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Crossroads weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Mild tonight, becoming partly cloudy Wednesday. Isolated thundershowers possible on Wednesday. Lows tonight upper 50s. Highs Wednesday upper 80s. Monday's high was 90 and the low was 65.



Slaying suspect attracted by crime

By MARY BROOKS
Associated Press Writer

GREENWOOD, S.C. — A young man accused in a school shooting spree that left an 8-year-old girl dead and 10 people wounded had been in and out of a hospital psychiatric ward over the past eight months, relatives said.

James William Wilson, who was arrested following Monday's violence at Oakland Elementary School, is a hyperactive recluse fascinated by crime stories, his father and a grandmother said.

The 19-year-old Greenwood man entered the school shortly after 11 a.m. Monday and opened fire in a classroom and the cafeteria, killing Shequila Tawonn Bradley and wounding two teachers and eight pupils, said Police Chief James Coursey.

"He seemed to be shooting people who were screaming," said School Superintendent Robert S. Watson. "The teacher said those who were screaming or making noise, he shot them."

The school in this city of about 20,000 people in South Carolina's textile belt 74 miles northwest of Columbia remained closed today.

Authorities had no motive for the shooting, said Coursey.

At an arraignment this morning, city Recorder Ted Windham denied bond on the murder charge. Retired state Supreme Court Justice Bruce Littlejohn, acting as a special judge, ordered Wilson sent to Columbia for psychiatric examination.

Wilson had been admitted to Self Memorial Hospital's psychiatric ward three or four times in the past eight months, his father, James Wilson, and paternal grandmother, Gladys Wilson, said in interviews with The State newspaper.

"They said he had not returned more recently because the family's medical insurance ran out."

The hefty, 5-foot-5 man, who is known as "Jamie," is bright and shy, and doesn't have many friends, they said.

"He was hyperactive, really more than hyperactive," Mrs. Wilson said.

James William Wilson said he liked going to the hospital because they gave him drugs, his father said, adding that until two months ago the young man had been taking medication for depression.

The young man was not employed. He "just didn't have the ability," his father said.

His parents divorced last year. Wilson had been living with his grandmother off and on since he was 14 and permanently the last two years.

He would keep himself sequestered in his bedroom and surrounded by books, Mrs. Wilson said. "He kept the blinds closed. He liked it to be dark," she said.

Lately, he'd been reading

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Special election planned for 69th

By MICHAEL DUFFY
Staff Writer

Sixty-Ninth district voters will have a chance to vote twice on their representative's seat in November.

Texas Governor Bill Clements ordered a special election Monday for the vacated seat in conjunction with the general election Nov. 8, according to Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray.

Registered voters of the 69th District will cast ballots for Republican candidate Troy Fraser or Democrat Johnnie Lou Avery in the general election and for a candidate to fill the remaining term of Larry Don Shaw, Ray said.

Shaw withdrew from the race on Aug. 11 to work for Texas Speaker of the House Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth.

The winner of the special election will serve from Nov. 8 through Jan. 10 — the day the Legislature convenes, Ray said.

Any registered voter who resides in the 69th District is eligible to file with the secretary of state's office provided they pay a \$600 fee and file by Oct. 10, Ray said.

Ray said she was contacted Monday afternoon by Malinda Nickless, with the secretary of



MARGARET RAY



TROY FRASER



JOHNNIE LOU AVERY

state's office, about Clements' proclamation.

Attempts to reach Nickless this morning in Austin were unsuccessful.

Ray said she was surprised by the proclamation and called it "very unusual."

Fraser, who said he will file for the special election, said he was not surprised because he had requested it.

"I'm real pleased with it

(proclamation) because it's a real plus. After I'm elected it will give me additional experience and seniority on the others (state representatives) coming in (Jan. 10)," he said.

Avery said representatives of her office have already picked a special election filing form and she too is "pleased" with Clements' proclamation.

"It gives me a chance to get a head start on things when I'm

lected and to sit in on Larry Don's committees. The very powerful appropriations committee and the agriculture committee," she said.

Avery said she was surprised by the governor's decision.

Because of the proclamation, Ray said her primary concerns are election efficiency and saving the taxpayers money.

In her conversations with the man who prints the ballots, Ray said the "most feasible and effi-

cient" way to add the special ballot is to "put it behind the constitutional amendments."

This process would prevent voters from "voting a straight ticket," Ray said.

"If we used paper ballots we'd have to put three more workers at every precinct," she said.

There are 25 voting precincts in Howard County and the expense of using paper ballots would be cost prohibitive and delay election results, Ray said.

She is considering mailing paper ballots to those voters who will be casting absentee ballots, Ray said.

"We haven't worked it out completely," she said.

Howard County District Court Clerk Glenda Brasel and Ray will be hosting the Area III County and District Clerks' annual meeting Friday in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard County Friday and Nickless has accepted an invitation to attend, Ray said.

Sixty-two clerks in the 69th District have already made reservations and Ray said Nickless will be speaking about the special election.

Ray said Fraser and Avery have also accepted invitations to attend.

Fowl, indeed; city to scratch out plan

By MICHAEL DUFFY
Staff Writer

City officials will study the ordinances of four other Texas cities regarding fowl, and hope to return with a "model" one for the council's approval at a future date.

That conclusion was reached during a Monday night work session that Councilwoman Pat Deanda called "ridiculous."

"I can't really believe we're having a work session on this. I really can't. This chicken thing will go in to all kinds of ordinances, from anything that walks on four legs," she said.

Marvin Wise — who last week met with nine other residents at his home to discuss revising the ordinance — told the council he had contacted officials in four other cities and all allow fowl in the city limits with certain restrictions.

"It's worked on a complaint-type basis. They look at each individual situation," Wise said.

The current Big Spring city ordinance prohibits keeping fowl or swine in the city limits. In the past, however, the council has granted exceptions.

Last month the council decided to not hear new requests for permits.

Tom Ferguson, city finance director, said there are only three residents who currently have permits — including Wise — whose permit expires Jan. 26, 1989.

He said the residents who have

permits were mailed notices advising them they will no longer be permitted to keep fowl in the city limits when their permits expire.

Wise, 2204 Carl St., advised the council there are numerous residents who keep fowl in the city limits without permits.

He said one of the reasons he obtained a permit was to house five guinea hens to muffle what he described as the incessant noise from the Big Spring Humane Society shelter located near his residence.

The constant screeching of dogs and cats at the shelter often continues throughout the night, he said. "It's the noise factor. When there's no one there people just kick the dogs and cats out."

Sharon Smith, 1305 Baylor Blvd., who besides Wise was the only person to address the council, questioned what kind of animals the term "fowl" encompasses.

"Fowl is a broad term. Where do you draw the line between parrots, parakeets?" she asked.

The literal definition of fowl is: A bird of any kind.

Smith said a compromise could be worked out. "I feel the ordinance should be modified. Other cities are progressive and there's no reason Big Spring shouldn't be," she said.

Smith complained that she went through the process of filing for a livestock permit to keep five small

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

It's in the wrist

Brian Walt tosses his blue Play-doh pancake into the air as he and his kindergarten classmates at St. Mary's Episcopal School had some play time this morning.

Case won't affect area instructors

By STEVE GEISSEN
Staff Writer

A class action lawsuit filed Thursday by the Texas State Teachers Association against Educators Group Health Trust will not affect the school districts within Howard County.

The lawsuit was filed by TSTA on behalf of its members and other teachers facing more than \$8 million in medical bills left unpaid by the collapse of the health plan trust.

Trust executives announced last week they were filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 7 of the federal bankruptcy code.

The TSTA filed the class action suit in cooperation with Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, who informed the administrators of the health plan trust, Corporate Risk Counselors, Inc. of Austin, that his office is charging the trust with violating the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act.

Both TSTA and Mattox are charging that trust officials promoted and accepted enrollment in the plan knowing it was facing insolvency and could not pay valid claims against it.

Bill McQueary, superintendent of the Big Spring Independent School District, said BSISD teachers are covered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield and are not participants in the health care plan

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Minority committee proposal draws leaders' support

By STEVE GEISSEN
Staff Writer

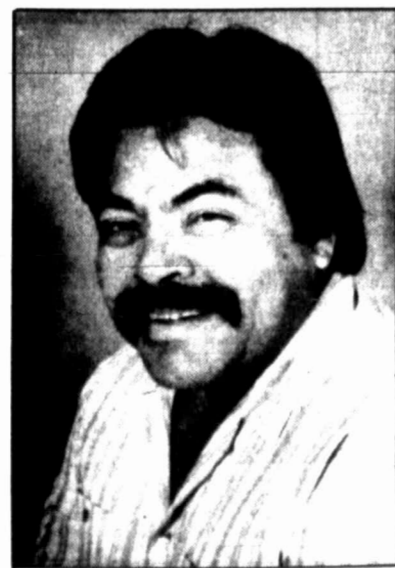
The creation of a Big Spring School District committee on minority concerns — a proposal being considered by the district's board of trustees — is strongly supported by four leaders of the local minority community.

The board discussed the proposal initiated by Ford Farris, board president, at its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 15.

Farris suggested that the committee, if approved by the board, would serve as a liaison between the minority community and the board.

"Our intent is to make an effort to reach out to the minority community and let them know we need their help and input," Farris said. "We need their positive and negative input, not just their negative input. In the past we've had mainly negative input."

Raul Marquez, president of Big Spring Chapter of the League of Latin American Citizens, expressed his support of the proposal, ad-



RAUL MARQUEZ



HEBREW JONES



BILLY PINEDA

ding that such action has long been needed in the district.

"I feel it is a very positive attitude that the school board is finally taking," he said. "For years they have ignored the

minority segment of the community.

"I hope it turns out for the best because there are a lot of issues that need to be addressed by the committee."

Minority employment and advancement within the district, and the dropout rate are among issues such a committee would need to

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Plan has school's support

The proposed committee on minority concerns has "100 percent support of the school district and of the administration," said Ford Farris, board president.

"I think by the time that everything is worked out it will have 100 percent support of the school board, too," he said.

At the Sept. 15 board meeting, Bill Brooks was the only member who expressed opposition towards the proposal.

Brooks said he "would be opposed to the proposal the way it's worded." He said the board currently represents the "entire community" and should not favor one segment of society.

Farris said the proposed committee will be discussed this Thursday during a special meeting, and would likely be voted on at the Oct. 6 school board session.

While Farris stressed that any recommendations would have to be approved by the board, he said he envisioned a seven-member committee.

Farris said he, Bill McQueary and Billy Pineda would likely be on the committee, as well as teachers and members of the minority community.

Pineda would likely be asked to recommend qualified nominees to the board for approval, he said.

Farris stressed that the committee would act in an advisory capacity to the board. "The committee will not be designed to compromise the board," he said.

He said the committee was designed to improve the district.

"I'm totally optimistic that something positive will come out of this, and Mr. McQueary is, too," he said.

San Diego man given 20 years in gang rape conviction

By JOEL WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer
SAN DIEGO, Texas — A jury early today set 20 years in prison as punishment for a man convicted in the alleged gang rape of a woman who claimed she was attacked by as many as 23 men.

Jurors deliberated about 20 minutes before returning shortly after 7 a.m. with a recommendation that Orlando Garza, 24, be given the maximum prison term for his part as the alleged ringleader. He had faced a possible

fine of up to \$10,000 but there was no mention of the fine when the jury's decision was announced.

There was little reaction from the defendant after the decision was read. He declined comment after the court session ended and as he left the Duval County Courthouse with his lawyers.

Earlier, there had been little reaction in the half-filled courtroom when the guilty verdict was returned about 4:15 a.m. after about two hours of jury deliberations.

Garza was the first of the defendants to stand trial in the case. He was accused of sexually assaulting the 19-year-old woman first on the night of March 26-27.

She reported that as many as 23 men raped her that night after she was forced to go to a ranch where illegal cockfights were being held north of the South Texas town of about 5,000.

Garza, she said, was one of the men who forced her into a car before raping and sodomizing her on the hood of a car at the ranch

before other men began taking turns with her, sometimes two at a time.

A woman who had counseled the victim at Crisis Services of Corpus Christi said she telephoned the victim, who has moved away from the South Texas town, to tell her about the jury's verdict.

"She's happy," said counselor Barbara Jackson. "She said, 'Thank the Lord.'"

District Judge Ricardo Garcia kept the jury late because he said he wanted the panel to reach a ver-

dict before he leaves for a judicial conference in Fort Worth later today.

Jurors returned to the courtroom a short time after the verdict to hear a plea for probation from Garza.

Assistant District Attorney Rodolfo Gutierrez asked jurors to give Garza the maximum sentence. He told jurors that Garza had previously been given probation for two misdemeanor convictions and he had problems fulfilling the terms of the probation.

Gutierrez told a reporter he was asking for the maximum because, "He deserves it."

The prosecutor also said he believes that some of the other defendants might want to plea bargain for shorter prison terms if jurors sentence Garza to prison. The next trial of a defendant in the case is scheduled for next month.

After listening to the plea for probation and Gutierrez' request for maximum punishment, jurors began deliberating punishment at 6:45 a.m.

Girl, aunt killed in hit-and-run

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An elderly man driving a van that struck and killed a kindergarten student and her teen-age aunt may never face formal charges because he apparently was blinded by the sun and unaware he struck anyone, authorities said.

Pricilla Marie Solis, 5, who attended kindergarten classes at Highland Park Elementary School, was struck about 8 a.m. Monday near her home as she walked to school.

She was run over a second time as she lay on the ground in the middle of the street, police Lt. Manuel Longoria said. The child was pronounced dead at the scene.

Her aunt, Sylvia Solis, 19, who was walking the girl and three

other children to school, died at Brooke Army Medical Center at 8:45 a.m., a hospital spokeswoman said.

The other children with them suffered minor injuries, officials said.

An 82-year-old man driving a van was arrested shortly after the accident at the home of a friend and police said he may not have known he had struck anyone.

The man, a minister at a non-denominational church in San Antonio, was released and police said they would refer the case to the Bexar County District Attorney's office.

Officials said he was driving east and drove right through the group as they walked toward school on the right side of the street, in the

same direction the man was driving. The street has no sidewalk, officials said.

After hitting them, the man continued down the street without stopping. Later, he said he was driving into the early morning sun and never realized he had hit anyone.

"We did not feel that we had the probable cause that would warrant booking him into jail," police spokesman Sgt. Paul Buske said. "We did not feel all of the elements of a hit-and-run are satisfied at this time."

Carlos Monreal, vice principal at Highland Park Elementary School, said he spoke with the little girl's parents shortly after the accident.



SAN DIEGO, Texas — Orlando Garza, left, sits with his attorneys during a Monday recess. He was found guilty of sexual assault and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Remarks shock Houstonian

HOUSTON (AP) — An unemployed Houston machinist said he was surprised and delighted when he suddenly heard the insurance problems facing him and his son mentioned by Democrat Michael Dukakis in Sunday's nationally televised debate.

Dukakis spoke of meeting "a father who had been laid off a few months ago and lost his health insurance."

"He has an 11-year-old son and can't let that son compete in sports in Little League because he's afraid he's going to be hurt and he won't be able to provide health insurance to pay those bills," Dukakis said.

"I was kind of surprised," said Charles Strickland, 42. "It made me feel good in a way that issue was important enough to be mentioned on national TV in a debate," Strickland said. "I don't know if it

will sway any votes one way or another, but I know there are a lot of people like me."

However, Strickland said he had not mentioned Little League baseball when he met with Dukakis and others in a forum on health insurance last week in Houston. Instead, he had told the Massachusetts governor of his son's desire to play football in school.

"My son would like to participate in sports, but frankly, without insurance, I'm scared to death to let him play," Strickland told Dukakis during the forum at Houston's Hermann hospital. "If he'd get hurt, I couldn't get any medical treatment for him."

"My wife is employed and insurance is available where she works, but the premiums are so high we can't afford it," Strickland said.



Charles Strickland and son Jason.

Briefs

Van company denies blame

HOUSTON (AP) — A company that specially equips Ford Motor Co. van chassis to transport wheelchair-bound commuters has denied any blame in two spontaneous van fires in Houston, a Metropolitan Transit Authority lawyer said.

Collins Bus Corp. of Hutchinson, Kan., which installed wheelchair lifts in vans sold to the Houston transit authority, blames faulty maintenance or a defect built into the Ford chassis, Jonathon Day said Monday.

Collins officials have rejected the authority's demand that it correct fuel system problems identified as causing the fires. Day told the Houston Chronicle.

Metro engineers and outside experts have concluded the fires were, ignited when a canister used to capture fuel vapors vented the vapors near the very hot catalytic converter. The canister was moved near the converter as part of the modifications to equip the vans with wheelchair lifts, officials said.

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Candle blamed in fatal fire

HOUSTON (AP) — A candle being used to light an apartment was blamed for the fire that roared through an apartment complex, killing two children and injuring seven other people, authorities say.

A four-year-old girl and her 14-year-old neighbor died Monday when the two-alarm fire swept through the 26-unit Sands Apartments in southeast Houston Monday night, fire department officials said.

LaToya Jenkins, 4, and Alicia Antonette Brown, 14, were killed and the younger child's father and two sisters, ages 2 and 3, were taken to Ben Taub Hospital in good condition.

Four firefighters also were taken to hospitals, including three treated for heat exhaustion and a fourth, D.J. Kophstiner, who was treated for burns to his elbows and shoulders.

The fire started in the Jenkins' ground-floor apartment and spread quickly, neighbors said. At least half of the complex's 26 units were destroyed, and five more were heavily damaged.

Deputy Fire Chief Bill Whatley said candles were being used to light the Jenkins apartment because the electricity in that unit had been shut off.

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Bush, Dukakis battle over ACLU, abortion issues

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press Writer

Democrat Michael Dukakis stressed his differences with a civil liberties group for which he claims a membership while Republican George Bush attempted to head off a potential controversy over his stand on abortion and possible legal penalties.

With their general election showdown six weeks away, the two presidential candidates used post-debate, campaign appearances to clarify statements from their first face-to-face encounter.

At a rally Monday in Jersey City, N.J., Dukakis sought to distance himself from the American Civil Liberties Union, charging that Bush was wrong when he "sug-

gested that I agree with every position ever taken" by the ACLU.

The GOP nominee, however, refused to let the issue rest. "My values are your values and they are not the values of the ACLU," Bush told a rally and barbecue in Hampton, Ga., near Atlanta.

Aides to the vice president said Bush would hammer away at the ACLU issue in the next few days as he attempts to portray the Democratic nominee as a liberal out of the American mainstream.

Bush was campaigning today in Oxford and Columbus, Ohio, before traveling to Owensboro, Ky. Dukakis was stumping for votes in Illinois — Peoria and the Chicago suburb of Melrose Park — a

critical state with 24 electoral votes.

Republican vice presidential candidate Dan Quayle was making his first foray into Texas, with stops in Houston and El Paso. Quayle's counterpart, Democrat Lloyd Bentsen, was traveling to Detroit, Mich., and Kansas City, Mo.

On the day after the debate, four nationwide surveys found little change in voter preference and underlying opinions of the two candidates. The polls also showed that most Americans believe Dukakis vs. Bush ended in a tie.

A Los Angeles Times survey, however, found that Dukakis made "major gains in stature" by appearing more presidential and

standing up under the pressure.

The Dukakis campaign produced two campaign ads showing excerpts from the debate, including the Democratic nominee's summation that, "The best America is not behind us. The best America is yet to come."

Bush, meanwhile, rated the debate showdown a draw. "I kind of thought it was even," said the GOP nominee hours after many of his senior aides termed his performance a success.

On Monday, Dukakis and his staff tackled the issue of the Massachusetts governor's membership in the ACLU — a clear indication of the Democrat's liberal ways, according to Bush.

During Sunday's debate, the vice

president referred to Dukakis as a "card-carrying member" of the ACLU and attacked some of the organization's positions.

"I don't want my 10-year-old granddaughter to go into an X-rated movie," Bush said. "I don't think they're right to try to take the tax exemption away from the Catholic Church. I don't want to see the kiddie pornography laws repealed. I don't want to see 'Under God' come out from our currency. Now, these are all positions of the ACLU and I don't agree with them."

Dukakis said Bush's efforts to link him to every ACLU stand is "nonsense and he knows it."

"Two months ago I signed one of the toughest child pornography

laws in the United States of America," Dukakis said. "I've always supported tax exemptions for religious institutions, and I certainly do not support Oliver North who the ACLU is defending."

While Dukakis responded to Bush, the Democrat's staff handed out a "fact sheet" pointing out his differences with the ACLU. The release said, for instance, that the ACLU has urged repeal of all child pornography laws and that the civil liberties group has represented people suing the Dukakis administration.

In Georgia, Bush remained on the offensive, accusing the ACLU of opposing penalties for distribution of child pornography and of advocating the legalization of drugs.

Spring board

How's That?

Survey

Q. I recently received a questionnaire from a consulting firm with a letter from Thomas K. Turnage, asking me to complete a survey about the VA's service for disabled veterans. Can you tell me if this survey is legitimate?

A. The Veterans Administration has contracted with the Arawak Consulting Corporation for a nationwide survey of disabled veterans to gather information on their needs and to assist the VA to better serve veterans with service-connected disabilities. Administrator of Veterans Affairs Thomas K. Turnage has sent a letter to each veteran selected urging them to participate in the study.

Calendar

Boosters

TODAY
• The Big Spring Band Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. in the Steer Band Hall. Everyone is welcome; please attend.

WEDNESDAY
• Fire hydrants will be flushed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. North of the railroad tracks and west of the Lamesa Highway. Water pressure may be low during this time, city officials report.

THURSDAY
• The Big Spring Fire Department will be flushing fire hydrants from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the area bordered by 11th Place on the north, Second Street on the south, State Street on the east and Goliad on the west. Water pressure in these areas could be low during this time.

FRIDAY
• The Big Spring Art Association Show and sale will be at the Big Spring Mall all day. It is an ArtsFest '88 event.

• Senior Citizen Dance will be at 8 p.m. in Building 487, in the Air Park. All seniors are invited to attend.

Tops on TV

Olympics

Men's basketball semifinals; boxing quarterfinals; women's 400m hurdles. — 7:30-midnight, Ch. 13.

• It's the Girl in the Red Truck, Charlie Brown — Jill Schultz. Snoopy's desert dwelling, animated brother, Spike, learns a lesson from his brief, bittersweet encounter with a real, live young woman. — 7 p.m. Ch. 7.

Meeting set

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The Howard County Clerk and District Clerk's offices will host the Area III County and District Clerks' annual meeting Friday in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College, according to County Clerk Margaret Ray.

She and 118th District Clerk Glenda Brasel will serve as hosts for the meeting, which begins at 9 a.m. and includes a \$6-per-plate luncheon. The meeting will include workshops and a roundtable discussion in the afternoon, Ray said Monday.

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Rummage sale scheduled

Big Spring Humane Society member Mary Thomas gives an affectionate pet to Uulf, one of the society's dogs. Thomas and fellow Humane Society members will host a rummage sale Oct. 7, 8 and 9 at the old R&R Electric building, West

Fourth and Galveston streets, to raise money for the organization. For more information, contact Lou Chrane at 263-7436 or Margaret Lloyd at 267-5646.

Fowl, indeed

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Bantam hens — including paying a \$5 fee — only to discover the council had made a decision to not approve any.

"I'd rather have her five chickens than those two beagles across the street from me," Mayor A.C. "Cotton" Mize interjected. Councilwoman Gail Earls said she wasn't opposed to changing the ordinance regarding fowl, however, Councilman Sidney Clark quickly replied "I am."

Clark said the majority of Big Spring residents are opposed to

keeping fowl in the city limits. "I've opened this can of worms. I've never had anything against chickens. If we want to throw it out... We've got to stick to our guns or change it," Earls advised.

City officials will research the fowl ordinances in Lamesa, Midland, Sweetwater and San Angelo.

"I'd like to see how they (ordinances) are administered and how they are working," Mize said.

Deanda said owners of chickens have made their views on the issue perfectly clear to her.

Lawsuit

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provided by Corporate Risk Counselors.

However, McQueary said CRC did submit the lowest bid to the district this summer for health insurance coverage. The administration did not advise the board of trustees to accept the bid because the company had a reputation of taking an excessive amount of time to pay claims. Acting on the advice of the administration, the board accepted the bid from Blue

Cross and Blue Shield.

Teachers in the Coahoma Independent School District were covered by CRC's health plan from 1984 to 1987, said Gary Rotan, superintendent.

But when Rotan became the district's administrator in July of 1987, he advised the board not to extend the contract with CRC.

Rotan said he was aware the health care trust was experiencing problems, and said after the district changed insurers, it had

difficulty collecting payment on some claims filed with CRC.

The Coahoma district is a member of the Texas Association of Community Schools, which along with its executive director, is named as a defendant in the lawsuit. But since the district is not a member of the health care plan the lawsuit will not affect it.

The Forsan and Sands Independent School Districts are also members of the Texas Association of Schools.

Local nurses remain hospitalized

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Two Big Spring women, both nurses at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, remain hospitalized in Midland following a one-car accident Sunday at 1:15 p.m. on Interstate 20 near Stanton.

Sylvia Merrick Booth, 42, and Nancy Arlene Reed, 38, both of 1217 W. Third St., were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital after

they were thrown from a pickup that swerved off I-20 and crashed into a bar ditch 1.5 miles northeast of Stanton, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety report.

Booth is listed in critical condition with head injuries, and Reed is listed in satisfactory condition with cuts and abrasions.

The women were not wearing

seatbelts, and the driver of the truck has not yet been determined, according to the report.

The truck was traveling eastbound on I-20 at a high rate of speed when it veered onto the median then swerved back across the interstate and continued into the bar ditch, according to the reports. The vehicle rolled twice before coming to a stop.

Sheriff's log

Howard County Sheriff's Department officers reported investigating the following complaints as of 9 a.m. today:

• James Lee Tow, 25, 3210 Auburn Ave., was released to Minnesota authorities in connection with two charges of sale of controlled substance.

• David George Summers, 39, 505 Scott St., is being held without bond on revocation of probation charges from the Midland County Sheriff's Office. He was transferred to county jail Monday after being

arrested by city police on charges of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon on licensed premises.

• Stephen Estrada Trevino, 27, 604 W. Fifth St., was arrested on a capias judgment, sentenced to 180 days and \$331.50 in fines and court costs.

• Tom Andrew Currie, 28, 903 Dallas St., was released on bonds totaling \$1,700 after being arrested by city police on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants and charges of criminal

mischief.

• Jessie Martinez, 30, 306 N.E. Tenth St., was arrested on a capias for assault charges. He was sentenced to pay 196.50 in fines and court costs.

• Jerry Wayne Holloway, 31, Tarzan, was released on \$1,000 bond early today. He had been arrested Monday by Texas Highway Patrol officers on a charge of DWI.

• Wayne Wallace, a county barn employee, reported damage of undetermined value to a flat wheel Ingram roller owned by the county over the weekend. County Engineer Bill Mims had told the county commissioners' court Monday that the roller had its wires and hoses cut by vandals while parked near a construction area.

Minority

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address, he said. Marquez said a committee is needed because in the past "when a member of the minority went before the board they didn't get heard. The board just kind of pushed it aside."

"A lot of issues have been brought before the school board (by members of the minority community), but with the attitude the board has had you don't get much done," he said.

Hebrew Jones, president of the Big Spring Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, echoed the concerns expressed by Marquez.

"From my standpoint I don't think the board has been receptive to the minority community at all," he said.

Jones also said a committee on minority concerns could help the district address the issues of minority employment and school dropouts.

Such a committee would improve relations between the minority community and the board, he said.

"There are minority needs and who could better tell them about those needs?" he said.

Lupe Dominguez, chairwoman

of the Hispanic Women for Progress, said, "I hope they have a good committee. I feel the committee will be as good as the people they put on it."

Dominguez said she would like to see the committee aid the district in intensifying its efforts to hire qualified minority teachers.

"We really need minority teachers to serve as role models."

Billy Pineda, board member, said he has received "a lot of reaction from people who think (the proposed minority committee) is a good start, and something that should have been done a long time ago."

"I think it will alleviate a lot of the problems we've had in the past," he said.

The feeling within the minority community is that "the board will listen to (minority concerns) but they won't do anything about them," he said.

Pineda also said that if the committee is established it should work to increase minority representation in the district's teaching and administrative ranks.

"The anglo community is not underrepresented," he said. "But if they were the minority, they'd feel the same way."

Slaying

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numerous crime books, she said.

His father, a welder, said he first learned of his son's arrest when he returned home from work Monday. "It just doesn't make no sense," he said.

The wounded teachers, Kat Finkbeiner and Eleanor Hodge, were listed in fair condition today at Self Memorial. A 7-year-old pupil was in critical condition and another was in fair condition.

Six other pupils were treated for superficial gunshot wounds and released Monday, said hospital spokesman Dan Branyon.

Shequila died of a gunshot wound to the neck, said Greenwood County Coroner Odell Duvall.

"There would have been a great deal more injury and loss of life if it had not been for these brave teachers and the way they conducted themselves," said State Law Enforcement Division chief Robert Stewart.

Coursey said Wilson walked through the school's front door, went to the cafeteria and opened fire with a .22-caliber, nine-shot

revolver, wounding one teacher and three students.

He left the cafeteria and entered a girl's restroom to reload his weapon. Ms. Finkbeiner followed and attempted to prevent him from leaving the room, Coursey said.

In the scuffle that followed, Ms. Finkbeiner was shot in the mouth and hand.

Wilson evaded Ms. Finkbeiner and entered a classroom, where he opened fire again, wounding five students and killing Shequila, Coursey said.

After emptying his pistol, Wilson dropped the weapon. Ms. Finkbeiner told him to raise his hands and stand until a police officer arrived, the chief said.

Watson said he knew of no connection between the gunman and the school.

"It appears to be an entirely random incident," Watson said.

Officials will try to help students and teachers recover from the nightmare, Watson said. The district will provide teachers with counseling today, he said, and children will receive counseling when they return Wednesday.

Deaths

Harold Hamill

Harold G. Hamill, 59, Gulf Port, Miss., formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 26, 1988, in a local hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 7, 1928 in Quana and was a member of the Church of Christ. He had served in the Texas National Guard and was a resident of Gulf Port, Miss., where he had managed Wills Hotel for the past 14 years.

He came to Big Spring as a child with his family, was raised here and attended Big Spring schools.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Pam Hamill, Big Spring; one brother, Jimmy, Springfield, Tenn.; one sister, Mrs. June Marcum, Maybank; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Nile Cole, David Hamill, David Terry, Wayne Henry, Paul Peterson, and Johnnie Hooper.

Richard Vickrey

DALLAS — Richard Ramsay Vickrey, 75, of Flower Mound, and

father of a Big Spring resident, died Sunday, Sept. 25, 1988.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Restland Willwood Chapel with Bob Hanson officiating.

Burial will be in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas under the direction of Restland Funeral Home.

Vickrey was self-employed with the Vickrey-Vinton Blind and Floor Covering company in Flower Mound.

Survivors include his wife Laura Johnson Vickrey; two brothers, Ray and Oliver Vickrey; a sister, Frances Bradberry; two daughters, Jo Alice (Mrs. Robert) Rember, Big Spring; and Barbara Frances Avery, Bonham; two sons: Robert Ramsay Vickrey, Flower Mound; and James Richard Vickrey, Pilot Point, nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials to the American Heart Association or to the Salvation Army.

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Harold G. Hamill, 59, died Monday. Services will be 10:00 A.M. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

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Opinion

Herald opinion

Dukakis steers toward issues

If Michael Dukakis finds himself standing in front of the Capitol on a cold January morning next year, his left hand atop a Bible held by the chief justice, his right hand raised in solemn oath, he may well have an anonymous Houston man to thank.

With a compelling little anecdote Sunday night (Sept. 25) about a Houston father who dared not allow his son to play organized sports because the family couldn't afford health insurance, Dukakis focused the presidential campaign exactly where he wanted it focused: On domestic issues, particularly on such middle-class concerns as health care, affordable housing and good jobs.

Dukakis didn't win the election Sunday night; he may not have won the debate. But he performed capably enough in the first of two debates with Vice President George Bush to propel himself back into the thick of the presidential race.

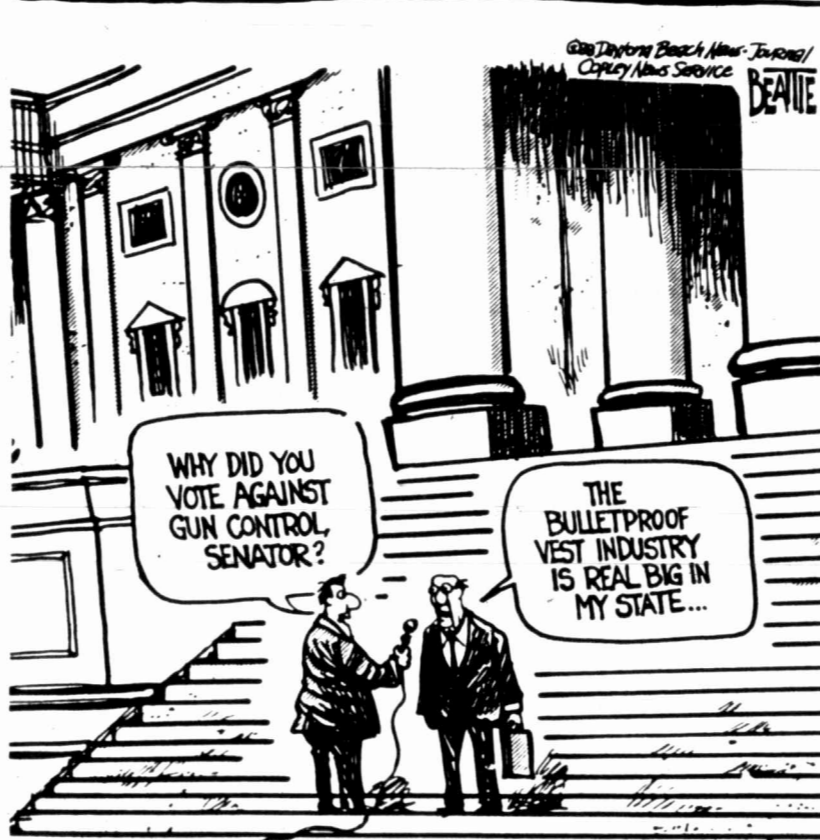
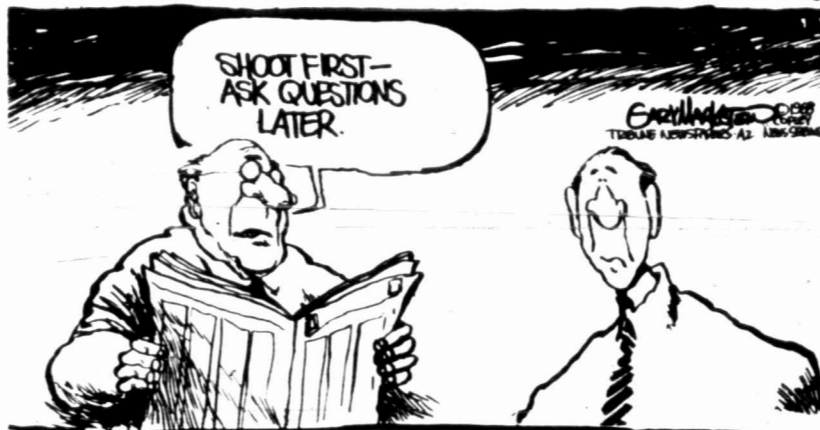
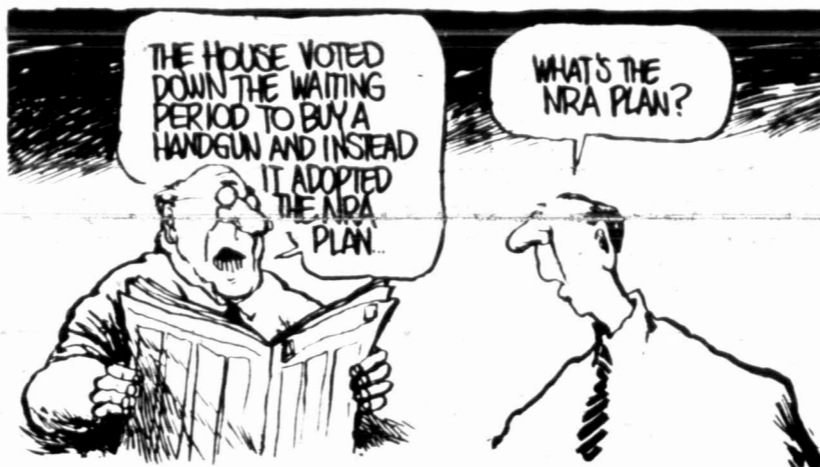
It's a strange system that has evolved in this country. We now determine the viability of our presidential candidates by their performance in highly structured "debates."

By that criterion, Dukakis performed well. He was calm, articulate and forceful. He kept his Republican opponent on the defensive for much of the night. It's a toss-up as to who scored the most points, but as Bush's campaign people will be the first to point out, the two men are running for the presidency, not toastmaster general.

Ironically, Bush's "performance" may have helped him — as Bob Dornan, a Republican congressman from California, suggested in a post-debate call. He borrowed Bush's word for Dukakis: "iceman." The vice president's style "humanizes him," Dornan insisted. "He comes across as more normal."

To us, Bush looked and sounded like Jimmy Stewart. "The good guy next door" — to use another Dornan phrase — worked Sunday night to portray his Democratic opponent as suspiciously outside the American mainstream: "a card-carrying member" of the American Civil Liberties Union, weak and naive on defense, an abortion proponent and death-penalty opponent.

That contrast, and not the contrast in debating styles, may be the impression that lingers. George Bush certainly hopes so. But as he discovered Sunday night, the man with a story about an aspiring athlete is still very much in the game.



Moanin' and groanin' What is there to do?

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

What with recent county fairs and Friday night football, the temptation is strong in this corner to wax rhapsodic about life in small-town West Texas. Don't worry, though — I'm not about to change my style now.

Life can be rather bucolic in this neck of the woods, but for some reason, what's bucolic for some is just down-right dull to others.

Or, as a character in a Dan Jenkins book once said: "Bucolic is fine and dandy, but it don't pay the rent."

An unfortunate fact of life out here in the wild is that there is not a whole lot of what one would call recreational activities. And with summer officially dead and buried for another nine months, you can scratch swimming from the list.

What to do? What to do? What can your average person do on those autumnal nights in small-town America for a few laughs?

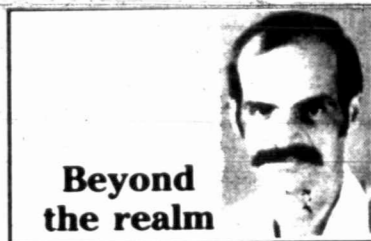
As a Big Spring native, I have studied that very problem for most of my life, and my answer is: Not much.

You can go to the movies, or visit friends, or watch TV or go for a drive. You can drink, smoke, watch sunsets, go fishing or take a walk.

You can rent video cassettes or play video games; you can curse the Cowboys or cheer the Oilers; if you're energetic enough, you can even play a friendly game of football, basketball, pool or cards.

If you're the desperate type, you can even write columns in small daily newspapers just to see how much hate mail you can receive — some from your fellow writers.

Editor's note: That nasty Reagan's remark is a snide little reference to a column that appeared in last Friday's Herald, in



which our three female staffers responded to his chauvinistic article of Sept. 15.

His comment is what is known as an inside joke and has no place in a community newspaper such as ours, so kindly disregard it. While we're on the subject, kindly disregard this editor's note as well.

As for Reagan, rest assured he is being reprimanded for his transgression — break out the thumb-screws, Charlie!

Geez, I hate when they do that. Now, where was I? Oh, things to do in small-town West Texas. Well, let's see...

You can take your sweetie on a date, or you can marry him/her and start a family. Granted, this is a rather drastic course of action, but if you have a really good sense of humor, give it a try.

You can read, go to football games, play with your children or your pets. You can shop, go to a restaurant or to the park. To be totally radical, you can have meaningful conversations with your friend — or have a debate on the pros and cons of abortion, as a colleague and I are doing at this moment.

Editor's note: He did it again, folks. We swear, you practically have to beat his head against the wall to get him to follow a few, simple rules of responsible journalism. What ever are we going to do with him?

Sorry for the interruption. As I was saying, there's not a whole lot to do in this town — if you happen to be the hard-to-please type.

U.S. pot growers beginning to export

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

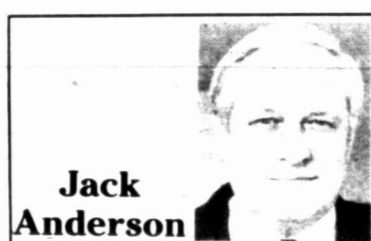
WASHINGTON The United States may be in the position, for the first time ever, of exporting drugs. High quality marijuana, much of it grown illegally on public lands such as the national forests, is being shipped out of the country for sale, according to law enforcement sources.

Until now, American-grown marijuana was produced by small operations for domestic use and supplemented by foreign-grown pot. The small growers are being forced out of the business by law enforcement agents. But larger, organized criminal outfits are taking their places and expanding to foreign markets.

Law enforcement sources in the Pacific Northwest tell us that locally grown marijuana is increasingly being sold to Canadian dealers because of its high quality and potency.

Another wrinkle is the marijuana-for-cocaine trade. Some Northwest growers swap marijuana for Colombian cocaine. The Colombian dealers then resell the marijuana at a profit. The standard trade is an ounce of cocaine for a pound of marijuana.

Police intelligence reports on the



new marijuana export business pinpoint the source of the crop as southern Oregon and an area of northern California known in police circles as the Emerald Triangle. It comprises California's Humboldt, Mendocino and Trinity counties.

The American marijuana crop is a \$10 billion industry, replacing legitimate crops such as wheat and corn as the No. 1 cash crop in some areas. In the Emerald Triangle, the high-quality sensimilla — the female marijuana plant which has no seeds — can bring an average of \$3,500 a plant. A typical plot of 100 plants could be worth \$35,000.

Increasingly, growers are secretly cultivating their crops on federal land so they can hide their harvest in unpopulated areas and protect their private property from confiscation if they are caught.

One outfit making headway against the growers is a five-person U.S. Forest Service team

based in Redding, Calif., led by agent Frank Packwood. Dale Van Atta recently toured the Emerald Triangle with Packwood by helicopter and tracked likely growing sites in Oregon.

The emerald-colored plants were once quite easy to spot in the forest foliage by agents flying over in helicopters. But growers are turning to smaller plots and using camouflage techniques such as nets. Some use portable gardens planted in bags and buckets that can be moved or hidden in the tree tops if the growers suspect their area will be searched.

Armed growers and booby traps make the marijuana detail a dangerous duty for Packwood and his team. Packwood and a Bureau of Land Management agent were tramping through the forest once when the BLM agent became tangled in a trip wire rigged to a shotgun. Luckily, the shotgun misfired. A quick search revealed a second trip wire in the area Packwood was searching.

This summer, Packwood found himself in hand-to-hand combat when he tried to arrest two men for allegedly raising 535 plants in five sites in a national forest. Packwood had to wrestle one suspect, a former high school industrial arts

teacher. According to Packwood's account, the man bit Packwood's hand, nearly severing a finger, hit him in the head with a rock and grabbed Packwood's gun before he was subdued.

Packwood's team has logged a surprising 100 percent conviction rate on the growers and jail time for each one arrested, primarily because the team is careful with evidence. Arrests often come only after the agents have spent three or four days watching the patch. The patient agents in camouflage paint stake out the patches and videotape the growers before moving in for the arrest.

MINI-EDITORIAL — You have to feel bad for the poor merchants on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. Fame has brought them tourists and other undesirables who love to window shop but can't afford the merchandise.

Adding insult to injury is the guy who parked a \$200,000 Rolls-Royce in front of his art gallery to give the place more glitz. His neighbors complain that he is pandering to the wrong class of people. We can only guess at why a Rolls-Royce would be a drawback; the folks who gather and gawk can't afford to buy.



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Arm him with a flag, don't you think?

By ART BUCHWALD

I recently visited an arms factory where George Bush was expected later in the day.

"Does this plant make firearms?" I asked Baskerville, one of Bush's advance men.

"No," he said. "It produces arms that you can place across your chest when you're reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. It's the largest right-arm factory in the world, and business is booming since the candidate made the flag the main issue of his campaign."

"Are they meant for people who don't have right arms?" I asked.

"No, these are for citizens who have their own arms. The manufactured arm makes it possible to recite the Pledge and applaud Bush at the same time."

"It's a miracle," I exclaimed.

"Before Reagan, Americans didn't care if they had an arm to pledge with or not. But the Republicans changed all that, and the demand for a right arm to put over your heart has swept the nation. They're not very expensive. They sell for \$9.95 each."

"Does Bush own any of these?"

"Of course. If you say the Pledge of Allegiance as often as he does, you have to keep a trunkload for emergencies. They're going to give him a Teflon-coated one at today's ceremonies. It's supposed to be very special because not only can you place it across your chest to salute the flag, but it can also be held up in a V for Victory sign when you're taking a bow."

"What does George do with his real right arm?"

"During his speech he uses it to point out Dukakis' mistakes and to question the governor's patriotism."

Any time you see Bush sticking his finger into the air, you can assume that the rest of the arm belongs to him.

"And when he has his arm across his chest?"

"Almost certainly it's a plastic one made in this factory."

"How did you discover such an operation?"

"The owner called us. He sent a sample to the Vice President as soon as he heard that George had a bad case of tennis elbow caused by placing his hand on his heart while reciting the Pledge. The VP was really impressed and told me to check it out. What made it exciting to us was that Michael Dukakis had never been here. It seemed the perfect spot for a follow-up to George's visit to the flag factory in New Jersey."

"That was good thinking," I told him, "you'll probably be on all three networks tonight."

"We hope so, but that isn't why George is coming over."

"Why is he coming?"

"It's his way of showing that he cares about this country, and that he admires any company that makes it easier for Americans to recite the Pledge. Many people complain about how hard it is to put their arms across their chests. With these arms they have no excuse."

I said, "Since I'm here, I think I'll get one. How long are they good for?"

"Twenty days if you keep them in a dry place."

"Can I use the arm to wave to George after he makes a speech?"

"Yes, we waved them at the convention in New Orleans when Dan Quayle was nominated and they worked like a dream."

"What time does today's ceremony begin?"

"Any minute now. We can start as soon as they've measured the VP for a flag to wrap himself in when he leads us all in reciting the oath."

Quotes

"Ben was not able to discuss or articulate anything at that moment... He was just not able to speak and it was a very difficult moment for all of us." — Carol Anne Letheren, Canada's chief of mission in Seoul, South Korea, describing Ben Johnson's shocked reaction to losing his Olympic 100-meter dash gold medal after testing positive for steroid use.

"Building constituent support one on one, serving well in public office, can help build a political career, but there is no substitute for money, and lots of it, wisely spent in buying the most seasoned and shrewd media advice and the television time to ring that bell." — Retiring Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., who spent \$145 to win his last Senate election in 1982, acknowledging the role money is having in the race to succeed him.

"We're not lessening our protection there at all." — President Ronald Reagan, seeking to reassure leaders of Persian Gulf states following a U.S. decision to stop escorting individual ships in the Gulf.

Nation

Shuttle countdown continues

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Discovery's commander and pilot made jet training flights today and kept an eye on the weather as a new team of engineers, born of the Challenger disaster, took over key decisions leading to Thursday's launch.

The leader of the 21-member team, veteran astronaut Robert Crippen, has sole authority to approve or stop a launch effort.

As the experts met for the first time, the countdown proceeded smoothly toward the first shuttle

launch in 32 months, despite lightning in the area that delayed some work.

Astronaut Frederick H. Hauck, who commands Discovery's five-man crew, and pilot Richard O. Covey were airborne after breakfast today in a jet aircraft equipped to handle like the shuttle. They practiced landings on the shuttle landing strip near the launch pad.

Later in the day all five crew members were scheduled for pre-flight physical examinations and countdown progress briefings.

Environmentalists laud decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Environmentalists hailed a call by the Environmental Protection Agency for a global ban on ozone-destroying chlorofluorocarbons and related compounds.

"We're glad to see they've come around to our way of thinking," said Liz Cook of Friends of the Earth.

The announcement Monday by EPA administrator Lee M. Thomas marked a shift from his view that there was plenty of time

to consider what, if any, steps were needed to tighten the terms of an existing international treaty on reducing CFC production.

That treaty, signed by 45 major nations, pledges signatories to a 50 percent cut by 1998.

The CFC compounds are widely used as refrigeration fluids, solvents and foam blowing agents and, outside the United States, as aerosol propellants. Related bromine compounds are used in fire extinguishers.

Report: Tawana Brawley lied

NEW YORK (AP) — A grand jury has decided that Tawana Brawley, whose case brought allegations of a racist coverup, fabricated her story that she was gang raped by white men, The New York Times reported today.

The special state grand jury found overwhelming evidence that the black, 19-year-old Wappinger Falls girl lied and helped create the condition in which she was found, the newspaper said.

The evidence was assembled over seven months by a grand jury that was unable to obtain

testimony from Miss Brawley, who was found Nov. 28 smeared with feces, dazed, and with racial slurs written on her body.

Her story attracted national attention. Prominent people who spoke sympathetically of her plight included heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson and actor Bill Cosby, who put up a \$25,000 reward.

Civil rights organizations cited the case as an example of racism and unfairness in the criminal justice system, while Miss Brawley refused to cooperate

System faces major overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's welfare system is headed for a major overhaul with the conclusion of complex negotiations on a five-year plan aimed at moving welfare recipients into jobs and helping them collect more child support.

The initiative agreed on Monday by Senate, House and White House negotiators had been close to death all summer as negotiators sought a balance between conservatives favoring mandatory work and liberals con-

cerned about increasing benefits to the needy and motivating people to enter the mainstream workplace.

The \$3.34 billion welfare plan comes in above the Senate's own \$2.8 billion measure.

The cornerstone of the compromise is a Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) program offering welfare parents — including those with preschool children — services such as job search help, education and job training.



Papal smooch
VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II kisses AIDS victim Brendan O'Rourke, 5, of San Francisco, during an audience in the Vatican Monday. Brendan was attending a beatification ceremony of a Spanish priest who founded California's missions.

Demos concede wage bill defeat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 4.7 million Americans will have to wait at least another year for the first raise in the \$3.35-an-hour minimum wage since 1981 as Senate Democrats concede a major election-year legislative defeat to a Republican filibuster.

Refusing to bow to GOP demands for a broad-based subminimum floor under the 50-year-old minimum wage, Democratic leaders on Monday gave up all hope of raising the pay base by 40 cents to \$3.75 an hour in January.

"There is no point in our continuing to pound on their door," Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., said on the Senate floor. "I'm now conceding that the Republican filibuster was successful."

Even before Monday's action, the bill faced an uncertain fate in the House, where there was intense opposition from some southern and midwestern Democrats.

result," said Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas. "This bill couldn't pass the House. It wasn't going to pass the Senate unless it was modified."

The Senate had been stymied for more than a week by parliamentary maneuvering on both sides as the two presidential candidates, Republican George Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis, watched from the sidelines.

Lacking the 51 votes to effectively couple an increase with their desire for a 90-day, 80 percent subminimum for newly hired workers, Republicans refused to allow any votes on the bill itself.

Democrats, meanwhile, lacked the 60 votes necessary to limit the debate and shut off the filibuster despite the defection of eight GOP senators to their cause last Friday.

Each side sought to blame the other, with Democrats maintaining that Bush could have turned the vote around with a few phone calls to Republican lawmakers.

World

Reagan makes final UN address

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — President Reagan is telling leaders of Persian Gulf states that the U.S. decision to stop escorting individual ships represents "just a slight difference" in the Navy's waterway policing operation.

Posing for pictures with Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, the amir of Kuwait, Reagan said, "We're not lessening our protec-

tion there at all."

On a busy day in which the president made his swan-song visit to the United Nations, Reagan also heard an upbeat assessment of Middle East peace.

But Monday's meetings were dominated by talk of the administration's decision to abandon the policy of escorting U.S.-flagged ships traveling the dangerous Persian Gulf.

Warship barely misses yacht

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The USS New Jersey nearly ran down a yacht carrying anti-nuclear demonstrators as the battleship maneuvered into Sydney harbor today through a flotilla of yachts, canoes and surfboards.

The New Jersey's skipper, Capt. Douglas Katz, said his 57,000-ton battleship would probably have sunk the yacht had it had not been dragged clear at the last moment.

"If it had not been for that police boat pulling it off we'd have split it in half," Katz said.

"The guy on that police boat was very brave."

The police boat managed to secure the yacht and tow it clear seconds before the battleship steamed by.

Other protesters in assorted small craft attempted to get alongside the ship and plaster it with anti-nuclear slogans, but were kept away by a cordon of police and Australian navy speed boats.

Police and navy divers jumped into the water to arrest two protesters.

Jets strike guerilla targets

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli warplanes today raided a guerilla base in southern Lebanon for the second time in five days, the army command said.

The army communique did not identify the guerrillas involved, but said the base was located in a Shiite Moslem area.

A military spokesman said the base served as a headquarters for planning and executing attacks against Israeli forces and Israeli-backed Lebanese militiamen in Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon.

The announcement said the planes struck at a site near the

village of Al-Luwayzah, 10 miles north of the Christian town of Marjayoun, where Israeli-backed Lebanese militiamen are based.

It gave no details about casualties but said the target was destroyed, and all Israeli planes returned safely to base.

It was the Israel's 15th air strike against guerilla targets in Lebanon this year.

On Friday, Israeli warplanes attacked Palestinian guerrilla bases near the southern Lebanese port city of Sidon, apparently in retaliation for a Sept. 16 infiltration attempt.

Violence results in 14 deaths

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — A dispute over payment for milk in a store touched off four days of violence in an overcrowded slum that hospital officials said killed at least 12 people by Monday, including a police officer.

Authorities called in the army and imposed a curfew on the area, which crackled with the sound of sporadic gunfire Monday.

A police spokesman said three soldiers patrolling the area were believed to have been kidnapped early Monday, although no one

immediately claimed responsibility. Enforcement officials searched for the missing soldiers.

Police and residents said the violence began with a dispute Friday between youths and a store owner.

"It all started when some boys refused to pay for the milk they drank at a milk shop," said Mumtaz Ali, an area resident. "The owner wanted money and started beating the boys. Later, friends of the boys came to the shop and ransacked it."

Bentsen, Quayle prepare for debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now come the vice presidential nominees in a different kind of debate — a confrontation in which Sen. Dan Quayle will be out to prove that he doesn't deserve to be a campaign issue.

George Bush's Republican running mate and Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, the Democratic candidate for vice president, meet on Oct. 5 in Omaha, Neb., in a 90-minute debate patterned on the match between the presidential nominees.

Quayle's competence has come under almost daily challenge from Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis, and lately, from Bentsen.

The patrician Bentsen has shelved senatorial courtesies in favor of long-distance attacks on his cross-aisle colleague from Indiana. And Senate debate etiquette presumably will not apply next week, at least on Bentsen's side of the stage.

Quayle, 41, a second-term senator, could try to deflect debate attacks by using the elaborate courtesies of the Senate in handling

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his senior colleague. Debating Dukakis Sunday night, Bush gave a hint at that strategy by saying that he, Quayle and Bentsen were the only three candidates in the race who are knowledgeable on defense issues.

Campaign debaters customarily are out to raise their profiles, to promote themselves and their positions as issues to be considered by the voters.

But Quayle could best serve his ticket by reversing that with a solid, error-free debate showing, nothing flashy or fancy, just a workmanlike performance to try to silence the critics — and lower his profile as a Democratic target.

Vice President Bush, testy when he was questioned about criticism of his chosen running mate in the presidential debate, said Quayle, who is 41, is an outstanding young man who has stood up to "outrageous, brutal... very unfair pounding..." since his

nomination.

"He'll do very, very well" in the debate, Bush said.

The Democrats think Quayle is a salable campaign issue for their side, and Dukakis takes a slap at him in almost every speech. "I doubt very much that Dan Quayle was the best qualified person for that job," he said Sunday night.

"And as a matter of fact, I think for most people, the notion of President Quayle is a very, very troubling notion."

Quayle, campaigning with Bush on Monday in Jackson, Tenn., returned the gibe. "After last night, for most people the notion of President Dukakis is a very, very troubling notion today," he said.

With the Democrats questioning his competence, Quayle is in a position to succeed without really scoring in the vice presidential debate, if he can hold his own and undercut the opposition claim that he is in way over his head.

Quayle can do that by showing the voters that he isn't a dummy, that he can answer questions under the pressure of a nationally televised debate without misspeaking, that he is up to his assignment.

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Lifestyle

Symphony Guild meets, plans

The Big Spring Symphony Guild held their first meeting of the 1988-89 season Sunday in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church. After a brief business meeting, the Guild played hostess to city music teachers.

Guild president Lisa Nichols conducted the business meeting, guiding committee chairmen through reports on plans for the season.

The Guild will be selling Highland Fraser Fir wreaths. The fir wreaths will come in two sizes—22 inches for \$22.50 and 28 inches for \$28 and will arrive for delivery the week after Thanksgiving. They will be available from any Sym-

phony Guild member. Nov. 5 was announced as the date of this season's first concert. Big Spring's own Dr. Keith Graumann will conduct the Big Spring Symphony in Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. Preliminary plans for the annual Tour of Homes, scheduled for Dec. 11, were discussed.

After the business meeting, Guild members hosted an appreciation reception for City Music Teachers. Members and guests were treated to two musical selections by H. Keith Ross on the First Presbyterian pipe organ. The next Guild meeting will be Oct. 23 in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Women's Forum opens new year

The Women's Forum opened the beginning of its new club year on Friday with a guest coffee hosted by the club's officers in the home of Mrs. E.P. Driver. Mrs. Buel Fox, president, presided at the coffee table, which was designed with fall colors and accented with a floral arrangement.

Club officers for the year besides Mrs. Buel Fox are: Mrs. Trevor Crawford, vice president; Mrs. Skeeter Salisbury, recording secretary; Mrs. Martha Fielder, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. E.P. Driver, treasurer.

Mrs. Archie Adkins will serve as parliamentarian with Mrs. Jay Yarbrough as historian.

New yearbooks were distributed to the 20 members who were present. Mrs. Wayne Bonner attended as a guest.

The next meeting of the club will be on Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Jay Yarbrough, 702 Highland, with Mrs. Ernie Boyd as co-hostess. A program, "Stress Management and Self-Esteem" will be given by Kathy Higgins, coordinator of volunteers at the Big Spring State Hospital.



Essay winners

Lyla Martinez, left, Brian Hughes and Kappi Wise won first, second and third places respectively in the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center Constitution Bicentennial essay contest recent in honor of Constitution week, VA officials announced. The three students, all of whom attend Goliad Middle School, were invited to the VA where a formal presentation of their awards was made.

When's a houseguest really a house pest?

DEAR ABBY: More than three months ago, our 22-year-old cousin got a job in our town (only 30 minutes from his home town), and his parents asked our parents if he could stay with us until he got on his feet. It now appears that Cousin Dearest has moved in with us permanently.

He first showed up with one suitcase. A week later, he brought in a great big suitcase and his own mattress because he had been sleeping on a couch in our den. The next thing we knew, he brought in the rest of his possessions! Abby, we are a family of eight and were cramped to begin with, and we can't accommodate another person permanently.

Cousin Dearest is rude to our parents, resents my mother's smoking and ridicules our family's lifestyle. Our father makes his lunch every morning, drives him to work and picks him up. Every evening, Cousin Dearest showers, puts on his pajamas, shows up for dinner (in pajamas) and retires to "his" room. The room that is now his used to be our family room — which we can no longer use in the evenings because he is sleeping on his mattress in the middle of the floor.

Although the rest of us are expected to help out either financially or with household chores, Cousin Dearest does not lift a finger and pays no rent. We are tired of watching our parents abused by this character and want him out. Our parents feel obligated to keep him because he's "family."

Our problem is how to get Cousin Dearest to move back home or to get a place of his own without causing hard feelings. Any suggestions? — HAD IT

DEAR HAD IT: Your parents agreed to let Cousin Dearest stay with you until he "got on his feet." Now, it appears that he has gotten on your nerves before getting on his feet. (He is no longer a houseguest — he's a permanent house-pest!)

It's unfair of your parents to allow this inconsiderate relative to inconvenience the entire

household, but all you can do is complain loudly and consistently to your parents. And I suggest that you do so.

DEAR ABBY: What can we, as parents, do to get our 39-year-old daughter to repay the money we loaned her?

We loaned her money to make a down payment on a car. We loaned her money so she could go to beauty school. We loaned her money to pay her rent and security and electric company deposit — and instead, she used the money to give her stepdaughter a birthday party.

She promised to pay for the collect phone calls she made to us, but she hasn't. The list goes on and on. Her father called and asked her to please send us a little something. All we get are promises. She manages an office and makes good money. Her husband also has a job that pays well.

Abby, we are trying to get along on our Social Security and need the money. — NEDDY PARENTS

DEAR PARENTS: Unless you have an IOU or promissory note signed by your daughter, complete with the terms of repayment, your chances for collecting are slim. Sometimes threatening to sue will motivate a deadbeat.

I wish you luck. Meanwhile, this should be a lesson for others: Don't lend anybody (relatives included) money without a signed IOU or promissory note.

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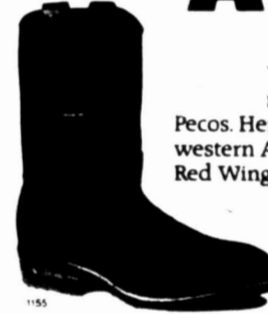
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Sports

Crossroads

Chalk Talk

Crossroads Country teams rebounded from the previous week's dismal showing to record a respectable 5-4 slate this past week.

Garden City and Sands remained unbeaten, Garden City overpowered Stanton 24-6 while Sands held off Highland, 30-18.

The Forsan Buffaloes got their first win of the season, a 13-0 blanking of Sterling City, as did Grady, a 64-22 win over Blackwell.

The Colorado City Wolves ran their record to 3-1 with a 38-14 romp over Sonora while the Coahoma Bulldogs were nipped by Crane on a last-minute scoring pass, 15-8.

The Klondike Cougars played number two ranked Christoval to the wire before falling, 37-27.

Here is what area coaches had to say about last week's games and this week's opponents.

Lenardo Gonzales, Grady on his team's slaughter of Blackwell — "It was our best performance of the year. We improved on our tackling and blocking, but Blackwell was not as strong as some of the other teams we've faced.

"The kids got excited and played well. It will do good for our confidence. We executed better than we have all season.

"Trent (next opponent) is probably one of the best teams we'll face. They have to be pretty good to be ranked number four in the state. They have lots of size and they are quick and fast."

Sam Scott, Garden City, on his team's big win over Stanton and this week's encounter with Roscoe — "I think we played good. We did what we had to do to win. It was a big accomplishment for us. This tough pre-district schedule is working wonders for us.

"Our confidence level is very high right now. We go on the road this week to play a real tough Roscoe team. They have excellent speed, more speed than anybody we've went up against."

Tom Ham, Klondike, on his team's hard battle against Christoval and this week's game against Wellman — "We played good, but we can still play better. We're still making mistakes. We scored the only touchdown in the first quarter. We had the opportunity to score first in the second quarter and we didn't. They blocked a kick and ran it back and they helped turn the game around.

"I'm proud of the kids. This tough schedule will help us. I fill we'll really hit our stride against Wellman. They are down a little bit from last year. They lost a lot of kids and they're quarterback hurt his knee. Plus they had one good player move away."

Dale Ruth, Stanton, on his team's loss to Garden City and this week's tilt against Forsan — "We didn't play very well. We didn't execute. But you can't take anything away from Garden City. They came at us. We couldn't stop that one running back (Tony Ramirez). They have a very good ballclub.

"The kids are disappointed. But we told them they can't stop now. We can't get our heads down, we've got to go back to work.

"People say Forsan is down this year, but from what I've seen on film, they execute well. This is homecoming week and I try to keep the kids from getting too involved with it."

Steve Park, Coahoma, on his team's loss to Crane on a last-minute pass play — "The kids played hard enough to win. They should have won. It's a very tough one to lose. We were in a prevent defense when they scored the (winning TD).

"They got in a formation we hadn't seen. The kid got into the seam and just outran us. I think the kids will be up for Ozona (next opponent). They'll finally be back at home, they'll have a good crowd and they know they should have won that last game. I think we'll be ready for Ozona."

Randy Roemisch, Sands, on his team's win over Hermleigh and this week's game against Wilson — "On the stat sheet, we've struggled offensively, but we're capitalizing on the other team's mistakes. We didn't score in the second half and that was more my fault than the kids.

"I got real conservative and let coach (Jerry) Gooch's defense do the work. I feel real comfortable with our defense though. We're allowing seven points per game, and that's good, no matter who you're playing.

"Wilson (next opponent) will be by far our toughest competition. They are undefeated and have beaten Klondike, Borden County, Dawson and Ira. This will give us a pretty good look on how we stand in district."

John Bond, Borden County, on his team's loss to Wilson and this week's game against Ira — "We played good in the first half and only trailed 14-8. Then we gave up the big plays in the second half. Early in the second half, we drove deep in their territory and didn't score. Then they ran a kick back for a touchdown and returned a interception for a touchdown. Those two quick scores broke our back.

"We're going to spend a lot of time on our blocking, we're still not doing a good job. We have to get ready for district.

"Ira has a good team. They lost to Wilson and Jayton, two tough teams. They are primarily a running team. They have good size and speed, similar to Jayton."

Jan East, Forsan, on his team's win over Sterling City and this week's clash with Stanton — "We played better. We played much better defense, we didn't give up the big play. This was our first shutout in a year-and-a-half. We're getting better but it's a slow process. We've just got a lot of kids that don't have much experience."

"On defense we had two starters that didn't suit out because of the flu. We started one freshmen kids that hadn't played a lick of defense all year. Offensively, we're not making hunks of yardage, but we don't have the speed for that anyway.

"This is Stanton's homecoming so we'll have some fun. It's tough being 1-3, but as long as the kids give us that effort, that's all you can ask."

Tom Ramsey, Colorado City, on his team's win over Sonora and this week's encounter with Crane — "I think the kids played better than they were coached. We played a solid game. We picked up the pace. We had six starters out and Beau Rees (C-City's leading rusher) was sick. The rest of the kids took up the slack. They were wild, they hit everything that moved.

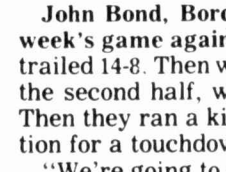
"This is the first time we've played Crane in a couple of years. They used to be in our district. They have a good quarterback and running back, but they don't have the big linemen like they used to. They were so big we couldn't see around them."

Sam Scott



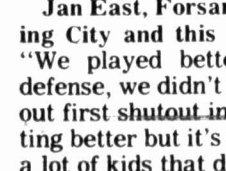
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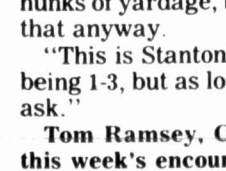
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Johnson stripped of gold medal

Canadian hero tests positive for steroids

By STEVE WILSTEIN
AP Sports Writer

SEOUL, South Korea — Heroes fall, but none so fast and so hard as Ben Johnson, who fled the Olympics "in a complete state of shock," stripped of his gold for cheating with drugs in the Games' most stunning scandal ever.

Johnson's positive test for steroids didn't surprise everyone — drug abuse is rampant in the sports world — but it shook athletes, officials and fans from the Olympic Village to Canada.

It led a group of about 100 athletes from 38 countries to issue a declaration urging unannounced random drug testing in training and competition, stiff penalties for guilty athletes, coaches and officials, and more education to prevent doping violations.

It also left Carl Lewis with Johnson's gold from the tainted 100-meter race, wiped out Johnson's world record time of 9.79 seconds, and brought Great Britain's Linford Christie a silver and American Calvin Smith a bronze.

Virtually missed were the tears of joy Greg Louganis shed after his dramatic one-point triumph over a Chinese teen-ager for his second gold, making him the first man to win springboard and platform diving in back-to-back Games.

Louganis saved his best for last.



SEOUL, South Korea — Canada's Ben Johnson, center, is shown boarding a flight to leave South Korea Tuesday after being stripped of his gold medal for testing positive for steroid use.

He knew he needed an exceptional effort to overtake 14-year-old Xiong Ni, and he came through on the final platform dive — a reverse 3½ somersault in the tuck position, the toughest in the sport.

"That was probably the biggest dive of his career, the most pressure, the most difficult," U.S.

coach Ron O'Brien said. "To hit it like that, under those circumstances certainly proved that he was a champion."

Jesus Mena of Mexico was the surprise bronze medalist.

"I think this is the closest (finish) I've been in, in a major international competition."

Louganis said.

Louganis needed 85.57 points on the last attempt to overtake Xiong, who pushed the competition to the limit with an outstanding 82.56 on the next to last dive of the day. Louganis received 86.70 points, then rushed into O'Brien's tight embrace and burst into tears.

Largely ignored, too, were the U.S. women's basketball team's 102-88 victory over the Soviet Union that sent the Americans into a gold medal game against Yugoslavia, and boxing quarterfinal victories that assured at least bronzes to Americans Andrew Maynard, Michael Carbajal and Romallis Ellis.

Teammate Todd Foster, however, lost his 139-pound quarterfinal bout, ending U.S. hopes of repeating its nine gold medal performance of the 1984 Olympics.

Eight American fighters remain in the boxing competition, and three are in the semifinals. The other five fight Wednesday, with the winners advancing to the semis.

Though nearly 10,000 athletes toiled on the playing fields and in the arenas, all were overshadowed by the scandal of scowling "Big Ben," caught using a muscle-building but dangerous and illegal anabolic steroid called stanozolol.

Two tests of Johnson's urine sample proved positive and his denials of drug use were rejected. Neither a spiked sarcaparilla in his track bag, as his coach suggested, nor a switched sample at the lab could have accounted for the levels

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Bahr's boot bounces Broncos, 30-27

By JOHN MOSSMAN
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Chris Bahr kicked a 35-yard field goal with 12:35 expired in overtime after a fourth interception of John Elway, lifting the Los Angeles Raiders to a wild 30-27 NFL victory over the Denver Broncos Monday night.

The Raiders, moving into a first-place tie in the AFC West with Seattle and San Diego at 2-2, rebounded from a 24-0 halftime deficit, giving Jay Schroeder a victory in his first start for Los Angeles and Coach Mike Shanahan a decision over his former team.

Backup safety Zeph Lee, a Broncos replacement player during the 1987 strike, picked off Elway and returned 20 yards to the Denver 31 to set up Bahr's winning kick.

Earlier in overtime, the Raiders' Tim Brown returned a punt 74 yards for an apparent touchdown, but it was nullified by an illegal block by Stefan Adams.

Elway threw an 86-yard pass to Vance Johnson to set up one of two Tony Dorsett touchdowns, and Elway also passed seven yards to Steve Sewell for another score as the Broncos built their big first-half lead.

But the Broncos, 1-3, became conservative in the second half, and the Raiders took advantage.

Schroeder, acquired from the



DENVER — Denver running back Tony Dorsett carries for yardage as Los Angeles Raiders' Eddie Anderson makes the stop during Monday night action at Mile High Stadium.

Washington Redskins three weeks ago, threw a pair of touchdown passes to fullback Steve Smith.

The scores, on identical swing passes to the right and left sides, covered 40 and 42 yards and occurred less than five minutes apart in the third quarter.

Bahr kicked a 28-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter. On the ensuing kickoff, Denver's Ken Bell fumbled and Steve Strachan recovered at the Bronco 17. Five plays later, Marcus Allen ran four yards off the left side for the tying score with 9:26 left.

Elway responded by completing four passes on Denver's next drive, and Karlis converted a 25-yard field goal for a 27-24 lead with 3:01 to play.

The Raiders sent the game into overtime on Bahr's 44-yarder with four seconds left in regulation.

LA downs Padres, captures division

By HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press Writer

The time is right for California Dreaming.

The Los Angeles Dodgers, fully wiping out the memories of a disastrous 1987 season, got a clutch RBI single by Mickey Hatcher in the eighth inning and beat the San Diego Padres 3-2 Monday night to clinch their fourth National League West title in eight years.

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"I've never been in the playoffs, I've never been in the World Series. I don't know what it's like," said Hatcher, signed by the Dodgers last year after the Twins released him before they went on to win the World Series.

"I've seen a lot of my friends and good people have the opportunity to go there, but all I was able to do was watch them on TV. Now I got the opportunity to celebrate and I'm going to enjoy it."

Manager Tom Lasorda, who has won six NL West titles and three pennants since taking over the team in 1977, never doubted the Dodgers would bounce back this season.

"This is what we kept thinking about," Lasorda said. "This is what we felt we were capable of doing. Here it is, right here."

Elsewhere, it was St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 1; Montreal 3, Chicago 2; New York 10, Philadelphia 4, and

Cincinnati 5, San Francisco 2.

The Dodgers must now take on the dreaded New York Mets, the NL East Champions, who beat Los Angeles 10 out of 11 times this season and were 6-0 at Dodger Stadium.

Relief ace Jay Howell, another key acquisition, got Marvell Wynne on a pop fly to end the game. Wynne worked the count to 3-2 and fouled off four pitches before lofting an easy fly to second baseman Steve Sax.

Reds 5, Giants 2

Cincinnati was eliminated from the NL West race although Tom Seaver allowed just one hit before faltering in the ninth as the Reds beat San Francisco.

Browning, 18-5, gave up a single in the ninth to leadoff batter Will Clark and Kevin Mitchell followed with his 19th homer.

Rick Reuschel 19-10, fated for the second time to win his 20th game.

Cardinals 7, Pirates 1

Jose DeLeon pitched a three-hitter to win for the seventh time in his last seven decisions and Willie McGee had four hits and two RBI to lead St. Louis.

DeLeon, 13-9, struck out five and walked four in his third complete game.

McGee and Ozzie Smith started the game with singles and both scored when Pedro Guerrero

Sox's magic number still three and holding

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Sports Writer

The Boston Red Sox' magic number is still three because the Toronto Blue Jays still have their number.

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"There isn't much to say," Red Sox manager Joe Morgan said after another loss to the Blue Jays, an 11-1 decision at Fenway Park on Monday night. "We didn't hit, we didn't field, we didn't pitch all that well. It's a good game to get out of the way in a hurry."

That marked Boston's ninth loss in 11 games to Toronto this season. The Red Sox have yet to beat the Blue Jays at home in five games.

"We saw a (pennant) celebration in Detroit last year, we saw it here in 1986, and we don't want to see another one in 1988," the Blue Jays' Jesse Barfield. "Everytime they turn on the highlight film they show the team clinching against you. Hopefully, we can go out and win tomorrow and Wednesday, too."

The loss cut the Red Sox' American League East lead to 3½ games over the second-place Detroit Tigers, 6-3 winners over the Cleveland Indians, and 4½ games over the New York Yankees and Milwaukee Brewers. With their magic

number stuck on three, the Red Sox have six games to go, the Tigers and Brewers have five games and the Yankees have seven remaining.

In other games, it was New York 5, Baltimore 4; Texas 5, Chicago 3, and Kansas City 5, Seattle 0.

Jeff Musselman led the Toronto victory by pitching seven-hit ball over seven innings.

Musselman, 6-5, outduelled converted reliever Wes Gardner, 8-6.

Nelson Liriano knocked in three runs and Rob Ducey collected four hits and an RBI to lead the 17-hit Toronto attack.

Tigers 6, Indians 3

Darrell Evans hit a three-run homer, his fifth in his last eight games, and Fred Lynn added a solo shot as Detroit beat Cleveland.

Winner Eric King, 4-1, who is usually a reliever, gave up three runs on five hits in six innings in his first start since Aug. 14. Mike Henneman pitched the final three innings for his 22nd save as the Tigers won for the seventh straight time in Cleveland Stadium.

John Farrell, 13-10, took the loss.

Yankees 5, Orioles 4

Rafael Santana drove in two runs with an eighth-inning single to lead New York over Baltimore.

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VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 27 — Freshmen Lady Steers vs. Snyder, Steer Gym, 5:30 p.m.
Junior varsity Lady Steers vs. Snyder, Steer Gym, 6:30 p.m.
Varsity Lady Steers vs. Snyder, Steer Gym, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 29 — Goliad B vs. Andrews, Andrews, 5 p.m.
Goliad A vs. Andrews, Andrews, 6 p.m.
Runnels B vs. Andrews, Andrews, 7 p.m.
Runnels A vs. Andrews, Andrews, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 1 — Goliad B vs. Snyder, Snyder, TBA.
Goliad A vs. Snyder, Snyder, TBA.
Freshmen Lady Steers vs. Fort Stockton, Fort Stockton, 1 p.m.
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TENNIS
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Cross Country
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Local Football
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Your Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1988

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Overcome that reticent feeling and meet new people. They are what you need to make your business and career progress faster! Old friends spring a happy surprise later in the year. Decisions about a relationship become easier when you open up more. View a challenge as a way to move forward. A personal computer could allow you to spend more time working at home. Flexibility is the key to building rewarding relationships with a child.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actress Brigitte Bardot, cartoonist Al Capp, painter Caravaggio, French leader Georges

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Maintain your composure no matter what the boss throws at you today. A calm, collected response could catapult you into a leadership position. Your income rises. A portrait is a great gift.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your perception is correct. Do not let anyone pressure you into taking a different position. Luck and money will find you. Travel should be "all business." Postpone sight-seeing for another trip.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You get an opportunity to speak your mind. Do not hold back. Your views could affect the tone of a meeting. Give a child direction and the results will surprise you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): New insights enable you to do more faster. Ignore a higher-up's jeal-

ousy, but keep a journal so you will have a record if push comes to shove. Family ties help you grow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Remember how more-experienced hands once helped you, and pass along same advice to a young person. Be shrewd when handling large sums of money. Deception is possible. Carelessness could prove costly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make contact with those who know foreign lands and customs if you think you will be traveling or studying in a remote area. Diplomacy will get you what you want quicker than force.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You feel as if you could conquer the world today. Do not bite off more than you can chew. It is OK to put your own needs first now. Let romance develop naturally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Being honest about your emotions will help you build a lasting relationship. Avoid manipulative plays. Partner deserves to know the truth. Spill the beans about what is really in your head and

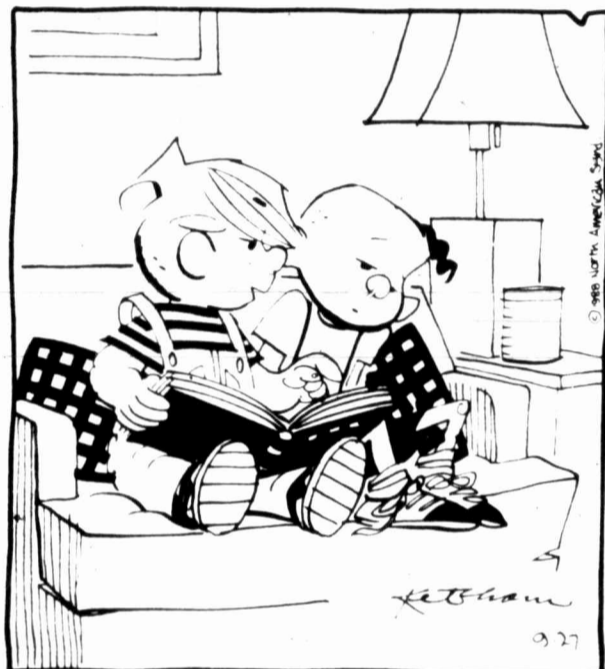
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A new job could lead to exciting adventures. Stay on your toes and you will move up the ladder swiftly. What you accomplish in the future is wholly up to you. Think before you act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This can be a super day filled with the joy of accomplishment. A loyal associate gives you new enthusiasm and energy. A long-cherished goal moves within your grasp. Take the initiative.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will feel rejuvenated, thanks to today's events. A conversation that you overhear gives you a thrill. Good luck and romance go together. Spend a quiet evening with loved one. Exchange confidences.

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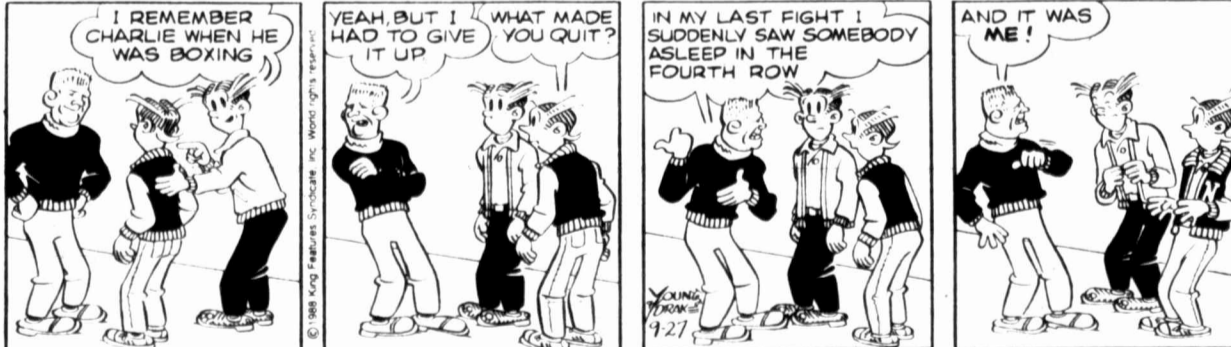
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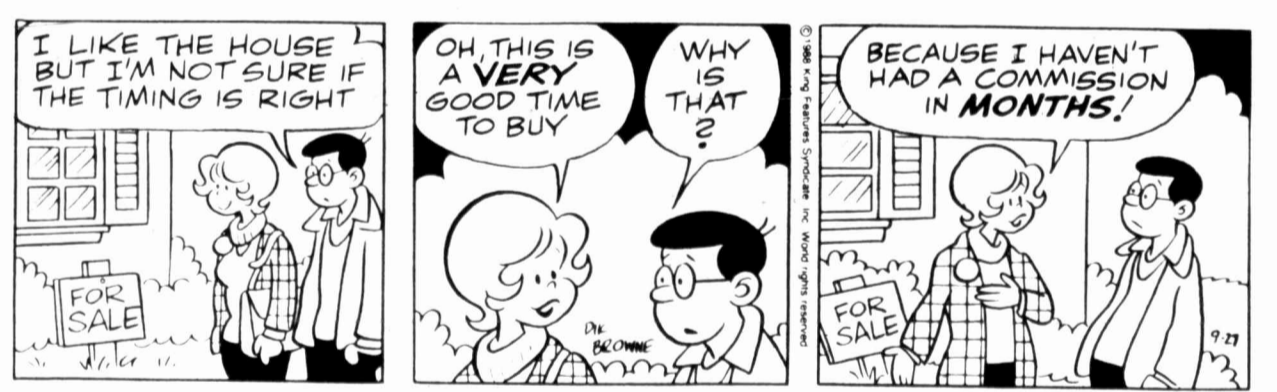
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