

Family hopes for CSF help

A family of five is hoping for help with medical expenses this holiday season from the Christmas Stocking Fund.

The father, already on medication for diabetes, recently had to have eye surgery. He has continued employment at a local feedyard, but the press of medical bills—coupled with living expenses—has left little holiday cheer.

This family is asking for help with their gas bill, which they are two months behind in payments because of medical expenses. They are also hoping for clothing and shoes for their three children, ages 4, 11 and 18.

The Christmas Stocking Fund addresses such holiday needs, thanks to the generosity of local residents. You can help CSF with its endeavors to assist some of Hereford's less fortunate during this season of caring and sharing.

Donations to CSF may be left at **The Hereford Brand**, or they may be mailed to CSF in care of Box 673, Hereford. **The Brand** periodically runs a list of contributors, but donations may be listed as anonymous if desired.

CSF is not affiliated with any other organization, and is funded solely through the contributions of local citizens. It is administered by an anonymous committee of volunteers who screen applications and references and make the decisions on assistance given.

CSF will deliver food packages and begin sending its first round of vouchers for clothing, utility and medical assistance on Dec. 23.

All assistance given by CSF is in the form of foods or vouchers. No cash is given to any CSF recipient. Vouchers must be redeemed for the items listed and no change is returned to CSF recipients. CSF representatives redeem the vouchers, making direct payment to local merchants who accept the vouchers.

Previous balance:	\$5,000.00
Leandra & Clara Bennett	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Vogel	100.00
Anonymous	15.00
Frances Hennen	100.00
Wes & Pat Fisher	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Robbins	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Plummer	25.00
VFW Auxiliary	50.00
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Anonymous	25.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wilson Jr.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Meyer	100.00
Lamplighters Sunday School, First Baptist Church	25.00
Nolan & Vida Grady	50.00
Balance 12-11-91:	\$6,630.00



Hereford Bull
That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says if you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, you're not much of a Christmas shopper!

"I'm not going to school tomorrow," said first-grader Johnny. "Why not?" asked his mother. "It's no use," he replied. "I can't read or write and they want let me talk."

Hereford's Prison Task Force committee is busily preparing information to be included in an application for a prison site in Deaf Smith County. Although the volunteer task force knew the project was a "long shot" in the beginning, the members are enthused about the work being accomplished.

We've heard only positive feedback from the community, so far, and a public meeting will be scheduled soon to inform interested citizens and to answer questions about the project.

Naturally, there are a few negatives to having a prison in the county—just as there are some negatives to having a feed yard, a packing plant or a sugar factory. But we believe the benefits, in each case, far outweigh any downside factors.

Even if Deaf Smith County is not selected for a prison site, we believe the work accomplished by this volunteer group will provide a strong springboard for pursuing other industrial prospects!

Two of the biggest spectacles presented by television to the American public in recent weeks have

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Bret the Met

Saberhagen dealt to Mets in latest deal at winter meetings

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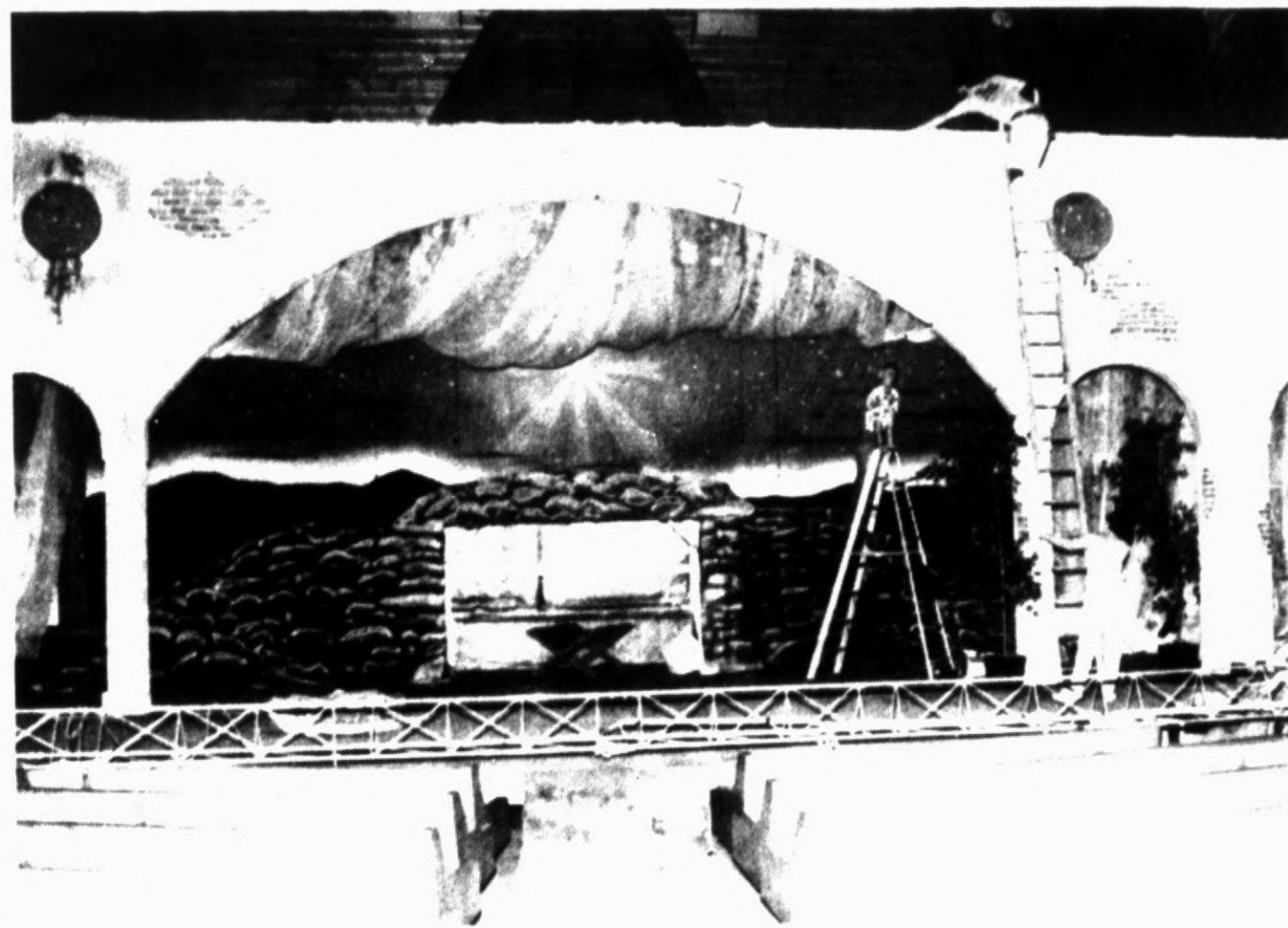
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THURSDAY, Dec. 12, 1991

Hustlin' Hereford, home of Virginia Bordenay

91st Year, No. 114, Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas

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Nazarene Church to present program

Members of the Hereford Church of the Nazarene prepare the huge set for "The King." A cast and crew of more than 100 persons will present the program at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the church sanctuary.

Deadline is Friday for letters

Santa letters are being accepted through Friday by the **Hereford Brand** for the annual Christmas Greeting edition on Dec. 22.

Letters should be mailed to Santa in care of the Brand, PO Box 673, Hereford 79045. The letters will be forwarded to the North Pole in plenty of time for Santa to read before Christmas. The letters may also be brought to the Brand office at 313 N. Lee.

Hereford teachers that wish to use letters to Santa as a teaching

tool are encouraged to submit their classes' letters to the **Brand**. Those letters and essays should be submitted as soon as possible.

In response to the annual Christmas mail rushing, the United States Post Office in Hereford will be open Saturday and Dec. 21 to accommodate customers.

Postmaster Charles Britten said the windows would be open for

regular hours, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each of the Saturdays.

Members of the Hereford High School Student Council are accepting donations of coats to help the Deaf Smith County Chapter of the American Red Cross in its annual coat drive.

If you have an old coat to donate, you are asked to take them to the HHS office or Room 209 at HHS. The deadline is Wednesday.

MW Carrot loan okayed by TAFA

MW Carrot Inc. of Hereford has received a loan guaranty of \$781,200 on a \$868,000 loan by a Borger bank for expansion of its carrot and vegetable processing operations in the area.

The guaranty was one of six announced Tuesday by the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority (TAFA) board in Austin.

The loan guaranties, which are contingent on certain financial conditions, provide that TAFA will back up money being borrowed by a company if the company fails to pay off its loan.

Larry Malamen, president of MW Carrot, said the loan will be used to secure the former Dimco Industries vegetable processing facility just east of Dimmitt. The facility had been virtually unused since 1986.

"We are still alive and well in Hereford, but we purchased the old Dimco location for other processing needs and to add other lines," said Malamen. "We also still plan to build a frozen food plant in the High Plains growing area. That location has still not been determined."

Malamen said the Dimmitt facility was ideal for his immediate plans, and credited Dimmitt officials for helping secure the facility.

"We needed the cooler space, and we needed an additional shed and processing facility," Malamen said. "Dimmitt has been very, very helpful to us. The Dimco plant is in Dimmitt's enterprise zone, and (Mayor) Wayne Collins has been to Austin several times in our behalf."

"We're trying to encourage Larry and doing all we can to help him," Collins said. "The project fits the guidelines of the TAFA plan, and encourages value-added agriculture so that goods grown here can be processed here and shipped to other parts of Texas and out-of-state."

Collins said the project had received the support of the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Dimmitt school board and the Castro County Hospital District board.

"We explained the benefits and the drawbacks," Collins said. "It went through without a hitch once we explained the benefits of the program."

Malamen said the Dimmitt facility, when combined with the Hereford plant, will allow MW Carrot to expand its carrot line, which could include cutting and peeling baby carrots; carrot juice; and other crops including turnips, asparagus and broccoli.

Because the loan application had been pending for some time, Malamen and Glenn Odum (manager of the Dimmitt facility) began operations there in September. Malamen said the Dimmitt facility has been producing about 40 truckloads a week of finished product, along with major output from the Hereford facility.

Other guaranties approved Tuesday by TAFA included:

--Mrs. Crockett's Kitchen of Fort Worth, \$2 million on a loan to expand its operation of supplying prepared salads to restaurants and cafeterias.

--Southwest Mariculture Inc. of Corpus Christi, \$1.2 million to expand its redfish-raising operation.

--En Casa of San Antonio, \$585,000 to expand its production of canned Mexican food products.

--Green Valley Exotic Ranch of Ingram, \$67,500 to expand its venison production operation.

--Silver Streak Bass Co. of Inez, \$293,000 for a new operation to raise hybrid-striped bass.

TAFA policies state that each business receiving a loan guaranty must satisfy certain standards of credit worthiness. They also are designed to diversify TAFA's loan portfolio by region, industry and project size.

TAFA is a \$25 million program established to stimulate growth and development in Texas agriculture by providing financial assistance to agribusinesses statewide. About \$10 million in loan guaranties remain.

Bentsen pushing tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, says he is aiming his tax-cut legislation at middle-income people because they are worse off financially now than they were in 1980.

Bentsen, D-Texas, planned a hearing by his panel today to study his anti-recession bill and other proposals for injecting life into the stalled economy. Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, White House budget director Richard Darman and Michael Boskin, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, were called to testify.

Bentsen on Wednesday released figures from the Congressional Budget Office showing that middle-class Americans had lost economic ground during the last decade, and that the rich had seen their tax burdens eased.

CBO, which performs analyses for Congress, said it believes the median income for families with children will be \$37,300 next year, about \$1,600 less than it was in 1980 when measured in 1992 dollars.

The figures also showed that as a result of tax law changes in the last 12 years, middle-income families will owe \$100 more in 1992 than they did in 1980. But because of the changes,

the richest 1 percent of families earning more than \$320,000 annually, have seen their tax liability drop during the same period by \$16,400.

"The study confirms my belief that middle America was victimized by the economic policies of the '80s and reaffirms my conviction that these families are entitled to tax relief denied them in the decade just past," Bentsen said.

His bill would provide taxpayers with tax credits of \$300 for each child below age 19 living with them. It also would make it easier for more people to use Individual Retirement Accounts, and allow penalty-free IRA withdrawals for first-time home purchases and medical and college expenses.

Bentsen said his measure would spark the economy by giving Americans more money to spend. It would be paid for by cutting the defense budget during the next five years.

The administration has said it opposes cutting defense to pay for tax cuts. Last week, Boskin told the House Ways and Means Committee that rather than fueling a recovery, such a plan would have "offsetting contractionary effects" because

defense contractors would fire workers and reduce their investments.

President Bush has said he will propose his own anti-recession package in his State of the Union address next month. He has said the centerpiece of his plan will be a cut in the tax rate on capital gains - the profits on sales of property and other investments.

Brady, Darman and Boskin have said Bush is also considering some sort of tax break for the middle class.

Bentsen's House counterpart, Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., has introduced legislation cutting taxes for families by up to \$400, while raising taxes on the wealthy.

On Wednesday, the House Budget Committee was told by economists and business interests that cutting taxes would do little to prod the economy.

Harvard economist John Kenneth Galbraith said the idea is "foolish, even mildly insane," because there is no certainty that people will spend the money they get back from the government in reduced taxes.

And the Committee for Economic Development, a nonpartisan business and academic group, said it opposed tax cuts because they would make the budget deficit even higher.

The Bill of Rights

200 years ago Sunday, the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution were ratified and became law. A special section in the Sunday Brand will review the special freedoms each of us enjoy, thanks to the Bill of Rights.

What you don't ask won't hurt

NEW YORK (AP) - If you want a job in this economy, give the right answers at your interview - and don't ask the wrong questions.

Don't ask, as have some candidates for executive positions, if the company will pay to move your tombstone collection, if the health insurance policy covers dog grooming, if you can have a \$40,000 loan to get out of debt.

Although job interviews do give a prospective employee a chance to ask important questions about a prospective employer, a survey by the Association of Corporate & Professional Recruiters suggests that some candidates take things too far.

The association asked its 600 members, half executive recruiters and half personnel executives, to list "the most unusual, puzzling or amazing questions" they'd been asked by a job candidate.

Among the replies:

"What is it that you people do at this company?"

"Why aren't you in a more interesting business?"

"What is your motto?"

"What are the zodiac signs of the board members?"

Jo Bennett, a member of the recruiting association's board, says such questions are particularly ill advised in the midst of a recession.

"There's an oversupply of executives, so interviewers are looking for reasons to exclude candidates. You can't be flip

any more. And you have to be careful with humor. Humor in an interview is a dangerous thing."

Humor may not explain why so many inappropriate questions involve moving expenses. Prospective employees have asked companies to relocate a horse, a tombstone collection, fruit trees and a two-ton rock garden.

One applicant, apparently fluent in the jargon of moving, asked, "Will they flabed my Porsche from California to Maryland?"

Animals also seem problematic. Two different executives said applicants had asked if the company would move their pet sheep, one of which was pregnant. Another recalled being asked, "Does your health insurance cover dog grooming?"

The problem is not always the question itself, but rather the sin, weakness, or character flaw it exposes. "Why do you want references?" sounds paranoid. To ask, two minutes in the interview, "What is the vacation schedule?" indicates sloth. Asking, "Do you think they would be willing to lower the compensation?" or "Why would you hire someone like me?" betrays a lack of self-confidence.

One applicant asked for "a \$40,000 loan to help get himself out of debt." He didn't get the loan, and he didn't get the job.

Some questions got personal. Several hiring executives said they were asked how much they earned.

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Local Roundup

TAD office closed for move

The Deaf Smith County Tax Appraisal district office is closed today and Friday to allow the office to move to new quarters at 140 E. Third in Hereford.

Persons who wish to pay their taxes or have questions about their taxes may take care of those matters Monday at the new location.

Santa pictures planned Saturday

The Hereford Outreach Office of the Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Center will be sponsoring pictures with Santa from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Anderson's Studio, 202 N. Main in Hereford.

Pictures will be \$3 each, and proceeds will benefit the Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Center's operations in Hereford.

Police arrest two Wednesday

Hereford police arrested two persons Wednesday: a man, 17, on second offense no liability insurance, and a man, 18, on warrants for aggravated assault.

Reports included theft of a license plate; disorderly conduct in the 200 block of Ave. F; and theft of glasses, valued at \$345, in the 700 block of Country Club.

Police issued five citations Wednesday and investigated one accident.

Fair weather through Monday

Tonight, clear with a low in the middle 20s. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday, sunny with a high in the middle 50s. North wind 5 to 15 mph.

The extended forecast for Saturday through Monday: fair. Highs will range from the mid 40s to lower 50s. Lows will be in the lower to mid 20s.

This morning's low at KPAN was 33 after a high Wednesday of 41.

News Digest

World/National

WASHINGTON - While many analysts believe the U.S. economy is inching dangerously close to a renewed recession, they say that one encouraging development is an almost total absence of inflationary pressures.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - Jurors took about an hour to reject the rape allegations that had shadowed William Kennedy Smith for nearly nine months. Smith says he hopes to begin his career as a doctor, a counselor for his accuser says she'll simply go on with her life.

NEW YORK - Salman Rushdie, who has been in hiding since Iran called for his death over his 1988 novel "The Satanic Verses," made a surprise speech in New York. He said the book would be published in paperback, because "unless it is read and studied, these years have no meaning."

WASHINGTON - Decades of breast cancer research have improved detection and treatment options for women but have made no progress in preventing the disease, according to a congressional report.

MOSCOW - The showdown over the future of the Soviet state reaches a climax as the Russian and Soviet legislatures convene to consider approving the new Slavic commonwealth and other republics gather to decide whether to join.

WASHINGTON - Israeli and Syrian negotiators remained deadlocked over exchanging land for peace, while Palestinians at the Mideast talks still demanded to meet separately with a delegation from the Jewish state.

MONROE, La. - As a government clerk, Marc-Antoine is better off than most in this crumbling coastal town. But he says he fears for his life because of his support for deposed President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and may soon join the exodus of Haitian boat people.

Texas

AUSTIN - A "citizen trustee" monitoring the state's nursing homes has proposed a three-prong plan to clean up the industry.

FORT WORTH - Officials at the troubled Fort Worth State School face a deadline today to explain why health inspectors cut off Medicaid funding because of conditions at the school.

WASHINGTON - Voters disgruntled by the recession, spiraling deficits and the ailing health care system may very well vent their anger on congressional candidates next year, but they'll put President Bush back in the White House, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm says.

DALLAS - Bidders interested in the nation's largest property auction were told to bring \$50,000 for each purchase they planned to make at today's event.

HOUSTON - Pennzoil Co. has said it will spend up to \$100 million annually for the next three years to get its foreign operations moving, as it shifts its emphasis to become more active in foreign exploration and production.

SAN ANTONIO - A meeting between members of a youth gang and community leaders almost turned violent after members of a rival gang interrupted the meeting and called for war between the gangs.

HOUSTON - The apparent author of a letter that triggered an outcry when it was published in the University of Houston student newspaper says the letter was a prank and was intended "to show date rape is a problem for which women bear some responsibility."

WASHINGTON - Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, says he's aiming his tax-cut legislation at middle-income people because they are worse off financially now than they were in 1980.

VICTORIA - Federal authorities say if a cluster of bees found on a railroad car here prove to be so-called "killer" bees, it will mark the farthest northern point the bees have traveled.

HOUSTON - Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Tom Harkin has brought his campaign to Texas, pledging new jobs and a return to traditional Democratic values and vowing to stand unashamed behind his liberal image.

EL PASO - Some West Texas county judges haven't given up the fight to stop El Paso from buying a 25,000-acre farm for its water.

Democrats attack foreign policy

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democratic presidential candidates increasingly are attacking President Bush's foreign policy as unimaginative and shortsighted, hoping to chip away at the source of his greatest strength with voters.

They're getting help of sorts from conservative Republicans, including presidential challenger Patrick Buchanan, who also are taking aim at Bush's positions on world affairs.

The growing chorus of criticism on international issues comes as Bush has hastened the start of his re-election effort to counter the Democrats' relentless attacks on his domestic priorities.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Lawrence Ray Baca, Brandon Joe Brown, Vincent Samuel Carrasco, Refugia Cervantez, May Inez Gaudio, Barbara Guerra, Santos Guerrero, Cindy Kimbell, Dessie McCracken, Patsy Odell and Richard Puente.

In accusing Bush of doing little to counter the recession, rising unemployment and health care costs, most of the Democrats blamed Bush for spending too much time on foreign affairs.

Now, while continuing to paint Bush as inattentive to the home front, several Democratic candidates are labeling his foreign policy as reactive and designed to curry favor with existing governments at the expense of democratic movements and principles.

The strategy carries risks, chiefly the requirement that any critic of Bush's policies on world affairs present credible alternatives.

Bush's Democratic rivals, who can claim little experience in the foreign policy arena, still are shaping their answers, most linking America's world standing to its economic performance at home.

"We cannot build a safe and secure world unless we first make America strong at home," is a

Land purchase for water draws ire Judges outraged by action of El Paso

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - Some West Texas county judges haven't given up the fight to stop El Paso from buying a 25,000-acre farm for its water.

"We were opposed to them buying that farm and we are still opposed to it and we're going to fight them," said Presidio County Judge Monroe Elms.

The El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Wednesday appropriated \$1.7 million to purchase the Antelope Valley Farm from Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. The 25,000-acre farm is about 150 miles southeast of El Paso,

between Valentine and Marfa. The farm sits at the tip of the Ryan Flat Aquifer and El Paso wants to use it as an alternate water source.

Elms says he will go to court to block the sale.

"They may have won the battle but the war is still on," Elms said Wednesday.

West Texas ranchers and officials have been trying to dissuade El Paso's PSB from buying the ranch. They fear the additional demand on the aquifer could affect area farming and ranching.

In an October meeting, several West Texas county judges asked El

Paso to drop plans to buy the farm. El Paso refused. The two groups decided at that meeting to form a task force to negotiate a solution.

The task force met for the first time in November.

"I think we really should be expressing our outrage, (El Paso Mayor Bill) Tilney did tell us they would let the water task force work and they didn't," said Bob Dillard, Jeff Davis County judge.

"We've been lied to and we've been given a song and dance and we have every reason to be upset."

Tilney was not at home when called for comment by The Associat-

ed Press. Ed Archuleta, PSB general manager, said the deal was an "insurance policy."

"It's just an investment that given many of the uncertainties we have with regard to drought and Mexican pumping (of ground water beneath El Paso and Mexico), and how much surface water we could get," he said.

Archuleta said the PSB has \$60,000 in escrow on the deal and was under a February deadline for closing the purchase. He said the PSB does not meet again until Jan. 11 and the task force's next meeting was Jan. 20.



Gift for senior citizens

A check for \$200, part of the proceeds of a golf tournament sponsored by the Hereford High School Key Club, is presented by Kyle Hansen, club president, to Margie Daniels for use by Hereford Senior Citizens.

3-color cutlines

Obituaries

EMMIE ROBINSON Dec. 10, 1991

Emmie Robinson, 93, mother of two Hereford men, died Tuesday in Amarillo.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Quail Baptist Church with burial in Quail Cemetery. Officiating will be the Rev. Johnny Tims, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wellington. Arrangements are by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Wellington.

Mrs. Robinson was born at Mansfield and had lived many years in the Collingsworth County community of Quail. She was a charter member of the Quail Baptist Church and was active in the church's

WMU and Sunday school. Mrs. Robinson worked in the Quail school cafeteria for a number of years. She married A.L. Robinson on March 5, 1916. He died in 1981.

Survivors are five sons, Arthur Robinson and Jess Robinson of Hereford, Cleo Robinson and C.W. Robinson of Amarillo and Leroy Robinson of Bowie; four daughters, Eunice Mathis of Winters, Mary Louise Owen of Lubbock, Olene Jett of Quail and Shirley Ann Brown of Amarillo; a brother, I.L. Boyett of Oklahoma City, Okla.; four sisters, Edith Stokes of Joplin, Mo., Odessa Fryman, Jewel LaRue and Estelle Newman, all of Oklahoma City; 29 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Long negotiations bring two Koreas to historic accord

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - North and South Korea, bitter enemies since the Korean peninsula's 1945 division, agreed today to a historic accord on non-aggression and reconciliation, a South Korean spokesman said.

The accord, reached at prime ministers' talks, is the first major agreement between the Communist north and capitalist south. The two countries opened a dialogue in 1972.

Still technically at war from the 1950-53 Korean conflict, the north and south share the world's most heavily-guarded border.

The agreement would provide for measures to prevent accidental hostilities through prior notification, observation of military exercise and on-the-spot verification of troops movements and military bases.

"We have reached full agreement on the accord," the South Korean spokesman, Lee Dong-bok, told reporters. "The only remaining procedure is signing by the chief delegates (the prime ministers)."

Lee's comments came as he left the conference room in a luxury hotel outside Seoul where lower-level delegates from each side had completed talks. He said it had not been decided whether the signing

would be tonight or Friday.

As reporters gathered near the conference room, they could see delegates from both sides smiling, shaking hands and patting each other on the back.

"We have achieved a historic thing," said one of the North Korean delegates.

Relaxed relations could speed the withdrawal of some of the 40,000 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea.

The talks on a non-aggression accord had accelerated after South Korea, in a surprise move, on Wednesday accepted North Korea's demand for simultaneous inspection of suspected nuclear weapons sites.

That removed a major obstacle on the sensitive issue of North Korean nuclear arms development.

The Chosun Ilbo newspaper reported today that South Korea and the United States have agreed to suspend the controversial "Team Spirit" joint military exercise in 1992 if North Korea agrees to a proposal for a nuclear-free Korea.

A halt to the exercise has long been one of North Korea's major demands. U.S. officials declined comment on the report but sources indicated that the United States fully backed South Korea's proposals.

Clothes drive begins for Boys Ranchers

This year, the happiness of Christmas will be shared at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch where 360 boys are looking forward to receiving new clothes.

The annual drive to outfit the youngsters is now underway through the Boys Ranch Christmas Suit Fund. New suits or clothing packages are provided to boys of all ages who need jackets, trousers, ties, shirts or other articles, according to their needs. The new clothes replace those that have been outgrown or worn out by active youths.

The project has become a traditional way of giving for people who wish to offer gifts of any amount to deserving boys. Contributions enable Boys Ranch home parents to

hop for clothes needed by the boys who live in their homes. While younger boys receive clothing packages, older boys may buy new suits through special discounts from Amarillo department stores.

"Boys who receive new clothes at Christmastime are reminded throughout the year of generous friends who care about them," said Ted Y. Lokey, Boys Ranch president. "Our senior students especially enjoy having new suits to wear at graduation time."

All gifts of any amount help ensure the goal of providing for every youngster. Contributions to the Christmas Suit Fund may be addressed to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, PO Box 1890, Amarillo 79174-0001.

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been the sexual harassment charges levied during the confirmation hearing of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court, and William Kennedy Smith's trial for alleged rape. In both cases, after a parade of witnesses and reams of testimony, it seemed to boil down to who's telling the truth, and the jury had to decide.

This brings to mind a story I read recently about a special coon hunt down in East Texas. The coon dogs, after long and mournful baying, finally treed a coon, which had climbed into the highest branches of a tree.

By previous agreement between the hunters, all the dogs were pulled away from the trunk of the tree except Old Blue, judged to be the best dog to stand guard. The plan was to have Socrates, a trained monkey, to administer the kill. Socrates had been trained to climb the tree, pull a pistol from his belt, cock it and shoot the coon.

Socrates moved into action. He shoved the pistol in his belt, shinned up the tree and started making his way to the tallest branches. Meanwhile, the coon had exercised his option to jump to a limb on

another tree and escape unnoticed into the night.

Socrates reached the upper limits of the tree, searched diligently for the coon, climbed several more branches, and finally concluded that no coon existed.

He slowly made his descent and once on the ground, he pulled his pistol, cocked it and shot Old Blue.

Socrates' owner explained to Old Blue's surprised and shocked master: "I forgot to tell ya, if there is one thing that Socrates hates worse than a coons, it's a lying coon dog."

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Life!

Rebekahs elect officers, finalize bazaar plans

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met recently to finalize plans for its bazaar and elected officers. New officers for the coming term are Shirley Brown, noble grand; Ocie Bolton, vice-grand; Susie Curtsinger, secretary; Erma Loving, financial secretary; and Sadie Shaw, treasurer. Curtsinger and Jo Irlbeck were elected representative and alternate to Rebekah Assembly of Texas. The annual bake sale and bazaar will be held Dec. 14 at 9 a.m. at the Odd fellow Hall, 205 E. Sixth Street. Cakes, pies, cookies, and casserole dishes will be included in the bake sale. Hot dogs will be served through

the day. A white elephant table, Avon products and crafts will be displayed. Noble Grand Genevieve Lynn presided as sick member and friends were reported. Twenty visits to the sick, 39 cheer cards 12 dishes of food and one flower ere recorded. Curtsinger was hostess to Lynn, Nelma Sowell, Rosalie Northcutt, Stella Hershey, Sadie Shaw, Leona Sowell, Lydia Hopson, Erma Loving, Jim Loving, Irlbeck, Tony Irlbeck, Mary Lou Weatherford, Ocie Bolton, Frankie Ruland, Ruby Baker, Anna Conklin, Ann Werner, Dorothy Collier, Ursalce Jacobsen and Faye Brownlow.

Craft, wrapping program heard at XEA

Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority met recently and heard a program on crafts. Elaine McNutt, co-owner of Inkahoots, have a program on the crafts carried in the store. She demonstrated several crafts and different ways to wrap or bag presents. McNutt pointed out that several classes are available at Inkahoots. She received a thank you gift for presenting the program. President Holly Bixler conducted the business meeting. Thank yous were head from Bixler, Ruby Lee,

Marge Bell, Gaye Reily, Denise Hafliger, Connie Matthews, Kay Williams, Dona Hendrickson, Deann Harris, Dancell Culp, Susan Shaw, Dalene Burns, and Sharon Bodner. Culp thanked member for working at the Santa photo booth at Sugarland Mall. She also thanked Keith culp and Mike Harris for being Santa. Hafliger made a motion to pay chapter bills. Roll call was answered with secret sister Christmas wish list. Linda Arellano, service co-chairman, quizzed members with Christmas carol trivia. Wrong answers cost members. Proceeds will go tot the christmas Stocking Fund. Susan Shaw, social chairman, reported the couples party will be

Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Mary Herring's home. There will be an ornament exchange. Connie Matthews read a thank you note form Billie Brown for her birthday present. The next meeting will be the Christmas party at Merle Norman's downtown. Hostess will be Holly

Bixler and all members should bring their favorite Christmas snack. Arellano, Burns and Carol Kelley served cookies, fudge and coffee to Arellano, Bell, Bixler, Bodner, Burns, Susan Cardinal, Culp, Hafliger, Harris, Hendrickson, Melinda Henson, Lee, Matthews, Reily, Shaw and Williams.

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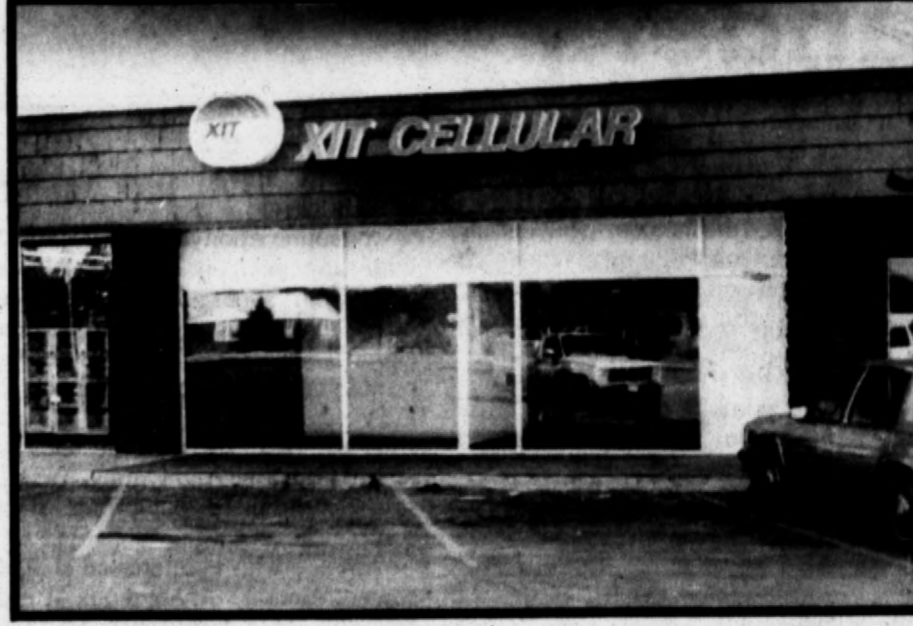


Deer season brings venison meat to table

With deer-hunting season in full swing, and Christmas just around the corner, venison will no doubt be the main course of many a Texas table. "Properly prepared it's hard to beat," said Dr. Dale Rollins, wildlife specialist wit the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in San Angelo. "But woe be unto the hunter serving poorly handled venison on Christmas. It can turn the most open-minded consumer away forever." This unhappy outcome can easily be avoided with a few simple precautions, Rolling said. Aside from the dire social and gastronomical consequences stemming from consuming spoiled meat, it's sate law that game taken be maintained in an edible condition. "A lot of us learned the hard way that it's best to take a little extra time immediately after the harvest to ensure a topnotch product on the table."

Rolling offer these tips to hunters striving to serve the finest fare to their holiday guests: * "Field dress your deer immediately if possible. If you want to age the meat or otherwise leave the carcass intact, leave the hide on to prevent drying of the meat's outer surface. * "To increase the tenderness and flavor of the meat, age the carcass in cold storage a little above freezing for four to six days. If you're going to process the animal in the field, remove the hide soon after field dressing. If the weather is warm, remove the backstraps and quarter the carcass and place in an ice chest. Extension Service county offices have pamphlets available on processing and preparing venison and other game, Rolling said. "A little care in processing ad preparing venison will leave a good taste in everybody's mouth."

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DEAR DR. LAMB: What causes a woman to get dark spots on her face? Shortly after having my babies I noticed the spots on my forehead and on both sides of my eyes, going down to my cheeks. My children are now young adults and I still have the spots. Is there something I can do or take? It is really embarrassing when someone says, "What is that on your face?" I'm in my middle 30s and still have more years to go. Help!

DEAR READER: I sounds like melasma (chloasma), also called the mask of pregnancy. The hormonal influences of pregnancy may cause these brown spots, most often over the forehead and cheeks. The same thing can happen from taking oral contraceptives. Are you taking the pill to prevent additional pregnancies?

I don't wish to speculate as to what you have, because there are other skin problems that can cause brown spots as well. Have a dermatologist examine your spots. For excess pigmentation, bleaching creams may be used. For other conditions, a light application of liquid nitrogen may be indicated.

Dr. Lamb welcomes letters from readers with health questions. You can write to him at P.O. Box 5537, Riverton, NJ 08077. Although Dr. Lamb cannot reply to all letters personally, he will respond to selected questions in future columns.

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Food safety vital when sending gifts

Last-minute shoppers may find food basket to be perfect gifts this holiday. However, food safety should be a main ingredient, according to a nutritionist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Whether a person plans to buy a basket that's already prepared or fill one with home-cooked treats, taking precautions will prevent fits from harboring bacteria that cause foodborne illness," said Dr. Peggy Van Laanen, food safety specialist.

Always read product labels or ask the vendor for proper storage instructions when selecting food gifts, she said. Most refrigerator temperatures, while some specially processed foods are safe at room temperatures.

"Hams, turkeys and other meats, for example, are smoked for flavor, not preservation, and must be stored at refrigeration temperatures," Van Laanen said. "However, country hams are an exception because their high-salt content and dryness prevent bacterial growth. They can be stored at room temperatures until cut."

Whether foods such as canned meats, vacuum-packed steaks, sausage and cheese assortments need refrigeration depends on how they were processed. Vacuum packaging itself does not make a food safe to store at room temperature, Van Laanen said. Some sausages and cheeses in gift assortments don't need

refrigeration due to bringing, drying and food additives. These additives, together with processing, help prevent spoilage and protect flavor.

Those who plan to mail food gifts should consider the length of shipping time, she said. Also, check to be sure that someone will be home to accept the package and store it properly.

If sending mail-order gifts, check for proper storage and delivery procedures, she said, by asking these questions:

* What kind of cold source will be used with perishable food and how long will the package be in transit? The cold source should ensure that food arrives still frozen for firm and cold, canned or processed foods labeled "Keep refrigerated" should be shipped with a cold source.

* Will perishable food packages be labeled as such on the outside? Perishables have a much better chance of surviving if properly labeled.

* Can the vendor deliver the gift by a certain date? Once you know how long the mailing takes, call to find a date someone can be home to receive the gift. Then call the mail-order house back and set up delivery. The company should guarantee proper delivery.

* People who receive food gifts should check the items for signs of food deterioration and for proper storage

and delivery conditions before accepting them," Van Laanen said.

For example, fresh or cooked meat, poultry or fish should arrive frozen, still are in the middle, or cold if they have never been frozen, she said. Cheese should arrive fully frozen. Also, baked hams and most canned hams need refrigeration and should arrive cold.

"Some hard, dry sausages like pepperoni and hard salamis don't need refrigeration," Van Laanen said, "but other types such as summer sausage, Levanon bologna and Thruinger do."

Van Laanen said never accept sausages that have molds. The same goes for cheese unless it's natural such as blue mold in blue cheese. "Runny" cheeses could harbor bacteria and are not suitable.

Those marketing items for gift baskets need to consider the proper storage conditions necessary, according to Van Laanen. For example, any canned product must be properly processed to be shelf-stable.

"Items that need refrigeration are probably not the best choices for gift baskets," Van Laanen said. "However, regardless of what you send, labeling all items as to storage requirements is a good idea."

For more information of food gifts, contact the home economics agent in the local office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.



Sorority presents donation to Rape Crisis Center

Linda Arellano, right, of Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Hereford, presents a donation to Michelle Hughes, coordinator of the Hereford Outreach Office of the Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Center. The donation comes from proceeds from a benefit style show held recently.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I'd like to address the question of what constitutes "real" rape. A great many people don't think it's rape unless a woman is attacked by a person she doesn't know in broad daylight, surrounded by witnesses.

She must be wearing loose-fitting, plain clothes that cover everything but her hands and feet. She can't wear makeup or jewelry and her hair should be short or in a tight bun. Breaking any of these rules means she is "asking for sex."

One night I let a male friend into my dorm room. He sat on my bed and I sat across the room on the sofa. After a while, he begged for a backrub and I agreed, thinking I could trust him, since he was a good friend. Then he insisted on giving me a backrub in return. After trying to undress me, he threatened me with several heavy objects in the room when I tried to throw him out. We were both sober. He insisted that by relaxing during the backrub, I was saying that I wanted sex and he wasn't going to leave until I admitted it.

After a long argument, he took a knife out of his pocket, held it to my throat and said I could either cooperate or face the consequences.

Somehow people think I am at fault for letting the guy into my room. What am I supposed to do, speak to males only by telephone? After my best

friend told me I was at least 50 percent responsible for what happened, I never mentioned the incident to anyone else.

I hope you will print my letter. This could happen to anyone you know.-- Still Fighting to Survive in California

DEAR FIGHTING: I'm sure many people would say giving a backrub is a "tease," but even so, a guy who puts a knife to a woman's throat to get sex knows that she is not a willing participant. He could have killed you. I don't know when this nightmare happened, dear, but I hope you got counseling.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: After reading several letters in your column in praise of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, it occurred to me to let you know that Nicotine Anonymous also exists and has changed and saved many lives. I hope you will feel it is as important as I do and help spread the word.

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Anyone who is interested should contact nicotine Anonymous World Services, 2118 Greenwich St., San Francisco, Calif. 94123. Thank you so much, Ann.--In Smo-briety for Two Years in West Islip, N.Y.

DEAR FRIEND: I hope every person who is smoking while reading this column will say to him or herself, "This message is for me--and this time I'm going to listen." Good luck to you.

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Planning makes step life happy

Christmas at Cinderella's house was probably not a fairy tale.

For real-life stepchildren, the holidays can also be difficult. But with careful planning and a little understanding, the season can have a happy ending says a family researcher at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"The holidays stir up old feelings that have not been resolved," said Dr. James Bray, a psychologist and associate professor of family medicine at Baylor. "Many stepchildren are still upset over their parents' divorce and have not adjusted to their new stepparent."

Holiday planning can be stressful for parents, Bray said, because they have certain expectations for their children.

"Adults worry about how they will handle the holidays for their children," he said. "they are anxious and want their children to celebrate the holidays the way they think it ought to be. Deciding who should take the kids to see Santa, how to celebrate Hanukkah, or where the

children will spend the holidays can take a toll."

Stepparents should consider the older children's feelings. They may have their own ideas on how to enjoy the holidays.

"Older children may not want to take part in family activities because they are resentful," Bray said. "they are not as eager to participate as much as the youngsters, especially if they are forced into it."

If the non-custodial, remarried parent give preferential treatment to their biological children and not their stepchildren, hard feelings may result. Bray said parent should not try to make up for lost love by giving their children more presents than their stepchildren who love with them.

Stepparents can gradually get involved with family holiday activities. For stepparents celebrating the holidays for the first time, become a part of the planning process but do not overpower it with drastic changes.

"It takes two to four years before stepparents are fully accepted by the Children," Bray said. "Bringing two

families together will come with a few disappointments, so have reasonable expectations and be patient."

Bray offers these suggestion to help resettle the nest in time for the holidays:

- * Hold a family planning meeting. Assign duties evenly among the children and be sure the older children are included in the discussion.

- * Create new family traditions. Rituals become shared experiences that can help solidify the family.

- * Consider alternation holiday visit form year-to-year. One year, children could stay with Dad on Christmas day and with Mom on Christmas eve.

- * Children who will travel alone to visit a relative should have contingency plans in the event of conflicting work schedules or inclement weather.

For more information on step-parenting, write the Stepfamily Association of America, Inc., 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 212, Lincoln, Neb. 68508, or check for the association's local chapter in your area.

Hints From Heloise

Dear Heloise: My husband got soaked with diesel fuel. He showered, changed clothes and put the fuel-soaked clothing in the back of the truck for days.

I washed them several times and hung them in the sun, but the smell was still there. Then I rinsed them in a cup of white vinegar, and that took the smell out.

The next time I went shopping, I bought an extra gallon of white vinegar to be ready for any unusual accident. — Geneva Brooks, Hopkinsville, Ky.

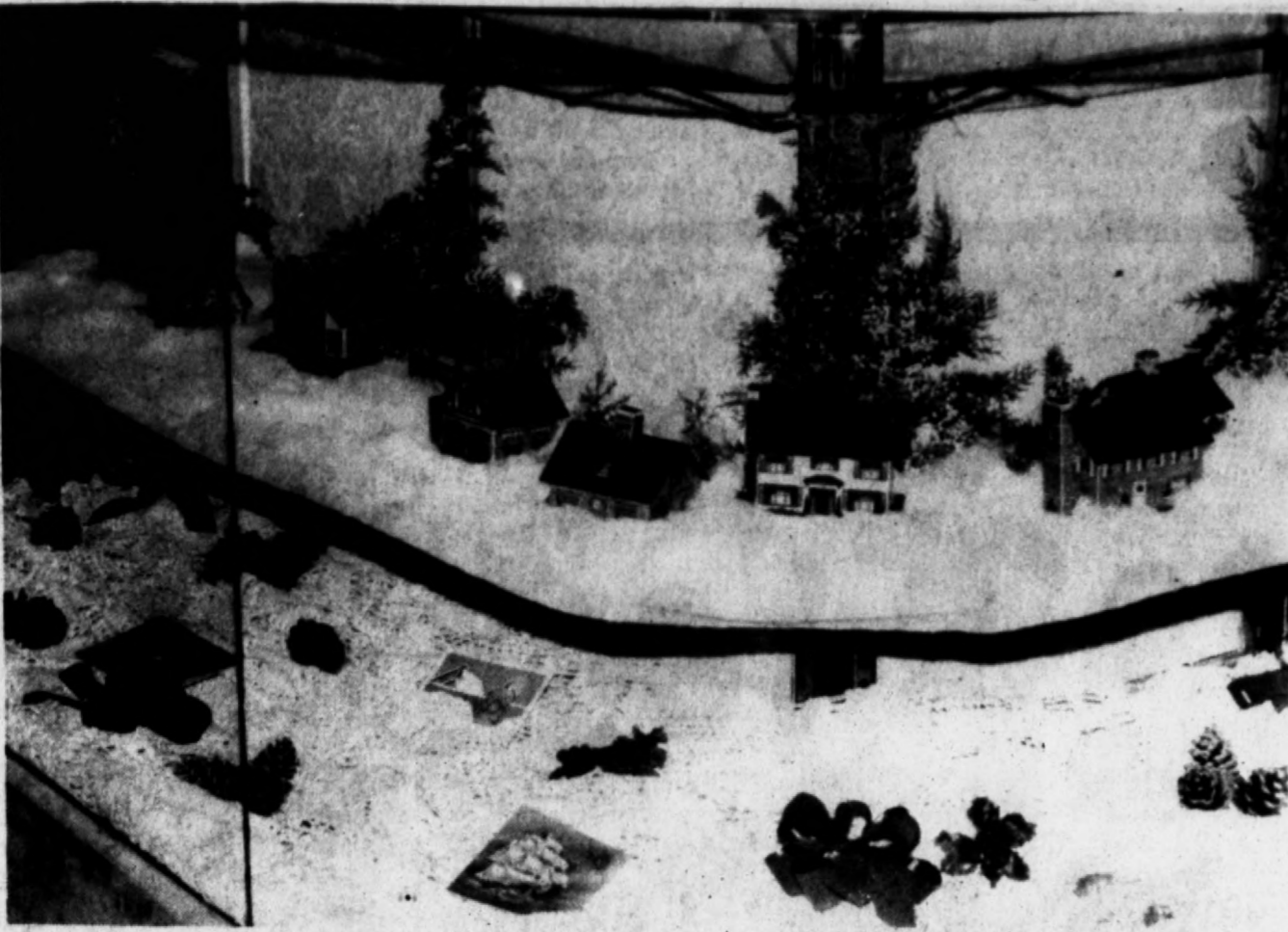
BABY SHOWER

Dear Heloise: I just had to write you about the great centerpiece that was used at my baby shower. The basket was full of baby items, like shampoo, a thermometer and diaper pins scattered in among the silk flowers and ribbons. It was a cute centerpiece and a great gift. — New Mother, Omaha, Neb.

Send a money- or time-saving hint to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.



If you're average, you use about two gallons of water to brush your teeth.



Old time Christmas

The Deaf Smith County Museum is in the Christmas spirit with many related displays. Here is an old time Christmas village with churches, shops and homes ready for the holidays. The museum is open daily except Sunday, which is by appointment only. Everyone is encourage to stop by and see early day Christmas spirit.

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The crown prince, winding up a two-day visit Wednesday on environmental themes, had a half-hour talk with Mayor Eberhard Diepgen and lunch with business leaders in the former palace of Prussian princes in eastern Berlin.

Charles was in Leipzig Tuesday, where he received a prize for his North Sea environmental work from the German Union of Environment and Nature Protection.

On Wednesday in Berlin, he toured a compost center, an incineration plant and a plant to recycle construction materials that has been working to grind up the Berlin Wall. Officials said British-made machinery handles the final step of pulverizing the concrete wall sections into gravel.

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SPORTS

Hereford hosts hoops

Hereford will host boys' basketball tournaments for the seventh, eighth and ninth grades Friday and Saturday. Each tournament includes two teams from Hereford, two from Valleyview, two from Canyon, one from Dimmitt and one from Friona. The first round of each tournament includes four games. Since three courts will be used--Whiteface Gym and both courts in the junior high gym--the starting times are staggered: three seventh grade games start at 4 p.m. Friday; one seventh and two eighth grade games start at 5:30; two eighth grade and one ninth grade

games start at 7; and the final three ninth grade games will start at 8:30, if the games stay on schedule. The starting times for Hereford teams in the first round are: seventh Maroon, 4 p.m.; seventh White and eighth B, 5:30; eighth A, 7; and both ninth grade teams, 8:30. All other games will be played on Saturday, and odds are that at least one Hereford team will be playing at any one time. The games start at 9 a.m. and the action goes virtually non-stop until all three championship games are played at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, all ninth grade game will be in Whiteface Gym; all seventh grade games will be on the first court (as you walk in) of the junior high gym; and all eighth grade games will be in the far court. The seventh, eighth and ninth grade girls' teams will play in tournaments in Canyon Friday and Saturday, while the boys' sophomore team is in Borger for a tourney. Hereford's junior high teams have starting times at 5:15 p.m. (seventh White and eighth A) and 7:45 (seventh Maroon and eighth B).



YMCA flag football champs

The Shockers edged Superior 44-42 Sunday in the championship game of the Hereford YMCA men's flag football league. The Shockers are (front row, left to right) Arnold Villegas, Edward Villareal, Clarence High, Dan Odell, Glenn Parker, (and back row) Chris Steward, J.D. High, Eddie Chavarria, Jackie Mercer and Harvey Cummings. Not pictured are Edward Martinez, Brian Taylor and Rodney Torres.

Dulles vs. Killeen for 1st title

Finally, a Texas high school football champion will be crowned this weekend. SA Division I, which includes half as many teams as Division II or any of the lower classifications, wraps up with 14-0 Sugarland Dulles meeting 11-2-1 Killeen for the title. Dulles has been installed as a four-point favorite by the Harris Rating System.

All other classes play semifinals this week. Here are the matchups, with teams' records and Harris' picks: Class 5A, Division II: Odessa Permian (14-0) 10 over Waco (13-0-1); Aldine (11-2-1) 5 over San Antonio Marshall (12-2). 4A: Carthage (14-0) 6 over Sweetwater (12-1); Austin Westlake

(13-0-1) 9 over A&M Consolidated (12-2). 3A: Southlake Carroll (14-0) 12 over Burnet (12-0-2); Groesbeck (12-2) 6 over Edna (14-0). 2A: Albany (14-0) 4 over Farmersville (14-0); Schulenberg (14-0) 5 over Grapeland (12-1-1). A: Rotan (13-0) 13 over Memphis (13-1); Runge (11-1-1) 4 over Oakwood (11-2).

Saberhagen sent to Mets for Jefferies, McReynolds

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Four teams headed home from the winter meetings with a new look after making some big deals, and the rest will just have to keep looking. The New York Mets, Kansas City Royals, California Angels and Cincinnati Reds were the busiest clubs at the meetings, and the Seattle Mariners finally made a big move. No, it's not to St. Petersburg, Fla. In the final hours of the meetings, the Mets and Royals pulled off the biggest deal Wednesday when Kansas City traded two-time Cy Young Award winner Bret Saberhagen to New York for infielder Gregg Jefferies and left fielder Kevin McReynolds in a five-player deal. The Mets also got second baseman Bill Pociota and infielder Keith Miller went to the Royals. The Mets came to the meetings looking for a pitcher, and they got one of the best. Saberhagen, 13-8 last season, won the American League Cy Young Award in 1989 when he was 23-6 and in 1985 with a 20-6 mark. He is 110-78 lifetime. "I know the New York Mets have made some big deals in their history, but none involving so many quality players," Mets general manager Al Harazin said. "Saberhagen is one of the three or four best pitchers in baseball." In the first big deal of the day, the Mariners acquired slugger Kevin Mitchell and left-hander Mike Remlinger from San Francisco for pitchers Bill Swift, Mike Jackson and Dave Burba. It was a deal the two clubs have been talking about for a while, but it was thought the Giants wanted pitcher Erik Hanson as part of the package. Mitchell, 29, was the National League MVP in 1989 when he hit 47 homers and drove in 125 runs. He

went through an injury-plagued season in 1991 and hit .256 with 27 homers and 69 RBIs. It will be interesting to see the numbers Mitchell might produce teamed with Ken Griffey Jr. in the Kingdome. Of course, there is no guarantee the Mariners will be in Seattle. The acquisition of Mitchell, however, is a sign the Mariners are trying to look like an attractive buy. Owner Jeff Smulyan put the team up for sale last Friday for \$100 million. Any new owner will have to pay Mitchell \$3.5 million for each of the next three years. The Giants came to the meetings looking for pitchers and added three young arms. General manager Al Rosen is still looking, too. The Reds, who had acquired pitchers Greg Swindell and Tim Lincecum before the meetings even started, acquired infielder-outfielder Bip Roberts on Sunday from San Diego for reliever Randy Myers and on Wednesday traded pitchers John Wetteland and Bill Rife to Montreal for outfielder Dave Martinez, reliever Scott Ruskin and infielder Willie Green. Whitey Herzog also improved the Angels during the meetings by acquiring outfielders Von Hayes and Hubie Brooks and pitcher Chuck Crim. The Angels also signed left-hander Chuck Finley to a four-year deal worth \$18.5 million.

In another deal Wednesday, Kansas City traded first baseman Todd Benzing to Los Angeles for outfielder Chris Gwynn and infielder Domingo Mota. The Royals also sent pitcher Storm Davis to Baltimore for catcher Bob Melvin. The Dodgers were looking for a first baseman since Eddie Murray signed as a free agent with the New York Mets. The final official day of the meetings also was a time for the owners to hear from commissioner Fay Vincent about the game's future. Vincent told the owners he will meet with the commissioners of the NBA and NFL to discuss the impact of AIDS on their sports.

YMCA to start three leagues

The Hereford and vicinity YMCA is forming volleyball, basketball and racquetball leagues to begin play in early January. The volleyball league, which starts Jan. 3, has three divisions, all co-ed. Games are played Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting at 6:45 p.m. The season is eight weeks long, plus a double elimination tournament. The entry fee is \$8 for YMCA members, \$24 for non-members or \$95 for a team. The entry deadline is at noon Dec. 30. The basketball league has two divisions, both for men who are out of high school. Games are Sunday starting at 1 p.m. The league starts Jan. 5 and goes six weeks with a double elimination tournament at the end. Entry fees are \$10 for Y members, \$20 for non-members, or \$200 for a team. The deadline is Dec. 27 at 3 p.m. The racquetball leagues have 10 divisions: Open, A, B, C and D for both men and women. All are handicapped singles. The league starts Jan. 9, and games are played on Thursdays starting at 7 p.m. Entry fees are \$10 for Y members and \$24 for non-members. The league is open to the first 24 paid entrants.

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JH netters host Palo Duro

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UT hires Mackovic to coach

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) - University of Illinois coach John Mackovic confirmed today that he has been hired as head football coach at the University of Texas.

Mackovic met with players for about 10 minutes this morning in a meeting room at the stadium and emerged with tears in his eyes. He told reporters he is leaving and said he would make more comments at news conference later.

Sophomore offensive linebacker Jason Edwards said he didn't quite know what to feel.

"I thought he was a great coach,

one of the most well-organized and intelligent people I've ever met," Edwards said.

Senior offensive tackle Tony Laster said Mackovic didn't expect to be leaving so soon. Laster said Mackovic told the players that defensive coordinator Lou Tepper would be named interim coach and that Mackovic would support Tepper strongly for the permanent job.

Tepper will be coach when the Illini (6-5) play UCLA in the John Hancock Bowl in El Paso, Texas, on Dec. 31.

Final details of Mackovic's contract have yet to be ironed out, but a source in Illinois said Texas offered a five-year package worth \$3 million - \$600,000 annually plus additional unspecified perks.

Mackovic replaces David McWilliams, who was forced to resign after the Longhorns posted a disappointing 5-6 record one year after winning the Southwest Conference championship and an appearance in the Cotton Bowl where they lost to Miami in a 44-6 rout.

At Illinois, Mackovic had a 30-16-1 record and coached the

Fighting Illini to four bowls in as many seasons. His college career record, including three seasons at Wake Forest, is 44-36-1.

He also was head coach of the Kansas City Chiefs in the National Football League and coached the Chiefs to their first playoff appearance in 15 years in 1986, his fourth and final season in Kansas City.

Before coaching at Kansas City, he was an assistant coach under Tom Landry, a University of Texas alumnus, with the Dallas Cowboys.

In an attempt to keep Mackovic from leaving, Illinois officials put together a deal that would have elevated his salary from \$400,000 to around \$500,000 and included a contract extension that would have guaranteed him a job with the university until the year 2000, several newspapers reported. The deal would have included funding for a \$1 million annuity, they said.

McWilliams, who resigned under pressure Dec. 2 after going 31-26 in five seasons, earned about \$300,000 annually. He had managed to defeat arch rival Oklahoma three straight seasons and was 3-2 against SWC rival Arkansas.



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Del Rio joins long line of Cowboy linebackers

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Jack Del Rio is one of only five good men who have ever played middle linebacker on a permanent basis for the Dallas Cowboys in the 31-year history of the club.

There was Jerry Tubbs, then Lee Roy Jordan, then Bob Breunig, then Eugene "The Hittin' Machine" Lockhart.

Del Rio, not particularly fleet of foot but quick of mind and a deadly tackler, took over this season when Lockhart was traded to the New England Patriots.

Through 14 games, Del Rio leads the team with 115 tackles, 67 of them solo.

What has made Del Rio's season amazing is that he had never played middle linebacker.

"He's been our defensive quarterback," said Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson. "He's helped make us more physical against the run."

The Cowboys tried Ken Norton at middle linebacker during training

camp, and Del Rio felt that if he couldn't chase Norton back to the outside it would be pink slip time once the regular season began.

"I'm not in Dallas if I'm not the starting middle linebacker," Del Rio said in training camp.

He was the starter in the middle and hasn't looked back since.

"I had confidence I could fill Eugene's spot," Del Rio said. "I knew what I was capable of doing even if others didn't."

Before the season, one of Johnson primary goals was to stop the run.

"You're dead in the NFC East if you can't," he said.

The Cowboys have climbed into the NFL's top 10 in stopping the run and Del Rio has been a big factor.

"Jack is just tenacious," said defensive lineman Russell Maryland. "He's our leader out there in the middle. He might not be quick or run fast but his desire makes him good at that position. We don't have a lot of big name talent on our defense like

Philadelphia, but we've got guys with a lot of heart like Del Rio."

Defensive coordinator Dave Wannstedt said, "Jack understands defenses. He's smart. This move will really help his career."

The 6-foot-4, 240-pound Del Rio was a third round pick by the New Orleans Saints in 1985. Johnson claimed him off the waiver wire in the summer of 1989.

Del Rio, in his seventh year out of Southern California, has been a late bloomer.

"I had a great college career and never really applied myself at the professional level," said Del Rio, who started 17 games in two seasons with Kansas City before he was released. "I finally committed myself to getting back to the level I'm capable of playing."

And that level is in the finest tradition of Dallas middle linebackers.

DeBerg, Krieg step aside for Vlastic, Stouffer to start

By The Associated Press

Starting quarterbacks are being sacked all over the NFL these days.

The latest to fall are Steve DeBerg of the Kansas City Chiefs and Dave Krieg of the Seattle Seahawks.

DeBerg, a 15-year veteran, will be replaced by Mark Vlastic, who has started only three games in his four-year career, when the Chiefs meet San Francisco on Saturday. Krieg, a 12-year veteran, will step aside for little-used Kelly Stouffer when the Seahawks play Atlanta on Sunday.

"Given the opportunity to perform, Mark has met the challenge. Steve's been struggling," Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer said Wednesday in explaining why he was making the quarterback change, one of many around the league this weekend.

The Chiefs (9-5) clinched an AFC wild-card berth last Sunday when Vlastic replaced DeBerg in the second

half and engineered a come-from-behind 20-17 overtime victory over San Diego. DeBerg, who threw only four interceptions all last season, has thrown eight in his last four outings.

Vlastic was 12-for-18 for 150 yards and a touchdown against the Chargers. For the year, he has hit 26 of 38 for 292 yards and two touchdowns.

"I came in and said, 'OK, what's the secret?'" Vlastic said. "He said, 'You're the starter.' I was excited to hear that. I didn't know what it was going to be. I felt good that if I got the chance I could make the best of it."

Meanwhile, Seattle coach Chuck Knox is also making a quarterback change in hopes of turning around his team.

"We've been struggling a little bit and we just made the decision that Kelly's worked hard and is throwing the ball better in practice," Knox said. "So we're going to start him."

Knox denied the switch was made to appease owner Ken Behring and general manager Tom Flores. Flores has told the media he hoped Knox would play some of the younger players now that the Seahawks (6-8) are virtually eliminated from the playoffs for the third year in a row.

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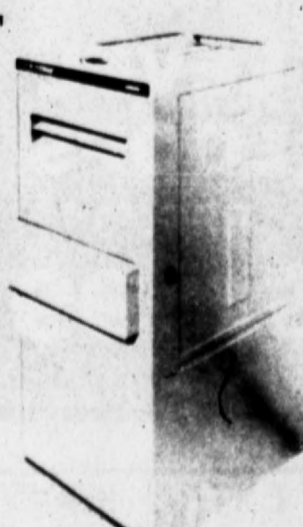
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Pierce pushes free throw streak record

By The Associated Press
Ricky Pierce remained perfect at the line and the New York Knicks remained perfect at home.
Pierce made all seven of his free throws Wednesday night to extend his streak to 75, three shy of Calvin Murphy's NBA record for consecutive foul shots without a miss. But his Seattle SuperSonics lost 96-87 to the Knicks, who improved their record

to 8-0 at Madison Square Garden.
Pierce moved into second place on the NBA's free throw list, passing Larry Bird, who made 71 straight foul shots in 1989-90. Murphy set the record with Houston in 1980-81.
"I wasn't keeping track of how many I had," said Pierce, who scored 25 points. "I figured someone would tell me if I reached the record."
John Starks led the Knicks with his

long-range shooting. He was 1-for-9 on 2-point attempts, but made all five of his 3-pointers and finished with 19 points.
"If he can't hit the 15-footers and 17-footers, I might as well put him out there for 3," Knicks coach Pat Riley said.

seconds left gave the Jazz a 78-77 lead to start the final period.
The Lakers got as close as three points late in the game.

Clippers 101, Pistons 96
Isiah Thomas, scoreless in the first half, scored 16 of his 26 points in the third quarter and Joe Dumars helped rally the Pistons from a 12-point third-quarter deficit with 27 of his season-high 36 points in the second half.

The Pistons took their only lead of the final period with 6:39 remaining, 85-84, on a slam dunk by Dennis Rodman - who had 15 points and 18 rebounds. But Doc Rivers hit a jumper and followed with a 3-point shot, and Danny Manning added two baskets in the final three minutes to help the Clippers beat Detroit.

Nuggets 98, 76ers 88
At Philadelphia, Reggie Williams scored 21 points as Denver won at the Spectrum for the first time in four years.

Dikembe Mutombo and Walter Davis added 18 points apiece for the Nuggets.
Hersey Hawkins led Philadelphia with 24 points.

Spurs 98, Timberwolves 85
At Minneapolis, David Robinson had 35 points, 14 rebounds and nine blocks as San Antonio snapped a five-game losing streak.

Robinson, who scored 15 points during a 21-5 run at the end of the third quarter, finished one block shy of his seventh career triple-double.
Gerald Glass scored 21 points for Minnesota.

Heat 105, Cavaliers 103
At Miami, Rony Seikaly grabbed a team-record 24 rebounds and hit the go-ahead free throw with 12.7 seconds left as Miami broke a five-game losing streak.

Seikaly scored eight of his 20 points in the final 2:35, including a free throw that gave the Heat a 103-102 lead with 12.7 seconds remaining.

Mark Price led the Cavaliers with 21 points.

Mavericks 106, Hornets 103
At Charlotte, Derek Harper scored 15 of Dallas' 21 points in the fourth quarter.

Harper finished with 35 points. Larry Johnson led Charlotte with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

Johnson responds to 'bedridden' rumors

NEW YORK (AP) - Magic Johnson describes himself now as an educator, spectator, fan, coach, cheerleader and future Olympian.

What he is not, he says, is a bedridden man too sick to keep his appointments.

Johnson on Wednesday responded to rumors and tabloid stories that he is already ill in the wake of his Nov. 7 retirement after testing positive for the AIDS virus.

"I'm feeling fine, working out every day, running four miles," Johnson said.

He denied the need to put on a show for the media to prove he's healthy, but he welcomed the media to watch a 30-minute shooting workout with his former Los Angeles Lakers coach, Pat Riley.

After the workout, Johnson said that some reports about him are so bizarre that they're funny.

He recalled former teammate Michael Cooper used to buy sensationalistic newspapers and read them on the team bus.

"I'd catch myself thinking, 'Wow, an ape gave birth to a tiger,'" he said. "Now I'm on the front pages of them every day."

Several recent missed appointments, he said, were simple misunderstandings, but the tabloids have a field day whenever anything happens.

"My wife and I just laugh at those things, reports that she's sleeping in the basement in the maid's room, things like that. It's just funny," Johnson said.

He said he originally planned to work out with Riley in private, but when the press learned of the meeting, he decided to open it to the media.

"One of the lows of this whole situation are all of my friends calling me wondering if I'm sick, and my wife thinks I'm not telling her things," Johnson said. "I'm not into putting on a show to show people I'm healthy. People can see I'm healthy because I'm out in public all the time."

Johnson said he welcomed the chance to shoot with Riley, who rebounded Johnson's shots and directed the workout.

"He knows me and it means something to work out with him," he said. "He was more than my coach; he's my friend. I think this was my best workout."

Johnson said he has no intention of missing the Olympics and expects them "to be more special than ever because it will be my first time back. I'll continue to work out. Hopefully I won't have to play a lot of minutes, but I'll be ready."

He said he had to retire from the Lakers "because I want to live a long time."

Johnson said he considered himself fortunate to have a 12-year NBA career.

"If I was young, I'd be feeling withdrawal. But I only had a couple of years left anyway," he said. "What I miss most is the camaraderie with the fellows and the big games, playing against Larry Bird and here at the Garden."

As a spokesman against the AIDS virus, Johnson said he had to have "on-the-job training. I learned to put the message out right, that the safest sex is no sex. If you have sex, then have safe sex."

Aduabato fined for remarks

NEW YORK (AP) - A technical foul has cost Dallas Mavericks coach Richie Aduabato \$3,000.

Aduabato was fined for making disparaging remarks about the officiating in the Mavericks' 104-101 loss to the Seattle SuperSonics Saturday night, NBA vice president-operations Rod Thorn announced Wednesday.

"The ref took the game away from us," Aduabato said. "I'll probably be fined, but I don't care. The ref can't take the game away from the players just because he's mad at the coach. Coaches lose their jobs because of

refs' blown calls."
The coach complained about a non-call when Derek Harper drove for the basket late in the second quarter.

After the game, Aduabato also claimed the officials failed to call a foul when Rolando Blackman lost the ball out of bounds with less than a minute remaining, saying it was retaliation for Aduabato's earlier protest.

Harper said the turnover against Blackman was the most critical play in the final moments, and possibly cost the Mavericks the game.

Seton Hall edges Rutgers

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) - Gordon Winchester and Jerry Walker are getting to the point in their careers at Seton Hall where they really have to do something spectacular to get a rave from coach P.J. Carlesimo.

Solid performances are now the norm for Winchester and Walker, and anything less is unacceptable.

Wednesday night, they turned in workmanlike performances as No. 12 Seton Hall held off a second-half charge by Rutgers and defeated the Scarlet Knights 77-72 before the second-largest crowd ever at the Rutgers Athletic Center.

Winchester had a team-high 18 points and four rebounds and Walker chipped in with 15 and a team-high seven rebounds as Seton Hall posted its sixth straight win over Rutgers.

But when the game was over, Carlesimo didn't talk about Walker and Winchester right away. He talked about the career-high 13 points from freshman Danny Hurley, and the career-high 13 from sophomore John Leahy. He mentioned a big defensive play from Bryan Caver in the final minutes and some play by sophomore center Luther Wright and backup Darrell Mims.

Finally, someone asked him about Walker and Winchester, his junior-senior forwards, respectively.

"I thought Gordie and Jerry are two guys who give us upper-class leadership," Carlesimo said after his team won for the fourth time in five games. "We're not talking about them, but they got 11 rebounds and 33 points between them."

No. 21 Missouri 113, Nebraska-Kearney 67

Anthony Peeler scored 25 points in 24 minutes as Missouri crushed Nebraska-Kearney.

The Tigers (5-0) opened a 50-19 lead with 5:47 left before halftime. The Tigers' largest lead was 49 points with about one minute left.

Nebraska-Kearney (3-6) missed all 12 of its 3-point attempts in the first half and didn't make its first 3-pointer until 12:56 of the second. The Antelopes ended up 2-of-19 from 3-point range.

Steve Scheidegger scored 15 to lead the Antelopes.

Doak Walker, later a pro football star, was a three-time All-American at Southern Methodist.

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Sims twins help Permian's playoff drive

By GAYLON KRIZAK
The Odessa American
ODESSA, Texas (AP) - Mike and Jerry Sims are twins. They kid around with the brother joke from Bob Newhart's now-defunct TV sitcom, but opponents don't dare laugh at the Sims and their overachieving play during the Panthers' 14-0 undefeated season.

"The Sims boys are the prototype Permian kids - lean, kind of little, but great attitudes," says Randy Mayes, Permian's defensive coordinator. "They'll do whatever you ask them to do."

About the joke: "Hi, I'm Larry ...

and this is my brother Darrell ... and this is my other brother Darrell..."

"It's just something that came up," says Mike Sims, starting split guard and reserve linebacker. "We get it all the time, but I doubt if we would if we weren't both playing."

"Well, everybody started saying that, joking around and stuff about, 'There's Larry and Darrell and Darrell,'" said Jerry Sims, Mike's twin brother and occasional neighbor at split tackle, as well as being a regular at defensive end. "It's all fun. Nobody means anything by it."

As Mayes said, both players come from the traditional Permian mold. Both are generously listed at around 160 pounds on nearly identical 5-foot-10 (or 11) frames, yet both play positions among the most physically demanding on the field.

"Quickness and technique - that's all it is," Jerry Sims said. "But I like playing on defense more than offense

because I get to hit the ballcarriers. That's lot of fun to do."

Oh yeah. Don't forget toughness. That, too, comes from the traditional Permian mold.

"We are all so proud of those guys," Permian head coach Tam Hollingshead said. "They're not very big, but they're extremely tough youngsters to be able to play the positions they play at their size. They are so dedicated to this program and they're both relatively strong for their size."

Permian hosts Waco, 13-0-1, Saturday at 2 p.m. in a Class 5A Division II semifinal game.

Off-and-on injuries all season to starting tackle Jason Cothran have put Jerry on offense alongside Mike, a starter at guard all season. But Jerry's biggest moment came three weeks ago on defense, sacking Amarillo Tascosa quarterback B.D. Ware for a safety in the fourth quarter of what

was a close bi-district playoff game.

As for Mike, he said his biggest personal accomplishment has been "winning all 13 games and opening holes for our backs and keeping Stormy (Case, Permian's quarterback) standing up all year." Modest moments, to be sure, but again perfectly fitting the traditional Permian mold.

The two are as close personally as they are physically, and in that way it's hard to tell the two apart at first glance. When Jerry Sims began playing regularly around the third week of the season, Mike Sims called it "something I'd been dreaming about for a long time."

"Both of us getting to play so much has been great. I think people underestimate us because of our size, but we just go out as hard as we can."

Jerry Sims - appropriately - echoed the sentiment, saying, "Both of us being seniors and both playing on a

team like this in our last year - it's been great."

So where did all the Larry, Darrell and Darrell stuff come from? Hollingshead said it began early in the season, when reserve lineman Scott Winchell noticed line coach Larry Currie talking with the Sims brothers at the same time.

"So Winchell said something like,

"Look - there's Larry talking with Darrell and his other brother Darrell,'" Hollingshead said. "Everybody's picked up on it, but it's all just in fun. And they're the type who has as good a time with it as anybody."

Like Mike said, it also helps to be twins who both play a lot. Marketable nicknames don't mean much on bad products.

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Sales mixed across country

NEW YORK (AP) - With the Christmas shopping season at the halfway mark, business so far has been fragmented, with sales pausing for some retailers and chugging along for others.

Interviews with retailers show consumers are still shopping cautiously. Stores are still offering discounts to draw more business.

Among a sampling of opinion from across the country, Kmart Corp. reported sales "nicely ahead of last year."

But Lois Connelly, assistant director of investor relations, said in an interview Tuesday consumers are staying away from big-ticket items.

"There'll be a lot of practical gifts this year," she said.

Sales at the apparel retailer Gantco Inc. are up over last year, although the company has seen some dips during the week, assistant treasurer Dennis Hoyt said.

At J.C. Penney Co. Inc., sales fell below expectations after a good start.

The busiest part of the season - the final 10 days before Christmas - lies

ahead. Some department stores are advertising one-day sales this week, trying to get shoppers in before the big rush.

A one-day sale at R.H. Macy & Co. Inc. - in addition to sales running throughout the week - offers hefty markdowns, including 50 percent off gold jewelry. Jim Fingeroth, a Macy spokesman, described Macy's business as "ahead (of last year), but not robust."

Department stores have been among the hardest hit by the consumer spending slump.

"Sales right after Thanksgiving through now have been somewhat disappointing," said Carey Watson, senior vice president of marketing for Burdines, the 45-store Miami-based chain.

Some specialty stores have fared better. Sales at Disney Stores, the

Walt Disney Co. retail chain, are much higher than last year's, spokeswoman Debbie Bohnett said.

Big sellers include "One Hundred and One Dalmatians" and anything having to do with the new film "The Beauty and the Beast."

No general trend has developed so far for small retailers. At Elegance, a boutique in a mall at Los Angeles City Hall, manager Frances Wang said business this season was terrible.

But sales were strong at the Moravian Book & Gift Shop in Winston-Salem, N.C. "They are buying everything in sight," manager Jonetta Conrad said.

At I.J. Fox, a downtown Boston fur store, sales are up about 1 percent from last year, when sales were off about 15 percent from Christmas 1989, said vice president Frank DeLuca.

Beyond the flurry and glitter of shopping malls, the holiday season brings the richness of literature, drama, dance and music. It's a perfect time to introduce our children to great writers and composers whose works celebrate the season. Here are some ideas:

— Treat your family to an early Christmas gift with tickets to one of the holiday performances in your area.

Traditional favorites include "The Nutcracker," Handel's "Messiah," "Amahl and the Night Visitors," and "The Little Match Girl."

Before you attend the performance, familiarize your children with what they will see and hear. Buy a version of the work in the form of a book or an audio cassette. Or, seek out your neighborhood librarian, who may be able to help you locate materials to borrow.

Enjoy discussing the background of the work, including the historical period it represents. If you are preparing for a musical, listen to a recording and notice your children begin to hum their favorite melodies.

After you attend the performance, compare it with the version you read

or listened to beforehand, by discussing the similarities and differences in interpretation. For fun, encourage your children to produce their own version by pulling out clothes and hats from the attic or a dress-up box and re-enacting a favorite scene.

— If you feel like staying at home, warm up some apple cider, pop some popcorn and watch "Miracle on 34th Street" on your VCR. And remember to tape your kids' favorites such as "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," "A Charlie Brown Christmas," and "Frosty the Snowman" to enjoy now and beyond the holiday season.

— Read books together such as "A Christmas Carol," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" or "The Polar Express" to bring to life the beauty and warmth of the holiday season. Or, retell a favorite story from your collection of Christmas memories. Even if the details are embellished over time, your children will only know the joy of the cozy moments listening to your tale.

If you'd like to share your comments or ideas for family projects, write to Donna Erickson, P.O. Box 16188, Minneapolis, Minn. 55416.

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Gramm says economic rejuvenation needed for GOP gain

WASHINGTON (AP) - Voters disgruntled by the recession, spiraling deficits and the ailing health care system may very well vent their anger on congressional candidates next year, but they'll put President Bush back in the White House, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm says.

"I think it's perfectly conceivable that people could re-elect the president and defeat a lot of members of the Congress," said Gramm, who as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee is responsible for helping GOP hopefuls raise money and plan strategy.

Gramm predicted a Bush victory "no matter what happens," citing the president's role in the fall of the

Berlin Wall, collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and disintegration of the Soviet Union. Victory, though, may be less assured for members of Congress, he said.

Gramm on Wednesday retreated somewhat from an earlier pledge that Republicans would wrest control of the Senate from the Democrats next year, saying a power shift won't occur unless the economy improves.

"Are we going to win back the Senate? I think most people would not bet that we would," he said. "I think it's possible. But I think the economy is going to have to be better for us to do it."

Although Gramm is hinging the Republicans' hopes on an improved

economy, the former Texas A&M economist said he could not predict what shape the nation will be in by November.

"This is a different kind of recession than we've had in the post-war period," he said. "It's not your garden-variety recession."

"I know it's going to end, but I don't know when," he said.

Gramm's bid to gain dominance in the Senate was hurt last month when Sen. Harris Wofford defeated Dick Thornburgh in a Pennsylvania election that appeared to be a shoo-in for the former attorney general, who started with a 40-point lead.

"I certainly didn't celebrate," Gramm said of Wofford's victory, which was widely perceived as a sign that voters are tired of Washington insiders and worried about health care.

Before Wofford's victory, Gramm pegged the race as a "must win" and said there was no possibility of getting the Senate back if Thornburgh lost.

Following the defeat, he appeared to have second thoughts and told

reporters that it was "entirely conceivable" that Republicans could win the seven seats needed to take control of the Senate.

The Wofford victory "made the hill a little higher," said Gramm, whose possible presidential run in 1996 is perceived as tied to his success as senatorial committee chairman.

"I was hoping to win that seat and take one step up the hill. It just didn't

turn out to be the case."

A spokesman for the National Democratic Senatorial Committee declined Wednesday to speculate on the Democrats' chances in November.

"With 57 (Democratic) senators in the Senate right now, we would be very pleased in 1992 if we have 57 when the voting is concluded, but beyond that we are not making any predictions," said Don Foley.

"Frankly, we're not in a position to make hard predictions," he said.



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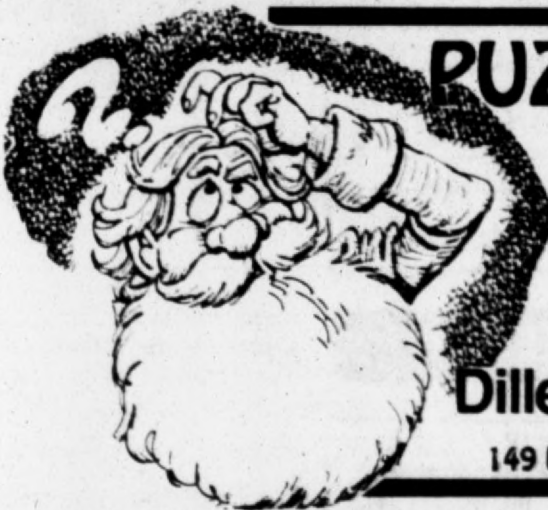
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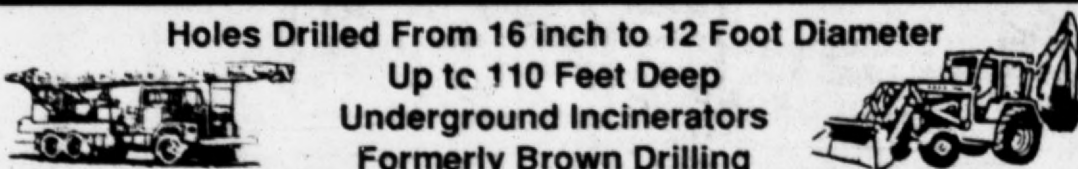


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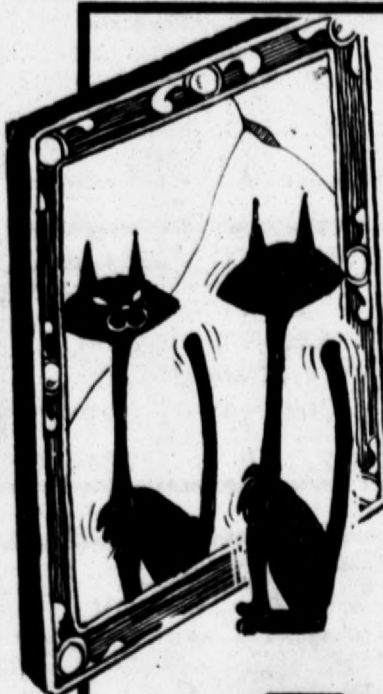


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ASPEN, Colo. (AP) - Singer John Denver has filed for divorce, saying his marriage is "irretrievably broken," and has asked for joint custody of his 2 1/2-year-old daughter.

The whereabouts of his wife, Cassandra Delancy Denver, 30, and their daughter Jesse Belle are unknown, according to court documents filed Tuesday.

Denver, 47, also requested a temporary restraining order to bar his wife of three years from entering his home.

The couple married in Aspen on Aug. 12, 1988, and separated Oct. 16. It is his second marriage.

Denver is best known for hits such as "Rocky Mountain High."

CORONA, Calif. (AP) - A judge has ruled that actress Elizabeth Taylor's husband must stand trial in a 1987 drunken driving case.

Riverside County Municipal Court Judge Michael F. Flynn on Wednesday ordered Larry Fortensky back to court Jan. 29 for the start of his trial on misdemeanor drunken driving charges.

A defense motion to dismiss the case was rejected.

Fortensky, 39, was charged with one count of drunken driving and one count of having an open container of alcohol - two cans of beer. If convicted, he faces up to a year in jail.

Taylor, 59, and Fortensky, her eighth husband, were married in October.

NEW YORK (AP) - After 30 years of handing out its annual Dubious Achievement Awards, Esquire magazine picked Richard Nixon to be this year's most dubious person in history.

Nixon was given the 1991 distinction in the magazine's January issue, after a duel for dubious dominance with another former president from California, Ronald Reagan.

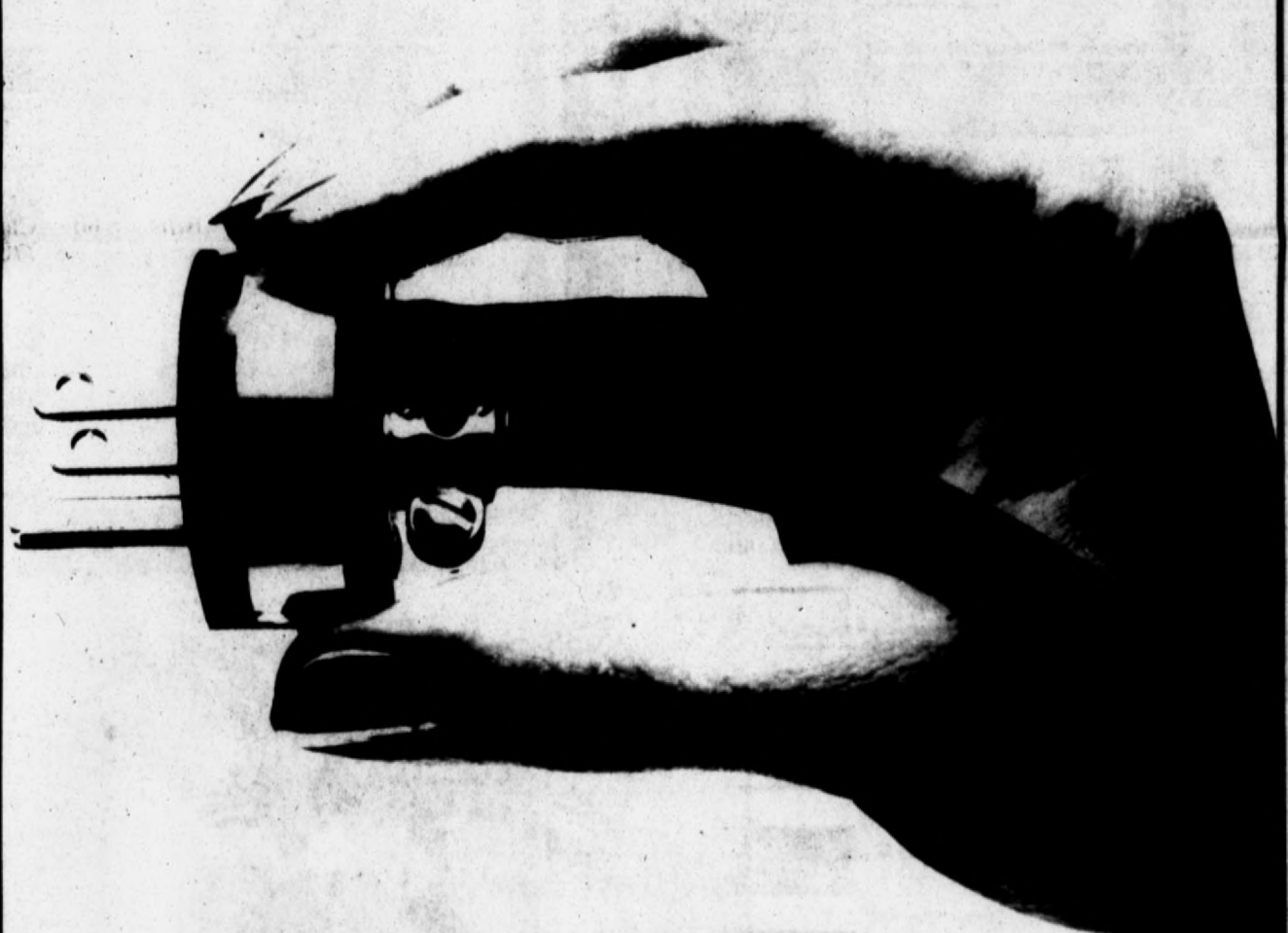
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Rap star Hammer, winner of five American Music Awards early this year, will host the 1992 presentation next month.

The 19th annual awards show, produced by Dick Clark, will be a three-hour prime-time special on ABC on Jan. 27, the show's publicist said Wednesday.

Nominations will be announced Dec. 17.

Thirty awards will be presented in seven categories: pop-rock, country, soul-rhythm & blues, rap, heavy metal, adult contemporary and dance music.

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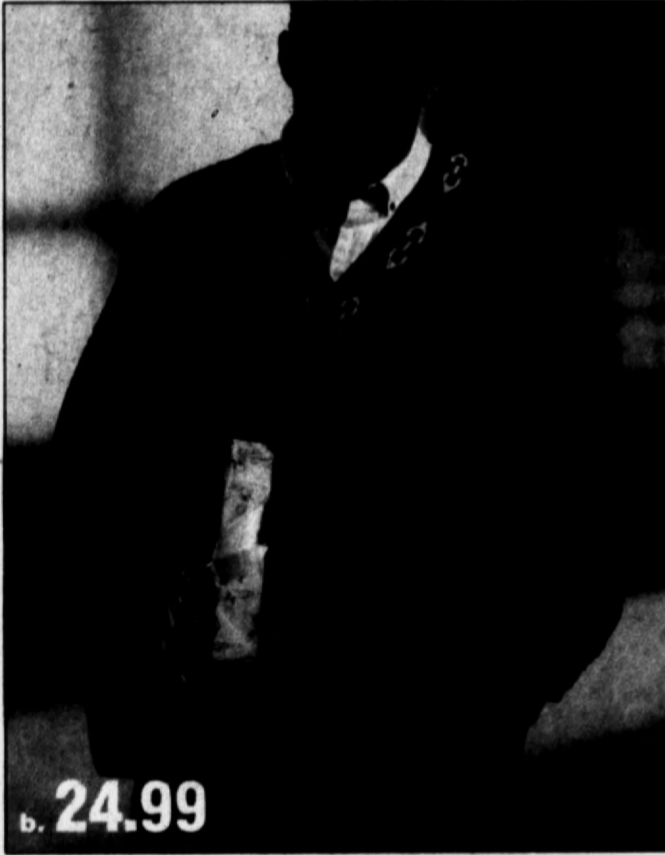
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Boys

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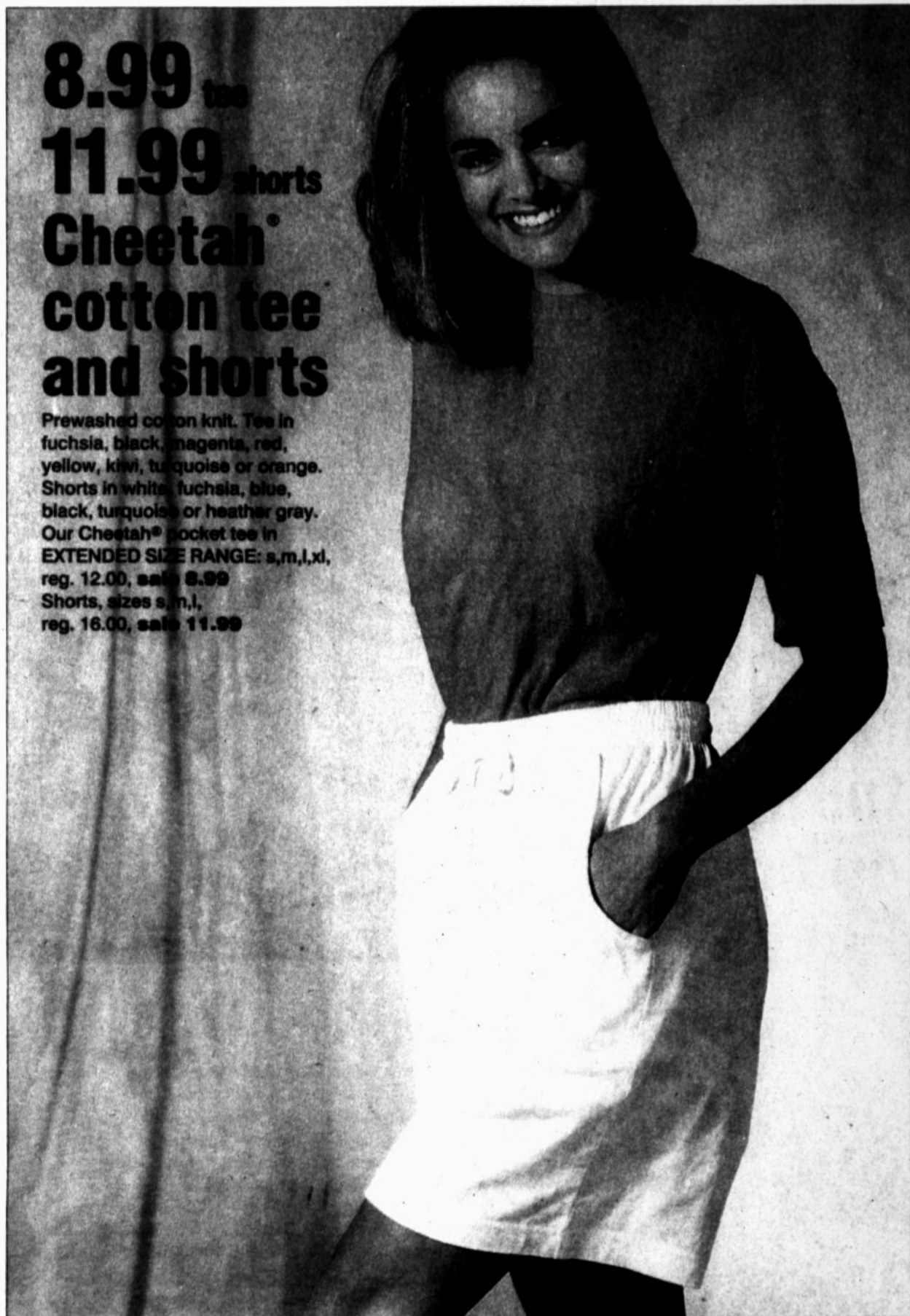
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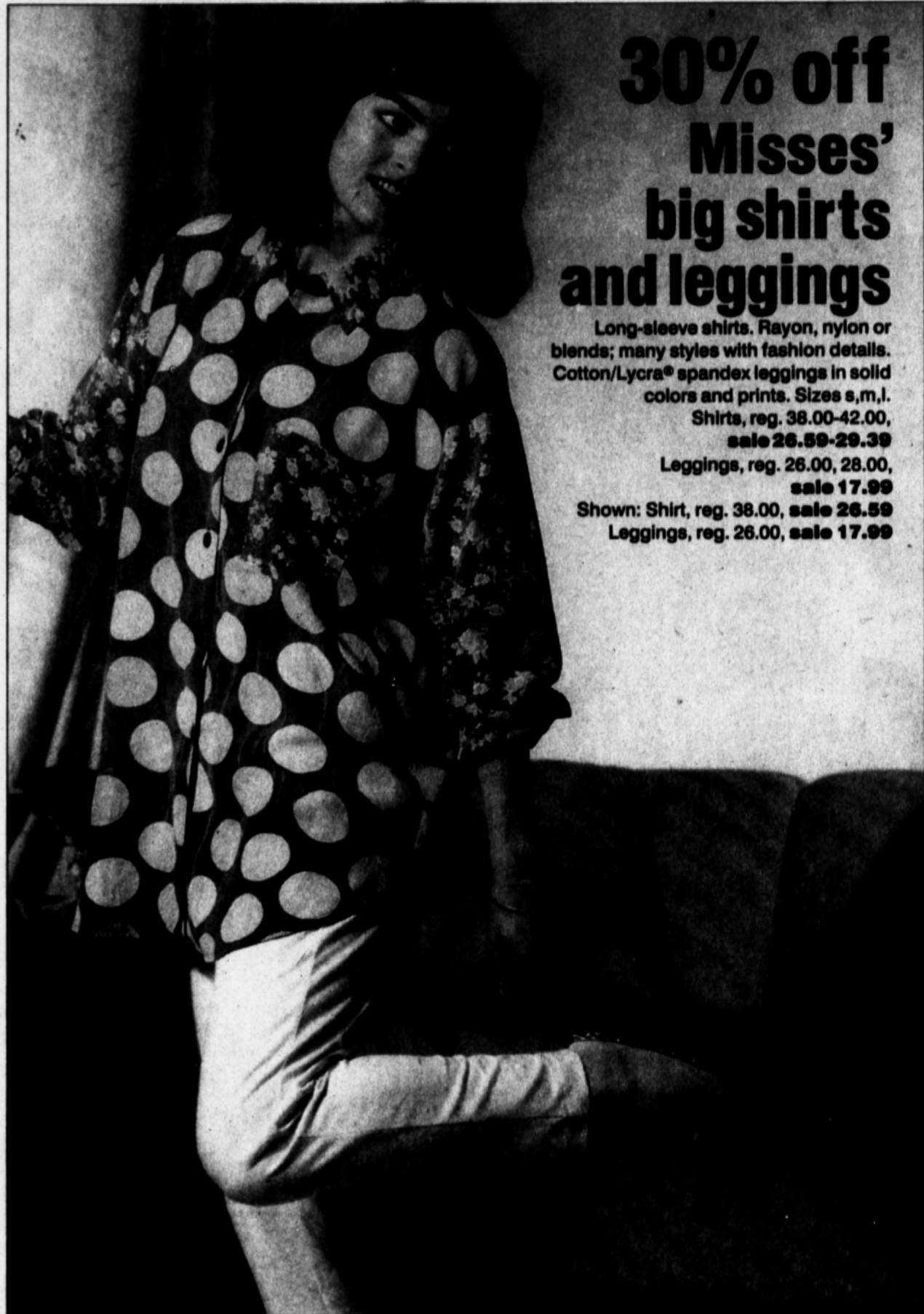
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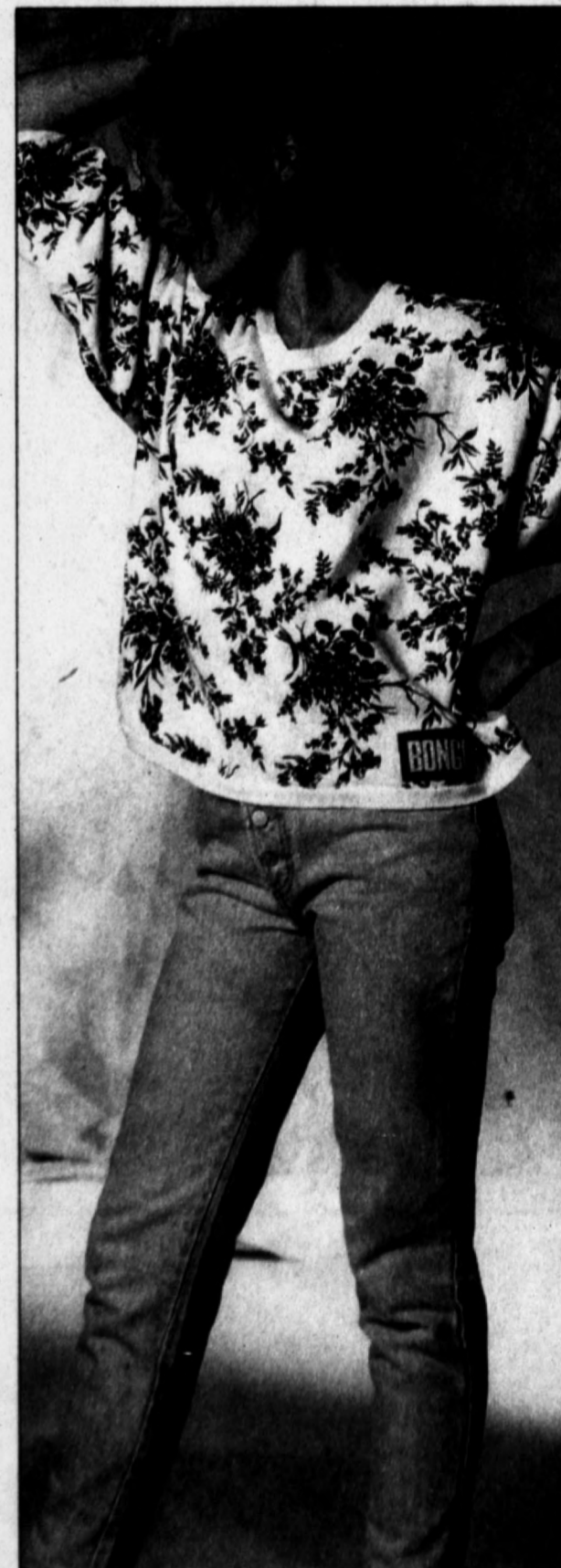
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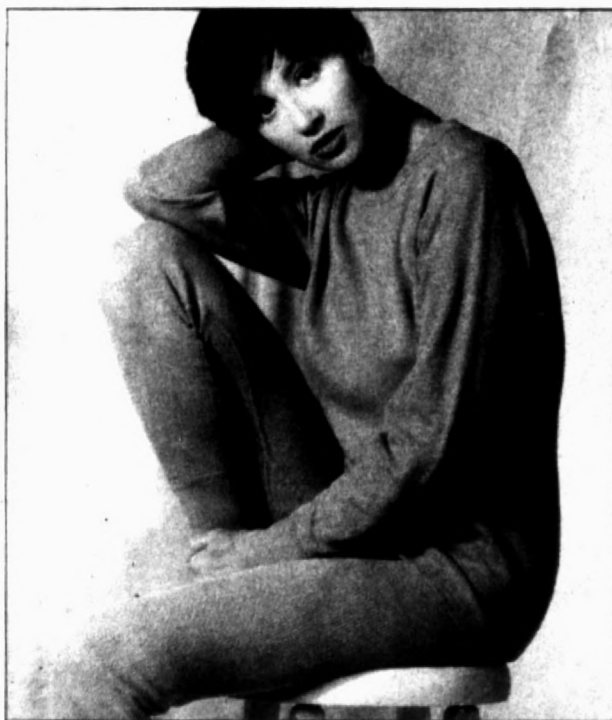
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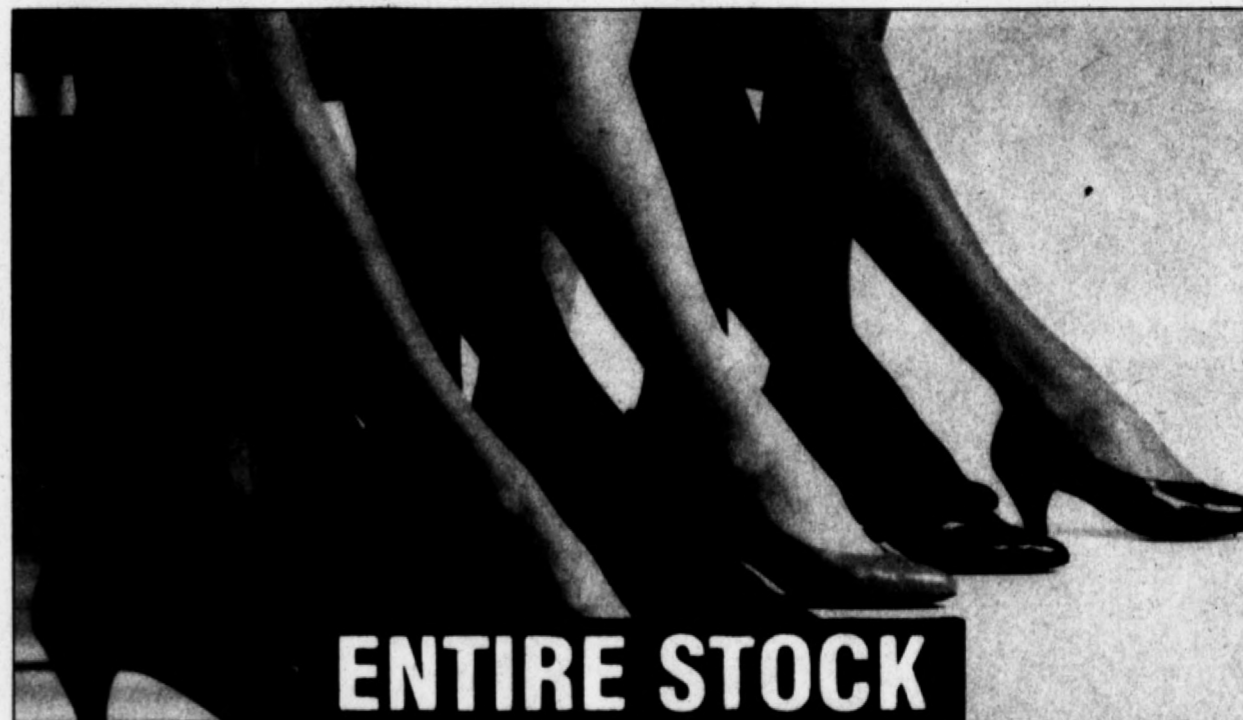
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 c. Reg. 295.00, **sale 176.99**



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Print knit tops with matching sheer trim. Cotton/polyester. Reg. 16.00, **sale 11.99**
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Celebration™ Vellux® blanket. In nine colors to coordinate with our Celebration™ bedding. 5 yr. warranty*. Twin blanket, reg. 35.00, **sale 23.33**. Full blanket, reg. 40.00, **sale 26.66**. Queen/king, reg. 50.00, **sale 33.33**.

23.99 twin

Deluxe cotton thermal blanket: five solid colors, four tweeds. 5-yr. warranty*. Twin blanket, reg. 40.00, **sale 23.99**. Full blanket, reg. 50.00, **sale 29.99**. Queen/king, reg. 60.00, **sale 35.99**.

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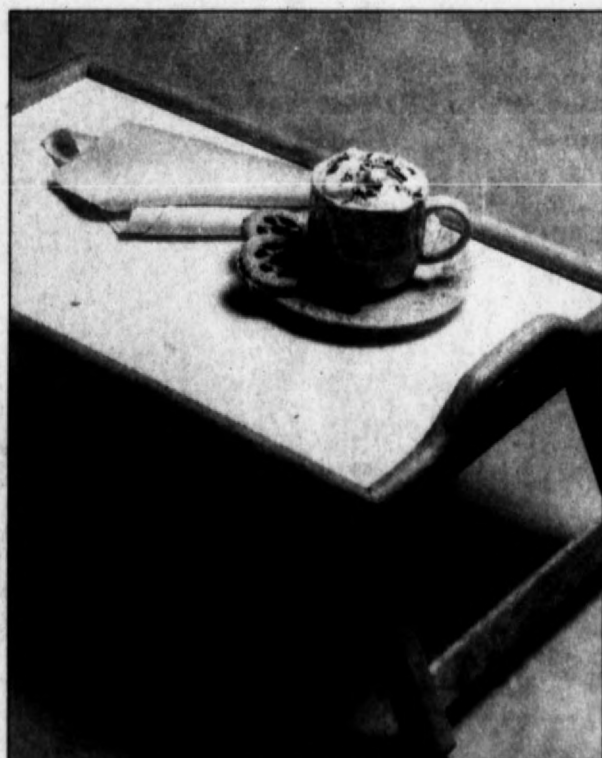
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20-25% off men's pajamas collection, reg. 18.00-40.00, sale 13.99-31.99

Boys

c. Boys' 8-14 High Sierra™ pajamas. Flame-resistant polyester. Sizes 8-14. Reg. 14.00, sale 9.99
1/3 off boys' 4-20 pajamas and robes, reg. 10.00-24.00, sale 6.99-15.99

Women

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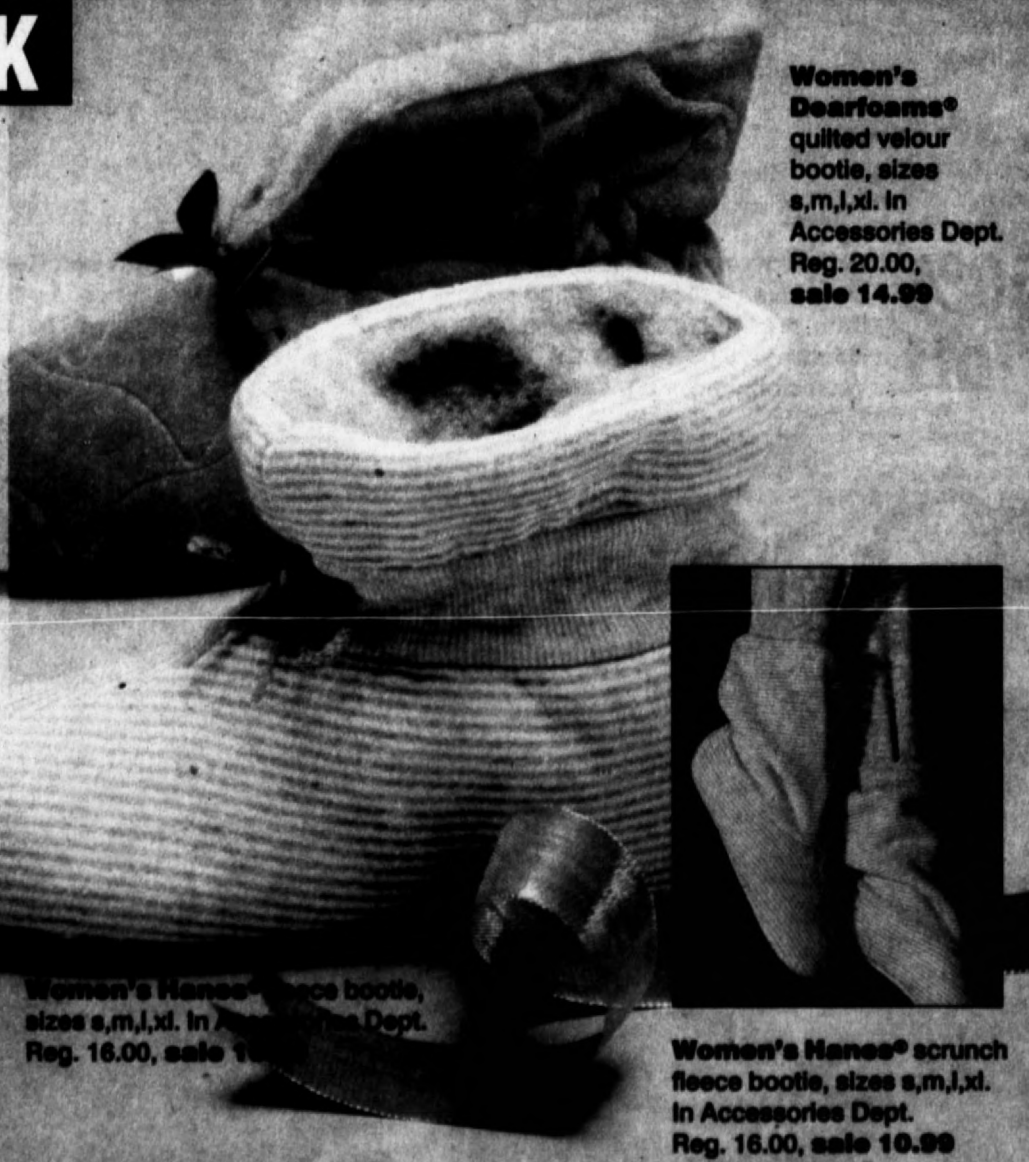
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