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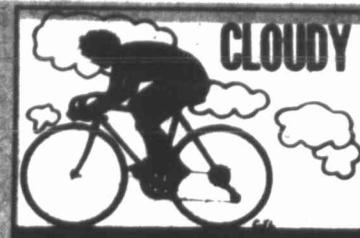
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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Cloudy with widely scattered showers through Wednesday. Cooler Wednesday. Lows tonight in the 30s and highs Wednesday in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Monday's high was 75 and the low was 36.



Conrad Alexander, left, director of the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center, reads the Valentine's Day card of James Williams. Williams received the personalized card from syndicated writer Ann Landers. Williams, who at 93 is the oldest patient in the center, is a World War I veteran.

Valentine brings tears to old veteran

By LYNN HAYES
Staff Writer

World War I veteran James Williams, 93, received a personalized Valentine's Day card from nationally syndicated columnist Ann Landers today in a special ceremony in the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Williams, who lives in the Nursing Home Care Unit, became very emotional as he looked at the card hanging on the wall, saying, "I was glad to get that."

A VA patient since May 1968, Williams was selected to receive the card because he is the oldest veteran patient at the Big Spring facility, according to Conrad Alexander, director of the center.

As his eyes welled with tears, Williams recalled serving in the Army during World War I. Although he never saw combat, he served his country while stationed at Camp Bowie, Ft. Worth.

The card was one of the 600,000 personalized Valentine's Day cards received by Williams during the annual write-in campaign during National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week.

Alexander said the latest tally shows over 600,000 cards and letters have been received in Chicago. They were then distributed to each of 172 VA Medical Centers to be given to hospitalized veterans.

Volunteers sorted through and prepared the cards that came

from throughout the United States and Germany.

Lupe Dominguez, chief of volunteer service, who described the VA as an "old soldier's home," said the local VA will celebrate the anniversary with a special dinner, dance, a West Texas tour, and a parade.

Born in Allen, Texas in 1894, Williams has three children.

After his discharge from the Army, he built bridges and then went to work for the Fort Lavaca Wave, which he soon purchased.

Having owned and operated a newspaper, Williams said all the publicity was nothing new. "I've been in the paper before," he said.

Board: Hike school funds by \$1.2 billion

By STEVE GEISSEN
Staff Writer

In an attempt to pressure the Texas Legislature to increase funding to poorer school districts, the State Board of Education has recommended that lawmakers increase public education funding by \$1.2 billion for the next biennium.

The SBOE's action followed a presentation to the board by State Education Commissioner W.N. Kirby who outlined a plan that would shift \$250 million in state aid from wealthy to poor districts.

Kirby had said that if the Legislature is unwilling to boost state education aid, it should channel money from wealthy districts to property poor districts.

Monte Hasie, SBOE chairman, said the resolution asking for a \$1.2 billion increase in state education funding — which currently totals \$5.1 billion per year — was approved "in lieu of" a recommendation calling for the redistribution of funds from rich to poor districts.

But if the Legislature chooses not to increase public education funding, "an alternative in our opinion would be to redistribute funds," Hasie said. "It's either that or keep

"I don't think anybody is in favor of (redistributing funds). But that's what we would need to do if we can't increase education funding... if the state of Texas wants to provide quality education we're going to have to pay for it." — Monte Hasie, State Board of Education member

education funding the same and put a lot of poor school districts out of business."

The state was under a court order to restructure its education finance system. But a Texas 3rd Court of Appeals decision reversed an original ruling which held that the state's school financing system discriminates against students in poorer school districts.

The case is currently in the Texas Supreme Court, but state officials have acknowledged that the Legislature needs to devise a more equitable finance system, regardless of the court's ruling.

Under the redistribution plan Kirby presented to the board, Big Spring would gain \$247,979 in state aid, while Forsan would lose \$24,858 and Coahoma would lose \$8,946, according to the Texas Education Agency.

Many larger cities would lose several million dollars in state education aid.

However, Joey Lozano, a TEA spokesman, said Monday that Kirby has stated the redistribution plan "is not a viable option."

Lozano said the Legislature has three choices to consider in regard to creating a more equitable school funding system. Lawmakers can increase education funding, leave the present funding system unchanged, or adopt a redistribution plan.

"Essentially, what the commissioner told the board was they needed to send a strong message to the Legislature that they need to in-

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Child support delays charged

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Jim Mattox said he hopes a lawsuit filed against him in federal court will spur the Legislature to provide more money for the child support enforcement program.

The class-action suit, filed Monday in Dallas by the Association for Children for Enforcement of Support, charges Mattox's office with long delays in handling child support cases, his office said.

"The lawsuit raises many of the same issues that we have raised over the past several years," Mattox said.

"We have more than 370,000 cases in the system and the Legislature has given us the money to handle less than half of them,"

he said in a statement. "When they give us the money, we'll do the job."

ACES expects Mattox to be doing the work now.

"After many attempts to get Jim Mattox to follow the law, our members are still not receiving the service they are entitled to receive," said Lynda Milot Benson, president of the ACES Texas chapter.

Benson said at a Monday news conference that according to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, Mattox is responsible for locating parents; establishing paternity for children born out of wedlock; and the collection of child support. "He doesn't do any of that," Benson said.

The lawsuit's plaintiffs are listed as ACES, based in Toledo, Ohio, and Eva Byson of Irving.

Benson said this is the first suit filed in Texas by the organization.

"The laws are in place to get help and it's past time that these laws be followed," she said.

ACES has 242 chapters in 36 states, with 700 Texas members and about 15,000 members nationally.

Steve Levine, a spokesman for Mattox, said the attorney general's office has asked for \$63.4 million in fiscal year 1990 and \$62.3 million the next year for the program. That would be an increase from the current \$39.8 million.



Dusty and Judi Johnston met at a birthday party and she wasn't exactly crazy about him. It was a shaky start for a budding romance.

Shaky romances led to happy marriages

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since February 14th is Valentine's Day, staff writer Lynn Hayes went out into the community to find out how two sets of Big Spring sweethearts met and kept their romance alive. Here is her report.

By LYNN HAYES
Staff Writer

When the country boy met the city girl 7½ years ago, little did they know they would spend the rest of their lives together.

Back in January 1981, Dusty Johnston was introduced to the girl who would become his wife by his best friend. Johnston was immediately taken with Judi Watkins... but the feeling wasn't mutual.

"We met at my 24th birthday party in Lubbock — and she didn't

like me," Johnston said.

Judi agreed. "He was obnoxious. He just kept commenting on my big green eyeballs and other parts of my anatomy."

After they exchanged greetings, Dusty "dragged me out on the dance floor and threw me around all night," Judi said.

When Judi finally agreed to a "real" date with Johnston, she never dreamed he'd stand her up.

Nearly an hour after his designated arrival time, Johnston still hadn't arrived.

"I waited for about an hour and I decided he wasn't gonna show. So, I went out with some girlfriends and ran into him and his friends."

Since they weren't an item yet, Judi didn't take it personally.

"We just kind of waved at each

other all night," Johnston said.

Eventually, Johnston, who lived in Shamrock and Judi who lived in Lubbock, began to develop a long-distance romance.

Judi laughed as she recalled their first date.

"After a month or so, we finally went out to dinner and dancing. When the dance ended, I waited at the door while Dusty kissed all the girls good night."

"I still really didn't like him, but I went out with him 'cause he was a good kisser and a good dancer. That was important back then," Judi said.

After dating only on weekends, Johnston introduced Judi to his mother, who owns a farm and raises cattle.

"She wasn't impress-

ed... 'cause I was from the city," Judi laughed. "I didn't know anything about cows."

After the couple had dated a few months, Johnston began discussing his relationship and sharing his feelings for Judi with his friend who was to be married May 16.

Johnston's friend suggested the possibility of a double wedding.

He decided to accept the invitation.

"I called her long-distance and said 'what are you doing May 16,'" Johnston recalled.

Judi told him they were definitely not getting married on that day. "I had a year of school left and didn't really want to get married."

Only after her mother intervened did Judi realize she loved him and

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Bob and Susan Lewis met when she was a 16-year-old student and he was a radio disc jockey. They overcame a nine-year age difference.

No secret to 73-year love affair

By BRADLEY WORRELL
Staff Writer

Walter and Lela "Pete" Witte have been valentines for quite a few years — 73 married ones, to be exact — but they'll be the first to admit there's no special secret that keep people in love for so long.

"We just lived," Mrs. Witte said.

"Of course you have your ups and downs, but its about average with everybody," Mr. Witte said. "We've had a lot of ups and downs, but we've ironed them all out," he said.

The Wittes, who met in Crawford, recall they first saw each other at a friends house where they played snap — a game somewhat similar to duck-duck-goose except that boys poked the girls with a handkerchief and then the girls chased the boys.

It may have been anything but love at first sight, said Mrs. Witte, who recalled, "The boys were all so strange, I had to have time to get used to them all."

She said she recognized Mr. Witte from the group of boys



because a friend had described him to her.

Mr. Witte said from the start, "I liked her very much."

"He hadn't ever told me that," Mrs. Witte replied with a laugh.

Mr. Witte said the first date they ever had was when he stopped by her house on the way home from taking a relative to the train station. He went there to make a date for an upcoming dance.

"I was scared to death," Mrs. Witte said of his arrival that day. "I was timid."

Asked if they remembered their

first kiss, Mrs. Witte replied it was "too long back" and said "I was taught not to do that. I guess you think we're old toughies," she said with another laugh.

"You just can't imagine the changes there's been (over the) years," said Mr. Witte, who will be 95 in July. Mrs. Witte will be 92 on Sunday. They are parents to two children, six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

"We've seen a lot of changes," Mrs. Witte affirmed.

"Girls used to carry water in bucket. They'd wash on a scrub board under a tree," he said. "Well, now they just throw them in the wash and go about their business."

"A lot of things are better and a lot not," Mr. Witte said of the 1980's. "I've gotten many haircuts for 25 cents, now I get them for \$6," he said.

Asked about changes in modern marriages, about the desire for more equality among men and

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Big Spring valentines Walter and Lela "Pete" Witte have been married for 73 years. Despite their "ups and downs" they say they've ironed all their problems out in their years together.

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Effect of reform bill uncertain

AUSTIN (AP) — Officials disagree about what effect a bill to reform the workers' compensation system would have on insurance premiums while an industry spokesman says it's too early to tell.

"This will result in a substantial increase in the premiums that will be paid by the employer," David Perry of Corpus Christi, president of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, said Monday.

But Rep. Richard Smith, R-Bryan and author of the bill, told a news conference, "It is going to cause rates to go down and not go up."

Richard Geiger, representing the Texas Compensation Insurance Association, said, "What is unknown by us — by anybody — is, is it going to be a less costly system? It will depend on how well it is administered by the new workers' compensation board."

House Bill 1, which received Republican and business en-

dorsements, "doesn't have anything in it that controls rates," Perry said.

"The rates going up has been a problem of the failure of the State Board of Insurance to control the insurance industry, and this bill does nothing meaningful that speaks to that," he said.

Workers' compensation premiums have increased more than 100 percent since 1965, and another 19 percent increase took effect Jan. 1. Meanwhile, some say, benefits paid to workers injured on the job are inadequate.

The bill had its first hearing Monday before the House Business and Commerce Committee.

Perry said the workers' compensation dilemma is "a phony crisis that has been engineered by the insurance companies where they have manipulated numbers to force rates up, even though the size of the awards has gone down."

When inflation is taken into account, Perry said, the average size

of settlements has gone down over the last 10 years.

Geiger said numbers aren't being manipulated.

"The numbers are kept in the precise way that the state board and the state laws require them to be kept," he said.

Dixie Evatt, Insurance Board spokeswoman, said a public hearing is part of the rate-setting process and the board has input from numerous groups.

The question of whether to use industry or board staff data on issues relevant to rate-making, such as losses, has been aired, she said. The board uses the data in different ways.

Perry said businesses involved with maritime transportation that are under a federal system similar to the one proposed in the bill currently pay higher rates than other Texas companies.

The bill would require "a substantial amount of litigation to figure out what it all means."



Business

Bordello stock goes on sale

RENO, Nev. (AP) — America's largest and best-known legal brothel, the Mustang Ranch, has been given the go-ahead to become the first investor-owned bordello through a \$23.3 million stock offering.

"My guess is in about 30 days, there will be no more Joe Conforte Mustang Ranch," owner Conforte said Monday. "The Joe Conforte Mustang Ranch is going to be history."

The stock offering won final approval of the federal Securities and Exchange Commission late Friday, five months after it was sought by an investors group led by two attorneys and a Reno businessman.

The mechanics of setting up the syndicate that will offer the stock at \$20 a share began Monday, according to Kevin Ward, lead underwriter for American Wallstreet Securities, Inc., of Tampa, Fla.

The primary investors, Reno attorney Peter Perry, Arizona attorney Darrell Rippey and Reno businessman Donald Clough, have proposed selling 1.165 million common shares of Mustang Ranch Inc.

Under SEC regulations, none of the principals could discuss the pending offering, but papers filed with the agency said the \$5.3 million difference between the stock income and the sale price would be used for capital improvements, financial reserves and administrative costs.

Conforte said he would receive \$18 million for the 105-bedroom brothel if the sale is successful, but he does not expect to become rich from the transaction.

"Between my back taxes and the capital gains taxes, the U.S. Treasury is going to end up with most of it or all of it," he said.

"I owe \$12 million to \$13 million in taxes and the capital gains are going to be \$4 million to \$5 million. You figure it out. I'm going to do my bit to reduce the deficit."

Conforte was released from prison in early 1985 after serving 18 months on tax evasion charges.

Ward said, escrow would not close on the sale until all shares had been subscribed to. Once that happens, he said, plans call for the stock to be traded publicly over the counter.

The brothel showed a decline in gross revenues from \$5.9 million to \$5.6 million in 1986, but profits rose from \$848,000 to \$917,000, according to the prospectus.

The prospectus noted that the stock offering is a high-risk venture because of potential lawsuits, adverse publicity and the possibility that clients could contract sexually-transmitted disease, including AIDS.

Nevada law requires prostitutes to be tested monthly for the fatal disease and so far, no prostitutes in licensed brothels have tested positive for the AIDS virus. The brothels require customers to use condoms.

Conforte and his wife, Sally, began operations at the 440-acre ranch in the late 1950s when prostitution was tolerated in Nevada. In 1971, Conforte won county approval for the brothel 10 miles east of Reno, pioneering the statewide movement to allow prostitution in most Nevada counties.

Prostitution is illegal in the counties that contain Nevada's three major cities, Reno, Las Vegas and Carson City.

Vigilantes sentenced to life in prison

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two men convicted of murder in the 1987 shooting death of a 17-year-old Fort Worth boy they mistakenly accused of raping an 80-year-old grandmother have been sentenced to life in prison.

State District Judge Don Leonard sentenced Norris Wayne Hicks, 36, of Arlington, and Boyd Ballard, 35, of Montgomery County, Ala., Monday and fined them \$10,000 each.

Hicks and Ballard had been accused in the Nov. 27, 1987, shooting of Jeffery Donnelle. It took jurors about an hour and 20 minutes to recommend that they serve the maximum prison term. The same jury had taken less than 40 minutes last Friday to convict the men.

The two men must serve at least 15 years before being eligible for

parole because they used deadly weapons in Donnelle's slaying.

Jurors said after the trial that they considered the men's prior criminal records as well as the circumstances surrounding Donnelle's murder in assessing the maximum sentence.

Ballard was on parole for a 1979 Alabama murder conviction and Hicks was on parole for a 1978 Texas sexual abuse conviction when they shot Donnelle eight times with large-caliber weapons as he walked to his home in a housing project near downtown Fort Worth. Donnelle died eight days later.

Blood tests taken after Donnelle was killed proved that he could not have raped Ballard's grandmother, a police chemist testified. No one ever was charged in that

rape, and the victim died last month, attorneys said.

Witnesses testified that Ballard and Hicks had confronted Donnelle two days before the shooting, accusing him of raping Ballard's grandmother. Hicks is married to Ballard's sister, Nell Gay Hicks, who is awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to commit murder in connection with Donnelle's slaying.

Several jurors said that they sympathized with relatives of the elderly woman who was raped, but could not excuse their actions in killing an innocent man.

"Of course you're angry if something happens to your grandmother, but where do you draw the line?" asked juror Deborah Gilbert. "You don't go out and start shooting anyone."

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Officials testify that dam was not meant for flood control

By MICHAEL DUFFY and BRADLEY WORRELL Staff Writers

The city called its first witnesses Monday in an attempt to prove what plaintiffs' lawyers scolded as a "Great Flood Theory."

"This flood came so fast I didn't have time to do anything but get out of the way," Public Works Director Tom Decell said in response to questioning about why he didn't warn downstream residents.

Noting that Decell spent more than two hours at the dam monitoring the condition of the site, plaintiff's attorney Gil Jones III pointedly asked, "Did you ever suggest a warning be issued? Did it ever occur to you there was an imminent probability (the dam could breach)?"

"There's nothing that I had ever read and nothing that I had ever seen to indicate this would happen," Decell responded.

Asked by Jones if he remembered a meeting with water commission officials prior to the flood, Decell responded that they "came in to do a periodic inspection."

"You told them that no problems existed, didn't you?" Jones said, after questioning Decell about his conversation with the water commissioners. Jones said reports from water officials showed that Decell indicated no maintenance work was being done on the dam, that no plans for maintenance were made at the time and that no plans for a substitute spillway were made.

about modifications since the flood. He asked if a new spillway had been added and Decell said "yes."

Jones asked if trees had been removed from the banks of the spillway and Decell replied, "If you want to call that a modification."

Asked if compressed concrete had been added to the spillway to keep the dam from breaching, Decell replied the modification was made to keep it from eroding.

Did you ever (have) studies done?" he asked in rapid-fire succession.

"It's not a flood control dam, Mr. Jones," Boyd responded. He answered no to all three questions.

Trial testimony continued for the seventh day in the \$1.7 million civil lawsuit filed by 10 plaintiffs against the city.

A consulting engineer called to the witness stand by defense attorney Terry Rhoades testified Tuesday morning that the breach in Comanche Lake Dam did not cause the Aug. 30, 1986 flooding in Big Spring.

Davis also testified he reviewed recommendations made by the Texas Water Commission about the dam's safety and found no problems of "an impending nature."

He explained that if serious problems had been identified, the commission would be required to take legal enforcement action — as mandated by the Dam Safety Act.

Davis' testimony contradicted statements made a plaintiff's witness who told the court last week the city had been warned on four separate occasions that the dam was unsafe.

Mayor A.C. "Cotton" Mize — a lifelong resident of Big Spring — testified he had never seen or heard about water going over the top of Comanche Lake Dam.

over the dam," Mize said.

Although admitting he had received complaints from citizens about the need for mowing high grass and cleaning of litter, Mize testified he had never "personally received" a complaint about the spillway at the dam being clogged.

Mize also testified he had never seen or heard about flooding in the Big Spring Draw.

"We've always had flooding on the west side ... but it was always slow rising water and we had the time to warn people," Mize said.

"The water was coming over the top — it (dam) started washing out," Henson testified.

Spring board

How's that? Cheering

Q. When is the next mini-cheer camp at Howard College?

A. According to the Amy Burchett, student activities director and cheerleading sponsor at Howard College, the next mini-cheer camp will be Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. It will be opened for students in grades 1-6. The camp is sponsored by the Howard College Cheerleaders.

Calendar Council

TODAY ● The Big Spring City Council will meet at 5 p.m. in the McMahon/Wrinkle airport conference room.

● The Marcy PTA will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Marcy cafeteria. A nursery will be provided.

WEDNESDAY ● The Comanche Trail Archery Club will meet at 7 p.m. at Midway Day Care, three miles east of the old Cameo building and the 11th Place extension.

● The Big Spring Humane Society will have a monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 2308 Roberts. The public is invited to attend.

● Free income tax help for the elderly, lower income and handicapped, who need assistance in filing their 1988 income tax returns available at Citizens Federal Credit Union, FM 700, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tops on TV

● Tony's good intentions of spending a weekend skiing in Vermont — alone with Samantha — get snowed under when he meets a pretty instructor. — 7 p.m. Ch. 2.

● Matlock — Don Knotts, Kene Holliday. Matlock tries to clear the name of a former client who mistakenly served time for his wife's murder; complications arise when the wife turns up dead. — 7 p.m. Ch. 13.

● Tour of Duty — Alex and a French correspondent each begin investigations into the breaking of American foreign policy in Cambodia. — 7 p.m. Ch. 7.

Police beat

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Romance

● Continued from page 1-A really wanted to get married.

"I'll never forget what my mother told me," Judi remembered. "She said, 'Dusty is ready to settle down and if you don't marry him, he'll marry someone else.'"

Taking her mother's advice, Judi called Dusty long-distance and said, "Let's do it."

"He knew just what I was talking about," Judi laughed.

The couple married Nov. 28, 1981, "just 10 months after we met," Judi said.

After seeing each other only on weekends and spending their honeymoon on a bus tour to the National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City, Okla., the couple realized "We were kind of like strangers living together."

Today all that has changed. Johnston is dean of students at Howard College; Judi owns and operates Dell's Cafe. They have two children, Jerod, 6, and Audra, 3.

Schools

● Continued from page 1-A increase funding for education and take some steps toward equity," Lozano said.

He added, that the redistribution plan "was not a proposal by the commissioner," but instead "an illustration of what would happen if (the legislature) were to redistribute state aid rather than increase funding."

Hassie said it is highly unlikely the Legislature would opt for the redistribution plan, calling the plan "politically unacceptable."

"I don't think anybody is in favor of (redistributing funds)," he said. "But that's what we would need to do if we can't increase (state) education funding to the appropriate level."

KBST radio, he met Susan, who visited the station to work on a school project.

"This little girl came in and threw her coat on the piano," he recalled. "I liked the way she threw that yellow coat."

Although there was an instant attraction, they knew their age difference could be a problem.

After several visits to the station, Susan realized her feelings for Lewis.

On New Year's Eve, Susan visited the station — this time to deliver homemade fudge.

The couple vividly remembered their first kiss, a tradition they have kept through the years.

"It was a quarter 'til midnight and we were broadcasting the Times Square activities," Lewis recalled.

"I looked at Susan and said 'It's not New Year's until you've been kissed,' so I kissed her."

"It was the major highlight of my life," Susan said.

The couple went on their first date in the spring, beginning what they describe as a "stormy courtship."

Susan was attending Texas Western College, now the University of Texas of the Permian Basin;

Lewis moved to Houston for five months.

In September, Lewis called to renew their relationship and began traveling every Saturday to El Paso to visit Susan.

Because of different religious beliefs, they decided not to see each other again. "We really tried to break up," Susan said.

Meeting again in Carlsbad, N.M. in June, Lewis and Susan decided they couldn't work things out.

"I didn't see or hear from him for two months," she said.

One day, Lewis called and said, "We're gonna get married in two weeks."

"It was a now or never deal, so I said okay," Susan said.

"I sure wouldn't change girls," Lewis replied.

The parents of two sons, Kevin, 24, and B.Z., 21, the Lewises agree they have had an exciting life together and are looking forward to being grandparents.

Grand jury expected

Howard County District Attorney Rick Hamby said he expects a grand jury to be convened at the end of February or the first week of March.

Hamby said he and assistant district attorney Dale Dupree have been reviewing cases to present to a grand jury for the possible issuance of indictments.

One case that is expected to be presented to the grand jury is the death of Jimmy Carrillo, 26, whose body was discovered in the parking lot of the Ritz Theater, 401 S. Main St., during the early morning hours of Sept. 3, 1986.

Carrillo — an employee of the theater — died from aspiration, inhaling of foreign objects or materials into the lungs, according to a preliminary autopsy report.

Carrillo was involved in a fight several hours before his body was discovered, according to police.

Hamby said he has not yet received the final autopsy report on Carrillo.

Howard County Justice of the Peace China Long — who ordered the autopsy — said Friday she also has not received the final report.

Dr. Robert Rember, who performed the autopsy on Carrillo, said it is completed, but has not yet been transcribed.

"I think the autopsy reports will have a great bearing on a couple of cases," Hamby said.

The district attorney said he is unsure whether the upcoming grand jury will investigate the Dec. 4 shooting death of George (Jorge) Talavera, 26.

Talavera sustained a gunshot wound to the head and died about 3 1/2 hours later at Lubbock General Hospital.

Secret

● Continued from page 1-A women in the household, Mrs. Witte said, "I've seen it the other way, so I can see the need."

Mr. Witte said, "It's a lot different, that's about all I can say."

The Wittes, retired postal employees who spent their working years in Muleshoe, have lived in Big Spring since 1966. In 1979 they moved to the Canteberry Apartments, a retirement center run by the Episcopal church.

Although Mrs. Witte said she misses owning a house, "there's lots of nice people here," she said.

"It's a very, very nice place for old people to live," Mr. Witte said.

"The time flies, the days get long, but when you get looking in the past it doesn't look that long," Mr. Witte said. Still, he said, "I've been wondering why we've lived so long."

In response, their daughter Gene Jenkins answers, "They live to take care of each other."

Sheriff's log

The Howard County sheriff's department reported the following incidents:

● A man who resides on Ritchey Road in the Tubbs Addition reported that someone tore his mailbox off the post.

● Officers were requested at the Brass Nail Lounge in reference to an unknown disturbance.

● Officers responded to reports without having to increase taxes."

Kirby, according to Lozano, has said a minimum of \$800 million — \$300 million to cover increased enrollment and \$500 for poor districts — is needed for public schools the next biennium.

State representative Troy Frazer, R-Big Spring, said that given the Legislature's anti-tax sentiment it is highly unlikely the Legislature would support a tax increase to fund an increase in state education aid.

"I'm in favor of taking additional revenue and putting it in the place where it will do the most good..." he said. "It's a matter of re-allocating funds from other areas of the budget and putting it into education."

All other grandsons are considered honorary pallbearers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.R. and Bertha Willis Marline.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

Alice Irene Hardage

Alice Irene Hardage, 67, Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 13, 1989.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Tommy Smith, pastor of Memorial Christian Church in Ardmore, Okla., officiating, under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 26, 1921 in Big Spring and was a member of the Christian Church. She lived in Howard County most of her life and worked at the Bowl-A-Rama for over 16 years.

Survivors include her mother, Mabel Clair Edens, Big Spring; one son, Donald Earl Hauser, Texas; three daughters: Linda Carol Hauenstein, Schertz; Marilyn Louise Smith, Ardmore, Okla.; Cindy Beth Thompson, San Antonio; six sisters: Louise Tatum, Fort Worth; Lizzy Waldron, Slidell, La.; Marie Dennis, Lubbock; Pat Wallace, Houston; Erlene Reid and Jewel Edens, both of Big Spring; and one brother, Bob Edens, Big Spring.

Nephews will serve as pallbearers.

Rogers Henry

Rogers Henry, 70, Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 1989.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Earnest C. Wilson, pastor, officiating. Burial

will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 14, 1919 in Henderson and married Mary Magalean Jordan Aug. 1937 in Henderson. He was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church and moved to Lamesa in 1939 from Henderson. He then moved to Big Spring in 1944. He worked for Ray Bruce Service Station for 25 years and was working as an oil field truck driver at the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Magalean Henry, Big Spring; one son, Roger Henry Jr., Antioch, Calif.; one brother, Vernon D., San Francisco, Calif.; one sister, Elsie Lee Johnson, Oakland, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Roger Renee Henry, Big Spring; and Christopher Michael Henry, California; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Pallbearers will be James Labrew, Lester Perkins, Roosevelt Rutledge, Paul Thomas, Johnnie Green, Nathan Green and Clinton Muse.

Honorary pallbearers will be Don Wilson and Roger R. Henry.

Deaths

Donnie Ray Croft

Donnie Ray Croft, 31, Fayette, Mo., formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 1989 in Ellsworth County.

Survivors include his wife, Marie; one daughter, Rebekah Croft; one son, Caleb, all of Fayette, Mo.; parents, Bill and Shirley Croft, Big Spring; one sister, Mrs. Ray (Debbie) Adams, Big Spring; two brothers, Ricky, Midland; and Troy, Big Spring; eight nieces and nephews and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers will be James Castille, Gary Croft, Gary Posey, Brad Posey, Riobert Burgess, Gerald Hale, Randy Hyden, Blaine Wood and William Wilcox.

W.W. (Bill) Marline

W.W. (Bill) Marline, 69, Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 13, 1989 in a local hospital following a lengthy illness.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. James Wilborn, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, officiating under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

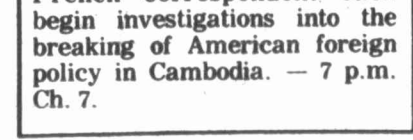
He was born May 22, 1919 and married Jerry Crump Jan. 15, 1945 in New Orleans. He was a Methodist and had lived in this community for 56 years. He was a Mason and member of Big Spring Lodge No. 1340. He participated in the Volunteer Escort Service of the VA Medical Center and was a member of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees. He was a retired employee of Missouri and Pacific Railroad. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, having served in the Pacific.

Survivors include his wife, Jerry, Big Spring; one daughter, Mrs. Mike (Val) Butler, Midland; one sister, Mrs. R.B. Hooper, Memphis, Tenn.; one half sister, Velma Marline, Fort Worth; one aunt and

two grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.R. and Bertha Willis Marline.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.



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Opinion

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

Herald opinion

Illinois blunders on AIDS policy

Those seeking quickie solutions to complex public-health problems should take note of the current travails of Illinois. The state is stumbling through a year of bungled AIDS policy — and thereby offering the rest of the nation a telling lesson.

In January 1988, Illinois adopted a law requiring mandatory AIDS testing for couples who want to marry. It was a politically popular idea at the time. Popular enough to pass muster by Illinois Gov. James R. Thompson and the state Legislature despite the nearly unanimous objections of the state's health officials and AIDS experts across the nation.

The Illinois Health Department had predicted that, at best, millions of dollars spent on the forced testing of tens of thousands of couples would uncover 120 people infected with the AIDS virus each year. Now, even that modest prediction has proved to be enormously optimistic. Of 155,458 people tested in 1988, 26 cases of AIDS infection were found. Virtually all of them, health officials say, could have been uncovered far more efficiently by programs targeted at high-risk groups.

Meanwhile, anyone who didn't want to be bothered with the time and expense of testing — \$30 to \$125 per person — simply slipped across the Illinois border to say their vows elsewhere. Marriages in Illinois dropped nearly 25 percent (by 40,000 people) in 1988 and skyrocketed in bordering towns.

Thus, Illinois counties lost thousands of dollars in revenue as neighboring municipalities, particularly in Wisconsin, enjoyed a fiscal boom. Marriages in Lake County, Ill., for instance, dropped by 1,000 during the year while vows said in Kenosha County, Wis., jumped from 67 to 1,142. On busy days, *The New York Times* reports, the Kenosha County Courthouse has judges marrying couples simultaneously in different corners of the same courtroom.

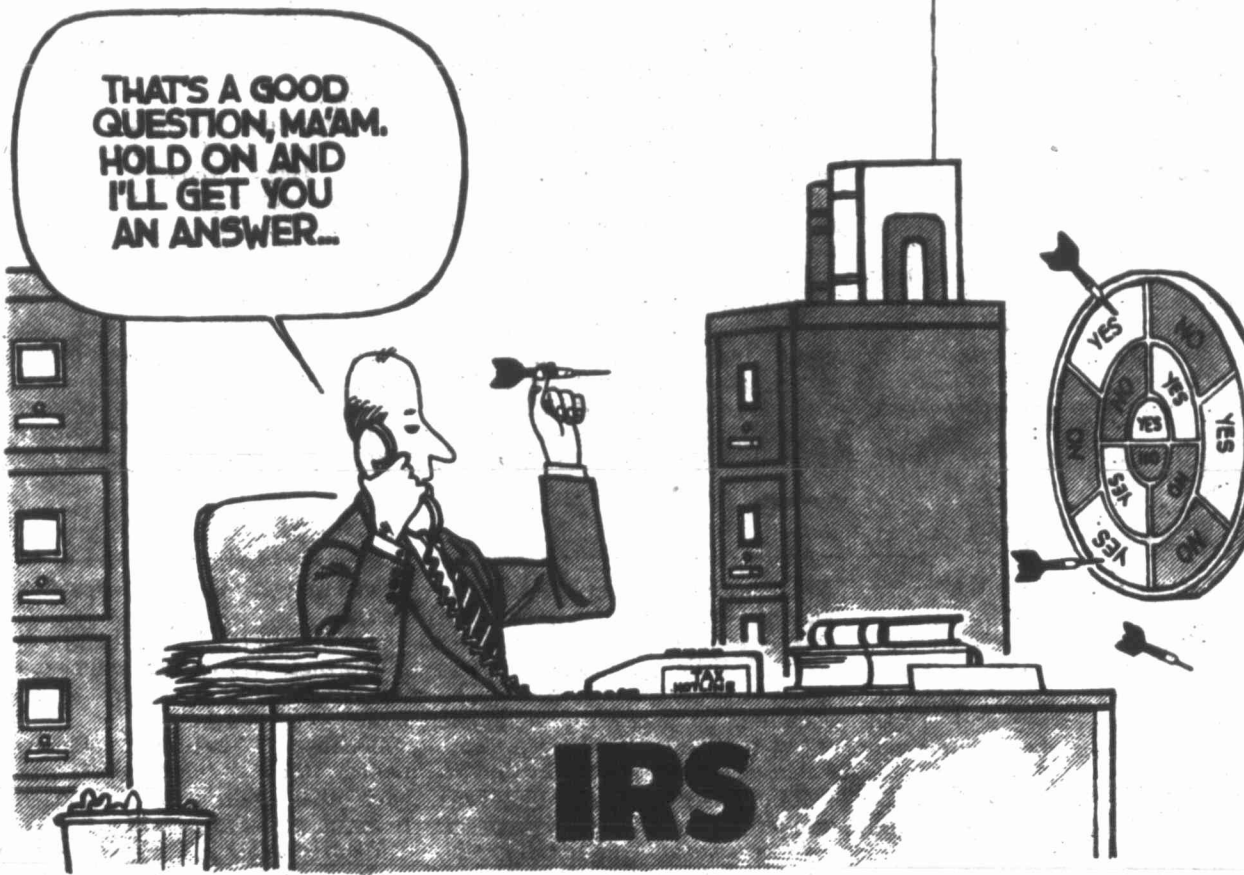
But ineffectiveness is only one of the program's many flaws. Health officials say false test results have panicked some couples into breaking off engagements or aborting pregnancies.

"Our worst fears have come true with this requirement," Dr. Bernard Turnock, Illinois' public health director, told *The Times*.

Illinois is the only state in the nation to require pre-nuptial testing. Given the program's abysmal failure, it's no surprise that there is now a strong movement afoot — supported by lawmakers, doctors and AIDS experts — to repeal the policy.

We hope lawmakers across the nation are learning from the Illinois experience so that other states — and even the nation — don't blunder into it themselves. The lesson is simple: The best way to avoid bad policy is not to adopt it in the first place.

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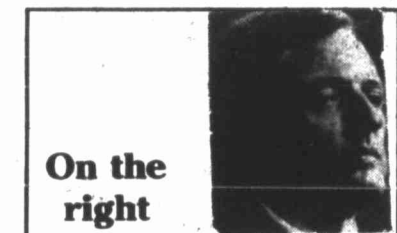
Soviets not noble for going home

By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

Everyone who has reached the second week in a semester on political philosophy is introduced to Machiavelli's maxim that one must not cut off the enemy's line of retreat, and these days we need to repeat that maxim to ourselves at least 10 times per hour, because if we do so only nine times, some of us would be greatly tempted to wish the mujahideen all the luck in the world in doing exactly that, cutting off the line of retreat and capturing or otherwise disposing of the friendly Russian army that during the past nine years has presided over the murder of 1.2 million Afghans.

Comparable figures are illuminating. The (prewar) population of Afghanistan being about 16 million, the death of 1.2 million is the equivalent of about 18 million Americans dead. If an army were retreating from the United States having spent nine years attempting to conquer the country and killing 18 million people in the effort, one shouldn't be surprised if in its retreat the enemy army experienced signs of American displeasure. But such has been the pictorial focus on what is happening that the headlines and color stories tend to feature the retreating Soviet soldiers as noblemen going home, and the mujahideen as wild men bent on barbaric atrocities.

This has reached the point where we are supposed to read if not contentedly, then philosophically about Soviet bombing of escape routes and land mines placed in the way of potential harassment. And this morning's news informs us that Gen. Boris Gromov, the commander of the last Soviet battalion scheduled to leave Afghanistan, has determined to be the very last man to step foot on Soviet soil. The Associated Press reports that General Gromov will step onto the "friendship bridge" leading to the Soviet border post of Termez at 10



On the right

a.m. local time on the last day. And from a Soviet newspaper: "He will cross, without looking back. Then he will stand and make a speech — just for himself. It will last one minute, seven seconds. The speech will neither be written, nor will it be heard."

We should all be in favor of short speeches. But if we're going to set up Attican theatrical backgrounds to commemorate the moment of the Soviet departure from Afghanistan, why doesn't General Gromov use up his one minute and seven seconds to fire a bullet into his head? That, or sky-dive into the nearest monastery to devote his life to repentance.

The diplomatic world is surcharged with complexities even to the point of shielding us from the knowledge of what the enemy is up to. Messrs. Evans and Novak recently reported most plausibly that the plane that brought down in flames Pakistan leader Zia was sabotaged by — sophisticated Soviet chemical explosives. But any effort to pursue an investigation of that question was blocked. By the Soviets? No no no, you don't understand. By the United States. Why expose Soviet perfidy when detente is at an exhilarating boil?

Several years ago the evidence was overwhelming that a Bulgarian-sponsored terrorist under the supervision of the KGB was commissioned to go to Rome to kill the pope. Suddenly... the story, well, sort of evaporated. It became the consensus of our leaders that not much was to be gained from flatly pinning on the

Kremlin the responsibility for trying to kill the Vicar of Christ on earth. There are still some Christians on earth who might, well, resent that. In 1963, as soon as it became known that Lee Harvey Oswald was a sure enough communist who had spent over a year in the Soviet Union, the connection between him and the Kremlin became, well, progressively attenuated. And it wasn't until much later that it leaked out that he had been spotted visiting the Cuban Embassy in Mexico a couple of weeks before the assassination. If the American people had been told that Oswald killed their hero Mr. Kennedy on orders from Castro, they might have demanded war on Castro.

Machiavelli's line of retreat, in the broad scene, means the retreat of the whole communist enterprise from its pristine mandate to go out and conquer the world. Accordingly, we stuff our vision with great balls of diplomatic perspective, and now we have just about reached the point where we are all expected to celebrate the nobility of the Soviet Union in pulling out of Afghanistan.

But the mujahideen are not going to cooperate with us. Any more than the Russians cooperated with Napoleon when he decided to retreat from Moscow in 1812. General Kutuzov was not going to let the French off quite so easily. He had a wonderfully cold winter working for him, and about as many snipers as there are dead Afghan freedom fighters. The myth of Napoleon suffered mortal wounds. It required three more years to put him away permanently, but the resolve to do so was annealed. This time, they'll probably award Gorbachev not a lifetime in St. Helena, but a Nobel Peace Prize. Machiavelli can be taken too far.

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Give them piecemeal salaries

By Art Buchwald
There has to be a solution to the congressional pay gridlock. Congressmen and senators need more money and the taxpayer is adamant about not giving it to them.

There are some people who are against the raise because they think it's too much. Then there are others who are against it because this is the first time in their lives that they have been in a position to turn down anyone for a pay increase. Consequently, they want to make the most of the opportunity.

My taxi driver is one of them. "I say no raise," he declared, as we started out for the office. "They get too much money anyway, and they don't do a thing for it."

"That's a harsh judgment, Rico. Many legislators work day and night, and then have to travel long distances on weekends in order to give the American people the best laws that money can buy. Would you prefer that they be paid the same wages as the workers at McDonald's?"

"They tried to sneak the raise in behind our backs because they were too chicken to vote on it up and down. If Congress had come to me and said, 'Rico, we need this to educate our children and feed our families,' I might have given them the increase."

"That's very good of you, Rico. How many raises have you handed out in your life?"

"That doesn't matter. I'm a good judge of character, and I know when someone should have a pay increase and when they shouldn't. I read the papers like everybody else. Besides, I never thought an across-the-board raise was a good idea. I'd like to see the lawmakers paid on a piecemeal basis. Members of Congress would be rewarded according to their level of production. If a legislator shows up every day on the Hill, he is given a standard fee. If he introduces a bill in Congress, he gets an extra amount for it, and if the bill is passed, he receives a bonus."

"Would you give them anything for attending a PAC breakfast to raise money for their election campaigns?"

"No, they would be on their own for all fund-raisers. At the same time I might offer them a fee for going to a prayer breakfast."

"How much should they get for waging a filibuster?"

"In that situation we would be very generous because it puts a lot of wear and tear on the body. I'd also pay piecemeal for those who give speeches on the floor of the Senate, but I would like to see a system whereby the person making the shortest speech gets the most money."

"Would I be correct if I presumed that each time a representative voted, he'd get a stipend?"

"Yes. I'd have the sergeant at arms sit at a table and pay everyone in cash as they came down the aisle."

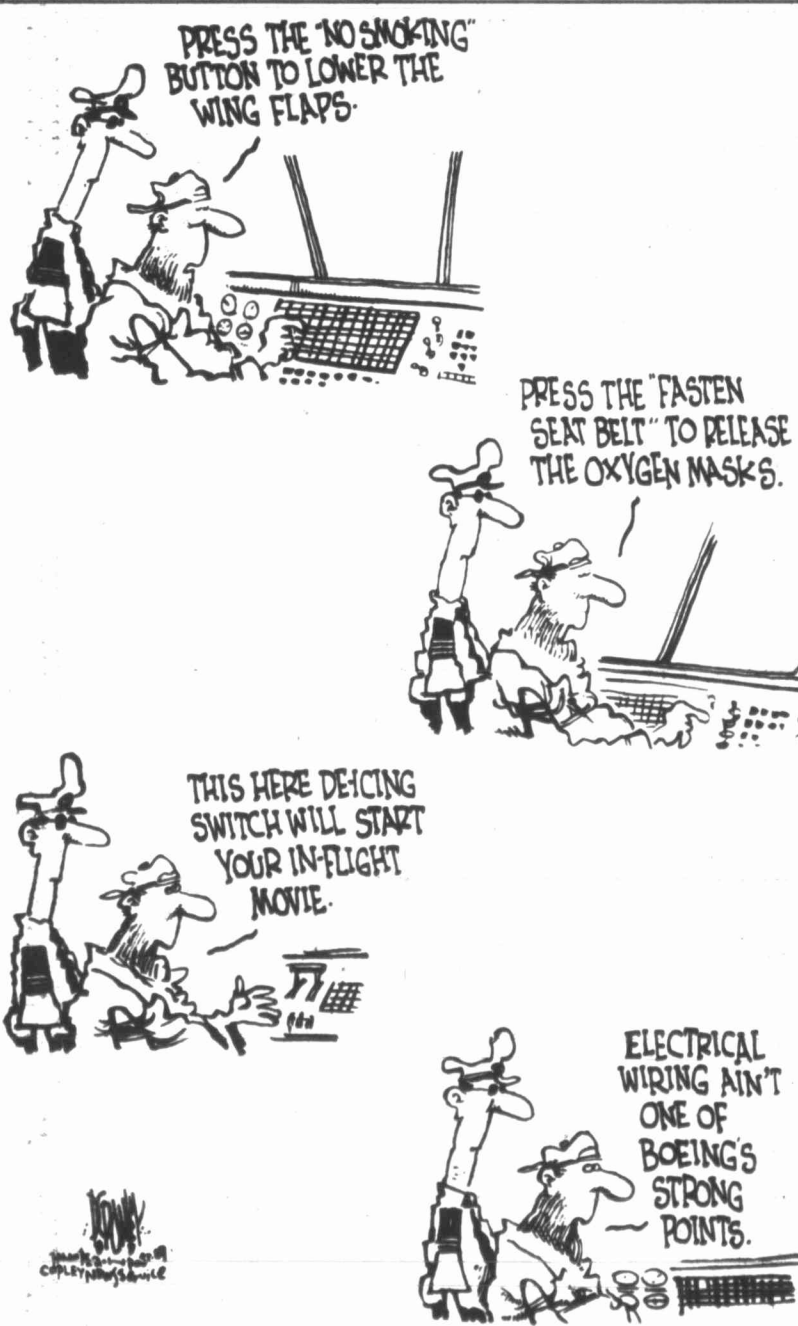
"Rico, I think you're on to something. No one has ever thought of compensating lawmakers for what they actually did — not even Trotsky."

"It's the only way Congress is going to get a raise from me."

"You're a good man and a fair man, but suppose they don't accept your plan?"

"They have no choice. I don't think anyone has been fairer than I have to the people on Capitol Hill. But I can't justify throwing money away on large pay raises when there are so many potholes in this country still waiting to be filled."

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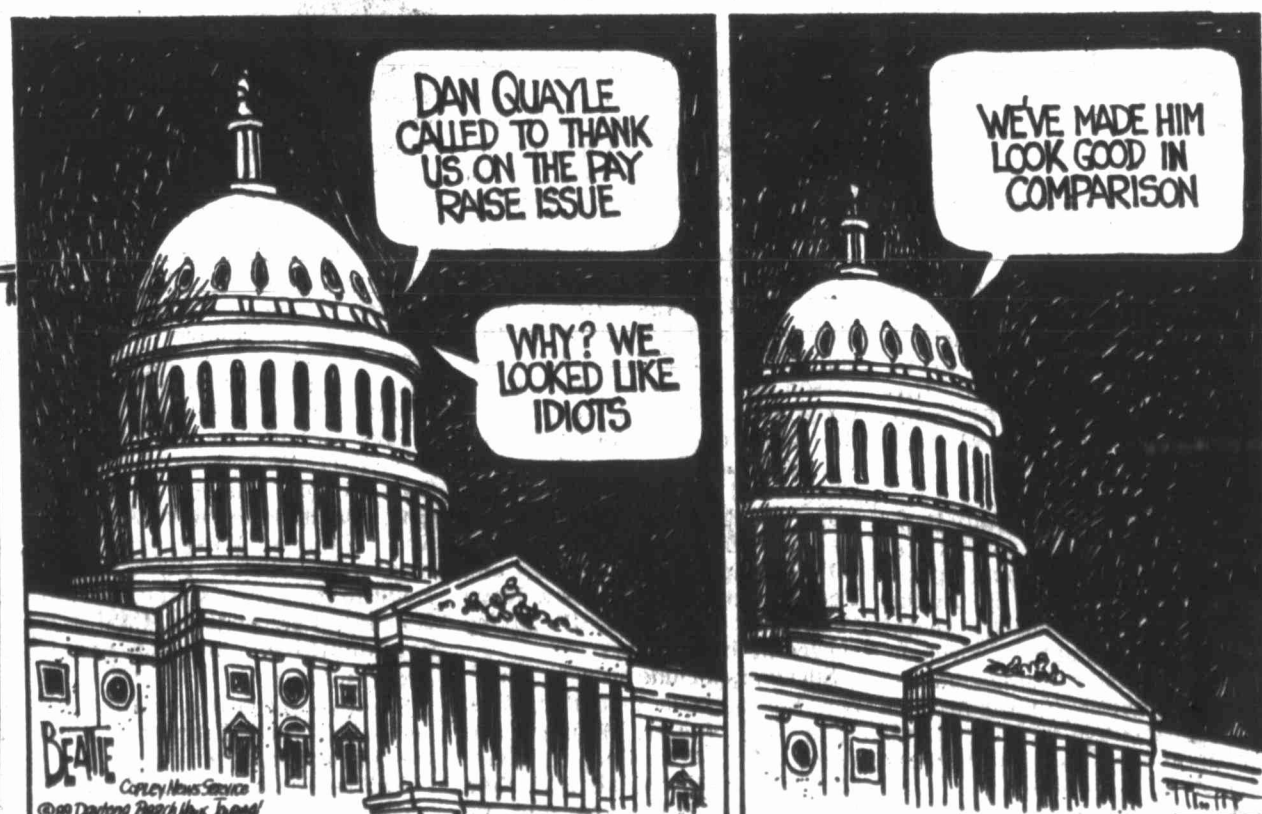
"This is a just and fair settlement." Indian government attorney Gopal Subramaniam, on a \$470 million settlement of a \$3 billion lawsuit by India against Union Carbide Corp. in the Bhopal gas leak, which killed more than

3,000 people.

"I had a good few months in the private sector, the best three to four months I ever had. I was told it would have been a very good year for me." Drug czar designate William J. Bennett, who made \$150,000 to \$200,000 on the lecture circuit after resigning as education

secretary last fall.

"They call me the grandmother of the wedding business... I'm gonna die with a bride and groom in my arms." Charlotte Richards, who had scores of Valentine's Day nuptials scheduled at her four wedding chapels in the marriage mecca of Las Vegas.



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Lines form at wedding chapels

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Long lines formed at the courthouse and business boomed at the city's 25 wedding chapels today as an expected 1,500 couples began tying Valentine's Day knots in this marriage mecca.

Beverly Swinn, who has seen hundreds of thousands of couples line up at the Marriage License Bureau, said workers were hoping they might get a breather this year, with Valentine's Day falling near the middle of the week.

Last year, when Valentine's Day fell on Sunday, 1,365 couples

purchased licenses Feb. 13 and 14.

The bureau issued 841 licenses this weekend, said Ms. Swinn. More than 400 were issued Monday and at least that many were expected today, she said.

Lovebirds have flocked to Las Vegas to get married because no blood tests are required and there is no waiting period.

During peak periods such as Valentine's and New Year's days, the city's wedding chapels will marry several couples an hour.

Milk cartons called cancer risk

WASHINGTON (AP) — Enough dioxin could be getting into milk from the bleached-paper cartons now in use to raise the risk of children getting cancer, says an environmental group urging the Agriculture Department to require different containers.

The petition Monday by Greenpeace says the department could require schools and other institutions receiving money from it to buy their milk in cartons made of unbleached paper, glass or some other

material that is biodegradable and not putting the toxic chemical in milk.

Greenpeace was relying on a Canadian government study reported last fall that found dioxin leaching from cartons of bleached paper into the milk.

Milk's high fat content appears to attract dioxin from the paper, according to Janet Hieber of Greenpeace. "If the cartons were filled with water instead of milk, chances are the dioxin would have stayed in the carton," she said.

Barbie feted at New York gala

NEW YORK (AP) — They rolled out the pink carpet at Lincoln Center, where the celebrities wore pink roses and sipped pink champagne and pink Perrier. But the guest of honor didn't so much as blush.

That's not surprising — she was Barbie, the doyen of fashion dolls, who was honored Monday night for her successful 30-year career as one of the most popular American toys.

Mattel Inc. billed the black-tie affair as Barbie's "Pink Jubilee" anniversary party. Company executives said the lavish party, which helped kick off the annual toy industry fair, was a fitting tribute to a toy that has shown such remarkable longevity — and profitability.

Although her popularity has waned now and then, Barbie has never fallen completely out of favor. She has been one of the most consistent toys in an industry notorious for quickly fading fads.



LIFESIZE BARBIE



Burning effigy

SEOUL — A radical student is burning an effigy of President Bush during anti-government demonstrations. Students were demanding a halt to U.S. and South Korea military training.

Union Carbide settles in Bhopal gas disaster

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The Supreme Court today ordered Union Carbide Corp. to pay the Indian government \$470 million for the 1984 gas leak in Bhopal that killed more than 3,300 people — the world's worst industrial disaster.

The payment is to be made by March 31 as "full and final settlement of all claims," said Gopal Subramaniam, an attorney for the Indian government in its suit against the Danbury, Conn.-based corporation.

India sought damages of \$3 billion for the leak of methyl isocyanate at the Bhopal pesticide plant, which is operated by Union Carbide's Indian subsidiary. The civil suit, in which more than 500,000 people filed for compensation, bogged down in legal maneuverings in a series of Indian courts.

Subramaniam said India agreed to drop all criminal charges against Union Carbide officials as

part of the settlement. Warren Anderson, former Union Carbide chairman, was charged with culpable homicide in the disaster.

A company spokesman, Earl Slack, told The Associated Press by telephone from his New York home that Union Carbide has accepted the \$470 million judgment and March 31 deadline.

"This is a just and fair settlement," Subramaniam told a reporter outside the Supreme Court chambers.

Slack said the court's order "was based on its review of all pleadings in India and the U.S., applicable law and facts, and the enormity of human suffering that requires substantial and immediate aid."

According to India, at least 3,329 people died after inhaling the deadly gas that leaked out of the pesticide plant on Dec. 3, 1984, and drifted over Bhopal. Many of the victims lived in shantytowns.

World

Former prime minister released

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Kidnappers released former Prime Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants and he returned home "safe and sound" today after a month in captivity, the Justice Ministry said.

The 69-year-old Christian Democrat was freed late Monday near the railway station in Tournai and took a cab to his Brussels home 50 miles away, said Brussels deputy prosecutor Andre Vandoran, who headed the investigation.

Investigators said they questioned Vanden Boeynants, whose career has been tainted by scandal, were satisfied that he had in fact been kidnapped, an issue that had raised questions since he disappeared mysteriously on Jan. 14.

It was not known if Vanden Boeynants' family paid a ransom for the wealthy businessman. A previously unknown group calling itself the Socialist Revolutionary Brigade had claimed to have kidnapped him.

Philippines reject Marcos return

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Philippine justice secretary today ruled out any talks on the return of Ferdinand Marcos until the ailing former president resolves criminal charges pending against him in the United States.

Marcos, in exile in Hawaii since he was ousted in a February 1986 popular uprising, has asked to be allowed to come home "to die." President Corazon Aquino has refused to allow the return, citing national security concerns.

The deposed president and his

wife, Imelda, were indicted in October on federal racketeering charges for allegedly embezzling more than \$100 million from the Philippine treasury, funneling much of it to foreign bank accounts and using it to buy prime New York City real estate.

Because of his ill health, Marcos has not been arraigned. In January, he was admitted to a hospital in Honolulu for respiratory ailments.

Marcos, 71, was reported in guarded condition Monday in the intensive care unit.

Bishop urges Anglicans to fast

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Archbishop Desmond Tutu today urged fellow Anglicans to fast three days each week for the duration of a hunger strike by 300 black detainees who are demanding to be set free.

Some of the strikers have not eaten for 22 days, and 21 reportedly have been hospitalized. They have threatened to starve themselves to death if the government does not either release or charge them.

The strikers include about 170 detainees at Diepkloof Prison outside Johannesburg, 105 at St. Albans prison in Port Elizabeth and 11 at a Port Elizabeth police station. Many have been held without charge since a state of emergency was declared in June 1986.

Police have warned newspapers that reports about the condition of the detainees might violate a state-of-emergency regulation.

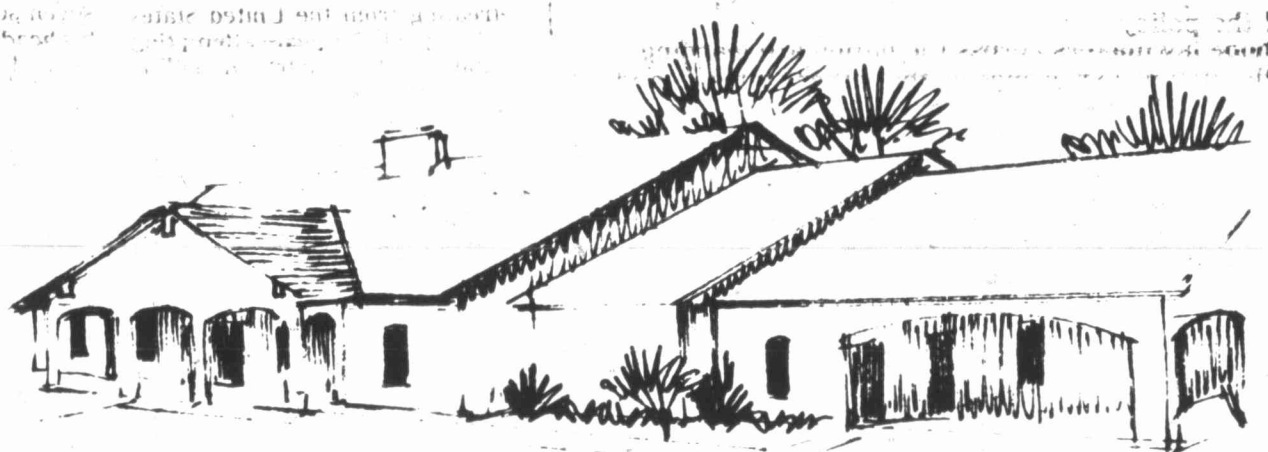


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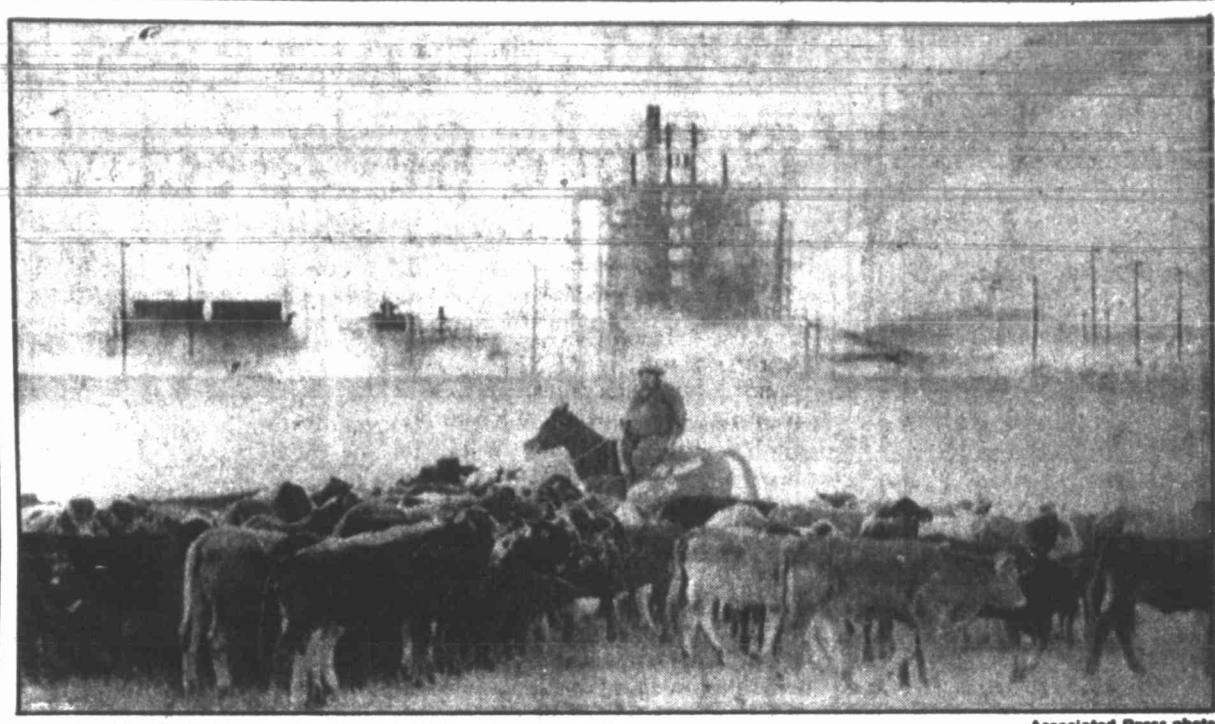
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IMPERIAL VALLEY, Calif. — A cowboy watches over a herd of cattle near a \$46 million power plant in the Imperial Valley of Southern

California. The plant burns between 800 and 900 tons of cattle manure daily, producing enough electricity to supply 15,000 to 20,000 homes.

Plant no cow-pie-in-the-sky venture for 'entremanure'

By LEE SIEGEL
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A desert power plant burns enough cow dung to electrify up to 20,000 homes, thanks to 250,000 cattle, \$37 million in tax-exempt bonds and an environmentalist-lawyer seeking his fortune as an "entremanure."

It's the first commercial power plant that burns only cattle chips for fuel, although smaller facilities "digest" manure to produce methane to generate electricity, said Will Parish, founder and president of National Energy Associates Inc.

Parish, 36, left his job with a San Francisco law firm to start the Mill Valley company, which he said is dedicated to "doing well by doing good" by building profitable but socially and environmentally responsible energy projects.

The \$46 million, 17½-megawatt Mesquite Lake Resource Recovery Project, financed by the bonds plus \$9 million from investors, is located next to its fuel supply: cattle feedlots near Imperial in the desert about 110 miles east of San Diego. It fired up in November 1987 and began continuous on-line electricity production last October.

"It truly is a unique plant," said Bill McCroskey, a project development manager for Southern California Edison Co.

"We are presently buying power from them (under a 30-year contract). The plant satisfactorily passed its

operating test last fall. They are considered a reliable energy source."

The plant runs at 70 percent to 85 percent of its maximum capacity as its construction company, Lurgi Corp. of Frankfurt, West Germany, "tweaks" it toward full net capacity of 15 megawatts, enough to power 15,000 to 20,000 homes using 800 to 900 tons of manure daily, Parish said. The plant runs on the other 2½ megawatts it produces.

Parish said the plant's output represents annual savings of 300,000 barrels of oil that otherwise would be burned for power, and relieves pressure on Imperial Valley landfills.

Until the entrepreneur came along, feedlot owners paid to have manure carted away and dumped. It has little value as fertilizer because it contains too much salt and weed seeds. Now NEA buys the dung for \$1 per ton from 15 feedlots.

"I've been called a manure mogul," Parish joked. "My alma mater ... referred to me in the alumni notes as the class of 1975's first 'entremanure.'"

Loaders scoop up manure from some 250,000 cattle, and about 60 trucks deliver it to the Mesquite Lake plant, where "we stack it like a precious commodity," Parish said.

Conveyor belts feed 40 tons of manure an hour into the plant, where it is dried and dropped into special furnaces. The heat produces more than 150,000 pounds of steam hourly to drive a turbine

and electric generator.

Because the power plant qualified as a waste recovery operation, the California Pollution Control Financing Authority issued \$37.2 million in bonds to help finance construction. NEA raised \$9 million more by forming a limited partnership. Repayment of the 20-year, investment-grade bonds is guaranteed by National Westminster Bank USA.

"We have seen a number of unusual proposals, and this is clearly one of them," Keith Seegmiller, the financing authority's deputy executive secretary, said by phone from Sacramento.

Parish has called the plant "a cash cow" because "manure costs a penny a kilowatt hour, and we sell electricity at 7 cents a kilowatt hour. That translates on an annual basis to a fuel cost of about \$2 million and gross sales of about \$10 million, leaving \$8 million to cover (other) expenses and profits."

While tax-free bonds are attractive, Parish said it wasn't always easy soliciting partners to invest a minimum of \$50,000 each.

"I got questions like, 'What will happen if the cattle get constipated?'" Parish said.

The power plant yields about 160 tons of ash daily, but Parish expects to be selling all of it by year's end as an additive to paving materials and fertilizer and an absorbent to soak up toxic contaminants from geothermal energy wells.

15 years later, there's still no clues on disappearing girls

FORT WORTH (AP) — A cryptic letter, mailed to the husband of one of three girls who vanished from a shopping center after a Christmas gift buying spree, still haunts the investigator trying to solve their disappearances.

It's been almost 15 years since the three left Seminary South center, and retired detective George Hudson is trying a new approach by contacting the producers of a network series on unsolved mysteries.

While police ponder whether the case was more than that of three runaways, the trio's parents have all but lost hope for their return. "Not really knowing is what gets you," Judy Wilson, mother of missing Lisa Renee Wilson, told the

Fort Worth Star-Telegram in a recent edition. "It would be a relief to know, 'This is her body.'"

In the last decade and a half, police have found no trace of Lisa Wilson or her friends who disappeared Dec. 23, 1974. "I don't have any hopes of her being alive. I never have," said Mrs. Wilson, 46. "This wasn't like Renee. I'm sure she would have called home, if she had been able to."

All three wore jeans and light shirts that mild December day. They carried just \$20 among them. Julie Ann Moseley was only 9 years old; 17-year-old Mary Rachel Trlica had been married just six months, police said. A letter signed, "Love, Rachel,"

was mailed Dec. 24 to her husband, Thomas, saying the girls were leaving for Houston. But three handwriting checks by FBI experts never confirmed the handwriting was that of Ms. Trlica.

"You have a letter saying, 'We're going.' Yet there was no reason we could find for them leaving. And with the 9-year-old along, that puts a different slant on it," said Hudson, who worked 27 years for Fort Worth police.

"I wouldn't think they'd take a 9-year-old with 'em, if they were going to run away. That doesn't make sense."

Hudson, 54, who worked in the homicide division when the girls disappeared, took the case on eight months after the three vanished.

Carter's autograph not selling

NEW YORK (AP) — Babe Ruth's autograph sold for \$600 and first lady Barbara Bush's went for \$350. But former President Carter's autograph couldn't bring down the gavel, even at a bargain price of \$75.

"No bid," the auctioneer said Thursday night at a Herman Darvick Autograph Auction.

"Very popular president," one observer said sarcastically as some of the nearly 100 people who crowded into a Manhattan hotel chuckled.

Oliver North was far more popular. An autographed copy of the former national security aide's high school yearbook sold for \$450. The yearbook shows North with a printed quote: "I am not only witty in myself but the cause that wit is in other men."

Another big seller was a Greta Garbo signature on an amended movie contract signed March 4, 1939. The document sold for \$3,850.

"She has the most valuable autograph of any living person," said Herman Darvick, whose firm specializes in celebrity signatures.

A signed Thomas Edison patent went for \$7,700 and a Benjamin Franklin autograph was sold to a doctor from Pennsylvania for \$11,000.

The Babe Ruth signature was splayed across a photograph of the Bambino shaking hands with an unidentified man in a business suit. Two campaign-related letters by Mrs. Bush, on her personal red, white and blue stationery, were sold as one item.

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Better beef stew to combat unsavory C rations reputation

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — A university food center is trying to concoct a better beef stew to combat the unsavory reputation of C rations.

Rutgers University's Center for Advanced Food Technology, backed by a \$1.5 million grant from the Department of Defense, is seeking to come up with food palatable to the armed forces as well as the civilian population.

Beef stew has been declared the first new C ration creation. "All told, we envision a process

that with a minimum of change could make what the armed forces want in pouches and what the consumer wants in other products," said Jack L. Rossen, associate director of the Rutgers center.

The 5-year project will employ researchers from industry and the university who hope to develop highly automated processes that would allow America's larger food-processing companies to enter combat ration production, Rossen said. The market is now dominated by smaller companies.

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Lifestyle

Chocolates could enhance chemistry

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Giving chocolates to your sweetie for Valentine's Day could result in good chemistry.

"A chemical in the chocolate hits a pleasure center in the brain," said George Higgins, a pastry chef instructor at the 8,000-student Johnson & Wales University in Providence, one of the world's biggest cooking schools. "As a gift from a lover to a lover, it would certainly help do the trick."

Chocolate contains phenylethylamine, or PEA, a natural mood-altering chemical also found in the human brain.

"Win a lottery, get a promotion, fall in love, especially fall in love, and your PEA level shoots up. You're optimistic, sociable, and peppy," according to "Chocolate, An Illustrated History" by Marcia and Fredrick Morton. "But if things go wrong, especially if something goes wrong in your love life, you turn listless and depressed because your PEA level is down."

"The taste of chocolate is a sensual pleasure in itself, existing in the same world as sex," sex therapist Ruth Westheimer wrote in her column, "Ask Dr. Ruth."

But there's also an argument against the romantic effects of chocolate.

"I really wonder whether giving chocolate for Valentine's Day is really the best type of gift if one wants to pursue any type of intense, romantic affair," said Judith Wurtman, a research scien-

tist at Massachusetts Institute of Technology's department of nutrition and food sciences. "The high fat and the high sugar content may make you very sleepy."

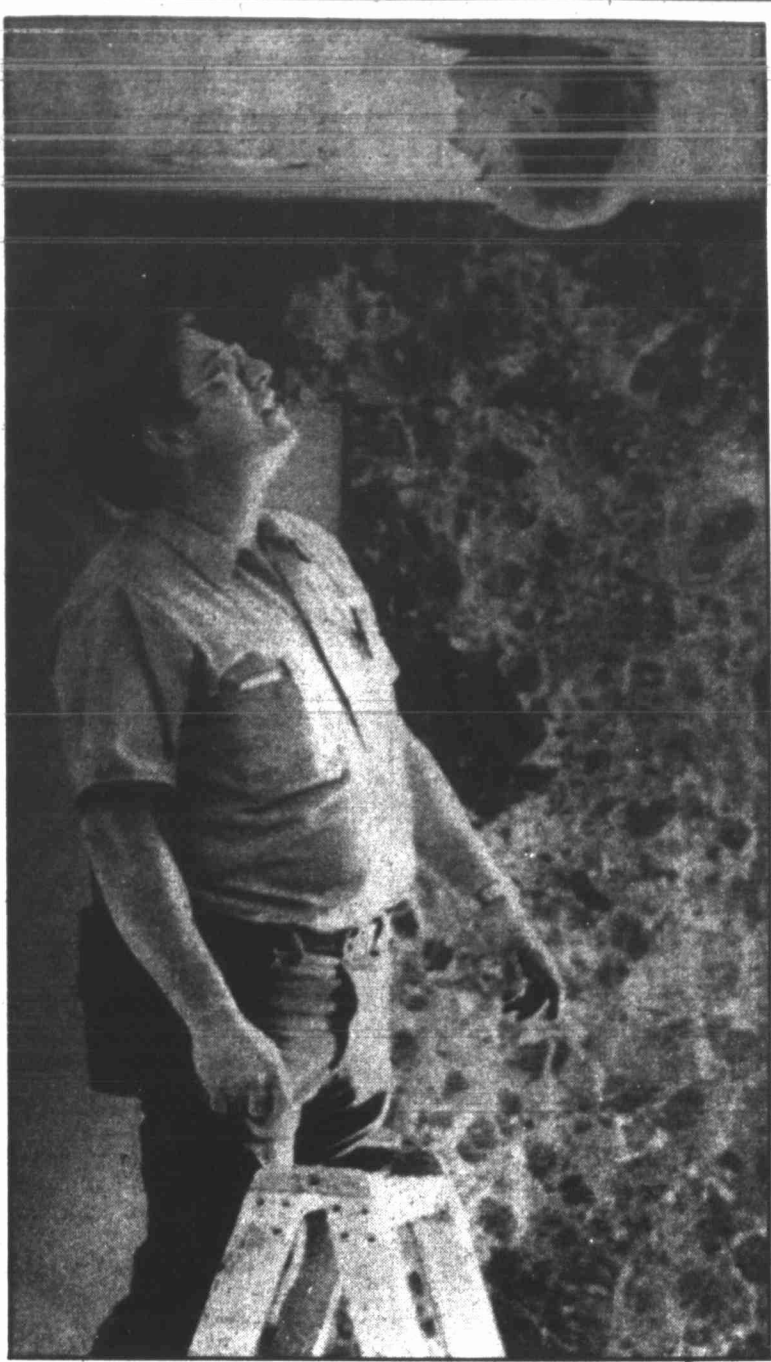
RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — People may love New York, but the Virginia Division of Tourism wants to make sure the Big Apple knows that "Virginia Is For Lovers."

In an Valentine's-season letter sent to New York City radio and television stations last week, Virginia tourism officials said: "We know that New Yorkers love 'I Love New York.' Most of them who come down here... wear it on their bumper stickers and think the idea was invented north of the Hudson. Wrong. 'Virginia Is For Lovers' came first. It dates back to 1969. Yours — shortened like y'all talk — appeared in the 70s."

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of its slogan, Virginia is sending a special message to New Yorkers in the form of a 30-second electronic cartoon over Times Square.

The department spent \$1,500 on production of the cartoon, and another \$1,500 to run it on the electronic billboard of Times Square three times an hour between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. today.

The cartoon opens with Uncle Sam getting a kiss on the cheek from a young lady. A caption beneath the scene reads "Happy Valentine's Day America from all your lovers in Virginia."



Heads up

SPOKANE, Wash. — Ken Brokaw pokes his head through the ceiling to talk to Ray Corey as the two install a light fixture in the lobby of the Lincoln Building in downtown Spokane, Wash.

Associated Press photo

Boy's poem reveals mature perspective

DEAR ABBY: You frequently print poems you think are worth sharing with your readers, so I am sending you one written by my grandson, Jason Lehman. He is 14 years old and lives in New Haven, Conn. I hope you think it's worth printing. — IRENE LEHMAN, POMPANO BEACH



DEAR MRS. LEHMAN: I do. But I must confess I had difficulty believing that a 14-year-old could view life from such a mature and philosophical perspective, so (with your permission) I telephoned Jason and told him I thought his poem was extraordinary. I also said I planned to publish it, so if he didn't compose it, to please fess up or the repercussions could be very embarrassing. Jason assured me that he was, indeed, the author, so here's the poem from a talented young poet who I think is wise beyond his years:

PRESENT TENSE
It was spring,
But it was summer I wanted,
The warm days,
And the great outdoors.
It was summer,
But it was fall I wanted,
The colorful leaves,
And the cool, dry air.
It was fall,
But it was winter I wanted,
The beautiful snow,
And the joy of the holiday season.
It was winter,
But it was spring I wanted,
The warmth,
And the blossoming of nature.
I was a child,
But it was adulthood I wanted,
The freedom,
And the respect.
I was 20,
But it was 30 I wanted,
To be mature,
And sophisticated.

I was middle-aged,
But it was 20 I wanted,
The youth,
And the free spirit.
I was retired,
But it was middle age I wanted,
The presence of mind,
Without limitations.
My life was over.
But I never got what I wanted,
Jason Lehman

DEAR ABBY: I'm an average person, except that I don't like "socializing."

I am running out of excuses and do not want to lie — but I don't want to offend people who are kind enough to extend an invitation that means nothing to me, but much more to them.

Can you suggest an appropriate, diplomatic, all-purpose response? — ANTI-SOCIAL BUTTERFLY


DEAR ANTI-SOCIAL: Try this: "Thank you very much, but I have other plans." While this may not be the gospel truth, neither is it a bald-faced lie; you could plan to wash your undies, read a book, watch your favorite TV show, or just get a good night's sleep.

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Valentine



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Bruce R. We Love You! Happy Valentine's Day! Cindi, Amber, Trina, Little Joshua	Johnny, I Love You with all my heart! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Elizabeth	D.B. You're My Valentine Forever Love, Elle Dram	Happy Valentine's Day Jeff Love, Wimpy, Chewy, & Sus	Larry V. "I'll always love you, for all that you are. You have made my life complete." I Love You! Debbie S.
Kenneth, As time goes by, I love you more & more each day. Happy Valentine's Day! Betty	Aaron, "Break A Leg" in Chicago! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Dad	Kerstin & Bobby & Tommy Ich Liebe Dich! Forever, Lacy & Tami	Grandpa Tule & Grandma Louisa Grandparents like you are #1 Happy Valentine's Day We Love You, Stacey, JR, Matthew	Debra, Hope you have a very special Valentine's Day! Love, Tom, Jay, Trey, Clay and the one on its way
L.S.H. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, "Cotton"	April, Always & Forever My Valentine. I Love You! Dale	To Oscar C. To My Valentine! I Love You! Flora C.	"Snookums" Happy Valentine's Day To the Flame in my life. Love, Darlin'	David B. "Surrender your heart to me 'cause I will love you forever." Stacey W.
Nancy, Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Rod	Bobbi, my precious wife, You're still my dream girl. Although we are apart, my love for you grows stronger every day. Your loving husband, Bob	Kate & Rachel Even though we're apart — I love you BOTH with all my heart! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Dad	Jimmy, You woke up deep feelings in me. Happy Valentine's Day! All Yours, Bonnie	Greg, The Valentine I send to you would tell you that my love is true. Your Wife.
To My Power Tong Valentine, May you continue to keep my engine burning. Love, Your Green-Eyed Redhead!	Misty, I Love You And Only You! Happy Valentine's Day! Always, Carlos	Cheryl Have A Happy Valentine's Day! I Love You! Jimmy	Nadine, "With that special loving feeling that you give to me" Happy Valentine's Day. Love You, Travis	Dionne, Love is never simple, but it's grand, indeed! Robert
Carmen & Andres Alcantar, From the 3 of us across the miles. Happy Valentine's We Love You — Darell, Sylvia, Josh				

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Coahoma Bulldogettes from left to right: Tiffani Ward, soph.; Paula Clanton, Sr.; LaTisha Anderson, fresh.; Amber Henderson, Sr.; Anne Damron, Sr.; Kelly Williams, Jr.; Paige Wilson, Sr.; Michelle Carlile, Jr.; Brandy Taylor, Jr.; Kriste Franke, Sr.; Kim Gee, Soph.; standing Coach Truman Meissner; not pictured Lori Rich, Jr. Record 22-7, Dist. Record 7-1.

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Sports Pet

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

As Howard College coach Steve Green led the Hawks to victory over Military Institute Monday night, it was an "ugly" win — but nonetheless.

Perhaps showing effects of a three-game losing streak, the Hawks' defense held the Broncos down to 10 points in Dorothy Garrison's 77-67 victory. Larry Pettigrew and Michael New Howard, now 18-11 and 9-5 in Western Athletic Conference play, were the only scorers. Padilla scored 26 and Green scored 18 for the Broncos.

Green said his team suffered from a slump in the game, but a rebound from leading scorer Lewis, who scored eight points.

"We depend so much on Lewis for scoring, slump," Green said. "He scored eight points, those were on free throws only two field goals. I'm not saying it's sometimes a team pattern," he said. "The pattern breaks down and do something else."

But for Monday night, Pettigrew and Green atoned for the lack of Lewis.

"Larry's really good," Green said. "He's a scorer and when you play things happen."

The Hawks trailed in the game, but a rebound from Lewis came into the contest and the Hawks won the game.

Howard jumped to a lead, thanks mostly to Lewis, who scored seven points in the first 10 minutes. The Broncos rallied behind Padilla to take a 21-17 lead in the eighth minute left in the game.

Two Padilla free throws in the final game at 27-27 won the game but the Hawks responded with their biggest run of the night.

Sports

Big Spring

Both Big Spring teams will play tonight.

The big game will be the Steers' playoff game at 7 p.m. in the gym.

If the Lady Steers win, they will advance to face District 10 champion Big Spring. If Big Spring wins, they will travel to San Angelo for the game.

If Sweetwater wins, they will travel to San Angelo for the game.

The Big Spring Steers will travel to San Angelo for the game at 6 p.m. for the game.

Coahoma

The Coahoma Bulldogs will face first-half action at 7:30 p.m. in Steers' gym.

The game was officiated by Travis Choate. The neutral court, he said, was officiated by Truman Meissner.

If Coahoma wins, they will travel to San Angelo for the state playoffs to face the Bulldogs.

Netters

WICHITA FALLS won the field and Saturday.

The boys' single netters' regional tournament is scheduled for Saturday in Rocky Tubb's gym.

Rocky Tubb won the final. He lost only one point in a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Falls Hirsch.

In the final, how netter to overcome Binky Tubb and other Steers won the event.

Big Spring finished but Odessa High's netters gave the Broncos a record.

Runnels

The Runnels Red team had a successful note.

The Red team's netters, led by Steve Robles, won the game.

Everybody saw the netters, who tallied and Dwayne Edmonson.

The Red team's netters, led by Steve Robles, won the game.

Waylon McGee contributed seven points and three assists for the Red team.

Pettigrew paces HC to win

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

As Howard College basketball coach Steve Green said, "The Hawks victory over New Mexico Military Institute Monday was an 'ugly' win — but it was a win, nonetheless."

Perhaps showing the after-effects of a three-game road trip, the Hawks depended on stingy defense down the stretch to preserve a 95-89 win over the Broncos in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Larry Pettigrew scored 25 points and Michael New 23 to pace Howard, now 18-11 for the season and 9-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. Keith Padilla scored 26 and Lee White 23 for the Broncos.

Green said his team's offense suffered from a sub-par performance from leading scorer Terrence Lewis, who was limited to eight points.

"We depend so much on Terrence for scoring, and he's in a slump," Green said. "He only scored eight points — and four of those were on free throws. He had only two field goals."

"I'm not saying it's his fault, but sometimes a team establishes a pattern," he said. "And when that pattern breaks down, you have to do something else."

But for Monday night's game, at least, Pettigrew and New compensated for the lack of scoring punch from Lewis.

"Larry's really shooting well," Green said. "He's playing hard, and when you play like that, good things happen."

The Hawks trailed only one time in the game, but were unable to shake the pesky Broncos, who came into the contest on a two-game winning streak.

Howard jumped to an early 15-8 lead, thanks mostly to New, who scored seven points in the first six minutes. The Broncos, however, rallied behind Padilla and Sammy Fatoki to take a 25-24 lead with eight minutes left in the first half.

Two Padilla free throws tied the game at 27-27 two minutes later, but the Hawks responded with their biggest run of the night, scoring 10

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Odessa	12-0
South Plains	12-1
Howard	9-5
Midland	8-5
NMJC	5-7
FPC	2-9
NMMI	3-9
WTC	3-10
Clarendon	3-10

Monday's games
Howard 95, NMMI 89; Odessa 77, Midland 74; South Plains 98, WTC 89, NMJC 101, Clarendon 87.

unanswered points en route to a 46-35 halftime lead.

NMMI began nibbling at the Hawks' lead early in the second half. White, who was held to two points in the first half, began connecting on short-and-medium range jumpers to keep the Broncos within striking distance.

White hit a jumper with 12:54 remaining to bring the Broncos within three, but Pettigrew, Carlos Thunn and Deon Robinson responded to give the Hawks a 69-60 lead a few moments later.

NMMI tried to battle back after that, but could get no closer than five thereafter, as Howard held on for the win.

Although displeased with the Hawks' offensive production, Green accentuated the positive after the game.

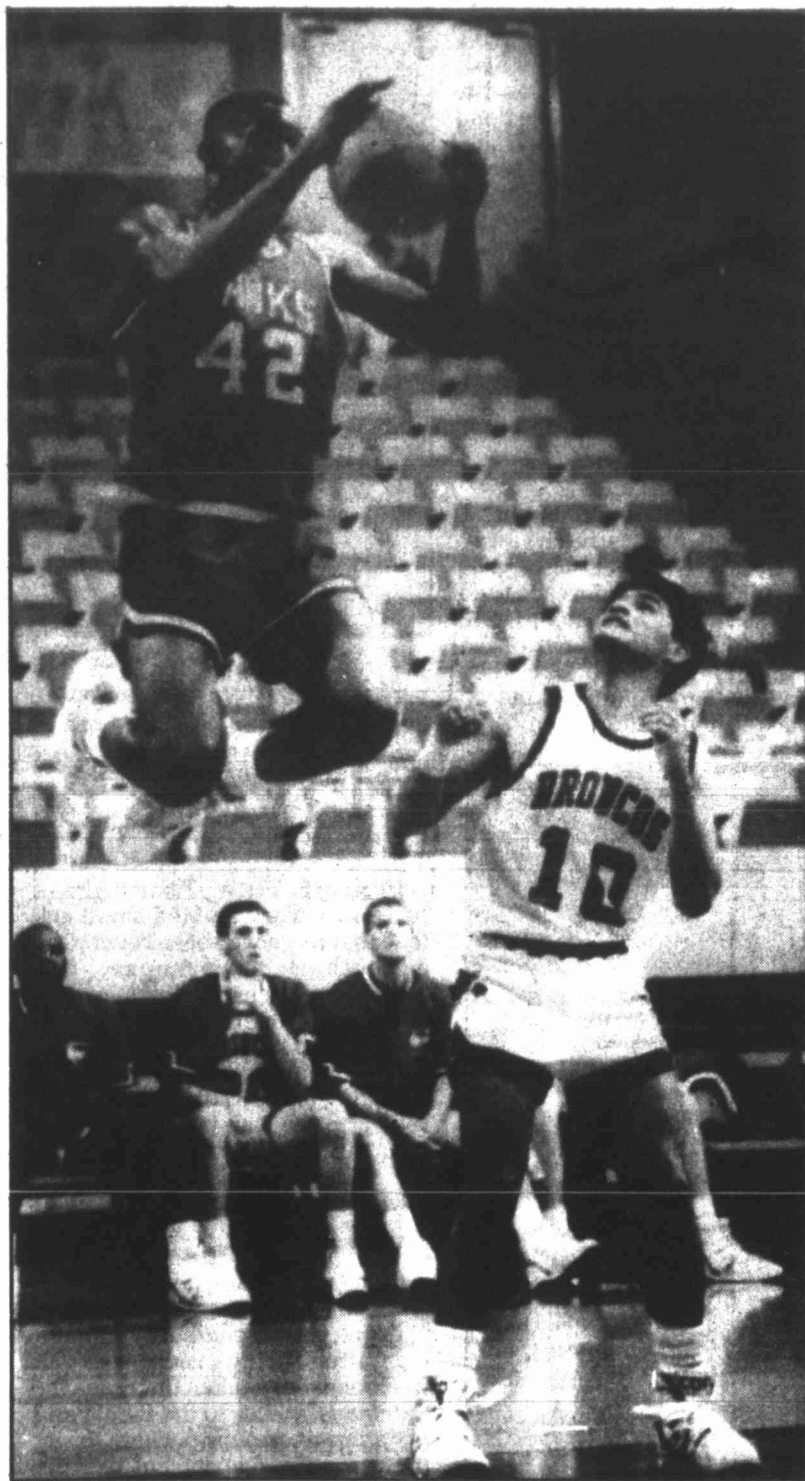
"We won three games in four days," Green said. "We fought to win; it was ugly basketball, but we were fortunate to win. . . . If we were playing like we normally do, we would have won by 20, but we're still playing good enough on defense to win."

The Hawks will return to action next Monday when they host Western Texas in their final home game of the season. Game time is 8 p.m.

NMMI (89) — Keith Padilla 7 8 26; Sammy Fatoki 8 3 19; Navarro Kahn 0 0 0; Rodney Stockton 0 0 0; Aaron Harris 4 2 10; Mudi Abukakar 1 0 2; Lee White 10 3 23; Bryant Tipton 2 2 6; Thomas Heath 2 1 5; Pete Simerly 0 0 0; totals 34 19 89.

HOWARD (95) — Keith Gillespie 3 2 8; Vincent McCants 2 0 5; Bryant Smith 0 2 2; Larry Pettigrew 9 6 25; Deon Robinson 2 3 7; Terrence Lewis 2 4 8; Michael New 5 13 23; Carlos Thunn 1 0 2; Willie McCaster 4 1 9; Charles Moore 3 0 6; totals 31 31 95.

Halftime score — HC 46, NMMI 35; 3-point goals — Padilla 2, McCants, Pettigrew; Total fouls — NMMI 19, HC 23; Fouled out — Abukakar, Tipton, Moore; Technical fouls — NMMI bench 2, McCaster.



Howard College's Michael New (42) grabs a rebound while New Mexico Military Institute's Keith Padilla watches during first-half Western Junior College Athletic Conference action Monday night in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Tradition is on 'Dogettes' side

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
For the Herald

COAHOMA — Tradition will be on the side of the Coahoma Bulldogettes when they go head to head against District 7-AAA rival Greenwood Rangerettes Tuesday night.

The Bulldogettes will play at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Steer Gym for the district crown.

The Bulldogettes have produced a quarter-century of winning seasons in a 30-year glance into Coahoma hoopsster history.

Jean Wynn directed the Bulldogettes to two consecutive second place finishes behind one-time powerhouse, the Roby Lady Lions.

The Bulldogettes in the spotlight that year included Francis Earnest along with Joan Davis, Glenda Haney directed the Bulldogette pride on the hardwood.

Coach Grady Tindol took over the helm in the 1961 Bulldogette quest for a district title.

Not disappointing the Coahoma community, he began the Big Red Machine rolling, compiling a 25-7 overall record and a 6-0 tally in district action.

Tindol's crew lost a bi-district bid to Sundown. Ginger Richters, Barbara Ritter, Glenda Haney and Johnnie Lou Nichols were all-district candidates for the team.

For the next two years, the Coahoma squad again took the district crowns, only to lose to Sundown in bi-district action.

Sandie Clanton, Shirlene Richters, and Darlene Mason played for the 1962-64 Bulldogettes along with Kay Porter,

Carolyn Wilson and Bessie West. They all contributed to back-to-back district titles in the '62 and '63 seasons.

Clanton put her name in the Coahoma basketball history books with a 48-point performance against district rival Jim Ned in the '64 season. Coahoma went on to defeat the visitors 53-48, with Clanton scoring as much as the entire Jim Ned team. "I just shot the ball and it just kept going in," said (Clanton) Fryar modestly.

"When we played basketball, that's all we wanted to do was play basketball, also the desire to play ball and win. Competition was also another reason because back then, Forsan and Sands always had good teams, and we always wanted to beat them."

Unable to capture the district title until the '67 season, the Bulldogettes made up for the three-year absence from the championships by dominating the girls district race.

Donna Duke, Terry Edens, Karen Gross, and Gina Williams were the backbone to the Coahoma team in that year.

The next year, Coach Bernie Hagins took over as the girls' head coach, inheriting tremendous talent with four all-district players in Alice Denning, Linda Richters, Linda Pherigo, and Sandra Gross.

The 1968 squad went on to capture its second district crown in as many years. Watching young talent coming up in the classifications, Coach Hagins began to build on the girls basketball dynasty. The 1969 and '70 teams flourished as a district contender under Hagins with two district titles and two bi-district trophies.

Slaton stopped the big red roll in both regional tournament appearances.

"We had to wait 'till the football season," said Clanton.

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Sports Briefs

Big Spring teams in action

Both Big Spring High School basketball teams will be in action tonight.

The big game will be at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, when the Lady Steers tangle with the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs in a District 4-4A playoff game at 7:30 p.m.

If the Lady Steers win, they will capture the district crown and advance to face District 1-4A runner-up Dumas Saturday night in Abertown. If Big Spring loses, it will face District 1-4A champion Levelland — the state's top-ranked team — Friday night in Lamesa.

If Sweetwater loses, it will face Levelland Friday night in Garrett Coliseum.

The Big Spring Steers, currently tied for first place in District 4-4A, will travel to San Angelo to take on the Lake View Chiefs. Game time is 6 p.m. for the junior varsity and 7:30 p.m. for the varsity.

Coahoma girls in playoff action

The Coahoma Bulldogettes, second-half champions of District 7-3A, will face first-half champs Greenwood in a district playoff game at 7:30 p.m. in Steer Gym.

The game was originally scheduled for Greenwood, but district by-laws stipulate that any league playoff games must be played on a neutral court, hence the change, according to Coahoma coach Truman Meissner.

If Coahoma — 21-7 for the season — wins, they will advance in the state playoffs to face Llano Friday night in San Angelo. If the Bulldogettes lose, they will face Sonora Friday night, also in San Angelo.

Netters place third in tourney

WICHITA FALLS — The Big Spring High School tennis team placed third in a field of eight schools at a tennis tournament here Friday and Saturday.

The boys singles draw was especially competitive, with six of 10 likely regional tournament qualifiers present at the tournament, according to information released by BSHS tennis coach Dave Hay.

Rocky Tubb won three matches Friday to earn a spot in the boys final. He lost only five games en route to the final, four of those coming in a 6-2, 6-2 semi-final win against Stephen Mercer of Wichita Falls Hirsch.

In the final, however, Tubb ran into a buzzsaw in state-ranked Sean Cobb of Crowley. Cobb's net game was too much for the Big Spring netter to overcome, and Tubb fell, 6-0, 6-1 Saturday.

Binky Tubb and Troy Simonex took third place in doubles and eight other Steers won a pair of matches to give the team 70 points in the event.

Big Spring finished with the highest point total in the boys' draw, but Odessa High's girls scored 59 of a possible 70 points in their draw to give the Broncos the overall title.

Runnels hoop teams sweep final

The Runnels Red and White basketball teams ended their season on a successful note, sweeping Sweetwater in a pair of games Monday in Runnels Gym.

The Red team dominated Sweetwater en route to a 43-21 victory. Sonny Olivio scored 17 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and had four assists and seven steals for the Yearlings.

Everybody scored for Runnels in the contest, including Jessie Leos, who tallied nine points. Oscar Valencia dished out three assists and Dwaine Edmonds grabbed 14 rebounds in the game.

The Red team finished its season with a record of 7-6. Steven Robles scored 22 points and had five assists and 13 rebounds to lead the Runnels White team to a season-ending 50-40 victory over Sweetwater.

Waylon McGee had 17 points and 17 rebounds, while Tim Pearson contributed seven points and 11 rebounds. Pat Martinez dished out three assists for Yearlings, who ended their season with an 11-5 record.

Landry replaces Stautner, Hackett

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas — Tom Landry says he might be around a long time as head coach if the dramatic changes he has made in his Dallas Cowboys' coaching staff pay off.

Landry, stung by a 3-13 season and a last-place finish in the NFL in 1988, replaced defensive coordinator Ernie Stautner and pass coordinator Paul Hackett on Monday.

He gave Stautner the axe to go to a three-man front and pushed Hackett aside because of a difference in offensive philosophy. Then Landry said he might be in Dallas beyond next year if the

owners, whoever they may be, want him around.

"I said all along I would step down when I felt it was time or management felt it was time," Landry said. "That's their (management) decision, too."

"But I don't intend to stop as long as I can make the job what I want it to be. Who knows what might happen next year or the year after that."

Landry hired George Hill as defensive coordinator and Jerry Rhome, a former Cowboys quarterback, as quarterbacks coach.

"I'm going to be much more involved with the quarterbacks," Landry said.

Stautner, the Cowboys' defensive coordinator for 20 seasons, was reassigned to work on special projects and will retire after the 1989 season, Landry said.

Rhome, who was offensive coordinator for San Diego last season, replaces Paul Hackett.

"I'll try to find Paul a job with another club with what he does best, coordinating an offense," Landry said.

Hackett, who joined Dallas in 1986 from San Francisco, is currently working on special projects.

Hill, who was fired after the 1988 season by the Indianapolis Colts, was defensive coordinator under Ron Meyer for four seasons.

Stautner joined the Cowboys in

1966 as defensive line coach following two seasons as a player-coach.

"I can't say too much for the contribution that Ernie made with the Cowboys," Landry said. "We had some great seasons and some great Super Bowls. He called every defensive play. Sometime you have to make changes."

Stautner took the news well. "I can understand that Tom had to change up the defense," Stautner said. "I'm looking forward to helping out in any way I can. I still think I did a good job considering the limitations in manpower."

Landry admitted he had

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Smith, Hoyas down Syracuse Monday

By DAVID GINSBURG
AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Md. — Georgetown guard Charles Smith makes his share of baskets, but it's his defense that earns him points in the eyes of Coach John Thompson.

Smith stymied Syracuse playmaker Sherman Douglas in the second half Monday night, holding him without an assist to help No. 4 Georgetown tighten its hold on first place in the Big East with a 61-54 victory over the sixth-ranked Orangemen.

Douglas, the Big East career assist leader, finished with almost as many turnovers (five) as he did assists (six) and missed 10 of 15 shots from the floor before fouling out.

"I thought the key was that Smitty did a great job on Douglas," Thompson said. "Smitty got his scholarship on defense — he knows how he got here."

In the only other college basketball games involving Associated Press Top Twenty teams, Darryl Prue scored 21 points as No. 14 West Virginia defeated St. Bonaventure 80-72, extending the nation's longest winning streak to 19 games — including 13-0 in the Atlantic 10 Conference, and Roy Marble scored 18 of his 24 points in the first half and B.J. Armstrong added 20 to pace No. 15 Iowa over No. 16 Ohio State 83-75.

Led by Douglas' six assists and 16 points by Derrick Coleman, Syracuse held a 30-28 halftime lead over Georgetown. But Smith took over in the second half, scoring five of his 16 points in a 13-3 burst after the intermission that gave the Hoyas a 41-33 lead.

Syracuse, which had a seven-game winning streak snapped,

never got closer than four points after that and scored only 24 points in the second half in its lowest-scoring outing of the season.

"Sherman does so much for them," Thompson said. "He gets the offense moving, he throws alley-oops, he gets them in transition."

Normally, yes. But Smith put a stop to all that.

"We didn't get very many fastbreak opportunities," Syracuse coach Jim Boheim acknowledged. "Smith had something to do with that."

Said Smith: "Defense is the key to our victories. You can come to the game without a jump shot, but you can't show up without defense."

The victory enabled the Hoyas, 19-3 overall and 9-2 in the conference, to move two games in front of second-place Seton Hall. Syracuse is 21-5 and 7-5.

Perhaps as important as Smith's defense on Douglas was the job the Hoyas did on Coleman, who had only six second-half points, finishing with 22.

"We were switching up on him," said John Turner, who joined freshman Alonzo Mourning in guarding the Syracuse center.

"They didn't do anything different in the second half, but we didn't get him the ball enough and he missed some easy shots," said Syracuse forward Billy Owens, who missed a few himself (1-of-9).

Smith's offense was vital in helping Georgetown take the lead in the second half. His 3-point shot highlighted the pivotal spree in which Georgetown grabbed an eight-point lead with 13:36 remaining.

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Western Kentucky's Terry Birdsong, right, loses control of the ball as he runs into UNC Charlotte's Jeff West during the first half of their Sun Belt Conference game Monday.

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NBA today

By The Associated Press
Tuesday, Feb. 14
SCOREBOARD

Detroit at L.A. Lakers (10:30 p.m. EST): Last year's conference champions meet for the second and final time this season. In the first meeting, a nationally televised prime-time game Nov. 26 in Auburn Hills, the Pistons got 20 points from Joe Dumars and key offensive rebounds down the stretch from Dennis Rodman to post a 102-99 victory.

SURVEY SAYS ...

Michael Jordan, who was the league's MVP and Defensive Player of the Year last season, is also the league's best dressed player, according to a survey conducted by the Houston Post. The newspaper sent questionnaires to all 300 players and got 125 responses.

The survey also cited Golden State's Don Nelson as the head coach best at intimidating officials, Earl Strom as best official, Los Angeles as the best city to visit and All My Children as the players' favorite television show.

Through the All-Star break, nine players have played in all of their team's games without starting any of them. They are: Atlanta guard John Battle, Boston forward Mark Acres, Charlotte center Tim Kemp-ton, guard Derrick Chievous and center Tim McCormick of Houston, New York forward Sidney Green, Seattle forward Xavier McDaniel, Utah guard Jim Les and Washington guard Ledell Eckles.

SIGNINGS

The Philadelphia 76ers signed former Sacramento guard Derek Smith Monday. Smith had complained about a lack of playing time and was suspended and subsequently waived by the Kings last week. The seven-year veteran was averaging just 9.8 points per game this season, but has a career 15.0 average with a high of 22.1 in 1984-85 with the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Kings bought out Smith's contract at \$2.3 million over the next seven years. He will be paid the league minimum by the 76ers, who placed guard David Wingate on the injured list to make room for him.

Portland forward Kiki Vandeweghe visited a doctor in Los Angeles Monday before flying to New York to undergo a physical. Vandeweghe has been the discussion of trade rumors all season long between the Knicks and Trail Blazers. Last week, Portland's other high-scoring forward, Jerome Kersey, revealed to the media that he had gone to Portland management requesting a trade, possibly to New Jersey for power forward Buck Williams. The trade deadline is Feb. 23.

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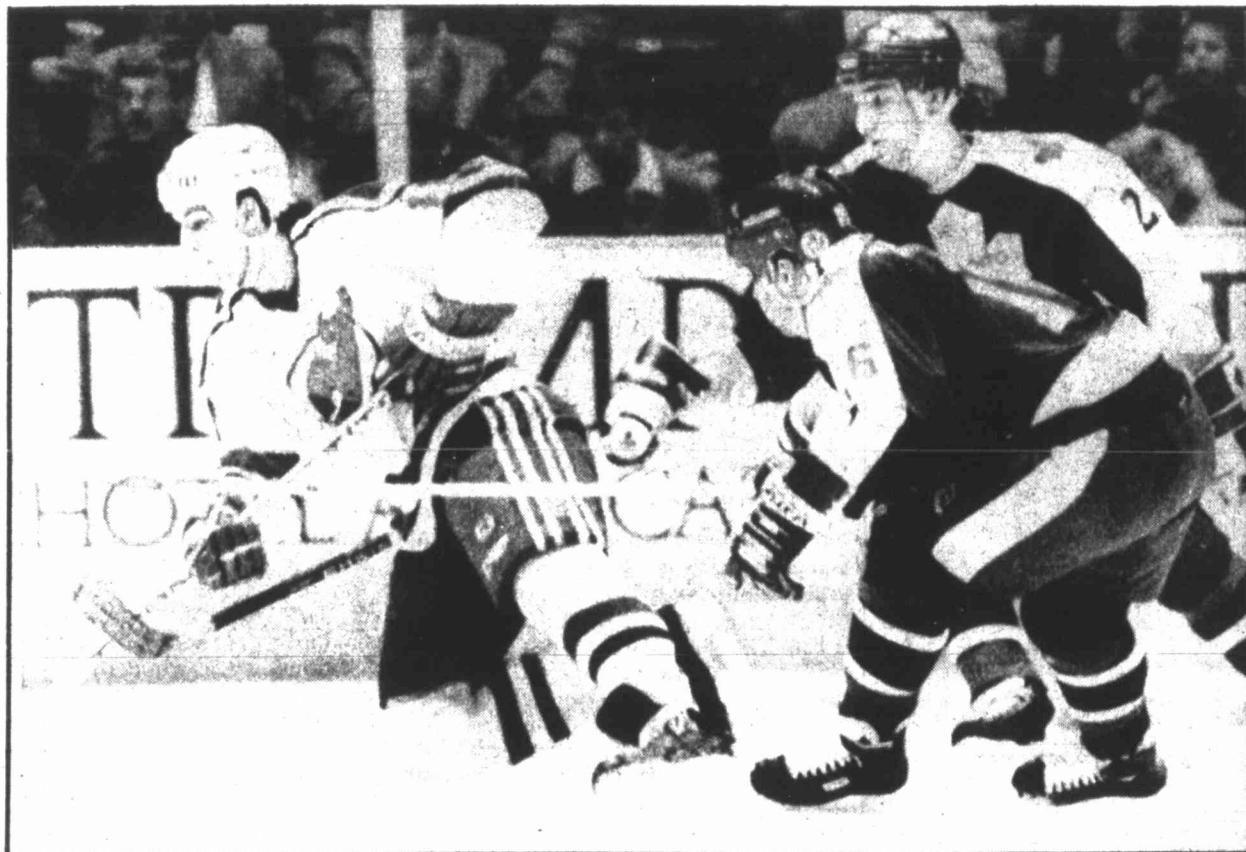
Cleveland center Wayne "Tree" Rollins, whom the Cavaliers signed to a two-year, \$1.6 million free agent contract before the season, has 51 points, 54 rebounds and 18 DNPs.

SCHEDULES

The Boston Celtics begin a 15-day, nine-game stretch away from Boston Garden Tuesday. A six-game Western Conference road trip takes them to Houston, Utah, Phoenix, the Lakers, Seattle and Sacramento. On Feb. 24 they return East for a "home" game vs. Milwaukee in Hartford, Conn.

STARTS

SPECULATION



Associated Press photo

Chased down

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New Jersey Devils' Brendan Shanahan, left, is chased down by Toronto Maple Leafs' Ed Olczyk and Luke

Richardson (2) during first period NHL action Tuesday at the Meadowlands Arena.

Coahoma

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team would finish playing because back then, the guys used to win a lot in football. So we had to wait until the coaches finished football practice and they, Coach Easterling and Coach Hagins would get rough with us under the boards. That helped us against other physical teams," said 1971 senior standout Twylia (Wall) Roberts.

Since football was the major sport in West Texas, Coach Hagins left for another job, leaving the Bulldogettes without a coach.

Coach Leatrice West took over the successful program. After three years with the girls program, Coach West continued the winning tradition. The Bulldogettes were led by Cathy Evans, Pam Patterson, Phylis Wynn, Theresa Beal, Connie Howell and Twylia Wall.

They were quickly turned into winners with an undefeated district mark and a bi-district victory against Cantillo. The Coahoma girls went on to play Spearman in the Regional tournament and lost.

West won the district title all three years as head coach, pushing Coahoma's string to seven consecutive district victories.

Sonny Barnes came to Coahoma in 1974. From there, the Coahoma girls — led by Dale Mitchell, Theresa Beal, Jennie Kohanek, Sherry Griffen and Becky Snell — displayed an unblemished record in district action.

Battering the Alpine Lady Bucks in bi-district play, Coahoma once again met the Slaton Tigerettes in the opening round of the Regional tournament. Slaton went on to beat the Bulldogettes by one point, en route to winning the state championship.

"That was the year we thought we could beat Slaton and go to the state playoffs," said Theresa (Beal) Sterling, a '74 graduate.

The following year brought another 12-0 district mark, but this time Slaton met the Bulldogettes in bi-district action. Again, the Tigerettes advanced towards the state playoffs and sent Coahoma packing.

In the '76 season under Barnes, the Bulldogettes won the district race, increasing the streak of consecutive district championships

to 10. Barnes went on to direct Coahoma to a second-place finish in 1977, and completed his career the following year, leaving the reigns to new Coach Billy Gordon.

Sporting a 19-7 season record in the 1979 season — the first year of 5-woman basketball — the Bulldogettes showed promise of returning to their winning ways.

The Bulldogettes finished in second place in the '80 campaign. With a 24-7 record, they added excitement to the 1981 district title race.

Clinching the district title, the Bulldogettes — led by Andrea Fowler, Brenda Rinard and Gayla Paige — downed Alpine in bi-district.

Then, they beat Dimmitt before falling in the second round of the regional tournament to Abernathy.

The last year that the Bulldogettes won the district title was in the final year of Gordon's Coahoma career. The Bulldogettes downed Cantillo in bi-district, but fell prey to the Comanche team who eventually went on to capture the state title.

Coahoma managed to secure a district runner-up playoff spot in 1983 against Ballinger. They were narrowly defeated to end the season in third place.

Coach Bill Dennis kept the tradition alive the next year by going to the playoffs as the runner-up in district, and brought home a bi-district trophy. Slaton outlasted Coahoma in the second round of the regional tournament.

Truman Meissner began his Coahoma career in 1986. He directed the Bulldogettes to a second-place finish, ending the season with a 25-6 tally.

The last two seasons for the Bulldogettes have also been productive. They twice finished as runner-up, and advanced in the playoffs before bowing to Comanche both seasons.

Coahoma earned the right to play Greenwood this season after splitting the first and second half of district action. Seniors Anne Damron, Paula Clanton, Paige Wilson, Kriste Franke and Amber Henderson have led the Bulldogettes this season.

The new talent on the squad includes Kim Gee, Tiffani Ward, LaTisha Anderson, Kelly Williams, Brandy Taylor, Michelle Carlile and Lori Rich.

Sooner quarterback arrested on drug charge

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma, plagued by a series of unrelated incidents since being slapped with a three-year probation, was jolted Monday night when FBI agents arrested starting quarterback Charles Thompson on a federal complaint of selling cocaine to an undercover agent.

Thompson, whom Coach Barry Switzer had suspended earlier in the day, was scheduled to appear before U.S. Magistrate Robin Cauthron today. The hearing was set for 11 a.m. CST. U.S. Attorney Bill Price said Thompson faces up to 20 years in prison and \$1 million in fines if he is convicted.

Price said Thompson's arrest culminated a six-month investigation. Thompson allegedly sold 17 grams of cocaine to an FBI agent for \$1,400 on Jan. 26.

Price wouldn't say if any other people were involved in the investigation. But Norman Police Lt. Leonard Judy said more arrests are expected later this week.

"From what I understand, Charles Thompson is the only person involved as far as the state title.

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philosophical differences with Hackett.

"I think we're still friends," Landry said.

Landry said he is trying to build the Cowboys back into the power they were in the 1970s.

"My objective is to go out with the Cowboys headed into the right direction," Landry said. "I want to

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Syracuse, which made only two baskets in the opening nine minutes of the second half, both by Stephen Thompson, cut the lead to 53-49 with 3:08 left. But Smith's 17-foot jumper made it 55-49 and moments later his breakaway basket gave the Hoyas a secure 58-50 advantage with 1:21 left.

Georgetown used runs of 7-0 and 6-0 to go in front 24-14 with 8:28 left in the first half. Coleman then hit a short jumper to ignite a 16-4 spree that gave Syracuse its two-point halftime lead.

Smith's jumper from the foul line opened the second half, and a minute later Mourning connected



Associated Press photo

PRAIRIE VIEW — Richard Haynes and team captain Herman Moore, both offensive linemen for Prairie View A&M, say the football team will not play for their coach, Haney Catchings.

Players on strike against coach

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (AP) — At Prairie View A&M, a small college that has never been revered as a football powerhouse, two 300-pound offensive linemen are blocking for their teammates in an off-the-field struggle.

The linemen, representing all but a handful of the 55 players who will return to the Panthers' team next year, are leading a strike against the school's head football coach, saying academics ranks well behind athletics in Haney Catchings' program.

Richard Haynes and two-year team captain Herman Moore, both with one year of eligibility remaining after being redshirted as freshmen, have taken their plea for Catchings' ouster to the media and to alumni groups. They insist they're serious about not practicing or playing football until Catchings is dismissed.

"My motto is, 'God doesn't like ugly,'" Moore said, "and what this man has done to this program and the players is ugly."

The players claim their coach has withheld textbooks, suspended study hall and conducted six-hour practices that leave no time for stu-

dyng. They also say Catchings has run drills that have caused injuries to players.

"It's not true," Catchings, in his second year, said Monday. "That's all I have to say."

Armed with press releases listing their complaints against Catchings, the two players spent the day scheduling meetings with administrators and telling anyone who would listen that they want a coach they can respect.

"The chief complaint is academics," said Moore, a business marketing major with a 2.8 grade-point average. "He doesn't care about his players' academics."

Forty-two members of the team attend study table, a study session that's mandatory for freshmen team members and upperclassmen whose average is below 2.0.

"There's never been that many people on study table before," said Moore, "especially upperclassmen."

Although the predominantly black, 5,600-student school has never had a strong football tradition, players said the team would be better under someone they could respect.

Switzer said he would "say nothing more at this time about the matter" when he suspended Thompson Monday afternoon.

"I just said I'm not gonna discuss it anymore," Switzer said later Monday evening. "I've made my decision, and that's it."

Athletic Director Donnie Duncan and Interim President David Swank could not be reached for comment. John Underwood, assistant athletic director, said he learned about Thompson's arrest when he returned home about 10 p.m. CST and turned on the news.

"I'm shocked, just like everyone else," Underwood said. "Barry had made a statement this afternoon (about the suspension), but I'm not always privy to a lot of that information."

"I'm just shocked and saddened," Underwood said, referring further questions to Switzer or Duncan.

Mike Treps, the Oklahoma sports information director, said today "right now, I guess that's all in the hands of the authorities and there is no more statement we could make."

liked. The Panthers went 5-5 in 1988 after a 3-7-1 mark in 1987, the year Catchings took over for fired Coach Conway Hayman.

"I've seen the light go out of players' eyes," Moore said. Moore and Haynes have taken on responsibility for directing the team. They're urging teammates to run and lift weights to prepare for spring practice, which begins next month.

But the players said they won't be practicing for Catchings. "The practices will be under the direction of the team captains," said Haynes, a criminal justice major with a 3.2 average.

"The coach imposed a 11 o'clock curfew, and he'd punish players from missing curfew because they were studying," Haynes said. "They told us to go to the library on our own time, but there wasn't any time. From 4:30 to 9:30 was their time. They emphasized that."

Jackson, who said he was not aware of all the players' concerns and could not comment on them specifically, said he believes the dispute can be resolved without Catchings' departure.

"Switzer said he was suspended and I thought that was quite a bit. What more should he say?" Treps said.

"It is extremely agitating for us to find out something like this happened," Treps said. "We are all dismayed and shocked that something like this would occur. But it doesn't change our resolve to make things like they are supposed to be."

The Sooners' woes started in Orlando, Fla., when some players allegedly trashed a hotel room where they were staying during the week leading up to the Citrus Bowl against Clemson.

On Jan. 13, starting cornerback Jerry Parks allegedly wounded teammate Zarak Peters following an argument in the athletic dorm. Parks was suspended from the team and charged with shooting with intent to injure. He is at home in Fort Bend, Texas, awaiting his preliminary hearing.

Last Friday, Nigel Clay, Bernard Hall and Glen Bell were charged with first-degree rape in a Jan. 21 incident, also in the athletic dorm.

Asked if his famed four-man-line "flex" defense was dead, Landry said: "You might say it's nicked up some. I don't see the 'flex' as the main part of our defense next year."

Landry likes Hill because his defenses bend but don't break. His 1987 Indianapolis team allowed a league-low 238 points.

"His defenses don't give up the

big play, and that's what has been killing us," Landry said. "He plays a lot of zone. The defense will be his while I concentrate on the offense."

"I'll go to UCLA to look at him personally," Landry said. "If we do decide to take him, we'd like to get him in Dallas by April. But it would be a miracle if we signed him early."

With West Virginia ahead 40-35 at halftime, Prue scored six of the Mountaineers' first 10 second-half points in a 10-4 burst. It was 56-43 when the Bonnies rallied with 10 consecutive points.

East. They were calling us overachievers, which we're not. I guess we have to prove to everybody we deserve to be up there."

Prue said the Mountaineers "still have things to prove. They say we haven't played against anybody, but we beat Pittsburgh and they've beaten some good teams in the Big

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BASEBALL American League DETROIT TIGERS-Agreed to terms with Pat Sheridan, outfielder, on a one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS-Named Fred Biletnikoff wide receivers coach.

MIAMI DOLPHINS-Signed Steve Gage, safety. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS-Named Ted Tollner quarterbacks coach and Joe Madson special teams coach.

HOCKEY

NEW JERSEY DEVILS-Recalled Chris Tetter, goaltender, from Utica of the American Hockey League.

GENERAL

ARKANSAS-Named Jack Crowe offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. COLUMBIA-Recalled Tom Gilmore, defensive line coach.

AP top 20

- How The Associated Press' Top Twenty college basketball teams fared Monday: 1. Oklahoma (21-3) did not play.

College scores

Table with columns: EAST, Albany Pharmacy 76, Berkshire C.C. 63, Albany, N.Y. 86, Cortland St. 72, American U. 83, Gettysburg 54, Bloomsburg 94, Cheyney 73, Bridgewater, Mass. 92, Nazarene 68, Buffalo St. 110, Penn St.-Behrend 63, California, Pa. 88, Slippery Rock 81, Castleton St. 99, Lyndon St. 69, Edinboro 71, Clarion 65, FDU-Madison 84, Drew 70, Georgetown 61, Syracuse 54, Hofstra 78, Davidson 71, Husson 100, Thomas Coll. 61, Kings Point 78, Catholic U. 70, LA Salle 101, Holy Cross 82, Maine-Augusta 66, Unity, Maine 65, Mass.-Boston 87, SE Massachusetts 85, Massachusetts 72, St. Joseph's 69, Mercy, N.Y. 83, Dist. of Columbia 71, Monmouth, N.J. 82, Cent. Connecticut St. 82, Mount St. Vincent 78, Salve Regina 70, N. Adams St. 114, Worcester St. 69, Northeastern 100, Colgate 92, Pace 75, Southampton 71, Penn St. 83, Rutgers 65, Phila. Textile 105, Eastern 80, S. Maine 84, Plymouth St. 67, Salem, W. Va. 92, Wheeling Jesuit 91, Shippensburg 76, Indiana, Pa. 66, St. Francis, NY 82, Mariet 77, St. Francis, Pa. 96, Loyola, Md. 75, Staten Island 81, Wagner 73, Stockton St. 89, Lincoln, Pa. 70, Suffolk 108, Clark U. 104, OT, Susquehanna 73, Frostburg St. 71, W. Virginia St. 90, Shepherd 79, West Chester 80, Kutztown 57, West Virginia 80, St. Bonaventure 72, Wilkes 72, Delaware Val. 60.

PGA leaders

Table with columns: MONEY WINNERS ON THE PGA TOUR following the Hawaiian Open, which ended Feb. 12. The top 30 share in the \$1 million Nabisco Grand Prix individual purse.

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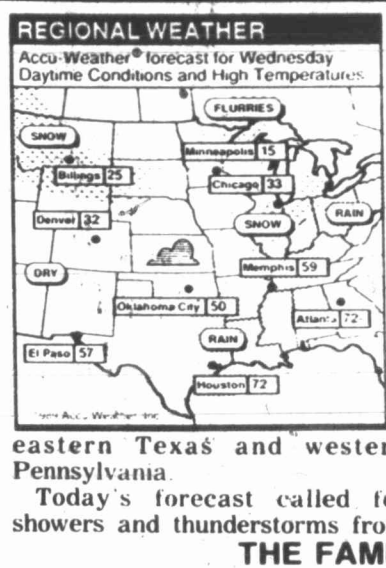
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Weather

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Showers and thunderstorms drenched sections of the South and Midwest today, causing major floods and forcing people from their homes, as snow or freezing rain fell in the West and Northeast. The heaviest of the storms that began Monday along the lower Ohio and middle Mississippi valleys was in Kentucky, where up to 7 inches of rain fell. Louisville got 2.13 inches of rain, breaking the record for the date of 2.12 inches set in 1874. In Texarkana, Ark., high water in low-lying areas trapped several people in their homes Monday night and washed a car off a road. Showers and thunderstorms also fell today in western Tennessee,



eastern Texas to the lower Mississippi Valley, southern Missouri, the Ohio Valley, the central Appalachians and the middle and northern Atlantic Coast; and snow in northern Maine, the northern and central Rockies and the western sections of the northern and central Plains. Highs were expected to be in the teens from western Montana and Wyoming to North Dakota and northern Minnesota; the 20s and 30s from the central Rockies to the central Plains, South Dakota, southern Minnesota, the middle Mississippi Valley, and the upper Great Lakes; the 60s in extreme Southern California and southwest Arizona.

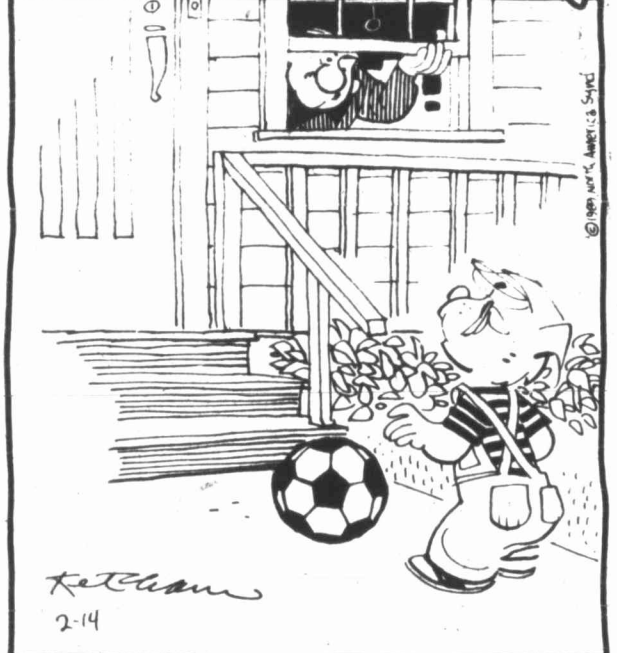
Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

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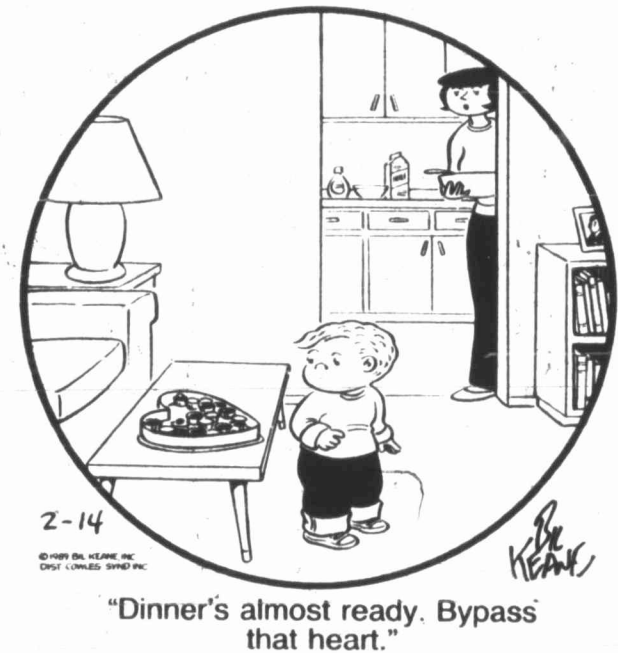
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: suffragist Susan B. Anthony, slugger Ron Cey, singer Melissa Manchester, actor Cesar Romero, actress Jane Seymour.
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Go ahead and be adventurous! You have everything to gain and very little to lose. Express your happiness on receiving a small gift. Movement and change will be good for your finances.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A risky gamble is not for you today. New financial gains are possible, but only if you control expenses better. Communication and transportation delays could affect a romantic relationship. Be patient.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen, but do not repeat what you hear. Your close attention to detail

may upset some co-workers but it will please higher-ups. Catch up on correspondence and phone calls. Call home.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do not let your guard down today. Jealous competitors resent your success. Close personal relationships enjoy unusually satisfying aspects. You want to share your good fortune with parents, siblings.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your awareness of a problem is the first step toward solving it. Rein in your ego if you want to be a serious candidate for a leadership post. Develop more tolerance for others' foibles.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let others exercise in their way; you stay behind and do what is right for your health. Moderation in all things works best. Do not sully your own reputation by spreading gossip. Be discreet.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Treat a workplace dilemma seriously. Deal with everyone involved on an individual basis or it will be impossible to sort things out. You could be given an interesting "toy." Use your talents wisely.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Any favors you do today will be

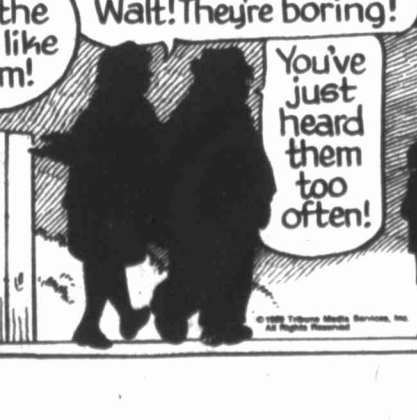
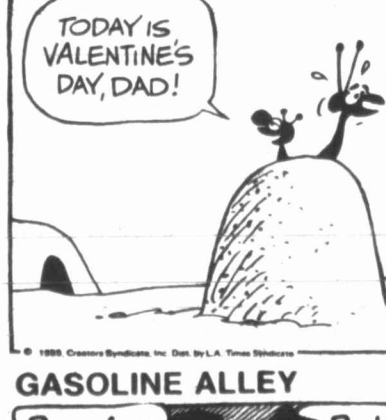
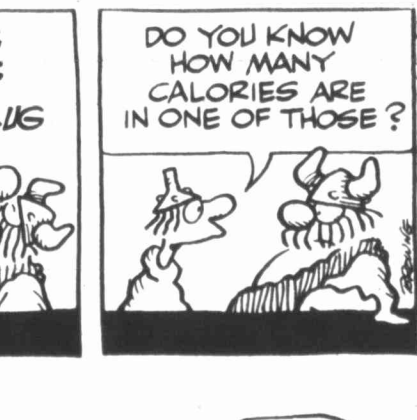
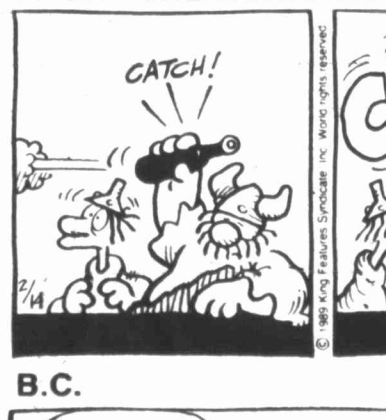
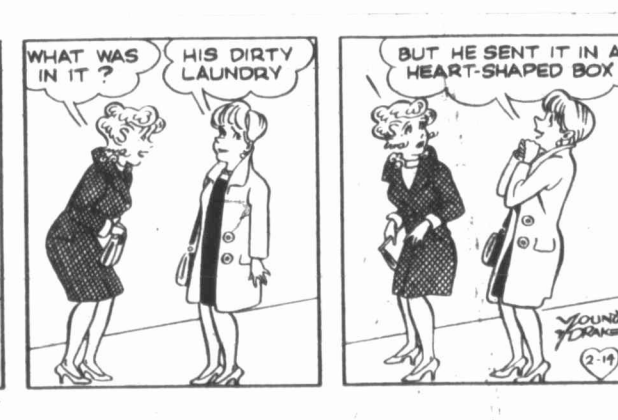
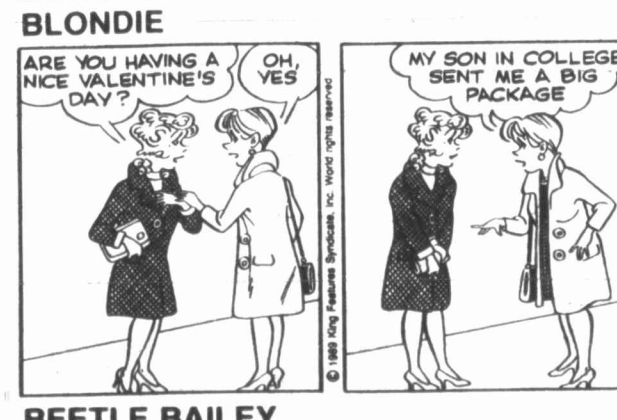
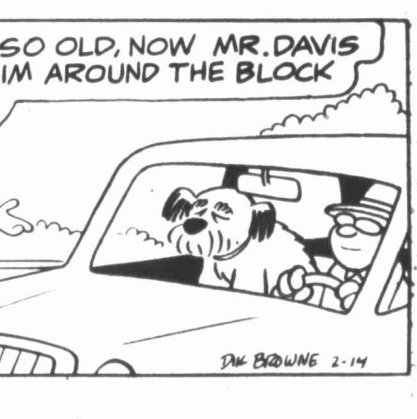
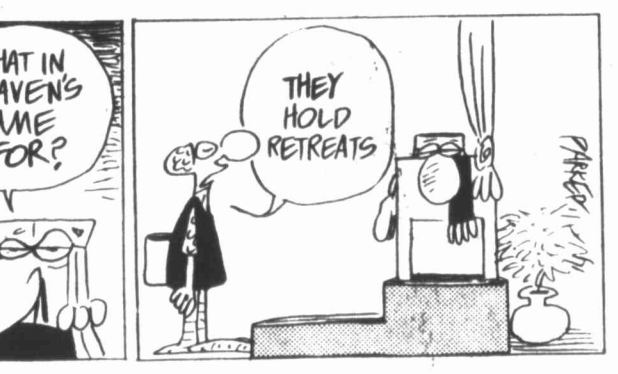
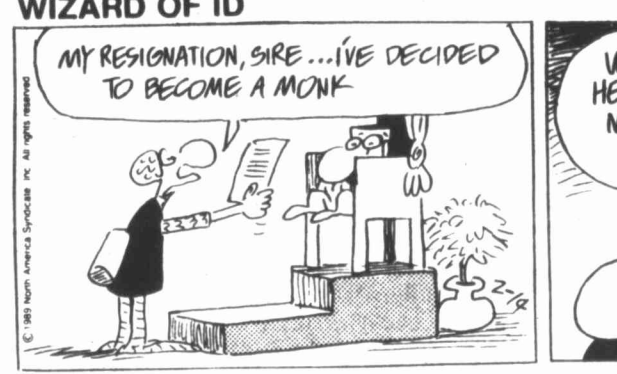
repaid tenfold. Challenge and excitement make a relationship stimulating. Try to get more fresh air. You decide to go where you want to, when you want to.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your troubles seem to be behind you. A friendship is tested when you encounter the unexpected. Prepare for change by getting your act together. Keep track of your possessions. Avoid lending expensive items.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Practical endeavors will take up most of your time today. You get a surprising emotional response from a child. Cash flow is much improved. Nothing can hold you back! Save time for relaxation.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A wealthy, powerful person could upset your plans. A search for pleasure is delayed. Play a waiting game. Money remains tight. Postpone a luxury purchase. Better times lie just ahead!
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Plan a spring vacation while you can still get the fair fare you want. Do whatever is necessary to keep your health good. You can get your ideas approved now if you are very diplomatic.



"Hi, Mr. Wilson! Open your front goal!"



"Dinner's almost ready. Bypass that heart."



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Environment



CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Dr. Samuel Gruber, one of the world's top shark researchers is re-defining how biologists view the fearsome ocean-going killing machines, and along the way is providing clues to treating AIDS and cancer.

Sharks aid in cancer research

By RICHARD COLE
Associated Press Writer

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Samuel Gruber wants to change the perception of sharks as prehistoric, and says the ocean-going killing machines have a complex immune system that could become an "antibody factory" for humans.

Gruber, a University of Miami biological oceanographer, has been intrigued with sharks since an underwater encounter with a hammerhead in 1958.

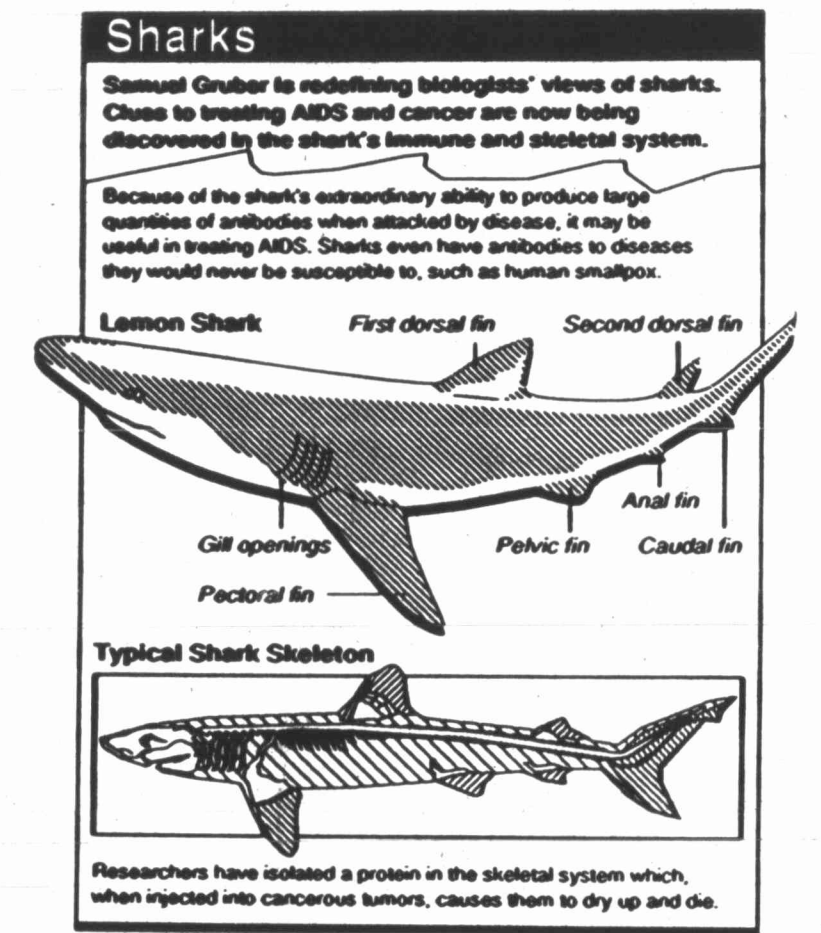
"After 30 years of studying them, the most astonishing thing I've found about sharks is that they are so sophisticated. They have so many systems that are in higher animals, that if you didn't know better, you'd think that — like the whales — they evolved on land and went back to the sea."

Gruber studies the lemon shark, unique because it can survive while motionless in the water, making observation easier. Among the oddities he has observed are its eyes — which differ among various sharks — its reproductive system and its "highly generalized but extremely powerful" immune system.

Sharks' eyes are unusual because some can close like a human's and others are covered by a transparent nictitating membrane, Gruber said. "That's just totally unheard of in fish. Sharks have eyes more or less like a cat's, with split pupils. It certainly cannot be explained."

The reproductive system more closely resembles a mammal's than a fish's.

The lemon shark takes up to 15 years to reach sexual maturity, then gives live birth to a dozen pups every other year. While fish



lay thousands of eggs, the shark gives birth complete with placenta and umbilical cord.

Only three of the dozen pups are likely to survive two years, which has profound implications for human treatment of sharks, which many people still see as a dangerous pest or, at best, a source of meat, Gruber said. "You want to exploit that resource, but you want it renewable. While a pair of salmon can lay 10,000 eggs and reproduce its entire species, sharks and whales can only have a very low number of young after a very, very long period of time."

That means they are surprisingly fragile as a species; traps off South Africa have virtually eliminated sharks in only a few years. That would have a disastrous effect on many other species, Gruber said. Sharks are predators, and essential to evolution by eliminating weaker members of species.

But humans might have even more reason to mourn the loss of sharks.

Products from sharks' immune system have shown promise in treating diseases, he said. "They are not only able to make antibodies, they already have antibodies to many disease that they would never see or get, such as human smallpox. Why this is I don't know."

When attacked by a disease, sharks generate huge amounts of antibodies, making them a potential factory for helping humans fight diseases like AIDS or cancer, he said. "If we could keep a number of sharks and raise antibodies, then each person could have his own shark, his own antibody factory."

There is evidence of cancer-fighting potential in the shark's skeleton, Gruber said. "Researchers were actually able to isolate a protein that when injected into the tumor would cause it to dry up and die."

Side effects make such treatment impractical for humans, but Gruber is interested because he suffers from a cancer of the lymph system.

Toilet rat cure: Flush it away!

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Rats are scurrying into residents' toilets with increased frequency as a major sewer project is completed around the city, a city official says.

His solution: "Flush them right back down."

Bernie Fritz, animal control supervisor for the city, said recently the rodent problem has worsened as the new system gradually eliminated the rats' usual exits from sewers — street-corner catch basins.

"They are seeking food and water," Fritz said. "The toilet has the biggest opening, so the rodents swim through the water and pop their heads right up."

The elimination of catch basins that trap refuse swept into the sewers also has hurt efforts to control the rat population. The most convenient and effective way to kill

the rodents has been by putting poison in the catch basins.

The rat problem has not reached a crisis stage, he said, but the increased number of rodents in areas where catch basins have been eliminated has left public health employees seeking a new way to control them.

The sewer project, now in its fourth year, creates separate lines for sanitary and storm sewers. The sewers had been combined, which occasionally posed health and environmental problems.

Fritz said residents in the vicinity of sewer separation work can make sure basement toilet lids are shut and floor drains closed.

And if they find a rat in the toilet?

"The best thing to do is shut the lid and flush them right back down," he said.



VICTORIA — Dr. Robert Harvey holds a mushroom that he is certain is the lethal Death Cap mushroom.

Crop insurance: Why U.S. farmers aren't buying it

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — With critical drought conditions scattered around the country as the planting season nears and federal coffers running dry, the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee is urging farmers to buy crop insurance.

But producers in seasons past have been reluctant to insure their crops against disaster, falling back instead on government relief programs like the \$4 billion package Congress passed last summer to deal with the record 1988 drought.

On the heels of that historic package, Congress decided it was time to find out why farmers weren't buying crop insurance.

The bottom line, says Texas cotton farmer Myrl D. Mitchell: "The premiums are too high and the coverage is too low."

"If you take out insurance and have a loss, it may not cover your expenses in your crop," says Mitchell, one of the 20 members of the new Commission for the Improvement of the Federal Crop Insurance Program, established by the last Congress.

The commission plans 10 hearings next month around the country, with the first two to be held March 7 in Lubbock and Tifton, Ga., as it prepares for an April deadline to outline immediate changes that can be implemented without congressional action, said executive director Kellye Eversole.

The commission's goal, says House Agriculture Committee Chairman Kika de la Garza: "How to have a better insurance policy that will cost the farmer less. It sounds like an impossible task but that's exactly what they're looking for."

De la Garza said Wednesday he doesn't know why participation in

the program has lagged, although the 1988 drought appears responsible for an almost daily increase in crop insurance purchases.

Mike Forghash, a spokesman for the Federal Crop Insurance Corp., the agency that subsidizes crop insurance, says more than 30 percent of commercial farmers purchased crop insurance last year.

The subscribers generated \$430 million in premium income, balanced by losses of approximately \$960 million as of Feb. 1, due largely to the extreme drought across much of the country.

Over the last eight years, the FCIC has experienced cumulative losses of \$8 billion, Forghash says, but studies indicate crop insurance is still a less expensive way of compensating farmers for catastrophic losses than disaster programs, which are simply a giveaway.

De la Garza agrees government subsidies for crop insurance "are much much cheaper than periodic disaster bailouts. And now more so than ever because of the economic situation of the government. It is imperative that farmers look toward insurance as a way to lessen their losses."

Crop insurance, Forghash says, also puts more responsibility on the farmer to handle his own risk management.

Mitchell, a Lenora cotton zinner and farmer since 1968 who carries crop insurance, says he knows of farmers in other areas such as the Southeast and Arizona, who don't subscribe because their risk of disaster is so low.

But with many operating on razor-thin profit margins, Mitchell says failing to buy crop insurance is no longer worth the risk because one disastrous season could put a farmer completely out of business.

If more farmers would subscribe, premium costs could be lowered, said Mitchell.

Deadly mushroom found in Texas

By MICHAEL L. GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — A Victoria physician and mushroom hunter is certain he has found the first evidence that the lethal Death Cap mushroom is growing in Texas.

The president of the Texas Mycological Society also is convinced the discovery is correct and has sent one of the two discovered mushrooms to laboratories to be absolutely certain.

"The thing that scares me about this mushroom being here is that historically it has killed more people than any other mushroom," says Susan Metzler, of Houston, president of the 120-member society. "Although we now have techniques to save lives — generally through liver transplants — it's an extremely dangerous mushroom."

Dr. Robert Harvey, who specializes in allergies and immunology and who made the discovery in late January, said it's likely more of the mushrooms are present.

"It's like apples on a tree," he said. "That's the fruiting body of a plant. There's got to be more there."

Harvey said when he found the two mushrooms near the base of an observation deck in the Aransas Wildlife Refuge north of Rockport, he strongly suspected their identity.

"I went to my car and checked a text," he said. "Then I went back to my office, made a spore print where I lay it on a microscopic slide and stain it with agent and look under a microscope. They have certain characteristics."

Harvey said he also tested the mushroom for toxicity.

Innovative Texas farmer plants red-top cane outside wheat field

By JOE BROWN
Wichita Falls Times Records News

SEYMOUR — Baylor County rancher Lawrence Harmel says at least three people a week ask him why he has wide strips of red-top cane growing around the outside of his wheat fields.

It does look odd, but Harmel said the cane is truly practical.

The cane, an old-time forage sorghum, is planted earlier than wheat in the late summer so it will mature and head out before the first freeze. The wheat is planted at the normal time of late September or early October to produce as much grazing as possible.

Harmel has a three-drill hitch pulling three grain drills behind his four-wheel-drive tractors and he makes a double trip around each wheat field seeding the red-top cane. Thus he obtains six drill widths of planting at 13 feet each or 78 feet of cane around each wheat field.

He has five major reasons for growing the red-top cane around each field of wheat:

- The cane provides ample winter supplemental feed to the stocker cattle running on wheat pasture. He doesn't have to haul in bales of hay or cubes. The cattle just wander through the cane strips

and feed themselves.

- The cane serves as bedding in wet weather. Harmel said he seldom pulls cattle off his wheat when it rains and the cane strips allow the calves to bed down in the stalks, warm and out of the mud.

- The strips of cane are planted in wheat acres taken out of production as he cooperates in reducing his wheat acreage.

- The cane is ideal cover and feed for all wildlife, especially quail. Ducks and geese by the thousands feed in the patches of grain from the red-top cane when it falls after a freeze.

- And finally the tall cane provides wind erosion control for the cultivated land before the wheat becomes established.

"It saves me from having to own a swather and baler, and it saves me from hauling the baled hay out to them," Harmel said.

He said he uses the old style variety of cane rather than a hybrid sudan sorghum because he "has to" get a stand and the red top has much more plant vigor than the hybrids. "When I drill in the seed I have to get it up and growing. Sometimes in these hot summers that isn't easy to do when dryland farming," he said.

On top of that Harmel feels

hybrids have tougher stems than the red top. "It's sweet, almost like sugar cane, and those calves eat it all," he said. It remains standing until the first freeze or frost. But even when it falls over the calves will eat "every bite of it."

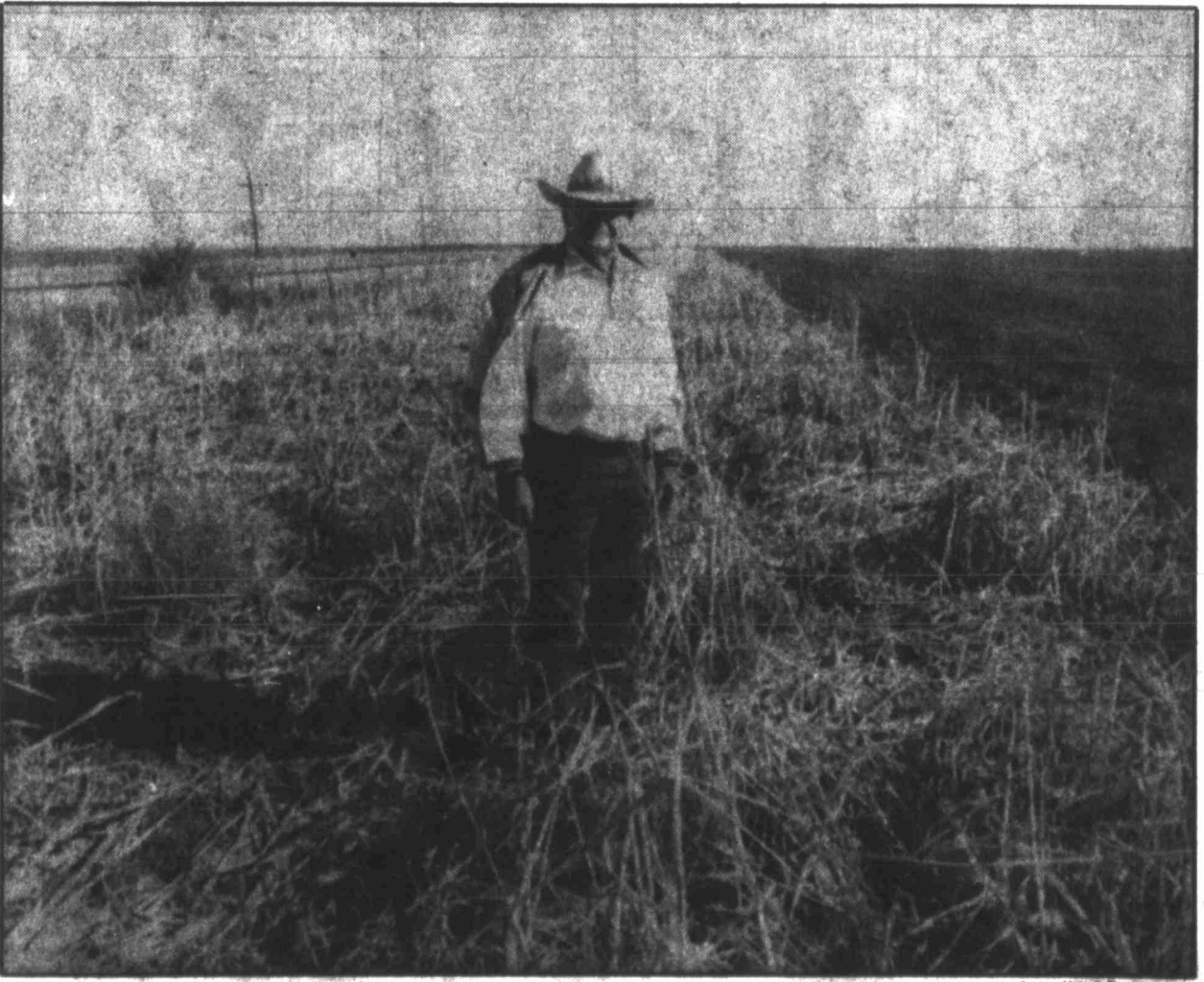
"I don't have a swather or a baler and I don't have to tie up a pickup and hand-haul hay all winter long," explained Harmel.

He said the grain is beautiful when it rains. It didn't this fall, but he still got a good stand. "It gets head high with a head on every stalk," he said.

He plants at the rate of 35 pounds per acre with a grain drill and this makes it fairly cheap feed to raise. Last year's stand was so good he didn't have to feed at all since the cane provided both grain and fodder.

Harmel has about 3,500 acres of wheat in this area outside of Seymour and stocker cattle are just as important to him as the harvested grain. This year it was so dry east of town that some wheat dried out, but in other areas showers have saved the day, but more rain is needed.

"I know I'm going to stay with the cane strips since now I can control the weeds with Glean (a herbicide)," he said.



SEYMOUR — Baylor County rancher Lawrence Harmel stands in a red-top cane field at his ranch near Seymour recently. Harmel plants the cane as a winter supplemental feed for cattle and for bedding in wet weather. It makes ideal cover and feed for wildlife and the tall cane provides wind erosion control for the cultivated land.

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