

Immigrant advocates blast new INS political asylum plan

By JOEL WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Local officials welcomed a plan beginning today in which political asylum applicants in southern Texas are subject to immediate arrest and detention if denied refugee status, but immigrant advocates say it means hard times for Central Americans.

Commissioner Alan C. Nelson of the Immigration and Naturalization Service here said asylum adjudication will be sped up to discourage thousands of frivolous asylum applicants he said are undercutting immigration laws.

Local elected officials for months have called on the federal government to relieve the burden placed on their communities to care for the homeless Central Americans and praised the INS plan announced Monday.

The plan, which will take several weeks to phase in, will bring more than 500 federal workers to the Brownsville area to make rapid decisions on asylum-seekers' claims of refugee status. Those who fail to qualify will be immediately detained, Nelson said.

"From the standpoint of the city, I think it will be good in terms of taking people and providing for them in a humanitarian way," said Brownsville Mayor Ygnacio Garza.

Cameron County Judge Tony Garza said the plan "is indicative of a good-faith effort on the part of the INS to address the impact that it's had on the local communities."

And Harlingen Mayor Bill Card, whose city on Feb. 10 evicted the INS from its asylum-processing office over alleged health and safety violations, described the plan as a "good initial first step."

But immigrant advocates decried the plan, and Harlingen immigration attorney Lisa Brodyaga said Salvadoran immigrants and supporters would begin a fast this morning in front of the INS' Port Isabel Service Processing Center, a 315-acre detention facility 15 miles northeast of Brownsville where asylum applications are taken.

Brownsville immigration attorney Linda Yanez said a lengthy appeals process, a shortage of qualified attorneys and clogged immigration court dockets will mean lengthy detention for many under the new procedure.

"I think we're going to see detention in years,"

said Yanez.

Several local churches took part in providing bus tickets for Central Americans faced with leaving the area legally before midnight Monday night, said Mervin Mosbacher Sr. of Church World Service.

The INS today came out from under a judge's restraining order that since Jan. 9 prohibited the agency from restricting travel of asylum-seekers. The adjudication and detention plan announced Monday could not have been implemented with the restraining order in place.

Nelson said he hoped the plan would slow the wave of immigration he said threatened to "empty out" Central America.

"We think people (will) realize in Central America that it's not worth spending your life savings to pay a smuggler to get you into the United States because you will not get to stay and work here if you do not have a legal basis to come," Nelson said.

The INS commissioner said a tent camp might be built for up to 5,000 people at the Port Isabel detention center, if the population continues to accumulate.

At the current rate, the INS estimates that

100,000 Central Americans this year would pass through the Brownsville area, the main entry point for asylum-seekers from that region.

The U.S. government provides political asylum; but the INS maintains that most Central Americans arriving in South Texas do not qualify because they are seeking better economic conditions rather than fleeing political persecution.

Those denied under the new plan will be placed in deportation proceedings, held in INS custody and will appear before immigration judges, where they may resubmit asylum cases.

Previously, Central Americans who were denied asylum were given 30 days to leave the country.

Single adults will be held in INS detention centers, Nelson said. The INS will put family groups and unaccompanied minors under less restrictive custody in facilities operated by the Justice Department's Community Relations Service, where they must report for daily roll calls.

Detention facilities listed in the plan include 1,100 beds at the INS' Port Isabel Service Processing Center, 200 additional detention spaces at the Webb County Detention Facility in Laredo and 200 at the El Paso Service Processing Center.



(AP Laserphoto)

Ginny gives T.C. a big hug.

Youngster happy to see her stolen calf returned

HOUSTON (AP) — A young girl's pet heifer, whose theft just before a livestock show aroused the community, was returned to its owner after investigators tracked the cow down and arrested two suspected rustlers.

"I was jumping up, screaming and standing on my head," 9-year-old Ginny Sherman said Monday, describing her reaction when the white-faced, polled Hereford named T.C. was returned the night before.

"We're never going to sell her. We're going to raise her to show and keep her until she dies," said Ginny, who is showing T.C. at the Houston Livestock Show.

There was an outpouring of concern after the cow disappeared on Valentine's Day from the Future Farmers of America Barn in the Houston suburb of Pearland.

Police offered a \$1,000 reward and at least two Houston radio stations reported a big response after airing stories about Ginny and T.C.

"We had a call about every minute and a half for four hours," said KILT announcer Robert B. McEntire.

Investigators for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, working with law enforcement officers, traced the

heifer to Abilene.

Investigator Doyce Cook said the animal was sold at an auction in Llano, northwest of Austin, and was easily identified because it had tattoos in both ears.

Authorities said two Houston teen-agers were in the custody of juvenile authorities, but have not been charged.

Iran calls its envoys home from Europe

By JEFF DONN
Associated Press Writer

Iran recalled its ambassadors from Common Market countries today, a day after the 12 European countries recalled their envoys from Tehran to protest Ayatollah Khomeini's death decree against novelist Salman Rushdie.

The move was in direct response to the Common Market foreign ministers' decision in Brussels, Belgium, on Monday to recall their ambassadors from Tehran, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Iran's Foreign Ministry said in a communique that Khomeini's week-old order for the death of Rushdie, whom he claims blasphemes Islam with his book *The Satanic Verses*, was a "consensus judgment of all Moslem leaders throughout the world," IRNA said.

The Iranian Embassy in Denmark said the ambassador would be leaving, while those in Portugal, Spain, France, the Netherlands and Belgium said they could not immediately confirm their ambassadors' travel plans.

The travel plans of the Iranian charge d'affaires in London were also not immediately released and Iranian embassies in other European capitals could not be

reached for comment.

In issuing the order, Iran's Foreign Ministry said respect for Islam and its values will remain an inviolable principle in relations between Iran and other countries, IRNA said.

Britain, where the Indian-born Rushdie lives, said Monday that it was pulling out its entire embassy staff out of Tehran. The two countries had only just resumed diplomatic relations in November after a 17-month break.

The Common Market foreign ministers, who met in Brussels, Belgium, also said Monday that they would suspend high-level diplomatic exchanges with Iran.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher of West Germany said the nations might, in addition, limit the movement of Iranian diplomats in Europe.

Today, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported that the Moslem fundamentalist leaders in Tehran want relations with Britain to be cut "as soon as possible."

"British colonialism and the Great Satan (the United States) had played a basic role in insulting the prophet Mohammed," the religious leaders were quoted as saying. IRNA said the leaders issued their statement late Monday.

The statement called Rushdie's novel "slandorous" and asked the world's Moslems to carry out Khomeini's week-old order that the author be killed.

Iranian clerics have put a \$5.2 million bounty on the author's head. Rushdie is reportedly in hiding under police guard.

Many Moslems say *The Satanic Verses* portrays the prophet Mohammed's wives as prostitutes and suggests that he — rather than God — wrote the Koran, Islam's holy book.

The novel has been banned in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Iran, India, Egypt and South Africa. Publishers in France, West Germany, Greece and Turkey have canceled plans to publish it and it has been pulled from bookstore shelves in Japan. Many U.S. bookstores have also removed the novel from display.

The novel has also prompted Moslem protests around the world. In Pakistan and India earlier this month, seven people were killed in protests against it.

On Monday, Iranian leaders met at Khomeini's home to reaffirm the execution order and Iranian television showed the fundamentalist patriarch sitting impassively on a balcony above a crowd of several hundred men who waved clenched fists and chanted "Death to America!"

and "Long Live Khomeini!"

At Monday's Common Market meeting, Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe of Britain called Khomeini's death threat against Rushdie and his publishers "unwarranted interference" in Britain's internal affairs.

He left open the possibility of expelling Iran's lone diplomat in London and warned of an "even more serious response" if Rushdie is killed.

The United States and Iran severed diplomatic ties when the fundamentalists came to power in Tehran a decade ago, and Washington has called Khomeini's death threat intolerable.

After Khomeini issued the threat, Iran's moderate president, Ali Khamenei, said an apology from Rushdie might lead to a pardon.

The 41-year-old writer, who was born into a Moslem family in India, apologized Saturday for any distress his book has caused Moslems.

But Khomeini rejected the apology. Neither he nor IRNA made any mention of Khomeini's ideas on the issue, suggesting a split in Iranian leadership.

"There plainly is confusion among the Iran authorities," Howe said in Brussels on Monday.

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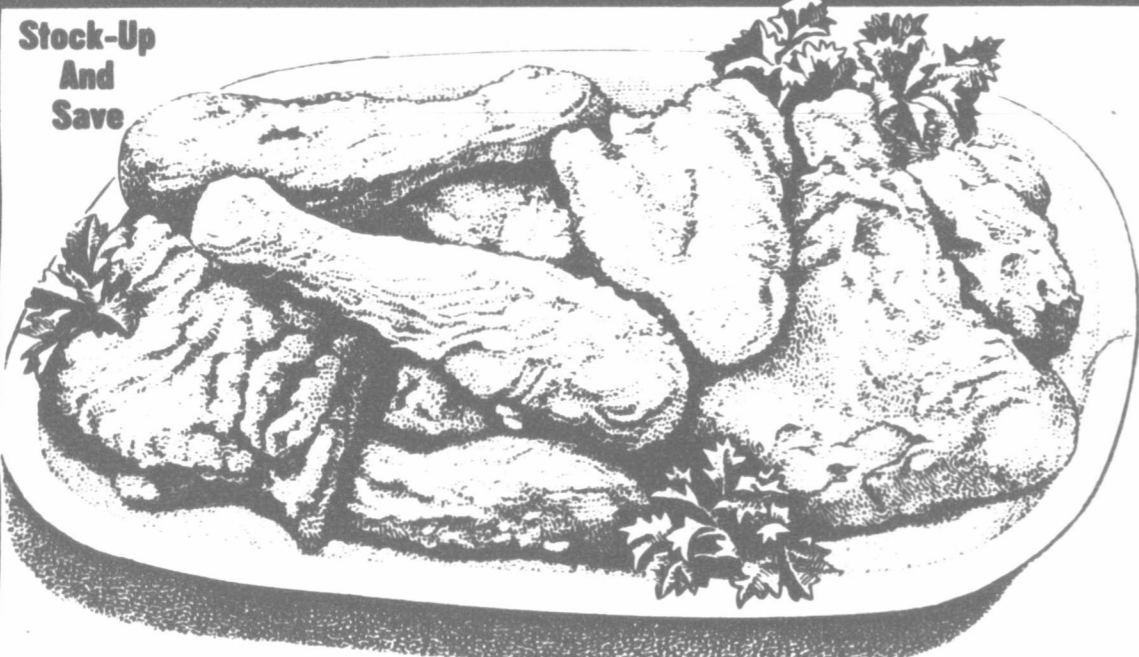
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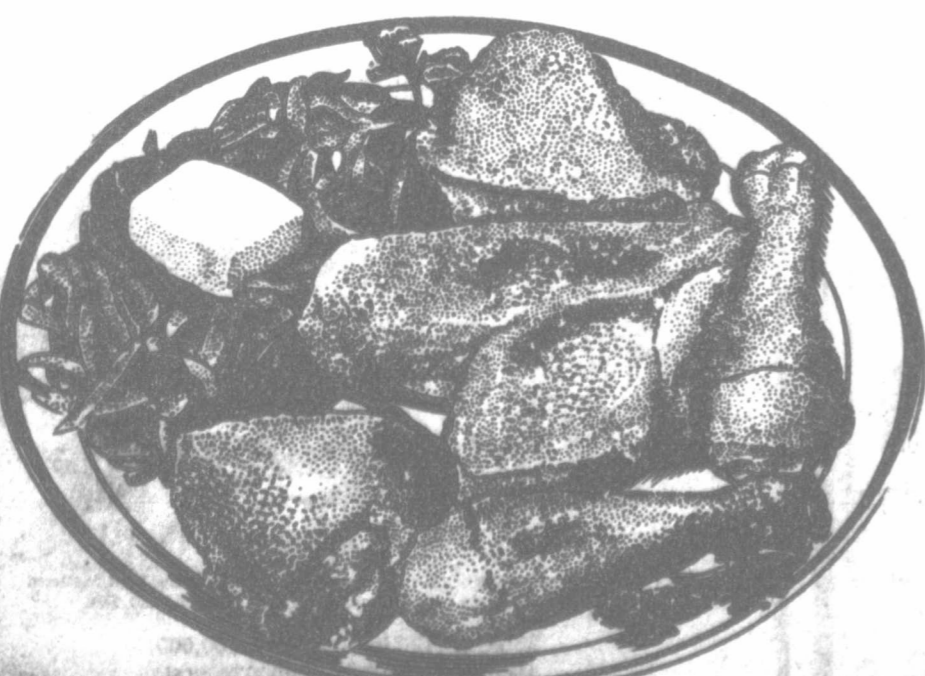
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Today's Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 _____ Brute
- 5 Aggregate
- 8 Miss Kett of the comics
- 12 Protection
- 13 As far as _____ know
- 14 Cupid musicians
- 15 Split
- 16 Fleur de _____
- 17 Fashionable beach resort
- 18 Work places
- 20 Make fun of _____
- 21 _____ de plume
- 22 _____ Paulo
- 23 Person of prominence
- 26 Be more vocal than _____
- 30 Tel _____
- 31 Small sword
- 32 Close relative
- 33 _____ Francisco
- 34 _____ War (1899-1902)
- 35 Alleviate
- 36 Loser
- 38 Mental slip
- 39 Crime
- 40 Rested in chair
- 41 Slow (mus.)
- 44 Geometrical figure
- 48 Pertaining to an age
- 49 Shinto temple
- 50 Skeleton part
- 51 Diminutive suffix
- 52 Actor Alastair _____
- 53 Oodles
- 54 Fortuneteller
- 55 Upper surface
- 56 Adam's grandson

DOWN

- 1 Architect _____ Saanen
- 2 Weekend welcoming abbr.

ACROSS

- 3 Slight quarrel
- 4 Actor Peter _____
- 5 _____
- 6 City in Oregon
- 6 Information agcy.
- 7 Wrong (pref.)
- 8 Fish trap
- 9 Three musicians
- 10 Comotom
- 11 From (2 wds.)
- 19 Male swan
- 20 Fill
- 22 Plaintiff
- 23 Space agcy.
- 24 Relating to grandparents
- 25 Hoppers
- 26 Frank
- 27 Pronto (abbr.)
- 28 Accounting term
- 29 _____ bend
- 31 Pertaining to dawn
- 34 Vivacity
- 35 Edible

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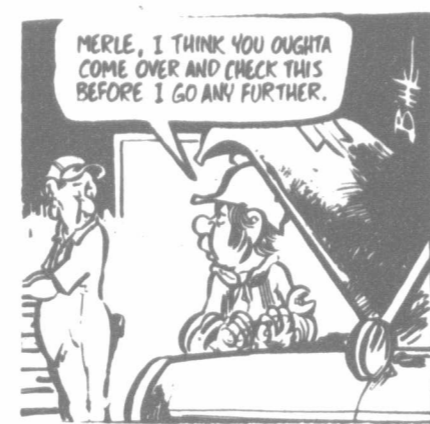
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- 37 Groom
- 38 Map abbreviation
- 40 Rogue
- 41 Dregs
- 42 Art deco illustrator
- 43 Short for Nathan
- 44 Buckeye State
- 45 Continue (2 wds.)
- 46 Aware of (2 wds.)
- 47 Loch _____ monster
- 49 Swift aircraft (abbr.)

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Astro-Graph

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In the year ahead you should experience a noticeable improvement in both your material and social circumstances. It might be the type of year for which you've been hoping.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Important strides can be made at this time if you center your efforts on the advancement of a new interest with promising potential that has captivated you. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Regardless of how you try to avoid it, the focus will be on you today. Don't get stage fright, because the audience will be packed full of friends and admirers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Ideas, issues or positions in which you truly believe will also find favor with others today, even though they might not understand them as well as you do. Your endorsement makes the difference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Sudden developments could change a critical career situation today from something negative into something positive. However, you might have to move fast to capitalize on the new shift.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In negotiating agreements today you can enhance your position by showing a willingness to compromise. Mutual concessions could result if you are sharing rather than demanding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There's a possibility you might take it upon yourself today to champion a lost cause that others feel is a dead issue. Under your guidance it can be revitalized and brought back to life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Members of the opposite gender may find you even more appealing than usual today. In fact, someone you thought never noticed you might be among your bevy of admirers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There should be a vast improvement concerning the final results of a dubious matter. Luck and chance are two factors that will come into play.

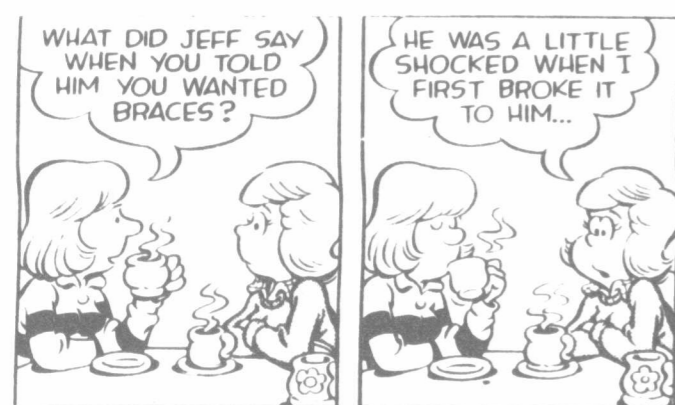
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your warmth and sincerity, coupled with your natural charm, are your most valuable assets today. When you put them into play, it could cause even the hardest hearts to melt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Often it's necessary to prime the pump in order to start the water flowing. Your possibilities for gains today could be greatly enhanced if you're willing to spend a little in hopes of making more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Welcome and appreciate that which is new in your life now, because it's the bellwether of things to come. Trends are turning in a direction that should upgrade your expectations and hopes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) People with whom you'll have financial involvements today will appreciate the way you handle matters. This mutual trust will have a positive influence on your arrangements.

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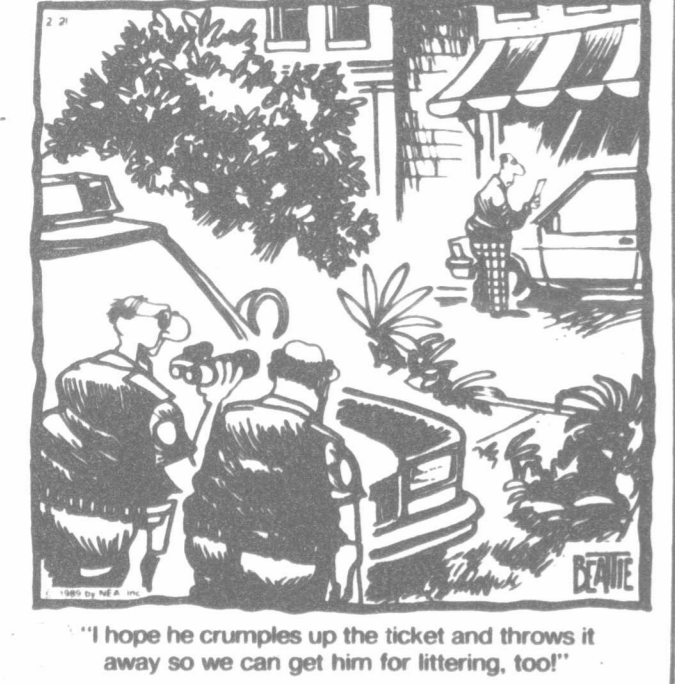
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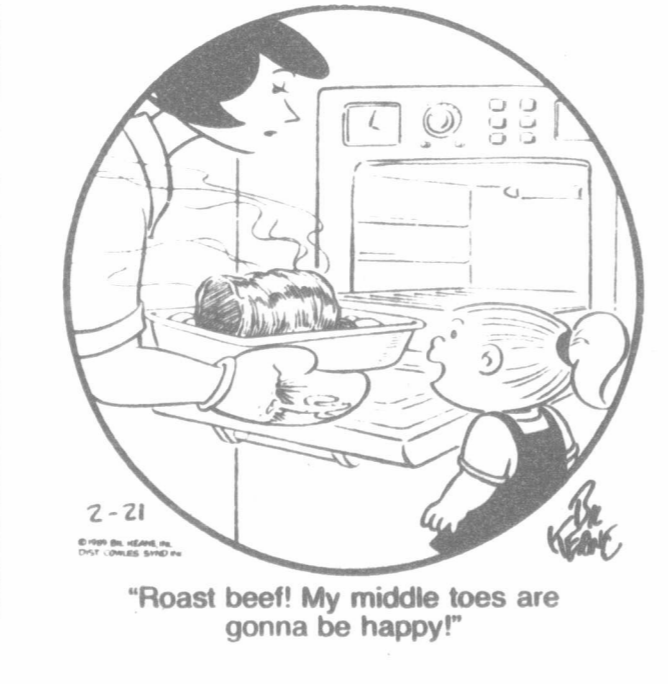
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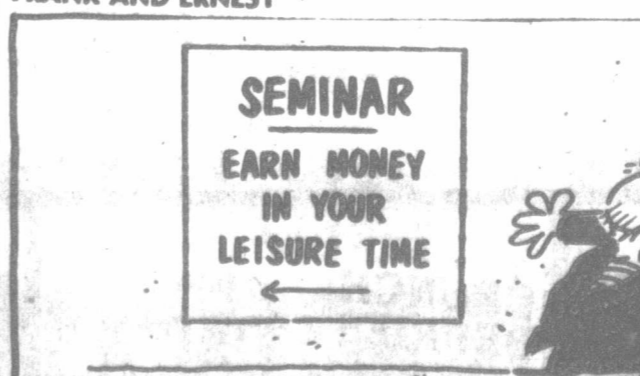
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Sports

Auburn tops women's poll

By The Associated Press

Unbeaten Auburn, 23-0, made it seven straight weeks as the No. 1 team in the nation today in the latest The Associated Press women's basketball poll. It was also the sixth straight time the Tigers were the unanimous choice of a nationwide panel of 63 women's coaches.

Auburn collected all 1,260 points from the voters.

Tennessee, which held the No. 1 spot the first seven weeks of the season before losing to the Tigers, exchanged places with Louisiana Tech and moved back up a step to the No. 2 position with 1,192 points. The Vols, 25-2, beat the Techsters 72-65 at Ruston, La., last week and routed visiting Notre Dame 98-43 Monday night.

Louisiana Tech, 23-3, dropped to third with 1,113 points. Stanford, 20-2 and 12-0 in the Pac-10, remained fourth with 1,065 points.

No. 5 Georgia and No. 6 Maryland held their spots but the Terrapins moved a little closer in the voting. The Lady Bulldogs, 21-3, received 997 points, while Maryland received 976.

The Terrapins continued their domination of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Monday night with an 88-63 win over visiting Clemson to improve to 22-2 overall and 12-1 in the league.

Iowa, 21-3, which will try to end Ohio State's 60-game Big 10 home-court winning streak tonight, remained seventh with 870 points.

Texas, 19-4, which continues to rule the Southwest Conference, held eighth with 816 points. The Longhorns host Old Dominion tonight in a non-conference game.

Long Beach State held ninth with 775 points. The 49ers took the regular season Big West Conference title Monday night by defeating No. 17 Nevada-Las Vegas 91-77 at home. The Rebels fell to 20-5.

Another ranked team in the Big West, No. 16 San Diego State, was upset by visiting Fullerton State 71-65 at home Monday night to drop to 21-4.

Harvesters will be visiting team

Tickets will be available at the door when Pampa meets Andrews Friday night in the Class 4A basketball playoffs.

The game tips off at 8 p.m. in the Lubbock Coronado High School gym.

"That gym seats 4,000 people so there won't be any problem getting in. It's a great gym and a great atmosphere to play in," said Pampa coach Robert Hale.

Pampa has been designated as the visiting team and will be wearing white uniforms.

Swimmers qualify for 4A regionals

Pampa High swimmers have qualified for the Class 4A Regionals March 3 in Lubbock.

Pampa team members qualified for regionals last weekend at the district meet held in Amarillo.

Pampa girls placed second with 69 points in the team standings. Pampa boys were fifth with 26 points.

Amarillo High captured both team titles.

The top six in each event advanced to regionals.

In the girls' division, Richelle Hill won the 100 backstroke (1:08.55) and anchored Pampa's winning 400-meter relay team, also consisting of Michelle Scott, Pam Morrow and Jennifer Hinkle. Hill also qualified by placing second in the 200 IM.

In the boys division, Pampa's Logan Hudson won the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:08.21.

Other Pampa qualifiers are as follows:

Girls Division
 Pam Morrow, second, 200 freestyle; second, 100 butterfly; Rhea Hill, fourth, 200 freestyle; third, 500 freestyle; Lisa Defever, sixth, 200 freestyle; fourth, 100 butterfly; Jennifer Hinkle, third, 50 freestyle; Michelle Scott, fourth, 50 freestyle; third, 100 freestyle; 200 medley relay, fifth.

Boys Division
 Zach Pope, third, 100 butterfly; Mitchell Haynes, fourth, 200 freestyle; 200 medley relay, third.

Memphis State holds off Louisville

College basketball

By The Associated Press

Even good teams get off to bad starts. But what happened to No. 8 Louisville was beyond belief.

Memphis State raced to a 24-0 lead, brought out the boo-birds at Freedom Hall and beat the Cardinals 72-67 Monday night.

"I don't think I've ever had a team come out and get more than 10 or 12 points behind in 29 years of coaching," Louisville Coach Denny Crum said.

Louisville was shut out for more than seven minutes. By the time Pervis Ellison scored, the 19,267 fans were booing.

"They hit everything they threw up and we buried ourselves in a hole," Crum said. "The first four minutes of the game were a joke."

In other games, No. 9 Duke trounced Georgia Tech 91-66, No. 10 Illinois beat Purdue 102-75, No. 16 Stanford stopped Southern California 68-52, No. 17 North Carolina defeated North Carolina-Asheville 90-75 and No. 18 Nevada-Las Vegas downed Long Beach State 104-74.

Memphis State made 10 of its first 13 shots while Louisville missed its first nine.

"I've never been in a situation like that. I'm just glad it happened to us," said Elliott Perry, who scored 25 points for the Tigers.

The Cardinals certainly had never seen it happen to them.

"All of a sudden we looked up and it was 24-0 and I thought, 'What the hell is going on?'" reserve center Felton Spencer said.

The Cardinals whittled their deficit to 41-30 at halftime and closed to 66-64 on Ellison's basket with 2:18 left.

Perry made six straight foul shots in the

final 1:05 to give Memphis State its sixth consecutive victory.

Memphis State is 20-8 and 7-3 in the Metro.

Ellison scored 23 points for Louisville, 18-6 and 7-2.

No. 9 Duke 91, Georgia Tech 66
 Danny Ferry scored 26 points and Duke overwhelmed undermanned Georgia Tech for its sixth straight victory.

The visiting Yellow Jackets played without leading scorer Tom Hammonds, who is injured, and Anthony Sherrod, who is suspended. That left Georgia Tech with just nine players.

Duke raced to a 45-19 lead late in the first half and coasted the rest of the way. The Blue Devils are 20-4 and 7-4 in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Dennis Scott scored 26 points for Georgia Tech, 17-9 and 6-5.

No. 10 Illinois 102, Purdue 75

Nick Anderson and Marcus Liberty each scored 21 points and Illinois ran off 21 straight points in sending Purdue to its worst loss this season.

The host Illini led 16-15 with 12 minutes left in the first half and quickly made it 37-15.

Kenny Battle added 20 for Illinois, 22-4 and 9-4 in the Big Ten. Tony Jones scored 20 for the Boilermakers, 11-15 and 4-9.

No. 16 Stanford 68, Southern California 52
 Stanford held Southern Cal without a field goal for more than 10 minutes in the second half during a 19-11 burst that led the Cardinal to its sixth straight victory.

Howard Wright scored 20 points and Todd Lichti had 16 as Stanford beat the host Trojans for the 10th consecutive time. The Cardinal is 21-5 and 12-3 in the Pacific 10.

Southern Cal led 43-42 early in the second before Stanford went ahead.

Rangers open training



Texas Rangers' Jim Sundberg (left) and Bobby Meacham get ready for their first day of spring training camp Monday at Port Charlotte, Fla. The Rangers open the 1989 season April 10 at Milwaukee.

Softball umpires set meeting

The Pampa Softball Umpires Association has set Monday, March 6 for its organizational meeting for the upcoming season.

Both new and old members are encouraged to attend to receive critical information.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the second floor court room of the Gray County Court House.

Additional dates for the rules and mechanics clinics, along with early tournaments, will be announced at the meeting.

Other information available pertains to new uniform requirements, yearly dues, and charitable donations that will be made off proceeds from the 1989 spring and fall softball seasons.

For more information, contact Scott Hahn at 669-8009 (daytime) or 669-2380 (evenings).

Soccer signups slated Friday

The Pampa Soccer Association will have spring soccer registration Friday (5-9 p.m.) and Saturday (10-6 p.m.) at the Pampa Mall.

Only new players need to register. Youngsters who played last fall need not register. Anyone wanting to register must bring their birth certificate and social security number.

Registration fee is \$20 per player.

Age groups include Under 6, Under 8, Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14.

Teams begin practicing March 1 and the season will start March 18 with games on that day.

For more information, call 665-8382.

Missing uniforms

The Pampa Optimist Club is trying to find missing baseball equipment and uniforms.

Optimist member Gerrel Owens said over \$20,000 in equipment and uniforms have turned up missing over the past six years.

"We need to get these things back," Owens said.

Owens said most of the time people put the items in the back of their closet after the baseball season is over and forget to return them.

Owens would like to see the items returned before baseball season starts this spring. He said different teams have had to wear the same uniforms because of there's not enough to go around.

If you have information on missing equipment or uniforms, contact Owens at 665-2220.

Hershiser ready to concentrate on baseball

By The Associated Press

With his financial business finished, Orel Hershiser got back to his main business.

"I enjoyed getting out there again," Hershiser said Monday after arriving at the Los Angeles Dodgers' camp in Vero Beach, Fla. "I'm glad to be back to baseball."

Hershiser, who agreed to a three-year, \$7.9 million contract last week, went right to work and took part in team drills.

The National League Cy Young winner said he doesn't think his highly publicized contract negotiations will affect how he pitches this year or how he is perceived by fans.

"I don't feel like there's an image problem," he said. "I don't feel like there was any greed involved. You just do the best you can. You're only worth as much as the club will pay you."

Hershiser, 23-8 last season and the World Series Most Valuable Player, will be the highest-paid

player this year.

Camp News
 Tony Gwynn says he still isn't completely comfortable in center field, but intends to stay there for the San Diego Padres. Gwynn, a former Gold Glove winner in right field, moved to center for the final two months last season.

"My confidence level is not where it should be right now but hopefully it will be by opening day," Gwynn said. "I'm going to play it and I'm going to be a lot better at it than most people think I will. But until I believe that myself, it could be a comedy of errors out there early."

The St. Louis Cardinals have hired a tutor to teach Vince Coleman and rookie Alex Cole how to bunt and get bigger leads off third base. The Cardinals want them to get the most out of their speed.

Cal Ripken Sr. is back with the Baltimore Orioles, the team that fired him as manager last season.

Ripken has returned as third base coach and training camp

coordinator for Frank Robinson, the man who replaced him last April. The Orioles dismissed Ripken after opening the season with six straight losses, then dropped 15 more games under Robinson to set an American League record.

"I certainly wasn't looking to be fired after six games," Ripken said. "I was unhappy about it — there wasn't any question."

Financial Doings
 David Cone and the New York Mets are still trying to settle on a new contract. Cone, who went 20-3 despite not being in the starting rotation all season, is looking for about \$500,000 while the Mets are offering around \$400,000.

Cone, unlike reliever Randy Myers, has decided to come to camp without a contract.

"This is the place to be," he said. "I think we can work things out but I don't want to fall behind while it's being done."

Cone also had a team-low 2.22 earned-run average and led the Mets with 213 strikeouts.

"It was my first full season as a starter in the majors and I have to establish myself again in order to be in the same level as the Goodens and Clemens," Cone said.

Pitchers Greg Mathews and Scott Terry of St. Louis agreed to one-year contracts Monday.

Mathews, plagued by shoulder problems, was 4-6 with a 4.24 earned run average. He underwent arthroscopic surgery in June and returned two months later.

Terry was 9-6 with a 2.92 ERA. He moved from St. Louis' bullpen to the team's starting rotation in mid-August and won seven straight starts after 40 relief appearances.

Bert Blyleven agreed to a one-year contract with the California Angels. There also is an option for 1990. No other terms were disclosed, although Blyleven had long been expected to sign for the same \$1 million.

Pampa whips Lubbock High in baseball scrimmage

The Pampa Harvesters had an impressive outing in their first baseball scrimmage Monday, walloping Lubbock High 10-1.

"I feel like we're right on course. We've got kids who have a real good attitude and willingness to work.

I couldn't ask for better kids to work with," said Pampa coach Rod Porter.

Porter got a good look at his mound corps and four Pampa pitchers, Kurt Brashears, Brandon Kintson, Ricky Sewell and James Bybee, combined to limit Lubbock High to three hits.

"Bybee and Sewell really

pleased me with the way they pitched. The only problem we had was giving up too many walks," Porter said.

Bybee, a mainstay last season, pitched two innings and gave up two hits while striking out three and walking one. Sewell didn't give up a hit in the one inning he pitched. He struck out two and issued one walk.

Brashears was Pampa's top hitter, going three for three with two doubles and four RBI. Barry Coffee had a single and double, knocking in two runs while Mike Cagle had a double and two RBI. Mark Aderholt had a double and

single.

"We should have scored more runs than we did, but we had some problems with baserunning and executing some plays offensively," Porter said. "But that's what scrimmages are for, to iron out your mistakes."

The Harvesters also came up with some outstanding defensive plays, especially from second baseman Mike Woelfle.

"Woelfle was one of our most pleasant surprises. He really didn't know what he was capable of," Porter said.

Porter said first baseman Mike Cagle did a good job of directing

the infield. Infielder Mark Aderholt and catcher Matt Brock also cut down a runner at home plate on a double steal attempt.

The Harvesters are scheduled to scrimmage Caprock at 4 p.m. Friday in Amarillo.

"I feel like we're in a good situation right now," Porter said. "By Friday, we should be able to formulate a starting lineup and we've got 12 or 13 players who are capable of starting. We'll also also pick up some players from the basketball team."

The Harvesters host Amarillo High in the season opener at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

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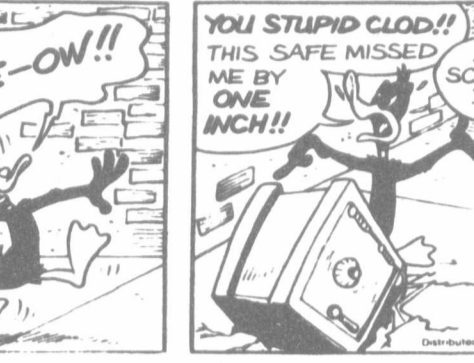
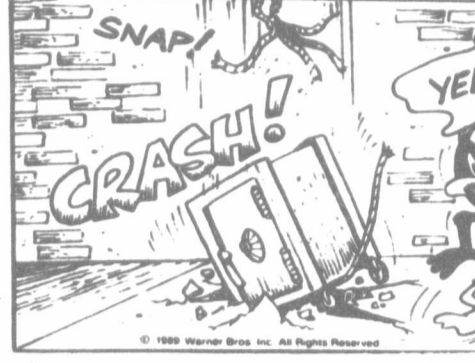
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Coalition says Texas needs tighter pesticide regulations

AUSTIN (AP) — Quick action by the Legislature is needed in the face of congressional failure to regulate increasing pesticide use, says a coalition of environmental and consumer groups.

Public Citizen, Consumers Union, the Sierra Club and the Texas Center for Policy Studies said Monday that federal action hasn't kept pace with pesticide use.

"The Texas Legislature will have to step in where the feds have failed and take action to protect its citizens," said Tom Smith of Public Citizen.

"The system established by the government to test pesticides to assure they are safe to use has failed, as has the process designed to remove especially dangerous pesticides from the market," Smith added.

John Hildreth of Consumers Union said the federal Environmental Protection Agency has been slow to follow a 17-year-old mandate.

"Seventeen years ago, the Environmental Protection Agency was directed to evaluate the health effects of the pesticides existing on the market without adequate tests. Today, more than half of those pesticides remain essentially untested, and several pesticides that have been proven to present significant health risks remain on the market," he said.

Ken Kramer, director of the Texas chapter of the Sierra Club, said that Texas doesn't keep accurate records of pesticide use.

California does, however, and Kramer said more than 90 million pounds of pesticides were used there in 1982.

"And Texas has a larger number of acres of agricultural land being treated with pesticides than California does, but not as large a population. Thus, pesticide use in Texas is massive," he said.

Hildreth noted that residential

pesticide use is increasing with more homeowners purchasing professional extermination and lawn care services, saying the problem affects more than just rural residents.

"Consumers in cities and suburbs use five times more pesticides per acre than farmers, and residential use is increasing rapidly," he said.

Smith said that Congress' failure means the Legislature should "take action to assure the products we all use are safe."

The groups called on lawmakers to:

■ Require that a pesticide be proven safe before it could be used.

■ Approve a Texas Department of Agriculture continuation bill to strengthen the pesticide regulation program.

White House pleads for Tower confirmation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration says John Tower should be confirmed as secretary of defense without delay now that a much-awaited FBI report on his personal life and business associations has been provided to Senate leaders.

"It was very exhaustive; interviews with anybody and everybody," press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said of a 140-page report delivered to the White House on Monday and quickly hand-carried to Capitol Hill by the president's top lawyer.

"It did not corroborate the personal charges against the (former) senator, nor did it show any problems with illegal campaign contributions," said Fitzwater.

Returning from a three-day weekend at the Camp David, Md., mountaintop retreat, President Bush signaled pleasure with the findings, giving a thumbs-up signal but declining comment.

Bush had White House counsel C. Boyden Gray take the report to Capitol Hill.

Fitzwater said the report "shows no reason why" the Tower nomination should

be thwarted by the Senate and said Bush "urges that Senator Tower be confirmed as soon as possible."

At the Capitol, Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, seemed reticent to discuss the latest development in the troubled Tower confirmation process.

Just before going into a closed-door meeting with Gray, Nunn was asked whether the White House statements made him feel pressure to move quickly to a committee vote.

"The only pressure I feel ... (is) to get the facts before making this decision," he replied. However, while awaiting the report, Nunn had also said, "We're not going to hold up a vote in the committee any longer."

He and Sen. John Warner of Virginia, ranking Republican on the panel, indicated that if new questions arise later, they could be dealt with later in the confirmation process.

Although they did not elaborate on a specific timetable in brief remarks to reporters

on Monday, Nunn and Warner had indicated previously that the committee might vote on the nomination by the end of the week if the FBI report was received early in the week.

Tower's nomination has been stalled by numerous allegations of excessive drinking and womanizing. Many senators also expressed concerns about their former colleague's close ties to defense contractors.

Meanwhile, staff members of Nunn's committee met Monday with Berne Indahl, a State Department security officer. Indahl had been sent to Geneva in 1986 to investigate allegations of security breaches in the U.S. delegation to missile talks with the Soviet Union while Tower was a member of the contingent, said congressional sources who requested anonymity.

On Sunday, Indahl had spoken to investigators of a House subcommittee about a separate inquiry that had turned up allegations against Tower. At that meeting, the sources said, Indahl corroborated a report that Tower, while in Geneva, had used his secretaries as mistresses.

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