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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Partly cloudy through Wednesday. Lows tonight in the teens. Highs Wednesday mainly 20s and 30s. Monday's high was 30 and the low was 9.



Testimony begins in \$1.7 million flood lawsuit

By MICHAEL DUFFY
Staff Writer

The custodian of financial records for Spring City Do It Center, Inc. testified this morning in 118th District Court that she wrote checks to 22 companies for services provided for repairs caused by an Aug. 30, 1986 flood.

Clara Savage, who is employed by Partee Enterprises, was the sixth witness to testify in the civil

lawsuit involving 10 plaintiffs against the city of Big Spring for damages caused by the flood. Testimony in the trial began Monday afternoon.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs allege the city was negligent for not repairing Comanche Lake Dam and the subsequent breach that resulted in flooding to low-lying areas.

During questioning from

Houston-based attorney Chuck I'aufmann, Savage testified she and her husband had spent the day of Aug. 30 in Midland and returned to Big Spring about 7:30 p.m.

She stated that approximately an hour later they received a telephone call from a woman who informed her husband she was frightened because she feared her home was going to be flooded.

When her husband walked out

side to evaluate the situation, he told Savage: "Clara, I think there is a problem," she testified.

The witness said she and her husband felt they should check on the condition of the Do It Center, located at 1900 E. FM 700.

While driving to the business, Savage said that Goliad Street was "basically washed away and you could visibly see a lot of flood debris and rushing water washing

away the streets."

She told the court that the Do It Center parking lot was covered with water and observed merchandise floating in three-foot high water inside the store.

Savage testified she also saw people at the Big Spring Mall "wading out in the water to pick up our merchandise."

"Were they returning it to you?" Kaufmann asked. "No sir,"

Savage responded. It was a reply that drew hushed laughter from spectators and attorneys in the courtroom.

She also testified she signed checks totaling \$33,540.74 for services provided to repair damages caused by the flood.

A total of \$14,275.07 in receipts was deposited following a flood sale on damaged merchandise. ● FLOODING page 3-A

Tower investigation longer than expected

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush stood by Defense Secretary-designate John Tower as an FBI investigation into new allegations of drinking and womanizing dragged on beyond the expected date of completion.

Bush said at a White House news conference Monday that the 63-year-old Tower should not have to withdraw his name based on unsubstantiated rumors about his personal life.



JOHN TOWER

"I think people would not want a person to step aside, given rumor, particularly if the rumor is baseless," the president said. "And the problem is the process is taking a little longer than I would like, and

yet, I think the Senate has got to do what they're doing — looking at these allegations very carefully."

Bush added, however, that if any rumors or innuendoes turned out to be "a substantive allegation of this nature, of course it would concern me."

The ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. John Warner of Virginia, had said Friday that the panel expected to receive the final FBI report Monday and vote on the Tower nomination either today or Wednesday.

But Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., the chairman of the committee, said Monday that the panel had not received a report on the new allegations, which congressional sources have said deal with womanizing and drinking. Nunn also said that the panel has not decided when it will vote on the nomination.



A heavy cloud cover that was over Big Spring making way for clear skies earlier this morning moves to the northeast. Herald photos by Tim Appel.

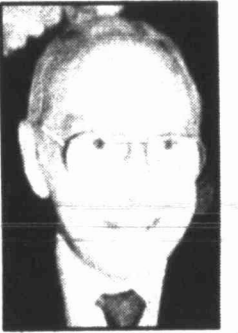
Pay raise debate opens

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress lined up to reject a 51 percent pay raise today as lawmakers rushed to beat a midnight deadline and deny themselves an increase the public clearly doesn't want them to accept.

The House was making the first move to kill the \$45,500 increase for lawmakers, and the Senate was expected to swiftly turn its attention to the House measure.

At the White House, press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said, "The president will abide by the wishes of the Congress. ... I would expect him to go along with whatever they decide."



JIM WRIGHT

He said President Bush would act quickly on whatever Congress sends to the White House.

Raise opponents cleared the path for rejection votes in both houses today, after they engineered the collapse Monday of House Speaker Jim Wright's suggested alternative, a 30 percent pay increase.

Wright, D-Texas, reluctantly scheduled today's vote on "a simple resolution of disapproval" that would require suspension of the rules and a two-thirds majority. Lawmakers for and against a raise predicted passage.

The speaker conceded after his forces were beaten decisively when they tried to adjourn the House, let the full raise become law at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday and then schedule a Thursday vote to scale back the increase to 30 percent. The opening move in that strategy failed on a 238-88 vote.

As Monday wore on, everything appeared to fall in place for opponents of the raise. Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, D-Maine, whose chamber voted 95-5 last week for a differently worded rejection bill last week, said he would schedule a prompt vote on the House version. Passage requires a simple majority.

Public clamor against the raise has been growing each day. A weekend Gallup poll asked 1,001 adults from Friday through Sunday whether they favored or opposed increasing congressional pay from \$89,500 to \$135,000, the amount of the proposed increase.

The results, with a four-point margin of error, showed 82 percent opposed with only 15 percent in favor.

Gramm: Budget plan helps Texas projects

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush's budget proposal recommends \$250 million be spent next fiscal year for initial construction of the super collider and \$2.1 billion for building the space station, Sen. Phil Gramm says.

"This is a strong commitment to space, to science and to the future and this is obviously good news for Texas and America," said Gramm, a Texas Republican.



PHIL GRAMM

But Bush's endorsement of the two giant science projects is just the beginning of what Gramm anticipates will be a tough fight in Congress over funding the space station and the superconducting super collider.

"Congress loves to invest in the next generation instead of the next generation. Funding for science and the future is always hard to come by and will take some heavy lifting," Gramm said Monday. "I've already rolled up my sleeves and am ready to go."

Bush will unveil his budget proposals Thursday as part of his state of the union address to Congress. The president's recommendations on the SSC and the space station match former president Ronald

Reagan's suggested funding levels. The multibillion-dollar superconducting super collider would be built south of Dallas in Ellis County, creating thousands of jobs, while much of the space station construction would take place at Johnson Space Station near Houston.

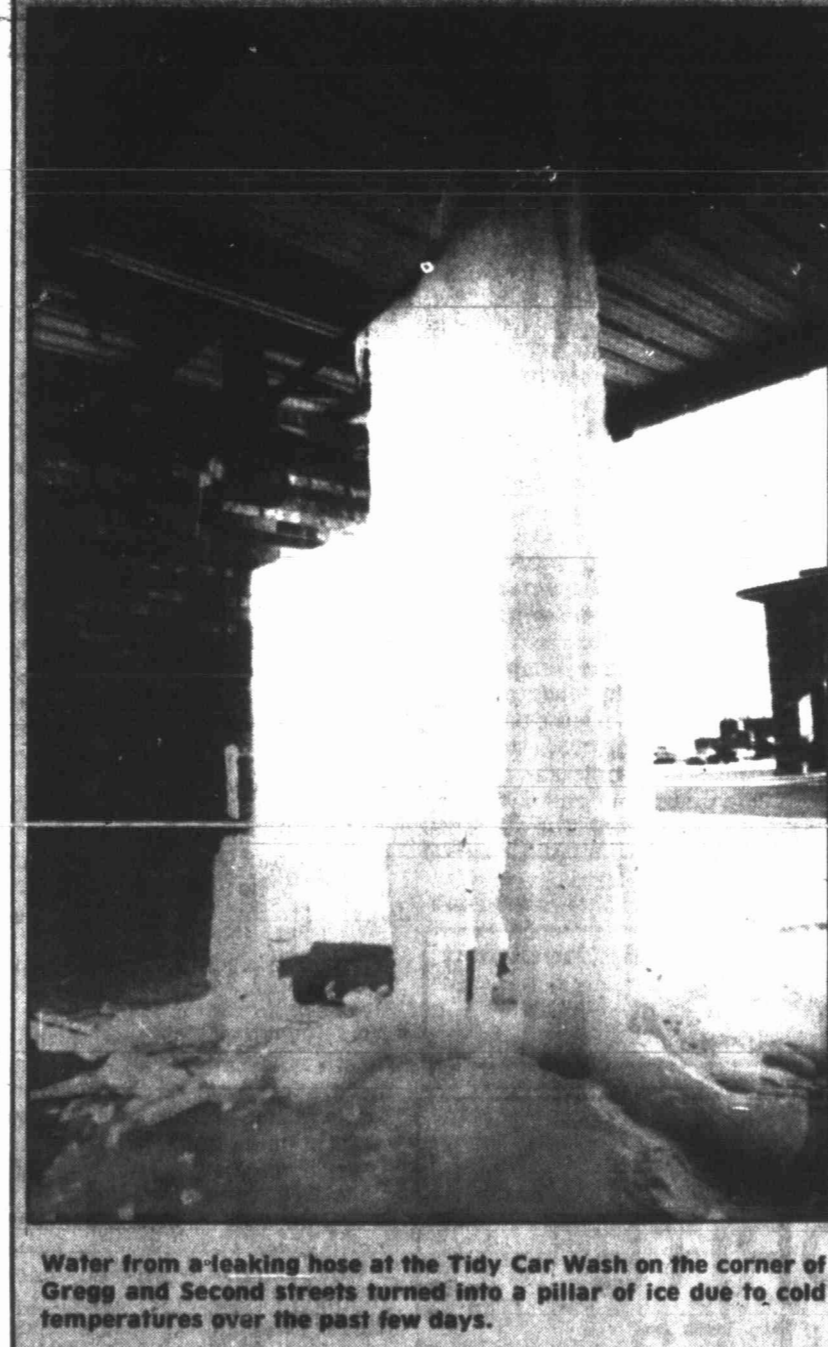
Of the \$250 million proposal for the SSC, Bush is recommending \$160 million be used for construction, \$69 million for operations and research and development, and \$21 million for equipment, Gramm said.

Without the president's support of the two projects, "they'd be dead," Gramm said. "Having Bush's support is not sufficient, but it's necessary. Had Bush not asked for funding the superconducting super collider, the debate would have been over."

Gramm said it is a good sign that Bush included both projects as line items in his budget submission — rather than lumping them into general categories — as he shapes Reagan's budget to address his priorities.

"This is an important step forward, it represents a real commitment by the new president," Gramm said.

Although other big Texas projects, including defense and water construction, are not line items in the Bush budget submission, Gramm said he believes they will still fare well under the new president.



Water from a leaking hose at the Tidy Car Wash on the corner of Gregg and Second streets turned into a pillar of ice due to cold temperatures over the past few days.

Cold chill continues over Texas

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

The winter storm that has chilled the state since late last week, straining natural gas supplies and closing many schools, bore down on the southeast part of Texas today.

In Big Spring the USDA research center recorded a high of 30 degrees Monday and a low of nine degrees at 8 a.m. this morning.

The record high for the Big Spring area on Feb. 6 was recorded in 1932 at a warm 81 degrees. The record low for that date was in 1961 when temperatures fell to five degrees.

A winter storm warning was in effect early today for the Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange area, where freezing drizzle covered roadways with a thin glaze of ice overnight.

Forecasters redefined the area most likely to receive hazardous weather as being below a line from Fairfield to Centerville in East Texas. Cold, dry air moving in from the northwest acted as a shut-off mechanism for precipitation resulting from moist Gulf air.

At least 10 deaths had been blamed on the cold, most in weather-related traffic accidents.

Demand for nurses forces Howard College to expand program

Part three
This is the last in a series of stories on nursing in Big Spring.
By STEVE GEISSEN
Staff Writer

The demand for nurses in Texas has led Howard College to expand its nursing program — which currently includes course offerings in Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo and Del Rio — into the communities of Snyder and Brownwood.

The Snyder and Brownwood programs, which will offer courses leading to an Associate Degree in Nursing, are scheduled to begin this summer.

The college is also in the process of establishing programs in Eagle Pass and Uvalde, and developing a

program in conjunction with Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Mexican government that would bring student nurses from Mexico to Howard College to complete their education.

Enrollment in the Howard College nursing programs are such that a waiting list is usually needed to serve the rising number of prospective students.

"We have more students wanting in the program than we can take every year," said Andrew Hicks, vice president of vocational/technical education.

The college's programs offer courses leading to both Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) certification, and an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN). ADN graduates

NURSING in Big Spring

become Registered Nurses (RNs) provided they pass the state board examination.

Currently, the college has 188 students enrolled in its nursing programs. The Big Spring campus serves 30 LVN students and 56 ADN students; and enrollments at other campuses are: Lamesa — 18 (LVN); San Angelo — 45 (LVN);

Del Rio — 24 (ADN) and 15 (LVN). The Snyder ADN program will serve a maximum of 12 students as will the Brownwood, Eagle Pass and Uvalde programs.

In July, 89 percent of the Howard College ADN graduates passed the state board exam required for licensure. In comparison, the national passing average for the July exam was 84 percent, and the state average was 87 percent.

Hicks described the July scores as lower than usual, saying the college's ADN passing percentage is "usually in the 90 percent range."

October LVN state board scores show that all the college's nursing programs, except for the Lamesa campus, received 100 percent rates. The Lamesa campus' passing percentage was in the 70 per-

cent range, Hicks said.

The college is in the process of upgrading its "laddering concept" that serves to accelerate the articulation of LVNs to RNs. Laddering programs essentially link the LVN program to the RN degree program.

"We're going to make it easier for students to articulate from the LVN program to the RN program and encourage them to continue their education in the Associate Nursing Degree Program," said Hicks.

A recent study by the Texas Nurses Foundation found that the demand for nurses in Texas is primarily one for RNs not LVNs.

Howard College's nursing graduates are highly sought after, ● DEMAND page 3-A



Andrew Hicks

Opinion

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

Herald opinion

Memories of October, 1962

Most everyone over the age of 45 vividly remembers those six days in October 1962, when the fate of the world was inextricably linked with the Cuban Missile Crisis. The peaceful resolution of that superpower showdown prompted the United States and the Soviet Union to communicate directly on a crisis hotline so as to reduce the odds of a nuclear war.

The new spirit of superpower communication was evident recently during an extraordinary three-day seminar in Moscow as some of the major American, Soviet, and Cuban players in that drama provided a chilling perspective on just how close the world came to World War III 27 years ago.

The seminar, organized jointly by the Soviets and officials from the Nuclear Crisis Project at Harvard University, was endorsed by both President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. Although Fidel Castro sent a delegation to Moscow, he had no message for the participants. That is probably because he still smarts over the Soviet decision to withdraw its missiles from Cuba.

Had it been up to Castro, the Soviet Union would have fired those missiles at Washington, New York, and other major U.S. cities, according to Nikita Khrushchev's son, Sergei. The Cuban leader sent a frantic message to Moscow, urging that the missiles be armed with nuclear warheads and fired at U.S. targets. Sergei, a former engineer specializing in Soviet rocketry, says the nuclear missiles could have been operational within a few hours. Mr. Khrushchev was reportedly so unnerved by the request that he agreed to U.S. demands that the missiles be withdrawn.

That account is disputed by Alexandr I. Alexseyev, who was Soviet ambassador to Cuba in 1962. He insists that, although Castro feared an imminent U.S. invasion, the Cuban leader did not call for a missile strike. Had he done so, the missiles were under such tight Soviet control that Cubans were not permitted inside the missile bases.

Ironically, the Central Intelligence Agency was uncertain whether the warheads were present on the island nation. But the CIA had also badly underestimated the troop strength in Cuba. Former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara told President John Kennedy there were approximately 10,000 Soviets and 100,000 Cubans under arms. Actually, the number was closer to 40,000 Soviet troops and 270,000 Cuban soldiers, according to Soviet and Cuban officials at the seminar.

On the other hand, the CIA had estimated there were 75 intercontinental ballistic missiles in the Soviet Union aimed at the United States. Yet, Gen. Dimitri Volkogonov told seminar participants that the Soviet Union had only "about 20" ICBMs capable of reaching the United States from its own territory. This means the 42 intermediate-range Soviet missiles that were either deployed or en route to Cuba represented more than two-thirds of the Kremlin's capacity to deliver a missile strike on the United States.

The CIA was not alone in its imprecise knowledge about the Soviet missile strength. Anatoly Dobrynin, former Soviet ambassador to the United States, told seminar participants that he had not a clue about the status of these missiles. Whereupon Andrei Gromyko, former Soviet foreign minister, asked Mr. Dobrynin: "Didn't I tell you about that when you saw me off at the airport on my way back to Moscow?" When informed that he did not, Mr. Gromyko smiled slyly and said: "Oh, it must have been a big secret."

The Moscow seminar advises us anew of how world leaders can blunder into war. George Bush, Mikhail Gorbachev, and other world leaders are instructed and warned by the Cuban Missile Crisis more than a quarter century ago.



The groundhog called it right

By ALISHA GOLDMAN
Special to the Herald

I'll never take the groundhog for granted again. I had laughed at the silly folk story of his weather predictions even last week when he popped out of his hole somewhere and predicted six more weeks of weather. I had chuckled to myself as I took a walk last week by the prairie dog town on Scenic Mountain in the warm sunshine. It was comical to think of human beings actually conferring with one of their cousins about the weather.

As I said, I've learned my lesson. My grandmother called from her village on the coast Sunday night to discuss the weather. It's the major topic with anyone in South Texas. The bridges to Corpus Christi were all closed due to ice — a true phenomenon in an area where the nurseries to start planting for spring.

I had been there at Christmas and taken walks even in the evening without so much as a sweater. In fact, I had failed to watch a weather report before packing for the holiday. Most of my clothes weren't taken out of the suitcase. My grandmother loaned me a light cotton nightgown, it was so warm. And I ended up taking a quick shopping trip to buy a few clothes for the warm weather.

Guest column



Now I was hearing her preparations for keeping the pipes from freezing. "I turned off the water outside altogether and brought in several buckets of water for the lavatory (translation: bathroom)," she said. The only problem was she hadn't counted on being holed in for so many days. Of course, if things get really bad and the electricity goes off (a drawback of her new central heating is that it is controlled by electricity) then Bill Blumel, the neighbor in back, has kindly invited her to share his wood-burning stove. (Wood-burning stove? In South Texas? I would have laughed before this week.)

I told her to have someone buy a bag of ice cream salt for her. She hadn't a clue what I was talking about. I explained that salt will melt the ice on her back steps, in case she had to get out to the garage and her car. She had never heard of that. I smiled then. When I

was in Chicago a few years ago I naively asked why all the cars were rusted out so badly! I guess we just don't think about how the other guy deals with the natural elements until we've had that proverbial opportunity to walk in his shoes.

Just last week, on that walk on Scenic Mountain (the parking lot had been jammed full), I had heard a reminder of a quote I had heard about warm weather in winter. It was by Garrison Keillor, star and creator of the long-running PBS radio show "A Prairie Home Companion." In one of his weekly live monologues he had said, "It makes me feel nervous when it gets warm in January because if it can be warm in January then maybe a lot of other things we assume are true are not (true). Maybe other things are not true (like) honesty is the best policy, (and other adages) ... Maybe Mother Nature is just trying to keep that kind of doubling out of temptation's reach. But when a friend in Austin didn't go to school at the University of Texas due to weather Monday, and my cousins in Houston didn't dare drive anywhere with over 1,000 accidents reported on the freeways, I can't help but wonder if she went overboard."

Especially if she had anything to do with allowing the groundhog in on the deal.

Senator Tower muddies the water

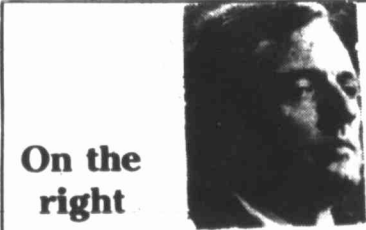
By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

Sen. John Tower deeply wounded a cause he has nobly served for so many years — namely, that of the national defense. When he told the Senate committee that the Strategic Defense Initiative ("Star Wars") could not hope to protect every American from the threat of nuclear death, he said something about as revealing as that the United Nations cannot abolish original sin.

Granted, there was that melodramatic moment when President Reagan in 1983 seemed to imagine an impermeable balloon protecting the country from any aggressive nuclear insect. But sometime before Christmas 1983, it was well understood by everybody this side of the Soviet Union and the Union of Concerned Scientists that no such ambition was worldly. That SDI was about something else than total immunity. Senator Tower knows this as well as Frank Carlucci and Cap Weinberger, who have stressed the point over and over again.

By disavowing the original dreamy paradigm, the effect was as though Senator Tower had said that there was no point in going to a doctor since we are all going to die anyway. The New York Times played up Senator Tower's statement as though President Bush had announced his disillusionment with the whole SDI business, and one national paper concluded that Senator Tower had sent out a clear message, namely a) that he would not hector Congress for additional funds to develop SDI; and b) that Mikhail Gorbachev could take it as understood that SDI was something we were now putting on the bargaining table, where Mr. Reagan had consistently refused to put it.

Insufficient thought has been given, with here and there an exception — Rep. Les Aspin con-



On the right

spicuous among them — to the limitations of the legendary triad on which we depend to defend ourselves. It is no longer a comprehensive listing of what it is that we need in order to survive. The triad is the architecture of our retaliatory forces. It comprises a) an air force; b) ground-based missiles; and c) sea-based missiles.

The idea of Mutual Assured Destruction has been that the Soviet Union would never dare to initiate a first strike given that whatever its success, we would have left, whatever the damage, at least one leg of our triad. If our land-based missiles were knocked out and also our bombers, we would still have our submarines.

What is much too slowly creeping into the consciousness of sophisticated defense analysts is that we need to protect our command posts. Our nuclear retaliatory forces will do us no good at all if there is nobody in sight to give them instructions.

An illustration is given by two defense scientists who gave the following to the editors of National Review: "Take the satellite data-reception and control center at Sunnyvale, Calif. — a conspicuous blue building known as the 'Blue Cube.' It is one of the main ground stations for U.S. reconnaissance and early-warning satellites, which would receive the first word of a Soviet nuclear attack from our space warning network. The Blue Cube is a few miles from the Pacific coast, and Soviet missiles

launched from a submarine lurking offshore could reach it in a matter of minutes. It is also only a hundred yards from the freeway, and the dishes it uses to talk to our satellites are even closer. A van packed with explosives, parked on the shoulder of the freeway and detonated by radio, would almost surely put it out of business. The vulnerability of the U.S. command network has undermined the credibility of our nuclear deterrent."

What can we do about this? Efforts are being made to give us mobility for some of our missiles and command posts. But we need above all protection for those that are stationary, so that they can elude first-strike vulnerability. It is vital to get on with Phase No. 1 SDI, a combination of land-based and space-based smart bullets the effect of which would impose mortal insecurity on any aggressive Soviet aggression. These are tested mechanisms by which Soviet missiles would be targeted: first as they arc forward into the atmosphere; second, as they approach their targets.

The aim is not to protect every American from every Soviet bomb. Every American is protected from every bomb if there are no bombs, and the point of SDI is not immunity from massive Soviet missile attacks, but immunity from any possibility of Soviet nuclear aggression. Joe Blow is just as safe if the Soviet Union does not fire at all as he is if the Soviet Union fired everything into an impermeable umbrella — which we cannot build, have no intentions of trying to build, and ought not to speak about, as John Tower did, as though it was ever realistically supposed to be around the corner. And the cost of Phase No. 1 SDI is about the same as, or less than, the cost of our contemplated B-2 defense system, or of the Midgetman alternative. Copyright 1989, Universal Press Syndicate



Hunters stock up on AK-47's

By ART BUCHWALD
Every once in a while I drop by to see Crazy Seymour, owner of the "Safe and Sane Discount Gun Emporium" in Virginia.

If you want a good buy on a shooter, there is no better place to go than Crazy Seymour's. "How's business?" I asked him.

"Better than Christmas," he replied. "We're having a run on semiautomatic machine guns. I can't keep them in the window."

"Why is that?" "Panic in the streets. People are nervous that someone is going to try to take their semiautomatics away from them. It's overkill. There will never be any shortage of machine guns in your lifetime or mine."

"Why is the public so agitated over sales of guns that kill people?"

"We don't sell guns to those who want to kill strangers. We sell them purely for sport."

"What kind of game can you hunt with the AK-47?"

"Duck, pheasant, deer, rabbit. You name it — an AK will blow the head off any of them. Of course, some hunters prefer the Uzi submachine gun when it comes to shooting a squirrel." "Crazy Seymour, I know that you are dead set against your guns getting into the wrong hands, but how can you be sure that the person buying a semiautomatic really wants to use it to waste a possum?"

"Gun dealers have iron-clad safeguards. Every customer has to fill out a form swearing on his mother's grave that he will not kill a cop. He also has to assert that he has never been sentenced to the electric chair, or has spent more than 30 days in a padded cell, or has held up a gas station between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. After he fills out his form we check his Diner's Club card for character references. Only then does he get his machine gun in the box. According to law, he can't unwrap it until he leaves the store."

"What do you do with the signed affidavits?"

"We make paper airplanes out of them and sail them across the parking lot. Look, I don't sell a gun to just anyone who comes in here. If a guy spits on the floor, I tell him to get the hell out. We want women and children to buy guns from us as well as men."

"I'm glad you don't have a problem with selling semiautomatics to the public."

"The National Rifle Association doesn't, so why should I? There are not going to be any restrictions as long as everyone pays their dues to the NRA and makes sure that Congress gets a lot of money."

I told Crazy Seymour, "But I get the feeling that the Hill may pass some laws against semiautomatic weapons."

"No way. Congress loves guns and the people who sell them. The lawmakers would never do anything to hurt the gun market. Many of them are in our pockets — lock, stock and barrel. The others are scared stiff that we'll stop them getting re-elected. Even the president doesn't fool with us. He's against abortion but for guns."

"I'm glad to hear that gun lobby money still speaks so loud in this country."

"Lethal weapons have been taking a bad rap lately. Everything you see in this store is pro-American. When you walk out of this place today with one of my guns you will become part of history. Without semiautomatics, the thrill of bird-hunting is gone."

Seymour pulled back the bolt of his AK-47.

"How do you feel about a waiting period before someone is allowed to buy a gun?" I asked him.

"That's the best way to lose a sale. What's to prevent the customer from changing his mind and buying one in Oregon instead?"

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Jet lands using only two engines

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — A Delta Air Lines jet with 32 passengers was forced back to Shreveport Regional Airport minutes after takeoff when the pilot shut down an engine because it was shooting sparks, the airline said.

Flight 592 en route to Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta landed safely Monday night using two of the Boeing 727's three engines. No injuries were reported.

"Right after he took off, the pilot got an indication of a pro-

blem with one of the engines, so he shut it off and returned to the airport," said Jim Lundy, a Delta spokesman in Atlanta. "The pilot was out of the airport for just a few minutes."

Doug Free, Delta superintendent in Shreveport, said passengers were transferred to a flight to Dallas to make connecting flights to their destinations.

"We won't be able to know what was wrong with the engine until our maintenance people take a look at it," Free said.

Stockton bans assault weapons

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — Lawmakers in the city where five children were massacred in a schoolyard Jan. 17 have unanimously adopted an ordinance outlawing assault weapons such as the AK-47 used in the attack.

"No one on this council is naive enough to believe that the passage of this ordinance could have prevented the tragedy, but it sends a strong message to the folks of this land, and more im-

portantly a strong message to the Legislature, that we want to get tough," said Vice Mayor Ron Coale.

Gun owners packed the meeting Monday to protest that the ordinance was unconstitutional and could lead to the taking away of all weapons.

The ordinance makes possession or sale of an assault weapon a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$500 fine.

Practice countdown begins today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Discovery's five astronauts boarded the spaceship in a practice countdown today as technicians worked to replace three engine pumps in time to meet a mid-March launch date.

The crew members of the 28th shuttle mission wore their bulky space suits as they entered the cabin for the final two hours of the rehearsal.

The countdown test, which began Sunday, duplicates much of the actual count except that the fuel tank is not loaded and some procedures are shortened.

Discovery was powered up and its electronic, communications and other systems were checked. The communications satellite to be deployed by the crew was loaded in the cargo bay on Monday.

Kitty Dukakis seeks treatment

BOSTON (AP) — Kitty Dukakis' recent episodes of heavy drinking after overcoming a long dependence on diet pills is a sadly typical pattern of switching from one abused substance to another, doctors say.

"It is obviously the case, especially nowadays, that addiction or dependence on more than one substance is rather common," said Dr. Peter Nathan, director of the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies in Piscataway, N.J.

On Monday, Gov. Michael S. Dukakis said that his wife had been admitted to the alcohol treatment program in Newport, R.I.

Mrs. Dukakis was treated in 1982 for a 26-year reliance on amphetamines. However, the Democratic governor said his wife had never had a drinking problem until shortly after he lost the presidential election on Nov. 8.

Several doctors praised Mrs. Dukakis for seeking help after such a relatively brief siege of alcohol problems.



KITTY DUKAKIS
"For a public figure, who knows any revelation about problems is going to be widely publicized, it takes great courage to seek treatment," said Dr. Domenic Ciraulo of New England Medical Center in Boston.



Year of the Snake
NEW YORK — Chinatown residents celebrate the Chinese New Year, Year of the Snake, in New York's Chinatown Monday.

News agency reports hostages may be freed

KUWAIT (AP) — Iranian officials have told France's foreign minister that some foreign hostages in Lebanon will be freed "within a short period," Kuwait's state-run news agency reported.

Foreign Minister Roland Dumas flew to Kuwait Monday for a brief state visit after a two-day trip to Iran.

The Kuwait News Agency, quoted diplomats traveling with Dumas, said: "He (Dumas) obtained a promise from responsible officials (in Tehran) that a number of Western hostages held in Lebanon will be released within a short period." The diplomats did not elaborate, the report said.

Iran has influence over the fundamentalist Hezbollah, or Party of God, which is considered an umbrella for groups holding most of the 15 foreign hostages in Lebanon. Iranian officials, however, dissociate themselves from the kidnapers.

"The 15 hostages in Lebanon are nine Americans, three Britons, one Belgian, one Irishman and one Italian. The longest held is Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, who was abducted March 16, 1985.

In a statement at Kuwait international airport, Dumas said his weekend trip to Tehran achieved its objectives and was "fruitful in many ways."

"I discussed the entire file of French-Iran relations and laid down a blueprint for a future relationship," he said.

Iranian media generally were

hostile toward the Dumas visit, pointing out that France was a major arms supplier to Iraq during the eight-year Iran-Iraq war halted by an Aug. 20 cease-fire.

In Tehran, Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati told a news conference Monday that France and Iran had agreed "to forget the past and think of expanding mutual ties in the future."

But he accused France of not keeping a promise to free Anis Naccache, leader of a pro-Iranian terrorist squad jailed for attempting to assassinate a former Iranian prime minister.

Velayati said France had pledged to free Naccache, a Lebanese national, in return for an Iranian promise to use its influence with the Lebanese Shiite factions for the release of French hostages formerly held in Lebanon.

"Unfortunately they haven't kept this promise," Velayati said, adding, "We do hope that Mr. Naccache will be released."

Naccache was convicted of leading a five-man squad in a 1980 attempt to kill ex-Prime Minister Shapur Bakhtiar outside his home in a Paris suburb. Bakhtiar was unhurt, but a French woman and a police officer were killed and three police officers were wounded.

Last week, Naccache appealed to Iran to insist on his release, implying that a pardon was part of the deal that led to freedom for the last three French captives in May.

On Sunday, former French Interior Minister Charles Pasqua repeated earlier French denials that a deal was made.

World

Diplomat gets OK from Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The government of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari has told the United States it would accept the appointment of controversial career diplomat John Negroponte as the next U.S. ambassador.

Opposition leaders in Mexico say they oppose the choice of Negroponte because he helped orchestrate the civil war in Nicaragua and meddled unduly in Honduran affairs while ambassador to that country from 1982 to 1985.

Late Monday, the Foreign Ministry said it had sent a letter to the Bush administration ex-

pressing support for the proposed appointment of Negroponte, currently a deputy national security advisor.

The White House has not announced Negroponte's candidacy for the job, but sources in Washington said last week that he would be picked to replace Ambassador Charles Pilliod.

As U.S. envoy to Honduras, Negroponte had a major role in assisting the U.S.-backed Contra rebels seeking to overthrow Nicaragua's leftist Sandinistas. Honduras was a major base of Contra operations.

Carnival reaches peak in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Carnival hit a heated high point in Brazil with a burst of bikinis and a mass samba-in-the-streets.

Millions of Brazilians shed their worries and much of their clothes to take part in the four-day dance of pre-Lenten debauchery that ends on Ash Wednesday. The climax was the so-called samba schools, a two-night exhibition that concluded Monday night.

The schools are actually neighborhood groups from the poor districts. The top groups

have more than 5,000 members, most decked out in glittering rhinestone bikinis or luxurious costumes in a king-for-a-day fantasy.

The samba-school parade began Sunday night along the six-block-long grandstands known as the "Sambadrome" and built specially for the carnival event. The 18 top groups competed for a cash prize based on costumes, floats, rhythm, and the special samba written for each school's theme of the year.

Prison facilities burned in riot

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An inmate was killed and prison facilities burned during a four-hour riot at penitentiary in the central city of San Luis Potosi, the Excelsior news service reported.

Twenty inmates were arrested and area residents said they saw at least 20 prisoners escape during Monday's riot, the private news service said.

The report provided only sket-

chy details about the riot. It did not say how it began or how inmate Roberto Martell Antabalo was killed.

However, the agency said inmate Mauro Gomez Pando was arrested for questioning in the killing and a possible role in the riot.

It said the prison's archives, medical clinic and a courtroom were burned before riot police quelled the uprising.

Opposition says elections too soon

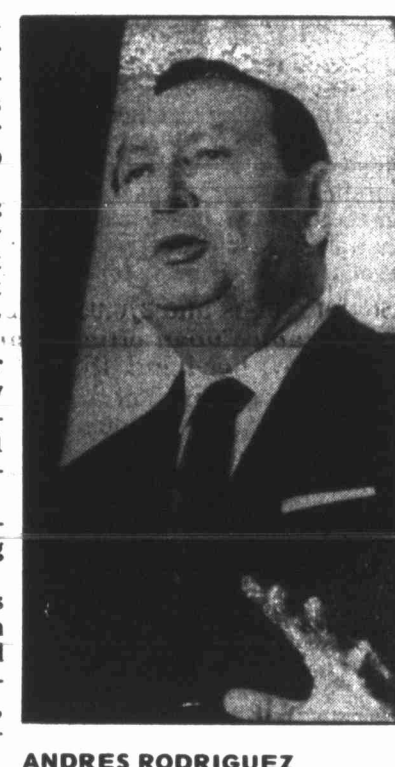
ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP) — Opposition politicians who have for years pushed for free and fair elections say coup leader Gen. Andres Rodriguez' setting of elections for May 1 will not give them time to organize campaigns.

Some say they believe Rodriguez set the early date precisely because the opposition cannot possibly be ready by then to mount a serious challenge to the long-entrenched ruling party.

Rodriguez, who ousted dictator Gen. Alfredo Stroessner in a bloody coup last week, dissolved parliament on Monday and set the May 1 date for presidential and congressional elections.

He said only the Communist Party would be banned from fielding candidates.

At the first presidential news conference Paraguayans can remember, the 65-year-old Rodriguez denied rumors of his involvement with the drug trade, saying they "were spread by people trying to defame me."



ANDRES RODRIGUEZ

Soviets say up to 15,000 troops died

MOSCOW (AP) — A Foreign Ministry official said today up to 15,000 Soviet troops were killed in Afghanistan, 2,000 more than the last reported figure and an indication of heavy losses the Kremlin incurred during waning days of its intervention.

"It doesn't mean that during the last months we had the bloodiest period of the war in Afghanistan," Yuri K. Alexeyev, head of the ministry's Middle East Department, insisted to reporters.

But he added: "We had shelling by the opposition of the cities... and a lot of civilians died, and of course Soviet servicemen."

He said the new death toll came from Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, who left Islamabad, Pakistan on Monday.

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Names in the news

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali is taking on K mart Corp. and another company for knockout stakes over an order of shoe polish.

Muhammad Ali Champion Brand Co., owned by the ex-fighter, is suing K mart and Melville Corp. for allegedly balking on a contract for shoe polish and failing to sell the polish in 500 stores, according to motorcycle stunt driver Evel Knievel, a spokesman for Ali and senior vice president of his company.

"They only put it in about 60 stores. That's a breach of promise," said Knievel. "I don't know why they would do that."

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court, seeks \$550 million in damages, as well as \$30,000 for attorney's fees and money owed to creditors.

Arthur Morrison, the attorney for Ali's company, said K mart and Melville backed out on their order when the Muhammad Ali shoe polish was delivered.

Arthur Richards, general counsel for Melville in Harrison, N.Y., refused to comment.

Orren F. Knauer, director of investor relations at K mart's Troy, Mich., home office, said nobody was available to comment.



MUHAMMAD ALI



CHRISTIE HEFNER



BETTE MIDLER



BERNHARD GOETZ

the chairwoman and chief executive of Playboy Enterprises was speaking about "Leisure Life in the 90s."

Ms. Hefner, who inherited the reins of Playboy from her father, Hugh Hefner, spoke to a standing room only crowd of about 160 on the changing tastes of the baby

boom generation, family values and grown-up toys, according to the Los Angeles Times.

"The governor of California is concerned because our seminar is scheduled opposite of his," she said. "As someone who does a lot of business in California, I am sympathetic, but..."

NEW YORK (AP) — Entertainer Bette Midler says her mother encouraged her, but her father didn't think much of her career choice.

"(My father) was one of those pooh-pooers — 'You'll never amount to a hill of beans.' Maybe it was reverse psychology, hoping against hope that I would amount to something, but it was pretty painful for a long time," Midler told Parade magazine in this Sunday's issue.

"He couldn't keep me down," said Midler. "I had too much inner belief. That came from my mother, who always said, 'Kid, you're going to be fine.'"

Although her father refused to attend her performances as her career took off, the pair had a reconciliation before his death in 1986, Midler said.

Her flamboyant stage act doesn't reflect her upbringing. "My parents were two of the most conservative people you've ever seen in your life. They never went to a movie."

NEW YORK (AP) — Bernhard Goetz, sentenced to a year in prison on a weapons charge, is spending his time fixing walkie-talkies and radios and earning 50 cents an hour.

Goetz, an electronics engineer, has been working in the radio shop at Rikers Island Jail since Jan. 26, about two weeks after he was sentenced for possessing an unlicensed gun in the shooting of four young men on a subway.

"It's good to see the city taking advantage of this bargain," said Donald Cranston, president of the Correction Captains Benevolent Association. "Where else could you get a deal like this for 50 cents an hour?"

Burn calories faster

By Ladies' Home Journal
A Meredith Magazine

A new diet plan specifically addresses the problems of women who don't necessarily overeat but who can't keep the pounds from creeping up on them.

The diet, recently reported in Ladies' Home Journal, was created by Peter M. Miller, director of the Hilton Head Health Institute in South Carolina. Dr. Miller's program is detailed in his recent book, "The Hilton Head Over 35 Diet." If followed properly, it promises a six- to 10-pound weight loss in two weeks and a simultaneous change in the body's chemistry.

There are four major components to the regime:

1. Eat moderately but frequently. Skipping meals tends to suppress the metabolism. The new diet consists of three main meals each day plus a special feature: the Metabo-meal, a light meal designed to keep the metabolism active without overloading the body with calories. The diet prescribes one Metabo-meal on weekdays and two on weekends.

weekend. Adding an average of 300 calories and an extra meal on the weekend helps dieters to counteract the body's natural tendency to reach a plateau, when the metabolism slows down. The extra calories are just enough to boost metabolic rates. Also, it's nice to have extra flexibility on the weekends.

3. Eat mostly carbohydrates because the automatic conservation of calories in response to dieting is much less pronounced on a diet high in carbohydrates. Carbohydrates also help preserve muscle tissue, which is often lost when losing weight. The diet provides an optimum metabolic fuel mix: 60 percent complex carbohydrates, 15 percent protein, and 25 percent fat.
4. Exercise after meals. Although strenuous exercise after a large meal is not recommended, a reasonable amount of exercise after a small to moderate meal is not at all harmful. And, it's good for the metabolism. Researchers have found that exercising after meals burns more calories than at any other time.

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Young man questions fiancée's honesty

DEAR ABBY: I have something on my mind that bothers me a lot. I am a young man (under 20 years old) and I am about to ask my girlfriend to marry me. She is slightly younger than I am, and we've been going together for a little over a year. When we first started to date, I asked her some questions about her past, and for some reason, I just don't believe that she told me the truth. Am I wrong not to believe someone I love? (I really do love her.) I want to believe her, but every time I think about it, I find it very hard to believe.

What can — or should — I do? What if she was lying to me, and I find after we are married that she lied about something else? Please help me. I'm about to make a big move in my life, and I want to know if I should or not. I need to hear from you really soon. — DOUBTING HER

DEAR DOUBTING: Do not marry this girl until you both have had premarital counseling. Perhaps your questions were inappropriate, unfair, or of no real consequence or were really none of your business. Maybe she lied to protect herself. And maybe she didn't lie. This will all come out in counseling, and I urge you to resolve this matter before you consider marriage.



DEAR ABBY: Now that the holidays are over, I want to tell you how much I appreciated your cookbooklet. It certainly came to my rescue when I was short of cash and needed to give two co-workers gifts for Christmas.

Well, to make a long story short, your cookbooklet came that very afternoon, so I made your delicious date cake for one, and a large kettle of Muriel Humphrey's Family Favorite Beef Soup for the other. Abby, they both said that mine was the best gift they ever received. My co-workers just raved about them. After all, who doesn't appreciate home-cooked foods, especially after working all day?

I've read your column every day since 1957 and want to thank you for all the words of wisdom, comfort and advice you have given not only to other readers, but to me as well. Keep up the good work, Abby! — JUSTINE E. GIROUX, COHOES, N.Y.

DEAR JUSTINE: Thank you for taking the time to write. Your letter made my day. Now, give yourself a treat and try my Gourmet Rice Pudding.

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Mad in Montana" made me "Mad in New York." Mad's wife works in a factory where his best friend works. Mad and his wife are close friends with this guy and his wife. The guy becomes his wife's supervisor. As a "boss" he treats everybody harshly — including his best friend's wife — then comes the weekend and he wants the four of them to party together like "old times."

Mad's wife doesn't expect any special treatment at work and she's all for partying with this guy and his wife. The husband says, no way. When asked for your opinion, you sided with the wife.

How could you, Abby? When a "friend" becomes your boss, he ceases to be your friend. No man can serve two masters. A friendship cannot survive where there is a business relationship. I learned long ago that you can't do business with a relative or close friend. To do so is the surest way to end a friendship. Surely, common sense should have taught you this. — WALLACE A. KRAPP

DEAR MR. KRAPP: You could

be right. You could also be wrong. If this sounds like a cop-out, it's not. There are no absolutes in business relationships or family ties. Furthermore, all generalities are dangerous — including this one.

DEAR ABBY: Speaking of hypocrites and funerals, when my wonderful mother died at 81, many of her friends came to her funeral. Did it give me pleasure to see such a turnout? No, it didn't.

Where were all these "friends" when my poor mother lay partially paralyzed in a nursing home for six years? Mother would have so enjoyed a visit from these so-called friends, but none of them came.

When I saw them "paying their last respects" at my mother's funeral, I wanted to say: "It's too late now. Where were you when she needed you?"

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T-Birds soar past Howard cagers

NMJC 97, HAWKS 81. The Howard College Hawks fell behind the leaders by dropping a 97-81 decision to the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds.

"They were a totally different team from the one we played at our place. We've got to play two tough road games Thursday and Friday. This sure tightens the gap. Everybody still has to play hard," Green said.

Wolske 4 0 8; Russell Adams 2 1 5; 35 17.97. HALFTIME — Howard 41, NMJC 41. CONFERENCE STANDINGS

they faced the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds. When it was all over, the Queens were stung with a 102-61 loss in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

Howard, which shot only 30 percent from the floor, was led by post player Allana Cummings' 16 points. Ana Carroll followed with nine and Linda Waters and Shannon Lawson scored eight points each.

NMJC (102) — Tweet White 8 2 20; Wendy Gerhart 8 5 21; Chris Griggan 1 1 3; Sheila Harris 4 0 8; Krista Lent 3 0 6; Jole Lund 4 5 13; Melissa Nix 2 2 6; Janene Caldwell 3 4 10; Jamie Cheell 2 1 5; Amanda Dunn 5 0 10; totals 40 20 102. HALFTIME — NMJC 60, Howard 36.

Terrence Lewis led the Hawks with 26 points. Michael New followed with 21.

HOWARD (81) — Keith Gillespie 2 0 4; Vincent McCants 4 2 14; Larry Pettigrew 6 0 12; Terrence Lewis 11 2 26; Michael New 8 5 21; Carlos Thuman 2 0 4; Charles Moore 4 2 10; totals 37 14 16 91.

THURSDAY'S GAMES NMJC 97, Howard 91; Midland 99, NMMI 88; South Plains 99, Frank Phillips 79; Odessa 115, Western Texas 89.

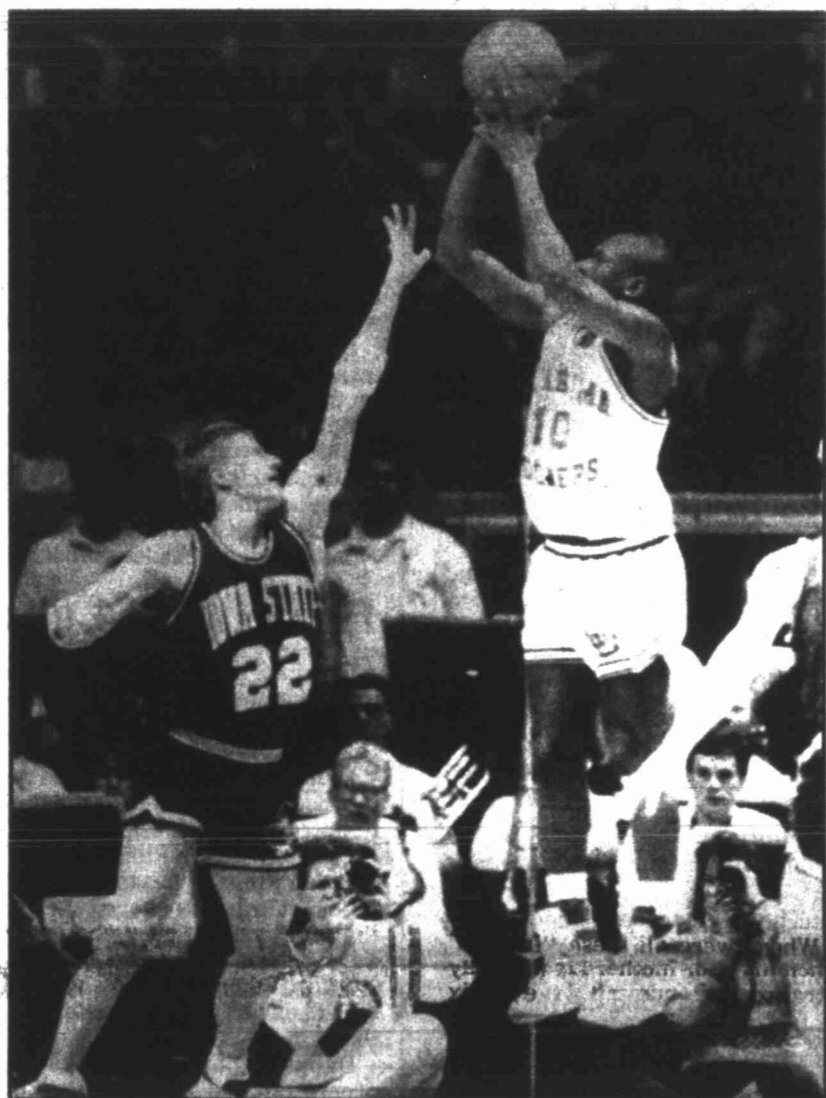
NMJC 102, QUEENS 61 HOBBES, NM — The Howard College Hawk-Queens walked into a hornet's nest Monday night when

Howard will be on a two game road swing when it plays Clarendon Thursday and Frank Phillips Friday.

THURSDAY GAMES'S NMC 102, Howard 61; Odessa College 77, Western Texas College 64; Frank Phillips 86, South Plains 63.

Ellison returns, but Cards fold

By The Associated Press Louisville got what it wanted, sort of. The fourth-ranked Cardinals also got what they deserved.



NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma's Mookie Blaylock (10) goes up with a shot as Iowa State's Mike Born (22) defends on the play during first half action Monday night.

Pervis Ellison, the team's star center, returned to action after missing two games with a knee injury and played well. But the rest of the Cardinals hobbled, losing to No. 12 Florida State 81-78 Monday night.

from the top of the key. Tony Dawson led the Seminoles with 21 points and Irving Thomas had 18 points and 17 rebounds.

Smith and Felton Spencer each scored 12 for Louisville.

Ellison went directly to whirlpool treatment after the game without comment. Smith thought the 6-foot-9 senior did fine.

Arizona new No. 1 team in the land

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — For the second straight year, Arizona has made it to the top of The Associated Press college basketball poll, as the No. 1 round-robin kept going.

The Top Twenty teams in the Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, total points based on 20-19-16-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, record through Feb. 5 and last week's ranking:

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"We got what we earned, and that's a loss," Louisville coach Denny Crum said. "Florida State played their hearts out for 40 minutes and we played hard for about 10. Our guys just didn't want it as bad as Florida State and that's shame."

Florida State led 68-57 with five minutes remaining before the Cardinals rallied to 77-76 with 1:34 left. Mitchell made two foul shots for a three-point edge but Thomas was called for goaltending.

No. 5 Oklahoma 126, Iowa St. 97 Stacey King scored 33 points and Oklahoma broke away with 81 points in the second half, most ever in a Big Eight game. The Sooners, 19-3 and 6-1 in the conference, rebounded from a loss to Oklahoma State that knocked them out of No. 1.

It's an honor that Coach Lute Olson just as soon would have declined, at this point. Not that he's an ingrate, but Olson said his Wildcats, 17-2, have been there before, and that there are other teams that are better right now.

Others receiving votes: Providence 55; Louisiana State 30; St. Mary's, Calif. 25; La Salle 15; Ball State 11; Texas-El Paso 11; Ark.-Little Rock 9; UC Santa Barbara 8; Clemson 8; Minnesota 8; Oregon State 7; Texas 7; Alabama 6; Virginia 6; Connecticut 3; New Mexico 3; Oklahoma State 3; UCLA 3; Arkansas State 2; Kansas State 2; Evansville 1; Kansas 1.

Ellison, who did not start, led host Louisville with 19 points.

At the Meadowlands, Sherman Douglas scored 28 points and Stephen Thompson got 23 as Syracuse held off Seton Hall and reached the 20-victory mark for the seventh straight season.

The Orangemen, 20-4, won their sixth consecutive game overall and

"I guess I would really just as soon have stayed about where we've been ... where you don't get all of the exposure that you would want without putting the additional pressure on, but maybe it'll be good to see how well our people handle the pressure of it anyway," Olson said Monday from Seattle.

A day earlier Arizona beat Washington, after defeating California, to vault from No. 4, as the previous top three, Oklahoma, Illinois and North Carolina, all tripped up at least once last week.

"We had our skeptics about our position in the Top Twenty, yet our youngsters never questioned it and knew they could play with anybody," Seminoles coach Pat Kennedy said.

In other games, No. 5 Oklahoma trounced Iowa State 126-97, No. 9 Syracuse got past No. 11 Seton Hall 85-79, No. 16 Ohio State beat Purdue 70-58, No. 19 Nevada-Las Vegas downed UC Santa Barbara 77-61 and Virginia stopped No. 20 Georgia Tech 78-71.

Skeeter Henry scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half as Oklahoma pulled away from a 55-50 lead. The visiting Cyclones, who made 31 turnovers, are 11-8 and 2-5. No. 9 Syracuse 85, No. 11 Seton Hall 79.

The Wildcats received 90 of 65 first-place votes from a nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters and 1,226 points, 46 more than No. 2 Georgetown.

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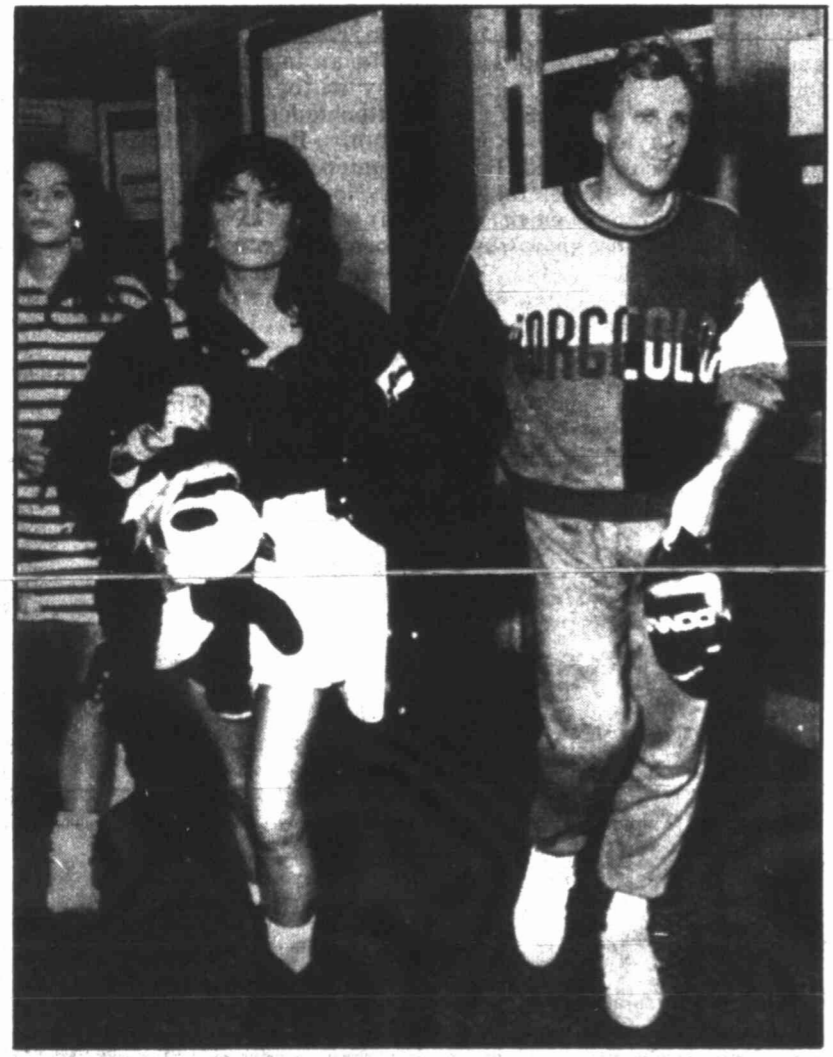
Georgetown, second in three earlier polls, had 17 first-place votes, Missouri 12, while Louisville, 16-3, moved from seventh to fourth and claimed three top votes and 1,090 points. Louisville lost 81-78 to Florida St. Monday night.

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A 1988 file photo of Swedish tennis star Bjorn Borg and his Italian fiancée, rock singer Loredna Berté. Borg was hospitalized Tuesday in Milan after swallowing barbiturates in an apparent suicide attempt.

Ex-tennis star resting after overdose attempt

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Five-time Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg was rushed to a hospital today after swallowing barbiturates in an apparent suicide attempt, Italian news agencies reported.

told reporters outside Ms. Berté's apartment. "Go away all of you," snapped Ms. Berté. A hospital spokeswoman confirmed Borg was admitted but refused to give any details.

NHL to showcase talents tonight

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Even Grant Fuhr's troubled 1988-89 season hasn't convinced Wayne Gretzky that his former Edmonton Oilers teammate isn't the best goalie in hockey history.



EDMONTON — Edmonton Oilers All-Star (left to right) Jari Kurri, Grant Fuhr and ex-teammate, now with the Los Angeles Kings, Wayne Gretzky, share a laugh during a press conference Monday afternoon.

"To me, Grant Fuhr is the greatest goaltender ever to play the game," said Gretzky, who has returned to the city in which he became known as "The Great One" to play in tonight's NHL All-Star Game.

It's a pretty safe bet that fans won't be booing Gretzky tonight. The NHL's No. 2 all-time scorer will be making only his second appearance in Edmonton since the blockbuster offseason trade that sent him to the Los Angeles Kings.

Reggie Lemelin — he had some rough times this season. Burke, the Wales Conference starter, was expected to carry the Devils to the Patrick Division title. Instead, the former Canadian Olympian has been inconsistent and New Jersey seems likely to miss the playoffs.

Vernon, brings a winning record in tonight's contest. Vernon, who'll replace Fuhr sometime in the second period, is 26-5-4. Fuhr, winless in five previous All-Star appearances, is 13-17-4. Burke is 16-18-9. And Lemelin is 9-13-4.

"I'm fine, it's all over," Borg

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But they've booted better players than me. I remember when

Like Fuhr, the two goalies who will face Gretzky tonight — New

Strangely, only one of the four All-Star goalies, Calgary's Mike

They might think I can go out every night and play like I did in the playoffs. That's fine, but I have my own expectations.

Television schedule table with columns for station (KVID, ESPN, KERA, FAM, KOSA, WFAA, SIN, TBS, KTFX, SPEJ, NASH, WICK, LIFE, USA, DISH, TMC, SHOW, MTV) and rows for time slots (5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00) listing various programs like 'Cooby', 'ABC News', 'SportsCenter', etc.

Weather

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS
Snow was falling in the Great Lakes and the Southwest and freezing rain stretched from the Appalachians to Texas' Gulf Coast after another day of record-breaking cold.



Today's forecast called for snow with some sleet scattered across much of Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky, and freezing rain along the Texas Gulf Coast and over interior portions of Louisiana and Mississippi.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1989

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actress Lana Turner, author Jules Verne, actors James Dean, Nick Nolte and Jack Lemmon, comedian Robert Klein.
ARIES (March 21-April 19): A conservative approach is your safest bet today.

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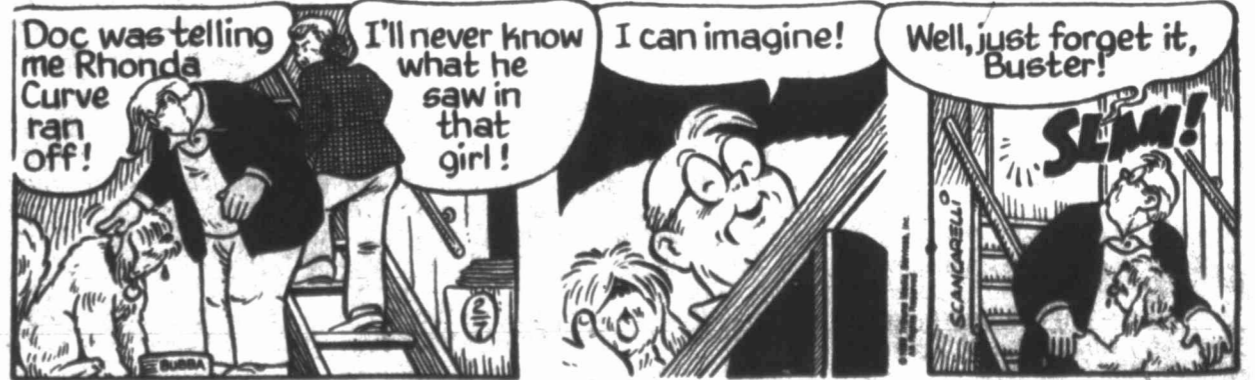
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