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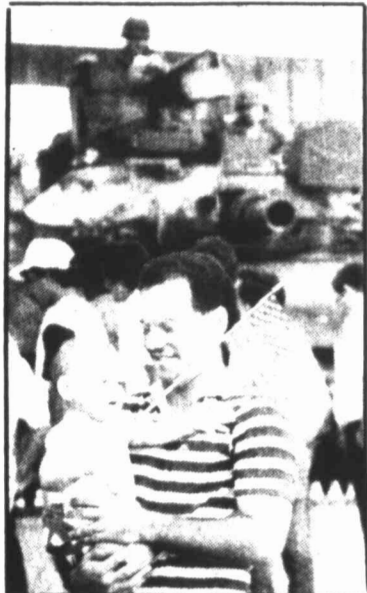
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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Partly cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy and colder Friday. Lows tonight in the 30s. Highs Friday mid 40s.



On the side



Flag waver

PANAMA CITY — Arturo Gonzales holds his child, Arturo Alejandro Gonzales, as he waves an American flag during an anti-Manuel Noriega demonstration in Panama City Wednesday. In the background is a U.S. armored vehicle blocking access to the Vatican Embassy.



Unwrapping candy

BIG SPRING — Three-year-old Telly Vanderbilt unwraps a candy cane that he took out from a compartment on his new tricycle while playing in the warm weather Wednesday afternoon. Telly received both the candy and the toy for Christmas.

Mattox supporters

BIG SPRING — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jim Mattox Tuesday announced that Mrs. Milton Kirby and Estel Marquez of Big Spring will serve as the Howard County coordinators for his 1990 primary campaign.

"We support Jim Mattox because he is the only candidate in the race who is unequivocally opposed to new taxes and in favor of a lottery," Kirby and Marquez said. "Mattox has pledged to veto a state income tax."

"Mattox' record as a prosecutor, State Representative, U.S. Congressman and Attorney General proves that he can follow through on his promises," Kirby and Marquez added. "He can fight a real war on drugs and crime, and he can revive our failing education system."

"He is the only candidate who has ever been to the front lines in the war on drugs, the only candidate who ever prosecuted a pusher or sent a rapist to prison."

Mattox also announced that he has accomplished the amazing political feat of establishing coordinators in all 254 of Texas' counties. "This proves the strength of our grass-roots organization and the appeal of our pro-lottery/anti-tax campaign," the Attorney General said.

"When this campaign moves into full swing after the first of the year, I'm confident that Kirby and Marquez will be lead drivers on our road to the nomination. Howard County is an important part of our campaign, and I'm proud to have Kirby and Marquez on board."

Fiery explosion kills oil field worker

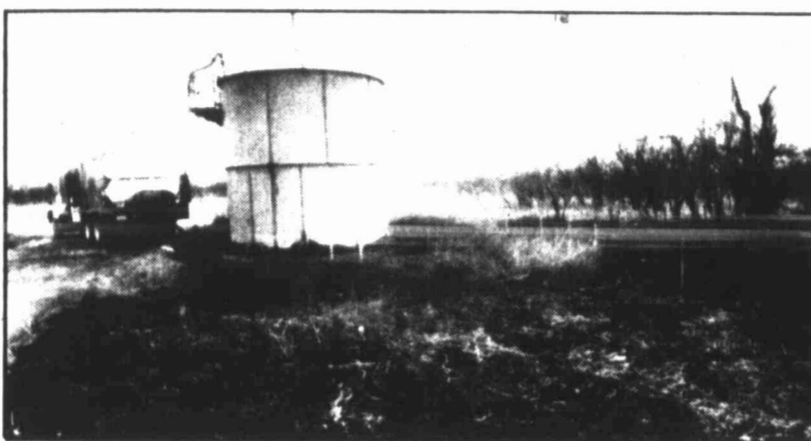
By BRADLEY WORRELL
Staff Writer

VINCENT — An early morning explosion and fire in an oil field near Vincent is being blamed for the death of a Silver Heels man.

Kenneth Darrell Tindol, 48, was working on an oil lease 26 miles northeast of Big Spring, sometime after midnight when the tank battery he was working on exploded, engulfing him in flames.

Authorities are still unsure what caused the explosion and subsequent blaze.

A Howard County Sheriff's Deputy who arrived at the scene reported finding an oil storage tank on fire and a badly burned body about 30 yards south of the tanks. The body was identified as Tindol's by the remains of a wallet with identification and a relative who positively identified it as Tindol, according to a Sheriff's Department incident report.



VINCENT — Burned grass is one of the few signs of a tank battery fire that killed Kenneth Tindol early Thursday morning.

Volunteers with the Sand Springs, Luther and Silver Heels Volunteer Fire Departments spent about two hours attempting to extinguish the blaze after arriving

about 12:30 a.m., said C. Roy Wright, fire chief of the county's volunteer fire department.

Wright said there was probably a "big ball of fire" when the tank

County fire chief C. Roy Wright said there was probably a "big ball of fire" when the tank first exploded and then a flame that continued to burn at the source of the fire.

Fire fighters used foam and dry chemicals to extinguish the blaze,

he said.

Justice of the Peace China Long ruled the death accidental shortly after arriving at the scene about 1:35 a.m. today.

Long said Tindol was the owner of Kenneth's Hot Oil Service, a business that services oil wells. At the time of his death, Tindol was apparently using his vehicle, which has burners in it that pump hot oil in lines to facilitate oil production, she said.

Long said she is not sure if authorities will ever be able to determine the cause of death. Sheriff A.N. Standard said his office will investigate the cause of the fire, but said he does not have any reason to think the explosion was anything other than accidental.

"At this point we would certainly have nothing contrary to her ruling," he said.

The body was taken to Nalley-Pickle and Welch for internment.

Statewide LULAC rally to protest Gomez ruling

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

AUSTIN — A statewide rally will be held at the State Capitol Building Feb. 10 to protest the fatal police shooting of Sammy Gomez in Colorado City last year, according to officials with the League of United Latin American Citizens.

The organization, which is pushing for a federal grand jury investigation in the case, will protest the two state grand jury proceedings which no-billed Billy Ray Williamson, the former part-time police officer who shot Gomez May 13, 1988 while arresting him on rape charges.

"Texas LULAC never put that much stock in the state proceedings," said State Director John T. Garcia. "We would have been satisfied if there was a good faith presentation by the prosecution."

Garcia said that it was questionable whether that a recommendation was made to a November grand jury by District Attorney Frank Conard. That probably influenced the grand jury decision "because the grand jury can read what the prosecutor is doing," he said. "The grand jury system is a process that is an instrument of the prosecutor."

LULAC officials claim that Gomez was executed and that a knife was planted in an attempted police coverup. However, grand juries on May 19, 1988, and Nov. 10, 1989, agreed with Williamson who said that he shot in self-defense as Gomez advanced on him with a knife.

An autopsy report shows that Gomez was shot three times. The third shot entered the back of his head.

"We believe honestly that that autopsy report will show that Sammy Gomez was executed," Garcia said. "There's no way that he could have lunged at anybody with a knife. No way!" he said.

Of the three pathologists who testified at the November grand jury, two said that Williamson's version was possible as well as

other versions. But another one said that Gomez could not have been advancing on Williamson with a knife when he was shot.

"We don't want to harp on this just to start up bad feelings in Colorado City," Garcia said. Calling for justice for the whole community as well as the rest of the country, he said, "We feel that justice demands it."

Organizing the rally is the LULAC office in Austin, said Orlando Mata, the district director for that area.

He said that no details have been worked out yet other than the date

"We don't want to harp on this just to start up bad feelings in Colorado City. We feel that justice demands it." — John T. Garcia, state LULAC director.

and location. "We're going to get as many people as we can up here," he said.

In addition to the Gomez case, he said the rally may also address a plan being drawn up which will do away with the at-large system of electing state judges in nine counties.

U.S. District Judge Lucius Buntin III of Midland ruled that the at-large voting system violates the Voting Rights Act by diluting minority voting strength. He gave the state until Jan. 3 to offer an interim plan.

"(The rally) will focus the attention on these issues and how the Mexican-Americans need to push on these issues," Mata said.

Aside from the rally, LULAC officials said they will continue to push for a federal grand jury in the Gomez case and a civil lawsuit will probably also be filed.

National President Jose De Lara said that he is still waiting to hear from U.S. Attorney General

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Tree trashing

BIG SPRING — A City of Big Spring employee grabs a Christmas tree from the back of a pick-up and gets ready to throw it on a pile of other garbage at the trash bailer facility. Despite several trees that were disposed of at the bailer Wednesday, employees noted that they have gotten Christmas trees as late as July.

Herald photo by Tim Appel



BIG SPRING — Terry Cervantez looks into a hole that swallowed one of the tires on a pick-up she was driving Thursday morning at the intersection of 16th and Cherokee streets. Water had been run-

ning in the area the past several days, but according to Cervantez, no notices had been posted warning motorists.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Waterbreak hole swallows area woman's pickup tire

HERALD STAFF REPORT

BIG SPRING — Terry Cervantez was going to see a friend early this morning when her pickup truck ran into a hole in the middle of Cherokee Street.

The truck she was driving became stuck in the crevice but Cervantez, who was "shaken" by the incident wasn't injured.

Neighbors say the two to three foot hole was caused by broken waterlines in the area.

"That hole's been here for three days," said Jesse Ramirez, whose mother lives at the corner of Cherokee and 16th Street. "It's been getting bigger and bigger. There's a crack that goes all the way across the street... they'd better do something or someone's going to get hurt."

Cervantez was on her way to see Ramirez's mother.

"I was coming to visit my friend here," she said. "The road was full

of water... by the time I felt the hole it was too late, I was stuck. You could see the water but you couldn't see the hole."

Cervantez said she talked to city public works director Tom Decell, who she said told her she would have to pay for her own towing services to pull the pickup out of the hole.

"He said they would get any wrecker I wanted," Cervantez said. "But the city wouldn't pay. I told him all I wanted was a bill. I'm going to take it to a lawyer."

Decell was in a meeting at presstime and couldn't be reached for comment.

Cervantez said there were no barriers to show there was a hole in the middle of the road.

"People that live around here, know it is there," said Ramirez. "They (the city) should have put something up to keep people from running into it... but they didn't."

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Inside Texas

Fake bomb

EL PASO (AP) — A fake bomb discovered on the desk of an El Paso city representative has touched off a police investigation, authorities said.

El Paso Police Chief John Scagno said Wednesday officers are investigating the placement of a look-alike bomb on Rep. Jay J. Armes' desk early Tuesday. El Paso City Hall was evacuated after a custodian spotted the device about 6 a.m. Tuesday.

The realistic-looking bomb had seven sticks of wood wrapped with waxed paper used on actual sticks of dynamite and a working mercury switch that caused lights on a circuit board to flash when the bomb was tilted, said Lt. Dave Hamrick, a member of the police's Bomb Squad.

"Until we had a chance to check it out, it looked very real," Hamrick said. Armes told police that the fake bomb was a gag gift from his son. The Lower Valley city councilman could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Making or possessing a device that causes somebody to believe it is an actual bomb or causes emergency officials to respond is a Class A misdemeanor.



Vacationing

CORPUS CHRISTI — President George Bush gestures during an impromptu press conference about Panama on his arrival in Corpus Christi Wednesday. Bush is in Texas for a sporting vacation.

AIDS drug test

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas clinic is one of 10 in the United States chosen for a study involving a new drug that appears to stop the AIDS virus from multiplying, officials said.

The Nelson-Tebedo Community Clinic for AIDS Research is thought to be the first Texas site to test ddI, or dideoxyinosine, said John Thomas, executive director of the Dallas AIDS Resource Center. The resource center established the Nelson-Tebedo clinic.

The clinic will enroll about 30 patients in the study comparing the effectiveness and safety of ddI and its chemical cousin, AZT. AZT, or azidothymidine, is the only government-approved drug that attacks the virus causing AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome. AIDS attacks the body's immune system, which fights off disease.

"I don't think we'll have trouble finding people for the study," said Gloria Goodwin, manager of the Nelson-Tebedo Community Clinic for AIDS Research, which is operated by the Dallas Gay Alliance. "We have a lot of people anxious to get on ddI."

This is the second major clinical trial awarded to the Nelson-Tebedo clinic, which opened last summer, Mr. Thomas said.

About a dozen patients are currently enrolled in a study to determine whether the drug acyclovir improves the effectiveness of AZT, he said.

Initial studies on a few patients with acquired immune deficiency syndrome have shown that ddI, like AZT, keeps the AIDS virus from multiplying.

Austin celebrates 150th birthday

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin celebrated its 150th birthday by recognizing those who have given park land to the city, unveiling an historical marker and breaking ground for a convention center.

The downtown marker at First and Colorado streets bears an 1839 original plan for the city, an 1889 illustrated map and a 1989 aerial view of Austin.

Kelly Guest, chairman of the ground-breaking committee, said that ceremony symbolizes the city's accomplishments and its foundation for future economic growth.

"It will be one mark on the way to having the convention center open on the Fourth of July 1992," Guest said.

An invitation-only brunch Wednesday honored eight people and their families who have given park land to the city, Guest said.

Austin had its beginning when President Mirabeau B. Lamar of the Republic of Texas asked a special commission in January 1839 to inspect the area for a possible site for the permanent capital of the Republic. The commission selected Waterloo, which became Austin.

The city was incorporated in December 1839, and has been the permanent capital of the state of Texas since an election in 1850.



AUSTIN — Ryan Bland, 10, feels the Austin skyline as depicted on a historical marker dedicated today in honor of the city of Austin's sesquicentennial birthday. The marker shows Austin's 1839 original plan, an 1889 illustrated map, and a 1989 aerial view of the city. It was placed at the corner of First and Congress Avenue.

Demand for heating oil sends gas prices rising

HARLINGEN (AP) — The Rio Grande Valley, reeling from an arctic snap that destroyed much of its citrus and vegetable crops, now faces higher prices to pump gas and warm homes, due to a surge in demand for heating oils, industry officials said.

In McAllen, for instance, gasoline prices were as much as 16 cents higher on Wednesday than they were last weekend, when frigid temperatures swept the nation.

A surge in the demand for heating oils in the chilly midwest and northeast prompted an increase in unleaded and diesel fuel prices — as well as increased propane prices, officials say.

Jim Shillingburg, executive vice-president of the Texas Oil Marketers Association in Austin, said wholesale gasoline and diesel prices are "going through the roof" across the state, and industry experts don't know how much prices will go up before they stabilize.

Texas Oil Marketers Association district director Joe Phillips said the increased demand for diesel has forced crude oil prices upward. Because crude oil also is used to produce unleaded gasoline, prices for that fuel have risen as well.

"It's all related to the cold weather," Phillips said. "If prices rise in the northwest and

midwest, they're going to rise down here."

In addition to higher diesel and heating oil consumption, last weekend's explosion at the second largest refinery in Louisiana and the shutdown of some refineries along the Gulf Coast due to bad weather has caused fuel prices to increase.

Escalating propane prices are not the fault of Texas propane dealers, who are being forced to pay the same price as dealers in northern states, said Lynn Gray, president of the Texas LP-Gas Association.

Valley consumers are also faced with an increase in propane prices, due to increased demand in northern states hit by cold temperatures.

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"The excessive cold in the midwest, the northeast and the southeast has put a great demand on fuel and there wasn't enough fuel in storage to take care of the demand," Gray said. "Most of the propane produced in the country is produced in Texas, so they're buying it from here and having it pipelined to the northeast."

Lifesized cop cutouts placed to deter crime

DALLAS (AP) — Shoppers at Dallas-area food stores may find themselves looking into the eyes of the law — and doing a double take.

The police officers they'll see standing in Kroger stores are life-size, and look pretty real. But they're not. They're 6-foot cardboard cutouts of Dallas' finest.

Call them Scarecrows. They operate on the same principle as scarecrows.

And they're part of a new anti-shoplifting campaign borrowed from the British.

Constables in London noticed a decrease in shoplifting after they put up cardboard bobbies in stores, Dallas Police Lt. A.J. D'Alessandro said.

Kroger will put the three officer cutouts in three stores in Dallas, and move them around each month. After three months, Kroger plans to review the campaign to see whether it has been successful.

"I'm pretty sure we'll have some success," D'Alessandro said. "This campaign can be a limited-time success, but we'll move the officers around to other stores. The people will be faced with a different officer, and they'll be startled again."

The cutouts are about 6 feet tall and are affixed to stands. They portray officers in uniform in natural poses. A sign at the cutouts' feet states simply: "Shoplifting is a Crime."

The photos, at D'Alessandro's request, were shot straight on, "to make it appear that wherever

President's taste for bloodsports criticized

BEEVILLE (AP) — When President Bush's plane landed in Texas, the first person to emerge from Air Force One was an aide carrying the presidential fishing pole.

The president is on vacation, and he's making no apologies.

"I'm going to enjoy myself," Bush said upon his arrival in the Lone Star State on Wednesday. "The American people understand that. I've worked pretty hard all year long."

Bush has been hunting and fishing here annually for several years, the guest of Houston oilman Will Farish on his Lazy F Ranch in Bee and Goliad counties.

The president planned another round of quail hunting today despite protests from animal rights groups that condemned the president for engaging in a "cruel bloodsport."

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Bush and Secretary of State James A. Baker III bagged 10 quail between them Wednesday in a morning shoot. The president also caught three fish off San Jose Island and showed off a 22-inch redfish to reporters to prove his claim.

The hunt went on despite protests from The Fund for Animals, Inc., which sent a letter to Bush asking him to cancel.

"We would condemn a president for participating in bullfighting or bear-baiting, and we should condemn a president for participating in sport hunting," Wayne Paccelle, executive director of the New York-based group, said in a statement.

Cleveland Amory, president of the fund, said in the statement that he found it ironic that the president should "see fit to engage in a cruel bloodsport" during Christmas week.

The group said it planned a protest of Bush's hunt today, although it gave no details.

In Berclair, a community about 15 miles northeast of Beeville and near the Lazy F Ranch entrance, some local residents lined a blocklong portion of the president's route to the ranch with welcome banners on Wednesday.

The president's day Wednesday was capped by a night barbecue in Beeville, where where he told about 750 invited guests that he has not forgotten the support of the people in his adopted home state of Texas.

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Opinion

Views from across Texas

The elderly need ombudsmen

Thousands of elderly Texans who live in nursing homes need the friendly protection of volunteer ombudsmen to help ensure they get the quality of care they deserve. Less than half of area nursing homes have an ombudsman on board, but recruiting campaigns are under way. We hope the ranks of this army of mercy are filled soon.

There are 60 nursing homes in Dallas county, with 6,000-plus residents, but only 26 have ombudsmen. The Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas is seeking volunteers, who must be trained and certified by the Texas Department on Aging and the Texas Department of Health.

In the 14 North Texas counties outside of Dallas and Tarrant counties . . . there are 70 nursing homes with 5,000 residents, but only 29 are staffed with ombudsmen. The volunteer ombudsmen are required to visit the nursing home to which they are assigned at least once a week, but most are there much more recently. They act as mediator and problem solver, educator and advocate for quality of care and quality of life.

More than 50 percent of the residents of Texas nursing homes never have any visits from family members or friends. They depend entirely on the staff of the homes or on the volunteer ombudsmen to ensure good treatment and reasonable comfort. If you are looking for a way to render a valuable service to people who cannot help themselves, consider becoming a volunteer ombudsman in a nursing home.

Dallas Times Herald

Mail bombs reflect bigotry

Racial discrimination never should have existed in this country. That it remains today is tragic. Equally tragic is the violence often aimed at those who try to fight it.

Federal Judge Robert Vance of Birmingham and Savannah Alderman Robert Robinson were buried recently, both victims of mail bombs. Similar bombs were discovered and disarmed before they exploded in the 11th Circuit Court headquarters, both in Atlanta. The common denominator appears that the bombs were aimed at persons who have fought discrimination in public schools. All the bombs were mailed in Georgia. Otherwise, investigators are not revealing much information.

Directing the FBI investigation is Director William Sessions, once a federal judge in El Paso. After moving to San Antonio he directed the successful investigation of the 1979 murder of another federal judge, John Wood, which was drug-related. With the murder of Vance, three federal judges have been murdered in this century.

While one demented person may have mailed all the bombs and may be building more, the incidents indicate the continued danger in which all civil rights activists live.

El Paso Times

Mattox has failed his obligations

Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox has failed his obligations to the citizens of Texas.

Mattox, in his capacity as the state's chief lawyer, reached a temporary agreement with the plaintiffs in a lawsuit that seeks to overturn the state's judicial selection system. He did so without consulting any of the other parties to the suit in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of state government.

Under his agreement with the League of United Latin American Citizens, the method of electing state district judge in nine Texas counties will be changed in the 1990 voting, either to election from districts that coincide with state House district boundary lines or with county commissioners' precincts.

This particular legal battle — now being fought in every one of the 39 states that elect judges — will not be settled until it reaches the U.S. Supreme Court. And there is good reason to believe that the case being advanced by LULAC and other plaintiffs will not withstand the high court's scrutiny.

Judges . . . are not "representatives." . . . To cast judges in the role assigned to legislators and members of other governing bodies . . . does violence to the American tradition of three separate but equal branches of government. This is an issue that can only be resolved by the Supreme Court.

The Victoria Advocate

Hinote won fight forced on him

The case of William Hinote . . . may be headed for its final stop along its strange, sometimes dubious journey.

The Texas Supreme Court has let stand a court judgment of \$1.2 million given to Hinote, who had sued members of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union Local 243 for violating his civil rights.

Hinote, a Port Neches refinery worker, was shot five times in front of this home in October 1982, only 10 days after crossing a picket line at the American Petrofina plant where he worked.

The authorities never filed criminal charges in the case, leaving Hinote and his family to seek redress through the civil courts.

. . . A jury in September 1986 ruled seven defendants did not violate Hinote's civil rights. A district judge ordered a new trial on grounds of jury misconduct. A visiting judge presided over the new trial in Huntsville and a jury there awarded Hinote \$1.2 million in October 1987. But the judge set aside the award. An appeals court restored the judgment. And now, the state Supreme Court has affirmed that ruling.

This curious case . . . should offer hope to workers who in the future may put the needs of their family above loyalty to one side in a labor dispute.

Beaumont Enterprise

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



(Not) answering the question

By ART BUCHWALD

One of the big breakthroughs in television news is that it is now possible to conduct an entire interview without the subject of that interview answering a single question.



Art Buchwald

Developed at the 'Sam Donaldson School of Communications', this method is being used by anchor men and women all over the country.

Here's how it goes:

"Mr. Secretary. Your department intends to spend \$250 million for development of underwater underwear for the Navy. In light of our present fiscal situation, can you explain why you are asking for these funds?"

"It is my opinion . . ."

"Please answer the question — yes, or no. Did you ever go out on a date with Barney Frank?"

"I resent that question. I wish to be emphatic about this . . ."

"You appear to be beating around the bush, Mr. Secretary. If you don't want to respond, I can't make you."

"What was the question?"

"Do you plan to take the Fifth Amendment rather than testify about what happened when you and Sam Pierce had a joint bank account in Chevy Chase?"

"May I answer that?"

"Of course. That's what you're here for."

"I have never — repeat, never . . ."

"Just as I thought, Mr. Secretary. You've been toying with us since you came on the show. We ask you a simple question and you pretend that you're deaf. Shall we go on? Did you have any idea that Jackie Mason was going to get into so much trouble in New York City?"

"No, I didn't."

"How can you say that when ethnic politics is your specialty?"

"That's not true . . ."

"Mr. Secretary, we're starting to run out of time. Would you please get to the point?"

"I am getting to the point."

"Let that go for a moment and we'll discuss the Stealth bomber's advantage mileage program."

"I don't know anything about the Stealth bomber."

"You didn't say that when you went to the President and sold him on refitting five more battleships?"

"You've got me mixed up with someone else."

"Can I assume from your response that once again you are refusing to answer the question?"

"Can I speak?"

"Yes, but make it short."

"You have taken everything I've said and . . ."

"That's about all the time I can give you, Mr. Secretary. I want to thank you for being on the show and shedding so much light on such a variety of subjects. Now, after this break, we'll sum up with my partner, Roland Lockjaw."

"Roland, didn't you find the secretary evasive?"

"Very much so. He came here determined not to say a word and he stuck to his game plan. I am amazed at what few insights he had about the situation in the Brazilian rain forests."

"I guess the only thing we can assume is that the secretary is in more trouble than anyone realizes."

"How do you figure that?"

"Well, several times he tried to answer my first question, while I was already asking the second one. People don't do that unless they have a great deal to hide."

Administration's credibility gap looms

By WALTER R. MEARS

AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The ingredients of a credibility gap are showing in the tortuous White House explanations of administration missions and gestures toward China, a private easing of publicly declared sanctions.

It is an account heavy with fine print and fine distinctions as President Bush and his spokesmen argue that Americans were not misled by secret diplomacy.

Administrations that offered hair-splitting definitions in defense of their actions have had trouble before. Lyndon B. Johnson's



easing of the sanctions, which some critics had said were too tame in the first place.

Bush said he ordered those contacts with China because improved relations serve U.S. interests, and because a nation of more than 1 billion people should not be isolated.

The initial, secret trip came to light a day after the administration sent Eagleburger to brief a top congressional Democrat on the December mission to Beijing — while withholding word of the one in July. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said he was astonished to learn of the July mission. The White House said Bush sent Scowcroft on that one to tell the Chinese of his shock and concern at the Tiananmen killings.

Bush then had ordered the sanctions. He and Scowcroft had confronted the Chinese ambassador with the same message at a White House meeting.

Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said Scowcroft was sent to Beijing "to make sure that the Chinese did not think this was just a public statement."

He said Bush considered it important that the July contact be kept secret from Congress as well as from the public. To the suggestion that the Scowcroft message might have been reinforced had Congress been advised and joined in the reproof, Fitzwater replied: "It might carry more weight in the American way of thinking, but not in the China way of thinking."

And Bush on Thursday said people should pay close attention to the words he uses, insisting that he never precluded high-level con-

tacts with the Chinese. "I said 'no high-level exchanges,'" he clarified. "So please look at it carefully."

Secretary of State James A. Baker III wasn't careful enough — he said in a Dec. 10 television interview that the latest Scowcroft-Eagleburger visit was "the first time we've had high-level U.S. officials go to the People's Republic of China" since the sanctions. After the secret trip was disclosed, the State Department said Baker "regrets that he may have misled" some people.

There was a further easing of the sanctions Dec. 19, when Bush lifted a ban on loans that promote U.S. business in China, and approved the export of three communications satellites that are to be launched into orbit by the Chinese.

Bush insisted Thursday that his policies were the right ones. "I know how China works," he said, "see what we can do, make a representation of how strongly we feel against human rights abuse, but see what it's going to take to go forward."

He also has said that reciprocal Chinese actions would silence some of his critics. "I notice now that some of the critics who were so opposed, using this fantastically, diabolically anti-me language, they come up now and say well, if you get A, B and C, then it would be all right."

That may be so. But the Chinese haven't offered any of the above.

On Thursday, Beijing condemned the U.S. move into Panama as a shocking violation of international law and demanded immediate withdrawal.

Guest column

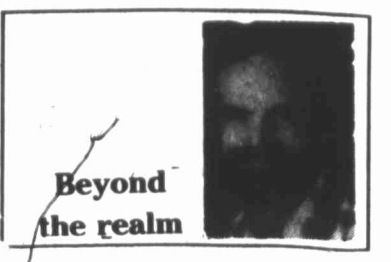
credibility problems began when he shaded meanings to create impressions that would build support for his policies.

The controversy over the Bush administration's secret and secretive China overtures is not ended, only on hold because of U.S. intervention in Panama. It will be revived, with an effort to override a Bush veto of a bill extending visas for Chinese students due soon after Congress reconvenes Jan. 23.

The administration's sanctions were imposed June 20, after the massacre in Tiananmen Square that began China's repression of democracy demonstrators. Bush was said to have suspended "all high-level exchanges of government officials" while halting military exchanges and postponing international loans to Beijing.

But within two weeks of that decree, Bush secretly sent two top officials to Beijing on a mission disclosed Dec. 18 after it had been reported by Cable News Network. The same two men, Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser, and Lawrence S. Eagleburger, the deputy secretary of state, went to China on Dec. 2 and 3; that trip was announced at 2 o'clock on a Saturday morning, after they had arrived. Bush's spokesman said the Chinese wanted it done that way.

The second trip had stirred sharp criticism from congressional Democrats who said the Chinese hadn't done anything to warrant an



The game that ate my brain

By STEVE REAGAN

OK, OK, I admit it — I'm becoming a couch potato.

It isn't easy confessing to such a condition. Couch potatoes are held in about the same esteem as yuppies and South Africans, so admitting to being one is almost like saying I'm an Afrikaner racist who drives a BMW and enjoys Perrier.

But a couch potato am I.

If I really wanted to, I could blame the whole thing on my wife — if I didn't want to eat again. You see, she bought me two presents for Christmas that led to my current condition.

To start things off, she shelled out her hard-earned money to get cable TV hooked up in our house. It was something we had planned to get for quite awhile, but never got around to doing.

I know, it must sound terribly backward for a modern married couple to be living in these days and times and not have cable TV, but somehow we muddled through the days with only the local channel to keep us company.

Suddenly, on Christmas morning, we had not one, but several channels at our command. Gone was the grainy reception and the irritating static. We said hello to the Weather Channel and CBS.

I found myself enthralled with ESPN.

I felt the first stirrings of couch-potatoism coming on.

Little did I know that this was only — as they say — the beginning.

The second present my wife presented was definitely the clincher — Nintendo.

Anyone who knows what that one word means will understand what happened to me next.

Nintendo, for the truly uninformed, is a video-game contraption that people can enjoy in the privacy of their own homes.

My wife reasoned that since I enjoy playing video games anyway, she might as well get me a Nintendo so that I'd stay home nights.

She reasoned correctly.

As soon as I opened the box, my couch-potatoism was in full flower. It was almost as if the outside universe had ceased to exist. I couldn't tell you what was happening in the next room, but I could tell you my highest score on Mario Brothers or Duck Hunt.

The gift technically was to be shared between me and my stepson (remember the Shark?), and he does get his share of playing time. But once the little tyke drifts off to sleep, guess who plays video games until the wee hours of the morning?

That's right (the author states, hanging his head), me.

It's a good thing the individual game cartridges cost so much; there's no telling how much I might spend on the darned things if I had the cash.

It's really a sad sight, now that I think about it. No longer am I content to read or do some other constructive activity. No, give me my video game or give me . . . well, I'm not that far gone yet.

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Heating oil prices at highest level

WASHINGTON (AP) — Angry homeowners, besieged oil delivery companies and governors across the Northeast are calling on federal officials to find out why home heating oil prices skyrocketed this month to their highest levels ever.

The price jump from about 85 cents a gallon two weeks ago to as high as \$1.62 per gallon now has led officials from Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York to Gov. Judd Gregg in New Hampshire to call for federal investigations of possible gouging and price-fixing.

Whether oil companies are in collusion or not, public officials and industry experts agree that an unusual confluence of events

has led to the highest prices ever for home heating oil.

Events ranging from low water levels on the Rhine River in Germany to a refinery explosion in Louisiana have contributed to the upsurge, officials say. Above all, though, is the record cold spell that has gripped much of the nation this month.

About two-thirds of the homes in New England use truck-delivered heating oil, according to the New England Fuel Institute, which represents 1,300 companies. Unlike electricity and natural gas, home heating fuel is unregulated and therefore subject to market fluctuations.

Companies to pay for own mistakes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government will stop reimbursing operators of nuclear weapons plants for their own criminal fines, environmental penalties, fraudulent losses and other questionable costs, officials say.

The decision, spurred by growing congressional criticism of the weapons program, marks the most fundamental change in the Energy Department's weapons contracting system since companies were recruited to build the first atomic bombs in the 1940s.

The companies traditionally

have been allowed to recover virtually all their costs, even those resulting from their own negligence. The logic was that weapons production was so specialized and vital to national security that the government could not afford to risk losing a plant operator over money matters.

The new thinking, under Energy Secretary James D. Watkins, is that the weapons contractors will perform better if they are held accountable for their mistakes.

Booby trap fatally wounds intruder

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — A suspected burglar was killed after setting off a booby trap rigged by a homeowner who complained of frequent break-ins.

Police said Wednesday that 37-year-old Leroy (or Lee Roy) Woodard of Mobile was shot in the neck and killed about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday when he stepped into a trap laid by the homeowner.

Police spokesman Tom Jennings said the booby trap included two hunting rifles in separate locations, one pointing down a

staircase. He said one rifle fired when Woodard stepped on a wire rigged to the rifle trigger.

The homeowner, 29-year-old Mark McClammy, was questioned and released. But Jennings said the case would be presented to a county grand jury.

Joy Patterson, a spokeswoman for the state attorney general, said, "It's illegal to take a life to protect property, but it could be legal where someone is defending their own life or someone else's life."

Propane tank explodes, burns

BATESVILLE, Ark. (AP) — About 3,500 residents evacuated after a propane explosion and fire were allowed to return to their homes this morning when firefighters extinguished the remaining flames.

No injuries were reported at White-Rodgers Co. when a propane tank exploded shortly before 4 p.m. Wednesday. Workers were evacuated and people who live within a mile of the plant were ordered from their homes, said Dale Rust of the Independence County Office of Emergency Services.

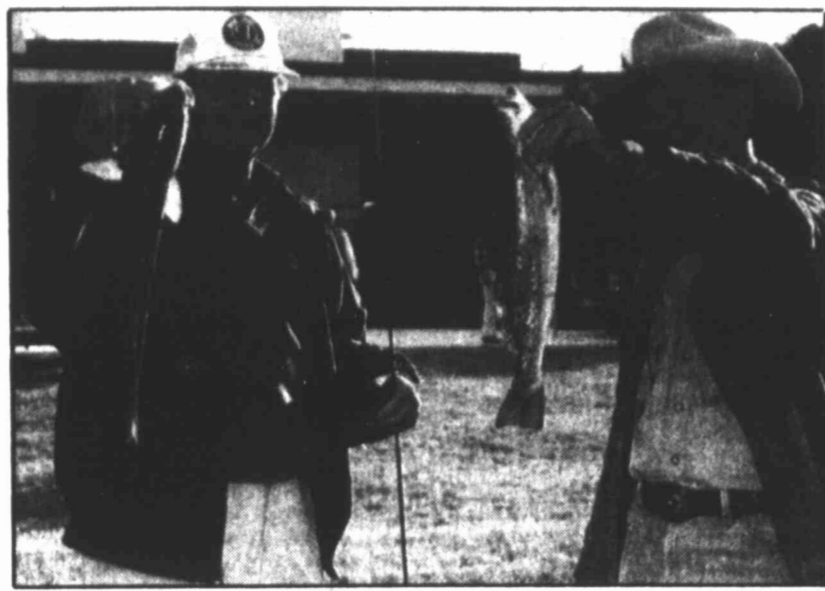
The fire, which had burned into the night, ebbed this morning after workers managed to shut off one of the leaking valves that fed the flames, Mayor Jim Shirrell said.

The explosion sent a large plume of smoke and fire into the sky over the town about 80 miles

northeast of Little Rock.

Ten state troopers were sent to the city to help control looting, after Independence County Sheriff David Hunter said there had been some reports of burglaries in the evacuated area.

The eight tanks at the plant contained about 12,000 gallons of propane, Rust said, which could inflict damage within a mile if it all exploded.



SAN JOSE ISLAND — George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker show off their catches on San Jose Island Wednesday afternoon. Bush held an impromptu press conference about Panama upon his arrival in Texas for a vacation of hunting and fishing.

Bush 'determined' to bring Noriega to justice

BEEVILLE (AP) — President Bush says that, despite complications and delicate negotiations on the fate of ousted Panamanian dictator Manuel Antonio Noriega, "I am determined to bring him to justice."

However, administration officials said privately that little headway has been apparent in prying Noriega from the Vatican Embassy in Panama City to stand trial on drug trafficking charges in the United States, and they expressed some frustration at the pace of negotiations.

"I want to see this man who is under indictment brought to justice for poisoning the children of the United States of America and people around the world," Bush said at a barbecue held here Wednesday night in his honor.

The president and fellow Texan, Secretary of State James A. Baker III, are spending the next few days quail hunting here on the 10,000-acre ranch of William Farish, a wealthy Houston oilman and longtime Bush friend.

Bush, who has been coming here for a holiday season quail hunt annually for more than two decades, thanked the crowd of more than 700 people "for this homecoming."

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Bush planned to receive briefings by phone today on any new developments in Panama, but otherwise intended to spend the day hunting.

"Look, I don't make any cover. I'm going to be enjoying myself and I think the American people understand that," Bush told reporters on his arrival Wednesday at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department asked four European nations on Wednesday to freeze bank accounts where Noriega is thought to have hidden illegal drug profits.

David Runkel, a department spokesman, said the legal papers were filed with the governments of France, Switzerland, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom, requesting authorities to order banks to block any transactions in the

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Police arrest Ceausescu relatives

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Soldiers today arrested three relatives of Nicolae Ceausescu in the executed dictator's hometown, and his older brother was found hanged in the Romanian Embassy in Vienna.

The revolutionary government warned security police holdouts to surrender today or face execution, but there was no indication that many were turning themselves in.

Ceausescu's 74-year-old brother, Marin, was found dead in the trade section of the Romanian Embassy in Vienna, where he had worked since 1974. Police said

Ceausescu, reportedly the head of Romanian secret police operations in Western Europe, apparently had killed himself.

Romanian soldiers and police arrested Ceausescu's sister, Elena Barbulescu, and her son, Emil, as they hid in Ceausescu's hometown of Scornicești, the official Romanian news agency Agerpres said.

Arrested with them was the wife of Ceausescu's brother Ilie, the ousted deputy defense minister, Agerpres said. The news agency did not give her first name.

Ousted party leader returns

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Alexander Dubcek, the former Communist Party chief ousted two decades ago for leading the "Prague Spring" reforms, returned triumphantly to power today as speaker of Czechoslovakia's parliament.

In a political renaissance unimaginable only two months ago, Dubcek was elected unanimously by 269 deputies present out of the 350 member Communist-dominated Federal Assembly.

Dubcek shook hands quietly

with a few colleagues and shuffled papers nervously during the vote.

"This is a moral satisfaction to the hundreds of thousands of people who have upheld the ideals of the 'Prague Spring,'" Dubcek said in an address carried live on state TV.

In 1968, Soviet-led tanks and troops crushed Dubcek's reform movement and oversaw the installation of a hard-line Communist leadership that ruled until a peaceful revolution that began Nov. 17.

Yeltsin running for elective office

MOSCOW (AP) — Maverick Communist Boris N. Yeltsin is running for president of the Soviet Union's largest republic, a Soviet news service reported today.

Yeltsin, who won more than 5 million votes in Moscow elections with his anti-elite stance and calls for more radical reform, has accepted a nomination to be president of the Russian Federation, the Interfax news agency said.

Voters in Ramenki, a town near Moscow, nominated him, said Interfax, which is affiliated with state-run Radio Moscow.

Yeltsin was dumped from his job as Moscow Party chief in late

1987 for his outspoken criticism of the slow pace of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's reforms. He was later given a state post in construction with the rank of minister.

The 58-year-old former engineer parlayed his image as a fighter for justice and victim of the party apparatus into a sweeping victory in March elections for the Soviet Congress, when he won 89 percent of the Moscow vote.

At the Congress, Yeltsin has emerged as a leader of the fledgling opposition to Communist Party leaders and has continued to push for speedier reform.

Australian quake kills at least 11

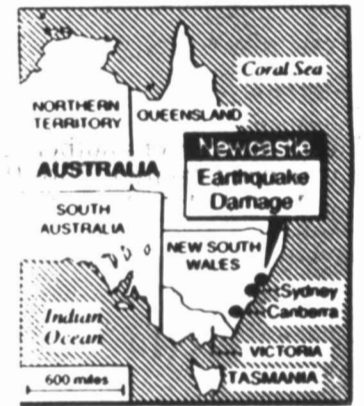
NEWCASTLE, Australia (AP) — A strong earthquake today crumbled buildings and homes in this southeastern city, killing at least 11 people and injuring more than 120, officials said. The army was called in to help prevent looting.

Some reports said as many as 30 people died in Newcastle, an industrial hub of 500,000 people about 75 miles north of Sydney. Hundreds of thousands of homes were reported without electricity and phone service was cut off. An insurance official estimated damage at \$1 billion.

Rescue workers frantically hunted for victims in the rubble.

The quake, which measured 5.5 on the Richter scale, struck at 10:28 a.m. and lasted for 45 seconds. Police said it was the first in Australian history to

strike a heavily populated area. Newcastle, Australia's fifth-largest city, also is a major coal mining center but there were no immediate reports of any miners trapped or injured underground.



Arab poet translates Shakespeare

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Love's labor has not been lost for Jabra Ibrahim Jabra, one of the giants of contemporary Arab letters who has translated Shakespeare's plays and sonnets into Arabic. Critics say they are the best translations of The Bard yet in Arabic.

It took him 24 years, from 1959 to 1983, to translate "Hamlet," "Coriolanus," "King Lear," "Macbeth," "Othello," "The Tempest" and 40 of the sonnets.

Now he says that's it.

"I wanted to translate all his plays," Jabra said in an interview at his home in a fashionable Baghdad suburb. "But after finishing 'The Tempest' I realized it was virtually impossible. I'd never have the time to do anything else."

He said "The Tempest," which he completed in 1979, was the toughest to translate because "it was deceptively lyrical, which makes it very difficult to render in another language."

Eisa Abu-Shamsieh, an Arab academic, noted in a literary thesis on Jabra that his Shakespeare translations "as well as scholarly studies on Shakespeare's works stand as a remarkable contribution to the modern Arabic drama in particular, and literature in general. His accuracy in translation is a characteristic upon which his critics agree."

Jabra, 69, is one of the most prolific and versatile Arab writers; he is a novelist, poet, essayist, critic and translator as well as artist.

"It took me a year to do 'Hamlet,' the first Shakespeare play I translated," Jabra said.

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War films, romance win top nominations

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — "Born on the Fourth of July," "Glory" and "When Harry Met Sally..." scored the most honors in Golden Globe nominations announced today by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

The two war-oriented films, one about Vietnam, the other on the Civil War, were nominated five times each, along with the modern romance comedy.

They were followed by "Dead Poets Society," "Do the Right Thing" and "The Little Mermaid" with four nominations apiece. The Golden Globes, first of the Hollywood award season, often serve as a bellwether for the Oscars, though the foreign press members are noted for eccentricities.

The Golden Globes divide films and star performances into two categories, drama and musical or comedy.

The nominees include: Motion Picture (Drama) — "Born on the Fourth of July," "Crimes and Misdemeanors," "Dead Poets Society," "Do the Right Thing," "Glory."

Motion Picture (Musical or Comedy) — "Driving Miss Daisy," "The Little Mermaid," "Shirley Valentine," "The War of the Roses," "When Harry Met Sally..."

Actress Performance (Drama) — Sally Field, "Steel Magnolias," Jessica Lange, "Music Box," Andie MacDowell, "Sex, Lies and Videotape," Michelle Pfeiffer, "The Fabulous Baker Boys," Liv Ullmann, "The Rose Garden."

Actor Performance (Drama) — Tom Cruise, "Born on the Fourth of July," Daniel Day-Lewis, "My Left Foot," Jack Lemmon, "Dad," Al Pacino, "Sea of Love," Robin Williams, "Dead Poets Society."

Actress Performance (Musical or Comedy) — Pauline Collins,

"Shirley Valentine," Meg Ryan, "When Harry Met Sally..." Meryl Streep, "She-Devil," Jessica Tandy, "Driving Miss Daisy," Kathleen Turner, "The War of the Roses."

Actor Performance (Musical or Comedy) — Billy Crystal, "When Harry Met Sally..." Michael Douglas, "War of the Roses," Morgan Freeman, "Driving Miss Daisy," Steve Martin, "Parenthood," Jack Nicholson, "Batman."

Supporting Actress — Bridget Fonda, "Scandal," Brenda Fricker, "My Left Foot," Julia Roberts, "Steel Magnolias," Laura San Giacomo, "Sex, Lies and Videotape," Dianne Wiest, "Parenthood."

Supporting Actor — Danny Aiello, "Do the Right Thing," Marlon Brando, "A Dry White Season," Sean Connery, "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," Ed Harris, "Jackknife," Denzel Washington, "Glory," Bruce Willis, "In Country."

Director — Spike Lee, "Do the Right Thing," Rob Reiner, "When Harry Met Sally..." Oliver Stone, "Born on the Fourth of July," Peter Weir, "Dead Poets Society," Edward Zwick, "Glory."

Foreign Language Film — "Camille Claudel," France; "Cinema Paradiso," Italy; "Jesus of Montreal," Canada; "My Uncle's Legacy," Yugoslavia; "Story of Women," France.

The foreign press also makes television awards, and the leading nominee was "L.A. Law" with eight. "Cheers" and "Lonesome Dove" followed with four.

The Golden Globes will be presented at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Jan. 20, and will be seen on the TBS Superstation in a show produced by Dick Clark.

The foreign press will present its Cecil B. DeMille award to Audrey Hepburn.

'Little Mermaid' wholesome, sophisticated

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

It seems that Walt Disney gets better after death. "The Little Mermaid," a movie that dazzles the eye and ear with its color and music, offered a viewing experience that was both wholesome and sophisticated.

Ironically, this was a Disney movie in which an "evil" character stole the show. The most fascinating performance came from the wicked witch of the sea, a flamboyant woman whose boldly creative songs offer marvelous entertainment.

Nor was it entirely clear that

the devious witch embodied only evil. Not only was she a compelling presence on the screen, which has its own way of redeeming her, but the matriarchal figure brought to light an inevitable battle of the sexes in the sea: her primary ambition was to oust an aging patriarch. The king, on at least one occasion, proved himself to be hot-tempered and arbitrary. But the sea witch, clearly, was not the right woman to emerge as his successor.

As with other Disney movies, the forces of good triumph over the forces of evil. This is what makes possible the happy endings

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that are a trademark of Disney films.

In the dreamlike world of animation, the viewer is invited to suspend his credulity and believe in "happily ever after" endings. And the viewer does. That's because he is not burdened by thoughts of death (the animated characters seem somehow immortal), conflict or divorce (they apply to the characters of real life), or other catastrophes. The colors on the

screen are too lovely, the motives of the movie's heroes too pure, for anything so dreary to occur.

This is a movie in which the magical occurs regularly. Why should it be any surprise that the implied marriage of the mermaid, in human form, with her beloved Eric will also be magically blessed?

To watch a Walt Disney movie is to still believe in the G-rated: that wholesomeness and virtue can reign supreme in life. Let us hope no adults ever become so "mature" that they're unable to appreciate such a lovely message or film.

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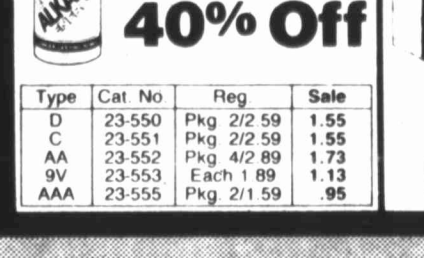
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Inside style

Kiwanis birthday

On New Year's Day a new float will join the Tournament of Roses Parade. This float will be the beginning of activities commemorating the 75th birthday of Kiwanis International, which will be Jan. 21.

According to Don Proctor, president of the Big Spring Kiwanis Club, there are 8,557 Kiwanis clubs worldwide. Clubs are in 75 countries and have a combined membership of 317,539.

Proctor says that between Jan. 1 and Jan. 21 each club will be sponsoring activities in connection with the 75th birthday. The Big Spring club will celebrate with a luncheon Jan. 18 at which time leaders in work with children, community spiritual leaders, local government officials and other civic leaders will be honored.

Kiwanis clubs worldwide emphasize friendship and the spiritual and human values of life and seek to promote higher social, business and professional standards.

Through fund-raising activities, including the annual pancake supper, corn bread and bean dinner and annual garage sale, Kiwanians assist activities and organizations such as the Westside Day Care Center, college scholarships, Veterans Administration, and Big Spring State Hospital patients, Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens, Adopt-A-Spot and Highway cleanup projects, Kiwanis International youth work and character education in the public schools.

Military

Pvt. Robert S. Ross has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Shepard C. Ross, 406 Armstrong.

Lifestyle



I can't bear this

BOSTON — Two-year-old Zack McWade expresses himself after being asked once too often by a photographer to pose with a display of more than 2,000 stuffed bears outside a Boston bank. The bears were being distributed to children in local hospitals in a holiday "bearlift".

Associated Press photo

Judge ensures inmate's debt to society

DEAR ABBY: I just read something in the Joliet Herald-News that I think should be aired in your column.

A 20-year-old liberal arts student at the University of Iowa was sentenced to seven years in prison for distributing LSD. Abby, this guy made a fortune selling drugs. Furthermore, the judge ordered him to pay \$1,210 a month to pay for his prison stay! After he serves his prison term, he will be on supervised release for four years, for which he must pay \$91 a month.

I think this is a wonderful idea. Why should honorable, law-abiding citizens have to pay to feed and house these criminals — especially the ones who got rich selling drugs? I wonder what your other readers think of this. — E.S. IN JOLIET, Ill.

DEAR E.S.: I'm with you. I am amazed that judges didn't think of it before, or have they? Readers?

DEAR ABBY: An unusual situation has caused hard feelings in our office and we would like your opinion of the following:

My friend and I purchased four choice tickets for a major upcoming sporting event as soon as the tickets went on sale. A lot of legwork and advance planning went into buying these tickets at \$100 each.

The sporting event will take place shortly, and the value of the tickets has quadrupled. We could easily get \$400 apiece for those tickets. My friend and I plan to attend the event and sell the other two tickets, thus paying for our expenses and making a small profit.

Office cronies want to buy the two tickets for their original price



Dear Abby

— \$100 each. We insist on selling them for a price that we can easily get from others. We have not seen this topic discussed in your column and would appreciate your opinion.

— OFFICE FOLKS

DEAR ABBY: Tell your office cronies that the early bird gets the worm, and they must be cuckoo to expect you to sell those tickets at your cost at this late date.

DEAR ABBY: Will you please do a service for all adoptive families? Inform newspaper editors that adopted children are not fertility drugs. I am sick of seeing sentences such as this one — from The New York Times, no less: "They tried for 10 years to have a child; it was not until after they adopted a baby boy that Mrs. Brand became pregnant."

There is no cause-and-effect here. The chances of conceiving a child are the same before and after adoption. Implying that all one has to do is "relax" belittles the infertile couple's experience, and is an insult to them and their adopted child.

Imagine how adoptees must feel when they read that they were just a means to an end — a reproductive aid to bring about their parents' second child! Adoptive parents do not think that way, but journalists thoughtlessly

perpetuate the myth that adopted children are second-best.

And another thing: Could we all lighten up on phrases such as "adopt a whale," or "adopt a zoo animal"?

One last thing, Abby, and I'll have it off my chest. My son's "real mother" didn't give him up. His real mother adopted him. The dear young woman who gave birth to him wasn't able to be a mother to him, so she gave him up. — MARY RUSSELL, SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO

DEAR ABBY: How does a wife know for certain that the "other woman" is out of her husband's life?

Please ask your readers, Abby. My husband's "friend" has been in our lives for many years. My husband says it's over, but I can't believe him. He has lied, cheated and betrayed me for so long that his words mean nothing. — B E W I L D E R E D I N GREENSBURG, PA.

DEAR BEWILDERED: Does your husband have unexplained absences for hours at a time? Is he always where he says he is going to be? Can you reach him by phone when he's not home? Can he look you in the eye? Has your love life tapered off? (This may not mean anything because some husbands work twice as hard at being good lovers when they're involved away from home.) Is he short of money?

You could put a "tail" (private detective) on him, but that's very expensive, and it's usually done only when a spouse wants evidence for a divorce.

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Human-powered helicopter flies

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — Leonardo da Vinci long ago drew a flying machine powered by a man cranking levers that could take off vertically and hover above the Earth.

Five centuries and thousands of inventors later, da Vinci's dream of a human-powered helicopter was realized this month by students at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

The Dec. 10 flight of the Da Vinci III, powered by an Olympic bicyclist, lasted just a few seconds and got the craft only a few inches off the ground. Even so, it was the first ever flight by a human-powered helicopter and was hailed as a historic aviation achievement.

As a result, the Cal Poly students are spending Christmas break raising money and designing the Da Vinci IV.

"Until this point, nobody had ever broken the pull of the Earth.

This is a great leap forward," said Mark Paris, spokesman for the American Helicopter Society in Alexandria, Va., an organization of engineers.

The 97-pound Da Vinci III, completely designed and built by undergraduate engineering students, officially flew for 6.8 seconds, rising 8 inches off a gym floor on this campus halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The Dec. 10 flight, made before an official from the National Aeronautic Association and a cheering crowd, and two November practice flights left the inventors feeling like Orville and Wilbur Wright must have felt at Kitty Hawk.

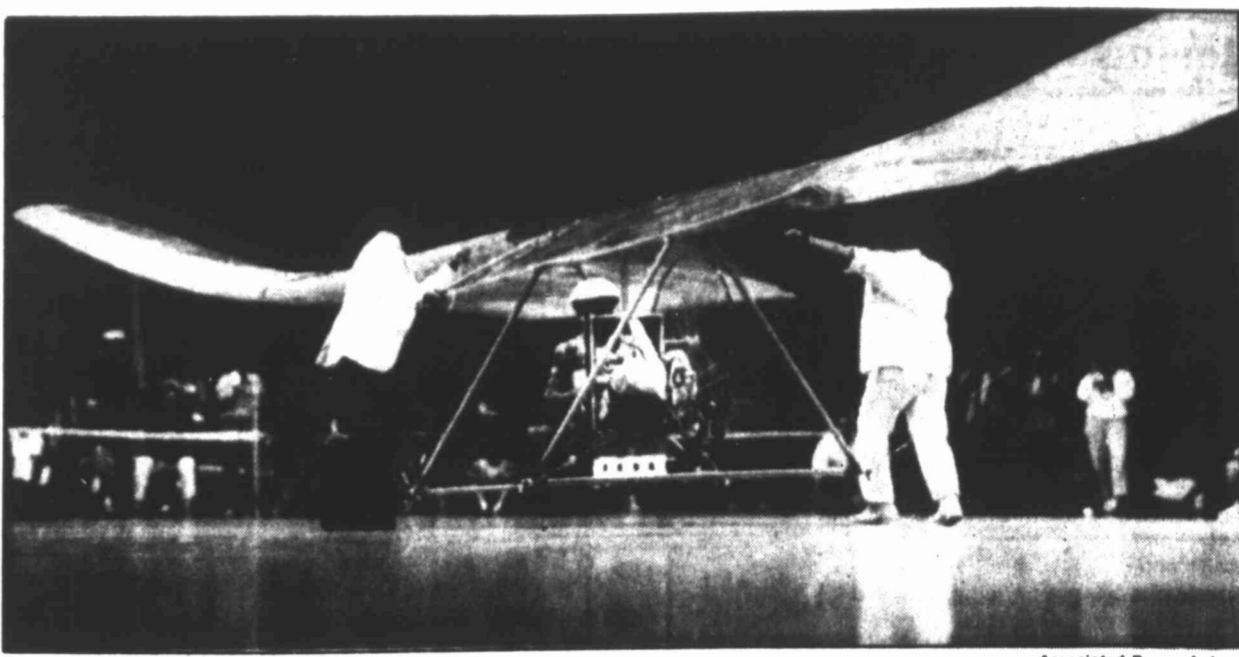
"I was very surprised," said Neal Saiki, a 23-year-old senior and the guiding force of the project since 1987. "The time it first took off, I wasn't really expecting it, to

tell you the truth. Then it was just all kinds of emotions going through me."

The project has been in the works off and on since 1980, with much of the work done in a cluttered workshop. The whole project has cost about \$100,000, money donated from aerospace companies and private contributors.

It has taken several versions of the helicopter, hundreds of hours behind a computer, scores of crashes and other mishaps, and lots of old-fashioned head scratching before the students came up with a workable design.

In the end, they found they didn't so much have to refine helicopter technology as virtually reinvent the machine. What they have created is a craft that looks more like a spinning wing than a helicopter.



SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — Greg McNeil pedals a human-powered helicopter, the Da Vinci III, on a successful flight Dec. 10 in the gym at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The helicopter, completely designed and built by undergraduate engineering students, officially flew for 6.8 seconds, eight inches off the ground.

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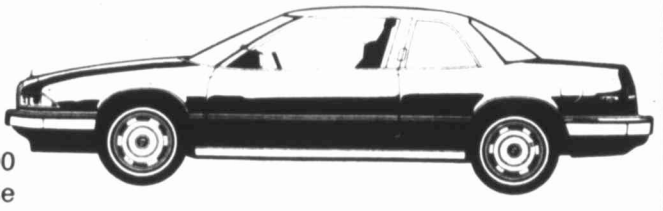
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9 PM		(L)	Mystery! (CC)	700 Club	With Andy Rooney	Primetime Live	America Noticiero	Movie:	L.A. Law (CC)		On Stage	Sat. Nite SCTV					Movie Lady In White	Movie Untouchable	America (CC)
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12 AM	Hard Copy	News	EastEnders	Movie: Posse	Night Heat	St Blue (:35) Now	Movie: Recambolo	Devil Dog	Bob Costas	Shrinking Woman	On Stage	Bewitched Mr. Ed	Self-improvement	Dragnet Insider	Music Videos	(:35) Toby			Movie (-35) Kid

Names in the news

BALTIMORE (AP) — The hockey mask worn by masked movie murderer Jason in the horror film "Friday the 13th" and stolen from director John Waters' porch was found in a mailbox after police received a tip Saturday.

Waters didn't direct "Friday the 13th," but was given the mask by Nick Mancuso, the executive producer of the horror film. The mask was taken last week from the front porch of Waters' home, where a deliveryman had left it.

Waters, who directed cult movie hits such as "Hairspray" that featured the late female impersonator Divine, had planned to give the hockey mask to an old friend for Christmas.

An anonymous caller phoned police



JASON EMEROR AKIHITO

TOKYO (AP) — Emperor Akihito celebrated his 56th birthday Saturday, and said a "precious item" was in a mailbox in north Baltimore. The mailbox was opened and the missing bag addressed to Waters, police said.

day, the first since he assumed the Chrysanthemum Throne earlier this year.

There were no ceremonies to celebrate the birthday because the imperial family is observing a year of mourning for the death of Akihito's father, Emperor Hirohito, who died of intestinal cancer Jan. 7.

In previous years, thousands of Japanese flocked to the imperial palace on Hirohito's birthday April 29 and the monarch greeted them from his balcony with a terse "Thanks for coming."

Following Akihito's ascension, his Dec. 23 birthday was declared a national holiday. Hirohito's birthday remains a holiday, but is now called "Greenery Day," to commemorate the former emperor's love of nature.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1989

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: cellist Pablo Casals, President Andrew Johnson, actress Mary Tyler Moore, actors Jon Voight and Ted Danson.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Review your financial goals before closing the books on the business year. Show your feelings for your mate in a meaningful way. If an office party gets out of hand, leave early!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It is time to temper your desires and demands. Go along with the crowd for a change. Your imagination carries you away at times. Fun and frolic can be enjoyed in moderation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your diplomacy helps you weather some embarrassing moments at work. Do not expect to accomplish too much. Family has your full attention tonight. Introduce your old friends to

your new ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your self-confidence is justified. Take the lead in planning a family event. Nostalgia reigns. Old-fashioned board games appeal to the young and young-at-heart. Get out the family photo albums as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A chat with romantic partner proves illuminating. Family should understand a couple's need to be alone. Get a good baby sitter and seek lively entertainment tonight. Focus on the good times ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Romantic undercurrents make this an unpredictable but fun-filled day. Share a secret with loved ones. Tackle routine tasks at work. Postpone launching a business venture until after the weekend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Taking the initiative today could lead to a misunderstanding with your co-workers. Progress is more important than popularity. Partnerships assume greater significance. Visit with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pace yourself to keep up with new

demands. Your excellent instincts are a big asset. A member of the opposite sex holds the key to greater financial or emotional security. Be receptive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Highlight your creative and artistic talents to boost profits. You will be admired for the way you handle yourself in a crisis. Act modest. Weekend travel will give you a new perspective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): New romantic vistas could open up today. You and your partner are unlikely to see eye-to-eye on a financial matter. Be certain you are on firm ground before making demands.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Social events give you a chance to make promising business contacts. Influential people are more supportive than in the past. Pursue self-improvement activities. Spruce up your wardrobe.

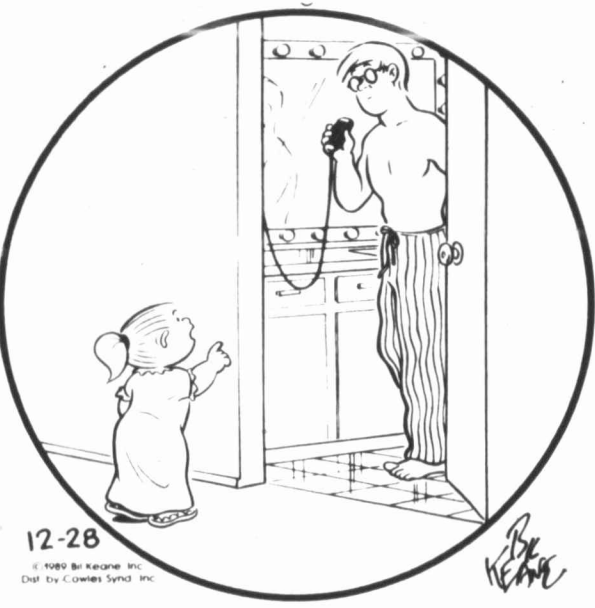
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Treat an authority figure as a friend. Your goals and ambitions could change dramatically, giving you new freedom. Religion and philosophy become more important to you. Make a fresh start.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"ANYBODY TURN IN A MOTHER, YET?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"You said the shaving cream I gave you was just what you needed, but you're not using it."

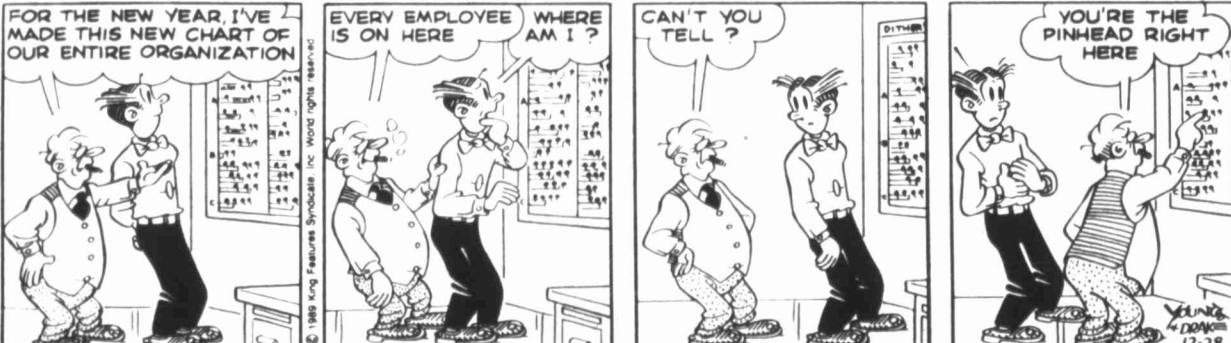
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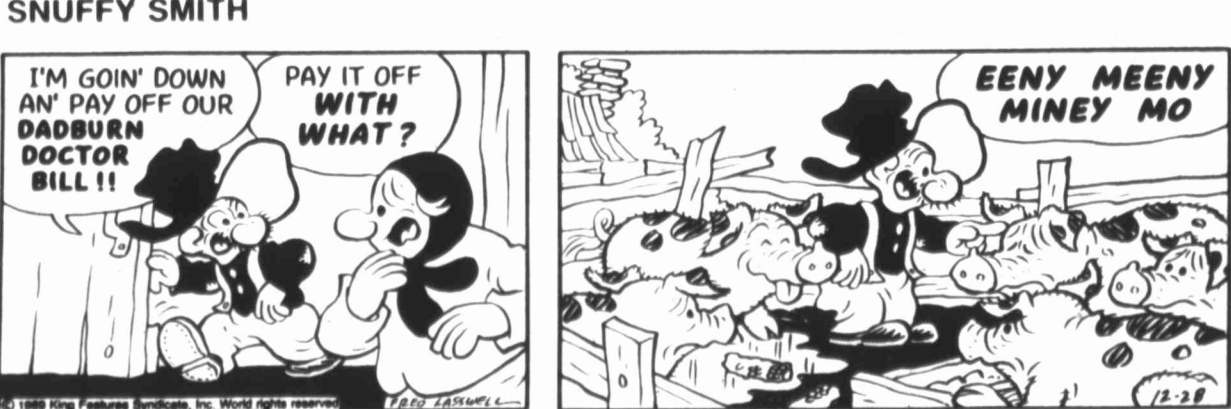
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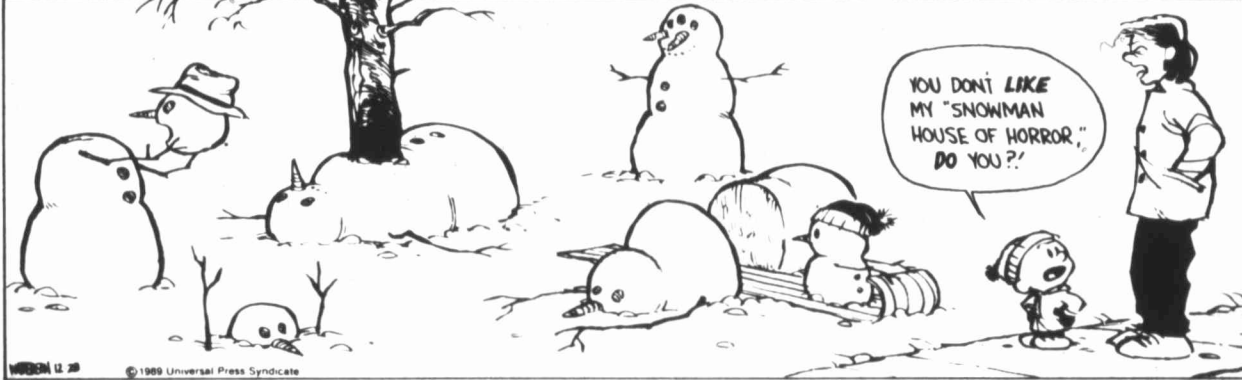
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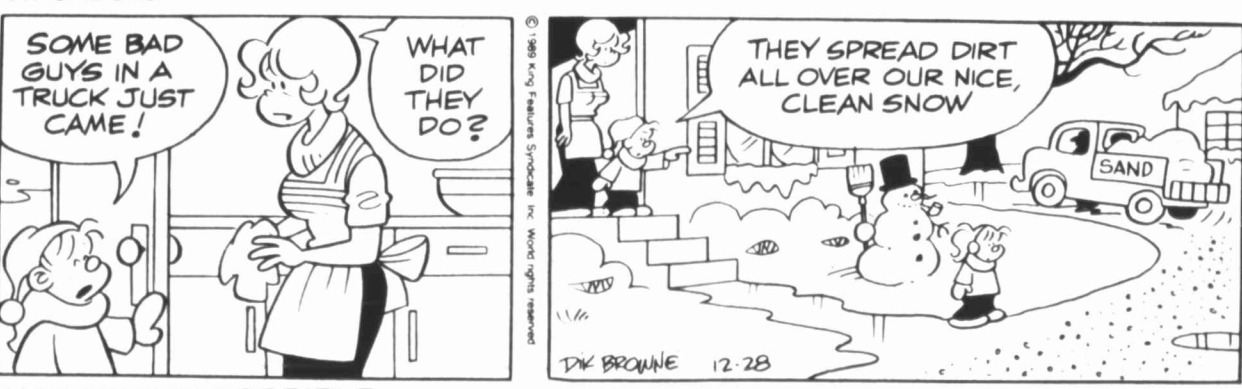
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Around town

STANTON — It's been a banner year for Christmas Cheer.

The charitable organization gave toys and food to about 50 families this year in Stanton, said County Judge Bob Deavenport, who is chairman of Christmas Cheer.

A total of more than 1,000 cans or items of food were distributed by some 16 Christmas Cheer volunteers, Deavenport said.

In 1988, Christmas Cheer distributed cans or items of food to about 40 families, Deavenport said.

A total of six churches in Martin County contributed food toward Christmas Cheer this year. "We had more contributors than we've ever had," Deavenport said.

Deavenport also said that Fellowship of Christian Athletes distributed 45 fruit trays to senior citizens in Stanton. Christmas Cheer supplied the fruit to the athletes.

STANTON — The Salvation Army is not exactly an army in Stanton.

Its service unit in town has all of two members, says Bob Deavenport, chairman of Salvation Army in Stanton.

The other member is Raymond Walton, vice president of First National Bank of Stanton. Walton serves as secretary-treasurer for the Salvation Army unit.

"We haven't made any particular Christmas effort (this year)," said Deavenport. "We have our local Christmas Cheer that's completely separate from Salvation Army."

"We're a predominantly oil and farming community," Walton said. "They're struggling, so we don't want to have a (fund) drive until the economic conditions improve."

Salvation Army in Stanton did raise \$730 this year in a fund-raising drive by mail that began in November.

Although two-thirds of the amount went to state Salvation Army headquarters in Dallas, about \$245 of the money that was collected could be spent on the needy in Stanton.

In 1988, Salvation Army got to keep \$156 from its fund-raising drive to aid the needy.

There were 53 local residents, and 8 transients, aided by Stanton's Salvation Army in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1989.

The Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) held their annual Christmas party Wednesday, December 6. About 26 students brought a covered dish and feasted on a variety of delicious food.

White elephant gifts were exchanged and rumor has it that Stacy Long received pink lingerie. Other envied gifts were the toy fingernails Patricia Gillum received and the banana clips given to Carmen Cazarez. Kelly Schoolcraft brought a beautiful silver heart necklace that caused several jealous fights.

At the close of the party Mrs. Harbison was given a nice blue sweater from the club in appreciation.

Christmas party bells were also rung by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. They had a hayride that began at the high school at 7:00 on Thursday, December 7. Students piled in the back of Coach Stirl's pickup to enjoy the cold, crisp night air. They ventured to several houses spreading cheer and carols. Carolers visited the Parkers, the Glaspies, and the teachers' party at the Dales Ruths.

The hayride ended at the Tollison's house where refreshments were served. A devotion was given by Kelly Inman and Jana Heidelberg read a poignant story entitled "The Greatest Gift."

White elephant gifts were exchanged. Cissie Hobb's gift was the envied rage. Reportedly it was a T-shirt and boxer short combo with SHS Basketball stenciled on it. Other less desirable gifts were cat food, dog food, lightbulbs, dead battery, and a half-eaten jolly rancher. Also toward the bottom of gifts was a stuffed lobster brought by Chris Carder. A staff

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Stanton program for homeless underutilized

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Some \$1,000 in federal aid was available last year for the homeless of Martin County. But only one family benefited from the federal aid, the Stanton Herald has learned.

Aurora Sanchez, director of the Martin-Glasscock Neighborhood Center, who administers the homeless aid, said she received only three applications for it in 1989. Two of the families applying were found to be ineligible for the federal homeless aid, she said.

A total of \$1,000 in federal homeless aid will be available

1990, Sanchez said. She learned of the amount this month from West Texas Opportunities, a nonprofit social service organization based in Lamesa.

The money goes toward payment of the first month's rent after a homeless family is placed in a home or apartment, and toward payment of the first month's utilities.

Sanchez said she can pay as much as \$200 toward rent payment for a homeless family. If the rent is more than \$200, Sanchez said, she has to receive an approval from West Texas Opportunities before the aid amount can be increased.

The federal homeless aid comes from the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, passed by Congress in 1988.

"There's so many regulations to the application for the money," Sanchez said. Only low-income people can qualify for the federal aid, she said.

Martin County Sheriff's Deputy John Castro suggested another reason, however, for the low number of applications. Castro said he was never informed about the program, so he made no referrals to Sanchez in 1989. "They probably don't know about it, and if they did know about it they probably figure it's too much hassle, too much paperwork, too many questions," Castro said.

Sanchez said the homeless aid was advertised in the Stanton Herald in 1989.

Concerning the homeless, Castro said he is not aware of a single Stanton resident who lives on the streets.

Sanchez, however, said Martin County Sheriff Dan Saunders has estimated that there are about 125 homeless persons in Martin County. The total includes about 70 families, about two-thirds of whom live in Stanton, she said.

"Here in Stanton you see a lot of

people walking, because they don't have a job," Sanchez said. "And there's a lot of people unable to work, even if they did have a job. Most of the people don't have a steady job, and it's been going on for two to three years."

Sanchez said a shortage of jobs for unskilled laborers in Stanton has made it difficult for them to find employment. "The county is mostly agricultural work, and we haven't had too many years with a good crop," she said. Sanchez also noted that machinery had eliminated a lot of agricultural jobs.

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Stenholm supports landfill exceptions

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, met with a group of local government officials yesterday to make recommendations and assure them of his support to get site-specific exceptions on federal landfill operation regulations.

Stenholm suggested the group meet with and garner support from environmental groups and devise a plan on exactly what kind of variances they want on Environmental Protection Agency rules that are scheduled to go into effect in March.

As of Monday, 23 county and city governments in a 36-county area in West Texas have joined a coalition which plans to send representatives to Washington D.C. in January or February to meet with EPA officials.

They will ask the EPA for variances on rules such as groundwater monitoring in areas where there is no water table.

"We've got to have a plan that is supported by someone in the environmental community," Stenholm told representatives from Martin, Glasscock, Borden and Sterling counties and the city of Stanton. The group met with Stenholm at the Permian Building Tuesday evening.

Stenholm said the coalition may want to meet with groups such as the Audubon Society, the Sierra Club and the NRCD.

"Invite them to come out for a one-day brainstorming session," he said.

"We should not be in an adversarial position but we are. It's very critical that we get an offensive approach by talking to some of those environmental groups."

"I think we'd be surprised with the results that we'd get. I hope we'd be surprised."

Stenholm said the group should also devise proposals and provide a narrative of what they have been doing on the local level.

"What we really need are some concrete proposals," he said. "We need to come up with these plans and go on the offensive."

Plans should reflect concern for clean air and water but should use techniques that are successful in dealing with pollution problems, Stenholm said. Exemplifying an approach, he said, "Look we're concerned too. But please, before we spend a lot of money lets see what's going to work."

He said part of the problem with health regulations is deciding where to stop. "We have got a certain clientele that believe everything that we've been doing to this good earth over the last 10 to 20 years is destroying it," Stenholm said, mentioning the greenhouse effect and global warming.

"If we implement all of the rules, we might as well put a skull and crossbones on all that we eat and drink," he said. "It's time for us to quite playing defense and go on the offense."

Stenholm said that he will be open and available to the coalition and their efforts and asked them for suggestions about what his office should be doing that they are not doing already.

"I'm open and available on the federal level," he said. "We're certainly going to be a part of this."

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Christmas Knights

STANTON — Knights of Columbus turned into Santa Claus for the needy on Christmas Day. About 16 volunteers from the Catholic organization delivered 207 turkey dinners to homes and served about 13 dinners at the St. Joseph's Parish Hall, said Joe Villa, grand knight of the group. Villa said his organization began offering the meals two years ago because "there are too many needy people in this town, and I figured that the sacrifice by these

gentlemen who are giving up their days, and not being with their families, would really bring out the Christmas spirit in all of us." Nancy Villa, above, left, greets Knights of Columbus member Patricio Ramirez, who delivers turkey dinners to her home on Christmas. Santos and Minga Rodriguez, bottom left, receive dinners from volunteer Santos Barrera while Reney Padilla and his mother, Mirta Padilla, enjoy dinner at the hall.

Residents suggest New Year resolutions

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

STANTON — Sure, Stanton is a nice place to live. But could it be made even better?

Stanton residents apparently think so. When *The Stanton Herald* surveyed them for New Year's resolutions for Stanton, answers ranged from walking dogs on a leash to ridding the town of illicit drugs.

The following are results from the Stanton New Year's Resolution Survey:

• Mayor Danny Fryar: "Mine would just be trying to get the landfill complete, and get a new one opened."

• Aurora Sanchez, director of Martin-Glasscock Neighborhood Center:

"Jobs would be a number one priority. We have a high rate of unemployment."

• Aimee Pardue, sophomore, Stanton High: "Get rid of the drugs. They're not too big, but there's always people who have them."

• County Judge Bob

Deavenport: "I would just like to see some good moisture. Soil conditions are just powder dry."

• Heather Newman, junior, Stanton High: "I think it would be nice if Stanton had something for young people to do. There's nothing for us to do except ride around and go to Midland."

• Janice Newman, Heather's mother: "I think we could do something more for the kids here. We have a lot of underprivileged kids here that need somebody to show an interest in them."

• County Attorney James McGilvray:

"Walk your dogs on a leash, or keep them in your yards. We have a lot of loose dogs. Have a city swimming pool so all the children will have recreation in the summer. The nicest thing would be if we had home delivery of mail. But we're not large enough, evidently. There's no solution to that one, except grow. I think it's ridiculous to have to go get your

mail every day. We have to pay for a post office box, so they're just discriminating against the small towns."

• Lupe Rodriguez, jailer-dispatcher, Martin County Sheriff's Office: "I like it (Stanton) the way it is. I'd probably improve some of the roads on the south side, but that's about it."

• James Jenkins: "They really need some places for the youngsters to go to. We have a skating rink, but when it's not open we need something to entertain the kids after school is out."

• Rev. James Shields: "I would say resolve to enhance the community spirit that's already evident there, and make it even greater."

• Dr. James Johnson, pastor of Stanton Church of Christ: "I'd like to see the community place more of an emphasis on the academics and academic achievement of our students. A lot of people say that Texas, particularly, overemphasizes sports at the expense of academics. I don't know

that we overemphasize sports. I just think that we don't emphasize academics enough."

• Rev. Clifford Ferguson, pastor of St. James Baptist Church: "There's only one thing that I think really needs to be improved. More business needs to come in there. It looks like there ought to be more aggressiveness in getting business in there. And the streets need to be paved, especially in the black part of town. I've been pastoring there 20 years, and the conditions are still the same as when I started. They're still dirt roads."

• Sheriff's deputy John Castro: "If I had to suggest something, it would be a little more beautification of the downtown area. Renovation of the old buildings and stuff like that. I've always liked a pretty little downtown."

• Larry Adams, insurance agent: "I think it would be nice if more of our people would support our local businesses."

• Diane Rodriguez, cook-helper

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Around town

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 fed lobster, Chris?
 The students also brought two cans of fruit to donate to Christmas Cheer. The party was reported to be a lot of fun and a real success.

Texas Eta Master met Nov. 2, 1989, at the home of Mrs. Glenn Brown. Mrs. J. Roueche, president, presided for the business meeting after which Mrs. J. Wood introduced the speaker, Mrs. Brown. She presented program notes pertaining to the National Federated Music Club, and the annual meeting at Ft. Worth this year.

Refreshments were served to all members. Mrs. J. Coban and Mrs. Jess Talton of Big Spring, Mrs. Mamie Roten, Miss Samantha Laws, Mrs. J. Roueche, Mrs. Stanley Reid, Mrs. J. Wood, and Mrs. T.R. Louder. Hostess was Mrs. G. Brown.

Texas Eta Master were guests of Mrs. Louis Roten, November 1989, Thanksgiving dinner program. Members brought contribution to the meal and brought ideas to be used in December activities. They will host a birthday party at the Nursing Home and make Christmas

calls to shut-ins. Also, an annual contribution was sent to the Big Spring State Hospital.

Mrs. Roten rendered poems and essays about Thanksgiving, nine members were present.

Texas Eta Master met December 7, 1989, at the home of Mrs. T.R. Louder. Mrs. June Reid called the roll and seven were present. Business was presided at the dinner table with Mrs. M. Roueche in charge. A meal of Mexican food was enjoyed by Miss S. Laws, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. M. Roten, Mrs. P. Wood, Mrs. Roueche, Mrs. M. Brown and Mrs. Louder.

A report of the December birthdays party at the nursing home was given. The clock drawing was described with Mr. Bill Coggin the winner of the Hall Clock.

The program about how a Chinese doctor is helping other Chinese to have distinguished careers in America was given by Mrs. Louder. It is known that the doctor's husband will be coming to Chicago next summer. It seems if a Chinese couple are natives of different provinces they can see each other only twice a year unless it is a secret meeting. If they are caught, the penalty is death.

After the chapter dinner, the members attended the Midland Community Theatre.

Stanton Homemakers Club met December 18 for a covered dish luncheon and Christmas party. Secret pals were revealed and gifts were exchanged. Members attending were: Joann Henley, Emma Wheeler, Joyce Wells, Minnie Lee Wells, Mary Kathryn Bristow, Helen Ruth Louder, Ruby Haggard, Mary Payne, Mildred Reynolds, Kathryn Burch and the hostess Dorothy Miller.

The annual Christmas brunch of Xi Theta Nu was held in the home of Kay Simpson Dec. 9th. The table was laid with a white tablecloth, set with Christmas plates and serving pieces. The menu consisted of quiche, a breakfast casserole, sweet rolls, croissants, preserves, coffee and juice.

After the meal a short business meeting was conducted by president Carolyn Schoolcraft. Jo Jan Cox served as Mrs. Santa Claus by handing out gifts from secret pals. Those attending were: Jo Jan Cox, Beth Black, Marsha Todd, Bonnie Franklin, Carolyn

Schoolcraft, Doris Aldaker, Latrell Welch, Nelda Hazlewood, Carol Montgomery and Kay Simpson.

On December 12, Xi Theta Nu met in the home of Kay Simpson. Carolyn Schoolcraft, president, called the meeting to order. The opening ritual was recited by Bonnie Franklin, Marsha Todd, Jo Jan Cox, Carolyn Schoolcraft, Kay Simpson, Nelda Hazlewood and Doris Aldaker.

Reports and communication were given by the various chairpersons. Kay's home was decorated for the Christmas season and her serving table was set in the Christmas theme. Her table was laid with a red tablecloth and Christmas plates. Finger foods representing other countries was served. One unusual food served was "Twelve Day Bread," from Greece. It was baked with a bean in it, and the person getting the bean received a special gift. The program was given by Kay Simpson entitled, "Reachout Out To The World." Christmas traditions of several countries was described and was very interesting.

Noon Lions Club had a dual pleasure in their meeting of Dec. 19. Wives were special guests. Tom Angel introduced elementary music teacher, Rachel Ethredge, who presented her fourth grade students in a musical program. It made everyone feel the Christmas spirit, hearing those young voices singing their favorite Christmas carols. Thanks to a good program. At the conclusion of the program vests and caps, recently ordered, were handed out. There was not a meeting of the Club on Dec. 26.

Members of the Stanton Study Club held their Annual Christmas Party in the home of Mrs. J. Alex Haggard.

Roll Call was answered with "My Favorite Christmas Story". Mrs. Bob Deavenport told about the Country Christmas Cheer Fund and plans were made for assisting individually with the project.

Mrs. Stanley Reid gave the Federation Counselor's report and suggested activities for the coming celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Women's Federation. Mrs. Grover Springer also discussed the federation history.

A Christmas program with pictures and illustrations was presented by Mrs. Glenn L. Brown. Following the program, gifts were exchanged from the Christmas Tree and refreshments were served from a holiday decorated table.

The Noon Lions Club met in session Dec. 12 with several special guests present, including Ed Seago, Johnny McGregor and former club member James Eiland of Marble Falls.

In the absence of Boss Lion, Vice President Jimmy Wheeler presided. Members were urged to remember to tell their wives they will be entertained next Tuesday as special guests.

Tom Angel introduced the program speaker, Todd Mathis, who told of his business recently opened, "Medical Home Care" located at 308 N. St. Peter. The company has a complete line of medical equipment and supplies. Mathis gave an interesting talk on the services this company can deliver.

Wives remember next Tuesday and be sure to be present.



GLENN BROWN



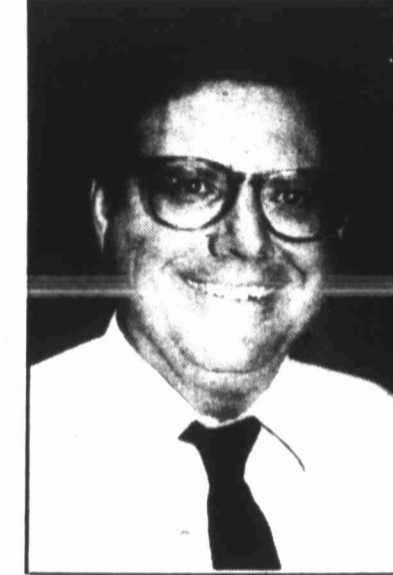
LORIE DILLARD



KRISSIE KOTASEK



DIANE RODRIGUEZ



JAMES MCGILVRAY



AURORA SANCHEZ

Survey

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 at Stanton Care Center:
 "We need a movie theater. We don't have any movies."
 • Lorie Dillard, fifth grader:
 "We need to have a longer school summer break. We have three months now, and I want four months."
 • Brad Tunnell, farmer:
 "I feel like it would be beneficial if we had more retailers. It would be easier to support what we have if we had more of them."
 • Glenn Brown, pharmacist, Stanton Drug:
 "Shop Stanton. That's the best one I've got."

Mary Prudie Brown:
 "We have a lot of great things going for us, and we need to support them — particularly the Martin County Historical Museum and the Convent Foundation, and our West Texas Hospice."
 • RC Vest, plow salesman:
 "I think what we need to do is enjoy life more. We need to develop a relationship with our fellow man and God in such a way that we can enjoy the time left on earth and leave it a better place for future generations."
 • Krissie Kotasek, third grader:
 "We need a big park. Space Park isn't big enough."

Mitch Holt, owner of Holt's Boot Shop:
 "Shop at home. There's a lot of things that people could get here that they buy at Big Spring and Midland. What they save by going there they spend in gas money, so they haven't really saved anything."
 • Brett Swink, president of Stanton High's student council:
 "My resolution would be that Stanton High School have more after-school activities."
 • June Reid, president, Martin

County Historical Museum:
 "Everyone would take a little more pride in the way the town looks."
 • Stanley Reid:
 "That everyone would read how to make friends and influence people. That's a Dale Carnegie book."
 • Father Frank L. Colacicco, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church:
 "Try to help those in need. Especially the homeless and those that do not have enough toys."
 • Wayne Mitchell, superintendent of Stanton schools:
 "We want to continue to maintain and improve the facilities that

we have for our youngsters. As our school mission statement says, we want to continue to work toward making all the young people in our school district contributing, productive citizens through excellence in education."
 • Natha Mitchell:
 "Greater achievement for students academically, and enjoyment of our new facilities. And most of all, to be able to get into our new facilities (the new gym) at the (high) school."
 • Linda Spear, owner, Linda's Last Chance:
 "I would just say for more people to shop locally."



MARY PRUDIE BROWN

4-H'ers participate in district lamb clinic

By GREG JONES
 County Extension Agent

Through a series of educational programs in swine, beef and sheep the 4-H'ers and leaders are exposed to a host of educational topics. The swine clinic was held in October kicking off the events, and ending up with sheep last Saturday.

Approximately 75 lamb feeders, parents and adult leaders participated in the District VI 4-H Lamb Clinic Saturday, December 16 in Big Spring. Although the high of the day only reached about 25 degrees, the group had a very good learning experience.

The Planning Committee members responsible for the Lamb Clinic were County Extension Agents/Ag Don Richardson; Howard County, Earnest Kiker; Midland County, Greg Gruben; Midland County, and myself, Greg Jones; Martin County.

The program began with the welcome by Don Richardson. The purpose and objectives of the seminar were given by Greg Gruben. Next on the program was Richie Tubb, 4-H Leader and parent whose family is successful in the lamb competition statewide. Richie gave a run-down on the major livestock show lamb judges and explained what type and size each judge generally liked to use. Tom Thompson of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, demonstrated the shearing and equipment used on sheep and some helpful hints on getting a lamb show ring ready. Don Richardson discussed the new rules and regulations of major livestock shows regarding the use of drugs and medications in show

animals.

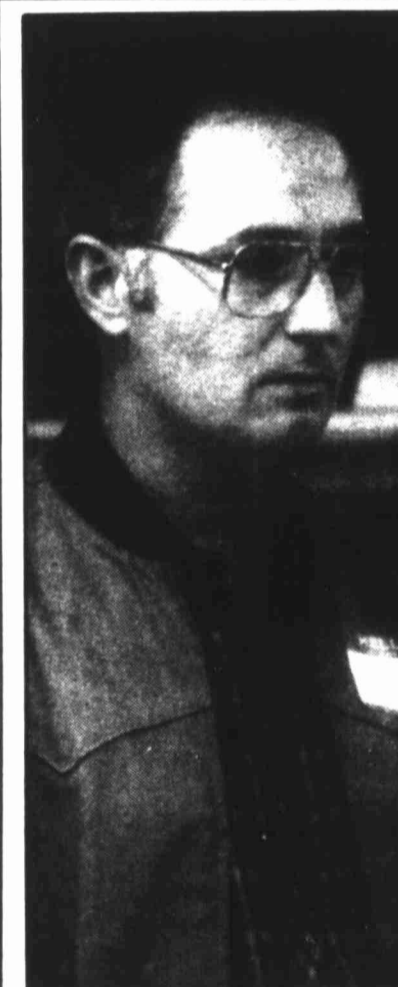
Jim Lewis and family of Levelland, a successful 4-H family in the lamb barn was on hand to discuss feeding and management of show lambs. The Lewis' four children, who are currently exhibiting show lambs, then gave a demonstration on the proper techniques used to exhibit lambs to a judge. During their exhibiting the lambs, Jim went along and critiqued each one and explained the hows and whys of showing.

After the demonstration by the Lewis's, the group of youth attending were broken down into 4 age groups. The age group categories were 8-10 years, 11-13 yrs., 14-15 yrs., and 16 and over. Each group was brought into the arena at a time as the Lewis family helped each individual exhibitor show their lamb. Upon conclusion of helping each exhibitor, the Lewis' presided as the judge as the youth competed in the four age groups in Showmanship competition.

The results of the Showmanship contest are as follows: 8-10 years: 1st Brian Tubb, Martin County; 2nd Lauren Middleton, Howard County; 3rd Sally Farrow, Midland Co.; Marous Williams, Howard Co.; 5th Angie Chaney, Mitchell Co.

11-13 years: 1st Angela Tubb, Martin Co.; 2nd Kim Middleton, Howard Co.; 3rd Zack Womack, Howard Co.; 4th Ryan Wright, Howard Co.; and 5th Cody Purcell, Howard Co.

14-15 years: 1st Justin Jenkins, Borden County. 16 and over: 1st Cade Robertson, Grady FFA; 2nd Cadit Bryant, Howard Co.; and 3rd Jason Grigg, Coahoma FFA.



DANNY FRYAR



BIG SPRING — Martin County judge Bob Davenport stands in front of U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm, center, and others who attended a forum on new EPA regulations regarding landfills and how rural area are having trouble coping with the rules Tuesday afternoon in the Permian Building.

Landfill

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Stenholm also promised to have members of his staff available for the coalition's meeting with EPA officials.

Upton County Judge Peggy Garner, who is leading efforts to

organize the coalition, said Monday that other members are setting up meetings with U.S. representatives Ronald Coleman of El Paso, Larry Combest of Lubbock and Lamar Smith of San

Antonio. In addition, she said they have the support of U.S. senators Phil Gramm and Lloyd Benson and well as State Sen. Bill Sims of San Angelo.

Homeless

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Sanchez said she knows of 10 homeless families in Stanton who live with another family in a house. In most cases, the two families that live together are related, she said. "It's usually hard, because if one person is taking care of two families, that's double the load."

Sanchez said the man whose family she helped this year had been staying with his brother-in-law after arriving from East Texas. "They stayed (there) two months, and tempers were rising" before she placed the family in a home and paid for the first month's rent. The family stayed in the second home four months before leaving Stanton, she said.

By GREG JONES
 County Extension Agent

Nine Martin County pecan growers vied for Champion at the 1989 Regional Pecan Show in Odessa on December 12-15. There were 27 counties represented at the Regional Show that exhibited 373 entries.

Martin County residents fared well in the show.

The following is the result of the show with the exhibitor's name, pecan variety and placing:

Commercial Division: Joyce Wells, Cape Fear, 1st; Marshall Louder, Tejas, 1st.

Classic Division: R.A. White, Barton, 2nd; Marshall Louder, Chickasaw, 3rd; J.E. Peugh, Elliott, 1st; and R.A. White, John Garner, 1st.

Ag news

J.E. Peugh's Champion Elliott pecans were selected as Champion Classic pecan entry. All Champion, first, second and third place winning samples will be held in storage until the State Show in July.

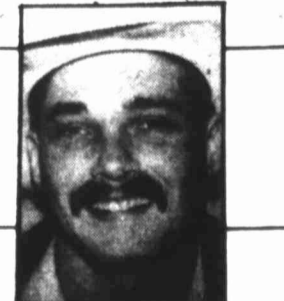
Other exhibitors at the Regional Show and their variety entries are as follows:

Commercial Division: R.A. White, Burkett; R.A. White,

Cheyenne; Marshall Louder, Choc-taw; Martin County, Comanche; Marshall Louder, Mahan; Justin Burch, Mohawk; Wanda Louder, Wichita; and Marshall Louder, Western.

Classic Division: Mrs. W.T. Wells, Success.

Variety Seeding: Wilma Stirl. Congratulations to all exhibitors and good luck at the State Show.



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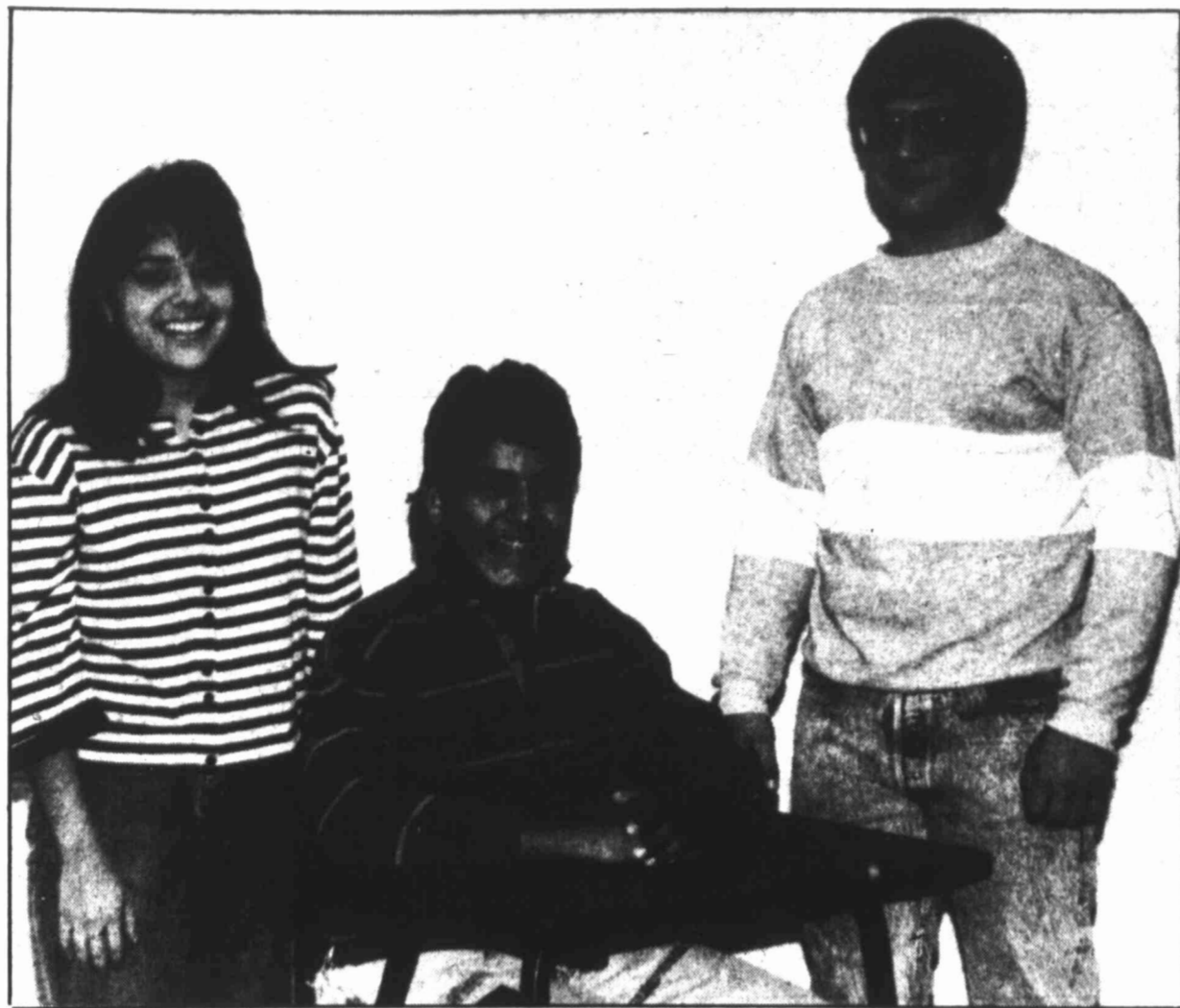
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Stanton High School class officers

SHS freshman class officers, top photo, are, left to right Cindy Lerma, vice president, Trey Hinojosa, president, and Phillip Hinojosa, secretary/treasurer. Officers of the sophomore class, second photo from top, are Kali Lee, secretary/treasurer, Lee Welling, president, and Edward Armenderez, vice president. Heather Newman, lower left, was elected secretary/treasurer of the junior class, with Angie Bundas elected president and Mark Pantoja vice president. Senior class officers, lower right photo, are Nora Keele, vice president, David Mendez, president and Courtney Duke, secretary/treasurer.



FCA Officers

STANTON — Fellowship of Christian Athlete officers at Stanton High School for both the boys and girls huddles include: Seated, left to right, Kelly Inman, secretary, Cissie Hobbs, reporter, Chris Carden, vice-president and Melissa Franklin, president. Standing, left to right, Tara Brooks, secretary, Grant Woodfin, reporter, Stacy Long, vice-president and Brent Swink, president.



Anniversary



Badgett anniversary

Hester and Averill Badgett will celebrate their 50th anniversary at a reception at Caprock Electric Saturday, Dec. 30, 2 to 4 p.m. All their friends are invited to join their celebration.



Training completed

Troy Don Hughes, son of Jess and Brenda Alexander of Brownwood, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Madison of Stanton, completed basic training at Lackland Airforce Base in San Antonio. Hughes, a 1987 graduate of Grady High School, joined the Air Force in October. He is currently stationed at Lowery Air Force Base in Denver, Colo.

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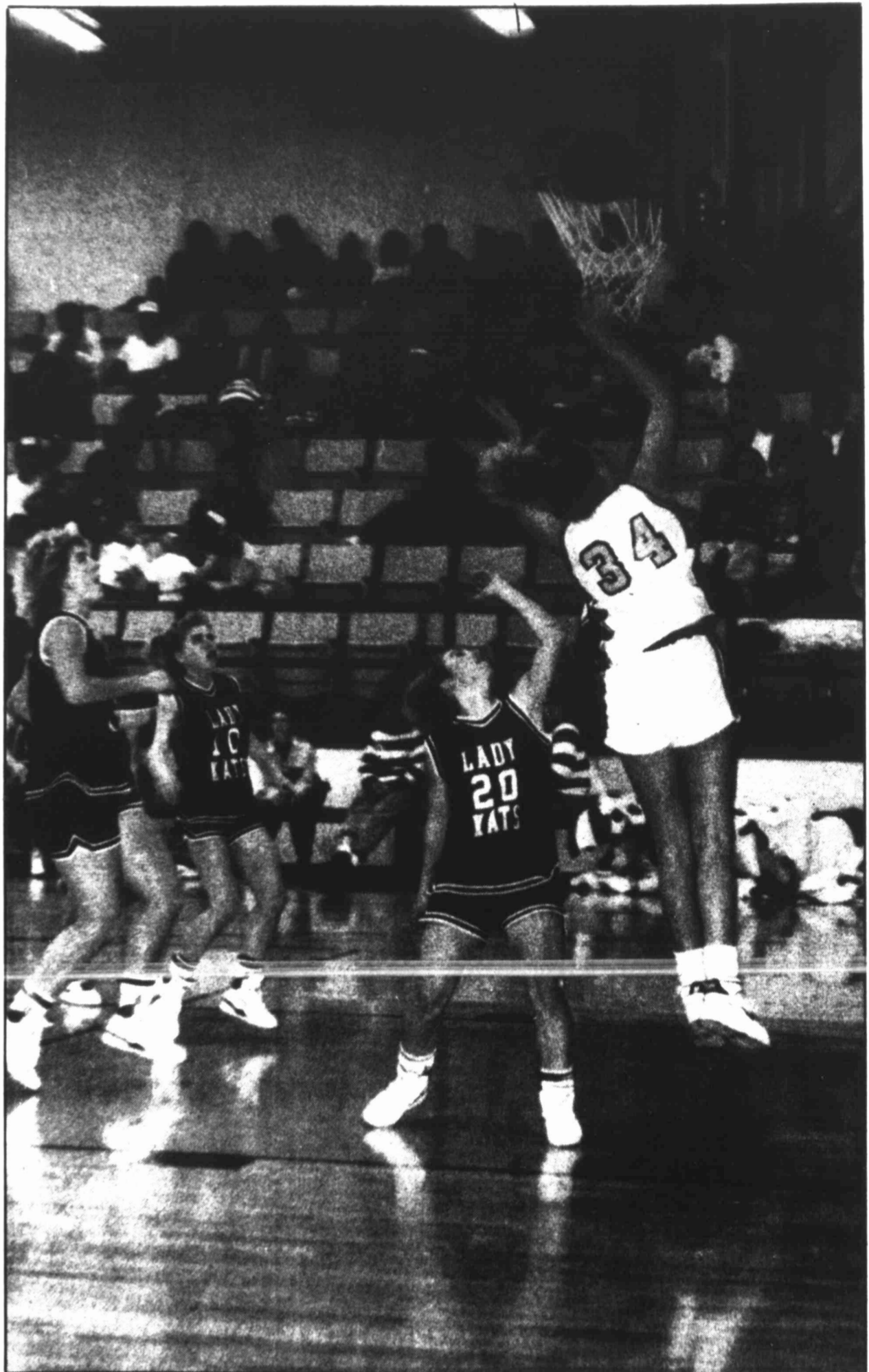
Wilma Stirl.
all exhibitors
State Show.



Elected officers

Future Homemakers of America elected the following officers: seated, left to right, Nora Keele, president; Heather Newman, vice president; Carol Smith, second vice president. Standing, left to right, Crystal Payne, fourth vice president; Mitzi Koonce, fifth vice president; Tyshawn Barnes, secretary; and Angie Bundas, treasurer.

SHS Student Council officers, lower right photo, are Ray Portillo, vice president; Missy Villa, secretary; and Brent Swink, president.



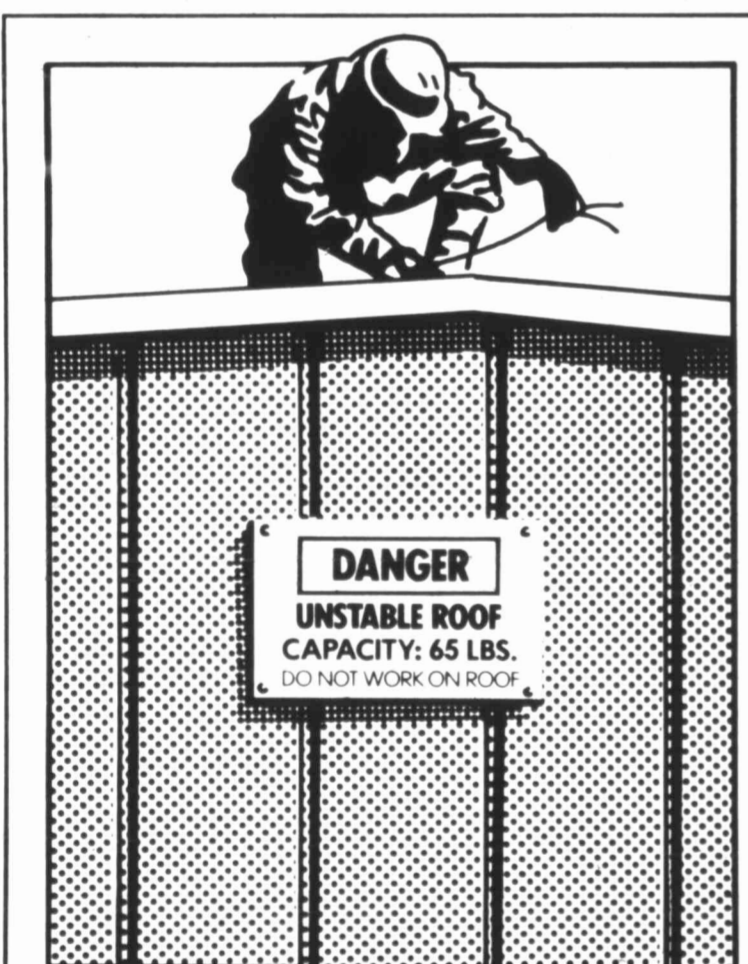
A couple more points for McMorres
 Sherrie McMorres goes up for a lay-up during the Grady-Garden City game Dec. 15. McMorres totaled 38 points and the Wildcats coasted to an easy 68-35 victory.

Grady Wildcats sweep Garden City

By BRADLEY GIBSON
 The Grady Wildcats upped their win streak to 8 in a row with a 9 point victory over the Garden City Bearkats on Dec. 15. Sickness and injuries took their toll on the Wildcats as Scott Glaze was injured early in the first quarter. The 'Cats found themselves in foul trouble also. Even with these setbacks the Wildcats took a 21 to 19 lead in the first quarter. Led by Scott Terrell and Danny Valle each with 17 points the Wildcats slowly increased their lead to 6 at the half.

When the two teams returned for the second half, they traded points all through the third quarter. At the start of the fourth quarter the Wildcats were clinging to a 10 point lead. The Wildcats successfully defended this lead in the waning moments of the game to take a 68 to 59 victory. The Wildcats now boast a record of 8-2.

Even though the lady Bearkats had a height advantage, the lady Wildcats dominated the boards. The lady Wildcats used this to their advantage of outscoring their opponents in the second period by seven. At the end of the first half of play, the lady 'Cats held a commanding lead of 16 points. Paced by Sherrie McMorres with 38 points the lady Wildcats never looked back in the second half, and coasted to the easy 65 to 38 victory. The lady Wildcats season record now stands at 10-2.



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