Congress to decide fate of S&L plan; story on page 3-A

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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



Testimony begins in \$1.7 million flood lawsuit

By MICHAEL DUFFY Staff Writer

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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

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

During questioning from

L'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-

lawsuit involving 10 plaintiffs Houston-based attorney Chuck side to evaluate the situation, he away the streets." 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

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

Pay raise

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"The presi-

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By LARRY MARGASAK

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Con-

gress lined up to reject a 51 percent

pay raise today as lawmakers

rushed to beat a midnight deadline

and deny themselves an increase

Tower investigation longer than expected

By DONNA CASSATA

Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON - President Bush stood by Defense Secretarydesignate 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.

"I think people would not want a person to step aside, given rumor, particularly if

JOHN TOWER the rumor is baseless," the president said. "And the problem is the process is taking a little longer than I would like, and

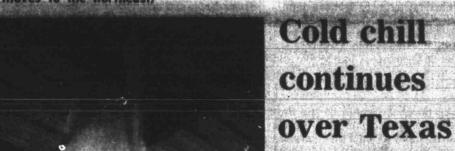
yet, I think the Senate has got to do what they're doing - looking at these allegations very carefully.

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

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





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.

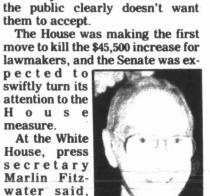
In Big Spring the USDA research center recorded a high of 30 degrees Monday and a low of nine degrees at 8 a.m. this morning.

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

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



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gress, ... I would expect him to go along with whatever they decide. 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

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

America,' said Gramm, a Texas Republican. But Bush's

Texas and

endorsement of the two giant science projects is just the beginning ofwhat Gramm an-

PHIL GRAMM ticipates will be a tough fight in Congress over funding the space station and the superconducting super collider.

"Congress loves to invest in the next election 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

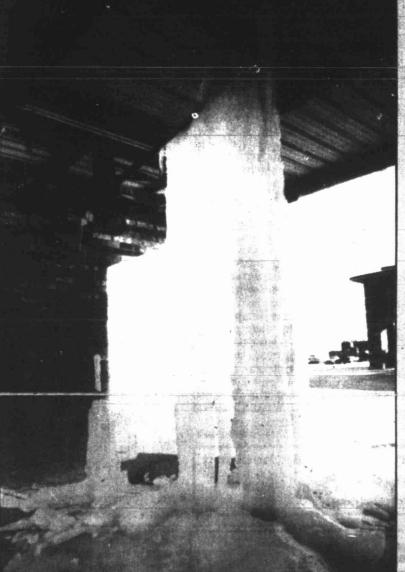
Of the \$250 million proposal for the SSC, Bush is recommending \$160 million be used for construction, \$69 million for operations and research and development, and \$21 million for equipment, Gramm

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



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.

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 cur-rently 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

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 com-

plete 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



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

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). cent range, Hicks said. 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-

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 Assoiciate Nursing Degree Program," said

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, e DEMAND page 3-A



Andrew Hicks

Victim fund short of money

AUSTIN (AP) - The state fund to compensate crime victims is in danger of going broke because more convicted criminals chose prison rather than pay fines, a recent state auditor's report said.

The prisoners know they will only be behind bars for a short period of time because of court-ordered restrictions on prison population, the report said.

The situation results in more crowded prisons and a shortage of funds to compenstate crime victims, according to the report.

At the current rate, the report said, "the fund will be insolvent in late fiscal year 1991," which begins Sept. 30, 1990.

The crime victims' fund was established in 1979 to compensate people who suffer personal injury or the death of a family member because of violent crime.

The primary source of the fund is court costs assessed to people convicted of felonies and most misdemeanors. The current charges are \$20 for a felony and \$3 to \$15 for misdemeanors.

In fiscal year 1988, 3,938 victims of violent crime received payments totaling \$17.2 million, the report said. But the fund received only about \$16 million in revenue, and the balance fell from \$14 million in 1986 to \$6.7 million by Aug. 31, 1988.

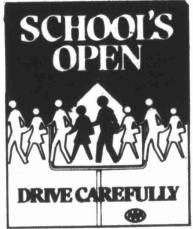
The overcrowded prison system and the burden it places on the criminal justice system are the main reasons for the problem, the report said.

Texas law permits any person convicted of a crime to choose jail or prison time instead of paying fines and costs assessed by the

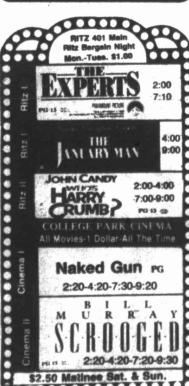
But, "it is now possible for offenders to pay off their fines and court costs with only minimal time spent in jail," the report said. "As a result, collections of court costs decline and the jails become more

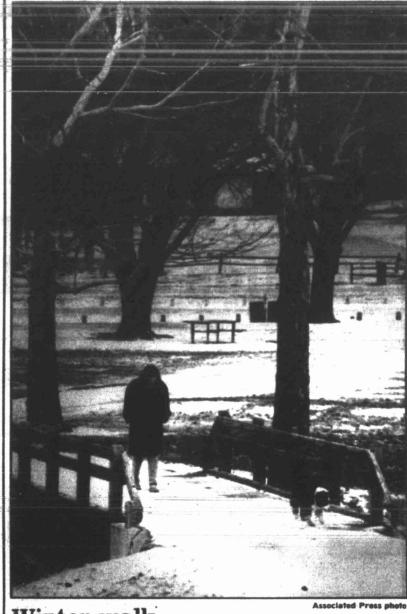
Among the report's recommendations are: reconsidering the allowance for jail time; authorizing the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to collect fines and court costs; and authorizing the state comptroller to assess penalties and interest in certain cases of delinquent payments.











Winter walk

DALLAS - Frances Nash crosses a bridge in a Dallas park with her dog Chalkie Monday morning as temperatures stayed below freezing for the fourth day in the north Texas area. Many school districts in the state closed Monday as the cold weather continued.

American updates fleet

SEATTLE (AP) - The multibillion-dollar purchase of jetliners expected today by American Airlines is the latest in a series of gigantic orders from carriers that not only want to modernize their fleets, but want to make sure the planes are ready in the near future, industry analysts say.

The order also is indicative of an airline that picks its equipment in a smart, precise way, says a spokesman an aircraft maker that lost out on the deal.

Fort Worth, Texas-based American scheduled a news conference for today to disclose details of its purchase, which some industry experts believe could total \$7 billion. The airline is expected to order 50 to 60 MD-11 jumbo jets and as many as 100 smaller MD-80 twinjets from McDonnell Douglas

The purchase would be the first huge aircraft order in 1989, after a year that saw at least nine carriers including American — place jet orders for \$1 billion or more.

They included a \$5.04 billion order in May by International Lease Finance Corp. for 130 planes from Boeing Co. and Airbus Industrie, and a September orderand-option package by Delta Air Lines for 215 planes, split between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, that could be worth \$6 billion to \$10

The big three commercial jet builders shattered order records in 1988. Boeing, with about two-thirds of the market, announced firm orders for 636 planes worth \$30.1 billion, surpassing 1987 orders by 49 percent. McDonnell Douglas had orders for 246 planes and Airbus, the European consortium, 167, but neither announced dollar values.

Few believe 1989 will approach those marks, but Boeing estimates

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there's plenty of room in the new plane market — more than \$450 billion worth, in 1989 dollars, between now and 2005. Demand for new planes is so

great that it's tough for operators to get them when they want them.
"In general, the industry is running flat-out at capacity and is pretty much booked into the 1992-93

time frame," Wolfgang Demisch, aerospace industry analyst for Union Bank of Switzerland in New Yorka said Monday. Being able to provide delivery spots f'seems at least one factor in American deciding for the MD-11, besides what may be a very advantageous MD-11s normally sell for \$90

million to \$100 million, but analysts said American's actual purchase price could be for \$80 million to \$85 million each, partly because of the large number ordered.

American already has 118 MD-80s and 60 DC-10s, a predecessor to the MD-11, along with a wide variety of Boeing jets.

The MD-11 is a three-engine widebody, capable of carrying 405 passengers 8,000 miles. McDonnell Douglas bills it as a long-haul jet to serve routes that don't have the passenger volume to justify a Boeing 747. Boeing's new 747-400 also can fly 8,000 miles, carrying about 479 passengers.

Though American may favor McDonnell Douglas today, it has spread its business in the past. Airbus is delivering 25 A300-600R widebodies that American ordered in 1987, and American last year gave Boeing a \$2 billion order for 50 mid-sized 757s, with options for 50

Don't plan your evening without checking 'Calendar' **Big Spring Herald**

LOST A **FAVORITE** RECIPE?



RECIPE EXCHANGE EVERY WEDNESDAY.

Fund-raising efforts draw fire

HOUSTON (AP) — Treasurer Ann Richards, who's barred from filling her own campaign coffers during the current legislative session, is using the down time to raise funds for a women's political organization that backs her expected race for governor.

In a four-page, political fund-raising letter obtained by the Houston Chronicle's Austin bureau, Ms. Richards notes that she is considering a race for governor in 1990 as she solicits contributions for the Women's Campaign Fund, a national political action

"As treasurer of Texas, I've worked hard to inspire women to reach for more than they've been raised to expect," Ms. Richards said in the letter.

"And now because of the opportunities I've had as treasurer, I'm considering a race for governor of Texas. If I make that race, the Women's Campaign Fund will be among my most important allies they've already given \$10,000

toward a 1990 campaign. which is dated January 1989, has

raised questions from Attorney General Jim Mattox, Ms. Richards' likely 1990 Democratic gubernatorial primary opponent, and the Texas secretary of state's

"If this doesn't violate the law, it clearly violates the spirit of the law," said Mattex, referring to state statutes that prevent Texas officeholders from raising political contributions during legislative

Richards' spokesman Bill Cryer said the letter "was not meant to benefit Ann.

Jane Danowitz, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Women's Campaign Fund, confirmed the group gave \$10,000 to Ms. Richards last year and plans to contribute at least that much and probably more to her expected candidacy after the legislative session

previous years, Patterson said.

Statewide, he said, appraisal

districts appraised a typical property at 96 percent of its market

value for 1988 tax rolls, compared

with 95 percent for the previous

"However," he said in a state-

ment, "other statistics from our

study indicate that appraisals of in-

dividual properties were less

uniform in 1988 than the year

Randy Erben, with the Office of State-Federal Relations in Washington, said Ms. Richards comes close in the letter "to breaking the line."

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"The big question comes as to where the money is going to go," Erben said. "If these contributions are sent to the organization but earmarked for Ann Richards, there could be some problems. If

she is soliciting funds for herself

through this committee, it's not

Ms. Danowitz conceded that Ms. Richards, who burst into national prominence with her keynote address at last summer's Democratic National Convention, could be the eventual recipient of the lion's share of Women's Campaign Fund contributions.

"But if we get contributions now that are written specifically for Ann Richards, we'll find the donors and send it back," she said.

City Bits

MINIMUM CHARGE \$3.75 DEADLINE CB ADS: DAILY - 3 p.m. day prior to publica

ceeds for BSSH Patients.

SUNDAY - 3 p.m. Friday CHALET Re-Sale Shop, 313 Runnels. Fill a sack for \$2.00. Pro-

PROFESSIONAL'S NIGHT, The Compassionate Friends, a support group offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, will meet Tuesday, First Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m., Dining Hall, southeast door. Please come to learn and share ideas! All the people involved are parents who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. For further information call 263-2520 or

Toastmasters meet every Tuesday morning, 6:30-7:55 a.m. Days Inn Patio Room. Breakfast available from menu.

NEED a Valentine for your sweetheart? Call Debbie for cash. 263-4962.

Big Spring VA Employee Activities Association "Garage Sale", Feb. 25, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. at Highland Mall. Proceeds to benefit "Christmas in April Fund". If you have any items to donate, contact Susan Watts, 263-7361, ext. 333.

JIM'S Place, I-20 East. Every Wednesday night live music by Kaye, with Ronnie Salmon. Sunday - live music by the Westwood Band.

Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays 7:30 p.m. in Room 414, Scenic Mountain Medical Center. No fees. No weigh-ins. Call 267-8827 after 5 p.m.

Can you volunteer four hours a week to help out at the Northside Community Center? Call Marianne Brown at 263-2673.

HUBAMI Mental Health Support Group - Call 267-7220 for more information.

DANCE to Ben Nix and The Boys Wednesday, 8 -11 p.m.. Eagles Lodge, 703 W. 3rd. Members and guests welcome.

Don't forget, children age 5 and over need Social Security numbers before you can claim them on your tax return. You can apply for a Social Security Number for your child at any Social Security Office. When you do so, you'll need to furnish your child's birth records, proof of citizenship and proof of identity for you and the child. The Social Security card will take 2 -3 weeks to come to you by mail after you complete the application and furnish the necessary proofs.

If you get retirement checks you can earn up to the annual exempt amount without losing any of your monthly checks. For 1989 the exempt amounts are \$8880 for people 65-69 and \$6480 for people under 65. There is no limit on earning for people 70 and older. If you do earn over the exempt amount, \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 of earnings over the limit. And remember, if it appears you will be earning more than the exempt amount in 1989, report the fact early. . so you won't have to pay back benefits that aren't due you.

Here is good news for listeners vho want to avoid long distance toll charges on their teleph bills. All calls to reach Medicare Part B in Dallas, Texas are free on the following number. Just call 800-442-2620 to ask about your pen-ding claim, discuss your claim or to request a copy of the explanation of medicare benefits. Remember this call is toll-free in the state of Texas.

AUSTIN (AP) — The property tax base for Texas school districts Patterson noted that the Texas **Education Agency uses the board's** in 1988 fell by 1.74 percent from the estimate of property values in for-mulas for distributing state aid to previous year, according to the State Property Tax Board. The board said preliminary school districts. The board study also showed that property tax appraisals for 1988 were closer to market value than in

School property tax

base declines again

results of its 1988 study showed the taxable value in the state's 1,056 school districts was \$657.1 billion on Jan. 1. 'This is the third straight year

the value of the school district tax base has declined," said Ron Patterson, board executive director. He said previous studies showed

declines of 1.5 percent for 1986 and over 3 percent for 1987. "Since 1985, school districts have lost more than \$45 billion in taxable value," he

The 1988 study showed that taxable values declined in 558 school districts and increased in 498

Briefs

Lawyer indicted for shooting bird pus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A Houston lawyer who is the son of a University of Texas regent faces a year in jail and a \$100,000 fine following his indictment by a federal grand jury in the fatal snooting of one of the world's few remaining whooping cranes.

Mario Max Yzaguirre, 28, was indicted in Corpus Christi on a charge of violating the Endagered Species Act by a killing a crane in early January near Aransas National Wildlife Refuge north of CorTexas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have said the department will also seek \$17,000 restitution from Yzaguirre, a lawyer with the law firm of Vinson

The whooper, a 4-year-old female, was one of only approximately 200 in the world.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials have said the shooting ap-

peared to be a mistake by the

Spindletop heirs submit document

BEAUMONT (AP) - U.S.Magistrate Earl Hines has impounded a document claimed as proof of ownership in the famed Spindletop oilfield and given the plaintiffs two weeks to supply any further evidence in their claim as multimillion-dollar heirs.

Cousins James Clark of Cincinnati and Dan Profitt of Elsmere, Ky., represent about 200 relatives claiming to be direct descendants to oilfield wildcatter James Meadors, who died in 1925 without

Meadors' heirs contend that in 1911 Meadors was given one-eighth interest in the Spindletop oilfield as payment for work. Since the

famous Lucas Gusher in 1901, oil companies have pumped billions of dollars worth of oil from the field. Amoco Production Co., Mobil Oil

Corp., Phillips Petroleum Co. and Texaco Oil Co. had requested last Thursday's hearing to ask Hines to dismiss the lawsuit because the plaintiffs failed to show a chain of

But plaintiffs presented the new document and claimed it is the missing link in the chain of title. They contend the document is a deed transferring land and mineral rights to a previous owner in a chain that eventually led to

Can drive raised \$253.000

GALVESTON (AP) - A ninemonth aluminum can recycling drive over parts of the past two years raised \$253,000 to aid in the restoration of the old Battleship Texas, campaign organizers said. The 75-year-old battleship now is

in dry dock in Galveston undergoing repairs. More than 2 million used

aluminum cans were collected in the most recent four-month "Save Our Ship" effort that ended Feb. 1, George Cobb, president of Alcoa Recycling Co. said. A similar fivemonth drive was conducted in 1987. The cash from the aluminum

goes to the Texas Parks and

Wildlife Department, which operates the battleship at a berth near the San Jacinto Monument near Houston. It is expected to be returned to the berth next fall. "Battleship Texas served with

distinction in two world wars," Cobb said. "But after 40 years in her berth near Houston, she was in need of major structural repairs.

"It seemed to us that we could best contribute to this important cause by linking together all the aluminum recycling enterprises in the state to join with the people of Texas to help save the ship for future generations of Americans."

A handful of cash is better than a garage full of 'Don't Needs' Dial 263-7331





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How's that? **Soviets**

Q. Which community in the United States has the largest number of Soviet emigrants?

A. According to Walter Scott's Personality Parade, probably Brighton Beach, a community in the New York City borough of Brooklyn. It houses a population of approximately 30,000 emigrants from the Soviet

Calendar

Commodities

THURSDAY

 People who have been certified for February 1989 may pick up their food commodities through the West Texas opportunities emergency food assistance program at the Dora Roberts Community Center by the Tennis Center in the Comanche Trail Park. The time wil be from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. All recipients must have their certfication cards with them in order to receive the food. The West Texas Opportunites, Inc. office in Ventura Building will be closed the day the commodities are given out. Thursday will be the only day the commodities will be given out.

• The Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 of the Vietnam Veterans of America will meet at 7 p.m. at the Vet Center (VFW Hall) on Driver Road. For more information call

• The NARFE will meet at 10 a.m. at the Kentwood Center. The Friends of the Library meeting will be at noon at the

Howard County Library. The public is invited. FRIDAY

• The Army Ground Forces Concert Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Admission is free. Tickets can be obtained at the Big Spring Herald or the

Chamber of Commerce. HIGH III SEMILA IN THOMAS OF TAX help offered

Free income tax help is currently available through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

The volunteers are trained by the Internal Revenue Service and will assist: those whose income is primarily from wages and interest; elderly people; lowerincome and handicapped persons; and non-English language people who need assistance in filing their

1987 income tax returns. People seeking assistance are asked to bring their tax package distributed by the IRS, and a copy of their last year's tax return.

The tax assistance will be offered through April 15 at the following locations, dates and times:

• First Presbyterian Church. Eighth and Runnels Streets, Mondays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m., 263-4211.

• Citizens Federal Credit Union. FM 700, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 267-6373.

• Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 509 N. Aylford St., Saturdays, 1-4 p.m., 263-7884.

· Senior Citizens Center. Building 487 Industrial Park, Fridays, 1-4 p.m., 267-1628.

For more information, call 398-5522.

For the record

Two names were incorrect in a Sunday Big Spring Herald article about a flag donation to the West Side Community Center; the flag was donated by Loma Gale Patton, in memory of Joe Nell Lay. The Herald regrets the error.

 Confusion with the awards at the Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday night resulted in an error in the reporting of the story in Sunday's Herald. Venita Blassingame was the recipient of the Pat on the Back award, while Gail Earls was the winner of the Luv Ya Blue

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Fate of Bush S&L plan now up to Congress

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Congressional leaders are offering cautious praise for President Bush's plan to bail out the savings and loan industry, but many are wary of his proposal to sock the taxpayers for about half the \$90 billion initial

Bush on Monday offered a complex financing scheme mixing tax dollars with higher insurance premiums paid by banks and S&Ls.

He also called for an overhaul of the financial regulatory system aimed at preventing S&L problems from recurring, vowed to pursue wrongdoers in the industry and pledged to protect insured deposits. He recommended no direct fee on depositors.

"In all the time since creation of the deposit insurance, savers have not lost one dollar of insured deposits and I am determined that they never will," the president said at a news conference.

Under the Bush plan, which must be approved by Congress, the government would sell \$50 billion in 30-year in bonds as needed over three years to finance the cost of closing or selling about 350 failed institutions. That's in addition to the \$40 billion pledged last year by regulators to rescue and prop up

taxpayers \$600 million to \$1 billion a year."

223 institutions. Insurance premiums paid by financial institutions, combined with tax dollars, would pay the interest on the bonds and meet regulators' 1988 commitments. Money to pay off the principal on the bonds would come from the S&L industry.

Sen. Donald W. Riegle, D-Mich., the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said Bush had presented "by and large a sensible proposal" and that "the structural reforms make sense." However, Riegle said the tax-

payer cost was "a substantial amount of money" and said he was concerned it would cut into other programs such as the fight against drugs and education

Bush's budget director, Richard

shoulder 54 percent of the burden billion in 1991. over the 30-year life of the plan. He estimated the cost to taxpayers at \$28.1 billion from 1989 through 1994. Over 10 years, the cost would be \$39.9 billion.

"In my view (that) would be a little high," said Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan,. "It would begin to crowd some of these other programs Congress wants, like education, the environment. . .I would propose we shrink the taxpayer impact."

The spending is structured to help the president meet his "no new taxes" pledge by minimizing the impact on the fiscal 1990 budget that Bush will present to Congress on Thursday. Taxpayer spending would amount to \$11.1 billion during the remainder of this fiscal year, but would dip to \$1.9 billion in Darman, said the public would 1990. It would bounce back to \$6

Bush's plan also would increase the insurance premium paid by S&Ls from the current \$2.08 per \$1,000 of deposits to \$2.30 from 1991 through 1994, dropping to \$1.80 after that. Banks' premiums would rise from 83 cents now to \$1.20 in 1990 to \$1.50 after that.

Administration officials who spoke after Bush left the news conference stressed that the money raised by the higher bank premiums would go into the banks' own insurance fund, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., and would not directly pay for S&L

However, the money raised by the bank premiums would count as revenue on government balance sheets. Thus, the government

without adding to the budget

"There is a lot of blue smoke and mirrors in the plan," said Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the House Banking Committee. "I estimate that the convoluted (scheme for selling the bonds)) will end up costing the taxpayers \$600 million to \$1 billion a

Banks and savings and loans likely would try to pass on at least a portion of the higher insurance premiums to consumers, possibly in the form of lower interest rates on savings accounts.

"I would hope that wouldn't happen, but there's no guaranteeing what the institutions will do," Bush said. "Nothing is without pain when you come to solve a problem of this magnitude."

Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady said competition from money market mutual funds and other investments would prevent S&Ls from passing on much of the cost. He acknowledged that some banks and S&Ls may get into trouble because of that.

"There may be some (failures) would be able to spend several but in the long run we'll have billions of taxpayer dollars a year much sounder system," he said. but in the long run we'll have a

Flooding

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Savage said.

During cross examination by Terry Rhoades, the Midland attorney representing the city, Savage testified she observed water "rushing through" Big Spring Draw the night of the flooding.

The Do It Center is seeking \$550,000 in damages.

Prior to this morning's testimony, Rhoades said that the city of Big Spring — as a member of the Texas League of Municipalities — is "technically insured" against claims in the lawsuit. However, whether insurance will pay for the city's financial losses in the suit "is between the city and TLM after the

fact (trial),' In testimony Monday afternoon, four of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit described the losses they sustained as a result of the flood.

During questioning by local attorney Mike Thomas, Randy Burks testified he and his wife, Laurie, discovered "nearly everything we owned" was ruined by muddy water that flooded two bins they rented at A-American Self Storage, 3314 E.

FM. 700. Burks said he had purchased land south of Big Spring shortly before the flood and was planning

to build a home. A written inventory of his losses was submitted to the Big Spring city attorney shortly after the flood, Burks testified.

The witness told the court he claimed \$5,240 in losses that included some furniture, appliances and his wife's wedding dress and veil.

Burks testified he was unaware a breach had occurred at Comanche Lake Dam and was informed by relatives that the storage facility had sustained damages caused by the flood.

Asked by Thomas to describe the scene he discovered the morning after the flood, Burks responded: "The fence outside the storage shelter had collapsed, we opened the door (to the facilities where their belongings were stored) and everything was

Burks testified he was "very concerned" about how his wife would react to the scene because 'she was three months pregnant."

He said he had a "feeling of disgust" when he opened the doors of the storage bins because 'everything we owned was ruined.'

An Energas Company repairman at the time of the flood, Burks told the court he and his wife, along with his and his wife's parents, worked virtually without rest to save what was salvageable.

Circus Gatti — a traveling cir-

cus featuring performing

elephants and lions, trapeze ar-

tists, an Arabian horse show,

clowns, and a dog and monkey

show — will appear Wednesday at

Show times are 4:30 p.m. and 8

p.m. Tickets — which are \$6 for

adults, \$3.50 for teenagers — will

be sold at the coliseum beginning

Free tickets have been provid-

ed to local schools for students 12

years old and younger, said

Proceeds from the event -

sponsored by the Howard County

Sheriff's Posse, a local horse

riding club - will benefit local

charities such as the Salvation

Army and Boy's Club, said, Joe

Doors will open one hour before the shows, so children can meet

Knapp, president of the club.

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Knapp.

the Dorothy Garrett Colisuem.

Responding to a question from Thomas, Burks said he had never previously witnessed water go over the top of the earthen dam.

During cross examination, Rhoades, questioned the value of the items Burks listed as destroyed and the witness did admit that some were several years

Thomas countered, however, by asking if it is a "pleasant experience" finding personal property destroyed.

"No, it is not," Burks said. Called to the stand briefly by Thomas, Laurie Burks was asked what she estimated the value of her property after the flood.
'Probably zero,' she

Laurie Burks told the court she was most disturbed by the loss of her wedding dress and veil and her daughter's first-year baby

The Burks are also seeking

\$26,200 for mental anguish they allege they suffered as a result of the flood. Rhoades expressed surprise that the couple was seeking

damages for mental anguish because they didn't mention that fact when he took their depositions in 1987. Plaintiff Bonita Hicks — called

to the stand by local attorney Gil Jones III — said she and her husband. Charles, have resided at 1301 Monmouth Ave. for 27 years. Hicks testified although heavy

rains had occurred prior to the flood, "we've had much more rain fall many times before." She said she first realized about 9 p.m. on Aug. 30 that her

residence was in imminent

danger of being flooded. "One of my neighbors, an employee of Energas (Company), asked if he could park his truck in my driveway because he believed he would be called out during the night and thought if he left it at his house he couldn't get out." Hicks told the court.

She testified she left her home about 9:20 p.m. to stay with a neighbor.

Responding to a question from Jones, Hicks said she never received an official warning from the city about the impending

She testified she returned to her home "about daylight" the following morning and found mounds of debris covering the front yard. "I walked in the front door and

testified. "All through the house was totally wet. It was completely saturated in every room, every She said because the "smell

the kitchen was total mud," Hicks

with the mud was awful," she and her daughter quickly rented a wet/dry vacuum cleaner and "tried to get up everything that

Bonita said she went to city hall on two occasions to determine whether her home is located in the 100-year flood plain, but testified city officials couldn't give her an answer.

She also told the court she submitted an itemized list of

damages to the city attorney. Some of the items listed as damaged or destroyed have not been replaced because "since my husband (Charles) retired just about a year ago, we haven't felt we could afford it," said Hicks, a special education teacher in Big

The Hickses are seeking \$10,000 in damages to personal property and an additional \$50,000 for alleged mental anguish caused by

During cross examination by Rhoades, Hicks said she didn't believe heavy rains were responsible for the flood. She said she came to that conclusion based on newspaper articles she read and statements made at a city council meeting she attended shortly after the flood.

"I'm disturbed that the city didn't warn me about the flood possibilities. We had no reason to believe our house would be flood ed," Hicks testified.

Rhoades, she told the court she didn't believe the flooding was caused by an "Act of God." "I only know what I think.

Responding to a question from

cannot prove it's the true cause,' said Hicks, who was interrupted by Rhoades as she attempted to elaborate. She also testified that on one occasion a neighbor used a

bulldozer to clear the Big Spring Draw — which she said was continually clogged with trees and other debris. Hicks said that she contacted city officials several times about the debris in the draw causing

water to stagnate, resulting in an influx of mosquitoes. During opening statements Houston attorney Charles Kaufmann told jurors that he intends to prove the city was negligent because it had been warned by Texas Water Commission and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials on four occasions that Comanche Lake Dam had "serious problems" and needed

to be corrected. Jones told the jury he will prove the city is guilty of "gross negligence.'

"This trial is about people human beings who made errors . . . and as a result, people were injured," Jones said.

The case is being heard by 118th District Judge James Gregg.

4-H sponsors projects

The Howard County 4-H Club is sponsoring an art project at 9 a.m., Feb. 11., at the 4-H courthouse. The days events will include learning to train the eye to artist, using a color wheel, learning to use design elements, work with pastels, a tour of an art gallery and a painting

Water Quality in the Home will be the topic of this month's Extension Home Makers Club.

Club chapter meeting dates are: Ceahoma chapter, 2 p.m., Feb. 8.; city extension, 2 p.m., Feb. 10; Center Point, 2 p.m., Feb. 21.



the pay raise issue time of the vote but did not vote WASHINGTON (AP) - Here is how Texans voted in the 238 to 88 'yes" or "no" on the issue. There are two vacancies in the

How Texans voted on

roll call Monday by which the House demanded a vote on a proposed 51 percent pay raise by rejecting a motion to adjourn.

A "yes" vote is a vote to adjourn. Voting yes, indicated by "Y," were 82 Democrats and 6

Republicans. Voting no, indicated by "N," were 108 Democrats and 130 Republicans.

X denotes those not voting.

Present denotes those who

voted they were "present" at the

Wright, X (by tradition, the House speaker seldom votes). Texas Republicans — Archer. N; Armey, N; Bartlett, N; Barton, X; Combest, N; DeLay, X;

Fields, N; Smith, N.

435-member House.

Texas Democrats - Andrews,

N; Brooks, Y; Bryant, N;

Bustamante, Y; Chapman, N;

Coleman, N; de la Garza, X;

Frost, Y; Gonzalez, X; Hall, X;

Laughlin, X; Leath, Y; Leland,

X; Ortiz, X; Pickle, X; Sarpalius,

N; Stenholm, Y; Wilson, Y;

Police beat

Big Spring police reported the

• Pete Chavarria, 18, 1210 Marajo St., was arrested on warrants charging him with possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear before judge.

bond after being arrested on a

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following

incidents: • Jaime Mendez Cuellar, 24, 815 W. Sixth St., was released on \$500

bond after being charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon. Johnny Deleon Mendez, 22,

charge of possession of marijuana.

**Klaus Hugo Quernheim, 30, 605 McEwen St., was transferred to Howard County Jail after being arrested by police on charges of robbery by threats and parole viola tion. Quernheim is being held without bail on the robbery charge.

• Roque Medellin Salazar, 22, Colorado City, served seven days jail time for driving while license suspended, no insurance and speeding.

1007 Main St., was released on \$500

Demand

 Continued from page 1-A Hicks said, estimating that 50 percent of the college's students are in hospital scholarship programs that pay for the cost of the student's education provided they contract with the hospital for a specified length of time.

It is not unusual for a hospital representative to take an entire class of nurses to dinner in an attempt to recruit nurses, he said. 'They're doing all kinds of things to hire our nurses," Hicks said.

"Hospitals from all over the state are asking when they can talk to our graduates." While hospitals are experiencing a nursing shortage, nursing schools are experiencing a shortage of qualified instructors, according to

the Texas Nursing Foundation report. Howard College currently has a "critical" need for a Dean of Nursing and one instructor at its Big

Spring campus, Hicks said. Depending upon fall enrollment, the college may also need one additional instructor in Snyder and two

in Del Rio, Hicks said. The pool of qualified ADN nursing instructors is limited because the minimum academic qualifica-

tion is a master's degree, the TNF report said.

Hiring qualified instructors is 'very, very, very difficult,'' Hicks said. "Part of that is due to the regulations the state board puts on us as far as qualifications for instructors, which are, in some cases, more stringent than necessary.

Hicks believes instructors providing clinical supervision should be able to teach with a bachelor's 'That one change would greatly

increase the number of students we could serve," he said. As for solving the nursing shortage, Hicks said higher nursing salaries will have to be part of the

"Nursing salaries have to increase," he said. "There is going to be a shortage until that issue is addressed. Meanwhile, Howard College will continue to explore avenues to ex-

pand and improve its nursing program, he said. 'We're doing things in places from Lamesa to the Mexican border right now," Hicks said. "But if there's something more to

was a member of the Baptist

Survivors include his father and

stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. George

Burleson, Smyer; his mother and

stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Mayfield, Andrews; three

brothers: George, James and

Steven, all of Smyer; two sisters,

Marsha and Leaila, both of Smyer;

his paternal grandmother, Blanche

McDonald, Smyer; and maternal

randparents, Jesse and Ruth

do, we're going to do it.'

Church.

Death

Elmer Burleson

Elmer Burleson, 18, Smyer, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 1989 in a local hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Burns-Smith-Scoggins Funeral Chapel, Levelland, with the Rev. Loren Everrett officiating. Burial will be in City of Levelland Cemetery. Local arrangements were by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He was born in Muleshoe and

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Circus Gatti Elephant show;

Clark's Lions and Tiger show;

Eric Braun and Company.

Circus Gatti, a 26-year old

Circus comes to town

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

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 196 Soviet and Cuban officials at the seminar, annua bedone the

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 twothirds 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.



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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 everyone was igoing to the nurseries to start planting for

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 Bluemel, 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 been reminded 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 by ing to keep that kind of doubting 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

can't help but wonder if she went overboard. Especially if she had anything to do with allowing the groundhog in on the deal.

drive anywhere with over 1,000 ac-

cidents reported on the freeways, I

Senator Tower muddies the water

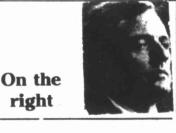
By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

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

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-



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 datareception 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? Ef-

forts 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 Buchwald

Hunters stock up

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

"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 ask-

ed 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) - ADelta 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

Flight 592 en route to Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta landed safety Monday night using two of the Boeing 727's three engines. No inuries 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 meeting Monday to protest that 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 sends a strong message to the kooks of this land, and more im- fine.

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

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

The ordinance makes possession or sale of an assault weapon have prevented the tragedy, but it a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$500

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

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 swit-ching 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,

Mikewe maer a the int or early and on and and inches of the control of the contro 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.

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.



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

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 kidnappers.

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 rela-

tionship," 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. Nac-

cache will be released." Naccache was convicted of leading a five-man squad in a 1980 attempt to kill ex-Prime Minister Shapour Bakhtiar outside his home in a Paris Sudurd. 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 adminstration 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-

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 sixblock-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 fourhour 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- quelled the uprising.

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

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

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

Opposition says elections too soon

was killed.

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP) -Opposition politicians who have for years pushed for free and fair elecions 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 longentrenched 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 congres sional 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 shellings 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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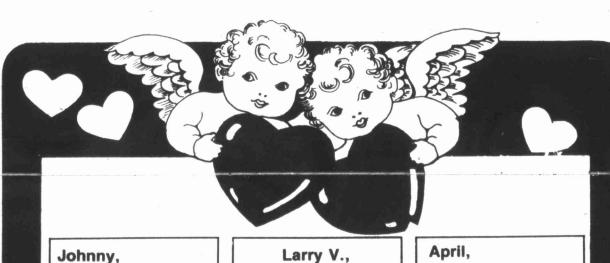
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Names in the news

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 exfighter, 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.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Given the choice to hear talks by California Gov. George Deukmejian or the woman who oversees the Playboy empire, crowds at an elite international seminar chose Christie Hefner by a 2-1 margin.

Deukmejian spoke recently about "The Nation State of California" at the annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, while just next door



MUHAMMAD ALI



BETTE MIDLER

the chairwoman and chief executive of Playboy Enterprises was speaking about "Leisure Life

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



CHRISTIE HEFNER



BERNHARD GOETZ

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) - Enter tainer 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-poohers - '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 walkietalkies 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

Burn calories faster

A Meredith Magazine

dresses 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.

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2. Eat more calories on the

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

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 fiancee'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

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. - DOUB-TING HER

DEAR DOUBTING: Do not marry this girl until you both have had premarital counseling. Perhaps your questions were inappropriate, unfair, 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.

Airman Jeffrey L. Jones, son of William F. Jones, Seguin, and

Phyllis G. Hammons, Sterling City,

has graduated from Air Force

basic training at Lackland Air

During the six weeks of training,

the airman studied the Air Force

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Force Base.

Dear Abby

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, times. vour cookbookiet 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!

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toward an associate degree through the Community College of

He is a 1986 graduate of Sterling

human relations

the Air Force.

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

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. KRAPF DEAR MR. KRAPF: 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

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 91 The Howard College Hawks fell behind the leaders by dropping a 97-91 decision to the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds.

The scored was tied 41-41 at the half, but NMJC guard Joe Wray's outside bombs were too much for Howard to overcome. Wray hit seven three-pointers in the game, and finished the contest with 30

Terrence Lewis led the Hawks with 26 points. Michael New follow-

They shot 12 three-pointers and it's pretty hard to overcome that," said Howard College coach Steve Green of New Mexico JC's outside

"They were a totally different team from they 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.

Howard falls to 16-10 for the season and 6-5 overall. Howard will play Clarendon Thursday and Frank Phillips

Friday.

HOWARD (91) — Keith Gillespie 2 0 4; Vicent McCants 4 2 41; Larry Pettigrew 6 0 12; Terrence Lewis 11 2 26; Michael New 8 5 21; Carlos Thumn 20 4; Charles Moore 4 2

10; trotals 37 14-16 91. NMJC (97) — Shannon Wood 7 0 18; Reggie Collins 6 3 15; Mark Thompson 2 1 5; Norman Haynes 4 0 11; Joe Wray 8 7 30; Matt HALFTIME - Howard 41, NMJC 41.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS South Plains Midland Howard WTC Frank Phillips

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 HOBBS, NM — The Howard College Hawk-Queens walked into a hornet's nest Monday night when

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.

The game was a 360-degree turnabout from the first meeting in Big Spring, which NMJC won 67-65. 'We didn't play a bit," said a frustrated Howard coach Don Stevens. "We got outrebounded

47-31 and our defensive effort was pitiful. It was a total lack of effort. "They shot the ball well, 59 percent in the first half and 53 percent in the game. But we weren't contesting them on the longer shots. We tried man, zoning them and pressing them. We didn't seem to

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

The Queens fall to 1-6 in league play and 11-14 overall.

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

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HALFTIME - NMJC 60, Howard 36.

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THURSDAY GAMES'S NMC 102, Howard 61; Odessa College 77, Western Texas College 64; Frank Phillips

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. 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

"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.'

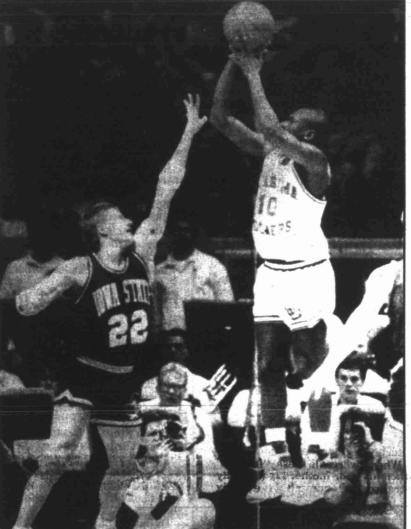
Ellison, who did not start, led host Louisville with 19 points.

Florida State, 18-2, leads the Metro Conference at 6-1. Louisville is 16-4 and 5-1.

"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.

George McCloud scored 20 points, including two foul shots Florida State a three-point edge. Louisville's LaBradford Smith then took the inbounds pass and drove the length of the court but missed an off-balance, 3-point try



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.

from the top of the key.

have our feet moving.'

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. "I don't think he's 100 percent right now," Smith said, "but he played a good game. He was kind

of worried coming off the injury. You can't blame him for that." 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, re-

bounded from a loss to Oklahoma

State that knocked them out of No.

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

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

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.

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

"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

California, to vault from No. 4, as the previous top three, Oklahoma, Illinois and North Carolina, all tripped up at least once last week. The Wildcats received 30 of 65

Washington, after defeating

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

The Hoyas, 17-2, jumped from sixth, while Missouri, 20-3, climbed from fifth to third with 1,169 points, the Tigers' highest ranking this season.

The Top Twenty teams in the Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place record through Feb. 5 and last week's

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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.

Oklahoma, 18-3, fell to fifth, getting two first-place votes and 1,076 point. North Carolina, 18-4, received the remaining firstplace vote and had 911 points, Arizona page 2-B

• Cards page 2-B 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.

"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. "I haven't seen him enough this

year to comment on his (problems)," Gretzky said Monday. "But if it's a 6-6 game and Grant Fuhr's in the net, my money's on him not letting that seventh goal in.

"He's a money goaltender. He never cared much about his goalsagainst average."

It's a good thing Fuhr doesn't dwell on statistics.

The man who won the Vezina Trophy as the league's best goalie last season has a 4.02 goals-against average this year - 25th among goalies who have played at least 20 games. And coming off a careerhigh 40-victory season, he has won only 13 times in 34 decisions this year. "It hasn't really been an All-Star

year for me," admitted Fuhr, whose numbers suggest that he might not even be the All-Edmonton goalie; teammate Bill Ranford has a 3.35 GAA and a 14-6-2 record.

"It's been an interesting season," said Fuhr, who backstopped the Oilers to four of the last five Stanley Cup titles. "I'm not accustomed to losing.' He is, however, getting ac-

customed to being treated rudely on his home ice.

While North American hockey fans thought enough about Fuhr's year-in, year-out consistency to vote him as the Campbell Conference starter for tonight's game, fans at Northlands Coliseum have

"That could be part of playing seven or eight years in one city, Fuhr said. "They've gotten used to me playing better.

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



EDMONTON — Edmonton Oilers All-Star (left to right) Jari Kurri, Grant Fuhr and ex-teammate, now with the Los Angeles Kings, Wayne Gretzky,

they even booed Gretz once." It's a pretty safe bet that fans won't be booing Gretzky tonight. rough times this season.

The NHL's No. 2 all-time scorer Burke, the Wales Conference will be making only his second apstarter, was expected to carry the Devils to the Patrick Division title. pearance in Edmonton since the blockbuster offseason trade that Instead, the former Canadian sent him to the Los Angeles Kings. Olympian has been inconsistent and New Jersey seems likely to He'll be reunited with former teammates Fuhr, Kevin Lowe, miss the playoffs

Lemelin played well the first half Mark Messier and Jari Kurri. "It's exciting to play with Gretz again," Fuhr said. "It's better of the season but has now apparently lost the Bruins' No. 1 goaltending with him than against job to Fuhr's former netmate, Andy Moog.

Like Fuhr, the two goalies who Strangely, only one of the four will face Gretzky tonight - New All-Star goalies, Calgary's Mike

share a laugh during a press conference Monday

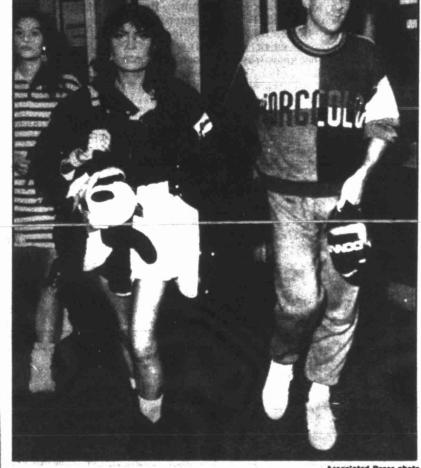
afternoon.

Jersey's Sean Burke and Boston's Vernon, brings a winning record in-Reggie Lemelin — have had some to 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 guess people have a lot of exectations," said Burke, who went 10-1 down the stretch last season and then starred in the postseason. "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.



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

Ex-tennis star resting after overdose attempt

MILAN, Italy (AP) - Five-time told reporters outside Ms. Berte's Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg was rushed to a hospital today after swallowing barbiturates in an apparent suicide attempt, Italian news agencies reported. The 32-year-old Borg, who has

been staying at the home of his Italian fiancee, rock singer Loredana Berte, was reported out of danger after his stomach was pumped at the Milan Polyclinic.

He was released from the hospital after three hours and returned home with Ms. Berte.

apartment. 'Go away all of you," snapped

Ms. Berte. A hospital spokeswoman con-firmed Borg was admitted but refused to give any details.

"From initial police investigations, it appears to have been a routinely booed their one-time suicide attempt," said the ANSA hero. news agency.

However, a friend of Ms. Berte's, Mara Savastano, said the singer told her Borg suffered from food

"I'm fine, it's all over," Borg • Overdose page 2-B

Coach's Comments

By BOYCE PAXTON **Head Basketball Coach**

We face the most important week of our district season. After the win over Monahans, the Steers clinched a tie for a playoff spot.

One more district win clinches a sure playoff spot. Our goal is and always has been to win the district championship

outright. Our

fate is in our

hands now. To-

day's game in

Sweetwater is

all-important

in our quest for

that goal.

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a very capable BOYCE PAXTON team. We beat them by a small margin at home with a less-than-inspired effort. Our players know the importance of this game and we must prepare mentally to put forth a very good effort in Sweetwater. They have a very good inside game. We will try to limit that part of their attack.

We have ten players contributing

to our success in practices and in , game at a time and the next one is games. Abner Shellman continues to be the constant force in our offensive attack. Every game we have 3-4 others in double figures to assist him. They may be a different 3 or 4 players each game.

Friday night the efforts of Doug Young (33 pts, 10 rebounds, eight assists, four steals, and a very good defensive game) and quality play from our bench enabled us to win. Louis Soldan, Chris Cole, and Brandon Burnett filled in and carried the efforts when foul trouble plagued us. We have not had that problem very often this season.

a crucial part of the season. We have four district games left - all Stockton. These young men need who've been super this year. These four games will be the strongest ed all year.

the most important one. Those cliches are getting old but we have to live by them every game.

Steady play of our perimeter players (Shellman, Young, Lewis, Cole, Burnett, and Davis) compliment our inside people (Russey, Downey, Soldan and Lopez). We try to combine our attack with both. Situations and opposing teams usually dictate the type of attack we use. We have a very unselfish team - they're averaging 18.8 assists per game. In district play (10 games), the team is shooting 53 percent from the As already mentioned, we are in field, 33 percent from three-point range, 67 percent at the line, 32.6 rebounds, and 10.5 steals per game. of them on the road: Sweetwater, Point production has the Steers Andrews, Lake View, and Fort averaging to 72.7 points per game in district opposed to 60.4 points per support from the Big Spring fans game for the opponents, an average win margin of 12.3 points. For 27 season games the difference and hardest test this team has fac- is 3.6 points win margin (1811 points — 69.6 average to opponents To quote Yogi Berra, 'It ain't 1782 66.0 average). The most imover till it's over.' It is still one portant statistic to us is the

win/loss record in district play. All others are secondary.

Our J.V. team continues to improve winning 6 of their last 10 games and finishing the season on an improved note. The freshmen team is still rolling with a 22-2 record. They put forth a great defensive effort every game, hustle and play well together. Goliad A (8-6), B 3-8) and Runnels A (10-4 B, 6-5) having good seasons. The whole program is playing well thanks to efforts of our coaches and

The Steers need your support down the stretch. See you at the

Player of the Week Doug Young has been selected Player Of The Week for his outstanding effort in Friday's victory over Monahans. In addition to very impressive stats (33 points, 8 assists, 10 rebounds & 4 steals), Doug played a very good defensive game. He set a school record with eight-three point shots in the game. Doug is a senior and the son of Ms.



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Big Spring Steers junior guard Jason Davis dribbles the ball against an opposing defense in a recent Steer basketball game. Tonight the Steers will be in Sweetwater taking on the Mustangs at 7:30. If Big Spring wins, it clinches a state playoff position.

Lowly Clippers lose 19th straight

LOS ANGELES AP) - If the with pressure or if they want to Los Angeles Clippers' losing streak is like a disease, as Coach Don Casey likens it, then the club is in critical condition.

The Clippers moved to the brink of tying the NBA's singleseason losing streak Monday night, dropping their 19th straight game as Mark Aguirre and Sam Perkins keyed the Dallas Mavericks to a 129-111 Mavericks, who snapped a victory

It was the same old story — the Clippers played a strong first half only to collapse in the

Aguirre scored 16 of his 24

points in third quarter as the

Mavericks outscored the Clip-

pers 41-18, going from a 59-54

"We don't talk about it, but you

halftime deficit to a 95-77 lead.

know it's there," Casey said of

the losing streak. "It's like a

disease — you don't want to talk about it, but you want to find a

cure. Maybe we should flip it

NBA

second.

get the first win for me," Casey

Gene Shue was fired as coach on Jan. 19 and Casey, who was Shue's assistant, is 0-8 since taking over.

Perkins scored 26 points and Rolando Blackman, who missed the last four games with a dislocated finger, had 19 for the 10-game road losing streak.

The NBA single-season losing streak of 20 games was set by the 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers. The Clippers can match that mark Wednesday night when they play host to the Houston Rockets.

The Clippers matched their franchise record losing streak of 19 games set late in the 1981-82 season when the club was based in San Diego.

The current streak started Dec. 30 when the Lakers beat them 124-109. The Lakers beat the Clippers two other times during the stretch.

The Clippers, already hampered by injuries, had to play with another distraction. Before the game, guard Quintin around - play the first half like Dailey was suspended indefinitethe second half and the second ly for being overweight. Dailey is the team's leading scorer, "I don't know if they get tight averaging 17 points a game.

"Everybody has been mentally three-point play, that gave Los down," Clippers guard Norm Nixon said. "He (Dailey) was still out there, but mentally he was not sharp. It's been the same with me. It's been a mental roller-coaster the whole season."

Perkins and Aguirre have been the subject of trade rumors but halftime. Perkins said they were able to play through that distraction.

"We've been struggling lately, and it was time to just come out and play ball," he said. "It's tough to prepare when there's so much going on around the team. But preparation is what wins games. Tonight we came out focused and played pretty well, especially in the second half."

"We figure when a team has lost that many, the natural tendency is to relax," Dallas' Derek Harper added. "It was a big win for us."

Perkins scored 14 points in the second quarter, including a three-point play, and then three points and Benoit Benjamin addstraight baskets in an 8-0 run that ed 18. gave the Mavericks a 36-31 lead 8:17 left before halftime.

nad a long jumper during a 9-0 run, capped by Charles Smith's 3-19.

Angeles a 52-45 lead with 3:33 to

The Clippers took ther biggest lead, 59-51, on Reggie Williams 21-footer from the corner with 46 seconds left before the Mayericks cut it to 59-54 at

Dallas, though, came alive behind Aguirre, who scored 11 points as the Mavericks outscored the Clippers 25-10 in the first eight minutes of the third quarter, taking a 79-69 lead.

"That first half we just couldn't get away from them," Dallas coach John MacLeod said. "They were really fired up. But in the second half we ran better and our ball movement was much better. I thought the fact that we went to the offensive boards so well in the second half was a key."

Smith led the Clippers with 23

The Clippers provided the ex-17 left before halftime. pansion Charlotte Hornets and But the Clippers rallied behind Miami Heat with their first ever Nixon, who had six assists in the NBA victories and the Heat snapsecond quarter and eight points ped its season-opening 17-game in the last 6:40 of the period. He losing streak here Dec. 14. Since Miami the Clippers

Sports Briefs

Astros slugger wins arbitration

NEW YORK (AP) - Houston's Glenn Davis and Seattle's Steve Balboni, a couple of long-ball-hitting first basemen, have outslugged their respective front offices and won their salary arbitration cases, with Davis becoming baseball's newest millionaire.

Davis, who batted .271 last season with 30 homers and 99 RBIs, was awarded \$1.085 million for 1989 Monday instead of the \$875,000 offered by the Astros. He made \$340,000 last year.

Balboni, who batted .251 with 21 homers and 61 RBIs, made \$350,000 in 1988 and will earn \$800,000 this year instead of the \$500,000 offered by the Mariners. Arbitrator Stephen Goldberg made both rulings, which left the players and owners tied at 2-2 in cases decided so far. Three other players who had filed for arbitration settled with their

Brawl gives game early end

clubs, leaving 34 cases still scheduled to be heard.

DALLAS (AP) - A bench-clearing brawl with six seconds remaining prompted officials to prematurely end the college basketball game between Southeastern Oklahoma and Dallas Baptist University

Dallas Baptist was declared the winner of Monday night's game as they were leading 73-69 at the time the fight erupted as two players attempted to control a loose ball, DBU coach Steve Sheiron said. Dallas Baptist's Randy Yarber and Southeastern's Roland Branton

collided while trying to control the ball. "One (Branton) shoved the other (Yarber), and he shoved back," the coach said. "There had been a lot of talking going on prior to the

fight, so everybody got involved. Officials John Carlton and Craig Wodring cleared the floor and met with Sheiron and Southeastern coach Jack Hedden and decided to call

Dallas Baptist is now 8-18 while Southeastern of Durant, Okla.,

Arizona Continued from page 1-B but dropped to sixth from third after losing to Clemson.

Illinois, No. 2 last week, lost to Purdue and Iowa and dropped to 18-3 and seventh place with 832 points. Iowa, 17-4, climbed to eighth

from ninth with 747 points, seven more than Syracuse, 19-4, which jumped to No. 9 from 14th place last week by pounding Villanova and Pittsburgh. Michigan, 17-4, rounded out

the Top Ten with 726 points, switching places with Seton Hall, 19-3, which collected 658 points. Syracuse beat Seton Hall, 85-79, on Monday. Arizona was the fourth team

to claim the No. 1 ranking in as many weeks. Duke, which led in the preseason and for the first nine weeks, lost three in a row and was supplanted two weeks ago by Illinois. The Illini promptly lost to Minnesota and Oklahoma succeeded them last week - then lost Saturday at Oklahoma State. On Monday night, the Sooners crushed Iowa St. 126-97.

"In our situation people are aiming at us anyway without having the added incentive of being No. 1," Olson said.

He said last year he felt "that we really played better once we got there, but it was the first time ever, so I think it was a

real shot in the arm for us," and the No. 1 ranking gave the program needed national exposure. "And I don't think that's the case now.

Wildcat starting forwards Sean Elliott and Anthony Cook are back from that team, which was No. 1 for six of seven weeks.

Olson said their experience might enable the Wildcats to handle being No. 1 better this time, and called the selection "a tribute to the play of Sean and Anthony that they could lose three of their starting companions from a year ago and still get back to that level.

"It's sweet," said Elliott, a senior All-American. "You figure it's due in large part because of the seniors. Now, someday we can sit back and say we were No. 1."

Of the quick exits from No. 1 by Illinois and Oklahoma, Elliott said, "It's not a jinx, it's parity. You can't say one team is really dominant. There are several No. 1 teams out there. We just happen to be it this

Olson said the Wildcats are not nearly as good offensively as last year, "but I do think we're a better defensive team.

Arizona plays at Oregon Thursday in a Pacific-10 game, then at Oklahoma on national television Sunday, which he said makes the task of being No. 1 "more than one week be a pretty difficult one."

He said there is no clear No. 1 team, because "so much depends on who you play and where you play them." Basketball is getting to where "the homecourt advantage is worth double figures," he said.

But because Arizona's victories this year over ranked or big-name opponents including Nevada-Las Vegas, Pitt, Villanova and Stanford have been at home, "I don't think we're near where we were a year ago at this point," Olson

He said Georgetown and Oklahoma have played well against tough foes and "certainly would warrant" being No. 1

"At this point I really think there are some teams that are better than we are.

"But it becomes a case of who loses ahead of you in the polls, that people just move you up as others are beaten, and I know that our players will be excited about it," Olson said.

Others in the Second Ten are Florida State, Indiana, Duke, West Virginia, Ohio State, North Carolina State, Stanford. Nevada-Las Vegas and Georgia

Overdose.

Continued from page 1-B

According to ANSA, Ms. Berte telephoned for an ambulance at about 9 a.m. from her Milan apartment. She was later reported to have been at Borg's hospital bedside.

Borg and Ms. Berte had planned to marry in Milan on Feb. 26, but Italian newspapers said the ceremony was postponed because Ms. Berte's divorce has not come

Borg dominated men's tennis in the 1970s and won the Wimbledon singles title five times. He retired

from tournament play in 1983 at age 27.

dropped to 2-16.

He now runs a fashion business and acts as a tourism ambassador for Sweden.

In January, an aide to Borg was quoted as saying the Roman Catholic Church opposed Borg's marriage to Ms. Berte. Ingemar Alverdal told the Swedish news agency TT he did not know why the church intervened.

Borg was previously married in a Greek Orthodox ceremony to Romanian-born tennis player Mariana Simonescu.

After his 1983 divorce, Borg

beauty queen Jannike Bjorling. They never married but have a son, Robin, 3.

In an interview published Monday in the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet, Ms. Bjorling spoke about Borg's relations with women.

"No woman can fulfill Bjorn's fantasies. Now we'll see if Loredana can do it," she was

quoted as saying.

During his playing days, Borg was considered a model of sportsmanship.

He was reported to have amassed \$75 million in winnings and enbegan seeing 17-year-old Swedish dorsements during his career.

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17th straight against Seton Hall. Both teams are 6-4 in the Big East, three games behind Georgetown. Syracuse led 65-49 with 13:41 remaining before Seton Hall rallied within 78-76 with 2:10 left. Thompson responded with two foul shots and a dunk to stop the Pirates, 19-4.

No. 16 Ohio State 70, Purdue 58 Ohio State, behind Jay Burson's 26 points, fought its way past visiting Purdue in the Big Ten.

A brawl broke out midway through the second half when Purdue's Kip Jones and Ohio State's Grady Mateen exchanged elbows and were ejected. The Buckeyes, leading by five points at that point, quickly increased the margin to 14.

Ohio State, 16-5, is in a four-way tie for second place in the conference at 5-3 behind Indiana. Purdue is 10-12 and 3-6.

No. 19 Nevada-Las Vegas 77, UC Santa Barbara 61

David Butler scored 21 points and Greg Anthony added 19 as Nevada-Las Vegas ended its first two-game losing streak since 1984. The Runnin' Rebels are 15-5 and 10-1 in the Big West. Santa Barbara fell to 15-4 and 6-4.

Virginia 78, No. 20 Georgia Tech 71 Richard Morgan scored 23 points and Virginia extended its home hex over Atlantic Coast Conference

The Cavaliers, who earlier trounced highly ranked North Carolina and North Carolina State at home, is tied with those two teams for the league lead at 5-2. Virginia is 13-6 after its sixth straight victory.

Tom Hammonds scored 23 points for Georgia Tech, 14-7 and 4-3. Others

Valparaiso set an Division I

record with 19 3-point baskets in a 104-83 victory over Butler. The teams combined for 29 3-pointers, another Division I record. Jim Ford scored 36 points with seven 3-pointers for Valparaiso, which upset Notre Dame earlier this

Florida A&M was awarded a 2-0 forfeit when Morgan State coach Nat Frazier refused to leave the building after being ejected with 15:40 left in the game. Morgan State led 42-41 when Frazier got his third technical foul for arguing.

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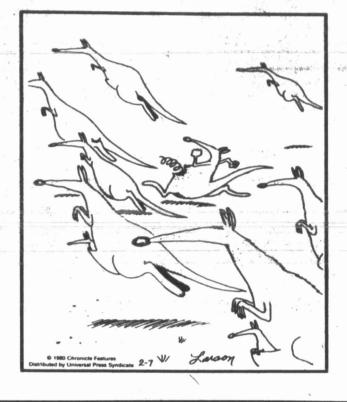
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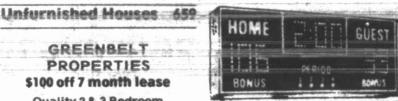


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Feb. 7, 9, & 16, 1989

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All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court of Howard County, are hereby respectfully requested to present the same to use at the address below given hefere suit is harred by the General Statutes of limitation, and before such is closed and within the time prescribed by lew.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1988.

Troy H. Mellos,
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Kathy's back

Model Kathy Ireland of California graces the cover of the 25th Anniversary 1989 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue. Ireland has appeared in the magazine's annual six times.

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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 recordbreaking cold.

Snow also was falling in northeast New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle

Freezing rain was falling over parts of the Virginias, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and the lower Texas Gulf Coast. Rain was scattered from southeast Louisiana to North Carolina.

Winter storm warnings and advisories for sleet and freezing rain have been posted from the Alabama.

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REGIONAL WEATHER Mississippi.

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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

Highs were expected to be in the teens in the central and northern Rockies and in much of Nevada. Utah and Idaho; in the 50s in the Desert Southwest and Southern California; in the 50s and 60s from southern Alabama to much of Georgia and the Carolinas; and in the 70s and lower 80s in southern Georgia and Florida. Most other areas were expected to have highs in the 30s and 40s.



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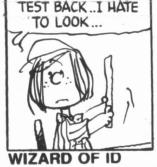
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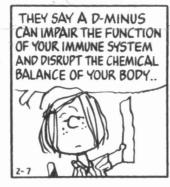


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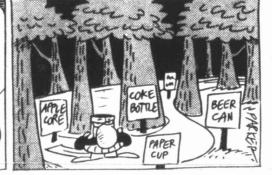
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SNUFFY SMITH







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. There is a new emphasis on independence. Call on hidden reserves. Mate or partner would like to make a greater contribution. Be receptive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make a special effort to control extravagance. Meet family responsibilities with enthusiasm. A new partnership makes the future look rosier. Your social life brings joy. You find yourself in great demand!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A conflict between financial needs and desires could arise at a critical time. Consult experts on inexpensive solutions. Business will benefit from new social contacts. Host several small gatherings

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Greater emphasis on your image and positive thinking will bring wonderful results. Boost your earning power by enrolling in workshops to learn high-tech skills. Romance is surprising. Hold onto your hat!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A breakdown in transportation or communications could occur. Social activities interfere with your busy work schedule. Enjoy the extra attention you receive from that special someone. Romance looks glorious. Dress elegantly tonight

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Teamwork is essential to early completion of a major project. Trade ideas with an associate who is in your corner. Success comes when you are calmer and quieter in business negotiations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look forward to increased productivity and prosperity. Resist the temptation to use inside information. The risks are too great. Take stock of a co-worker's virtues. You may be underestimating this person.

lazy or extravagant streak could land you in trouble. Spruce up your wardrobe without spending a fortune. Give gossips a wide berth. Consult tax experts. Romance takes on deeper meaning.

issuing invitations.

Self-discipline is needed to complete

pressing work assignments. Seek

the cooperation of an associate who

is only too willing to give you

input. Postpone a romantic encoun-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): An unexpected reunion could

lead to a close encounter. You need

to think twice about seeing a

business associate socially. Reduce

clutter at home. Donate unused

Discretion is a most valuable asset

in a business or romantic intrigue.

Wait for the right time and place to

reveal your true feelings. News

from abroad relieves tension over

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

You are able to communicate more

effectively now. Look for a chance

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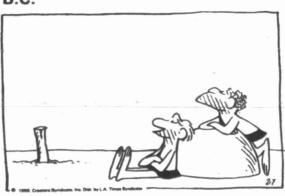
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Environment



Container testing

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A container for hauling nuclear waste is undergoing a series of tests at Sandia Laboratories. Scientists released the 91/2 ton container from cables to drop on a steel rod. The test was considered a success when the container held the pressure stable inside despite the puncture.

Team plans icewalk to call attention to Arctic

OTTAWA (AP) - An international expedition plans to walk 483 miles across the ice to the North Pole in an effort to dramatize the hazards they believe are threatening the arctic.

The team, which includes members from Canada, the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, Japan, Australia and West Germany, hopes to set out on the 65-day trip around March 10-15 from Cape Columb northernmost point of land on the Arctic Ocean.

The American in the group is Darryl Roberts of the Bronx, N.Y. "Everyone has to understand that this is no walk in the park,"

said Peter Baird, the Canadian liaison for the Icewalk expedition. "This is a life-threatening project."

The expedition is led by Robert Swan, the British explorer who walked to the South Pole with two other men in 1986. A successful completion of the northern trip would make him the first on record

to walk to both poles Baird is an administrator and will not be among the eightmember team that walks to the North Pole. His Ottawa company, the Conexus Research Group, served as the managers for the Canadian-Soviet ski expedition that crossed the arctic ice cap last

Baird had no easy explanation for why adventurers seem to keep trying to come up with new projects and goals in the arctic.

year to widespread acclaim.

"Who knows what motivates them?" he said. "It's an athletic thing, clearly, in some ways. It's the right to say you're first. . . And some sort of declaration that the human spirit is still alive and kicking.

At around the time the Icewalk begins, another expedition will

have already started, if all goes on schedule, on a dog-sled trek across the frozen Bering Strait separating Alaska and Soviet Siberia. The purpose of the trek by a U.S.-Soviet team of 10 men and two women is to call attention to the common cultural heritage of the indigenous people living on both sides of the strait. The two-month expedition is scheduled to depart from Anadyr, Siberia, on March 1.

The \$4 million Icewalk to the North Pole has lined up Amway, the Michigan-based marketing company, as its major corporate

The Icewalk is different from other similar ventures in that it will use only human power. Supplies will be brought along in sledges that require tremendous energy to haul their 250-300 pound cargoes. The group will use skis, but there will be no dogsleds or skimobiles. The team will be flown back after reaching its goal.

It also hopes to attract attention by bringing an international group of about 30 teen-age students to a base camp at Eureka on Ellesmere Island to help with radio monitoring and to promote the anti-

pollution message. Team members will gather snow and atmospheric samples to record pollution levels in the region. They will be testing for mercury - said to be the first such tests in the region - as well as tracking sulphates, nitrates, chlorides and graphite particles. They also will collect pollen samples to help find the origin of pollutants.

Canadian research over the past four years has turned up dozens of toxic substances in the region's fragile ecosystem, many of them entering the food chain. Attention also has focused on the thinning of the world's ozone layer, most notably at the world's poles.

Recycling bill will salvage plastic trash

AUSTIN (AP) - Plastics manufacturers would have to put special codes on their products under a proposal Land Commissioner Garry Mauro said would spur recycling and "put Texas on the leading edge of solving what has become a worldwide crisis in plastic trash."

Under the proposed state bill to be sponsored by Democratic Sen. Ken Armbrister and Republican Rep. Steve Holzheauser, both of Victoria codes would be put on plastic products like milk jugs to identify the kinds of plastic resins used in manufacturing.

By allowing the different types of plastic materials to be separated before recycling, the proposal would allow highergrade resins to get prices that are competitive with aluminum, Mauro said. If they are not separated, the end product is of limited value, he said.

"The special codes will eventually lead to more profitable plastic recycling, more public participation, better use of landfills, cleaner highways, and, yes, cleaner beaches," Mauro said.

"Container coding makes plastic recycling practical, pragmatic and makes it good business," Mauro said. "To get people to participate in plastic recycling, we have to make it worthwhile economically."

Under the measure, which would take effect on Jan. 1, 1991, a penalty of \$500 per container would be set for the manufacture. sale or distribution of a product without a code.

The coding symbols are designed to be consistent throughout the nation, and they would identify about 70 percent of the plastic containers being produced. Mauro said size requirements for coding would be flat containers of 8 ounces and 16-ounce bottles.

"Why should we bury plastic that can be recyled? We cannot continue with this throwaway lifestyle," said Linda Maraniss, regional director of the Center for Marine Conservation, formerly the Center for Environmental Education.

Industry also supports the pro-posal, said John Luchsinger of Houston, president of Cain Chemical Inc. and vice chairman of the Society of the Plastics

"The plastics industry recognizes its part in the whole issue of solid waste, and is working very aggressively to help with solutions," he said.

Eddie Lewis, who operates a recycling company in Beaumont, said in a statement the container coding legislation is "as good as anything you could do right now

"If the plastic collector can separate the different types correctly, then I'll pay him for it," Lewis said. "There's a lot of money to be made in collection and recycling of plastics."

For example, a plastic milk bottle could be worth half a cent on the recycling market in the near future if the bill passes,

Family business is chips off the old block

By JOE BROWN Wichita Falls Times Record News

NOCONA (AP) — Otis Tettleton, 48, and his two sons started a manufacturing business here in the old Nocona cotton gin that turns a \$13 pine tree into \$429 worth of bedding for everything from horses to

Tettleton and his boys, Chris and Steve, are making and bagging pine wood chips, and they are finding a growing market. The wooden chips absorb moisture, are clean to sleep on and provide good bedding for all animals.

In addition, he is finding a growing market in nurseries that want to use the wood chips for mulch in gardens and flower beds.

Tettleton said he used to be in the horse business and knew of the need for the chips and the problems of getting them to put down in horse stalls. "There's a lot of sawdust around, but chips are what the horse owners want," he said.

He purchased the gin property and machinery that hadn't been used in years. Most of the machinery was moved out, but he rebuilt the dryer and uses it to dry the chips taken from green pine logs the size of telephone poles.

He said he gets the logs from a firm in Lane, Okla., near Antlers, at a cost of about \$26 a ton delivered. Then he and his sons use chain saws to cut them into 52-inch lengths that are sent through a "shaving mill" manufactured in Wisconsin

It has a capacity of 135 cubic yards a day, but the present drying system will handle only 60 yards daily, and this limits its

He said he is selling the chips in bags of 30 pounds or 6 cubic feet at \$2.25 a bag. His market area is from Vernon on the west to the Dallas-Fort Worth area on the east.

Pine trees are his major expense, followed by the drying, which requires natural gas.

If an order is large enough, he'll deliver free, but the bulk of sales are from ranchers or businesses that pull up with a truck and trailer and haul the chips off in lots of 40 or

"We're finding uses for these chips we never dreamed of," he said. "Horse bedding, mulch in gardens and flower beds, bedding for hunting dogs or hounds and even the bird market is using them since the wooden chips are so sweet-smelling and absorbent. In addition, dairymen are beginning to use the chips under the cages where they raise day-old baby

He added that he's had difficulty in finding the size chip everyone would be happy with. Some wanted small chips and some wanted larger ones. "It was just trial and error since there was no one to call on for advice."

Tettleton said when he first began he was cutting his own willow and cottonwood trees and doing his own hauling, and this would have been the most profitable. However, most wanted pine tree chips for various reason such as the aroma.

One man, who lives across town in Nocona, said when the chipping machine is working, all of Nocona has a wonderful scent of fresh

Stored air will soon generate electricity

NEW YORK (AP) - An Alabama power cooperative has started building the nation's first commercial power project that will draw on a huge reserve of compressed air to help generate electricity.

The air will be stored in a cavern measuring some 19 million cubic feet, roughly onethird the space enclosed by Houston's Astrodome.

When a generating plant to be built above the cavern starts working in 1991, it will help meet peak power demands during the air-conditioning months of June through August, said John Howard of Alabama Electric Cooperative.

The \$50 million project offers a less expensive way to meet intermittent power demands than the conventional alternative, project officials say.

During periods of slack demand, the plant will compress air and pump it into the cavern, using electricity generated by other plants. The air will be stored at up to about 1,100 pounds per square inch, more than 30 times the pressure found in automobile

the plant will withdraw compressed air, heat it and run it through its turbines. In contrast, a conventional

plant for meeting periodic peaks compresses air at the time it generates electricity, using natural gas as fuel, said Peter Totten of Gibbs & Hill Inc., a New York firm serving as architects and engineers for the Alabama

During periods of slack demand, the plant will compress air and pump it into the cavern, using electricity generated by other plants...To generate electricity later, the plant will withdraw compressed air, heat it and run it through its turbines.

The Alabama approach will save money because using electricity from the other plants is less expensive than burning natural gas to compress air, he

About a dozen American utilities are seriously looking at compressed-air power plants, said Robert Schainker, manager of the energy storage program at To generate electricity later, the Electric Power Research Institute in Palo Alto, Calif.

Such plants are "very economically attractive" for supplying power more than four or five hours a day but less than 12 hours a day, he said. One project has been operating

in West Germany since 1978, he said. Another is being built in the Soviet Union, and another is planned in Israel, he said.



Sleepy bears

VIENNA — It has been a nasty season for the bears of the Vienna Zoo. Instead of snow, which the polar bears enjoy, there has been mostly

rain. These two bears are sleeping through a re-

Insect expert fears media swarm more than killer bees

COLLEGE STATION (AP) -The state's top insect expert says he fears a media swarm and possible public panic more than the inevitable arrival of the so-called killer bees to Texas next year.

"I know I'm the guy they're going to be calling," says Fowden Maxwell, head of the Department of Entomology at Texas A&M University and chairman of the Texas Africanized Honey Bee Advisory Committee. "I'm going to be on the hot spot.'

Maxwell forecasts the bees will cross the Rio Grande and enter the United States from Mexico by the spring of 1990. While extremely aggressive, he believes the insect also may be the victims of bad

"Its an unfortunate label," he says of the term "killer bees." "We prefer 'Africanized honey bee.' "

Maxwell notes the annual death rate from bee stings in Texas is 0.82 per million and that more people die from wasp stings or lightning strikes than from bees.

"The first person that gets stung or child or old person that gets killed, you know what's going to happen," he said in an interview. "The public backlash — I fear for (the bee) industry and others.'

Maxwell says especially vulnerable will be the Texas tourist industry, which pumps \$17 billion annually into the state economy.

"If I had to guess right now, we'll probably experience more economic impact in Texas from that," he says. "I think the problem has been overplayed.

"I've had people calling me already afraid to go to the (Rio Grande) Valley because they want to know when the killer bees are going to be down there.'

The bees escaped from a breeding program in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1957 and have been migrating northward. They now are less than 500 miles from the Texas border.

Maxwell says one unknown is the

effect of the bees on pollination,

since the bees never have gone

through areas so dependent on pollination as South Texas. Because of their aggressive

nature, the African bees tend to abscond from hives moved for pollination purposes, he explains. Domestic bees - known as European bees — are more easily contained. One way of dealing with the ag-

gression will be to re-queen hives about once a year, making certain the Africanized bees mate with European queens.

"By taking queens from our European bees and by moving those back in to the hive, you dilute genes for the African characteristics," according to Maxwell. "You can do it successfully. But it does requires management and will require some cost to the beekeeper. It will cost for the queens. And if it is not managed, you will get a drop in honey production.

"I think the commercial beekeeper is going to deal with the

What Maxwell fears, however, are wild swarms of bees that people will encounter in parks and forests or beehives near places like the Rio Grande Valley where farm workers harvest crope

"We have a lot of hand labor in the valley," Maxwell says. "You put hives around the fields, and you have workers in the field. If both these are not highly managed, you're going to have workers being stung. I worry about the liability factor you get into. There are people who sue at the drop of a hat these days."

Also unknown is just how far north the bees will go. They have been moving about 400 miles a year and Maxwell speculates the flight will stop north of a line from Dallas to Fort Worth to Amarillo. But he notes that other scientists believe the bees will continue into the northern reaches of the country.

The African bees and European bees are virtually in-distinguishable except for their behavior, Maxwell says.

Texas A&M and the U.S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture are working together to track the progress of the bees toward Texas. Scientists hopeful of getting early word when the bees arrive have placed traps about 10 miles apart along the border from Mission to beyond Brownsville.

Maxwell also is seeking an emergency appropriation of more than \$250,000 from the Texas Legislature for more research to study the insects.

"The average person — if he sees bees, he'll probably come in contact," Maxwell says. "And most of the public sees bees in your backyard and around flowers. It's not that there's going to any real danger, but the public needs to be aware of the facts.

"Part of that is that they don't need to be terribly concerned. It's just like fire ants. You're going to encounter them because they're a social insect. From that standpoint, the educational effort is very important, so they don't have an undue or excessive or almost hysterical fear."

Moose lose contest with locomotives

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) Sixty-one moose have died in Alaska so far this winter in the uneven contest between animal and locomotive.

Moose kill figures are kept from November to April, when deep snow drives the huge animals from their summer range in the mountains down toward the path of least resistance - firm footing on or near the cleared railroad tracks.

A total of 329 moose were killed on railroad tracks during that fivemonth period last year, said Alaska Railroad spokeswoman Vivian Hamilton.

Mortality is particularly high on a 53-mile stretch of rails between Houston and Talkeetna. The railroad and the state

Department of Fish and Game conducted an eight-day experiment in that area last year to see if moose mortality could be reduced.

All the \$11,000 study proved was that a slow train can kill a moose as surely as a fast one. The two locomotives assigned to the experiment struck 15 moose while traveling 49 mph and 14 animals while traveling 25 mph, officials said.

"We're not slowing down this year but we are plowing in those areas," Hamilton said Thursday. "We use wing plows and cut a swath of 18 to 20 feet on either side of the rails. We don't need that kind of distance to run trains."

The railroad tries to recover what meat it can after collisions with the wandering moose, she said. The railroad works with state Fish and Wildlife Protection officers, who maintain a list of people who need the meat.

"We notify them (state), tell them its location and then bring it (carcass) to the nearest road crossing," she said. "If you're on the list, you go and retrieve it."