad was placed by the Space Commerce Corp., a Houston firm that has American marketing rights for Soviet rockets. The sales effort comes at a time of a sharp drop in space launches by the cash-poor Soviets.

Art Dula, president of Space Commerce, said in a telephone interview Tuesday that he placed the ad because *Space News* Jan. 21 issue spotlighted launch vehicles. The advertisement is a painting made in Leningrad by artist Sasha Timofev.

Dula said his company has had moderate success attracting customers to the Soviet rocket fleet. A Colorado company has a contract to orbit eight small satellites that will be used to locate vehicles on the ground. A Japanese company wants to put a magnetic disk in an orbiting time capsule. Canadians are interested in booking space on a Molniya rocket for scientific purposes.

Dula said the price for having cargo carried by the Soviets is competitive with what is charged by such American launch firms as McDonnell Douglas, General Dynamics and Martin Marietta.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Edited by Linda Choate

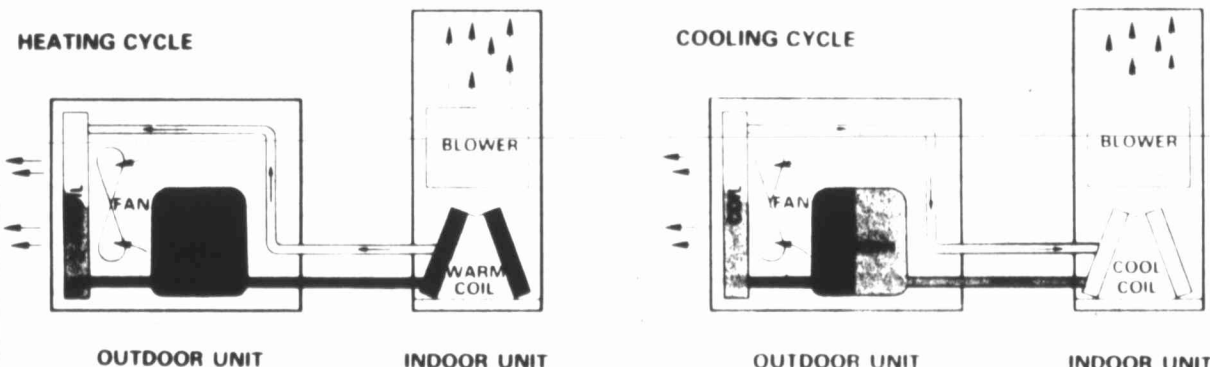
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Hester and Robertson also does residential and commercial plumbing contracting, installs private water systems, septic and drain fields, lawn sprinkler systems, whirlpool baths and saunas. The firm has access to all the major brands of plumbing fixtures.

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How A Heat Pump Works



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Warm indoor air is drawn across the cold indoor coil by the blower. Liquid refrigerant in the coil absorbs heat. Air flowing over the coil is therefore cooled and dehumidified. The cool dry air is then circulated throughout your home by the blower. Heat picked up by the refrigerant is transferred to the outdoor coil where it is discharged.

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