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Spring Board

How's that? Political Poles

Q. Is there a city or state law forbidding politicians from putting their placards on utility poles?

A. Yes, it's a misdemeanor offense if the politician doesn't get the consent of the utility company. Section 13-61 of the city code states that the "printing, pasting, sticking or placing of any advertisement, handbill, or placard of any printed, pictured, or written matter upon any house, wall, building, pole, fence, or other property, private or public, without the permission of the owner or person in charge, shall constitute a misdemeanor."

Calendar: Slow-pitch

TODAY

● Malone and Hogan Clinic will sponsor a free blood pressure screening from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is open to the public.

● An organization meeting for persons interested in slow-pitch softball will be at 6:30 p.m. at Big Spring Athletic.

WEDNESDAY

● The Spring City Dance Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the Eagle's Lodge.

● Another in a series of a continuing medical education programs, "Thrombo-embolic Disease," will be presented by Dr. R.K. Reddy at 12:30 p.m. in the classroom on the first floor at Malone and Hogan Hospital.

THURSDAY

● The Retired Senior Volunteer Program will conduct an orientation for new RSVP members at 10:30 a.m. in the Senior Center, Building 487, in the Industrial Park.

● The Kiwanis Club will host their annual pancake supper at the Howard College cafeteria from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tops on TV: Real Gems

Laura Holt and Remington Steele find the jewels they are transporting have been switched for fakes on "Remington Steele" on Channel 13 at 9 p.m. Elizabeth Montgomery stars in "Second Sight: A Love Story," about a blind woman, on Channel 7 at 8 p.m. And Channel 2 runs Super Tuesday primary coverage beginning at 10:30 p.m.

At the movies: Silkwood

Meryl Streep stars in "Silkwood" at the Cinema. Also at the Cinema is "Hot Dog." "Against All Odds" moves to the R/70. At the Ritz, look for "Lassiter" with Tom Selleck and "Pete's Dragon." Check movie listings for times.

Outside: Warmer

Today should see fair skies and highs in the low 80s with northeasterly winds, 5 to 15 miles per hour. By tonight, look for lows in the mid-40s.

Off the wall: Love story

DETROIT (AP) — When Callie Casey spied a young man at the Friendship Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., 80 years ago, she had the feeling it might be the start of something big.

It was. Eighty years and 601 descendants later, she and her husband Lewis are celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary.

The couple reared five sons and five daughters, who now range in age from 54 to 73. Seven of those living in Detroit, along with five generations of relatives, were on hand for the anniversary celebration at a son's home Saturday.

NAACP hosts 18 candidates in local forum

By RICK BROWN
Staff Writer

Lively discussion characterized a political forum of candidates for local offices held last night by the Big Spring chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

An audience of more than 60, most of them NAACP members, filled the Chamber of Commerce conference room to overflowing as 18 candidates in both city and county races offered their platforms.

The presentation of one speaker, Clayton McKinney, candidate for County Commissioner from Precinct 3, turned to lively debate when Louis Brown, incumbent candidate for County Commissioner from Precinct 1, took issue with McKinney's statement that the commissioners were doing a part-time job on a full-time salary.

"I'm the only minority elected in this county and I represent these people day and night," Brown called from the back of the conference room after McKinney said he would support a cut in the \$23,364 paid to each commissioner yearly in salaries and driving allowances.

Brown earlier said that during his term of office he has spoken out against a proposed nuclear waste dump in Howard County and that he has been instrumental in improving rural fire protection.

Brown also pointed out that he and other commissioners have brought the county tax rate down.

Raymond Stallings, Brown's opponent in the Precinct 1 race, said he would like to "make a better community for each and every one," and that he would like to have input toward that end.

Other than McKinney, two candidates in the Precinct 3 race spoke before the NAACP forum.

Garner Thixton said he would work to improve reaction time for rural fire calls and decrease the amount of trash "on our streets, on our lots and on our roads."

Travis Brackeen exhorted the assembly to express their opinions by voting. "The ones that gripe the most are the ones who never do vote in the first place," Brackeen said to calls of "amen" from the audience.

Six other candidates in the Precinct 3 County Commissioner race did not appear at the forum.

Local NAACP president Dock Voorhies said that he had been able to invite almost all local candidates in the various races to the forum, which is the first such gathering sponsored by the group. Its purpose was to "start a dialogue between the candidates, NAACP members and the general public," he said.

In addition to candidates running in the Precinct 1 and 3 commissioners races, those attending also heard from candidates for Big Spring school board Place 1, the Howard College Junior College District, county tax assessor, justice of the peace Precinct 1 and Big Spring city council Districts 1 and 3.

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PRISON POINTS — Discussing policy at the Big Spring Prison Camp yesterday were (from left) J.D. Williams, regional director of the federal Prison Bureau; U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford; Norman Carlson, director of the Prison Bureau; and camp Superintendent John Allman.

Bank victims say BB gun scared them

By KEELY COGHLAN
Staff Writer

Coahoma State Bank officials testified today they were frightened by a BB gun carried by an accused bank robber in the 118th District Court trial of Alonzo Orosco Armendariz.

Bank president Johnny Justiss, who testified the weapon was placed against his chest and neck, told jurors in 118th District Court he did not become less fearful when he found out what kind of gun it was.

"I know about pellet guns," he said. "The only thing that relieved me was that I knew

that it was a single-shot (gun)," Justiss said.

Another bank official, John Ezell, told jurors Armendariz came to the rear door of the bank the morning of Aug. 5, 1983, and asked if he could use the phone because his pickup had broken down.

When Ezell opened the door, Armendariz pointed the gun, Ezell said.

"He asked me if I understood what that (the gun) was," Ezell said. "I understood that he wanted in, that he had some motive for entering the bank, and that he had a gun," he said. Ezell later testified that Armendariz said he

would "blow our brains out" if bank employees answered the phones after they began ringing in response to a silent alarm Ezell had set off.

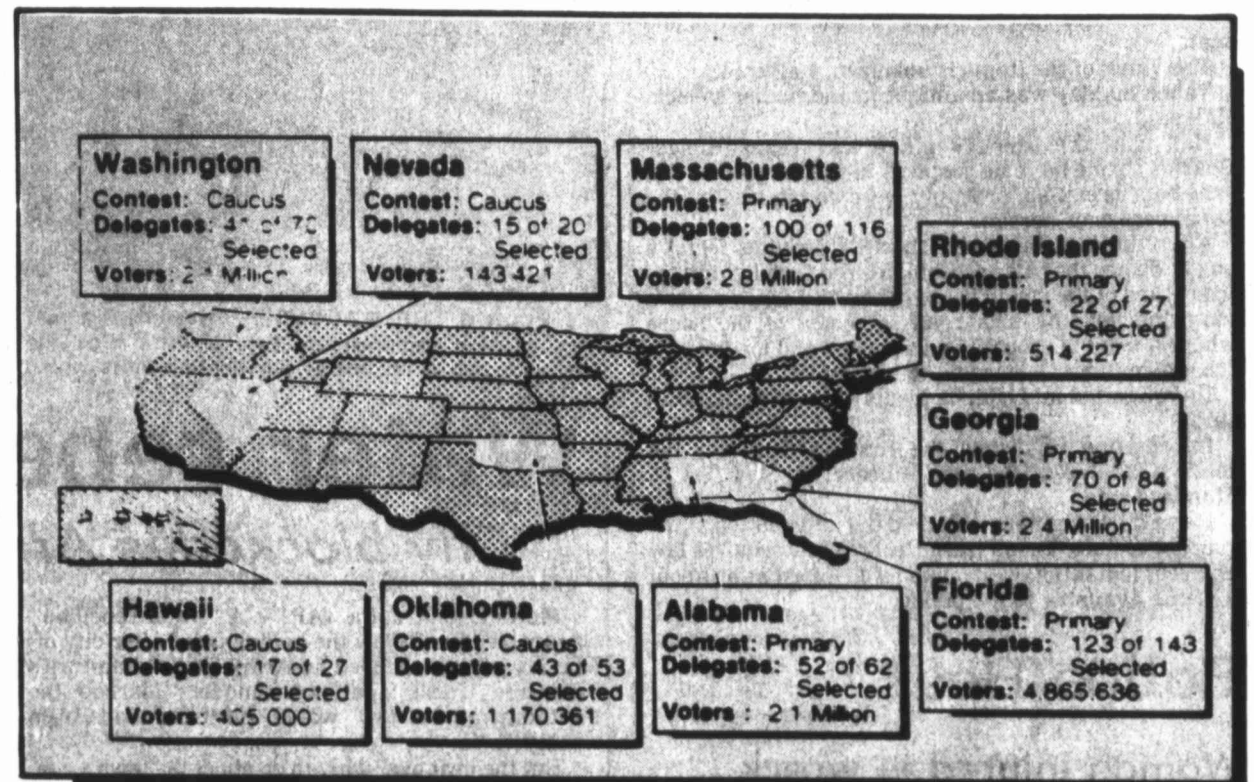
At issue in the trial is whether the BB gun Armendariz carried is considered a deadly weapon.

District Atty. Rick Hamby, who is prosecuting the case, concentrated his questioning to show that bank officials and law enforcement officers were either unaware the weapon was a BB gun or they remained frightened even after they found out.

The defendant's attorney, Richard Abalos of Odessa, is trying to have the aggravated robbery charge, a first-degree felony, reduced to a lesser charge. A first-degree felony carries a maximum penalty of 5 to 99 years in prison. A second-degree felony carries a penalty of 2 to 20 years and a maximum fine of \$10,000. Probation can be granted if a person is sentenced to no more than 10 years.

Abalos has tried to paint a picture of Armendariz as apologetic and concerned for his hostages' welfare when he locked them in a bank vault.

Super Tuesday



It's a must win today for Mondale in South

By The Associated Press

Walter Mondale, needing a "Super Tuesday" victory to sustain his candidacy, made a final pitch for Southern votes today while Gary Hart kept up his barrage of television ads as the Democratic presidential contenders arrived at a nine-states crossroads.

"It feels good, but I don't know," Mondale said in Atlanta.

Voters in the South and New England faced snow or rain as polling opened. The conditions didn't keep the candidates off the streets. First John Glenn, and then Mondale, greeted soggy commuters at a downtown Atlanta depot.

The elections in five states and caucuses in four more were pivotal for Mondale in his effort to blunt Hart's winning streak. Sen. Glenn, deep in debt, sought survival with an unexpected victory in Alabama. Former Sen. George McGovern was also on the ropes: he said he'd quit if he finished lower than second in Massachusetts.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, the fifth major Democratic candidate, was relying on a heavy black vote in Alabama to invigorate his effort.

On the eve of the voting, polls indicated a mixed bag: Hart, the second-term Colorado senator, led in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and Mondale led comfortably in Alabama. But Georgia looked very close and so did Florida.

At stake today are 511 delegates, more than one-fourth the number needed to secure the nomination at the Democratic National Convention this summer.

The South was the real battleground, a region where Hart had not been strong until his stunning victories in New England over the past two weeks, and where Mondale's superior organization had once made him the

favorite.

"I think we are going to do well in these three states," Hart said Monday after seven stops in Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

"I'm fighting back and I'm making my stand in Alabama, Georgia and Florida," said Mondale, who traveled 1,700 miles crisscrossing those three states Monday.

Besides the primaries, caucuses are being held today in Washington state, Nevada, Hawaii and Oklahoma. In addition, American Samoa is holding its caucuses and the Democrats abroad are counting the results of their mail-in primary.

Mondale badly needs a victory today to revive his presidential campaign, which hasn't had a win since the caucuses in Iowa on Feb. 20. Since then, Hart has scored a clean sweep of New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont and Wyoming.

Hart invested heavily, both time and money, in the South in the hope of showing his New England victories, as he said, "were not a fluke."

Hart returned to Washington late Monday night and planned no appearances today. But his campaign continued on television, with commercials stressing his "new ideas" theme. Aides said his campaign was spending \$550,000 on TV ads in the southern states.

Mondale, who confidently left New Hampshire two days before the voting, remained in Atlanta overnight and planned to be up early to greet subway commuters before heading to Washington and Philadelphia.

He also made heavy use of television commercials, with spots stressing his experience and familiarity with the South. Some also attacked Hart.

Glenn also concentrated on the South, offering

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Stenholm learns 'system' from visit to prison camp

By JIM BROWN
Staff Writer

Congressman Charles Stenholm took a lesson in the "federal prison system, its role in the 17th Congressional district and prison cost structure" from visits to the Big Spring federal prison camp, he said Monday.

The Democrat from Stamford came away from the fact-finding sessions convinced of the value of the prison camp and impressed by its operation in the community, he said. Stenholm's visit was prompted by the pending retirement of warden John Allman and concern for a smooth transition to new administration.

Norman Carlson of Washington, D.C., director of the Federal Prison Bureau who accompanied Stenholm, said during a news conference that a facility similar to the one in Big Spring had recently opened in Duluth, Minn. Duluth city fathers were not optimistic about locating the prison there until after talks with Big Spring civic leaders, he said.

"Like nuclear dumps, federal prisons are often considered to be 'community black eyes' and it's really great to see such cooperation and support from the community for this facility," Carlson said.

"The Big Spring facility has proven to be a most cost-efficient operation; we've just added seven new staff members and will soon increase the prison population," he said.

Allman said the camp was designed to hold 500 inmates but currently housed only 352.

Carlson assured the city that the open design of the camp prohibited the housing of any maximum security prisoners and said that as long as he was director there would not be any major changes in prison format.

"Ditto what Carlson has stated," said Stenholm. "There is a movement toward cost-efficient operations like this. I think that we must make punishment fitting for the crime; when punishment is served the person must be returned to the general population a useful citizen."

People

Britt to rock with Cat

LONDON — Swedish actress Britt Ekland, 41-year-old former wife of the late Peter Sellers, will marry rock drummer "Slim Jim" MacDonnell, 18 years her junior, her London agent, Don Short, announced Monday.

MacDonnell, who has lived with Miss Ekland for 18 months, will be 23 when they are married March 21 in Los Angeles. He is a member of the Stray Cats rock band.

Miss Ekland is a former girlfriend of rock star Rod Stewart, and her name also has been linked with actors Warren Beatty, George Hamilton and Ryan O'Neil and society photographer Lord Patrick Lichfield, a cousin of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.

Miss Ekland has an 18-year-old daughter from her marriage to the late Sellers and a 10-year-old son by U.S. millionaire rock impresario Lou Adler. Short said Miss Ekland and MacDonnell "hope to start a family in a year or two when their careers permit."

She said in a recent interview that MacDonnell is "a very intellectual person. We're right for each other mentally and emotionally. In many ways he's a lot more mature than I am."



BRITT EKLAND

Henny is what he eats

NEW YORK — For a ride to the Treehouse Comedy Club in Westport, Conn., the self-proclaimed "King of the One-Liners" ordered his driver to stop at a deli to pick up a tongue sandwich.

Comic Henny Youngman is what he eats.

At 78, he still works a full schedule, commanding up to \$6,000 for an appearance at private bookings or one-night stands.

Youngman laments the days when he and his contemporaries — Milton Berle, Jan Murray, Joey Bishop, Jackie Gleason — ruled the clubs.

"There's no comedians around anymore. Nobody that's good. They're not funny men down here," he said, tapping his gut. "These guys come in and they're nowhere in the same class. It's very tough for me to like any of them."

After 50 years in show business, including thousands of club engagements, hundreds of radio and television spots, commercials and private appearances, he has a bit of advice for aspiring comedians:

"You're better off getting a day job."



HENNY YOUNGMAN

Author takes to the pulpit

SPRINGFIELD — Calling racism the "most tremendous blasphemy in the history of mankind," black author James Baldwin returned briefly to the pulpit he left as a teen-ager.

Baldwin, currently a visiting professor of literature in a co-operative program run by the University of Massachusetts and Mount Holyoke, Smith, Hampshire and Amherst colleges, gave the sermon Sunday at St. John's Congregational Church in Springfield.

He said he was a preacher from age 14 to 17 but quit because of "how little I knew. I was a boy ..."

Baldwin, who has lived in France since 1948, described his education as a writer as learning to untangle himself from "the complex of hatred and self-hatred and the ethical and spiritual system" of the United States.



JAMES BALDWIN

Former Denver mayor OK

DENVER — Former Denver Mayor William McNichols was in stable condition Monday, two days after he underwent abdominal surgery at Rose Medical Center, a hospital spokesman said.

Rose spokesman George Schenkein said the family had asked that no further information be released.

McNichols, 73, was mayor of Denver for 13 years. In last spring's election he failed to get enough votes to be part of the runoff. Former state legislator Federico Pena and former District Attorney went into the runoff and Pena, 37, was elected.

Since last fall, the mayor who ran his last campaign dubbing himself "Mayor Bill" has been employed by Metro Bank.

The news in brief

Artillery fire kills 23 in Beirut

BEIRUT — Artillery barrages killed 23 people, including 12 children, in Christian and Moslem neighborhoods during the night as Beirut endured one of the heaviest outbreaks of shelling in a month, police said today.

The shelling broke out at dusk Monday, as leaders of the warring factions opened a reconciliation conference in Switzerland aimed at ending the fighting and restructuring the government. President Amin Gemayel said the conferees' first priority should be to implement a cease-fire.

Police said 107 people, most of them civilians, were wounded in the random bombardment during the night. Officers said the shelling tapered off after midnight but picked up again at dawn today.

One shell that struck a house in mostly Moslem west Beirut's Zekak al-Balat neighborhood killed an 8-month-old girl, her 2-year-old brother and 6-year-old sister.

The father of the three children, Hassan Ballout, 42, a Shiite Moslem, lost both his legs in the blast and was rushed unconscious with his wounded wife to a hospital, police said.

Rival Christian and Moslem militias accused each other of starting the shelling, which forced thousands of families to sleep in basements and bomb shelters on both sides of the "green line" between east and west Beirut.

In Israeli-occupied southern Lebanon, two Israeli soldiers were wounded by light arms fire Monday night in the Palestinian refugee camp of Ein Hilwe near Sidon, the Israeli military command said today.

The command said troops returned fire in the direction of the unidentified attackers and combed the area while the wounded soldiers were evacuated to a hospital.



Associated Press photo
RUN FOR SAFETY — A young Lebanese child runs down a deserted alley in a devastated section of Beirut's southern suburbs during fighting yesterday in the capital city.

Autry sues for TV at death

HUNTSVILLE — Convicted killer James David Autry today pushed to allow television cameras to record his scheduled execution early Wednesday, while attorneys scrambled to save him from the Texas death chamber where he earlier escaped death with only 30 minutes to spare.

The U.S. Supreme Court was expected to rule today on an appeal which could save Autry's life for a fourth time, while a Houston federal judge considered a petition that would force the state to permit television coverage of his death.

At 6:45 a.m. today, Autry was moved from Death Row in the Ellis Unit to a holding cell next to the death chamber at the Walls Unit, a prison spokesman said.

In their appeal to the high court, Autry's attorney argued their client was the victim of cruel and unusual punishment when Texas prison officials in October left him strapped to a hospital gurney with needles in both arms, waiting for death for an hour. Lawyers won a reprieve half an hour before a deadly combination of drugs was to be injected into his veins.

Autry, nicknamed "Cowboy" by fellow inmates, was convicted in the 1980 shooting death of Shirley Drouet, a 43-year-old mother of five who was working overtime at a Port Arthur convenience store to earn some extra money.

Three previous execution dates for Autry have been blocked by federal judges.

London bombings continue

LONDON — Police defused a bomb in a popular Arab nightclub on the third day of a terror campaign the British government says is aimed at foes of Libyan leader Moammar Khadafi.

Part of London's West End was closed to traffic for about four hours Monday night as experts from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch dismantled the two-pound bomb. It was found in a cardboard box under a bench at the Omar Khayyam Night Club and Restaurant, a nightclub frequented by wealthy Libyans and Egyptians.

Over the weekend, four bomb blasts in London and in Manchester in northern England injured 26 people. Four other devices were detonated safely by police. Libyan diplomats here denied involvement, but British newspapers accused Libya of carrying out state-sponsored terrorism and demanded countermeasures.

The Omar Khayyam is a basement club on Regent Street, one of London's most fashionable shopping thoroughfares. The six-story building also houses of-

fices of the Royal Jordanian Airline. Traffic on Regent Street from Picadilly Circus to Oxford Circus was barred while the bomb was deactivated.

Iran says Iraq used gas

Iran accused Iraq of using chemical weapons again today only a few hours after a United Nations delegation arrived in Tehran to investigate earlier charges that Iraq has resorted to chemical warfare.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, IRNA, said today's attack was along the battlefield in the Majnoon Islands in the Howeizeh marshes of southwestern Iraq. It said Iraq had used chemical weapons in the same area the previous day.

Iran seized the Majnoon Islands when its troops punched across the border into Iraq three weeks ago. The oil-rich area has been the scene of fierce fighting since then, and Iran has charged that Iraq began using chemical weapons extensively in the area out of desperation to stem its advance.

Meanwhile, IRNA said the U.N. delegation arrived in Tehran, the Iranian capital, to investigate Iran's charges that Iraq has used chemical weapons in the 3 1/2-year-old border war.

IRNA said the delegation, during a five-day stay, will visit Iranian soldiers hospitalized because of Iraqi chemical weapon attacks as well as frontline areas where such weapons allegedly are used.

The development came as foreign ministers and ranking diplomats from at least 19 Arab League member nations gathered in Baghdad, Iraq's capital, for a meeting today at Iraq's request to consider ways of ending the war.

MX timetable criticized

WASHINGTON — Straining to meet a 1986 deadline, the Air Force plans to deploy the first 10 MX missiles before determining whether they or their silos work properly, according to a House report quoted in today's editions of the *Washington Post*.

The stepped up deployment would raise costs unnecessarily and could cause "high development risks," the *Post* quoted the report to the House Appropriations Committee as saying.

The Air Force would "have to accomplish miracles" to meet the Dec. 31, 1986, deadline set by Congress, the report said. The *Post* quoted it as saying Minuteman missile silos in Wyoming will be modified at the same time the modifications are being evaluated at test silos in California.

It also said that the first stages of four of the 192,000-pound missiles are scheduled to be lowered into silos in Wyoming before equipment to test the strength of cables used for job is in place.

Cornelius Anderson, chief of the panel's investigative staff, acknowledged the report's existence but declined Monday night to comment on its contents.

Wreck leads to man's arrest

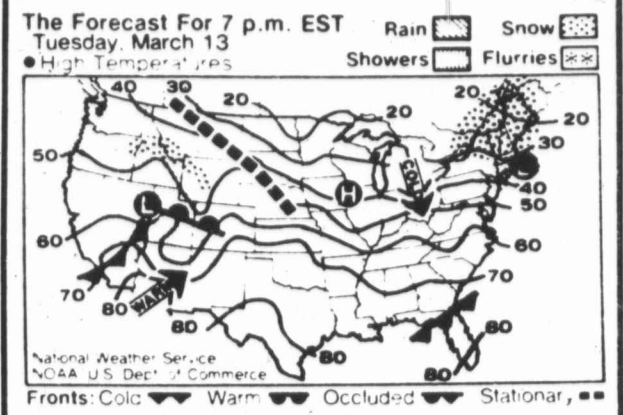
A one-vehicle accident Monday night on Interstate Highway 20 led to the arrest of an Arizona man wanted on suspicion of auto theft and armed robbery in Callahan County.

Gary Dwayne Wilbanks, 22, of Tucson, Ariz., was arrested Monday night by a Department of Public Safety officer after being treated and released from Malone-Hogan Hospital for injuries suffered in the accident.

He gave his address to police as Tucson, Ariz., but told the DPS officer he was from Rayne, La., records show.

Wilbanks was a passenger in a car that ran off the road, struck an embankment and flipped end over end at about 9:15 p.m. Monday four-tenths of a mile west of Big Spring and four-tenths of a mile east of mile marker 174.

Weather



By the Associated Press

Ice storm strikes Northeast

The snows and freezing rain of an unusually nasty winter returned to the big cities of the Northeast today, forcing many schools to close and causing accidents on slick highways at rush hour.

In Virginia, one person was killed and four were injured when a van collided with a tractor-trailer rig on an ice-covered bridge on Interstate 95 north of Fredericksburg. The truck crashed through a guard rail and plunged 100 feet onto the banks of the Rappahannock River, but the driver escaped serious injury.

The same storm system on Monday left four people dead on snow-slickened Missouri roads and millions of dollars' worth of wind and hail damage in a Texas town.

While snow spread today from Ohio to New England, whitening cities such as Washington, Philadelphia and New York, thunderstorms dumped more than 2 inches of rain on Miami and elsewhere in Florida and spawned a tornado that touched down in Fort Lauderdale.

No one was reported injured, but windows were blown out, trees uprooted, tool sheds flattened and debris spread over a five- to 10-block area, authorities said.

"It sounded like the house was going to come apart," said William Knowles, whose metal shed was picked up and dropped down a half-block away by the twister that struck shortly after 1 a.m.

Heavy thunderstorms battered the Gulf Coast, and marble-sized hail was reported around Houston.

Meanwhile, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced today that despite a warmer than normal February, the winter of 1983-84 — from December through February — proved to be the sixth-coldest for the country as a whole since reliable record keeping began in 1931.

"The season was remarkable for its extreme ranges in temperatures from record-breaking cold over much of the country in December to unusual warm spells in January and February," noted Kenneth Bergman, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Climate Analysis Center.

The weather service said today's snowfall in the Northeast could reach 6 inches or more across northern Pennsylvania and southern New York before changing over to sleet, freezing rain or rain tonight.

By 7 a.m., 4 inches had accumulated in such places as Dayton, Ohio and Martinsburg, W.Va., with 2 inches on the ground at Philadelphia, Altoona, Pa., Detroit and Binghamton, N.Y., and an inch reported in such cities as Washington, Atlantic City, N.J., and Scranton, Pa.

The good news, however, was that the bitter sting of winter would be short-lived.

"Spring is coming," assured Jack Hales of the National Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City, Mo., predicting that temperatures would soar into the 60s and 70s in the Midwest today and the warm weather would stretch to the Atlantic Coast by mid-week.

But it was hard to tell spring was only 10 days away Monday in Missouri, where up to 6 inches of snow shut down the airport in St. Louis for several hours and caused scores of traffic accidents in the eastern and central parts of the state. Four people died in crashes attributed to the storm, police said.

West Texas — Fair and warmer through Wednesday. Lows tonight in the 40s except mid 50s lower elevations in the Big Bend. Highs Wednesday mid to upper 70s north with 80s elsewhere except near 90 along the Rio Grande in the Big Bend.

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Editorial

'Work at home' laws outdated

One of this nation's large computer firms has an employee who seldom gets out of his pajamas.

He works in his bedroom. He is a genius at advancing the capabilities of the computer world. When he needs something, some hardware, some software, he taps out instructions on one of his computer terminals, and his company gets it right over to his house.

This man is one of 11 million Americans who work in their homes — 7 percent of the total labor force. And it's just the beginning. Advances in computer technique is making it less and less necessary to commute to the office each day.

It is predicted that by 1990 more than 15 million people will be working at home — "telecommuting" because electronic data transmission from their homes to the office will make it the best, most economical way to perform their jobs.

There are a few problems, however. The federal government and many states have laws against working in the home, and labor unions vehemently oppose any attempts to lift these restrictions.

Labor leaders say this national move to homework will lead to a new era of "sweatshops" — child labor and people working for less than the minimum wage under substandard health and safety conditions.

But using computers at home isn't going to bring back sweatshops. Instead, it is more likely to bring the homeworkers better working conditions and bigger paychecks.

Plainly the old federal and state homework rules need revision. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, has introduced legislation to eliminate unnecessary federal homework restrictions. Perhaps state rules on working at home also should be overhauled.



Jack Anderson

It doesn't pay to save defense dollars

WASHINGTON — Conscientious Pentagon employees trying to save the taxpayers a few million dollars often wind up cutting their own throats instead of costs.

That's what happened to David Lambert, a Defense Logistics Agency watchdog at the IBM plant in Manassas, Va.

Lambert's job is to keep an eye on the tax dollars that flow into the plant. But when he blew the whistle on what he thought was waste and mismanagement in handling hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of defense contracts, he was slapped down by his Pentagon bosses.

In fact, my associates Indy Badwar and Donald Goldberg have learned that Navy Cmdr. Hugh D. Ames is proposing to fire Lambert for being openly critical of higher authorities — specifically Ames himself and Lambert's supervisor, John Stumpf — in a letter he sent to Ames.

The commander has accused Lambert of "insubordination" for criticizing his superiors and for giving copies of critical reports to the Pentagon's inspector general and the Office of Special Counsel. That office was set up expressly to prevent retaliation against whistle blowers.

"You charge me with being dishonest, immoral, unscrupulous,

irresponsible, incompetent ... Your letter is replete with gratuitous insults ..." Ames wrote Lambert.

Lambert is admittedly no diplomat. He expresses himself in blunt language. In the letter to which Ames referred, Lambert accused his superiors of being unfit to serve in the U.S. government.

Over the past 18 months Lambert has recommended ways to save \$24 million on IBM contracts worth \$167 million. And he made no secret of his belief that even more could be saved if his bosses would get their acts together.

All of the issues raised by Lambert have not been resolved yet. But the Pentagon's famed cost-cutter, Ernest Fitzgerald, who now serves as the Air Force's deputy for management systems, has reviewed Lambert's documentation and believes Lambert is right.

Fitzgerald said he is "outraged" over the proposal to fire Lambert, whom he considers a conscientious auditor.

Here are some of the issues Lambert has raised:

● He signed a complaint to the Pentagon charging that Stumpf had ordered him to use a rubber-stamp auditing technique of forcing the contractor to justify expenditures in detail. He charged that this resulted in excessive costs. Fitzgerald says

he is ready to back Lambert on this issue. And an initial investigation of this charge by engineering supervisor Maj. George Olson substantiated Lambert's concern on this issue.

● Lambert signed a complaint that Stumpf had recommended labor costs that were roughly \$100,000 higher than the contractor deserved. This is one of several charges under investigation by the inspector general. Fitzgerald said, "On a prima facie basis, Lambert is accurate on this issue."

● In a letter to Ames — and a report to Rep. Clarence Long, D-Md. — Lambert suggested that Ames had known about a serious backlog in unnegotiated contracts, but had done nothing to clear it up. The Pentagon routinely allows contractors to go ahead with expenditures pending final negotiations.

But, as Lambert pointed out, when a contract goes six months without final action, the contractor may have spent as much as 70 percent of the total contract budget. In effect, this means that only 30 percent of the contract is negotiable.

"He's absolutely right," Fitzgerald said. "It's a big problem."

● In his letter to Long, Lambert also accused his supervisors of poor management, which he said caused low morale and high turnover. His

charge is supported by an official document known as the "Gateway Report." I have obtained a copy of the report. Here are excerpts:

"Supervisors tend to be authoritarian and distant toward their subordinates ... A majority of those surveyed would not recommend the IBM-Manassas (facility) as a good place to work ... All IBM-Manassas divisions have serious internal personnel problems affecting morale, productivity and departure intentions."

A spokesman for the Defense Logistics Agency said the proposal to fire Lambert was based on his "potentially libelous" letter to his boss. The spokesman added that Lambert's auditing method was unacceptable, and that the problems he complained about were either non-existent or were being taken care of.

LICENSE TO DEAL: The Interior Department is thinking of okaying an import license that would allow American zoos to buy seven rare lowland gorillas from professional animal traders in Cameroon, West Africa. Environmentalists are outraged, because the great apes are members of an endangered species.

Jack Anderson's investigative report from Washington is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



Around The Rim

By CAROL HART BALDWIN

Barbie hasn't aged a bit

I read with great interest the other day that Barbie, that blonde headed doll so many of us grew up with, had turned 25 years old.

Barbie took the toy world by storm and she's still popular. That's no small feat for a doll. Most toys fall from grace after a few years, but Mattel really had something when they began marketing the Barbie line.

Little girls named Barbara 25 years ago had to put up with chatter from friends calling out "Oh, Barbie, where's Ken?" and "Hey, Barbie doll." I know, because a good friend of mine named Barbara warned me never to call her Barbie and never, never to ask her about Ken. But I call her Barbie to this day and we still warn her that she'd better not marry anyone named Ken.

My parents bought my sister and me a Barbie doll to share, but that didn't last long. Soon we added Barbie's friend Midge, her sister Skipper, another friend I think was named Francie and a friend for Skipper named Scooter. Does that sound familiar?

Throughout the years there were a lot of friends and family added to the Barbie collection. Twenty-five years later it's hard to remember who's who.

And we had Barbie games and billfolds and combs and brushes and tiny doll closets full of clothes. My mother spent more time sewing for Barbie and all her friends than she did for my sister and me. After all, Barbie's outfits could really run up a bill at the checkout stand.

For years we only had one Ken doll in our collection so my grand-

mother made a boyfriend for Midge. She used stiff wires for his body, covered them with cloth and dressed him up in a cowboy outfit. He had tiny leather boots and a leather vest and a snatch of a fake fur coat for hair. We named him Roscoe.

Poor Roscoe was discarded when my sister got a talking Ken doll. We tossed Roscoe in a box which would eventually hold the whole collection.

Last year, when my husband's kids came to visit, I pulled out that old box and found Barbie, Ken, Midge, Skipper, Scooter, Francie and Roscoe looking only slightly worse for wear.

Barbie's hair was in tangles, the talking Ken couldn't talk anymore and Francie had lost a leg. But the kids and I were glad to see them, anyway.

My husband's daughter, Dora, immediately set up house on an old checker board I found in the closet. Using that for the floor, we dug up old couches and a chair, a kitchen set and bedroom set.

My husband's son, Laury, wasn't too keen on dolls but he took Ken and poor beaten up Roscoe and set up his own play area. After a search we found a Ken-sized sports car for Laury to play with.

The other day I was in a toy store and was glad to see rows and rows of Barbie dolls and accessories. In an era where nothing stays the same, it was good to see an old friend.

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Joseph Kraft

The politics of morality

WASHINGTON — In the ranking of sins that plague this country, greed comes way ahead of impiety. So values are upside down when the most self-indulgent administration in recent times can wrap itself in the mantle of righteousness by supporting prayer in the schools.

The primary fault does not, as some suppose, lie with the Moral Majority. On the contrary, the first stone was cast by the liberal dogmatists who seek absolute fidelity to a constitutional abstraction.

A number of celebrated court cases provide an accurate measure of the importance of the controversy about religion in public places. One case, decided in the affirmative by the Supreme Court last week, involved the right of Pawtucket, R.I., to sponsor a nativity scene at Christmastime. Another case, cited in Senate debate last week, has to do with prayer in public schools. Still a third, also cited in the debate, involves a moment of silence in the schools.

Why anybody would contest those religious observances is hard to see. In a few homogeneous pockets of the Midwest and the South, to be sure, sleeping Protestantism may impose conformity. But American society is so heterogeneous that there is no chance rigid uniform codes of beliefs will be pressed down upon the country as a whole. On the contrary, in the most populous areas, well-entrenched local custom positively dictates tolerance.

The schools, in particular, reflect the diverse reality of American life. The curriculum is so secular, the social action so worldly, that the strictest teachers in the most rigid denominational schools have a hard

time inculcating bits of religious belief. So who can find harm in a moment of silence?

Unhappily there is an answer to that question. Small groups of liberal activists find in every trace of public support for religious activities a violation of the First Amendment prohibition against "an establishment of religion." They have challenged such practices in the courts, and during the "liberal" era of the 1960s and '70s many of the challenges were upheld.

These changes inevitably stimulated a counterreaction among conservative groups. But the reaction was not limited solely to protecting religious observance. Since the abolition of various rights challenged so much that was so familiar, religion in public places became a surrogate for a whole day of life. It came to express traditional ways and local solidarity against unwelcome intrusions from the outside world — whether by government, or foreigners, or criminals. Prayer in school thus became a symbolic issue par excellence, and the way was prepared for the inversion of values that now marks the politics of morality.

The harm done to this country, and its place in the world, by greed and selfishness can hardly be evaluated. Our economy is in trouble because we spend more than we earn, and work less hard than people in other countries. Rather than pay taxes, or cut middle-class subsidies, we borrow abroad.

Nor are we prepared to make the sacrifices required for world leadership. Through the device of a

voluntary army, the haves push the burden of defense onto those who most need money.

The connection between self-indulgence and the Reagan administration is not obscure. President Reagan himself leads the chorus in the claim that what's good for the rich is good for America. His administration has seen the virtual end of gift taxes and estate taxes. It has led the way in cutting public services designed to make life easier for those in need. It has challenged civil rights provisions designed to protect those who suffered from racial discrimination. Instead of asking sacrifices of the American people, Ronald Reagan keeps asking them if they aren't better off.

But the moral questions posed by those policies and practices don't get asked in a clear way. On the contrary, by ostentatiously talking up the old values, by coming out for prayer and homework, and by going against crime and abortion, the Reagan administration fudges the ethical question. The president can take high moral ground without addressing himself to the truly serious ethical business of fairness in dealing with poor people and minorities.

In sum, intellectual greed — a desire to be uncompromisingly right — drives the liberal dogmatists. By overstating their case, they build up support for those driven by material greed. The upshot is real damage to the nation.

Joseph Kraft's reports on Washington, national affairs and trends are distributed nationally by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.



Billy Graham

'Prove your love' is an old line

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: My boyfriend and I are in love, but he keeps pushing me to have sex with him. He says that is the only way I can prove to him that I really love him. I am reluctant to do this because I was always taught this was wrong, but I will do anything to keep my boyfriend, I think. — T.D.M.

DEAR T.D.M.: You would be foolish to do this — and it would be very wrong in the eyes of God. Almost every day I get letters from people who have been in your situation and have given in to the temptation — and virtually without exception they have deeply regretted it later.

If your boyfriend really loved you, and if he were really the kind of young man you would want to marry some day, he would respect you and not ask you to compromise your principles by having sex with him. Frankly, his statement saying that you must let him have sexual relations with you "to prove your love" is one of the oldest lines in the book — and it is not true.

Two people show their love for each other in many, many ways, and love is far deeper and more wonderful than just a physical relationship. If you refused his advances and he decided to leave you, it would only prove that he was more interested in sex than he was in you.

You are at a stage in life when you may want very deeply the security and friendship of a boyfriend. But you will only harm yourself if you decide you "will do anything" to keep such a friend. The Bible is very clear: God has given sex to us for joy, and as an expression of love between husband and wife. But it is to be limited to the marriage relationship, when a man and a woman have committed themselves to each other for the rest of their lives. The Bible says, "Flee from sexual immorality ... honor God with your body" (1 Corinthians 6:18, 20).

God loves you, and he wants you to turn to Christ and find your true security and joy in him. Ask Christ to come into your heart by faith, and then determine each day to walk with him and obey his commandments for your life. Then commit your future to him and seek his will concerning everything — including a future husband who loves Christ. Don't do something now that will ruin your life and only bring you unhappiness. Instead, let Christ fill you and guide you in all you do.

Billy Graham's religious columns are distributed by the Tribune Company Syndicate.

Mailbag

Thanks to city for Birdwell work

To the editor: I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to our city officials on the "new Birdwell

Lane." The end result was well worth the hassle and trouble we experienced during construction. We feel that the accessibility to Howard College is much improved as a result of the improvements.

CHARLES D. HAYS
President
Howard College

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"I may disagree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire.

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Dear Abby

Prescription may help reader's problem dry up

DEAR ABBY: I think I can help "Dripping Wet in Pa.," who perspired so severely that she had embarrassing "rings" on her clothes that reached down to her waist.

I had the same problem and had to use two sets of dress shields at once, which weren't enough most of the time. At work I would make frequent trips to the restroom to stuff Kleenex under my arms!

I finally asked my doctor if he knew of anything to relieve excessive underarm perspiration, and he wrote a prescription for Drysol. Any pharmacist can make it up; the formula is in his pharmacist's book.

There are instructions to follow, and a warning: People who have a sensitivity or allergy to aluminum chloride shouldn't use it. Also, it shouldn't be used on recently broken, irritated or shaven skin.

I hope this helps. For me it was a miracle that changed my life!

DRY AT LAST IN ARIZONA

DEAR DRY: I rarely recommend a product, but because so many readers wrote to praise Drysol, I feel compelled to do so. It's manufactured by Person and Covey Inc. in Glendale, Calif. 91201, and a doctor's prescription is required to obtain it.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you because you are responsible for this problem.

I am a newlywed widower, age 77, and my bride is 70. She is my second wife and I am her fifth husband. (The Lord released her from her first two and the judge released her from her last two.)

The problem is she cannot understand why I need to sleep alone. Tears and arguments follow when I try to leave her and go into another room to sleep.

That is not to say that we never share a bed. We do. But when it comes to sleeping, I must

have my own bed. I am a very restless sleeper who changes positions often, and I feel inhibited from moving if I have to worry about disturbing a bed partner.

I also snore. And when I tried to explain it to my bride, she said, "Dear Abby said, 'Snoring is the sweetest music this side of heaven. Ask any widow.'"

Abby, did you really say that?
TROUBLED BRIDEGROOM
DEAR TROUBLED: I plead guilty as charged.

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Dr. Donohue

Pallor not always sign of anemia

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Our 8-year-old grandson, who spends some time with us occasionally, has us worried. He looks so pale all the time and seems to lack normal energy of other youngsters. When he is with us I give him iron pills, the same ones I take myself.

I have mentioned this to the parents, who don't seem worried. I know they do not give him the pills regularly when I send him home with them. I am concerned about the boy's ultimate health. I wish I could ease my mind. Shouldn't this boy have an examination? Shouldn't he be getting iron-rich foods? Or am I overreacting? — Mrs. B.P.

You got me. I can understand your concern over a youngster who looks pale and who lacks normal energy, but I should tell you that pallor alone is not a good guide to anemia. So we would both be guessing wouldn't we? And even if you are right and the boy is anemic, that would not be diagnosis enough.

There are many forms of anemia, ranging from the simple iron-deficiency kind to more serious ones involving the blood-producing functions of the body. Simply giving iron supplement won't do if the reason for anemia lies

beyond dietary factors.

If the boy is being seen for regular checkups and is evaluated as normal in all important areas of growth, then it could be overreaction on your part. About all you can do, grandmother, is try to convince the parents to check out your concern. Blood tests will confirm anemia and, more importantly, the cause if it's present.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I had herpes zoster (shingles) and my doctor was most concerned about my eyes, which he said appeared to be affected. He has started me out on steroid medicine. Aren't doctors a little quick to use such drugs, which I have always been told have unwanted side effects? — G.O.

Steroids are very handy medicines to have around. Most doctors are cognizant of their side effects and use them sparingly in those cases where their anti-inflammation advantages outweigh the potential undesired effects. Those side effects, when they occur, stop when the medicine is stopped or they would not be used at all.

Optical complications from herpes zoster infection can be serious, indeed. It is most definitely the kind of infection you want to stop as quickly as you can. That is why your doctor has decided to use steroid medicine for the job. Your other shingles questions are handled in the booklet on the subject, which other readers can obtain by writing me care of the Big Spring Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope and 50 cents to cover printing and handling.

What about constipation? Many can be relieved of it, both mentally and physically, by reading Dr. Donohue's booklet, "The Way to Stop Constipation." For a copy write to Dr. Donohue in care of the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 11210, Chicago, IL 60611, enclosing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and 50 cents.

Dr. Donohue welcomes reader mail but regrets that, due to the tremendous volume received daily, he is unable to answer individual letters. Readers' questions are incorporated in his column whenever possible.

Shower honors mother-to-be

Mrs. Craig (Debbie) Drake was feted with a baby shower in the home of Shirley Beauchamp, March 11.

Hosting the event were Mitzi Knight, Katrica

Long, Sarah Walker, Shauni Vaughn, Brenda Hamill, Melissa Young, Frances Ferguson and Shirley Beauchamp. The hostesses presented Mrs. Drake with a baby stroller and a corsage of blue and pink carnations surrounding a baby rattle.

Corsages also were given to Mrs. Farrell Hamill, the honoree's mother and Mrs. James B. Drake, mother-in-law of honoree. Other special guests were Dorothy Phillips, Lois Drake, both Drake's grandmothers, and Mrs. C.A. Iglehart, the honoree's grandmother.

Guests were served from a table draped with a lace cloth and centered with candles surrounded by blue flowers. The table featured a white sheet cake with a teddy bear figure.

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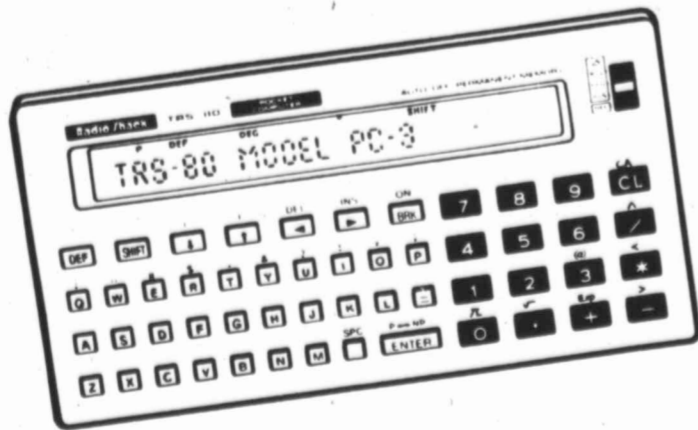


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DENNIS THE MENACE



"He gets kinda MUSHY when he's hungry."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I feel sorry for piggy banks. They look like they've been stabbed."

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Plan how to get your best ideas working even though it may take a long time to do so. The fun you were planning may be delayed.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Study the situation at home, and do whatever will improve conditions there. Not a good day for entertaining.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You have much correspondence to handle, but be sure to use the right words if you want to get the best results.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Your potential for making money is quite good, but be unusually clever at this time. Take it easy tonight.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You have good ideas how to gain your finest aims, but may suffer delays because of interruptions from others. Be happy at home later.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You have a fine plan for getting out of some unpleasant condition, but it may take longer than you think. Help your loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have to study that problem with a friend a little more before you can handle it wisely. Get busy with aims that will take time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be sure to handle whatever your job is with precision since higher-ups are watching you. Take it easy at home tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) New situations are all right now, but take care you do not get into any new interests as yet. Learn more about them first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) If you follow your intuition today, you could get yourself into quite a pickle. Meet the expectations of your mate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't endeavor to get your ultra-modern ideas over to one who is ultra-conservative or you get nowhere fast.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You want to make changes in your surroundings, so draw up plans, and then be patient in case of delays. Be careful.

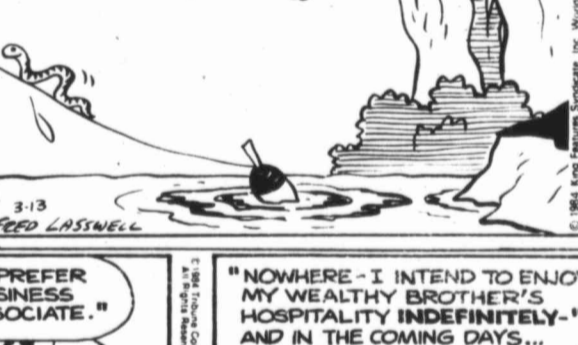
IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... or she will be one whose ideas will be great and the imagination likewise, so be encouraging in this, even though it may be much later in life before his or her dreams can be realized. Praise for any especially good work that is done.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!
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Voters say councilman not black; want recall

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — A blue-eyed city councilman who says he is black is actually a racial pretender, according to a black leader who is trying to have the councilman recalled.

"If the mama is an elephant and the daddy is an elephant, they darn sure can't have no lion," says former councilman Ralph White, a black who has petitioned to have Councilman Ralph K. Stebbins recalled from office.

Stebbins, whose birth certificate lists his parents as white and doesn't stipulate the baby's color, is "a white guy with a perm and vinegar in his hair," says White.

The light-skinned, red-haired Stebbins says he is black "culturally, socially and genetically."

The question arose at a rally before a black audience during last fall's election campaign.

"When they asked me if I was white or black, I told them I was black," says Stebbins.

"I should have told them I'm human or it's none of your business or it's not an issue," he said. "That's when the controversy started."

Stebbins, 41, born in Colville, Wash., concedes his birth certificate doesn't prove he's black, and admits everyone in his family including four sisters, a brother and both sets of grandparents are white except for him.

White, a 12-year veteran councilman who lost the race to Stebbins by 144 votes, presented a petition of 1,700 signatures seeking a special recall election, although only 1,200 were needed to force a recall election.

Mayor Ralph Ronk, a Stebbins supporter, won a temporary restraining order last week delaying the recall process until a hearing March 19.



MARK STEBBINS ...race questioned

Cajun takes third term as Louisiana's governor

BATON ROUGE (AP) — Edwin Edwards was inaugurated Monday as Louisiana's first three-term governor, taking the oath of office in English and French and leading a Mardi Gras-style parade in the rain.

Edwards, 56, a Democrat, was accompanied at ceremonies at the Capitol by his family, out-going Gov. Dave Treen, former Govs. Jimmie Davis and Bob Kennon, and former California Gov. Jerry Brown, whom Edwards supported for president four years ago.

The state constitution forbids governors from serving more than two consecutive terms. After sitting out four years, Edwards easily defeated Treen in November in a \$20 million campaign for governor.

The day-long inauguration began with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Philip Hannan of New Orleans, followed by a parade in chill, rainy weather.

A large crowd turned out along the parade route to cheer and scramble for Mardi Gras style doubloons, stamped with the Edwards profile on one side and the state seal on the other.

Edwards had planned a brief inaugural address that he said would discuss the state's problems and his proposals for solving them.

Edwards said he wouldn't disclose specifics of a package of tax hikes and spending cuts that will be given to a special legislative session March 19. He has said only that he is likely to propose tax hikes off between \$750 million and \$1 billion.

Bomb art display gets bad review from cops

NEW YORK (AP) — An artist exhibited his work in Lower Manhattan over the weekend, and the reviews from city police were poor.

The Police Department bomb squad recovered seven of artist Ted Rosenthal's works — painted empty propane canisters welded to a black box — in a daylong effort Sunday, said Sgt. Ed Burns, a police spokesman.

"He puts artwork up every year," said Burns. "Usually the theme is pornography, but this year it was bombs."

Police cordoned off the area around each object that was found. The first was reported at 11 a.m. about 12 feet up the side of a building.

Rosenthal reportedly left for his home in Cincinnati after placing the objects around town during the night.

A woman at the Gracie Mansion Gallery, where Rosenthal's work has been sold, told the New York Daily News that the artist often displays his work outside.

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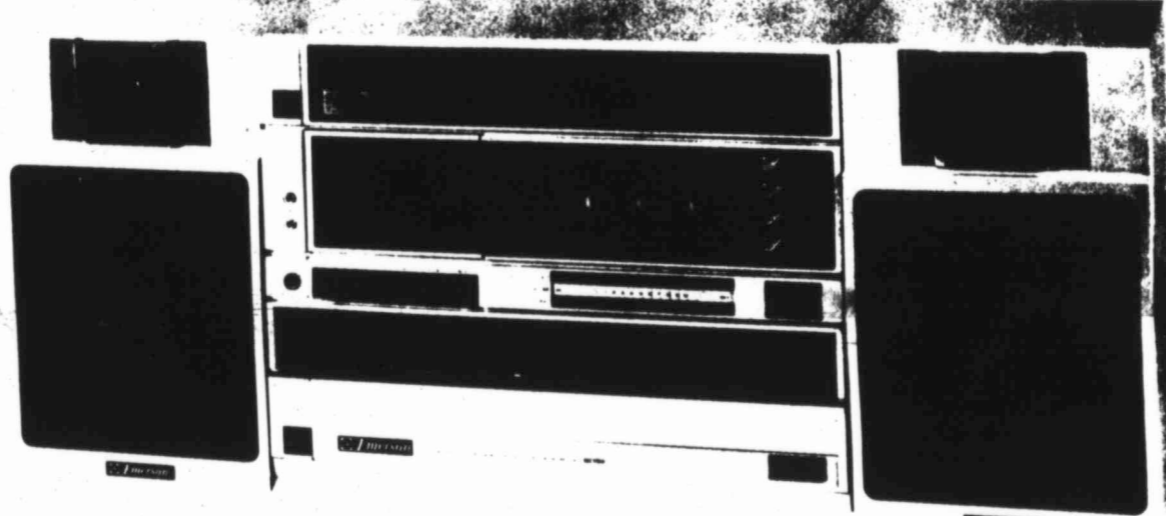
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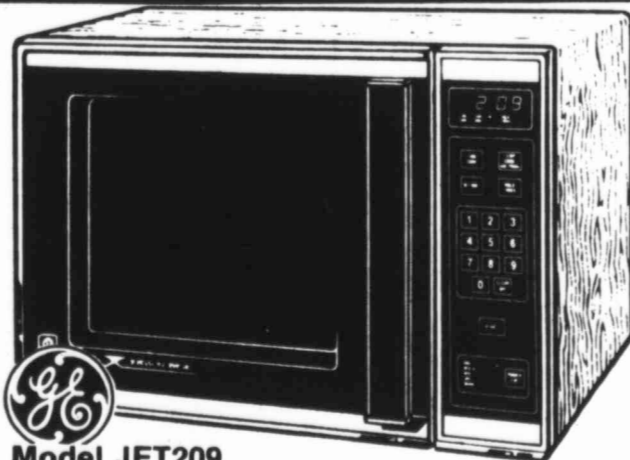
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Businesses plan record spending on expansion

WASHINGTON (AP) — American businesses plan to spend a record \$343.6 billion on modernization and expansion in 1984, a 12 percent increase which is the best gain in nearly two decades, the government said Monday.

The Reagan administration hailed the Commerce Department business survey as further proof of a "thriving economy" while one private analyst said the nation appeared headed for a "full-scale capital spending boom."

The 12 percent rise after adjusting for inflation would follow three straight years of declines in capital spending, including a 3.8 percent fall-off in 1983. It would be the best increase since a 13.4 percent rise in 1966.

The new estimate was based on a government survey of business investment plans in late January and February and presents an even more optimistic view than a year-end survey which projected a 9.4 percent increase.

"These are super numbers that begin to show signs of a full-scale capital spending boom," said Jerry Jasinowski, chief economist of the National Association of Manufacturers. "This is a particularly healthy response with interest rates as high as they are."

Analysts are particularly concerned about business investment this year because it is that part of the economy which is expected to keep the nation's recovery going after consumer spending begins to taper off.

Jasinowski said actual spending is unlikely to be as high as the 12 percent now being projected but he said

something near 10 percent was possible.

"You can quibble about the decimal point, but there is no question that we are going to see strong investment spending in 1984," said Robert Wescott, an economist with Wharton Econometrics, a private forecasting firm. "Consumer spending has been very strong and manufacturers have to gear up to meet demand."

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said the changed expectations from 9.4 percent to 12 percent showed a "thriving economy has encouraged firms to raise their capital spending plans."

He said spending for new plants and equipment should be 18 percent higher, after adjusting for inflation, at the end of this year than at the depth of the recession in November 1982.

This would represent the best two-year recovery from a recession since 1954-56, he said, giving credit to the administration's 1981 business tax cuts for the good showing.

But Baldrige warned that the surge in business investment could be cut short at the end of the year by high interest rates unless huge federal budget deficits are reduced.

By broad categories, manufacturing investment is expected to rise by 15.7 percent in 1984 compared to a 5.3 percent decline in 1983. Investments in the non-manufacturing segment of the economy are expected to go up 10 percent following a 2.9 percent decline in 1983.

Rape suspect tells victim he's sorry for assault

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP) — A man accused of a barroom gang rape told a young woman "I'm sorry for what I did to you" during a brief confrontation in a police station corridor, a detective testified today.

New Bedford police Detective Sandra Grace said the brief meeting between defendant John Cordeiro and the 22-year-old woman took place the day after the woman said she was raped and abused on a barroom pool table.

Ms. Grace testified in the morning trial of four men charged with the March 6, 1983, gang rape at Bid Dan's tavern in nearby New Bedford. The prosecution on Monday rested its case in a separate afternoon trial of two other men in the case.

All six are charged with aggravated rape. Their trials were split to prevent them from testifying against each other at the same trial.

Ms. Grace said Cordeiro went to the station to tell police he held the woman's leg while another man climbed on top of her. Cordeiro also said he held the struggling woman's head and forced her to perform oral sex.

The policewoman said Cordeiro was asked why he didn't help the woman.

"He said he didn't know why he didn't help her, but that now he wished he had," she said.

Ms. Grace said Cordeiro was then taken out into the hallway where he was confronted by the woman.

"John Cordeiro stated, 'I'm sorry for what I did to you,'" said Ms. Grace.

The detective also told of questioning defendant Victor Raposo, who at first denied taking part in the attack. But after he was told what Cordeiro said, Raposo "told me he had taken part in holding the girl's legs," said Ms. Grace.

She said Raposo said he started to engage in sex with the woman "but that he just couldn't do it."

Assistant Bristol County District Attorney Raymond Veary closed his case against Daniel Silva, 27, and Joseph Vieira, 28, on Monday, 12 days after testimony began in the afternoon trial.

Attorneys for the two men estimated it will take them a week to present their defense.

Cordeiro, Raposo, Virgilio Medeiros and Jose Medeiros, who are not related, are being tried in the mornings because they have given statements that incriminate Silva and Vieira. Those statements could not be introduced if the men were tried together.

Assistant District Attorney Robert Kane, prosecuting those four defendants, said it may take another two weeks to complete his case.

The afternoon case ended with the testimony of several police officials who discussed laboratory samples taken from the 22-year-old mother of two. They said the tests confirmed that the woman had intercourse before she was taken to a hospital emergency room in the early hours of March 7, 1983.

Poll watchers sent to Alabama

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department said Monday that it is sending 25 observers to Conecuh County, Ala., to ensure that there is no interference with black voters in Tuesday's presidential primary voting there.

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By STEVE BELVIN
Staff Writer

WTC win is no class act

Class. Some have and some don't. For those who possess it, it stands out like a coat of shining armor, glistening everywhere they go. For those who don't have it, it sticks out like a sore thumb, odd and out of shape, sometimes ruining what could have been an exceptional moment.

I witnessed perfect examples of both during the championship game of the junior college Region V Men's Basketball Tournament.

The contest was one of the hardest played I have ever seen. A trip to the national tournament was on the line and both teams exerted maximum effort to reach the goal.

The game was definitely top-quality championship material as Western Texas College broke a lot of Hawk fans' hearts by holding on to a 56-55 win, denying Howard College a trip to the national tournament for the first time in 15 years.

But two very unclassy acts at the end of the game put a damper on a supreme sporting event. First, the WTC head coach completely lost his composure in the late seconds of the game with Howard making a great comeback.

After trailing by five points with two minutes left in the game, the Hawks cut the lead to one with time running out. A Howard player got a steal off the inbound pass and was fouled when a WTC player came toppling down on him.

The Howard player was visibly shaken up, and an official timeout was called to see if he was injured.

That's when the dam busted, as far as the WTC head coach was concerned. He barked at the official that it should be a technical foul on Howard, that the Hawks were faking an injury. From my vantage point nearby, it was plain to see — regardless of whether the injury was "enhanced" or not — the referee's timeout was justified because of the way the WTC player came crashing down on the Howard player.

The way it looked, for all the official knew, the Howard player could have been seriously injured.

But it didn't end there. The WTC coach raged on and on about a fake injury. When Howard coach Mike Mitchell walked over to the irate coach, and tried to explain that his team did not have anything up its sleeves, the WTC coach let loose with a barrage that can't be printed in this column.

The icing on the cake came when the referee stepped between the coaches and got a shove for his efforts from the WTC coach.

At that point, the WTC coach had lost control. No coach in his right mind would push an official in a championship game with 18 seconds remaining, his team leading by one and the opposition already going to the line for a one-and-one attempt.

Normally, when an official gets shoved, it's an automatic technical, sometimes a double. But the official apparently didn't want to end such a hard-fought contest with such high stakes by giving Howard the game, which probably would have happened if he had let loose with the Big "T". Maybe he was right, maybe he was wrong. There are pros and cons to either side.

The rest is history, WTC won the game and earned a berth at Hutchison, Kansas, and the WTC coach dodged a bullet which could have cost his deserving squad a berth in the national tournament.

Maybe the coaches "I don't care" attitude rubbed off on his players, because after the game ended they made a spectacle of themselves parading in front of the Howard fans, taunting the crowd and waving the victory plaque.

Sure, they had a right to be happy, but it makes a lot more sense to go over on your side of the stands and woo your fans with the thrill of victory, instead of torturing the opposition with the agony of defeat.

But through it all Mitchell and the Hawk fans held their heads high. And the Hawk players were gracious in defeat. They knew they had a mission, and it fell one game, one point short. They could have complained that the referee's not giving a technical cost them the game, but they didn't. Mitchell could have verbally nailed the official's hide to the wall, but he didn't. Now that's class!

Like I said, some have it — and some don't.

Lesser knowns starting for Seattle

NCAA Tourney opener tonight

By The Associated Press

While the big guns wait until later in the week to hit the road to the Final Four, 10 of college basketball's lesser knowns begin the NCAA tournament with little hope of advancing to Seattle.

But nobody from Rider, Richmond, Houston Baptist, San Diego or the others who play today in preliminary round games is complaining. Just a trip to the tournament is reward enough for them.

It is the first time in college basketball's premier event for those four schools. Rider, 20-10 and winner of the East Coast Conference, takes on Richmond, 20-9 and champion of the ECAC South, in one of three games at Philadelphia. San Diego, 18-9, won the West Coast Athletic Conference and faces Ivy League winner Princeton in another game of the Palestra tripleheader, while Northeastern, 26-4 and ECAC North titlist, played ECAC Metro champion Long Island University, 20-10, in the afternoon opener.

At Dayton, Ohio, Morehead State, 24-5, which won the Ohio Valley, opposes 22-6 North Carolina A&T of

the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, and Alcorn State, 20-9, of the Southwestern Athletic Conference, plays Houston Baptist, 24-6, of the Trans-America.

Each team earned an automatic berth in the expanded 53-team tournament by winning championships in what the NCAA Basketball Committee deemed the 10 weakest of the 29 NCAA Division I conferences.

"It's hard to say without being overemotional how good it feels to be in this tournament," said Houston Baptist Coach Gene Iba, whose team boasts four African imports on its roster. "There's probably only about three people who know how I feel, and they stood over in our gym with me seven years ago when we had three scholarship players and we were just trying to do anything possible not to get embarrassed."

There is no embarrassment on the part of any of the preliminary 10.

"We've been to the NAAs three out of the past four years and it's still a thrill," said Northeastern Coach Jim Calhoun.

Northeastern's battle with Long Island University

might be a grudge match. The Huskies, who will be without center Roland Braswell, a 6-foot-8 center out with a bruised right knee, did not renew their contract with LIU this season. Last year, the teams got into a brawl during their game.

"We've always had great games — one or two pointers," said LIU assistant coach Chuck Buzzzi.

The other teams making their NCAA debuts are Auburn, Nevada-Reno and Louisiana Tech.

Today's five winners will join the automatic qualifiers from the other 19 conferences, as well as 24 at-large entries for first-round action this weekend.

On Thursday, the Rider-Richmond survivor plays Auburn, 20-10, at Charlotte, N.C., and the winner of the Princeton-San Diego game goes to Salt Lake City to play Nevada-Las Vegas, 27-5.

On Friday, the winner of the Northeastern-LIU game will play Virginia Commonwealth, 22-6, at the Meadowslands Arena in East Rutherford, N.J.; the Houston Baptist-Alcorn State winner meets Kansas, 21-9, at Lincoln, Neb.



BLACK ATHLETE OF THE YEAR — Track star Carl Lewis poses with the trophy he received Monday in New York as Gordon Gin's Black Athlete of the Year for 1983. Lewis was followed in the voting by golfer Calvin Peete, basketball player Moses Malone, football player Eric Dickerson and basketball player Ralph Sampson.

Lewis marks time one inch at a time

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

When Bob Beamon launched himself through Mexico City's rarefied air in the 1968 Olympics and came back to earth a phenomenal 29 feet, 2½ inches later, Carl Lewis was 7 years old and more concerned with the second grade than he was with the long jump.

"I wasn't paying much attention when he did it," Lewis said.

Now, almost 16 years and four Olympics later, Lewis is enchanted with the event and Beamon's long jump record, once considered untouchable, is clearly within the young man's sights.

He is less than five inches away from Beamon's mark and as much as that prospect excites him, Lewis is just as moved by his role in popularizing his sport and his specialty.

"I consider myself a pioneer for a generation," he said, accepting the Black Athlete of the Year award presented by Gordon's Gin.

Beamon's explosive jump came with stunning suddenness. His record leap was two feet more than he had ever gone before and he never approached it again after those Games. Lewis' progress has been more gradual, moving up steadily on the mark.

"I think that's been better for me and for my sport," he said. "People seeing me advance can feel and touch my progress. It makes them feel more a part of it."

Lewis twice has soared 28 feet, 10¼ inches, tantalizingly close to Beamon's record. The most recent jump was in the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden in January and it came on his final attempt of the night, when he was trailing Larry Myricks at 27-6.

"I knew I was behind and I knew I could do that," Lewis said. "Twenty-seven-six is not a big jump. Last year I didn't have a jump under 27-6. So I told myself to just relax and get a good jump."

All night long, however, Lewis had been having problems with the runway.

"It was too short and I had to use an extension board. It was slipping and I couldn't get a consistent approach."

So, on his last chance, he had an idea. He called his sister, Carol, who is also a long jumper, down to the track, stationed her on the board to steady it, and just took off.

When he came down, the tape measure reached 28-10¼ — almost ½ foot beyond Myrick's best jump and, once again, just ¼ inch away from Beamon.

Because he is so close, the logical question is when will Lewis jump past Beamon. The logical answer would seem to be the Olympics, with the world watching. Lewis, however, is not committing himself to that target.

"I'm not worried about the world record," he said. "My potential is farther than that. My goal is 29 feet, but I think 30 feet is possible. It may not be today, or tomorrow or next week. When it happens, it happens."

In the back of his mind, though, is not just the long jump gold medal and Beamon's record. He thinks he can take home three other Olympic gold medals — from the 100 and 200-meter dashes and the 400-meter relay.

Tar Heels are still number one despite second loss of season

NEW YORK (AP) — North Carolina, which was No. 1 in the preseason poll, finished atop the rankings today in the final Associated Press college basketball poll of the season.

The Tar Heels, despite their second loss of the season last week — to Duke in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament — captured the honor by a comfortable margin.

A nationwide panel of 62 sportswriters and broadcasters rewarded North Carolina, 27-2, with 51 first-place votes and 1,227 points.

Georgetown, 29-3, remained a solid No. 2, collecting eight first-place votes and 1,169 points.

The points system is based on 20 points for each first-place vote, 19 for second, etc.

It was the second time in three seasons that Coach Dean Smith's team was the No. 1 preseason choice and wound up the regular schedule in the same position. The 1981-82 team also did that and went on to win the NCAA championship.

The 1975-76 Indiana squad was the only other team to be ranked No. 1 in the AP preseason poll and win the NCAA crown the same season.

North Carolina was top-seeded in the East Regional of this year's NCAA tournament, while Georgetown was seeded No. 1 in the West.

The other top-seeded teams, Kentucky and DePaul,

which drew two first place votes, held to their third and fourth positions, respectively, in the final poll, while Houston remained fifth.

Kentucky, which received one first-place vote, was No. 1 for one week during the season, the only time North Carolina was not in first place.

Illinois and Oklahoma swapped places from the previous week, the Fighting Illini moving up to sixth place and the Sooners dropping to seventh.

Arkansas and Texas-El Paso stayed at Nos. 8 and 9, respectively. Purdue, the co-winner of the Big 10 title, moved up to 10th place.

Nevada-Las Vegas, losers to unranked Fresno State in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association tournament final, fell three notches to 13th.

Surging Maryland showed the greatest improvement in the Second Ten, climbing from 14th to 11th. The Terrapins, winners of the ACC tournament, go into the NCAA tournament riding a seven-game winning streak.

Tulsa stayed at No. 12 and Duke climbed two spots to No. 14. Washington was No. 15, Memphis State 16th and Oregon State 17th. Syracuse reappeared in the rankings in the 18th spot, replacing Louisville, which dropped from the Top 20. Wake Forest remained No. 19 and Temple, a loser to West Virginia in the semifinals of Atlantic 10 tournament, fell five places to No. 20.

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Steers gouge Snyder

By STEVE BELVIN Staff Writer

No one can accuse the Big Spring Steers baseball team of being quitters, especially not after Monday's 14-12 win over the defending Class 3-A state champs Snyder Tigers at Steer Field.

The contest started out like a Snyder slaughter as the Tigers took a commanding 7-0 lead in the top of the first inning. But that was only the beginning. What followed was a great comeback, by Big Spring as the Steers took a 14-12 lead going into the top of the seventh inning.

That's when things got very interesting. With darkness setting in, the Tigers scored four runs on no hits and two Steer errors to take a 16-14 lead going into the bottom of the seventh.

Then the dramatics came. Big Spring proceeded to load up the bases with two outs. This brought up Steer catcher Sammy Watson who had a great night from the plate, going three for four, with doubles and a single.

Then the most dramatic event of the game happened — the umpire called the game because of darkness.

Thus reverting the contest back to the last complete inning, the sixth, and Big Spring had the lead 14-12, so the Steers got their sixth win in 13 tries.

Snyder's seven first inning runs were due mainly to an inside-the-park homerun by Willie Greathouse, a triple by William Cotton, a double by Jay Mayo and two Big Spring errors. All of this happened after Snyder had made two outs.

But Big Spring gamely battled back, scoring three runs in the third to cut the margin to 9-5.

The top part of the Steers lineup went to work as Watson and Danny Arista hit back-to-back doubles and Snyder starter Jimmy Cain walked three batters and the Tigers committed three errors.

The top half of the Big Spring lineup of Tommy Gartman, Watson, Arista, Jerry Anderson and Jay Pirkle were awesome, accounting for 12 runs and 10 of BS's 13 hits. Arista and Pirkle were the big rbi men driving in four runs each.

The Steers narrowed the margin to 11-8 in the fourth inning with Watson, Arista and Pirkle all coming through with big hits. After Big Spring

starter Pirkle retired the Tigers in order in the top of the fifth, the Steers came back for more.

Gartman reached on an error. Watson was hit by a pitch, Arista's single scored both and the Snyder lead was 11-10.

A wild pitch allowed Arista to score, thus tying the contest, and Robert Porras' triple scored Pirkle who had reached on a walk. Porras pushed Big Spring's lead to 13-11 when he scored on a passed ball.

From there on the Steers hung on for the win.

Pirkle got the win for Big Spring, going six innings, giving up 11 hits and 12 runs, four of which were unearned.

Charles Bollinger took the loss for Snyder, whose record falls to 3-3 for the season. The win left BS's coach Roland Atkins pleased. "The kids played well and showed a lot of character today," said Atkins. "They came back and never gave up. We also hit the ball well. We just need to eliminate those bad innings and the errors."

Big Spring will start District 4-AAAAA competition today in Abilene versus Abilene High at 4 p.m.



Associated Press photo

'The Goose'

GOSSAGE AT WORK — Rich Gossage, the former Yankee star who signed with the San Diego Padres as a free agent earlier this year, shows his intensity during his one inning debut with the Padres during the seventh inning against the Brewers. Gossage gave up two hits and struck out one in the exhibition Cactus League game which the Padres won, 7-3.

Reds will be versatile

By The Associated Press The Cincinnati Reds will be nothing if not versatile this year.

Manger Vern Rapp has had his players working in as many positions as possible this spring training to gauge their ability and possible contributions to the club.

Duane Walker, for instance, has been used in all three outfield spots. And Paul Householder, another outfielder, was playing first base during the Reds' 4-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals Monday.

Walker and Householder are two of nine outfielders in the Reds' camp.

"Oh, yeah, I've played first base before," Householder said, "in Little League when I was 10 years old. He (Rapp) asked me on the bus coming down if I had ever played first before. I said I did once back in Little League and he said, 'You're there.'"

Householder doubled in one run and scored another in the third inning for the Reds. The game was called

after seven innings due to rain.

In other exhibition baseball action Monday, Minnesota tripped Los Angeles 2-1, the Chicago White Sox edged St. Louis 4-3, Houston nipped Atlanta 1-0, Boston outslugged the New York Mets 8-7, San Diego stopped Milwaukee 7-3, Cleveland pounded the Chicago Cubs 8-3, Philadelphia trimmed Detroit 7-2, California beat Seattle 10-8, San Francisco beat Oakland 8-6 in 10 innings and Montreal edged Baltimore 6-5. A game between Toronto and Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., was washed away by rain with the score 0-0 and the Pirates batting in the third.

Kent Hrbek slugged a solo home run and Al Williams pitched six scoreless innings to lead Minnesota over Los Angeles. Hrbek's homer came leading off the fourth inning and gave the Twins a 2-0 lead. Mike Marshall's run-scoring double accounted for the Dodgers' tally.

The White Sox scored two unearned runs with two out in the ninth to hand the Cardinals their third straight loss. Tim Lullman drove in the game's only run with an eighth-inning single to lead Houston over Atlanta.

Jackie Gutierrez singled home two runs as the Red Sox exploded for seven runs in the fourth inning against the Mets. Pittsburgh pitcher John Candelaria, who has criticized the Pirate management and asked to be traded, made his spring debut before the rain came, pitching one inning and facing just three batters with one strikeout.

Mario Ramirez drove in two San Diego runs, stole a base and scored a run against Milwaukee. Rich Gossage, the former New York Yankee reliever who signed with San Diego as a free agent, made his Cactus League debut with the Padres, pitching one inning, giving up two hits and striking out one.

Forsan netters win top spot

MIDLAND — Forsan High School won the 'C' Division trophy here over the weekend at the Midland Tennis Tournament.

In girl's doubles Connie Strickland and Sheri

Walker captured first with by overpowering their Midland Lee foes, 6-1, 6-2.

Vickie Barnes reached the single semi-finals and Kent Beck advanced to the quarter-finals in boy's singles.

Mark Smith and Tom Thompson made it to the quarter-finals in doubles of the 14 team division.

Forsan will compete in the Mason Tennis Tournament Friday and Saturday, Mar. 16-17.

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Commonwealth — Trans-America Conference — Houston Baptist. West Coast Athletic Conference — San Diego. Western Athletic Conference — Texas-El Paso, Brigham Young Independent — DePaul, Dayton.

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