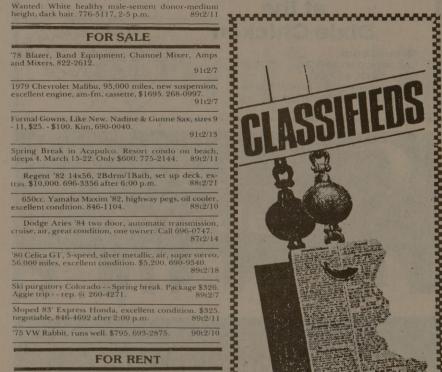
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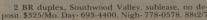
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Police looking beneath rubble for storm victims

Associated Press

TOMBALL — Authorities were searching for bodies Thursday in a tornado-ravaged mobile home park while owners of hundreds of air-planes damaged by the same twisters expected losses well into the millions

At least two deaths were blamed on the tornadoes, which hit Harris County about 30 miles northwest of Houston Wednesday afternoon. Another 44 people were injured, some of them critically.

'Right now we're just looking for bodies under the debris, then we can bring in heavy equipment to start removing some of this," Harris County Constable Dick Moore said after surveying damage at the Boudreaux Gardens mobile home park. "This is the worst I've seen in 25 years here."

Only three of the estimated 40 mobile homes in the park remained standing Thursday, and each of them was severely damaged.

An 81-year-old woman, identified

An 81-year-old woman, identified as Barbara Wilkerson, was killed when the storm struck the park. A Houston Lighting & Power Co. maintenance worker, Timothy Sparks, 27, also was killed when his truck overturned, authorities said. At the adjacent Hooks Memorial At the adjacent Hooks Memorial Airfield, hundreds of airplanes were ripped from their moorings or

blown from hangars. A half-dozen small planes and an

old DC-3 were blown hundreds of yards into a lake

Wayne Aaron, an insurance ad-

juster investigating the wreckage, said damage easily could run into the millions of dollars.

Civil Air Patrol crews went through wrecked planes to disconnect emergency locater transmitters, which automatically send out radio signals when airplanes crash. The false signals would confuse radio operators in the event of a genuine

plane crash, officials said. Up to 50,000 people were without power at the height of the storm, but Houston Lighting & Power officials said only about 10,000 outages remained by midday Thursday.

In Tomball, authorities said about 90 percent of the houses had sus-

tained some damage. Spokeswoman Audrey Schwart-ing said ten to 15 people were taken to Cypress-Fairbanks Medical Center near Houston and two were ad-mitted in stable condition.

Wilma Jackson, director of adminstrative services at Tomball Community hospital, said 17 people were taken to the hospital for inju-ries. Four of the injured were admitted, two of them in critical condi-

Spokeswoman Susan Bailey said another 17 people were taken to Northwest Medical Center in Houston for treatment of injuries when they were hit by flying debris. One of patients — a 17-year-old boy who suffered head injuries — was taken by helicopter to Houston's Hermann Hospital, where he was listed in serious condition.

In Advance-Hart Hall to sponsor dance promoting Adopt-A-Schoo

By MELISSA SPANN

Reporter

Hart Hall is sponsoring a square dance **Saturday at 9 p.m.** in **DeWare Field House** to pro-mote the Adopt-A-School pro-gram at Texas A&M.

Mark Gee, president of Hart Hall said the Adopt-A-School program is a joint effort of the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce and local businesses and organizations and is designed to improve the quality of education in public schools

Peggy Calliham, vice president of education at the Chamber of Commerce, and Beverely Barron,

affairs, will give a short pre tion about the Adopt-Ad program and how org can get involved, Gee sai

Manning Smith, Class will call the square dance, International Folk Bane and Aggie Allemanders wi Smith teach, Gee said.

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Clements: White too late to hold down spending

Associated Press

TEXARKANA - Gov. Mark White's letter to state agency direc-tors urging them to find ways to hold down spending is too little, too late, former Gov. Bill Clements said

a special session of the Legislature to deal with revenue threats brought on by declining oil prices.

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Interviewed during a campaign tour through East Texas, Clements said White should use the governor's

Clements, the first governor this century, w White in 1982. He now

GOP nomination to c in the upcoming elec Rather, he said, White should call Clements charge ministration has been check spending. Although the fied the budget

"That letter is a day late and a dol-lar short," Clements said. "He's lock-

Woman gets 25 years for food stamp fraud

Associated Press

DALLAS — A defense attorney says an appeal is planned in the case of a mother of three sentenced to 25 years and one day in prison for cheating the state out of \$115 in food stamps.

On Wednesday, a state district court jury found Alfredia Dicker-son, of Dallas, guilty of welfare fraud.

Dickerson faced a minimum 25year prison sentence because she was tried as a habitual offender. She has been convicted five times and sent to prison twice for welfare fraud, theft by check and burglary, officials said.

Defense attorney John Stauffer said he would appeal the conviction because the jury was all white. Dickerson, who is black, was not tried by a jury of her peers, he contended.

In a confession taken by her welfare worker, Dickerson said she reported her income at less than she actually was making as a nurse's aide in June 1983 because "at the time, the job was only part-time and I didn't know where I would be working next.

"I knew if I reported my earnings I would lose my welfare benefits,



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