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Thursday

Area weather: Clear tonight. Mostly sunny and a little warmer Friday. Low tonight in the 40s; high Friday around 80.

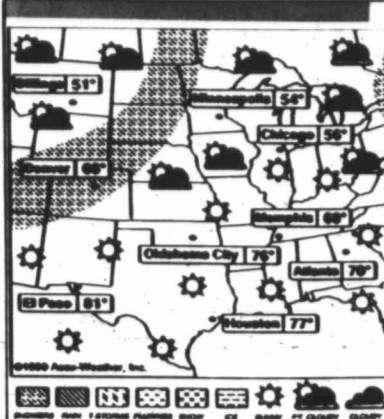
At the crossroads of West Texas

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Wednesday's high temperature	85
Wednesday's low temperature	40
Average high	77
Average low	50
Record high	94 in 1944
Record low	35 in 1948
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00
Month to date	1.43
Normal for Month	1.87
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Senate refuses to drop gasoline tax

By JIM LUTHER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate is considering raising taxes on the rich and moderating a Medicare premium increase after refusing to strip a higher gasoline levy from its deficit-reduction bill.

The measure, which would raise taxes and reduce benefit programs by \$250 billion over the next five years, is on a fast track that congressional leaders hope could place it on President Bush's desk for his signature Friday night.

Without final action, or at least considerable progress on such a package, Bush has said he will shut

down the government Saturday morning, when federal spending authority is due to expire.

The package appeared to be in considerable trouble Wednesday after Sen. Steven Symms, R-Idaho, proposed to strip out a 9½-cent increase in the gasoline tax. The

issue was not settled until almost 14 hours later, just before midnight, when the Senate, heeding pleas from Democratic and Republican leaders, used a procedural vote to dispose of Symms' amendment.

"Once again the American people are going to have their pockets

picked," Symms protested.

"A vote for this amendment is a vote to destroy this effort at deficit reduction," countered Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, D-Maine. "No senator who votes for the Symms amendment should have the temerity to go anywhere

and say they are trying to reduce the deficit."

Symms' amendment, which was put aside on a 59-40 vote, probably was the biggest challenge facing the bipartisan proposal.

In addition to raising the 9-cent gasoline tax and the 15-cent tax on diesel by 9½ cents a gallon, the bill would boost taxes on alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and such luxuries as expensive cars, boats, furs and jewelry.

It would require retirees to pay slightly more for Medicare coverage of doctors' bills; limit itemized deductions of people making more than \$100,000 a year and

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"The price of gas already has gone up 35 to 40 cents a gallon over the last two months and we have the temerity to raise it another nine cents. Well, the president may have changed his mind (in accepting tax increases) but I haven't. I'm digging in my heels." — Sen. Gordon Humphrey, R-N.H.

College board to meet Monday

The Howard County Junior College District board of trustees will hold its regular meeting Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Student Union building.

Included on the agenda are: appointment of a board communications committee, consideration of the district master plan for the year and the consideration of a real estate purchase.

A media specialist will be employed for Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

The board will take a tour of the residence halls after the meeting.

Fraser to head Chamber board

Steve Fraser was chosen to head the Chamber of Commerce board of directors at the group's meeting Wednesday.



STEVE FRASER

Fraser, of Fraser Industries, is also a member of the Moore Development for Big Spring board of directors.

James Welch of Lee, Reynolds and Welch was chosen president-elect. Adolph Janca will remain executive vice president. Ben Bancroft of Bancroft & Mouton Attorneys will be first vice president.

Ron Plumlee, an assistant superintendent of the Big Spring Independent School District, was named treasurer at the meeting.

New board members formally accepted at the meeting included Robert Wernsman, Joyce Crooker, Richard Atkins, Robert Hayes and Edward Cole.

Council advised to re-finance bonds

Three City Council members attended a work session Wednesday at which a financial advisor recommended that they sell the 1981 series of bonds.

Joe Smith, First Southwest Company of Abilene, told members Tim Blackshear, Gail Earls and Sidney Clark that the council should advertise the series of bonds for sale at the first of the new year. Re-financing the bonds at current lower interest rates would save the city a good deal of money, he said.

City Manager Hal Boyd said the bond sale would not create any new debt for the city. The series would be sold only to a company which makes an acceptable bid, he added.

The bonds were part of a street, water and sewer improvement package originally.

The council will take action on the issue at its meeting during the third week of December.

Three fire trucks fail second test

By DEBBIE LINCEUM
Staff Writer

The fire chief and the president of the local Firefighter's Union have differing opinions about the condition of the fire department's equipment and its practices.

Paul Brown, president of the union said problems at the Big Spring Fire Department are more serious than the public is being led to believe. Fire Chief Frank Anderson said the safety of the public, his major concern, is not in question.

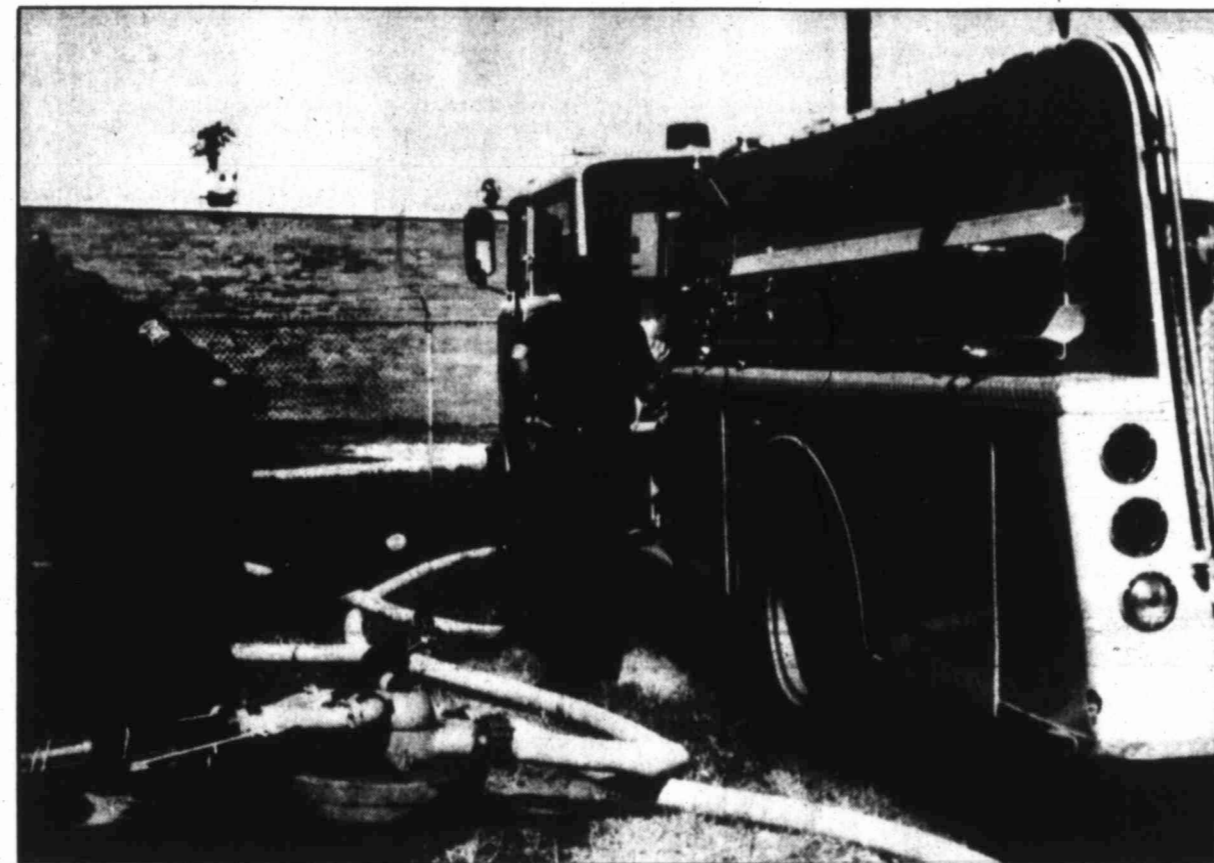
Anderson had told the Herald Monday that two fire trucks failed the inspection by state board of insurance representatives. Union president Paul Brown said, in reality, four fire truck "pumpers" failed the inspection. Two 1964 Mack engines failed, in addition to the two Anderson mentioned, he said.

Anderson said one 1964 engine was not counted because it is surplus, and the other was not counted because it will be replaced in May by the new fire truck. Neither truck took credit from the inspection report, he said.

A private inspector from a Lubbock company re-checked the two failed pumpers and inspected two additional trucks Wednesday. Three of the four failed the tests.

Inspector Steve Davis of Daco said the problems of the trucks were very common.

"I think these (trucks) will pass," he said. "We're taxing them to the worst scenario you'd ever have. You have to give a truck every advantage in that situation."



Firefighter Kerry Horton, left, and Lt. John Branham watch as the department's 1977 Mack firetruck is tested by an independent inspector Wednesday. The truck's water pumping capabilities were checked repeatedly at the city

test tank on Owens Street. The truck did not pass the tests, according to Texas State Board of Insurance standards, and will be taken to Lubbock for repairs and re-testing.

He said the problems could be the result of a need for fine-tuning, problems with the test pit or even corrosion caused by Big Spring water.

Anderson said today that Davis

would take one truck to Lubbock to repair and inspect it. The second truck that had failed again would be repaired here, he said.

He added that the "snorkel" ladder truck, which also can be

used to pump water, did not pass due to some valve problems. Unit four, a 1985 Pierce pumper, reportedly passed Wednesday's tests without difficulty.

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Oilmen cautiously optimistic

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

ODESSA — Die-hard drillers in this West Texas oil town remember all too well the boom days of ten years ago, and they have a new attitude.

With oil futures prices at a 10-year high, the once brash crude-loving cowboys of the Permian Basin are hardly rushing to the oil patch to poke new holes in the ground.

Instead, they're sitting back, numbed by five years of losses, hoping Washington will start thinking about an energy policy.

"If we could get the federal government to put in a base price of \$25 a barrel, we would see a lot more investment," said Harry Spannaus, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

"We can not stand to have oil slip down to \$10 to \$15 a barrel. Oil that cheap would totally dismantle the industry. There would be nothing left after that."

Thousands of oil officials from around the world are gathering here at the 1990 Permian Basin Oil Show to share product innovation and ideas about the industry.

When asked about oil futures prices hitting an all time high of \$41.15 last week, more than doubling prices of three months ago, leaders respond with words like,

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More than 300 artisans to participate in festival

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The 14th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival offers new creations by new artists this year, including more seasonal items.

This nationally acclaimed event, sponsored by the Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival Committee, brings over 300 artists and ar-

tisans from around the southwest to Big Spring for two days to show and sell handmade crafts.

"All the works are original works, and all works are for sale. That's one of the requirements," Mel Prather, coordinator for the show, said.

The show will be at the Dorothy Garret Coliseum Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. Admission to the show is free.

Prather, who founded the Big Spring Arts and Crafts show 14 years ago, said this is the biggest and best show ever. He said he has

worked for the past year confirming booth reservations, and there are already 64 booths rented for the 1991 show.

"We've been sold out at least six months. We've got 250 booths rented, but that's deceiving because some booths have more than one artist. We've got one church group with eight folks in one booth, all bringing their own art work. And other booths have two people or more in them with two or more different things. For a true count, you've got to look at the name tags. I made the name tags myself," Prather said.

There are 384 artists scheduled to appear at the show. Three-fourths of those are from out of town. Prather said some buyers fly into Big Spring just to purchase crafts.

Some of the unusual crafts scheduled this year are Marcy Ellul from Hobbs with her wood-carved "tree spirits." Dan Ekakiadis from Austin, presenting his handcrafted musical instruments, and Elaine Ware from Denton, who creates three-dimensional wall-hangings, Prather said.

"Tree spirits" trace back to an Indian legend involving the paza

tree and the dedication hunting parties had for it. These trees were supposed to have spirits that would protect dead Indian hunters from the wrath of Suktanka, the fire horse, who reputedly could cause the warriors to burst into flame, Prather said.

Ekakiadis is a luthier, a maker of stringed instruments, and he will provide many different types at the craft show, along with instructions for playing each instrument. He creates his own designs as well as making traditionally designed instruments, and these include a

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Social Security to raise payments

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The nation's 40 million Social Security recipients will see their benefit checks increase by 5.4 percent starting in January, the biggest advance in 8½ years, the government said today.

That increase will translate into an extra \$31 per month for the average retired worker, whose monthly check will increase from \$571 to \$602.

The maximum monthly benefit

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Helping hands

"The Willing Workers," presented lap robes, wheelchairs, pockets and capes to residents of Mountain View Nursing Home. These volunteers with the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program are from Canterbury and meet every Monday at 2 p.m. They worked

for two months to complete 135 items to give to the Mountain View residents. Pictured are (left to right) Lelah Smith, co-ordinator, Mary Rasberry, Johanna Cain, Sarah Findley and Ola Mae Griffin.

Herald photo by Bill Ayres

Inside Texas

Tape leads to arrest

TEXARKANA (AP) — A videotape found in abandoned car about 1,500 miles away has led to the arrest of a New Boston man on sexual abuse charge, authorities say.

Missing German artifact returned

DALLAS (AP) — A 400-year-old manuscript, part of a group of art treasures taken from Germany during World War II, has been returned to its homeland.

Richards, Williams differ on poll findings

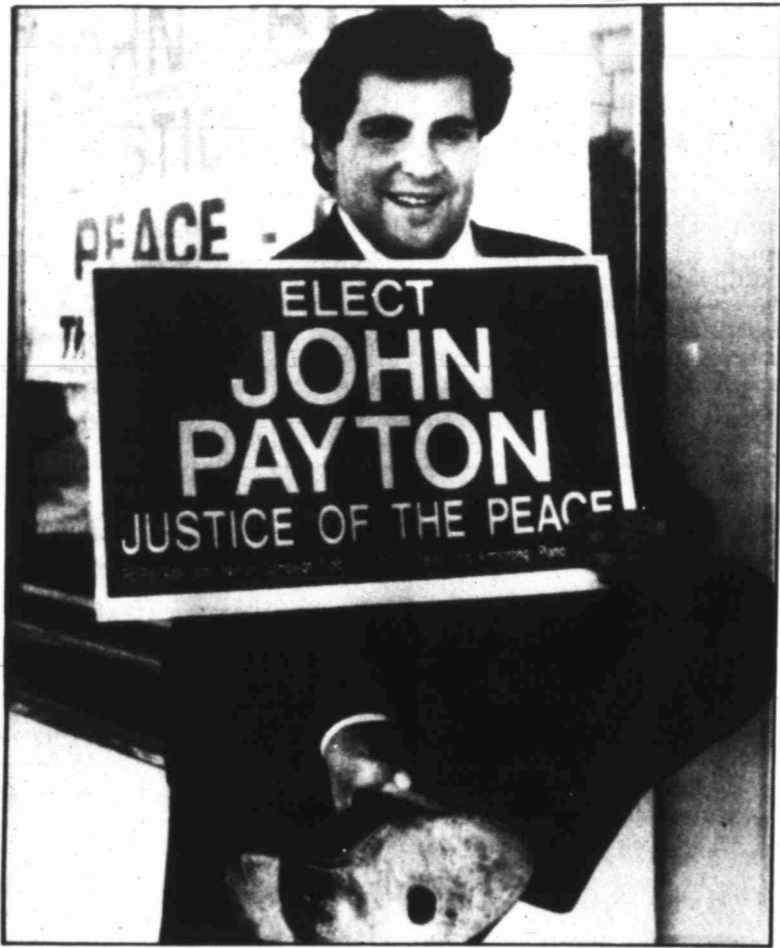
AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas gubernatorial campaigns disagree on the significance of a new opinion poll that found a narrowing gap between Democrat Ann Richards and Republican Clayton Williams.

Richards' spokesman said the race is getting close as election day nears. "He spent \$15 million, a substantial portion of that on television, so people have seen him so many times that he has worn thin."

Seventeen months after the gubernatorial campaigns began, the first ballots were cast. Absentee ballots case under the state's "no excuses" absentee law may be cast in person through Friday, Nov. 2.

Recent grad running for peace justice

PLANO (AP) — While many members of the Plano East Senior High School class of 1990 are in college or making hamburgers in fast food restaurants, 18-year-old John Payton is preparing to become a judge.



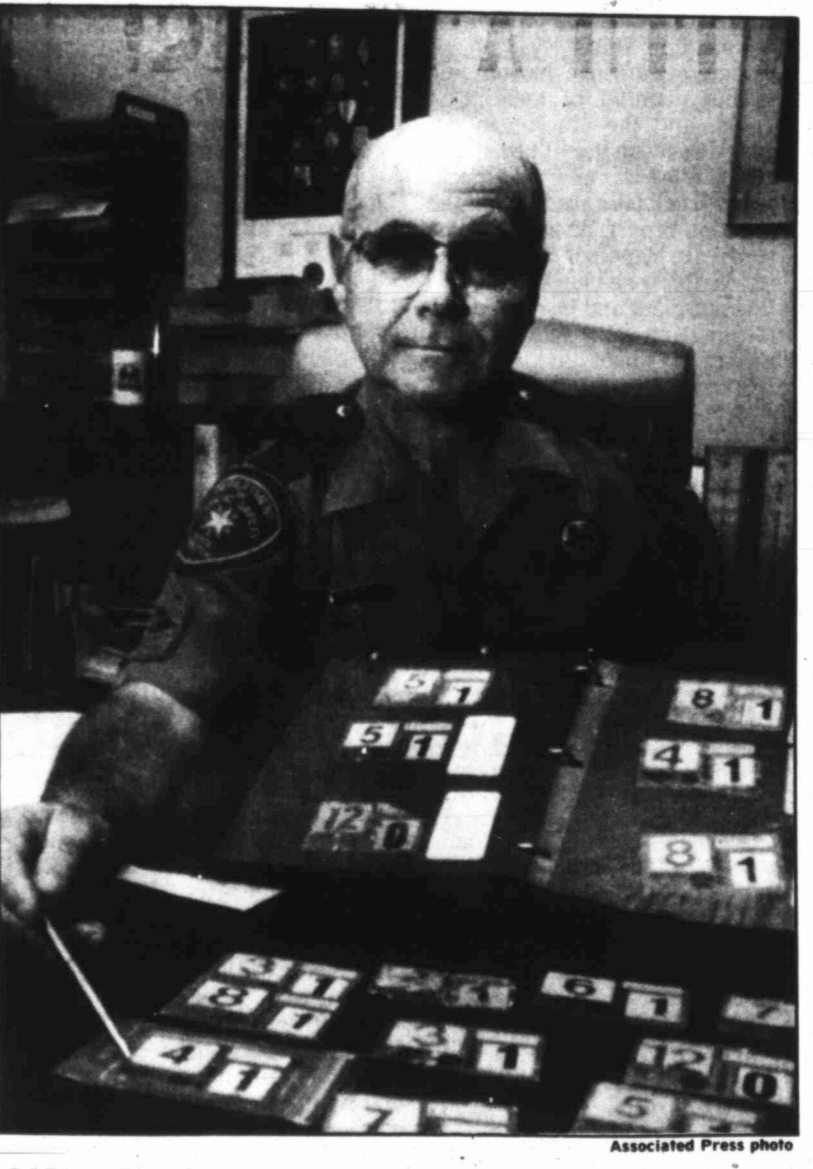
PLANO — Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace candidate John Payton, 18, shows the wear and tear of running for political office at his campaign headquarters Tuesday.

"We are doing everything that we know how to do to contact voters," Murrell said. He's telling them about his record and is asking them to write his name on the ballot.

Emission controls spark counterfeits

DALLAS (AP) — Some Texans would rather spend up to \$50 for a counterfeit vehicle inspection sticker, and risk arrest, than spend hundreds of dollars for repairs, officials say.

numbers and do a pretty good job of copying the official stickers. The counterfeits sell for \$30-\$50, he said.



GARLAND — Sgt. Jerry Vaden, with the motor vehicle inspection service of the Department of Public Safety, displays a collection of counterfeit vehicle inspection stickers in his office Wednesday.

Africanized bees prompt quarantine

WESLACO (AP) — Scientists rushed to South Texas to head off an invasion of Africanized "killer" bees, after confirming that the first known swarm of bees had crossed into the United States from Mexico.

The bees were killed and identified by the ARS laboratory in Weslaco and confirmed as Africanized at the ARS Bee Identification Laboratory at Beltsville, Md.

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HALL-BENNETT MEMORIAL advertisement for podiatry services.

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Nation

Veto could unleash a firestorm

WASHINGTON (AP) — Civil rights forces say President Bush will unleash widespread anger among minorities and women if he carries out his promise to veto a job discrimination bill on grounds it would encourage hiring quotas.

"If the president vetoes the civil rights act, there will be a firestorm of protest," civil rights advocate Ralph Neas said Wednesday after the House approved the bill, 273-154, and sent it

to the president.

The aye votes fell just short of the two-thirds margin sponsors would need to override a veto. It was the second such disappointment for civil rights forces in as many days.

The Senate approved the bill Tuesday but also was a handful of votes short of a veto-proof margin.

Bush is expected to veto the measure and return it to Capitol Hill with an alternative version

Experts release mercury warning

BOSTON (AP) — Homeowners should air out their houses when painting inside with latex paint because of the possibility of mercury fumes, health experts said today.

Federal researchers reported in the New England Journal of Medicine that hazardous traces of mercury were found in people's bodies after they painted with latex paint containing mercury as a preservative.

Mercury poisoning can cause a variety of problems, including leg cramps, rash, low fever, personality changes and nerve problems.

Because of the danger, the Environmental Protection Agency

prohibited adding mercury to paint after Aug. 20. However, paint manufactured before the ban can still be sold.

Experts estimate that until recently, one-third of all interior latex paint contained mercury. It was added to prevent fungal and bacterial growth and prolong shelf life. Oil-based paint contains no mercury.

"If I was a consumer, I would contact the paint company to determine if the paint I was using had mercury in it," said Dr. Mary M. Agocs. "Whether or not paint has mercury, we recommend that people ventilate their houses when painting."

Hunter acquitted in shooting case



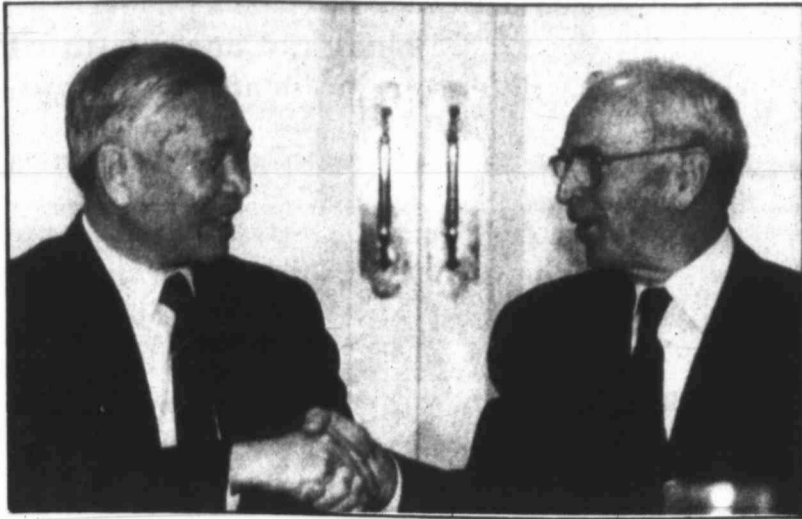
DONALD ROGERSON AND DAUGHTER MARCIA

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — Jurors sent the wrong message on gun owners' responsibilities by acquitting a hunter of manslaughter in the shooting death of a woman he mistook for a deer, relatives of the victim said.

"There's going to be blood on their hands" if someone else in Maine dies under similar circumstances, Gerry Veninsky, brother of Karen Wood, said after the jury cleared Donald Rogerson on Wednesday.

"It's not a hunting issue. It's not a gun-rights issue. It's responsibility and accountability," Veninsky said.

Defense attorney Lewis Vafiades said Rogerson hasn't hunted since the shooting and probably never will.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Vietnam's Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach greets Gen. John Vessey, right, the President's special envoy for the MIA issue, prior to a meeting in Washington Wednesday.

Vietnam takes steps to resolve MIA issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vietnam is promising to increase cooperation with the United States on obtaining an accounting of American servicemen still missing 17 years after U.S. forces were withdrawn from that country.

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach met Wednesday with the President Bush's special envoy for the MIA issue, retired Army Gen. John Vessey, and both were in an upbeat mood afterward.

"He has agreed to all the proposals I made and we agreed to the proposals that he has made," Vessey said with Thach standing at his side.

Later, Thach said, "There are no divergencies. We will have much closer cooperation on this issue." He added that both sides agreed to accelerate their efforts to locate missing Americans.

The subject matter was limited to the nearly 1,700 missing Americans but the meeting clearly had political overtones.

For Thach, his invitation to visit Washington was a breakthrough in that no Vietnamese foreign minister had come here since Hanoi became independent from France in 1954.

Vessey, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said technical cooperation for joint investigations was agreed to, as well as ways to seek information and to

return the remains of U.S. servicemen.

He said the first priority will be given to the so-called "discrepancy" cases. These involve Americans who were last seen alive but have nonetheless never been accounted for.

Thach offered assurances there are no American servicemen in Vietnamese custody, but he allowed for the possibility that some might still be alive in a remote region without the knowledge of the government.

A joint team will be formed to examine the specifics of the new forms of cooperation, Vessey said. Also participating in the discussions was Anne Mills Griffiths, head of the National League of Families, which represents relatives of missing Americans.

Mrs. Griffiths said the results of Wednesday's meeting remain to be seen but she expressed optimism about the outcome.

Before the meeting, Mrs. Griffiths had said cases involving hundreds of missing Americans could be resolved if the Vietnamese attitude were more responsive.

The United States has linked the establishment of U.S.-Vietnamese diplomatic relations to Hanoi's cooperation on MIAs and on obtaining a settlement to the civil war in neighboring Cambodia.

World

Army drives off leftist guerrillas

SAN SALVADOR (AP) — The army early today drove off leftist guerrillas who attacked air force headquarters with homemade mortars and automatic weapons, and authorities said several people were wounded.

A military spokesman said he had an initial report that one military mechanic was wounded and one aircraft was damaged in the three hours of fighting at Il-opango air base on the east side of the capital.

The fighting began at 9:45 p.m.

Wednesday and died down after midnight, but helicopters continued patrolling the city early today.

A Red Cross spokesman said several people were wounded but did not immediately know the number.

"The situation is now under the control of the armed forces," said the military spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity shortly after midnight.

Residents, however, were edgy.

Killings renew political turmoil

JERUSALEM (AP) — The gunfire on Jerusalem's Temple Mount did more than put Israel back at the Middle East's center stage. It let loose domestic political squabbles that had been stilled by the Persian Gulf crisis.

A week after police killed 19 Palestinians in riots on the sacred mount, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's government is under fire from Israel's left wing and from human rights activists.

Even his right-wing allies are bickering among themselves.

Strangely, the uproar comes as most Israelis are united in anger over a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning their country for "excessive force" and over a rare U.S. vote against Israel in the council.

But political leaders and

newspapers both are complaining that by refusing a U.N. investigation of the killings, Shamir's Cabinet is keeping the world's indignation focused on Israel instead of on Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

"This is an empty and damaging stubbornness that doesn't serve Israel's political interests," Yedioth Ahronoth said in an editorial Wednesday.

The daily newspaper said the move "will certainly lead to a harsh and unnecessary confrontation with the United Nations and the U.S. administration."

Before the Cabinet vote, Secretary of State James A. Baker III pleaded for Israel to accept the U.N. probe, and both he and President Bush have since repeated the plea.

Korean presidents seek summit



NORTH KOREAN LEADER KIM IL SUNG

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Il Sung said today that he'll hold his first summit with South Korea's president on easing tensions as soon as current high-level talks yield concrete results, reports said.

However, the latest round of talks between the two countries' prime ministers on improving relations ended today with no agreement.

In the North Korean capital of Pyongyang today, Kim met South Korean Premier Kang Young-hoon, the highest level official from Seoul to meet the Communist leader who launched the Korean War.

Kim said he was pleased with the second round of meetings.

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Opinion

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

Views of other Texas papers

Feds dim one point of light

The Salvation Army, one of the brightest "points of light" in America's volunteer ranks, may have to discontinue a program for alcoholics and drug addicts because of federal government interference.

Robert Knight, writing for The Heritage Foundation, said this situation reveals the growing rift between those who help people help themselves and those who believe that only government is capable of helping people.

The U.S. Labor Department ordered the Salvation Army to pay the minimum wage to more than 50,000 people enrolled in work-therapy programs. Labor officials say those who come to the Salvation Army for help are "employees" covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The Salvation Army sees the people correctly as "beneficiaries" in desperate need of spiritual counseling, food and shelter.

"These aren't people who came to us looking for a job," says Col. Kenneth Hood, national chief secretary for the Salvation Army. "These are people who came for religious counseling and medical help. It's not an employee-employer's relationship at all."

The best move the Labor Department could make is to leave the Salvation Army alone to do its vital work. In fact, no government at any level should interfere with those who help others.

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Legislature waffled again

To no one's surprise, the new state law requiring motorcycle riders to wear helmets is saving lives. The state's good fortune with this common sense requirement is welcome — and it should renew efforts to extend another safety precaution to Texas children.

That's the good news regarding vehicle safety in Texas. The bad news is that the Legislature's lame compromise on a bill by Sen. Carl Parker of Port Arthur to prohibit children from riding in the rear of pickup trucks isn't doing anyone much good.

Instead of the outright ban on kids in pickup beds, the Legislature waffled. It forbade children under 12 from riding in the rear of a pickup traveling faster than 35 mph.

This compromise is difficult to enforce. When an officer spots a vehicle that might be violating this law, he or she has to determine two difficult things: the age of the children and the speed of the vehicle. As a result, state troopers have issued only 294 tickets for this violation since September 1989.

In the words of Dallas police Lt. William Craven, "This good ol' boy solution they wrote is ineffective. . . At what speed would you put your mother's fine china in the back of a pickup truck?"

If the Texas Legislature agrees that this state's children deserve better protection than old dishes, it should tighten up this vital safety law.

Port Arthur News

Candidates taint the prize

Hope is fading fast that the governor's race, at long last, would find some civility and reasonableness in its last three weeks.

Given widespread public revulsion at the tenor of the Ann Richards-Clayton Williams campaign, we had thought that pure self-interest might convince them to raise the level of debate in the concluding days.

It was wishful thinking. Now there is Democrat Richards trying to link Republican Williams to the laundering of illegal drug money, an attempted linkage for which there is no known basis. And there is Williams calling her a liar to her face for doing so. And this comes shortly after Williams let his tongue run away with itself again and wisecracked about whether Richards had gone back to drinking. Is it any wonder that people are repulsed?

We are not concerned about what Richards and Williams are doing to themselves. We are worried about what they are doing to the people. The confidence of the people in the political institutions of the state — of the country — is not so high that it can be recklessly tampered with at no peril.

Richards and Williams are quite close to making a mockery of the very process to which they are appealing for votes. They are turning the voters off, and there is a price to be paid for that. The prize the one of them wins will be a tainted prize.

Houston Chronicle

The jury sent a message

The first American trial of an art museum for obscenity seems likely also to be the last, judging by the quick results of the Mapplethorpe case in Cincinnati. It took a jury only two hours to acquit the museum director of all charges.

That is as it should be. Sheriffs and courts have no business defining acceptable art in a free society.

That decisive defeat for censorship should not obscure the jury's other findings. The jurors — mostly working parents from the suburbs — were equally clear that Mapplethorpe's pictures of sadomasochistic acts and naked children arouse a prurient interest and are offensive. We've seen the exhibition and heartily agree.

That message should be heard in Washington, where Congress is about to renew funding for the National Endowment for the Arts.

El Paso Herald Post



It's all about jobs

BY ART BUCHWALD

The recent budget mess was about jobs. Not people's jobs, but congressional jobs. This was brought home to me by House member Luke Slowly, who lives down the street. He dropped by the other day with a fistful of polls in his hands.

I had never seen him so depressed.

"This could be the end of the planet Earth as I know it," he told me. "I might be shoveling snow by November."

"You're being too pessimistic. Lots of Congresses have been unable to come up with a budget and have still been returned to office in a landslide."

"This could be the end of the planet Earth as I know it. I might be shoveling snow by November." — House member Luke Slowly

"But this is the big one. The American people are boiling mad because we couldn't cut \$500 billion out of the deficit without causing pain. You should see my mail. They are calling me names that I would only use against my opponent."

"What do the people write?" "They say that the members of Congress are idiots because half of us wanted to give everything to the poor and the other half wanted to give everything to the rich. It hurts to hear my constituents blame me because all I was trying to do was put the American dream on hold. If I lose the election because of this, the voters will have to live with it for the rest of their lives."

"You are taking a dim view. After all, just because you might lose the election doesn't mean that you're completely worthless."

"That's easy for you to say," Slowly muttered.

"But nobody wants a has-been legislator who can't even get on a local talk show any more."

"Slowly," I said, "you'll still be a valuable asset even though you may be out of a job."

He asked, "What could I do?" "You could become a lobbyist and fight for what you believe in — for a large fee."

"Every congressman who loses in November is going to become a lobbyist. What have I got to sell the vested interests that they don't have already?"

"You could teach them the art of wheeling and dealing," I told him. "Why not take credit for killing all the new taxes on cigarettes and liquor?"

Slowly responded, "But they weren't killed!"

"Who's going to know that? The only ones who will be aware of the taxes are the smokers and the drinkers, and since it's a sin tax, they will be happy to pay it. My advice is to print up cards and call yourself 'Across-the-Board Slowly.' You'll have all the business you can handle."

"Lord knows I was in favor of balancing the budget, but I won't do it on the backs of the American people. I am known for my compassion. I never promised anyone 'blood, sweat and tears.' The President did, but he had no idea how his compromise was going to affect the elections. He talked budget — we talked votes."

"I wonder if Bush will be out of a job in 1992?" I said.

"The people are pretty mad at all of us. It seems to me that the public would feel a lot better tossing out a president rather than a congressman."

"Slowly, one of the newspapers reported that you voted your conscience. Is that true?"

Slowly bristled, "I've never voted my conscience in my life. I always vote the way I'm told. That's why I'm known in the House as 'Go-With-the-Flow Slowly.'"

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How felines can invade a home

BY STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

As I am composing these words, it is 2 a.m., one of our newest family members is trying his best to claw a hole in my chest and I'm thinking that I have some explaining to do.

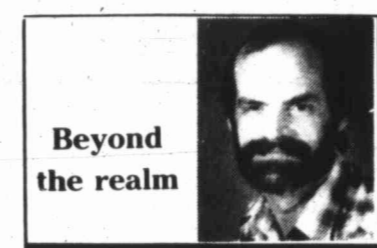
Faithful readers will recall the many times I have either praised dogs or condemned cats. For years, I have considered myself a dog lover, and for that same amount of time have consigned cats to a status slightly above disease-carrying bacteria.

Give me a dog any day, I reasoned, and take the cats and drop them in the ocean. Me? Own a cat? Get outta here.

Well, things have changed. My wife and I, both self-confessed cat-haters, are now the owners of, not one, but two furry little felines. And, while I am not convinced that cats are anywhere near superior to dogs, I have to admit that our new fur balls are sort of interesting.

I can almost hear the cries of "treason" from dog aficionados. How dare I, they may ask, turn my back on years and years of puppydom in favor of those disgusting creatures?

Before any lynch mobs are organized, however, let me tell you about our new "kids" and how they came into the Reagan household.



Beyond the realm

Actually, the whole thing began when my wife asked if it was OK for us to get a cat.

"I thought you didn't like cats," I said.

She looked at me and uttered the One Great Truth of Marriage: "Well, a woman can change her mind, can't she?"

Fight that if you can, guys.

As for myself, I began calculating the possible benefits and/or disadvantages to having cats in our home. Going on the premise that my long-standing hatred for cats was perhaps narrow-minded or, at worst, completely unfounded, I agreed to her request.

Besides, I thought, it's only one cat.

Anyway, we went to the Humane Society to select our new cat, but were faced with an unforeseen problem: Geri couldn't decide which of two cats she wanted.

"Honey, could we get both?" she asked sweetly.



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"A lot of people are feeling some anxiety about crossing the bridge. They are looking at the weather." — Counselor Alexandra Charusofsky of San Francisco's AfterQuake Project, a mental health hot line

"There is nothing wrong with a political party being in business within the framework of free enterprise. If I can make every member of the FSLN rich, I will." — Herti Lewites, a former Nicaraguan tourism minister under the Sandinista government, which espoused Marxism.

Five

KERRY BUR

Homecoming School is set of the highlight of the election queen.

On Monday for five finalists senior girls. Tara Barraza, Belinda Davis, Jennifer Henderson, Marta Mather, Kisa McEwen, Laura Ramirez, Stevenson and

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BY CLARA JU

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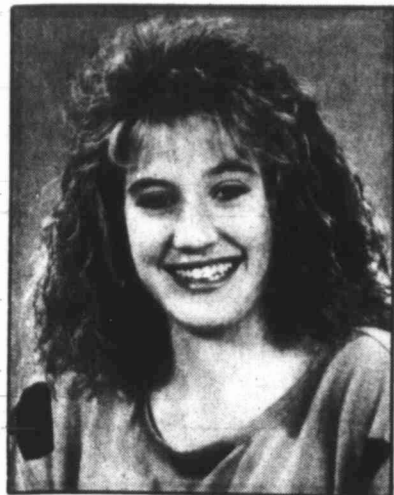
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Five finalists compete for homecoming queen title



KERRY BURDETTE

Homecoming at Big Spring High School is set to begin Friday. One of the highlights of homecoming is the election of the homecoming queen.

On Monday, the students voted for five finalists from a field of 14 senior girls. Nominees included: Tara Barraza, Kerry Burdette, Belinda Davis, Melanie Glickman, Jennifer Hendleman, Kim Locke, Marta Mathews, Ashley McCann, Kisa McEwen, Tracey Owen, Laura Ramirez, Gail Reinert, Stef Stevenson and Sandy Swafford.

The 1990 homecoming queen, who was chosen today by the student body, will be announced during the halftime activities Friday night.

The five finalists selected are: Kerry Burdette, daughter of Deanie Burdette and Charles



ASHLEY McCANN

Burdette. She is a varsity volleyball and basketball player, and a member of the Spanish Club and D-FY-IT.

Ashley McCann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCann. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Club, the Leo Club, S.T.A.G.E., and Student Council. Ashley is a varsity cheerleader.

Kisa McEwen, daughter of Laura and Russ McEwen. She is a varsity cheerleader, a Key Club calendar girl, and a member of Student Council and the Spanish Club.

Tracey Owen, daughter of Ray and Carole Owen. She is the corresponding secretary of Student Council and a Key Club calendar girl. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Club, the Leo Club, Business Pro-



KISA McEWEN

fessionals of America, and D-FY-IT.

Stef Stevenson, daughter of Bob and Brenda Moore: She is the president of Student Council and the Key Club Sweetheart. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Club, and D-FY-IT.

This week was designated as Homecoming Spirit — B.L.A.S.T. — Week by the B.S.H.S. Student Council, who also planned all the many activities to celebrate the school's 26th homecoming. The Steer spirit has been evident throughout the school with a different slogan and activity for each day.

Monday was Hats/Shades/B.L.A.S.T. Day with the slogan, "BLAST into homecoming with Hats Off to the Steers". Tuesday was Black and White Day with the slogan "Skunk the Pan-



TRACEY OWEN

thers". Wednesday was Western Day with "Stomp the Panthers". Today was Mismatch Day with "Clash the Panthers", and Friday is Black and Gold Day with the slogan "Blast the Panthers with Gold".

Student Council encourages all Steer fans to wear black and gold to the game Friday night.

The theme for B.S.H.S. this year is B.L.A.S.T. — which means "Becoming Leaders and Standing Together".

The community pep rally and bonfire will be conducted today at 8 p.m. The Quarterback Club has been hard at work making preparations for the bonfire to be held at Howard College. They will also provide a barbecue preceding the pep rally.

Friday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. the



STEF STEVENSON

annual homecoming parade will begin at 10th and Main. All classes, clubs, Runnels Junior High and Goliad Middle School will be participating. The theme for the parade, as well as the Hall of Fame induction, is "Arts and Entertainment." The winners of the parade and spirit chain competition will be announced during pre-game activities. The student homecoming dance will be hosted Saturday night.

Student Council officers coordinating the plans are: Stef Stevenson, president; Travis Sinclair, first vice president; Brooke Arrick, second vice president; Gail Reinert, recording secretary; Tracey Owen, corresponding secretary, and parliamentarian, D.J. Tedesco. Sharion Richardson is the advisor.

Military

Martin R. Garza Jr. has been appointed a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

The new non-commissioned officer completed training in management, leadership, human relations and NCO responsibilities, before being awarded this status.

Garza is a security specialist at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

He is the son of Martin R. and Epifania L. Garza of Lamesa.

The sergeant is a 1983 graduate of Lamesa High School.

Army Reserve Private Brian D. Wright has completed basic training at Fort Sill, Okla.

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.

Wright is the son of Dorothy J. Butler of Euless, and David L. Wright, Big Spring.

Pvt. 1st Class Theresa P. Gonzales has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Belvoir, Fairfax, Va.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

She is an equipment records and parts specialist.

Gonzales is the daughter of Ezequiel and Albina P. Gonzales of Colorado City.

Coahoma couple celebrates 60th wedding anniversary

By CLARA JUSTICE

Oct. 2 was a very special day for Clovis and Annie Phinney. Sixty years ago they married at the Methodist parsonage in Big Spring. The couple has lived in the Coahoma area all of their married life. They have two children, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. The couple enjoyed a dinner with a grandson, Jay Phinney; received flowers from granddaughter, LuSara; and enjoyed a family dinner hosted by Clovis, Janie, Ricky, and Jeffie. All their grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present for the family dinner held last Saturday. Both Annie and Clovis agree their marriage has had good and bad times, they have both practiced give and take, and believe if compassion and understanding are exercised in marriage, everything works out.

Beardens return home

Olin and Jeannine Bearden have returned from an 11-day trip that included a four-day stay in Las Vegas. The couple met Bill and Camille Irvin of Fort Collins, Colo., spent time in Las Vegas, and traveled to Cyprus, Calif., to visit with Ann Graham, Bill's mother. Olin and Bill are Navy buddies who served together at the Naval Station in San Ysidro, Calif., during World War II. The couples have remained friends and visit each other frequently, but this was their first visit to Las Vegas.

Perfect attendance

Students recognized for perfect

Coahoma
By CLARA JUSTICE
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attendance at the elementary school for the week of Oct. 8-12 are pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students: Rebeka Dunlap and Rachel Rodriguez; first grade: Sheil Edmondson and Nathan Pendley; second grade: Lindy Barr and Matthew Bradley; third grade: Tyler Archibald and Jayci Roberts; fourth grade: Bridget Marnien and Jeremy Arguello; fifth grade: Denisa Ward and Luke King; sixth grade: Jessica Wallace and Aron Hernandez.

Student of the Week

Elementary Student of the week is Tonia Brooks. Tonia is in Mrs. Jiles fourth grade class and is the daughter of Sherry and Marty Brooks.

Honor roll

The students have six weeks of school behind them and the "A" honor roll list from the high school includes: Ninth — Edward Dunn, Brandi Gressett, Stephen Hanks, Dianna Hays, Teresa Soper, and Shea Ward; 10th — Gregory Atkinson and Sharla Rash; 11th — Andrew Bell, Jennifer Cooper, Jason Grigg, David Scott, Corky Mit-

Blake Coates, Melissa Keith. Third grade — Andrea Fryrear, Tyler Marshall, Nichole Reyes, Ashlie Simmons, Bobbi Spiller, Becky Velasquez, Derek Ward, Amanda Morales, Amy Abrego, Jimmy Cooper, Mario Garcia, Troy Wallace, Eric Cevallos, Kim Elmore, Justin Phillips, and Cody Teeler.

Fourth grade — Lynsey Bunn, Daniel Clark, David White, and Tonia Brooks.

Fifth grade — Shana Earnest, Heather Edwards, Steven Prater, Tara Sterling, Renea Rister, Denisa Ward, and Allison West.

Sixth grade — Tonia Sparks, Krissi Hayes, Delores Garcia, Freddie Olivas, Emily Sanders, Jessica Wallace, Marshall Wright, and Judd Cathey.

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Since I have been seeing so much of him, my social life is the pits; everyone thinks it's a love affair, and it's not.

Some of my friends have suggested that this could be a "fatal attraction" situation. I want to end this friendship, but I don't know how to handle it. Your advice, please. —NOT ATTRACTED

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Entertainment

On the side



Black is top

NASHVILLE — Clint Black displays his much-loved smirk as he accepts the award for male vocalist of the year at the Country Music Awards last week. The singer has been breaking new ground as his name becomes a household word.

Strait says it's back to the ranch

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — George Strait's path is clear. From Entertainer of the Year, to North Dakota, to Kansas and then back to the ranch. That's where music business success is leading the soft-speaking, hard-singing Texan. Backstage last week at the Country Music Association's awards ceremony, Strait smiled from under his black hat and talked about how it's been. "It's hard not to be affected by this stuff. It's great," said Strait, who won the CMA's top award the second consecutive year.

Rare Air to hold Lubbock concert

Tickets are on sale for a concert by the Canadian group Rare Air, set to perform Saturday at Texas Tech. Prices are \$8 for the general public and \$5 for students; ticket information is available by calling 742-3610. Rare Air describes itself as having "no boundaries," and "a personal and striking amalgam of Celtic music with elements of funk, jazz, pop and world music."

Midland symphony to perform 'pops'

The Midland-Odessa Symphony and Choral begins its new season with "Halloween Pops and other October Madness" in a show of fall favorites Thursday, Oct. 25 at Midland Center. Tickets are \$17 for reserved seating and \$12 for general admission. Series tickets are available for all four pops concerts to be held this year. For more information, call the Concert Line: 563-5269.

Players ready to perform locally

Odessa College's "Drop of a Hat Players" can perform a variety show of Broadway musical selections, its director announced. The group, comprised of students and community members, is available for performances at events, meetings and retirement homes. For more information, contact Charlotte Whitaker at the college, 335-6629.

Homeless writers meet to work

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — One's a street poet, the other a well-heeled publicist and the third a government bureaucrat.

They're sitting beside a threadbare, homeless writer who still dreams of songwriting success and a dapper editor in starched shirt and khakis in an upscale art gallery.

The day's discussion is the Chinese philosopher Confucius and what he had to say about the ruling class and one's duty to family and community. The occasion is a brown bag lunch at Nashville's Great Books Seminar, where a decidedly intellectual approach to the homeless problem is being taken.

The study group is the brainchild of Robert Wolf, the founder of the Free River Press and the leader of a writing workshop for homeless people that contributed the material for two books of poetry.

Students at either the luncheon session at the Metro Arts Commission Gallery or the evening session at the downtown library spend 39 weeks studying Confucius, Greek philosophers and Medieval writers.

The tab — for Wolf's \$5,000 salary and \$2,400 for books, copying and other costs — is picked up with the help of grants from the Tennessee Humanities Council and the Tennessee Arts Commission.

The readings and debates address the fact that homelessness has its roots in a fractured community, Wolf says.

"I wanted to deal with ethics and political theory," said Wolf in an interview. "My theory is that we are a messed up country because we don't talk about what it is to be human being."

The great philosophers address those questions, he says. "If we can communicate, we may find a common ground. Any interaction is good," said Ted McClelland, a formerly homeless man who says he is in the middle of a separation from his wife and may end up homeless again.

No one can understand unless they've been homeless, says Billy York, who sports an Eddie Rabbit cap and a red "Walk for the Homeless" T-shirt. The writing workshop is helping him to explore what led him to drugs and homelessness.

Steven Meinbresse, coordinator of services for the homeless for Tennessee state government, attends the seminar because he also believes that the roots of homelessness can be found in the loss of a sense of community.

"And this kind of interaction with divergent types of people can be a beginning for restoring community," Meinbresse said.

Wolf's work in publishing the writings of the homeless dovetails the seminar, and many writing workshop participants have joined the Great Books Seminar.

A one-time columnist for the Chicago Tribune and a graduate of St. John's College with degrees from Columbia and Chicago University, he moved to Nashville so his wife — a singer — would have more opportunities.

He was hired to teach GED preparation to the homeless, but found that most had their equivalency degree or high school diploma, some had college degrees and in fact, one had a master's degree.

He decided to conduct a writing workshop instead, and his wife suggested collecting the works to give the homeless a voice.

So was born the Free River Press, publisher of "Five Street Poets" and "A Rebel Yell: Stories and Poems by Nashville's Homeless." Two books scheduled for release this month are "A Lion's Share" by Gilbert and "Passing Through," another anthology.

There have been some problems, including relapses of recovering drug and alcohol abusers that Wolf believes were triggered by autobiographical writings that dredged up painful memories.

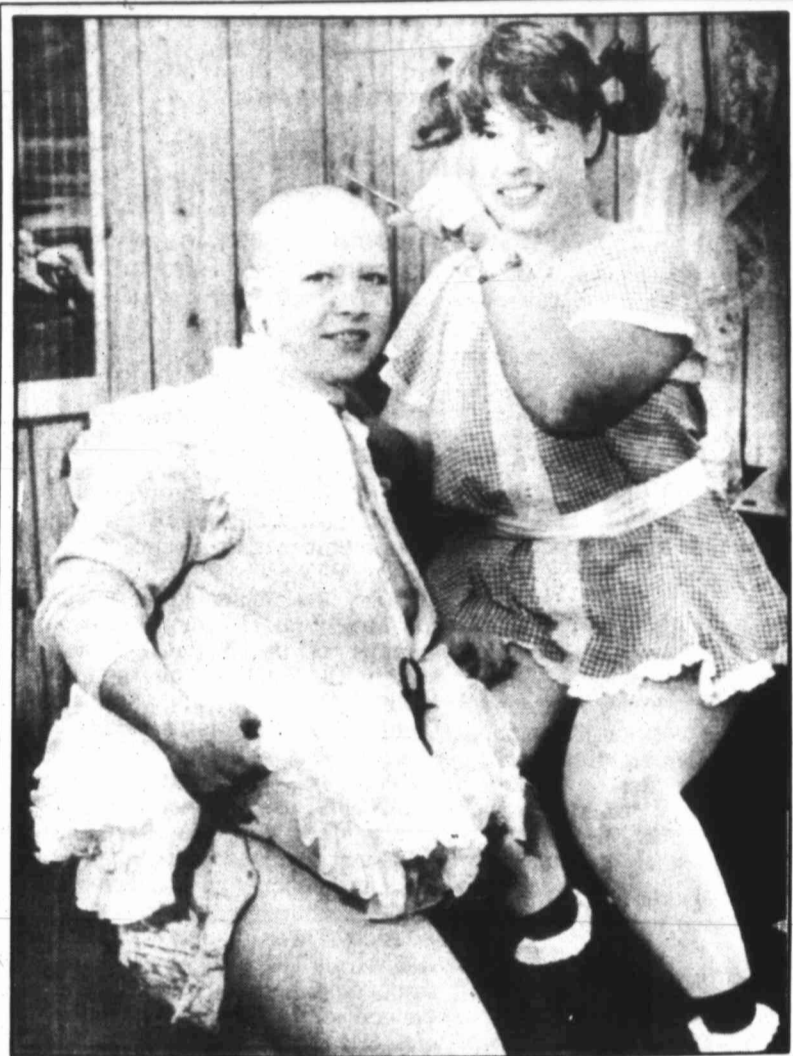
"For most of them it's just going to be something that gets them to feel better about themselves," he said.



Setting the stage

Greg Smith, left, assists Sonny Choate in building the set for "Crimes of the Heart," to be performed next week by the Big Spring Community Theatre group. The show, directed by

Gloria Hopkins, will be on stage Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25, 26 and 27 at the Municipal Auditorium.



Winner by no hair

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Denice Sprowl, left, of Lake Geneva, re-enacts the hair raising contest in which she won tickets to a Nov. 11 New Kids on the Block concert. Sprowl entered a radio contest for parents, performing the outrageous stunt to win the tickets for her children. She "baldly" went where no one had gone before, letting her sister Debbie DaSilva (with scissors) clip off her hair — all of it — and took the prize.

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The United States Marine Band will perform Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Municipal Auditorium. The performance, which begins at 2:30 p.m., will be free to the public.

The band will be conducted by Col. John R. Bourgeois. Bourgeois has been much-acclaimed for his composing and arranging of pieces as well as his conducting.

The band will play a collection of music by former conductor John Phillip Sousa, compiled by Bourgeois, during the concert. Included in the program are other contemporary favorites and classic symphonic music.

The band will play Prokofiev's "March, Opus 99," "Night On Bald Mountain," by Modest Mussorgsky as well as "Oklahoma — An American Portrait," by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Vocalist for the evening will be baritone Master Gunnery Sgt. Michael Ryan. He has been a member of the band for 20 years. He has also appeared with the National Symphony Orchestra and the Washington Choral Arts Society. He has been the soloist for White House State Dinners.

The band itself has played to rave reviews all over the country.

Made up of 143 top graduates of the nation's finest music schools, the band was established in 1798 by President John Adams. Its mission, then as now, is to provide music for the United States.

Presidents have praised the group. John F. Kennedy said, "... We, the Marine Band and I, intend to hold the White House against all odds."

Ronald Reagan described the band as "a national treasure."

The local performance is sponsored by the Big Spring Herald and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.



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Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has filed an application with the Texas Public Utility Commission to introduce two experimental services called Call Forwarding - Busy Line and Call Forwarding - Don't Answer.

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Call Forwarding - Busy Line and Call Forwarding - Don't Answer will be offered on an experimental basis in selected areas throughout the state for 12 months. The availability of these services after that time will depend on Southwestern Bell's decision of whether to offer the services on a permanent basis.

Persons wishing to comment on these services should notify the commission by November 9, 1990. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.



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Soviets feel pessimistic

MOSCOW (AP) — A decade ago, Moscow was a city of boasts, of sure-fire government plans, of blithe assertions that the Soviet Union would lead the world to a better society.

Today, it is a city of cynicism, sometimes of despair. Talk is of just getting through the winter, of keeping bare necessities on store shelves, of somehow reforming a strangled economy before it collapses into chaos.

Recent meetings with top Soviet officials and a wide range of workers, farmers and professionals suggest a darkening national mood that takes little account of the country's enduring assets.

From gilded Kremlin reception rooms to angry street demonstrations, there is little mention of the nation's rich natural resources, its literate and educated workers, its high technology and huge internal market. All could be important engines of perestroika, President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's plan to revive the economy.

Instead, Soviets point with growing alarm to shortages of food and almost everything else, and the absence of any serious sign that things will improve soon.

Life is hard as winter approaches. Despite the theoretical promise of perestroika, prosperity seems far away.



MOSCOW — A homeless woman leans out of her tent outside the Kremlin where a tent city protest against the Soviet government has been in place since July. The woman, who did not identify herself, has "Slave of the Communist Party" painted on her worn-out shoes.

The display cases are almost bare in the small, poorly lit food store on Tverskaya Street, one of Moscow's busiest avenues. Today, the store is rationing bread: one kilogram (2.2 pounds) per customer.

An elderly man, profiting from the new freedom of speech, accosts a group of American visitors: "It's the Communist Party that's responsible for all of this! Look at the empty shelves!"

Muscovites say milk is still plentiful in state stores, but that finding anything else is a roll of the dice. The severe bread shortages of a few weeks ago are over, but decent meat and many vegetables are rare.

Such shortages are common throughout the country.

"Actually, we spend a lot less time waiting in line these days," said a woman in Leningrad, Russia's second-largest city. "Now there's nothing to buy, so we just stay home."

Nikolai Petrakov, one of Gorbachev's top political advisers, puts it point-blank: "The economy, to all intents and purposes, has ceased to exist."

The declaration seems somewhat melodramatic. Outside the window is not an arid plain, but a cacophony of trucks and buses. Hurrying workers and shoppers compete for space on the rainy sidewalks.

Petrakov thinks he knows what the future looks like. The government will make a start on economic revival with its much-debated 500-day plan, Petrakov says, and predicts the transition to a Western-style market economy will be complete in 10 years.

Others dwell more on the problems. Alexander Yakovlev, a senior Gorbachev aide, admits

readily that reforming the Soviet system is far harder than he imagined.

He says it's fine to plan things like a modern real estate market and effective banks, but how to do it in a country where no one knows what land prices should be and only "two to three people" really understand the Western banking and credit system?

At the Ray of Lenin collective farm outside Moscow, the chairman granted that Soviet agriculture is less productive than U.S. farms. He sees the solution in importing American experts and studying U.S. methods.

He opposes abolishing the whole concept of collective farms, the Soviet system in which families

"People are tired. I'm afraid if there were elections today, many people just wouldn't show up." — Alexander Yakovlev, a senior Gorbachev aide

join in tilling land they do not own and receive wages in proportion to their work.

Later, in his neat cottage, one of the farmers expressed very different ideas. People will work really hard only if they own their land, he said.

He said he tried to talk the farm chairman, in the spirit of perestroika, into one little innovation: leasing him one of the collective farm's greenhouses.

If he could make it more productive, the farmer said, he would earn extra money for his family

and the farm could learn something about greenhouse techniques.

The chairman said no. Gorbachev's policy of glasnost has brought breathtaking changes to politics.

Street-corner orators denounce one politician or another as policemen stroll by unconcerned. Gorbachev and his ministers must defend themselves before angry legislators who want to know everything, from what personal privileges the leaders enjoy to how they will reform the economy.

This looks at first like robust democracy. But some Soviets see the whole affair, especially the raucous parliament debates televised nationwide, as something else: another cooked-up-in-the-Kremlin plan to create the illusion of progress.

People have learned to watch carefully, but not join in too quickly, when the Kremlin suddenly announces new ways of doing things.

Since Gorbachev came to power in 1985, practically every political idol has been toppled as society roared toward more democratic politics. But in the same period, most people are convinced, living conditions have stayed even or declined.

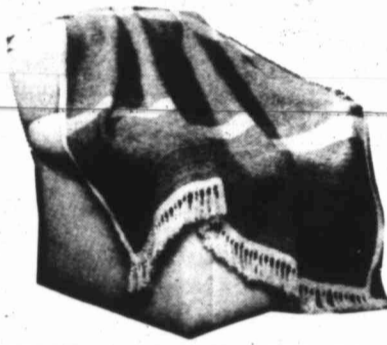
Yakovlev, the Gorbachev aide, said he fears many people "live on another level" from the political reforms that have so excited some activists.

The democratic system was supposed to fire the imagination and confidence of ordinary citizens, but so far they are proving warier and more conservative than the originators of perestroika expected.

"People are tired," Yakovlev said. "I'm afraid if there were elections today, many people just wouldn't show up."

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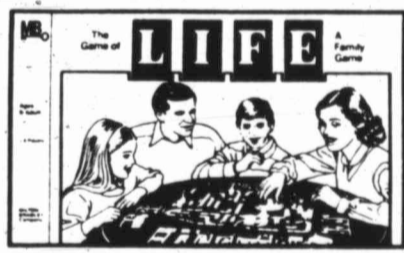
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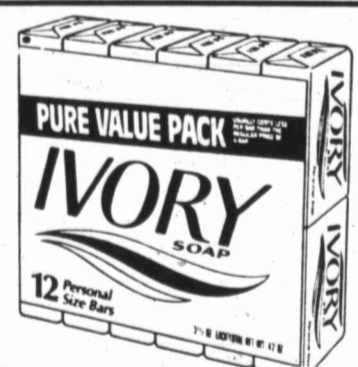
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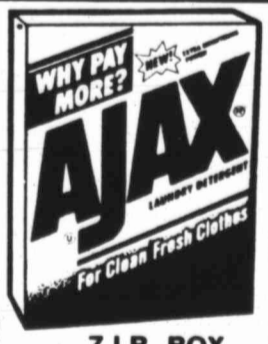
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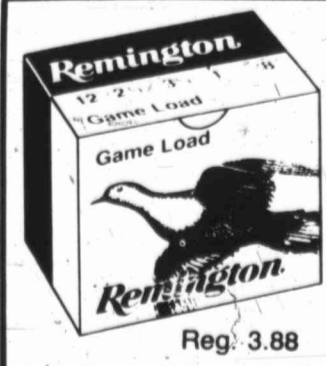


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Restaurant smoking ban rejected

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The City Council has snuffed out a proposed smoking ban in restaurants, deciding instead to consider having partitions and ventilation systems clear the air for non-smoking diners.

The council deadlocked 6-6 on the outright ban Tuesday before voting 8-4 to draft the compromise ordinance for restaurants serving more than 50 patrons.

Los Angeles already prohibits smoking in supermarkets, elevators and at public meetings and requires non-smoking areas in all large restaurants.

Smaller cities, including San Luis Obispo, Sacramento and Aspen, Colo., have passed restaurant smoking bans, but Los Angeles, with its nearly 4 million residents, would have become the first major city to do so.

"Why shouldn't Los Angeles be a leader here?" asked Councilman Marvin Braude, who proposed the unworkable measure. "This ban is inevitable. Let's move forward and do it today."

Restaurant lobbyists hailed defeat of the measure but attacked the compromise proposal that requires partitions and vents as a similar threat to the economic survival of many establishments.

"It's not a great compromise if we're going to put restaurants out of business," said Rudy Cole, executive director of a coalition known as RSVP, Restaurants for a Sensible Voluntary Policy (On Smoking). The group claims to represent 1,000 of the 8,500 restaurants in the city.

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Oakland heads home down 2-0

CINCINNATI (AP) — Add Oakland's ace reliever to Cincinnati's hit list and give the Reds a perfectly astonishing 2-0 lead in the World Series.

A day after beating Dave Stewart in the opening game, the Reds' Joe Oliver got the third straight hit off Dennis Eckersley in the bottom of the 10th inning to shock the Athletics 5-4 Wednesday night and take a lead that few imagined possible.

Suddenly, from thoughts of sweeping their second straight Series, the A's now go home for Game 3 Friday trying to keep from being swept themselves.

Billy Hatcher enjoyed his second consecutive perfect night making him 7-7 with four doubles and a triple. His triple off right fielder Jose Canseco's glove in the eighth inning gave him the Series record for consecutive hits and he then scored the tying run on Glenn Braggs' force play.

Eckersley took over to start the 10th and retired Eric Davis, but a scratch single by pinch-hitter Billy Bates, a ground single to left by Chris Sabo and Oliver's hard single down the third-base line gave Cincinnati its seventh straight World Series victory. The Reds' victory, in the first Series extra-inning game since Bill Buckner blew it for the Boston Red Sox in 1986, came a day after the Reds beat up Stewart, the A's four-time 20-game winner.

Canseco ended Oakland's home run drought in the postseason, but the Athletics stranded 10 runners, for a total of 21 in the two games.

Rob Dibble pitched two shutout innings for the victory, including a brash versus bash showdown in the ninth when he got Canseco to hit into a double play and struck out Mark McGwire.

Four Cincinnati relievers shut



CINCINNATI — Oakland Athletics' outfielder Jose Canseco (33) bashes elbows with teammate Mark McGwire following Canseco's home run in the third inning of game two of the World Series Wednesday night. The Athletics lost to the Cincinnati Reds 5-4.

The Reds, the team that has survived on fast starts all season, showed they could also play from behind, too, rallying for the run in the eighth to tie it 4-4.

The amazing Mr. Hatcher led off with a slicing drive to right that glanced off the tip of Canseco's glove and went for a triple. With Canseco cursing himself, Welch walked Paul O'Neill on four pitches, but got a break when Hatcher

stayed at third on Davis' medium-deep fly ball that Canseco caught but threw off line to the plate.

Oakland's Tony La Russa began the game of managerial moves and

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Hoop play at Howard

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

The West Texas Shootout will be Nov. 9-10 at the old Howard College gym.

Entry fee is \$110 per team and entry deadline is Nov. 6, with a 16-team limit. The first three

place teams will receive trophies, and the first two teams will also receive individual trophies. There will also be an all-tournament team and a MVP. Also included are slam dunk and three-point contests.

For more information call Roy Green at 264-5108 or 263-5655.

Basketball officials to meet Oct. 31

A meeting of Big Spring basketball officials will be Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring High School library.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a basketball referee should plan to attend. For more information contact John Weeks at 267-8323 or Craig Jones at 267-6679.

Quarterback Club having barbecue

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be having a barbecue at 6 p.m. today at the South end of Memorial Stadium.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Later that afternoon, the annual homecoming bonfire will be in the vacant lot east of Howard College.

Also, the Quarterback Club will meet Monday night at 7 p.m. at the high school planetarium.

Roadraces will be in Clovis, N.M.

The 16th Annual Allsup's Fall Roadraces will be Oct. 27 in Clovis, N.M.

The races will consist of half-marathon (13.1 miles); 10,000 meters (6.2 miles); 5,000 meter (3.1 miles) or a mile run.

All races will begin at 9 a.m. CST with the same start and finish, Olympic style, at Leon Williams Stadium.

Awards will be presented to the first three finishers in each division. All finishers will receive specially-designed long-sleeve T-shirts, plus all registered runners will be eligible for prizes to be given away at the end of the races.

Registration fees are \$8 before Friday and \$10 after.

For more information call (505) 769-2311, ext. 100.

Coahoma seeking hoop games

Coahoma High School needs basketball games for the following dates this season: Tuesday, Dec. 11, JV and varsity boys; Friday, Dec. 14 — JV, varsity boys; Thursday, Dec. 20, JV, varsity boys; Friday, Dec. 28, JV, varsity girls.

Coahoma also needs a boys and girls team for its varsity tournament Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

For more information contact Kim Nichols at 394-4624 or 394-4535.

Charity golf play scheduled

The First Annual Charity Golf Scramble, with proceeds going to D-FY-IT.

The tournament is scheduled for Oct. 20 at the Big Spring Country Club. Entr fee is \$40 and includes cart fee and lunch. deadline to enter is Friday, Oct. 19. For more information call 263-1211, ext. 100.

Softball tourney in Snyder

There will be a men's slow-

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Steers in home coming battle against wounded Fort Stockton

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

Just call the Fort Stockton Panthers the walking wounded.

The Panthers have been hit hard by the injury bug this season and enter Friday's homecoming tilt against Big Spring with only a semblance of the team that started the season. How bad is it? It's so bad that the Panthers had to cancel their junior varsity game because they had to bring so many JV players up to the varsity.

"We've been snakebit this season," said Fort Stockton coach Mel Gierhart of his Panthers, who are 0-2 in league play and 2-4 overall. "Out of the 22 positions, we've got subs in 10 of them. Some of them are two-way starters, but a starter is a starter."

"It's been something else. We had a kid last week make a cut on a pass pattern and blew his knee out. Monday, counting the varsity and JV, we had 29 people in uniform."

The most noticeable positions the Panthers are hurting at are in the offensive backfield. Halfback Phillip Houston, fullback Ruben Rosas and wingback Eddie Bustamante are all out. Houston will be replaced by Robert Arrias, Rosas by Abe Lozano and Bustamante by Phil Hutson.

Arrias typifies most the Panther

backfield, standing 5-foot-3 and weighing 115-pounds. Houston only weighed 120 pounds himself.

The Steers will be missing a key element in their offensive attack also. Tailback Jermaine Miller, Big Spring's leading rusher, will not play Friday because of disciplinary reasons, according to Steers coach David Thompson.

His replacement will be senior Johnny Lozano, who carried the ball three times for 17 yards. Thompson also said that Kevin Rodgers, who starts at outside linebacker on defense, and wingback Neal Mayfield also may get some time at tailback.

Without Miller, Thompson said the team's game plan won't change. "We'll still block it and run it," he said. "It's one of those deals that we just have to play. No football team can depend on one guy."

Tailback won't be the only change for the Steers. Free safety Freddie Rodriguez, who sprained his ankle against Lake View, won't play. He will be replaced by Nick Roberson. Also, Richard Krissen will start at outside linebacker for Miller, and Stacy Martin will start at cornerback for Maurice Evans.

Last week in their 49-6 win over San Angelo Lake View, the Steers displayed numerous offensive threats, accounting for more than

500 yards offense. In addition to Miller's 176 yards, Mayfield carried 12 times for 74 yards and caught two passes for 117 more. Quarterback Gerald Cobos completed five of six passes for 155 yards.

The Panthers have lost in district play to Andrews, 15-2, and last week to Monahans, 42-7.

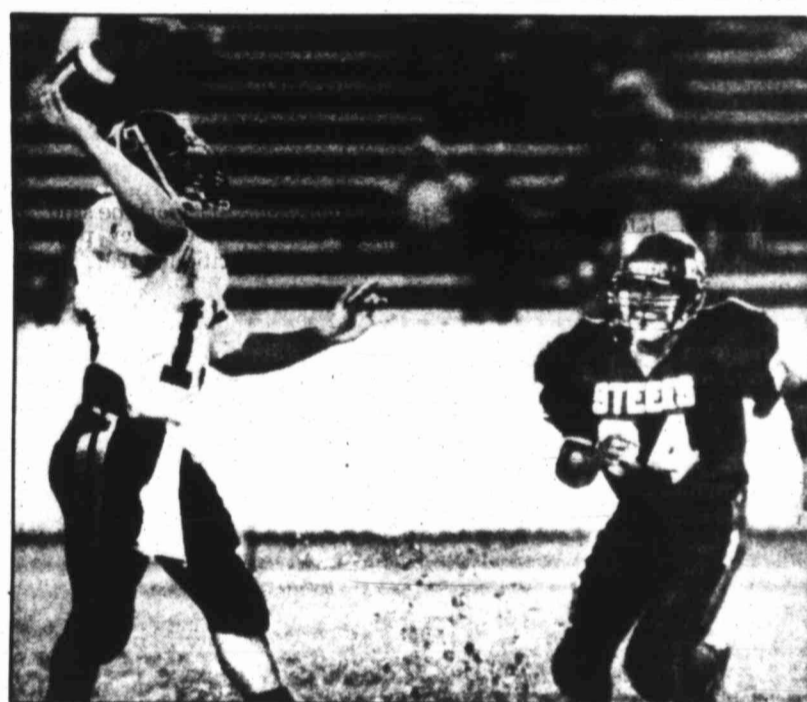
"We played Monahans a lot better than the score indicates," said Gierhart. "They ran back two punts, to our 25 and 10, and we fumbled at our 31 and 25; they scored all four times. That's 28 gifts right there."

The Panthers' Veer offense is led by senior quarterback Shannon Beeles, one of the top passers and rushers in the district. Beeles has carried 55 times for 337 yards, and completed 39 of 91 passes for 531 yards and three touchdowns.

All of his TD passes have gone to senior split end Flo Garcia, who's caught 20 passes for 292 yards.

Coach Thompson said his defense, which is ranked eighth in the state, allowing 165 yards per game, has to stop Beeles. "Their quarterback throws well and runs well, he's a good athlete. Our defense has to be ready to stop him."

Gierhart says his team has to stop the Steer rushing game and



Big Spring Steers defensive end Fernando Alvarez applies pressure to the Lubbock High quarterback in action earlier this season. Last week at San Angelo Lake View Alvarez had a good game, sacking the quarterback twice and making 12 tackles.

the size in numbers. "I'm concerned about Miller and Mayfield; Miller is probably the best running back in the district. They've got enough people to wear us down. Even if we were healthy, they've got enough people to wear us down."

Both Gierhart and Thompson agree that the Panthers lack nothing in the effort department.

"They've got a bunch injured, but we know regardless of how

many injuries, they'll play us hard," said Thompson. "They've been real scrappy against whoever they play, as long as they could."

"That's one thing I admire about these kids — they get after it; they don't leave anything on the field. Sure it's hard, but we keep telling them PMA, keeping a Positive Mental Attitude." Gierhart said. "I tell them if this is the worst problem you ever have in your life, then that's great."

Bo's back on gridiron

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Bo Jackson didn't hesitate when asked what his most difficult adjustment was in his transformation from a baseball player to a football player.

"This press conference."

For the fourth consecutive year at the Los Angeles Raiders training camp, Jackson had "this press conference" Wednesday, enabling the horde of interested reporters to talk with the talented two-sport star.

The usually media-shy Jackson spent 30 minutes answering reporters' questions and, after what appeared to be a couple of nervous moments, seemed totally at ease.

Jackson, 27, said on the two-week anniversary of the end of baseball season he anticipated no problems in his return to football.

"I pretty much know the offense," he said shortly before going through his first full practice session. "I just have to refresh my memory. I did that in one day, yesterday. I did some work in the past couple of days. I'm already familiar with it."

The Raiders have won five of their six games without Jackson, a

far different mode for them than in his previous three NFL seasons when they went 5-10, 7-9 and 8-8 and failed to make the playoffs each time.

Jackson had his best year last season, gaining 950 yards on 173 carries and catching nine passes for 69 yards while playing in 11 games.

"At this point, I'm the third-string tailback (behind Marcus Allen and Greg Bell) and I've accepted that," he said. "I can't control who the coaches put in Sunday. I'm here. If they put me in, I'll go in."

"The morale here is great. Once I came through that door Monday afternoon, you could feel it in the air, that winning attitude. All the guys came in here with that confidence."

Asked if he'd play Sunday against the Chargers (2-4) at San Diego, Jackson said, "If Sunday gets here."

Actually, Jackson might be needed. Bell suffered a sprained ankle during last Sunday's 24-17 victory by the Raiders over Seattle and is listed as a doubtful participant against the Chargers.

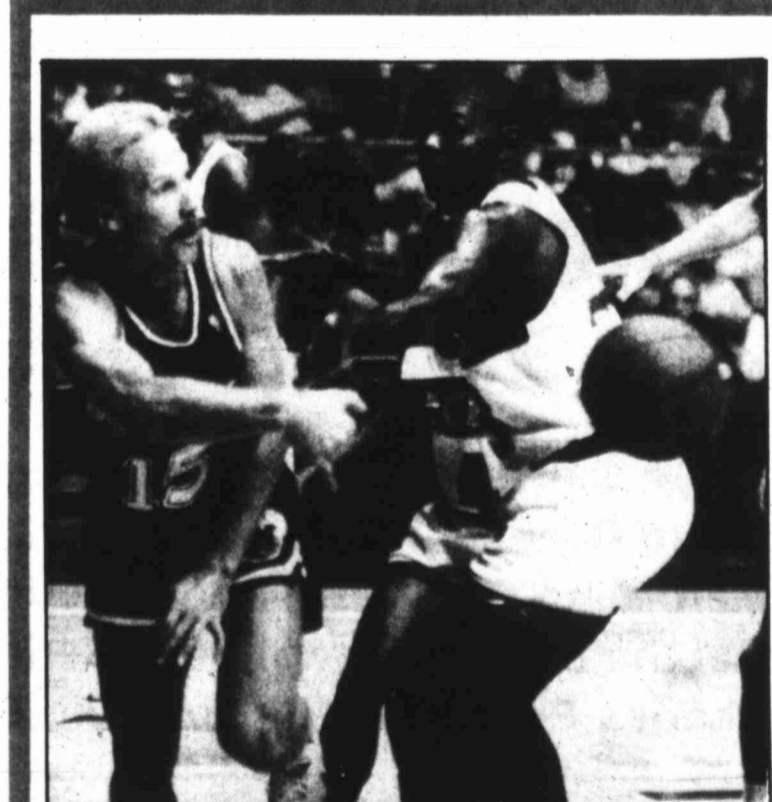
"There's a chance," Raiders coach Art Shell said when asked if Jackson would play against the Chargers. "We'll watch him this week, see how he does and then make a decision."

Jackson, wearing sunglasses and a baseball hat with KCPD on it, presumably standing for Kansas City Police Department, said he didn't feel any pressure upon arrival at the Raiders camp.

"As I've said in the past, the only pressure is the pressure a person puts on himself," he said. "I'm not coming in here expecting to be a savior of this team. I'm just one of the players, hopefully contributing to wins."

"Unfortunately we didn't have the good season we'd planned on with the Royals. I'm here and the Raiders have one of the best records in football."

An outfielder with the Royals, Jackson hit .278 with 28 home runs and 78 RBIs and 15 stolen bases in 405 at-bats. The highlight of his season came July 17 at Yankee Stadium when he hit home runs in his first three at-bats, the third of which was the 100th of his major league career.



Looking for an assist
SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Dallas Mavericks Brad Davis passes around Indiana Pacers Mike Sanders during an exhibition basketball game Wednesday night at Notre Dame. Indiana won the game 111-91.

There will be a men's slow-

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Inside Sports

NFL to accommodate female reporters

CHICAGO (AP) — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the league is going to be vigilant in enforcing a rule mandating access to locker rooms to women reporters after games.

Tagliabue earlier fined Cincinnati Bengals coach Sam Wyche for barring a woman reporter and the league is investigating Boston Herald reporter Lisa Olson's complaint she was sexually harassed in the New England Patriots locker room.

Also at the two-day meeting of NFL owners, a vote was put off on new anti-tampering rules that would redefine how teams can discuss jobs with coaches and executives under contract with other clubs.

Five arrested in Prairie View fraud

HEMPSTEAD (AP) — A nine-month investigation into alleged financial wrongdoing at Prairie View A&M has resulted in the arrests of five people, including the woman chosen to head the U.S. track team for the 1992 Olympics, a prosecutor said.

The felony and misdemeanor charges range from official misconduct to theft, bribery and forgery, and stem from allegations that at least \$40,000 and possibly more than \$100,000 may be missing from the athletic department's coffers, special prosecutor A.M. "Bud" McCaig said.

Prairie View athletic director Barbara Jacket, one of four arrested Tuesday, was picked by The Athletics Congress to head the U.S. women's track team for the 1992 Olympics and has been at the university since 1964.

Simpson leading Disney Classic

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Defending champion Tim Simpson shot an 8-under-par 64 to take a two-stroke lead over Bill Buttner after the first round of the PGA's Disney Classic.

John Mahaffey, Paul Azinger, Mike Smith, Nick Price and Dave Barr were tied for third after rounds of 67.

Montana, Moon Players of the Week

NEW YORK (AP) — Quarterbacks Joe Montana of San Francisco and Warren Moon of Houston, who both set career passing records Sunday, were named offensive players of the week in the NFC and AFC.

Sharing the NFC award with Montana was his favorite target, wide receiver Jerry Rice, who also set a club record in the 49ers' 45-35 victory over Atlanta. The defensive winners were Greg Jackson of the New York Giants and Bill Maas of the Kansas City Chiefs.

Montana passed for 475 yards and six touchdowns — the 11th best passing yardage game in NFL history. Moon had a career-best five TDs in Houston's 48-17 victory over Cincinnati.

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pitch softball tournament Oct. 20-21 at Winston Park.
Registration deadline is Oct. 18. Entry fee is \$100 per team. Team trophies will be awarded to the first four teams, the first three teams will also receive individual trophies.

To enter call 573-5524 (day), 573-3956 (night), 573-9410 (night), 573-7421 (night), or Rocky Vieira at 267-7773.

Coahoma youth hoops signups

Registration is now going on for the Coahoma Youth Basketball League.

Registration forms can be picked up at Roberts Auto Supply. The league is open to youth ages 9-12, whose birthday is before Sept. 1.

Also anyone interested in coaching can call Sherry Brooks at 394-4778, after 5 p.m.

Turkey Shoot slated Saturday

The Howard County 4-H Club is sponsoring a turkey shoot this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Windy Hill Gun Club.
For more information call 267-2099 or 263-6297.

Ex-Sooners convicted of obtaining cocaine

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Two former University of Oklahoma athletes face up to 40 years in prison now that they have been convicted of obtaining cocaine for former Sooner quarterback Charles Thompson to sell.

After three hours of deliberations Wednesday, the federal jury convicted John Green, 25, of Detroit and Lamont Harris, 23, of Dallas. They were accused of supplying 17 grams of cocaine to Thompson, who sold it to an undercover FBI agent in January 1989.

Thompson is serving a two-year prison sentence in connection with the sale.

Green and Harris each were found guilty of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and cocaine distribution. Harris also was found guilty of using a telephone to facilitate a drug transaction.

Although both could receive up to 40 years in prison, prosecutors said sentences would likely be similar to Thompson's.

U.S. District Judge Ralph Thompson denied bond for both, pending formal sentencing.

A third defendant, Kenneth Hill, 21, of Oklahoma City pleaded guilty Monday. Hill then testified along with Thompson against Green and Harris. He was accused of originally supplying the 17 grams of cocaine.

Leslie Kaestner, assistant U.S. Attorney, said the convictions wrapped up prosecutions in the undercover investigation.

"It was apparently Mr. Harris who initiated all these goings on," Kaestner said. "We feel that he

was the one most involved." Kaestner said the testimony of Thompson and Hill was vital to getting the convictions.

"I believe it was very damaging," she said.

Defense attorneys had attacked the credibility of Hill and Thompson as witnesses, saying Thompson was a convicted drug dealer who had lied about his involvement before.

"He (Thompson) was, as defense attorneys said, a very despicable person," Kaestner said. She said prosecutors tried to show that and Thompson's connection with the defendants.

During the case, Thompson said he sold cocaine to undercover FBI agent Floyd Zimms at the behest of Green, a former teammate, and Harris, a former track star at the university.

Zimms testified Tuesday that Thompson arranged to sell him an ounce of cocaine for \$1,400. He said he initially introduced himself to Thompson as "Tony," a collector of illegal debts.

Zimms said he had several meetings with Thompson before obtaining the cocaine Jan. 26, 1989. Harris' and Green's names surfaced when he complained to Thompson that he had been shorted 11 grams in the deal, Zimms said.

He said he eventually met with Green, Harris and Thompson about getting back his money or getting the 11 grams. The conversation was recorded, but a malfunction prevented almost all of it from being heard, he testified.



Associated Press photo

Upended

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Montreal Canadiens power play during first period action Wednesday defenseman Sylvain Lefebvre sends Buffalo Sabres winger Rick Vaive flying during a Sabre

Pacemaker and all, player returns to court

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Joe Rhett is back on the South Carolina basketball team, confident his pacemaker won't affect his ability to play.

Rhett returned to the team Wednesday, two days after practice began for the 1990-91 season.

"I'm feeling fine," he said after going through a 2 1/4-hour practice. "I'm happy to be back on the court. I feel nothing can go wrong."

Rhett, 20, had a pacemaker implanted in February to correct an irregular heartbeat. He was given medical clearance to return to the Gamecocks last month, but the return of the 6-foot-8 junior forward was delayed as the Rhett family and the school apparently tried to reach an agreement on who would be liable if something happened to

him. "If he (the doctor) had told me not to play, I wouldn't have," Rhett said.

Rhett, who will wear a small circular foam pad over the pacemaker when he plays, received some added confidence after one doctor told him how slim the chances were of anything going wrong with the device.

Luther Battiste, a Columbia attorney representing the Rhett family, said he couldn't talk about any specifics of the agreement that returned Rhett to the Gamecocks.

"We feel this is a situation that is very private to the Rhett family, and we don't intend to go into the particulars of the agreement with the university," Battiste said. "We feel the agreement with the univer-

sity is one that's in the best interest of Joe Rhett and the Rhett family and in the best interests of the University of South Carolina."

In the past, Rhett has said he thought twice about playing after Loyola Marymount star Hank Gathers collapsed during a basketball game and died of a heart attack March 4. But Rhett said at the news conference that he has no apprehension.

"I've been playing a lot this summer with some good ballplayers," Rhett said. "They weren't taking it easy on me at all. I think the first game I'll be a little nervous 'cause of what happened last year. But for the most part... the team support and coaching staff give me the confidence to go out there and play ball."

South Carolina opens its season with an exhibition game at home Nov. 5 against High Five America. The Gamecocks begin the regular season Nov. 23 against Nevada-Reno in the Great Alaska Shootout.

Rhett was leading the Gamecocks in rebounding at 7.9 per contest and was second in scoring at 10.6 points before having the pacemaker implanted. Physicians decided he needed the device after a cardiovascular evaluation found intermittent slowing and stopping of his heartbeat for six to seven seconds.

The tests were ordered after Rhett nearly lost consciousness twice.

The pacemaker supplies energy to stimulate Rhett's heartbeat when needed. He will have the

pacemaker for the rest of his life and the device will have to be replaced about every 10 years.

Athletic director King Dixon said no special medical provisions would be made for Rhett at games this season.

"Joe has been given the full vote of confidence by the medical side," Dixon said. "No additional precautions are necessary to be taken here than we normally take. He's ready to go. We're delighted."

Rhett has undergone a battery of tests, with doctors concluding that he was "absolutely fit to play," Battiste said. And Rhett said he expects to undergo monthly checkups.

"My condition is not as severe as many people think," he said.

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musical bullpen, bringing in left-hander Rick Honeycutt to face lefty Hal Morris. Cincinnati's Lou Piniella countered with the right-handed Braggs, and Braggs celebrated his 28th birthday by driving in the tying run — barely.

Braggs hit a bouncer up the middle that took off on the artificial turf and by the time shortstop Mike Gallego caught it, he was one step past second base. Gallego did the best he could, tagging O'Neill and quickly relaying to first, but Braggs beat the throw with a head-first slide.

Welch, a 27-game winner, gave up nine hits, two walks and struck out two in 7 1/3 innings.

The game was played on the first anniversary of the earthquake in the Bay area; Welch did not get to pitch in the series because of that disaster — La Russa used Stewart and Moore twice each — and Welch also lost his new home in the rubble.

While Hatcher and Henderson took turns trying to set up runs, Canseco and Davis duelled to drive them in.

The Athletics, after getting shut out by Jose Rijo and two relievers in the opener, needed just two minutes, three batters and seven pitches to score against Danny Jackson.

Henderson led off the game with a single, stole second on the next pitch and took third on Carney Lansford's sacrifice. The Reds gambled by bringing their infield in so early and it almost worked, but first baseman Morris bobbled Canseco's grounder and could only make the play at first as Hender-

son streaked home.

The sellout crowd of 55,832, perhaps spoiled by Cincinnati's success in Game 1, even booed a bit when right fielder O'Neill lost McGwire's looper in the lights for a single.

For the second straight night, the Reds scored twice in the first. Barry Larkin and Hatcher opened with doubles and Davis' one-out grounder made it 2-1.

Canseco ended Oakland's postseason home-run drought at 45 innings in the third with another incredible shot, although it was amazing for an entirely different reason than usual. Jackson jammed Canseco and the slugger took a swing that, for most hitters, would have produced either a broken bat, a weak popup to right, or both.

Instead, Canseco's ball carried about 400 feet to the opposite field and landed far beyond the fence. For Canseco, bothered by a bad back and a bruised finger, it was his first home run since Sept. 16 and third in 11 World Series games.

The Athletics went on to make 4-2 later in the third and chase Jackson. McGwire singled, Dave Henderson and Willie Randolph walked and Ron Hassey, 0-for-5 with the bases loaded this season, hit a sacrifice fly.

After a wild pickoff throw to first by catcher Oliver, Piniella faced a decision, and he made the wrong one.

With runners on first and third and two outs, Piniella chose to let Jackson pitch to Gallego instead of issuing an intentional walk to bring up Welch, a career .151 hitter who had not batted since 1987.

Gallego singled sharply singled

to center for a 4-2 lead and Jackson was finished.

Jackson, the only Reds player who had been in the World Series before this season, lost his composure as he walked to the dugout and yelled at home plate umpire Rocky Roe, who had called balls on a few close pitches to Randolph. Roe, however, just stood at the plate with his arms folded and said nothing — not exactly the way umpire Terry Cooney handled the Roger Clemens affair.

Scott Scudder relieved, struck out Welch and worked around two walks in the fourth by retiring Dave Henderson on a fly ball.

Jack Armstrong, the lost man in the Reds' rotation this season, took over to start the fifth and set down nine of 10 batters. Armstrong and Welch were the opposing starters in the All-Star Game, but Armstrong went 1-6 with a 6.56 ERA in the second half before going on the disabled list with forearm tendinitis.

The Reds blew a great chance in the third after Larkin led off with a single and Hatcher again doubled. Welch retired O'Neill on a shallow fly and got Davis and Morris on easy grounders.

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Names in the news

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Judds say they are breaking up because Naomi Judd, the older half of the mother-daughter country duo, has hepatitis.

Naomi Judd, 44, said at a tearful news conference Wednesday that she will continue writing songs. Her daughter, Wynonna, 26, will start a solo career.

The Judds were voted duo of the year for the third straight year Oct. 8 by the Country Music Association. Their hits include "Grandpa," "Mama He's Crazy," "Why Not Me," "Rockin' With the Rhythm" and their current "Born to Be Blue."

Their current tour is booked



NAOMI JUDD ARSENI0 HALL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arsenio Hall's former manager says he made the talk show host a star and is suing for half his profits from "The Arsenio Hall Show."

Robert Wachs, fired by Hall on Aug. 2, said in a lawsuit filed Wednesday that Hall broke his contract with him. He is seeking \$75 million in damages.

Wachs said he and Hall agreed in a 1988 oral contract that Hall would pay Wachs' X Management Inc. half the comedian's profits from his show and 15 percent of Hall's fee as the syndicated program's executive producer.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1990
HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: The harder you work in the months ahead, the greater the financial rewards. Seize an unusual business opportunity in December and balancing the budget will become less complicated. Do things right the first time in January 1991. If you try to cut corners, you will end up paying for it. April is the best time for traveling to foreign shores.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: journalist Jack Anderson, actor Mel Stewart, author John LeCarre, artist Peter Max.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Exercise restraint with your money. Wishful thinking or delusions of grandeur should be laughed off. Practical needs may overrule your desire for recreation tonight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do not allow a selfish or arrogant attitude to lead to a confrontation. Those who are acting for the benefit of

others, as well as themselves, will win. A romantic relationship seems magical!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Tensions at work should not be allowed to disrupt positive romantic feelings. Lasting financial security is linked to a golden career opportunity. Return phone calls promptly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your creative talents and expertise in a specific area could be the deciding factor in your securing valuable allies. Seek associates whose strengths complement your own.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Avoid getting into disputes with your employer. Take an adaptable, wait-and-see approach. Unexpected developments could change your outlook. Accept someone's offer to arbitrate a disagreement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Important support can be obtained from higher-ups. Your powers of persuasion are at a peak during the next two days — use them wisely. Enjoy a new romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may be able to earn some extra cash now. Just avoid becoming involved in business ventures that will irritate higher-ups. Take things easy where romance is concerned. Refrain from

making demands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be tempted to splurge while shopping. Don't do it! Make a list of what you need and stick to it. Concentration may be difficult at work. Persevere. Dine out tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There is new emphasis on salesmanship today. Your powers of persuasion are great. Look for ways to cut expenses. Young people will require your attention. Try not to overextend yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Pay closer attention to financial affairs. It may be necessary to seek expert advice. A platonic relationship changes. Postpone making a commitment until you are certain of your feelings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A great day for negotiating contracts. Deal with insurance and tax matters. Bargains can be found by those who do some comparison shopping. Look at an IRA or money market fund.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Trusted advisers and friends of long standing can help you now. Go ahead and make your needs known. Social and romantic trends look great! Accept a last-minute invitation from a new friend.

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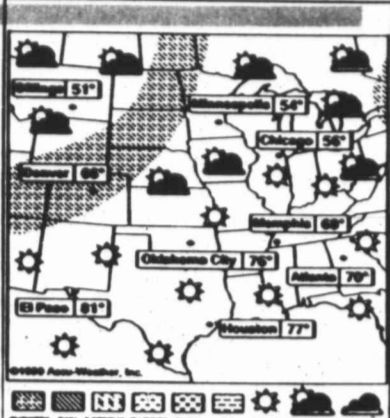
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Treasury auction is postponed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury is postponing today's auction of 52-week bills because Congressional has failed to extend the federal debt limit, the agency said in a statement.

The Treasury said Oct. 12 it would auction \$10.75 billion in bills today, to be issued on Oct. 25.

However, the government's current \$3.195 billion-debt ceiling reverts to \$3.12 billion at midnight Friday leaving the Treasury no authority to issue the bills next week.

Texans against homestead plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans are calling and writing their congressmen to protest a proposal on Capitol Hill that could allow them to lose state homestead protections.

The offices of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, and Rep. Jake Pickle, D-Texas, have received more than 50 calls each. Pickle has received about two dozen letters this week, said John Horrigan, an aide.

"It's a pretty impressive and fast response from people," Horrigan said. "It indicates people are pretty worried about it."

Small business owners and homeowners with delinquent federal loans aren't the only ones contacting members of Congress.

State Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower sent letters urging them to oppose the legislation, which he dubbed the "Omnibus Homeless Bill."

The provisions that would override protections given homeowners under the Texas Constitution are contained in the Senate version of the Omnibus Crime Bill.

Congressional staff members met this week to discuss differences in the crime bill. A final version could be before the full House and Senate by the end of next week.

Defense projects have big day

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas defense projects and military bases dodged the deficit-cutting punch of Congress.

Congressional committees Wednesday hiked spending on the tilt-rotor aircraft built in Fort Worth, saved a troubled Air Force base near Austin and pushed to resume construction on the Navy homeport near Corpus Christi.

Members of Congress also decided to keep funding the B-2 stealth bomber, which has a large subcontractor in Grand Prairie.

The decisions affect thousands of Texas jobs and send hundreds of millions of dollars to the state.

Bell Helicopter Textron in Fort Worth praised a House-Senate conference committee's approval of \$403 million in 1991 funds for the tilt-rotor, also called the V-22 and Osprey.

Buffs to tackle Braves Friday



Stanton receiver Jim Bob Kelly leaps high in the end zone to grab a John Paul Barry pass for a two-point conversion last Friday against Ozona.

Gamebreakers

HERALD STAFF REPORT
STANTON

The Stanton Buffalos will travel to Iraan Friday night to take on the Braves for the Buffs' fourth district game of the season. Iraan is coming off a big 34-6 romp over the McCamey Badgers, while the Buffs will try to rebound from a loss to the Ozona Lions.

"They have a good ballclub. Their running back, Riley Malone, is a good one. He has run over everybody they've played. We played good in some spots against Ozona. We just have to quit making mental mistakes," Buffalo head coach Dale Ruth said.

The Buffs will count heavily on John Eric Wyckoff to step in at quarterback because of a leg injury to John Paul Barry. Other players with injuries who are scheduled to start: are Jeremy Stallings, bruised knee; Garry Don Thompson, broken right hand; and Selestino Hernandez, pulled muscle.

"These guys will play, but with John Paul we'll play it by ear and won't make a decision until Friday night," Ruth said.

If Barry cannot be ready, the pressure will be on junior Wyckoff to get the Buffalo offense moving. For the most part, Stanton's defensive unit has played tough against its opponents.

In other games, the Stanton junior varsity will take on the Braves' JV tonight in Buffalo.

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A banner proclaims the Stanton High School western-flavored halftime show to Lubbock to band as the "Best Band Herd" here recently. compete against area bands at the Texas Tech The Buffalo Marching Band will take its Marching Festival.

'Best Band Herd' enters Tech marching festival

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

The Stanton Buffalo Band will travel to Lubbock Saturday to compete in the Texas Tech Marching Festival. The band will take their turn on the field at 2 p.m.

"The festival is a way to let football players participate in marching contest. It helps them run through the marching contest before the U.I.L. contest on Oct. 27 in Odessa at Ratliff Stadium," SHS Band Director Kirke McKenzie said.

Since Sept. 10, McKenzie and his band members have been working on the new props for the halftime show. With the addition of the flag corp, the band has added new and colorful touches to the show.

"Without the help of parents and other people that just like to help out, we could not have had the success that we are having. Without parents like Jack and Norma Hobbs, Gary and Ruth Reid, Charlie Pinkerton and the shop class, Debbie and Brad Johnson, Kyle Averitt and Gary Dunkerson we would not have been able to make these props work," he said.

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Perez: Progress slow, military action possible

By CHRISTOPHER BURNS
Associated Press Writer

U.N. chief Javier Perez de Cuellar was quoted today as saying he sees little progress toward peacefully ending the Persian Gulf crisis. He raised the possibility the Security Council could authorize military action against Iraq.

Perez de Cuellar, in his magazine interview, pointed out that the United Nations legally has the power to authorize military action against Iraq.

"The U.N. Charter's Article 42 permits military action. Should the Security Council come to that decision, that would be completely legal," Stern quoted the U.N. secretary general as saying.

"At the moment I see little movement in the direction of a peaceful solution," he told the weekly.

At the United Nations, the five permanent Security Council members have reached general agreement on a draft resolution that would require Iraq to pay for damages stemming from its Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait, diplomats said today.

Countries that have suffered serious economic losses stemming from the invasion — such as Jordan, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh — could apply for compensation out of Iraq's frozen assets, which have been frozen, or from future oil earnings, the diplomats said.



SAUDI ARABIA — A British 7th Armoured Brigade armored personnel carrier from a cargo ship here Thursday. The vehicle, used by the "Desert Rats," contains communications equipment and serves as a mobile headquarters.

In an interview with the German news magazine Stern, the secretary general said the U.N. Security Council "can't strengthen the embargo and sanctions against Iraq, because everything possible has already been done."

But Perez de Cuellar added he would "never be the first one to say there remains only a military solution of the conflict," the magazine said.

In Washington, the 12-week-old gulf crisis was blamed for some bad economic news in the United States.

The jump in energy prices brought on by the crisis sent Americans' cost of living up 0.8 percent in September, matching the increase the month before, the government said. It was also announced today that the U.S. merchandise trade deficit had jumped 2.4 percent in August, spurred by the high price of oil imports.

Iraq, meanwhile, said it was willing to sell oil for \$21 a barrel, about half the market price. The announcement appeared aimed at trying to undermine the U.N.-ordered embargo on trade with Iraq, imposed to try to force an end to the occupation of Kuwait.



Back to the wall
JERUSALEM — Jewish worshippers are shown at the Wailing Wall in the old city of Jerusalem, where they were stoned by Arabs on Oct. 8. The incident led to riots, which resulted in the death of 18 Palestinians. The wall is one of the holiest shrines of Judaism.

Oil officials 'cautiously optimistic' about future

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

ODESSA — Die-hard drillers in this West Texas oil town remember all too well the boom days of ten years ago, and they have a new attitude.

With oil futures prices at a 10-year high, the once brash crude-loving cowboys of the Permian Basin are hardly rushing to the oil patch to poke new holes in the ground.

Instead, they're sitting back, numbed by five years of losses, hoping Washington will start thinking about an energy policy.

"If we could get the federal government to put in a base price of \$25 a barrel, we would see a lot more investment," said Harry Spannaus, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

"We can not stand to have oil slip down to \$10 to \$15 a barrel. Oil that cheap would totally dismantle the industry. There would be nothing left after that."

Thousands of oil officials from around the world are gathering here at the 1990 Permian Basin Oil Show to share product innovation and ideas about the industry.

When asked about oil futures prices hitting an all time high of \$41.15 last week, more than doubling prices of three months ago, leaders respond with words like, "caution" and "undependable."

The price of a 42-gallon barrel of sweet crude oil, known in these parts as West Texas Intermediate, closed down \$2.17 at \$36.72 in Wednesday's trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Veterans of the oil patch, who made millions in the boom days of the early 1980s, but watched the bottom fall out of the market by 1986, are taking a wait-and-see approach to the recent surge in prices, Spannaus said.

"Nobody thinks we could ever have the boom we had ten years ago," he said.

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