

Frederick hits 3-run homer.



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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Decreasing cloudiness and cold tonight. Mostly sunny and warmer Wednesday. Lows tonight from the mid 20s to lower 30s. Highs Wednesday mainly in upper 40s to lower 70s. The high for Monday was 72 and the low was 25.



Husband surrenders in Tammy Gray murder

By STEVE RAY
Herald Editor

The former husband of murdered bank teller Tammy Gray surrendered to Odessa law enforcement officials at mid-afternoon Monday, but never saw the inside of a jail cell despite a capital murder indictment hanging over his head.

A sealed indictment returned Friday by the Mitchell County grand jury charged Travis Dale Gray with capital murder in his wife's death and accused him of killing the Big Spring woman for insurance and estate money.

Monday the indictment was opened, and Gray turned himself in to the Ector County Sheriff's Department in Odessa around 2

p.m.

Gray's attorney, John Green, of Odessa, had a bail bondsman with Gray when he went to surrender to law enforcement officials.

"He came walking in and surprised us," said Ector County Sheriff's Capt. Gene Kloss late Monday afternoon. "He's here right now. He came to turn himself in but until we could verify there is a warrant on file we wouldn't arrest him."

Verifying that warrant took over an hour.

"He came in here an hour or an hour and a half ago," Kloss said at 4:15 p.m. "They're just now taking him to jail."

The \$50,000 bond for Gray's release was automatically set by



TAMMY GRAY

"He came walking in and surprised us... They came in with the bond. He'll be here just enough time to get processed... he won't even see the inside of a jail cell."

— Ector County Sheriff's Capt. Gene Kloss.



TRAVIS GRAY

the judge in Mitchell County.

"The bonding company came in with him," said Kloss. "They came in with the bond. He'll be here just

enough time to get him processed... about 30 to 45 minutes.

"He won't even see the inside of a jail cell. Once they process him

he'll just walk out the door."

Assistant 32nd District Attorney Glen Harrison said he expects to seek the death penalty in the capital murder case.

"If he is found guilty of capital murder, the death penalty is one possible sentence. If he is found guilty of capital murder and does not get the death sentence, he will automatically get a life sentence.

"Basically, if he is found guilty it will all come down to the punishment phase. It's too early to tell, but the death penalty is certainly a possibility... we'll put our best case forward and I anticipate that we'll seek the death penalty at this point."

Harrison said that Gray was in-

dicted on charges of capital murder in the sealed indictment returned Friday by the grand jury.

"The indictment reads that Mr. Gray on June 23, 1988, did then and there intentionally and knowingly cause the death of Tammy L. Gray by asphyxiation, by manual strangulation and drowning," Harrison said. "And said murder was for remuneration, namely money from life insurance and the estate of Tammy L. Gray."

Autopsy reports after the death showed large areas of hemorrhaging to the rear portion of Gray's vocal cords and to the esophagus and trachea.

There were some 28 wounds on

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Hero, 9, rewarded for saving brother

DALLAS (AP) — Merlin Roberts doubts his grandsons will be going anywhere near a fence anytime soon. He says they'd like to forget the last one they encountered — an electric one on his ranch.

But 9-year-old David Roberts received a better memento from last June's accident than the burn on the buttocks that his 2-year-old brother, Dakota, got.

David, son of Mark and Theresa Roberts, of Morton, Texas, was awarded the 1988 Rural Heroism Award for saving Dakota from an electrified farm fence.

He received a plaque Monday at the 51st annual Texas-Southwestern Safety Conference and Exposition in Dallas.

David, Dakota and a third brother, 6-year-old Cisco, were playing in the yard on their grandparents' farm when Dakota got too close to an electrified farm fence. The boy slipped backwards onto the fence and rolled over on his stomach, unable to free himself from the wire, officials said.

"Most of the fence had been disconnected and there was only about 200 or 300 feet of fence left connected to the electricity," the boys' grandfather said. "The current was very strong."

The front yard had just been watered and the children's rubber-soled shoes were soaked, Merlin Roberts said.

"Little David tried to pull Dakota off the wire, but the current went through him and knocked him backwards," he said. "He let go of Dakota three times before he was able to find enough strength to pull him off the wire."

The 2-year-old had a burn on his buttocks, but neither of the boys was seriously injured. "They won't be getting too close to any fences, I don't imagine," their grandfather said.



Howard County Trapper Lyn Carpenter sets a snare to try to catch animals that are dangerous to livestock.

It's a lonely job... but I enjoy it

By RUTH COCHRAN
Staff Writer

Working swiftly, Lyn Carpenter's skilled hands smooth dirt over the dull black, metal trap.

First he buries the drag and chain then the two springs, his slight figure hunched over the hole dug under a web fence.

After covering the pan that springs the trap with a protective square of fiberglass screen, he sifts more dirt over the top of the trap.

Finally he sprinkles bits of dead grass and leaves over the area, leaving it looking natural and undisturbed. When he steps back

from the fence line to remove his work gloves, the trap is expertly concealed.

Perhaps within minutes or maybe not for several days, an unsuspecting coyote or perhaps the occasional bobcat or fox will stop to investigate the tantalizing scent used as bait and will step into the trap.

When it does, Carpenter will have done the job he was hired to do as Howard County trapper.

Carpenter's is a never-ending battle. When the trap is set — the job is far from complete.

Seven days a week, week in and week out, Carpenter pits his trapping knowledge, gained through 25 years of practice, against the natural williness of wild animals.

Carpenter, 49, has been county trapper for almost three years, catching about 1,000 coyotes in the process. Although the coyotes and bobcats don't naturally prey on livestock, during lean years they've been known to wreak havoc on cattle, sheep and goat herds. Along with foxes, they can be just as hard on chicken and turkey flocks.

Coyotes, Carpenter says, "eat

anything in the world," from rodents and rabbits to prickly pear cactus fruit. When their natural food supply is diminished — through disease or whatever — they'll help themselves to livestock, he says.

This year will be particularly bad, he says, because the rabbit and rodent populations are both at low levels.

Coyotes are especially hard on lamb and goat herds, says Carpenter, but they can also be destructive to show cattle.

"If you're in a pasture and the

• TRAPPER page 3-A

Report: Inflation fears ease

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices, despite a huge jump in gasoline costs, rose a moderate 0.4 percent in February, the government said today in a report that helped calm inflation fears that had gripped financial markets.

The boost in the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index followed a 0.6 percent January increase that had been the largest monthly advance in two years.

Despite the moderation in February, consumer prices in the past two months have risen at a compound annual rate of 6.1 percent, sharply higher than the 4.1 percent increase turned in for both 1987 and 1988.

That acceleration has economists worried that inflation, which has been tamed for the past seven years, is starting to get out of control again.

Financial markets, however, took today's report on consumer prices more calmly than they did last Friday after the government reported that inflation at the wholesale level shot up by 1 percent in February.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose by more than 14 points in the first half-hour of trading today, with advancing stocks outnumbering losers by a 4-1 margin. It remained in plus territory later in the morning.

Some economists said the report on consumer prices showed that while inflation will be higher this year, the country is not in danger of entering another inflationary spiral.

"There is evidence that the jump in food prices resulting from last year's drought is now tapering off and energy prices are unlikely to go higher," said Jerry Jasinoski, chief economist for the National Association of Manufacturers.

"Fears of inflation accelerating out of control appear to be

• INFLATION page 3-A

There's just sNOW telling about West Texas weather

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

It's springtime in Texas. There's no doubt about it.

Snow in the Panhandle, sleet in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, hail around the state and thunderstorms scattered over the state are all sure indications that it's spring in Texas.

Forecasts called for the possibility of some sleet in the Dallas-Fort Worth area today, one day after the mercury hit the 83-degree mark on Monday.

Snow fell during the night and early today across the Panhandle, extending eastward into the Wichita Falls area. Snow flurries were reported at dawn in Lubbock and light snow fell at the same time in Midland.

In Big Spring, snow began falling early this morning and put nearly one-half inch of light powder on the ground. Temperatures reached a high of 72 degrees and a low of 25 degrees Monday, according to the United States Department of Agriculture Research Service. The

temperature was 25 degrees as of 8 a.m. this morning.

Asked if this was typical weather for the season in the area, a USDA spokesperson said, "Anything goes in March in West Texas."

A winter storm warning was in effect for the southern portion of the Panhandle as fast moving winter storm brought snow, blowing snow and cold temperatures into the area.

As much as six inches of snow was possible in the Panhandle by the time the snow ends, forecasters said.

Snow began falling in the area just west of Wichita Falls about 2 a.m. today and was spreading rapidly eastward, forecasters said.

A winter weather advisory was in effect for western portions of North Texas. The area included in the advisory is west of a line from Montague to Palo Pinto to Lampasas.

Forecasters warned of the possibility of one to two inches of snow in Abilene, Coleman and

Brady and of one inch of snow in Wichita Falls, Jacksboro and Throckmorton.

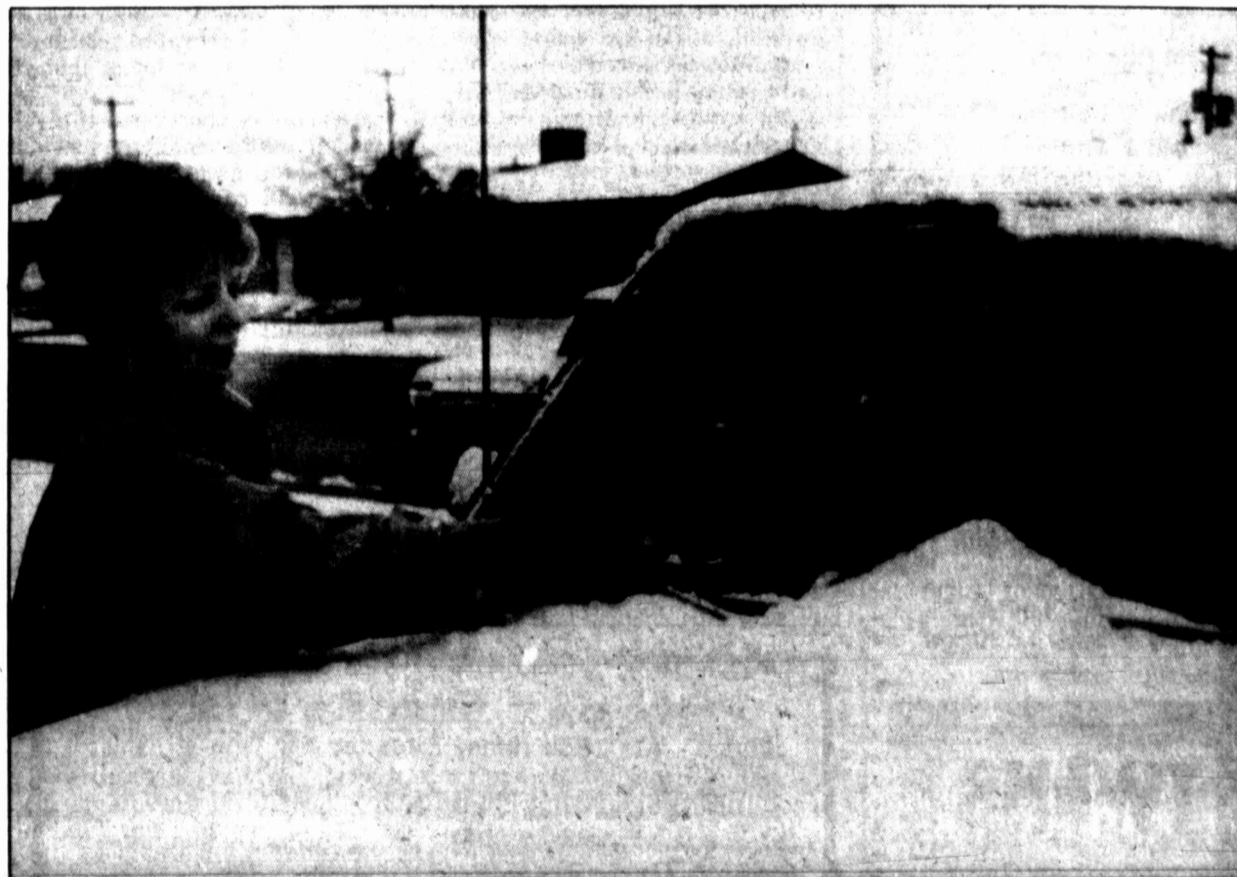
Golf-ball size hail was reported during the night at Seguin in South Central Texas and dime-size hail fell at Lorena.

Thunderstorms were widespread across North Texas and the eastern portions of the Concho Valley at dawn today.

Forecasts called for decreasing cloudiness and cold across West Texas tonight with warmer temperatures expected Wednesday. Southern and eastern sections of North Texas may get some sleet tonight.

Lows tonight will be in the mid 20s and lower 30s over most of West Texas.

Highs Wednesday will be in the 60s over most of West Texas, ranging upward to near 70 in extreme West Texas and in the Big Bend area, in the 50s and 60s in North Texas and in the 60s and 70s across South Texas.



Spring surprise!

Barbara Bronaugh wipes the windshield of her truck to remove snow that fell in Big Spring early this morning. The snow, approximately one-half

inch accumulation, was the ninth time in 33 years that snow has fallen in Big Spring in March.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

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Report criticizes lack of enforcement of immigration law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The immigration law designed to stanch the flow of illegal aliens across U.S. borders is not being adequately enforced, according to a congressional report that found only two-tenths of 1 percent of American employers had been visited for enforcement purposes.

The report, released Monday by Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., raised questions about the Immigration and Naturalization Service's ability to enforce the law under its current budget while conducting its other duties. It also found that only about \$3 million in fines had been assessed between 1986, when the law was passed, and 1988.

"If in the first year of the law, it seems there's virtually no enforce-

ment, A), you're not going to have employers worried and they may well violate it, and B), you're not going to have the word go out to down in all the countries where people are crossing the border illegally that there aren't jobs," said Schumer, who is a member of the House Judiciary immigration subcommittee.

"No one expects you're going to have an INS agent in every factory all the time," he added. "But if employers know they're going to be enforced rather stiffly, they're going to obey the law."

The report also found that the civil rights created under the law for aliens are not being enforced, and that the program for seasonal farmworkers has been hindered by fraud.

Schumer blamed the problems on the administration for cutting the funding originally appropriated by Congress, and on the INS for concentrating its efforts on "this idiotic education program," under which INS workers visited employers, read them the law and called them educated.

Additionally, the report found inexplicable disparities in the implementation of the law among INS' four geographic regions. For example, the Eastern Region — which runs from Maine to West Virginia and includes Puerto Rico — had a 49 percent denial rate for applications under the law's Special Agricultural Workers program for seasonal farmworkers, while the highest rate of denial among the three other regions was

5 percent.

"This may be the result of the nature of the applicants, the vigilance of the region in ferreting out fraud, the overzealousness of the region in ferreting out fraud, or a combination of all," according to the study.

The report also cast doubt on the Southern Region's claim that it had assessed \$357,699 in fines "whereas the other three regions report assessing fines close to if not exceeding \$1,000,000."

"We have reason to believe that this region is misreporting or miscalculating its figures," the report said. "In fact, this statistic is even more puzzling in light of the fact that the Southern Region has the largest authorized workforce."

The Immigration Reform and Control Act was passed Nov. 6, 1986, culminating six years of debate on the most effective way to control U.S. borders. The law has three major provisions: sanctions for employers who hire undocumented workers; a legalization program for illegal aliens who have lived in the United States since Jan. 1, 1982; and a separate legalization program for alien seasonal agricultural workers who have had prior experience working on U.S. farms.

The law mandates fines ranging from \$100 to \$10,000 against employers who violate its provisions governing employment practices, and prison terms for those who commit repeated violations.

At the end of last year, INS had assessed just over \$3 million in fines and had collected close to \$1 million, the report found.

"Because these fines reflect visits to only 0.2 percent of employers, we believe that they are extremely low compared to employers' overall rate of compliance with IRCA," the report said.

The study asked but could not answer the question of whether the low fines were attributable to lack of manpower at INS, inefficiency or both.

"The outpouring of applicants, which exceeded all estimates by over 500,000, has led to substantial delays in processing applications," it said.



Associated Press photo

Breakfast protest

AUSTIN — Members of Austin Act Up stage a breakfast demonstration outside the Governor's Mansion Monday. Dressed as the governor is Carl Cathey. Across from Cathey is Molly Collins, play-

ing the part of Rita Clements. The group planned their "Wake Up Governor Clements" rally to draw attention to the lack of AIDS services in Texas.

Mauro faces \$590,000 judgment

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro faces a \$590,000 judgment for failure to repay two bank loans for land deals near Bryan, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

"What it means is that I owe a lot of money," Mauro said of the judgment in favor of First Interstate Bank, entered last week by State District Judge Lamar McCorkle. "I had two partners go bankrupt, and I got left holding the bag."

Mauro, who keeps his assets in a blind trust managed by his co-

defendant and cousin Don Mauro, said his lawyers are working to settle the judgment against the two.

Through the blind trust, Mauro said, he became a partner in the purchase of two Brazos County tracts, for development as strip centers.

In December 1983, the partnership borrowed \$510,000 from Allied Addicks bank, now First Interstate, to buy 2.62 acres. In October 1984, the group borrowed \$520,000 to buy 1.7 acres. Both loans were in the name of David Bolton, a trustee who is now in bankruptcy.

Later, to get extensions on those notes, the Mauros, Bolton and partner Philip Tremont — also in bankruptcy — personally guaranteed repayment, court records show.

After a default on the loans, the bank sold the land at foreclosure, leaving a debt in the amount of the

judgment entered by McCorkle, including \$35,000 in attorney's fees. The judge rejected the Mauros' argument the bank auctioned the land too cheaply.

Mauro said the land deals do not reflect on his managerial abilities, because, under the so-called blind trust, he was not involved in the day-to-day operations of the business.

Mauro said he chose to go into partnership with his former college friend, and was caught with many others in the real-estate downturn.

His cousin has power of attorney to sign papers for the blind trust, Mauro said, but lenders wanted actual signatures for the loan guaranties.

Mauro said his involvement in the deal was not enough to destroy the blindness of the trust, or pose a conflict of interest with his official duties.



GARRY MAURO

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S&L losses highest since Depression

WASHINGTON (AP) — The battered savings and loan industry, after its heaviest losses since the Depression, is facing a continued drain in 1989 from rising interest rates.

Through September, 1988 losses at the nation's 2,950 S&Ls totaled \$9.4 billion, well in excess of the previous record of \$7.8 billion set in 1987. The Federal Home Loan Bank Board planned today to release the figures for the final three months of last year.

Much of 1988's red ink was old in the sense that institutions finally got around to recognizing bad loans that had long ago gone sour.

Analysts are divided over how many more loan losses remain hidden in failed, but still open, institutions, but they are unanimous that it will be tougher than last year for the profitable segment of the industry to make a dollar.

"We may see less of a problem in the actual numbers for 1989 because... some of the writedowns should have run their course," said economist Martin Regalia of the National Council of Savings Institutions. "But for the profitable two-thirds of the industry... it's not going to be as

Business

easy as last year and last year wasn't all that easy."

The problem is interest rates. Savings and loans make their money by borrowing short-term, from depositors, and lending long-term, for mortgages and other purposes. When rates follow the normal pattern — high long rates and low short rates, institutions earn more on loans than they pay to depositors.

But currently short-term rates approach and in some cases surpass long-term rates, severely cutting into profitable thrifts' earnings.

Some S&Ls have coped by offering adjustable-rate mortgages, but the industry as a whole is still vulnerable to rate swings. And, most economists believe that the Federal Reserve Board, faced with a series of negative inflation reports, will continue to push short-term rates, up 3 percentage points over the past year, still higher.

Alex Shehunoff, an S&L analyst in Austin, Texas, said higher rates also hurt thrift institutions

by depressing real estate sales and construction.

"Higher interest rates mean less real estate activity and it may mean lower prices on some real estate," he said. That in turn means fewer and smaller mortgage origination fees.

Bert Ely, an Alexandria, Va., financial analyst, says last year's 205 rescue deals, many of which provide various kinds of loss guarantees, will make the industry's 1989 performance look better than it actually is, by about \$5 billion.

"We now have a tremendous amount of assistance flowing into the S&L industry, which is a tremendous prop in the same way that (government) farm supports are a tremendous prop for the farm sector," he said.

Ely also worries that the bank board is understating the industry's red ink last year by excluding from quarterly loss figures any institution closed or sold with government assistance.

That makes a big difference in a period such as the October-December quarter, when regulators resolved the cases of 102 failed S&Ls, nearly half of the total for all of last year.

Medics leave for Korea

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Brooke Army Medical Center has dispatched a team of specialists to South Korea to treat servicemen injured when a U.S. Marine helicopter crashed during maneuvers.

BAMC spokesman Ray Dery said Monday that the some of the injured men will be sent to the hospital's burn center.

On Monday, a Sikorsky CH53-D Sea Stallion helicopter crashed in a mountainous region near the southeastern port of Pohang, killing 19 Marines and injuring 16.

It was the second fatal U.S. helicopter crash in South Korea in four days.

Both choppers were participating in the annual "Team Spirit" military exercises, which

include about 200,000 U.S. and South Korean troops.

"This is nothing unusual, though we don't usually send this many people," Dery said Monday night. "They'll come back with some of the injured, but I don't know when or how many they'll bring back."

The team included four doctors, two nurses, two respiratory technicians and six medical technicians from BAMC's Institute of Surgical Research, which runs the hospital's burn unit.

They were sent to Seoul, where some of the injured were sent to the 121st Evacuation Hospital.

Military authorities said nine of the 16 remained in "very serious" condition with burns, broken bones and internal injuries.

Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys, \$5.00 per person, 267-2060; 267-2072 for reservations.

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Candid file for CISD

HERALD STAFF

Three candid for the May 6 student School D trustees election at-large position

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Spring board

How's that? Texas

Q. What is the Texas state tree?
A. According to Collier's Encyclopedia, the pecan tree is the state tree of Texas.

Calendar Dance

- TODAY**
- A dance for senior citizens will be from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Civic Center, Colorado City. A covered dish supper will be served and the Porky Proctor Band will perform.
- THURSDAY**
- The water will be turned off in Coahoma, Midway and Sand Springs. People in this area may experience low water pressure or no water pressure. The water will also be turned off on Birdwell Lane between 1-20 and FM 700.
 - There will be free income tax assistance available at Citizens Federal Credit Union, FM 700, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 267-6373.
- FRIDAY**
- There will be a senior citizens' dance at 8 p.m. in Building 487 in the Airpark.
- MONDAY**
- The Big Spring Art Association will have its monthly meeting at the Kentwood Center at 7 p.m. MacKay Jackson, an award-winning watercolor artist from Odessa, will give the demonstration for March. Everyone is invited to come and see watercolor with a difference.

Candidates file for CISD board

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Three candidates have filed for the May 6 Coahoma Independent School District board of trustees election in which two at-large positions will be filled. Coahoma school district trustees Jim Wright and Jimmy Sterling have filed for reelection, and Kenneth Fryrear has also filed for the election. The filing deadline for the election is 5 p.m. Wednesday. Candidates may file between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the CISD administration office. Wright and Sterling have both served one three-year term. All seven of the CISD school board seats are at-large positions.

Oil/markets

May crude oil \$19.72, up 38, and May cotton futures 61.65 cents a pound, down 15, at 11:30 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

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Bethlehem Steel	24	+ 1/2
Cabot	42 1/4	nc
Chevron	52 1/4	- 1/4
Chrysler	25 1/4	+ 1/4
Coca-Cola	50	+ 1/4
De Beers	14 1/4	nc
DuPont	100 1/4	+ 1/4
El Paso Electric	12 1/2	nc
Exxon	44 1/4	+ 1/4
Ford Motors	49 1/4	+ 1/4
GTE	45 1/4	+ 1/4
Halliburton	29 1/4	+ 1/4
HCA	49 1/4	nc
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Fleisher II	18.24-19.93
Gold	392.00-392.50
Silver	6.01-6.04

Noon quotes courtesy of Edward D. Jones & Co., 219 Main St., Big Spring, 267-2501. Quotes are from today's market, and the change is market activity from 3 p.m. the previous day.

Prosecutors say North motivated partly by greed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutors say Oliver North was partially motivated by greed in the Iran-Contra affair, and they want to introduce evidence about a \$200,000 death benefit set up by co-defendants for his family. Associate independent counsel David Zornow argued Monday that information about the financial arrangement is relevant to the prosecution's case. North's lawyers are trying to prevent the evidence from being introduced in the trial. Information on the insurance fund could be used to rebut defense suggestions that North accepted a \$13,800 security system at his home solely due to fear of terrorists. Co-defendant Richard Secord, whom North enlisted to run arms to the Contras, paid for the security fence.

Testimony on the insurance fund also could be used by the prosecution to suggest that when North was allegedly lying to the attorney general in November 1986, he hoped to avoid exposing crimes involving personal gain. Security expert Glenn Robinette, an ex-CIA officer, is scheduled to testify today how he was hired by Secord to install the security system. Robinette told Congress in 1987 that it was Secord, not North, who paid him. The defense has said North had the security fence installed after press reports that terrorist Abu Nidal had placed him on a "hit list" and after North was told the U.S. government would not pay for a home system.

Zornow said the prosecution should be entitled to present evidence suggesting another motive for North's actions: greed. Zornow wants to present testimony from Willard Zucker, a U.S. citizen and former Internal Revenue Service lawyer who worked for another North co-defendant, Albert Hakim. Zucker moved money supporting the Contras and the Iran arms initiative. U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell said he would rule shortly on whether Zucker's testimony about the \$200,000 is admissible. North lawyer Barry Simon argued that there was "no indication that the \$200,000... was known to North." At Hakim's direction, Zucker transferred \$200,000 as a benefit for



OLIVER NORTH

Surrender

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Gray's body — some measuring 1-to-1 1/2 by five-eighths-inches in diameter, according to the autopsy report. Harrison said the trial should be held in Colorado City in the 32nd Judicial District Court sometime in May. "I anticipate we would fight it if they try to get a change of venue," he said. "I haven't talked to the D.A. about that, but I don't anticipate that they will try to move it." Gray was last seen alive leaving the Brass Nail II, located on U.S. 87, with her husband Travis Dale Gray early on the morning she died. She was pulled from a section of Lake Colorado City called Cooper's

Cove and driven to Mitchell County Hospital where doctors unsuccessfully tried to revive her. An autopsy was ordered and Travis Dale Gray was briefly hospitalized for shock following the incident. Tammy, an employee of First National Bank at the time of her death, had filed for divorce from her husband in late April, but never completed the necessary legal requirements. Meanwhile, Travis L. and Eddie L. Gray, the parents of Travis Dale Gray, have filed for custody of Dale and Tammy Gray's two sons — Travis, 8, and Toby, 4 — in 118th District Court in Big Spring. The boys have been in the custody of their father.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Sign of the times

The Big Spring Cable TV sign on south Birdwell Spring area early this morning. Approximately one-half inch of snow fell in the area today.

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported investigating the following incidents: • A woman who resides in the 2300 block of Runnels Street reported that a person known to her assaulted her. She was taken to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • A man who resides in the 500 block of Union Street reported being robbed of \$50 cash by two black men known to him. • A man who resides in the 700 block of Purdue Avenue reported the theft of an evaporator cooler, valued at \$350. • Jody Rogers, 25, 505 Union St., was arrested on a charge of making terroristic threats.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents: • Henry Trevino Franco, 24, 411 E. 11th St., was released on \$750

bond after being arrested on a charge of theft of service. • A man who resides on Route 1 reported that a person known to him kicked his truck, causing \$350 in damages. • Sheriff's deputies recovered a stolen vehicle. The 1969 Ford is being held until it can be released to Amarillo Police Department.

Deaths

Annie Vivian Decker

Annie Vivian Decker, 91, Big Spring, died Monday, March 20, 1989 in Golden Plains Care Center. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She was born Dec. 3, 1897 in DeLeon. She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church. She came to Big Spring in 1936 and was a homemaker. Survivors are one son, W.G. Decker, Big Spring; two sisters: Kate Brownlee, DeLeon, and Zela DuPriest, Los Cruces, N.M.; and two brothers, Paul Barker, DeLeon, and Robert Barker, Fort Worth; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Julia Lopez Perez

Julia Lopez Perez, 89, Big Spring, died Sunday in a local nursing home. Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Stephen White officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She was born July 4, 1899 in Mexico and married Juan Perez in 1921 in Brewster County. He died in 1945. She returned to Big Spring in 1983. She was a homemaker and a Catholic. Survivors include two sons, Presiliano Perez and Matias Perez, both of Big Spring; four daughters: Elpidia (Petey) Ramirez, and Bonita Ornelas, both of Big Spring; Maria Mendoza, Odessa; and Tommie Harris, Fort Worth; one brother, Octaviano Lopez, Fort Stockton; 35 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Sabina Soto. Grandsons will be pallbearers: Reno Perez Johnny Perez, Junior Mendoza, Danny Ornelas, Julian Harris and Tano Ramirez.

Steven Douglas Garnett

Steven Douglas Garnett, 22, Naperville, Ill., died Saturday, March 18, 1989 in Naperville. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Billy Patton, minister of 11th and Birdwell Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He was born Nov. 26, 1966 in Lubbock and married Shelli Moreland in September of 1988 in Duncanville. He graduated from Duncanville High School in 1985 and attended Mountain View College in Dallas. He worked for Transportation Safety Inc. in Hodgkins, Ill. as a dispatcher. Survivors include his wife, Shelli, Duncanville; his parents, Delton and Diane Garnett, Duncanville; his maternal grandfather, N.W. Womack, Big Spring; his paternal grandfather, Lewis Garnett, Lubbock; paternal grandmother, Bertha Mae Feinberg, Lubbock; his maternal great-grandmother, Ione Killingsworth, Big Spring.

Trapper

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cattle are calving, if she (the cow) doesn't lick the afterbirth off, they're liable to get tailed or killed," Carpenter says. Tailed means coyotes have bitten off the small tuft of hair at the end of the calf's tail, probably because there was blood in it. The injury isn't especially serious, but it can drastically reduce the price of a steer or heifer destined for the show ring, he says. While some coyotes may resort to killing livestock when they can't find anything else, others just can't catch anything else, he says. "Some trappers" use a small trap to catch bobcats and coons. They'll catch a coyote, he'll chew a foot off and that'll lame him," Carpenter says. "He's then a potential killer. He can't run fast enough to catch anything else."

own. As I progressed along, I learned a little more about it." Through books, as well as trial and error, Carpenter developed his own trapping methods using snares as well as metal traps. He credits much of his current success to Kentuckian Dan DeZarne who's authored several books on trapping. "I was using snares," Carpenter says, "but his method was so much more precise it improved my catches 150 percent just by reading the book." Orders to DeZarne for supplies led to friendship and a visit by DeZarne and his family resulted in even more tips. While setting snares and laying traps is fairly quick work for Carpenter, preparation is tedious and expensive. He buys all his own equipment and while the metal traps are reusable, the wire-cable snares are usually too mangled to use a second time — even an entangled cotton-tail rabbit can ruin one. Before a metal trap is ready for use, Carpenter goes through a multi-step process that removes any scent from the human world that may cling to it. First it's boiled in a solution of water and toilet cleaner to remove hair, dirt and loosened rust. After it dries and a light film of rust forms, it's boiled again either with mesquite or cedar cuttings depending on where they're going to be used. Carpenter says the traps must smell like they fit the countryside. "You've got to clean the smell off because a coyote's got one of the keenest noses in the world," he says. "I handle them with gloves and use traps to kneel down on. I use rubber gloves and I try to keep them where they don't have any

foreign smell on them." Carpenter also has to mix up his own bait. He smears the trap with a call lure — a scent made from the animals' glands. Food baits generally don't lure anything but buzzards, he said, while the scent of their own kind is irresistible to the coyotes and bobcats. The traps and snares are set either on paths — called freeways by Carpenter — made by the animals or around the bodies of dead cows and sheep. The trapping itself can be dangerous, but Carpenter says he takes precautions. He treats all wild animals as possible carriers of disease and wears gloves to handle the animals and the traps. "If you're careful, you don't catch anything," he says. "I try not to get scratched by them or any of this."

Even worse than hungry coyotes, are dogs turned loose on country roads to fend for themselves. "They kill for the pure joy of tasting blood," Carpenter says of pets gone wild. "A coyote kills to eat. He and his buddies will eat on something until it's gone. A dog might go in and kill 30 or 40 sheep (at one time)."

Besides weeding out predators, Carpenter also traps animals making pests of themselves. Within the city limits, raiding raccoons and opossums are caught with live traps. Carpenter has his vocation down to a science, and he occasionally elevates it to an art form. "I started out when I was a kid selling furs in the winter time," he says. "I trapped for my own personal self the last 25 years. "I just started learning on my

Inflation

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premature." Glenn Forman, an economist for the WEFA Group, an economic consulting firm, said retail prices will be climbing higher in coming months as the increases at the wholesale level flow through to consumers. "Inflation has ratcheted up a notch, but it hasn't moved into the inflationary spiral that a number of people were concerned about," Forman said.

The consumer price increase last month was held back by a better performance for food costs, which advanced by 0.5 percent in February, down from a 0.7 percent gain a month earlier. However, gasoline costs shot up by 1.7 percent last month, the biggest increase since a 1.8 percent rise last August. Economists were braced for even sharper price advances in coming months as the effects of recent rises in world oil prices filter through to motorists. Crude oil prices, reflecting the success of petroleum producers to restrain output, have risen to a 17-month high of \$20 per barrel. The slight moderation in food costs reflected price declines for poultry, fish and eggs and smaller increases than in January for beef and pork prices. Beef prices rose by 0.5 percent, following a 1.2 percent January increase, while pork prices rose 0.4 percent, after also being up 1.2 percent in January. Labor Department price economist Patrick Jackman said meat prices would probably continue to rise for several more months, reflecting the herd reductions that occurred last summer during the severe drought. But Jackman said the drought's impact on other food costs has already passed through to consumers, with further increases not expected. Also helping to hold back consumer prices in February was a 0.2 percent dip in clothing costs, as a 0.7 percent drop for men's apparel offset a 0.9 percent jump for women's garments and a 2.8 percent increase in infants' clothes. Medical costs shot up by 0.8 percent in February, matching the January increase. Over the past 12 months, medical costs have risen 7.2 percent, the fastest pace of any of the major sectors.

Transportation costs were up 0.6 percent in February, reflecting the big jump in gasoline costs. Both new and used car prices, which had accelerated in January, slowed in February with new car prices up 0.3 percent and used car prices rising by 0.1 percent. One of the biggest increases in February was a 2.7 percent jump in hotel and motel room costs, erasing a 0.4 percent decline in the previous month. The various price changes are all adjusted for normal seasonal variations. Before seasonal adjustment, the changes left the price index at 121.6, meaning that a marketbasket of goods that cost \$100 in 1982 would cost \$121.60 in February. Many economists are fearful that the pickup in inflation so far this year will prompt the Federal Reserve to aggressively push interest rates higher, raising the probability of a recession. "Once you get inflation up to the levels we have right now, it has taken a recession to cool things off. That is an unfortunate fact of life," said Bruce Steinberg, senior economist at Merrill Lynch.

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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

Weapon ban is welcome

Just a day after the California Assembly approved a bill to ban a wide range of semiautomatic weapons, President Bush reversed himself, if only partially, by supporting a proposal from his new drug policy director, William Bennett, to suspend imports of such weapons. The ban is temporary and may be lifted, depending on the results of a review to determine the suitability of assault-type weapons for use as sporting guns. But every day it lasts, it's welcome.

Bennett's recommendation came after he learned that, already this year, applications to import more than 113,000 semiautomatic weapons have been filed. That figure is well above the number imported in the previous three years combined. Bennett doubtless was influenced as well by the soaring number of murders in the streets of Washington, some of them committed by drug dealers wielding Uzis or AK-47s.

President Bush, despite his support of Bennett's proposal, remains opposed to banning semiautomatic weapons or even to reviewing the suitability of U.S.-made models that are not affected by the suspension of imports. Thus he may end the suspension unless a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms study, or public opinion, convince him that rapid-fire weapons designed explicitly for military use have no valid sporting purpose.

Banning imports of weapons considered unsuitable for sporting use is permitted by existing law but ending their manufacture in this country, and requiring registration of all such guns already in circulation, can only be achieved through new legislation. California lawmakers have acted courageously against heavy lobbying by the National Rifle Association to move toward a ban on new assault weapons and to require registration of existing ones. Congress must follow suit to ensure that such controls become effective nationwide.

Any study of how semiautomatic rifles are being used — whether they are legitimate sporting weapons, how many are being used by gangs and drug dealers — is bound to produce mixed results, and it's unlikely that those who already have a position on this emotional issue will change it. The battle to control assault weapons is thus just beginning and the Bush administration's prudent decision to suspend imports of foreign-made models is at best a very modest step.

Even so, the decision, like the California legislative battle, helps focus public attention on a fact that, until Patrick Purdy murdered five children in a Stockton, Calif., schoolyard, was unknown to most Americans: That weapons for which there is no legitimate need by anyone but armies and police SWAT teams are now as easy to buy as VCRs, and about as cheap; moreover, that they are increasingly being used by people whose objectives aren't remotely sporting. Let the debate intensify, and let Congress follow California's lead to translate temporary sanity into permanent law.

Mailbag

School features appreciated

To the editor: I was very pleased with the coverage the *Big Spring Herald* gave Texas Public Schools Week. Big Spring Independent School District is a strong, positive ingredient in the development of our young people. It is great to see the results of many hours of preparation, planning and effort in print. Our newspaper is a window of

our community. I was excited to see the imagination, talent and ability of our students presented in the Adventure.

Thank you for helping to make 1989 Texas Public Schools Week successful.

ANDRE CLARK, Principal
Kentwood Elementary School

Quotes

"We are losing at this point, clearly losing the battle to save the planet." — Lester R. Brown, chief author of a report on Earth's condition issued by the Worldwatch Institute, an environmental research group.

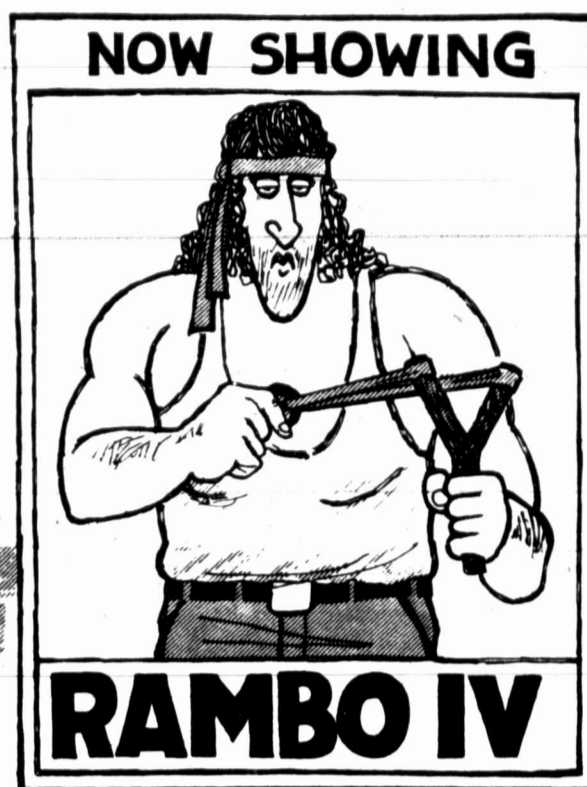
"I guess there are not many women who would have put up with me all that time. But my love for her never changes. I have always loved Hazel, always will." — Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke, tearfully admitting in a television interview to being unfaithful to his wife of 33 years.

"If I'd had a third term, I would have gone to full combat on the budget, even if it meant shutting down the government." — Former President Reagan, advocating a balanced budget in a speech at Arizona State University.

"We are looking at potentially the worst inflationary bout since the late 1970s and early 1980s. It is a policy problem of immense proportions for the Federal Reserve and it will require sharply higher interest rates and a potential recession to deal with it," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston Co.

SKELLY

IT'S JUST NOT THE SAME SINCE THAT BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS.



Watch out for killer grapes

By ART BUCHWALD
Dear Gun Lover:

Last week the government imposed a ban on the importation of semiautomatic weapons from abroad, including the AK-47, the Uzi and other "hunting and target weapons" which are absolutely essential for sport.

But don't get too depressed. It's only a temporary measure to give the administration an opportunity to "study the problem." President Bush wants a cooling-off period until the NRA finds a legal way to get the Chinese weapons into the country, as guaranteed by the Founding Fathers who never lived in a drug-infested neighborhood.

The good news is that there is no ban on the manufacture and sale of domestic weapons. You can buy all the semiautomatic weapons you need as long as they are made by Americans. There is now a run on domestic machine guns, but once the stampede is over, you'll be able to buy as many rapid shooters as you want.

The reason why gun lovers should remain calm is that the president, a life-long member of the National Rifle Association, doesn't see any difference between a hunting rifle and a weapon that can knock over a bus. George Bush is not a wimp when it comes to guns. His embargo on foreign semiautomatics is just a temporary way of appeasing the country's police forces who get hysterical every time they see an armed dope gang walking down the street.

While the machine-gun ban is on, we gun lovers need to remain cool and keep our powder dry. They may stop us from importing our guns from China, Italy and East Germany for a few months, but most of us can easily manage with what we have in the ol' linen closet. We just have to wait until common sense comes back into the gun game, and it will as soon as the NRA begins scaring the politicians on The Hill again.

If you want to know what is really threatening the safety of the American people it's Chilean grapes. Nothing can rip apart the fabric of our society as much as two grapes with cyanide on them. The truth of the matter is it isn't safe to go to the grocery store any more.

The National Grape Association has one of the strongest lobbies of any group in Washington. Its slogan is, "Cyanide grapes don't kill people — people kill people."

On the Ted Koppel show the NGA keeps asking, "Why should law-abiding grape eaters be punished because of a few bad apples in Chile? The criminals will find ways of getting their cyanide grapes no matter how many embargoes are placed on them."

The NGA says that the panic about the poisoned grapes could lead to people having to register each grape before they eat it. Most citizens who use grapes for sports or target practice would not even be allowed to stomp on them for wine.

That's the kind of hogwash that the NGA is putting out. But people like Charlton Heston, another life-long member of the NRA, does not believe that everybody should be permitted to buy grapes without any restrictions. "There are a lot of kooks out there and you have to have laws to keep them from spitting seeds at innocent Americans," he told an Egyptian Pharaoh in Cairo.

For reasons none of us will understand, the government has banned grapes and guns on the same day. It's like mixing apples and oranges. You shouldn't confuse them because guns can't hurt you but grapes can kill you. It is a known fact that 10 times as many accidents are caused in homes with grapes than in those with guns.

If you want to reduce the hysteria of the anti-gun propaganda in this country, then I urge all of you to write to George Bush and tell him that we are never going to have a safe and sane gun policy if he keeps letting Barbara Bush push him around.

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Skills that are worth a million

By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

Interesting questions were raised, and most of them were left unanswered in the public exchange between the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Lawrence Eagleburger.

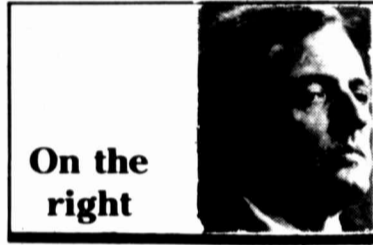
The questions that inevitably cross the mind of the public include:

How is it that a man who has worked in the Foreign Service for 27 years, attaining high but not spectacular office (ambassador to Yugoslavia, assistant secretary of state for European affairs) could be worth \$1 million a year when out of office, which is on the order of what he would earn, in total, after spending 12 years in the Foreign Service?

Nobody who has known Mr. Eagleburger doubts his proficiency as a diplomat, as a hard worker, as a nimble intelligence and as a loyal and versatile public man. But how does one transform those qualifications and virtues into that kind of income?

Eyebrows begin to arch when the questions are put in just this way. Mr. Eagleburger was being questioned by men who earn the kind of money he used to earn in the Foreign Service and will now resume earning as deputy secretary of state. Inevitably they are asking themselves: How is it that this kind of thing happens? They asked themselves the same question a few weeks ago when they interrogated Sen. John Tower, who had to make do with his 80-odd thousand dollars per year, just as the senators who shafted him do, in part because of what they denounced as "revolving door" practices (you work for the Senate one day and the next day you work for the companies the Senate wrote legislation about). What did Senator Tower actually do for his clients?

At that point the public was invited to conclude that the kind of advice Senator Tower was paid



On the right

hundreds of thousands of dollars for was available to anyone who wished to pay \$100 for subscriptions to *Forbes*, *Kiplinger*, *Foreign Affairs* and *National Review*. What even senators are reluctant to acknowledge is that in an age of huge government, much — sometimes everything — depends on whom you are at liberty to call up on the telephone.

It has been so throughout recorded history. Anyone who reads any book about, oh, Louis XIV will know that the entire structure of the court had to do with — access. It is not all that different today: The Nixon presidency is full of details about how Rose Mary Woods or H.R. Haldeman or whoever attempted, or failed, to jockey his way into closer proximity to the Oval Office.

Although it continues to astonish the public that a Foreign Service officer can earn a million dollars a year as a consultant, it was years and years ago that we became accustomed to lawyers who earned sums of that magnitude upon leaving office. Clark Clifford, who left public office at about the time of the Spanish-American War, has for decades made that kind of income as the result of his intelligence and knack in knowing whom to call, whom to go see. When Lyndon Johnson found out that his premier aide was taking time off in men's public washrooms, whom did he call to try to persuade the press to lay off? Clark Clifford.

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Pentagon to end danger bonuses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department will end danger bonuses for U.S. servicemen in the Persian Gulf and has withdrawn an AWACS surveillance plane from Saudi Arabia in moves linked to the truce in the Iran-Iraq war.

The Pentagon, which revealed the two steps Monday, said payment of imminent danger bonuses would stop effective April 1, and the second of four AWACS sent to Saudi Arabia had been pulled out early this month.

The bonuses, previously known as hostile fire or combat pay, are worth \$110 a month and have been paid since Aug. 25, 1987, to servicemen working inside the Persian Gulf.

According to Pentagon statistics, about \$16 million has been paid out in danger bonuses since August 1987. Before the cease-fire last August, about 8,000 servicemen were receiving the payments every month. That number has declined each month with the withdrawal of warships from the area.

While most of those receiving the bonuses were deployed on ships in the region or flew warplanes over the Persian Gulf's waters, servicemen assigned to small bases in Bahrain and Kuwait were also eligible. As a result, about 1,300 women also received the bonuses at one point or another, the Pentagon said.

Johnson is precinct's only voter

ATLANTA (AP) — There's no such thing as a secret ballot when Walter Johnson goes into the voting booth.

He's the only voter in his precinct, so when election workers tally Precinct 5J it's all Johnson.

"I knew I was the only one on that book, but I didn't know why it was like that," said Johnson, 66.

Johnson's precinct was created when state lawmakers drew precinct lines that left separate a one-block wedge. He votes at the Kirkwood community center, where voters from nearby Precinct 5B cast their ballots.

"Unfortunately we are not able to ensure him a secret ballot," said Mac Dennis, director of registration and elections for Fulton County. "Anyone can get the precinct results."

Dennis said county officials have been unsuccessful in trying to get lawmakers to readjust the lines, but Johnson may get a secret ballot soon.

"We're going to realign some of the precincts this summer for the 1990 census so we don't split a piece of geography off into small precincts like that," said Linda Meggars, director of reapportionment services for the state.

More than 250 arrested in protest



Opponents of U.S. aid to El Salvador turned out in force to protest the policy, leading to brawls between police and demonstrators in San Francisco and the arrests of more than 250 people nationwide.

"We are sending a clear message to the government that if they escalate their war in El Salvador, we will escalate our protests in San Francisco and in every other city," protest organizer Robert Jones said Monday through a bullhorn to a crowd of about 500 rowdy demonstrators in San Francisco.

Fifty-three people were arrested during the unruly, 2 1/2-hour demonstration outside the Federal Building. Elsewhere, 122 people were arrested in New York and 90 in Seattle at demonstrations outside federal buildings in those cities.

Officials to review assault-style weapons plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government officials reviewing assault-style weapons plan to look at how states regulate hunting weapons, and they'll find everything from a loading limit of three bullets a weapon to a frontier approach of no holds barred.

State-imposed rules on weapons and ammunition vary widely, according to interviews Monday, but an administration official said he hopes a preponderance of certain rules may enable the government to limit access to the semiautomatic, assault-style weapons.

"We may be able to bag them without getting into a big fight ourselves," the official said. The lack of organized shooting competitions for the weapons may also help, the official said.

"You can take a bazooka and do target practice," but that doesn't mean everyone should be able to own one under the guise of the weapons being needed for formal contests, he said.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is conducting the study in tandem with last week's suspension of imports of more than 110,000 of the assault-style weapons, including semiautomatic versions of AK-47s and Uzi carbines. ATF must ensure that the

weapons are intended for sporting purposes, as the law requires.

The measure was requested by drug czar William Bennett, because of the street violence that has erupted among drug users. As a result of that violence, President Bush said Monday he is considering even tougher gun-control measures and the use of the National Guard in Washington D.C. to break up more than 80 open-air drug markets that flourish in the city.

The National Rifle Association contends the suspended weapons meet ATF's sporting requirement. The NRA says the shooting mechanisms are no different from those on other semiautomatic rifles that "have been around for a century."

Arnold Erhardt, a gunsmith at Capitol Sports in Helena, Mont., said he knows of some people who hunt with AK-47s, a shoulder-fired weapon, but none who use Uzis for hunting.

"The AK-47 is a pretty practical gun when you get down to it," said Erhardt. "Hardly anything ever goes wrong with them."

As for the Uzis, he said: "I don't think anybody is using them for sporting purposes. They're not very darn practical."

That matter-of-fact approach to



DENVER, Colo. — Marq Cummings carries signs as she walks a picket line outside the Continental Airlines terminal at Denver's Stapleton International Airport Monday as flight attendants staged a nationwide walkout against the air carrier.

Attendants strike; Trump reduces bid

Billionaire developer Donald Trump's move to cut a cheaper deal for Eastern Airlines' Northeast shuttle was welcomed by the carrier's striking labor unions, which claim that management is seeking to dismantle the airline.

"We're happy to see Trump take the position that he is," said Jim Conley, a spokesman for the Machinists union in Washington. "This is part of the entire Eastern system and should not be let loose."

Meanwhile, parent Texas Air Corp. faced another dispute when flight attendants called a strike at Continental Airlines, Eastern's sister carrier.

No flights were cancelled and Continental said it would replace the 35 attendants who walked out Monday, but the union president predicted the strike would spread.

In a letter Monday to Texas Air Chairman Frank Lorenzo, Trump said the 17-day-old strike that has crippled Eastern's flight schedule had eaten into the once-profitable shuttle's market share and depressed its value.

"I've never seen anything like it," Trump said. "The shuttle has become an entirely different business in that its market share and customer base may be lost for some time to come, if not forever."

The financier said he was looking for a reduction "in excess of \$125 million" from the \$365 million he agreed to pay last year. He said he considered \$200 million a

reasonable price now.

Eastern fired back a letter to Trump the same day, saying it was entertaining other offers for the shuttle, including one unsolicited bid Monday morning, and invited Trump to submit a new bid.

Any deal would have to be approved in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York City. Eastern filed March 9 for Chapter 11 protection and reorganization after all but 200 of its pilots and most of its flight attendants observed Machinist picket lines, leaving the carrier able to fly less than 10 percent of its normal schedule of 1,040 flights.

Eastern had asked the court to expedite the sale to Trump but unions have opposed the move, claiming it is part of Lorenzo's attempt to dismantle the carrier. Lorenzo has said selling off some assets is the only way to save the money-losing airline.

New job actions against Continental were expected to be announced today by Eastern's unions.

Flight attendants at Continental said they were striking to protest wages of \$11,000 to \$15,000 a year, which they say are 30 percent to 50 percent below those at other carriers.

Lewis Jordan, executive vice president and chief operating officer at the airline, said a \$19 million wage and benefit increase implemented on Jan. 1 brought Continental's wages up to par in the industry.

World

Residents to live on special food

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet expert says long years of work lie ahead to decontaminate the region where the Chernobyl nuclear plant disaster occurred, where Pravda says 230,000 people now must live on specially shipped food.

as they do not eat locally produced food, especially meat and milk.

Consumption of such foods would sharply increase the amount of radiation to which the people are exposed, he said.

Yuri Izrael, chairman of the State Committee for Hydrometeorology, was quoted in Monday's editions of the Communist Party daily newspaper as saying studies show residents can remain safely in the area as long

Soviet officials began shipping food into areas surrounding Chernobyl shortly after the explosion and fire at the plant on April 26, 1986, killed 31 people and sent a radioactive cloud around the Earth.

Fishing ban in English Channel

LONDON (AP) — The Agriculture Ministry says it has banned fishing in an area of the English Channel where a tank containing six tons of insecticide sank last week.

The ministry said Monday that the ban, which prohibits fishing inside a 7.5-mile radius, was precautionary because there was no evidence of any leaks from the container.

The Times of London reported today that the French navy, which has sent the minesweeper Clio to search for the container, had also imposed a fishing ban. The French ban extends over 115 square miles north of the Normandy peninsula and the Channel Islands.

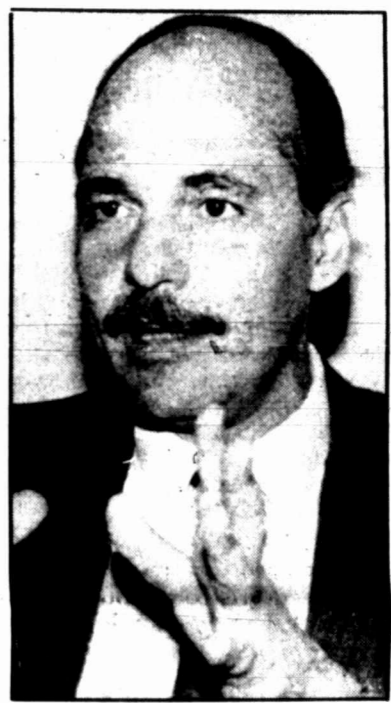
sank on March 13 in a storm 35 miles northwest of Guernsey in the Channel Islands. French crews recovered the tank on Thursday, but lost it about 20 miles away when tow ropes snapped as it was being towed to Cherbourg.

The tank contained a highly toxic pesticide known as Lindane. The Times said the container was thought to be lying on the seabed nine miles north of Alderney and that British and French investigators found no contamination in water samples taken there or from the wreck site.

The report said fish tested contained no trace of Lindane or Permethrin, another dangerous chemical that was on board the Perintis.

New president pledges respect

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Alfredo Cristiani, the rightist victor in the presidential election, says he has assured U.S. officials of his commitment to human rights despite his party's past image and links to death squads.

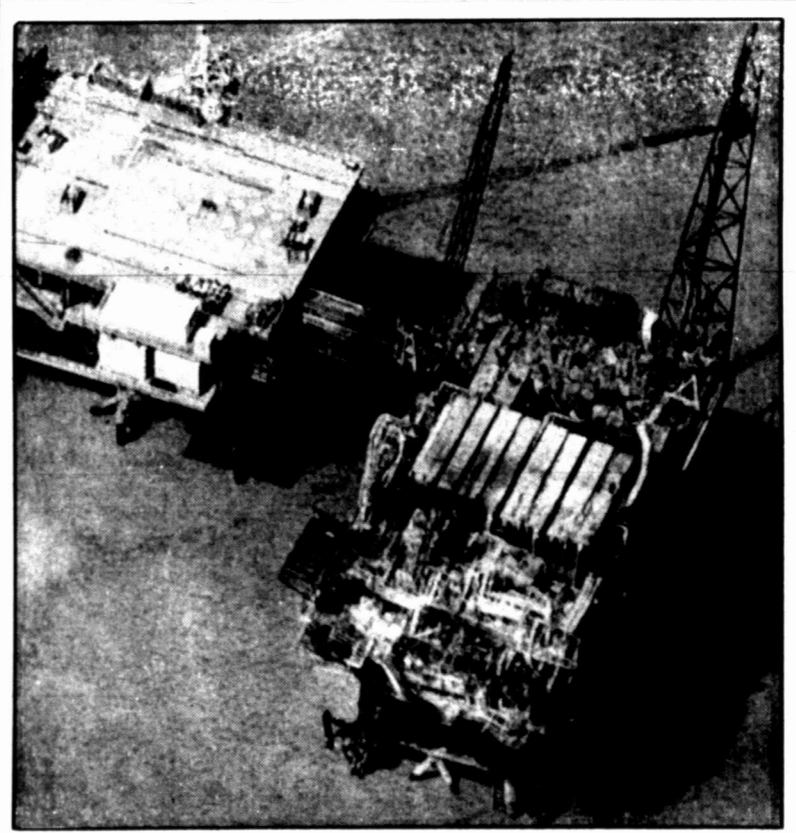


ALFREDO CRISTIANI

The coffee baron swept to a first-round victory in Sunday's voting on the ticket of the Republican Nationalist Alliance, known as Arena.

The party, which represented the interests of El Salvador's landed oligarchy when it was founded in 1981, has been linked to rightist death squads that murdered thousands of suspected leftists in the early 1980s.

Cristiani beat the candidate of the incumbent Christian Democrats, lawyer Fidel Chavez Mena, by about 20 percentage points, unofficial returns show. As many as half the country's registered voters did not cast ballots, however.



Associated Press photo

Rig explosion

GULF OF MEXICO — The heavily damaged oil production platform at the lower right was rocked by explosions Sunday night. There were 42 people believed to be aboard the Atlantic Richfield Co. platforms when the fires broke out. Thirty-five were rescued, of those, 10 were injured and seven are still missing.

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Lifestyle

Area briefs

BSAA announces show winners

Big Spring Art Association has announced the following winners of its art show conducted March 10-12.

Photography:
 First place — Doris Vieregge; second place — Tim Drinkard; third place and honorable mention — Sandy McCutchan.

Water colors:
 First place — Sheree Moates; second place, Marvin Stevenson; third place — Betty Conley; honorable mentions — Madeen Blair and Betty Conley.

Oils:
 First place — B.D. Casey; second place — Sheree Moates, who placed second for two paintings; third place — Madeen Blair; honorable mentions — Edna Buchanan, Chris Carter and Mary Horn.

Sculpture/3-dimensional:
 First place — Johnny Zitterkoph; second place — Doris Vieregge; third place — Linda Rupard; honorable mentions — Linda Rupard and Dorothy Earhart.

Graphics/Mixed media:
 First place — Gloria Munson; second place — Alice Webb; third place — Gloria Munson; honorable mention — Gloria Munson.

Pastels:
 First place — Hazel Duggan; second place — Alice Webb; third place — Irene Crawford; honorable mentions — Joy Armstrong and Kay Smith.

Novice/beginner:
 First place and second place — Marcella Varella; second place — John Griffin; third place and honorable mention — R. Reagan.

Children/youth:
 First, second and third place — Tommy L. Ramirez; honorable mentions — Tommy L. Ramirez, Justin Wood, Toby Tabor, Stacey Hollar and Ann Marie Scott.

Officials of the local art club said because of the good response in the children and youth categories, this will become one of the main features of the area shows in the future.

The most coveted award "Best of Show" was won by Betty Conley for her painting of "Yellow Iris."

Dohoney presents club program

Nine members attended the recent meeting of the City Extension Homemakers Club at the home of Jowili Etchison.

The Council report was read and members were informed of the upcoming "Spice Up Your Life"

seminar May 8 in Midland County. Roxelle Dohoney presented a program titled "Self Help Devices for Daily Living."

The next meeting will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the home of Lois Johnston.

Members meet for Silver Tea

Beta Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International met Feb. 4 at Coahoma Elementary School for its annual Silver Tea.

Hostesses were Virginia Howle, chairman; Doris Huibregtse, Jeanette Jones, Irne Springer, Vicki Stewart, Jane Smith and Carol Stephens.

Stephens presented the program "The Evolving Pattern of Families — Defining Life Styles."

Chapter members met March 11 for a covered-dish luncheon in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church.

Hostess were: Margaret Cooper, chairman; Bettie Cox, Rue Ann Cox, Mary Crawford, Agnes Currie, Mary Dudley, Mary Fortson, Eleanor Garrett, Dorothy Stephens, Loyce Phillips and Jackie Tooley.

After the luncheon, Nancy Koger presided over the business meeting.

Jean Broughton presented the legislative news, including: retired teachers' issues; average daily attendance changes in Texas public schools; and drop-out problems.

Chapter members recently made a contribution to the March of Dimes and to the Rainbow Project.

The programs "Evolving Patterns of Human Values in a Dehumanizing Environment — Enhancing the Human Environment; and Changing Our Image of the Stielwell Retired Teacher's Home," were presented by Pam Mitchell.

Mitchell and Zelma Hicks presented a skit. Members viewed slides of the various activities conducted at the retirement home.

Churches plan special services

In observance of Holy Week, the Hispanic Evangelical Churches of Big Spring will conduct services Wednesday through Friday at 7 p.m. at the following churches.

• Wednesday — Templo Belen, 105 Lockhart. Speaker will be Rev. Joe Torres, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Central.

• Thursday — Iglesia Bautista La Fe, 204 N.E. 10th St. Speaker

will be Rev. Ismael Bihl, pastor of Templo Belen.

• Friday — Iglesia Metodista United Northside, 507 N.E. Sixth St. Speaker will be Rev. Guadalupe Carranza, pastor of Iglesia Bautista La Fe.

Special music will be presented each night.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call 267-3396.



Funny bunny
 METHUEN, Mass. — One-year-old Samantha Mitchell sits with a giant Easter bunny during a visit to the mall in Massachusetts.



Hot lips
 A model wearing a strapless one-piece swimsuit displays a lips-shaped hat designed by American Patrick Kelly and presented for the 1989-90 Fall/Winter ready-to-wear fashion.

Names in the news

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — You wouldn't know Donna Rice these days, and that's exactly what she was hoping for when she bought the false buck teeth and sunglasses she now wears in public.

"It's just been real hard," the model said Saturday in a speech at the 15th annual Institute on the Ethics of Journalism at Washington and Lee University. "I do live in a state of having to watch my every move. ... Imagine the kind of person you most dislike and think of people thinking of you as that kind of person."



DONNA RICE

Ms. Rice's liaison with former Sen. Gary Hart destroyed the Colorado Democrat's bid for the 1988 presidential nomination. Hart withdrew from the race in May 1987.

"I basically lost everything I had worked for all of my life," she said — her reputation and credibility as well as her livelihood.

Ms. Rice said she frequently is recognized in public and has tried to hide her appearance by pulling her hair back.

In addition, she added, "I have a disguise. I have buck teeth that I put on. They cost me 80 bucks. You guys want to see?"

When the audience said yes, Ms. Rice donned a pair of glasses, bent over and inserted the false teeth. She stood upright, looking like quite a different person.

"I hope," she said, "time will eventually take care of all of this."



MARY MARTIN

NEW YORK (AP) — This week's broadcast of "Peter Pan," which hasn't been televised in more than 15 years, should bring back painful memories to Mary Martin, who broke her elbow teaching co-stars how to fly in the production.

"I started really fast and suddenly I'm out of sight, and I don't feel anything pulling me back," Miss Martin, who portrayed Peter in the 1960 movie, said in this week's People magazine. "I'm heading for the wall, and like a shot, I hit it."

Martin, now 75, broke her elbow in two places.

She said the crewman who was supposed to pull her back was new and "so excited he forgot."

The story of the little boy who never wanted to grow up will be broadcast on NBC-TV on Friday. It was last televised in 1973. After that, the rights to the movie were held up for years by the 1979 Broadway revival with Sandy Duncan.

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Ameche, who is returning to Broadway this week for the first time in 22 years, says he initially turned down the lead role in "Our Town," but changed his mind because "it would be fun to be back on-stage."

The 80-year-old Academy Award-winning actor on Tuesday takes over the role of Stage Manager in the play based on Thornton Wilder's drama of a New

Child-resistant caps save children's lives

DEAR ABBY: I first wrote to you four years ago about the importance of child-resistant caps on medicine containers. They have helped reduce aspirin deaths in children by 88 percent!

During National Poison Prevention Week, March 19-25, I hope you will once again run your valuable tips on how to poison-proof your home. In addition, please let your readers know that children aren't the only ones exposed to poisons. Adult poisonings account for more than 24 percent of the calls received by poison centers nationwide. In fact, more than 90 percent of all accidental poisoning deaths occur to people 15 years of age and older.



Dear Abby

Thank you, Abby, for letting your readers know about this important information. — ELIZABETH BENNETT, SEATTLE POISON CENTER

DEAR ELIZABETH: Thank you for your letter and for bringing to my attention the problem of accidental poisonings in adults. As it is the responsibility of adults to poison-proof their homes for children, we must also practice poison prevention for ourselves. Here are some important poison prevention tips:

- Never store potentially poisonous substances in unmarked containers or containers associated with eating and drinking. Never mix cleaning products together.
- Always read and follow label instructions when working with ALL poisonous substances. Never use industrial products in the home.
- Wear protective clothing and goggles, and ensure adequate ventilation when working with hazardous substances.
- Never take old or outdated drugs. Follow label directions on all over-the-counter and prescrip-

tion medications and don't exceed the recommended dose. Remember that non-prescription drugs can be as poisonous as prescription drugs. (Check the expiration dates on your medications.)

- Develop a system to remind yourself when to take your medicine.
- Don't share your prescription drugs with others or take someone else's.
- Be sure to keep drugs in their original containers.
- Never take medicine in front of children. They love to imitate adults. Also, never call medicine "candy."
- Store all cleaning supplies out of sight and out of reach of children.

Here's a checklist of potential poisons found in the home. These products should be locked up or kept out of reach of children.

KITCHEN: aspirin, vitamins, furniture polish, detergents, cleansers, ammonia.

BEDROOM: all medications, cosmetics, perfume.

LAUNDRY: bleaches, detergents, disinfectants.

CLOSETS/ATTIC/STORAGE PLACES: rat and ant poison, mothballs.

PURSE: cigarettes, medications.

BATHROOM: all drugs and pills, shampoo, nail polish and polish remover, lotions, deodorizers, pine oil, bath oil.

Military

Navy Seaman Recruit Tracey L. Gillespie, son of Kenny L. Gillespie and Judy P. Sessums, Knott, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla.

During Gillespie's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare his for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Gillespie's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who completed this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1988 graduate of Coronado High School, Lubbock, he joined the Navy in November 1988.

Menus

WESTBROOK LUNCH

WEDNESDAY — Turkey & dressing; giblet gravy; candied yams; green beans; fruit salad with whipped topping; cranberry sauce and milk.

THURSDAY — Sandwiches; cheese; peanut butter; bologna or chicken salad; French fries; ice cream cups and milk.

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By BEN WALKER AP Baseball Writer

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HC Hawks drum Otero College, 12-2

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

So far the road trip through Texas has been unkind to Otero College. When the Colorado school began its trek through Texas Sunday it had a perfect 11-0 record. Sunday it lost its first game to Frank Phillips. Monday Otero's troubles continued, dropping a 12-2 decision to the Howard College Hawks.

While Otero lost a one run decision to Frank Phillips on a last inning three-run homer, Monday's game wasn't close. The Hawks pounded out 12 hits and got a six-hit pitching performance from Bailey Deeds to end the game in five in-

ings, because of the 10-run rule.

Deeds, a freshman right-hander from Denton, fanned three and issued only one walk. His counterpart, Brian Grasmick, didn't fare as well. The big lefty lasted four innings, allowing eight hits and nine runs. Grasmick didn't get very much defensive support, his teammates committed six errors.

Grasmick was relieved by Mark Leinweber.

The Howard hitting attack was paced by third baseman Gerald Camara, second baseman Darren Glenn, designated hitter Kenny Frederick and shortstop Jay Williams. Camara was three-for-

four, with two base hits and a triple. Glenn, Frederick and Williams all got two hits each. Frederick hit a three-run homer in the fourth inning and Glenn hit the game-ending double in the fifth.

Catcher Brian Adams and first baseman Martin Toghler each doubled, the only extra base hits for Otero.

Otero scored a run in its first at-bat. Adams doubled, and scored on a single by Grasmick.

In the second inning, Howard erupted for five runs on five hits and one Otero error. Glenn and Frederick rapped out singles and Williams got a bunt single. Camara and Todd Kolbicka also singled in

the inning. Otero scored its final run in the third inning Keith Beatty singled, and scored on Toghler's double.

The Hawks exploded for four more runs in the bottom of the fourth, thanks to two hits and three Otero errors. Bard reached base on an error by the shortstop. David Wallace forced Bard out at second and Camara followed with an in-field hit which the shortstop made a bad throw, allowing Wallace to score all the way from second.

Next Kolbicka reached base on a fielding error by the shortstop and Glenn struckout for the second out of the inning. This brought up Frederick who drilled Grasmick's

offering over the 370-foot sign in right center field, for a three-run homer, giving the Hawks a 9-2 advantage.

Howard ended the game in the fifth by scoring three more times. Catcher Shawn Wyss started it off by reaching base on another fielding error by the shortstop. Designated runner Tim Demerson ran for Wyss.

After Jose Rubiera filed out, Bard doubled, scoring Demerson with run number 10. Next Wallace singled, but was thrown out trying to steal second. Then Camara tripled, scoring Bard with the 11th run. After Kolbicka walked, Glenn sock-

ed a double, scoring Camara with the 12th and final run of the game.

The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was called off because of cold weather. Otero is now 11-2 for the season while the Hawks raise their record to 24-5.

Today's scheduled doubleheader has been cancelled because of snow.

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Howard	(Glenn); 3B - Howard	(Camara); HR - Howard	(Frederick);	WP - Deeds;	LP - Grasmick; Time: 2:20.

St. Mary's wins NAIA crown

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The first one rattled and banged against the rim before deciding, finally, to plow through the net.

But Anthony Houston's second try was a beauty. It arced like a rainbow, giving St. Mary's University of San Antonio, Texas a 59-57 lead with 48 seconds left in the title game of the NAIA Tournament.

And that's all the Rattlers would need. A desperation 3-pointer was wide at the buzzer, leaving St. Mary's a 61-58 victor over East Central University of Ada, Okla., for the supremacy of small college hoops.

"That first one, well, I wasn't sure what it was going to do," said Houston, a 5-10 guard who had 25 points and five steals. "I was pretty nervous. But when it finally went in, I knew I was going to make the second one."

Houston was the driving force in the Texas school's drive to its first NAIA title. In the 60-58 semifinal victory over Central Washington, the 5-10 guard led his team with 26 points, four steals, four assists and eight rebounds.

"I'm a senior and this was my last game, and now I get to leave this sport a champion," said Houston, a native of Milwaukee. "I think you could say I have a lump in my throat."

Rattlers' Coach Buddy Meyer felt he had attained for 1964 when he came to the NAIA with St. Mary's



KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The East Central State University, Okla. team sits solemnly on the bench after falling to St. Mary's University, San Antonio Monday night in the NAIA championship game.

as a player but lost in the third round.

"This ends 27 years of frustration for me," Meyer said. "But those guys feel great. It's something they'll remember for their rest of their lives."

Vernell Kemp, chosen the tournament's most valuable player, had 23 points and nine rebounds for the Tigers of East Central. But after Houston's free throws snapped the 57-57 deadlock, Kemp missed the second end of a one-and-one that could have forged a 59-59 tie.

Seconds later, Zachary Lawson rebounded an East Central miss and with 18 seconds left St. Mary's Joe Baker, alone under the net, made his only bucket of the game to make the final spread three points. "We missed some shots down the stretch we needed to make. We missed some free throws down the stretch we needed to make," said East Central Coach Wayne Cobb, whose Tigers finished 25-7. "They made the shots they had to make, and that's usually the difference in a game."

Kemp a 6-6 senior, helped the Tigers hold a rebounding edge of almost 2-to-1 in the first half. But East Central led on the scoreboard only 32-30 at halftime.

"We were down 14 boards at the half but we still felt confident we could come back and win if we played a little better in the second half," Meyer said.

Rose being investigated

PLANT CITY, Fla. (AP) — Pete Rose is being investigated by major league baseball over "serious allegations" that, according to a source, could result in a suspension for the Cincinnati Reds manager.

Rose's gambling reportedly is the subject of the investigation, revealed Monday in a statement by Commissioner Peter Ueberroth and Commissioner-elect A. Bartlett Giamatti.

"The office of the commissioner, which was founded to preserve the integrity of the game, has for several months been conducting a full inquiry into serious allegations involving Mr. Pete Rose," the statement said.

The statement made no mention of any possible action against Rose, noting major

league baseball's investigation isn't complete. But a baseball source, who asked not to be identified, said a suspension is a possibility.

John M. Dowd, a trial lawyer with the Washington firm of Heron, Burchette, Ruckert & Rothwell, is leading the investigation as special counsel to the commissioner. Dowd, 47, headed a Justice Department organized crime task force from 1972 to 1978 and led investigations of the FBI and of former Pennsylvania Rep. Dan Flood.

Dowd said Monday he has been investigating Rose for about a month. He said he didn't know how much longer the inquiry will last.

"It's dictated by the facts and circumstances. I have no idea," Dowd said. He would not discuss the nature of the investigation.

The statement from the commissioner's office said that when the investigation is finished, "the commissioner will consider the information presented and take whatever action is warranted by the facts."

Rose and Reds general manager Murray Cook declined comment on the investigation.

Rose, normally outspoken, answered all questions about the investigation with "no comment," then apologized for being tight-lipped.

"Sorry, I know you're just trying to do your job," Rose told reporters in his office. "I appreciate that."

"If something happens, when it happens, I'll talk about it then."

Asked whether he expects something to happen, Rose said, "No comment."

Cook said he hadn't asked Rose the particulars of the allegations, and that the Reds aren't conducting an investigation of their own. He said he'll wait for the commissioner's office to make its decision before taking any action.

Asked whether he was concerned about the possibility of losing his manager, Cook said, "I have no comment on any of that. How can you make a comment if you don't know what it is? I don't want to speculate on anything."

Rose served a one-month suspension last May for shoving former umpire Dave Pallone over a disputed call at first base. Giamatti, the National League president, handed down the suspension and declined to rescind it following a hearing with Rose in New York. Rose contended the one-month suspension was too severe a penalty.

Rose was summoned to New York last month for what the commissioner's office termed a meeting to get Rose's advice on an undisclosed matter.

AL East race will be hotly contested

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Once upon a time, the best two or three teams in the major leagues all lived in the American League East.

That fairy tale is over. The neighborhood has gotten a little down and better clubs have sprung up in baseball's suburbs.

Boston won the division last year with 89 victories, the fewest in a full season for an AL East champion. But there's a bright spot to this: parity means better pennant races.

Five teams chased for the title and the Yankees finished fifth, just 3½ games behind Boston.

"I don't know if the division has gotten worse, it's just different now," Detroit's Fred Lynn said. "The strengths have changed a bit."

So have some of the players. Many of the familiar faces are gone this season — Eddie Murray, Bruce Hurst, Julio Franco and Willie Randolph have left, along with Jack Clark, Walt Terrell and Claudell Washington.

This year, a series of injuries has put Toronto in position to win its second title. Detroit will find another way to stay close, followed by Milwaukee, Boston, New York, Cleveland and Baltimore.

Toronto Blue Jays
The same old gang gets a new home in the SkyDome on June 5. But if Toronto doesn't win, general manager Pat Gillick — nicknamed "Stand Pat" because he hasn't made a major trade since 1987 — will make a lot of changes.

The Blue Jays have won at least 86 games for six straight years; only Detroit and the New York Mets have won more. Pitching, as always, will carry them this season.

The Blue Jays led the league with 17 shutouts and pitching, as always, will determine what happens.

Dave Stieb (16-8) came within one strike of no-hitters in his final two starts. Left-handers Jimmy Key (12-5 despite elbow trouble), Mike Flanagan (13-13) and Jeff Musselman (4-1) also

are in the rotation. John Cerutti (0.98 earned run average after the All-Star break) may fill in for departed free agent Jim Clancy.

Tom Henke converted 25 of 29 save opportunities. Duane Ward (9-3, 15 saves) and inconsistent Mark Eichhorn (0-3) are setup men.

Manager Jimmy Williams won last spring's power struggle with George Bell, but Bell's production dropped (.269, 24 home runs, 97 runs batted in). Jesse Barfield (18 HR) and new leadoff hitter Lloyd Moseby (31 stolen bases) will join Bell in the outfield; they are all 29, born within two weeks of each other.

Tony Fernandez (.287, 41 doubles) is a three-time Gold Glove winner at shortstop and Fred McGriff's 34 home runs established him at first base. Kelly Gruber (81 RBI) is solid at third base but second base remains weak. Free agent Bob Brenly will platoon with Pat Borders (.273) at catcher. The bench needs improvement after Toronto pinch hitters batted a franchise-low 202.

Detroit Tigers
Count on it: Sparky Anderson will lead the Tigers to their 12th straight winning season. He had them in first place last August until injuries to Alan Trammell, Lou Whitaker and Jeff Robinson prompted a 4-19 slump.

Trammell (.311) and Whitaker (.275) again are up the middle; it seems like they've been there forever, but both are only 31. Keith Moreland and Chris Brown, acquired from San Diego for Walt Terrell, should help with offense at the corners.

Robinson held opponents to a .197 batting average, lowest among AL starters, and was 13-6. He seems to have recovered from circulation problems that finished him six weeks early. Jack Morris (15-13) is still the top winner of the decade and Frank Tanana and Doyle Alexander won 14 games apiece. Mike Henneman (9-6, 22 saves, 1.98) is best in the bullpen.

Fred Lynn (25 HR at age 36),

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Tough conference paying off

By The Associated Press
The battle-scarred Michigan State Spartans are prospering outside the Big Ten.

Michigan State beat Wichita State 79-67 Monday night in the second round of the National Invitation Tournament. Coach Jud Heathcote believes the rugged style of the Big Ten is helping his team in the NIT.

"After getting beaten on in the Big Ten, it's easy to get down and lose your confidence," said Heathcote, whose team was 6-12 in the conference, 9-1 outside it. "But the clubs we're playing right now maybe aren't as tough as the Big Ten, and they don't know us as well, so we can surprise them with some of the things we're able to do."

The biggest surprise to Shockers coach Eddie Fogler was the play of Todd Wolfe, who led Michigan State with 18 points.

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Wolfe has endured two ankle injuries and a separated shoulder this season and has averaged only 5.5 points a game since he was injured against Wisconsin on Feb. 2.

"Wolfe shot the ball extremely well, especially in the first half," Fogler said. "We were really a little more concerned with (Kirk) Manns, to tell you the truth."

So while Wichita State, 19-11, overplayed Manns, Wolfe took charge.

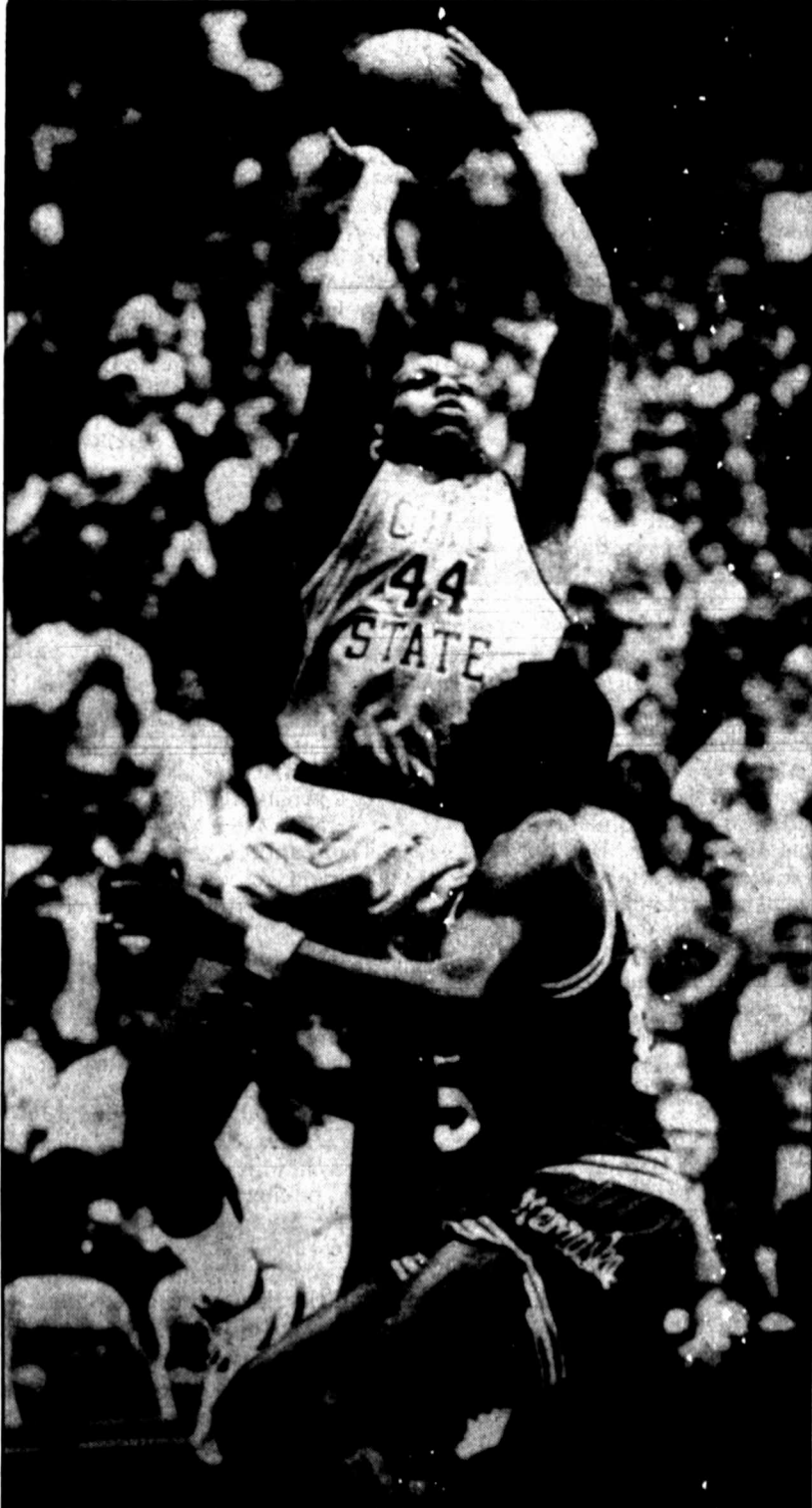
"I think Todd's back in sync," said Heathcote, whose team plays at Villanova on Wednesday in the quarterfinals. "I was very surprised with his play. He hasn't been practicing well, but tonight he had things together."

"My ankle felt much better tonight, which helped," said Wolfe, who hit all four 3-point attempts. "I've been getting back into shape after all the injuries, and that showed."

Elsewhere, Villanova beat Penn State 76-67, defending champion Connecticut edged California 73-72, Ohio State defeated Nebraska 85-74, Alabama-Birmingham was a 64-61 winner at Richmond and St. Louis ousted Wisconsin 73-68.

Tonight, Oklahoma State is at St. John's and Pepperdine visits New Mexico.

The other quarterfinal game Wednesday night features Alabama-Birmingham at Connec-



COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State's Jerry Francis lines up for a first half shot over the top of Nebraska's Eric Johnson during Monday night play in the National Invitational Tournament.

ticut. On Thursday, the Oklahoma State-St. John's winner is at Ohio State. If New Mexico wins tonight, then St. Louis will be at the Lobos on Thursday. If Pepperdine wins,

then the Waves go to St. Louis. Michigan State made 13 more field goals than Wichita State and hit 56 percent of its shot.

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Second half Blazer blitz drops Mavs

By The Associated Press
What a difference a brief halftime intermission can make.

After scoring only 16 points in the second period and falling behind 46-41 at the intermission, the Portland Trail Blazers rebounded with their best period of the season, outscoring Dallas 38-14 in the third quarter and going on to beat the Mavericks 112-91 Monday night.

"In the second half, we changed the game and got very aggressive," Coach Rick Adelman said. "I was pleased with our aggressiveness and our shot opportunities."

The third quarter produced Portland's biggest margin in any period this season. Clyde Drexler, playing with four fouls, scored 16 of his 29 points and Kevin Duckworth 11 of his 25 in the period.

Portland outrebounded Dallas 60-31 and Dallas coach John MacLeod said, "We were the top rebounding team in the league last year, but it shows how quickly things can change when you lose two 7-footers — Roy Tarpley and James Donaldson."

Tarpley is in drug rehabilitation and Donaldson is out for the season with an injury.

Jerome Kersey had 23 points a 16 rebounds as Portland snapped a three-game losing streak and moved 1 1/2 games ahead of the Mavericks in the battle for the eighth and final playoff berth in the NBA's Western Conference. Dallas lost its seventh straight game despite 24 points from Adrian Dantley.

Celtics 119, Spurs 108

Ed Pinckney scored nine of his 22 points in a 15-4 third-quarter run that enabled Boston to beat San Antonio for the 20th straight time. Boston was led by Reggie Lewis' 24 points. The Spurs, whose club record for consecutive road losses reached 12, last beat Boston on Jan. 5, 1980.

The Celtics led 77-76 when Robert Parish began the decisive spurt with a layup with 5:51 left in the third period. Pinckney followed with a stuff, and later added a jumper, a three-point play and two free throws.

Boston opened a three-game lead over Washington in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Knicks 129, 76ers 109



PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia 76ers' Charles Barkley (right) pulls down a rebound in front of New York Knicks' Sidney Green (44) during first quarter action Monday.

Patrick Ewing had 31 points and 14 rebounds and rookie guard Rod Strickland added 22 points and 10 assists. The victory broke a four-game road losing streak for the Knicks, who had their home winning streak snapped at a club record 26 by Philadelphia last Thursday.

Johnny Newman and Charles Oakley had 15 points apiece for New York. Charles Barkley had 27 points for Philadelphia.

Cavaliers 103, Bullets 97
John "Hot Rod" Williams scored six points during a key 12-3 flurry early in the fourth quarter and

Cleveland tied a team record with seven successful 3-point shots.
Ron Harper scored 23 points and Craig Ehlo had 21 for Cleveland, whose 48-17 record is the best in the NBA. 1 1/2 games better than idle Detroit (45-17) in the Central Division.

Suns 115, Heat 97
Tom Chambers scored 26 points and Kevin Johnson had 12 of his 21 in a decisive third period as Phoenix rolled to its 11th straight home victory. Jeff Hornacek and Eddie Johnson added 20 points apiece for the Suns, 30-4 at home

with 26 wins in the last 28 games.
Grant Long paced Miami with 18 points.

Hornets 117, Kings 110
Tyrone Bogues scored five points in the final 49 seconds and Charlotte scored 12 of its 14 points in the final three minutes from the free-throw line. Rex Chapman had 25 points, including four 3-point baskets, to lead the Hornets. Robert Reid added 24 points and Dell Curry had 21. Wayman Tisdale led Sacramento with 34 points, Kenny Smith had 25 and Danny Ainge 20.

Instant replay big topic in NFL meetings

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Tex Schramm, who has lobbied for four years to keep his instant replay dream alive, thinks he's finally discovered what he calls "the missing link" to retaining it permanently.

An electronic whistle that reproduces an asterisk on videotape when a whistle is blown.

An electronic whistle that demonstrated to NFL owners Monday that a disputed call that may have decided the Houston-Cleveland AFC wild-card game was wrong on two counts.

The owners are expected to vote either today or Wednesday on keeping instant replay — perhaps making it permanent. And, as it has been for the past four years, the 21 votes it needs from the 28 teams is only a maybe.

Enter the whistle, which places on the monitor of the replay official an asterisk at the exact time it is blown. That allows the replay official to know when the play has ended and, in Schramm's opinion,

will eliminate long delays that have plagued the system.

"It takes away one of his options," said Schramm, president of the Dallas Cowboys and chairman of the league's competition committee. "Now he knows when the whistle blew. It's very unsatisfying to have to sit and wait to know when he blew the whistle."

To demonstrate the system, Schramm and Miami Coach Don Shula showed a tape of the key play in the Houston-Cleveland game, which came with the Oilers leading 14-9 in the third quarter. Warren Moon dropped back to pass, threw the ball backward to running back Allen Pinkett, who dropped it at his own five, where Cleveland's Clay Matthews recovered.

The replay showed the pass was clearly a lateral, but after five minutes of review at the game, it was ruled that the whistle had blown — when the ball was dropped — by an official who believed the pass was forward. The experimental whistle, in use at the game, showed, however that the whistle

didn't blow until after Matthews had recovered.

So instead of Cleveland getting possession, Houston retained it and went on to win 24-23.

"This was the missing link in the whole system," Schramm said. "Now we can unequivocally say what happened."

Opponents, however, weren't satisfied.
"Change? Hah!" said George Young, general manager of the New York Giants and an opponent of replay from the start. "The game should be decided by the officials on the field. The officials are there to officiate and that's what they should do."

Monday's meeting was devoted to a state of the league speech by Commissioner Pete Rozelle, who strongly urged teams to hire more blacks for front office and coaching jobs.

Rozelle said later that he hoped that an international minor league with 10 to 12 teams might be able to start play by the spring of 1990. But he said no concrete plans had as

yet been developed for the league.

"It's possible that we could begin as soon as next spring," he said.

"Probable, I don't know?"

The NFL has discussed international play since 1974.

But not until the last four years, when a series of exhibition games in London has whetted the appetite of British fans for American football, has going overseas become likely. It became even more likely after NBC became interested in televising a spring minor league and Rozelle broached that proposal at a meeting three weeks ago of the NFL's long-range planning and finance committees in New Orleans.

But others think the idea has gone back even longer.

"I've been saying it for 20 years," said Al Davis, managing general partner of the Los Angeles Raiders.

"We really had that idea in mind back in 1964, when we started what was the first mini-camp. The difference is we couldn't see them against regular competition."

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Gold Glove winner Gary Pettis and Chet Lemon (64 RBI) form an outfield comprised of three center fielders.

Milwaukee Brewers
The Brewers were the favorites until injuries to Ted Higuera and Juan Nieves ruined a pitching staff that lost the league's ERA title to Oakland on the final day of the season.

Bill Wegman (13-13), Mike Birkbeck (10-8) and Don August (13-7) must take over while Higuera (16-8, 2.45) and Nieves (7-5) heal for a month.

The Brewers' bullpen was the most effective in the majors, converting 51 of 58 saves chances. Dan Plesac (30 saves), Chuck Crim (AL-high 70 games) and Paul Mirabella (1.65 ERA, stranding 35 of 42 inherited runners) were consistent.

Robin Yount (.306, 91 RBI, 22 SB) at age 33 is on track for 3,000 career hits and possible election to the Hall of Fame. Paul Molitor (.312) and Rob Deer (23 HR) might get help from rookie shortstop Gary Sheffield (28 HR, 119 RBI in the minors). Sheffield, the nephew of Dwight Gooden, is the best product of a minor-league system that had a cumulative .563 winning percentage, second-best in the majors to Los Angeles' .581.

Boston Red Sox
Will there be more action on the field or off at Fenway Park? Wade Boggs may be able to

block out distractions, but the rest of Red Sox cannot avoid the Margo mess.

Manager Joe Morgan and Boston overcame a nine-game deficit at the All-Star break and won the division. But the Red Sox went 27-30 after Aug. 4, were swept by Oakland in the playoffs and lost Bruce Hurst to free agency.

Roger Clemens (18-12, 2.93) decided to stay for three more years but upset fans with remarks that were open to interpretation. Mike Boddicker (13-15), Oil Can Boyd (9-7 with arm trouble) and newly acquired John Dopson (3-11, 3.04 with Montreal) must make up for Hurst's 18 victories. Lee Smith (29 saves) will benefit by Rob Murphy (76 games, 3.08 ERA), acquired with Nick Esasky from Cincinnati for Todd Benzing and Jeff Sellers.

The Red Sox led the majors with a .283 average and 813 runs, but were 10th with just 124 home runs. Batting coach Walt Hriniak, who stressed contact, has been replaced by power-oriented Richie Hebner.

Boggs (.356 lifetime) won his fifth batting title, including four straight, and led the majors with a .476 on-base average. He swung at 1,032 pitches and missed only 32; he also batted .520 when the count reached 3-1.

Mike Greenwell (.325, 22 HR, 119 RBI), Dwight Evans (.293, 21

HR, 111 RBI) and Ellis Burks (.294, 18 HR, 92 RBI) make the most offensive outfield in baseball and Jim Rice (72 RBI) was a productive DH at 36.

New York Yankees
The Yankees got a new look but might get the same results. They have not won the World Series since 1978, the second-longest drought in team history since the Babe Ruth era, and the streak will continue, minus Billy Martin and Lou Piniella.

New York ranked 12th with a 4.24 ERA and allowed a major-league high 157 home runs. Under new Manager Dallas Green and an all-new coaching staff, pitchers Andy Hawkins (14-11), Jimmy Jones (9-14) and Lance McCullers (10 saves) were acquired from San Diego for Jack Clark, and free agent Dave LaPoint (14-13) was signed.

Rick Rhoden is gone, John Candelaria is hurt and Green doesn't want Ron Guidry and Tommy John. Dave Righetti saved only 25 games in 34 tries.

Free agent Steve Sax (.277, 42 SB) and Rickey Henderson (.305, 93 SB) give Green the National League-style players he likes. But without Clark (27 HR, 93 RBI) and free agent Claudell Washington (.308, 64 RBI), a lot of power is missing.

Don Mattingly (.311, 18 HR, 88 RBI, career-high nine errors) had an off-year by his stan-

dards. Dave Winfield (.322, 25 HR, 107 RBI) had a super season, but back problems may limit him at age 37. The addition of outfielder Mel Hall (71 RBI with Cleveland) will help.

The Yankees were close before going 9-20 in August. Their starters had a 6.94 ERA as the team tied its record for most losses in a month.

Cleveland Indians
Cleveland made a 17-game improvement and came within 11 games of first place, its closest finish since 1959. The Indians haven't reached the World Series since 1948, although young pitchers give them hope for the future.

The Indians, who led the majors in runs a few years ago, now stress pitching, fielding and speed. Julio Franco (.305) was traded to Texas for first baseman Pete O'Brien (.272, 71 RBI), center fielder Oddibe McDowell (33 SB) and good-glove second baseman Jerry Browne.

Veteran knuckleballer Tom Candiotti (14-8) is joined by Greg Swindell (18-14), John Farrell (14-10) and Scott Bailes (9-14), all in their mid-20s.

The Indians surprised many by spending \$2.5 million for free agent reliever Jesse Orosco for two years. The main man in the bullpen is Doug Jones (37 saves, including a record 15 straight), but he had to pitch at least two innings for 18 of those saves.

Sports Briefs

Lady Steer tracksters fourth

SNYDER — The Big Spring Lady Steers scored 82 points and finished second in the Canyon Reef Relays Saturday. Borger won the meet with 213 points. Sweetwater was second with 99 points and Snyder was third with 92 points.

Tracy Schaffner and Marta Mathews led the Lady Steers with first place finishes in the discus (99-0) and 100 meter (12.77) respectively. Mathews was second in the 200 (26.75) and Mimi Regalado was third in the 3200 (13:42).

The Lady Steers will compete in the Lubbock Invitational April 1. (Complete results in scoreboard 4-B).

Teenage League signups

All young men ages 13-18 living Howard County and wishing to play Teenage League baseball need to sign up at the American Little League field through March 25 from 5-7 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday.

Registration fee is \$10 and players must bring birth certificate and parent.

Monday, March 27 the Teenage League will have a meeting at 7 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. All parents, coaches and anyone wanting to help with the league should attend.

For more information call Terry Brumley at 267-7263.

Steers-Andrews game postponed

The Big Spring Steers, scheduled District 4-4A game with the Andrews Mustangs today, has been postponed because of snow, said Big Spring Steers coach John Velasquez.

If weather permitting, the two teams will try to play Wednesday at 12 noon at Steer Field.

KU assistant coach resigns

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Dwane Casey, the principal figure in the NCAA's investigation of the Kentucky basketball program, resigned as assistant coach of the Wildcats. Casey's resignation came one day after Eddie Sutton resigned as head coach of the beleaguered program.

Meanwhile, Kentucky spokesman Bernie Vonderheide said the school was forming a search committee to find a successor to Sutton. C.M. Newton, the coach at Vanderbilt, officially becomes Kentucky's athletic director April 1.

Casey was mentioned in seven of the 18 allegations lodged against the university by the NCAA. But Casey, 31, has continued to assert his innocence.

Dayton firest winningest coach

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — University of Dayton basketball coach Don Donoher, the winningest coach in the school's history, was fired after 25 years.

Donoher's career record is 437-275, all at Dayton. He had eight 20 win seasons and was runner-up to UCLA in the 1967 NCAA tournament. The last three years, however, the club went 13-15, 13-18 and 12-17.

Auburn coach goes to VC Rams

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Sonny Smith, head basketball coach at Auburn for 11 years, was hired by Virginia Commonwealth's Rams to replace Mike Pollio.

Smith 52, has an overall 203-177 record in 13 years as a head coach, including two years at East Tennessee State.

Suns guard NBA Player of Week

NEW YORK (AP) — Kevin Johnson of the Phoenix Suns, with an average of 23 points and 12.5 assists, was named the NBA Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday.

Johnson led the Suns to a 4-0 record during the week and scored 39 points with 12 assists in a 129-124 victory over the LA Clippers.

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"We got a lot of good basketball from a lot of players tonight," Heathcote said. "Wolfe came off the bench and did a great job for us. (Steve) Smith, (Ken) Redfield, (Jeff) Casler all played at a little higher level, and that's encouraging."

The Shockers lost center Steve Grayser, who was averaging 14.4 points and 8.5 rebounds per game, with 7:15 left in the first half, with sprained knee ligaments.

"Losing Grayser affected us greatly," Fogler said. "He's our leader, and to lose him so early was tough. But that's part of basketball."

Villanova 76, Penn State 57
Villanova grabbed an early lead and stayed in front, led by Tom Greis with 24 points and Gary Massey with 21.

With the score 2-2, Villanova made six of seven field goals and scored 15 straight points. Greis, Villanova's 7-foot-3 center, scored seven points and blocked a shot during the run, while Penn State turned the ball over four times, missed two shots and was called for an offensive foul.

Penn State, 20-12, outscored Villanova 20-13 to open the second half and got within 52-50. But Villanova, 18-15, answered with a 9-2 run.

Freddie Barnes scored 16 points for Penn State, which has never won 21 games in a season.

"We had a real tough time matching up with Greis. He looked like (Kareem Abdul-) Jabbar out there," Penn State coach Bruce Parkhill said. "I think we did a little bit better defending him in the second half."

Connecticut 73, California 72
Tate George sparked the Huskies down the stretch. He scored nine points in the last 2:25 and sank two free throws with five seconds left for the win.

"The key was he didn't quit on himself and he had the good toughness with five seconds to go to make the foul shots," Coach Jim Calhoun said.

Leonard Taylor scored 22 of his 32 points in the second half for California, which broke from a 30-30 halftime tie to build a 44-38 lead with 13:59 left. Taylor scored 14 straight points in one stretch.

Behind 70-64, Connecticut, 18-12, turned to George. After he hit a jumper, converted a steal into a

three-point play and sank two free throws, making it 72-71 with 56 seconds left, the Bears' Bryant Walton missed a free throw.

Connecticut worked the clock down, George drove the baseline with five seconds left, was fouled and made the free throws.

Cliff Robinson led Connecticut with 26 points, while George had 16.

Ohio State 85, Nebraska 74

The Buckeyes, another Big Ten also-ran, treated a sellout crowd of 13,276 as they moved closer to a second successive trip to the NIT Final Four — OSU lost to Connecticut in the 1988 final.

Grady Mateen tied his career high with 20 points, leading five Ohio State players in double figures. Their other double-figure scorers were Perry Carter and Jamaal Brown with 13 points apiece, Jerry Francis with 12 and James Bradley with 11. The Buckeyes are 19-14.

Eric Johnson scored 23 points and Dapreus Owens 18 for the Cornhuskers, who finished 17-16.

"The guys really have a positive attitude, and that's what we need to win," Mateen said.

Alabama-Birmingham 64, Richmond 61

Barry Bearden, held scoreless as much by Richmond's defense as his own infirmity, made two free throws with seven seconds to go to clinch Birmingham's victory. UAB was led by Reginald Turner with 24 points.

Bearden, bothered by a sore knee, was fouled on an inbounds play, and sank both free throws for the final points.

Richmond, which won 16 of its last 19 games, wound up 21-10.

"I knew I wasn't scoring like I usually do, and with the knee injury and everything, I was just hoping for a chance to do something good down the stretch," Bearden said.

St. Louis 73, Wisconsin 68

St. Louis, held to 16 points in the first half, scored 57 in the second. After trailing by 15 points early in the second period, the Billikens took advantage of missed foul shots and turnovers to cut the Badgers' lead to 43-41 on a 3-point goal by Charles Newberry.

Wisconsin increased the lead to 51-47 on a 10-foot jumper by Trent Jackson, but St. Louis went on a 14-4 run to take charge for good.

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IRIS' POODLE Parlor. Grooming, indoor kennels heated and air, supplies, coats, etc. 2112 West 3rd, 263-2409 - 263-7900.

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HOUSE FOR sale, four bedroom, two bath, one carport. Brick one bedroom convenient for nursery, study, or sewing room. Skylights in each large bathroom, professionally decorated, new cabinets, carpet, interior. FHA Appraisal at \$42,000. Owner will pay buyers closing costs. Contact Spears Realty, 263-4884.

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* STATED MEETING Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 every 2nd and 4th Thursday 7:30 p.m. 219 Main, Gene Smith, W.M., T.R. Morris, Sec.

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GARAGE SALE: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Lots of boys clothes, other good miscellaneous. Sand Springs, take Moss Lake Road exit(south service), go east to Becker Road, turn right, 2nd house.

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Here are Big Spring Lady Steers results in the Canyon Reef Relays in Snyder Saturday.
Disco - 1 Tracy Schaffner 99-0 Triple Jump - 4 Marta Mathews 30-10 High Jump - 5 Amber Grisham 4-8 Shot Put - 4 Gisela Spears 30-11 3200 - 3 Mimi Regalado 13:42; Ericka Franks 13:54; Yvette Regalado 14:20. 400 Relay - 4 (Latsa McGregor, Mathews, Renee Osborn, Angie Dees) 53.40.

800 Relay - 5 (Osburn, Vernice Ross, Grisham, Lakisa Lang) 2:10.00. 1600 Relay - 5 (Ginger McMillian, Lang, Wanda Peterson, Gwen Myers) 4:50.00. 1600 - 4 Mimi Regalado 6:08.00. 100 - 1 Mathews 12:77; 4 Dees 13.40. 200 - 2 Mathews 26:75; 4 Dees 29.90.

NBA Standings
All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
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WESTERN CONFERENCE
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Monday's Games
Boston 119, San Antonio 108 New York 129, Philadelphia 109 Cleveland 103, Washington 97 Phoenix 115, Miami 97 Charlotte 117, Sacramento 100

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO: YOU have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: JOAN COHN, Respondent GREGGOS, Plaintiff

"YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable District Court, 118th Judicial District, Howard County, Texas at the Courthouse of said county in Big Spring, Texas, or before 10:00 a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of RICHARD ALLEN COHN, Plaintiff, filed in said Court on the 28th day of August, 1988, and the said suit being No. 32,449 on the docket of said Court, and entitled "IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF RICHARD ALLEN COHN AND JOAN COHN, AND IN THE INTEREST OF SHERRIE MACHELLE COHN, A MINOR CHILD, the nature of said suit is a Motion to Modify in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship."

"The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree concerning the conservatorship and support of the child, SHERRIE MACHELLE COHN."

By: GLENDA BRASEL, DISTRICT CLERK, P.O. DRAWER 2138 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79721-2138 GLENDA BRASEL

CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS BY: Colleen Barton, DEPUTY 5152 March 21, 1989

Portland 112, Dallas 91 Tuesday's Games Indiana at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. Detroit at Atlanta, 8 p.m. Boston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m. Denver at Houston, 8:30 p.m. Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m. Chicago at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m. Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. New York at Miami, 7:30 p.m. San Antonio at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Washington at Indiana, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m. Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games Washington at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m. Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 10 p.m. Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

WALE'S CONFERENCE
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Adams Division y-Montreal 50 18 7 107 295 211 x-Boston 33 27 14 80 266 235 x-Buffalo 34 32 7 75 270 280 x-Hartford 33 35 5 71 269 269 Quebec 25 41 5 57 249 314

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE
Norris Division
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Monday's Games New York Rangers 7, St. Louis 4 New Jersey 3, Vancouver 1 Buffalo 4, Winnipeg 1 Minnesota 7, Pittsburgh 2

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PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
Sealed proposals for 150 miles of replace bridge and approaches on CR 173 at Deep Creek and CRP 88(06)BROX in Scurry County, will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 P.M., April 11, 1989, and then publicly opened and read.

This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights

Television schedule table with columns for channel (KMID, ESPN, KERA, FAM, KOSA, WFAA, SIN, TBS, KTPX, KPEJ, NASH, NICK, LIFE, USA, DISN, TMC, SHOW, MTV) and time slots (5 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM, 12 AM) listing various programs.

Weather

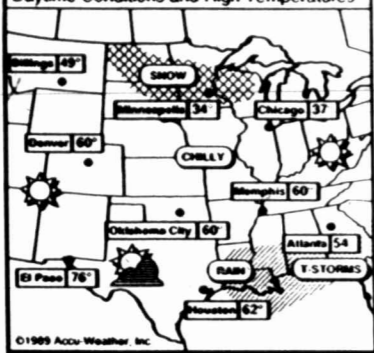
Thunderstorms uprooted trees in Alabama and dumped golf ball-sized hail in Texas as snow fell from the lower Great Lakes to New England on the second day of spring.

Severe storms broke out in the Deep South and over the lower Mississippi Valley and the Tennessee Valley. These storms developed along a cold front that stretched from the central Appalachians to south-central Texas.

Winds gusted up to 61 mph in parts of Alabama. A two-story building under construction collapsed at Birmingham, and south of the city winds toppled trees up to 65 feet high.

REGIONAL WEATHER

Accu-Weather® forecast for Wednesday Daytime Conditions and High Temperatures



Thunderstorms dumped golf ball-sized hail near San Antonio.

Elsewhere, winter was not giving up. A low pressure system was producing snow from the lower Great Lakes into New England. Up to 8 inches of snow was expected over parts of Maine.

Snow also fell from southeast New Mexico into northwest Texas, with 4 inches reported at Amarillo. Today's forecast called for rain from southeast Texas across the central Gulf Coast states to Georgia, the Carolinas, the mid-Atlantic states and the southeast coast of New England.

Highs will be in the 20s from North Dakota to northern portions of the Great Lakes, New York state and New England.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1989

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actor Karl Malden, Rev. Pat Robertson, comedian Chico Marx, artist Sir Anthony Van Dyck, composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, mime Marcel Marceau, TV host Bob Costas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A change of attitude will help change someone's mind and clear up a confusing matter. Prepare for an important meeting by doing some special research. You need the most recent financial figures.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): With so many obligations, this could be a busy day. You have a knack for seeing the overall picture. Use it! Find time for your own interests as you juggle family and work affairs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Business travel gives you a chance to explore on your own. A change of scenery will improve your outlook

on life. Seek cooperation on a career or community matter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The spotlight is on material assets and ways to make them grow. Consult investment experts and bankers. Certain social obligations may have to be postponed. Know your priorities and act accordingly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may have to shuffle funds to find the right formula for implementing new work methods. You learn by observing experts on the job. Romance gets off to a happy start.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A good day to reach agreements on domestic issues. Contacts you make socially may prove helpful to your professional future. Do not allow others to run your life. Romance has its ups and downs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Creative efforts are favored to improve profits. A health problem can be easily rectified. A shopping

trip may result in your spending more than you planned. Be careful not to go overboard.

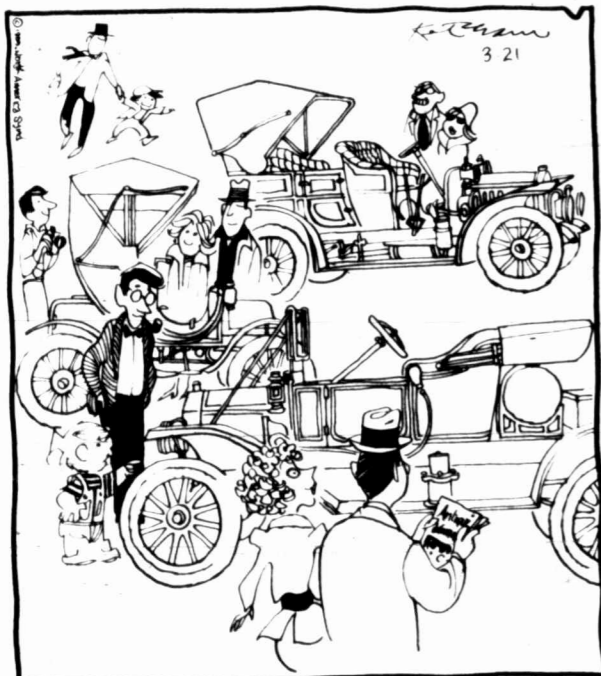
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Think about recycling an old idea to make new profits. Influential people offer to back pet projects. There could be strings attached. Take steps to protect yourself. Consult a lawyer if worried.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Good things should happen wherever you are today. Your associates are still in a happy-go-lucky mood. An employment situation shows improvement. Get ready for a raise or promotion. Heavier responsibility will follow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your spirits lift when you receive a good financial report from overseas clients. Show those in authority that you are creative as well as reliable. Romance takes on deeper meaning. Make plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Trust your instincts where family matters and financial obligations are concerned. You need to replace bad habits with good ones. Mate or partner will aid your efforts. Put your best foot forward.

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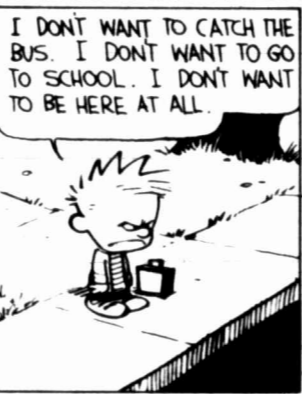
*Boy! I wish we could afford an old used car!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Could you give me a hoof with these groceries?"

CALVIN AND HOBBS



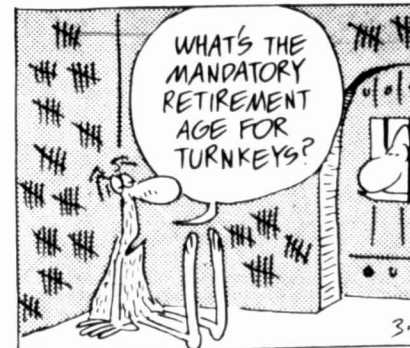
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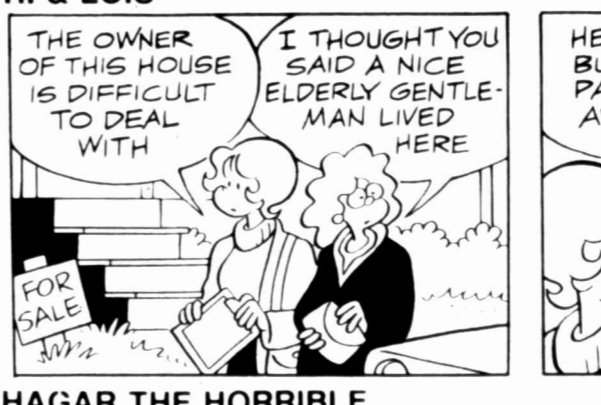
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Environment

Justice Department involved in cover-up

WASHINGTON (AP) — An independent counsel suggests that the Justice Department thwarted a 1983 congressional probe by withholding documents detailing its role in a dispute over the Superfund toxic waste cleanup program.

Alexia Morrison concluded there was insufficient evidence to charge former Assistant Attorney General Theodore Olson with lying to a House subcommittee to obstruct its inquiry into the Justice Department's role in the dispute.

Morrison's report said that if any obstruction occurred, other Justice Department officials — not Olson — were responsible.

In the 250-page report issued by the special court that appointed her, Morrison detailed the reasons she decided last summer not to prosecute Olson.

Morrison concluded that while Olson, who headed the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel gave "disingenuous and misleading" answers, there was insufficient evidence that he lied on March 10, 1983, to the House Judiciary monopolies subcommittee.

Olson was questioned about the extent to which the Justice Department had produced documents about the Superfund scandal, which had resulted in the resignation of its director, Rita M. Lavelle, and Anne M. Burford, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Lavelle was later convicted of lying to Congress about conflicts of interest in her management of the Superfund program.

The bitter dispute with Congress resulted in Burford being cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to turn over EPA documents subpoenaed by other congressional panels.

The Judiciary subcommittee investigated allegations that the Justice Department devised a claim of "executive privilege" to prevent Congress from obtaining documents that showed possible manipulation of the Superfund program for political purposes.

Morrison concluded that while Olson gave answers that were not "overly helpful ... it clearly cannot be said in our view that the testimony actually obstructed the committee's inquiry."

"The principal act which arguably had the purpose or the effect of obstructing that inquiry was

Toxic waste a growing threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Few communities can claim safety from the growing threat of toxic railroad accidents as shipments of hazardous materials rise while federal regulations stay lax, says a public-interest group.

Although the number of toxic rail accidents nationwide declined 3.7 percent from 1986, Citizen Action said the severity of those accidents increased significantly in 1987.

The number of railroad cars leaking toxic substances because of an accident was up 12.7 percent, in what the Washington-based grassroots lobbying organization considers the most accurate measure of toxic rail accident severity.

More than 24,000 people were

evacuated as a result of 351 major rail accidents involving toxic materials in 1987, according to Citizen Action's study, which based its findings on government figures. Forty-one of 50 states were affected by at least one accident.

Most toxic rail accidents were concentrated in heavily populated states bordering the Great Lakes and the Gulf Coast — states with heavy industry or oil and gas production, Citizen Action said Monday.

"Toxic railroad accidents are a growing public safety problem across the country," said Robert Creamer, spokesman for Citizen Action and executive director of the Illinois Public Action Council, which conducted the study. "Few

communities are safe from the environmental contamination of these catastrophes on wheels."

Citizen Action said 4 billion tons of hazardous materials are shipped annually, involving 250,000 shipments and 3,000 carloads a day.

Yet while 53 percent of rail accidents involving hazardous materials stemmed from mechanical failures, the Federal Railroad Administration does not effectively enforce rail safety standards, the study charged.

She said the FRA in 1987 assessed hazardous materials penalties totaling \$646,750, compared with \$305,900 in penalties by the Federal Aviation Administration and \$292,300 for highway violations.

chronology of the executive privilege dispute.

"The concealment of the notes and chronology arguably obstructed and certainly substantially delayed the successful completion of the committee's inquiry," said Morrison.

Even though the department may have had a valid basis for withholding the documents from Congress, "there could not be in our view any justification for the failure to inform the committee of the existence of the withheld documents," Morrison said.

In late 1986, Morrison asked then-Attorney General Edwin Meese III to expand her mandate to investigate the alleged obstruction by Schmulls and Dinkins.

Meese refused and the independent counsel division of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that appointed Morrison refused to overrule the attorney general. Instead, the panel said Morrison could investigate whether Olson participated in any conspiracy to obstruct the congressional inquiry.

A statement by Schmulls attached to the report called the case a "now stale matter."

the failure to disclose to the committee the existence of documents which the department withheld from its production to the committee," Morrison said.

"We could find no evidence link-

ing Mr. Olson to that failure," the report said.

The report recounts a decision in early 1983 by then-Deputy Attorney General Edward C. Schmulls to withhold from the panel handwrit-

ten Justice Department notes about the controversy. Carol E. Dinkins, then an assistant attorney general who headed the department's land and natural resources division, also withheld a draft



Steer wrestling
IOWA CITY, IOWA — Rick Kerr, left, and Francis Kerkove try their hand a different type of steer wrestling as they try to stop this longhorn calf from escaping the chute. The two men were preparing to brand it.

Mauro urges combined forces

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro urged Eastern state land managers recently to join forces with their Western counterparts in pushing for federal policies that put protection of environmentally sensitive areas ahead of balancing the budget.

Mauro, the president of the Western States Land Commissioners Association, met with the Eastern Lands and Resources Council as part of a continued move to build a coalition between the two groups, which combined represent 36 states.

"The separate regions of this nation have no monopoly on many of the problems and issues that concern resource managers in America today," Mauro told the group representing 14 Eastern states. "National energy policy. Protection of our recreational lands and waterways. ... The crisis of pollution in our oceans and on our beaches."

Traditionally, the federal government and the states have worked out an equitable sharing of receipts from agricultural and mineral production on federal

lands within each state, Mauro said. In most Western states, those receipts are dedicated to public schools.

But if Congress goes along with a deficit-reduction plan by the administration that would slash royalty revenues to the states, it will be much more difficult for the states "to shore up our lagging and troubled system of public education," Mauro said.

According to Mauro, the Western land managers in 22 states manage educational trust lands totaling 1.4 billion surface acres and as many mineral acres. Surface uses of trust land generate more than \$850 million a year, and mineral production adds to education revenues by more than \$3 billion.

As much as \$40 million a year in lease revenues is deposited into the Permanent School Fund in Texas, Mauro said.

Enormous sums of money come from leases for grazing, mining, timbering, oil and gas production and even ski resorts, Mauro said.

States and the federal government each receive 50 percent of all royalties from federal leases within their borders, as federal

lands are immune from state and local taxing authority.

Mauro said the administration, however, is proposing in the 1990 budget request to Congress to split the royalty revenues after administrative costs are deducted, which would greatly reduce the states' share.

Mauro said the administration is also proposing the states pay for such federal programs as firefighting in national forests.

"The intent of this fiscal shell game is clear. The designers of these policy maneuvers are caught between a rock and a hard place; in trying to transfer these costs to the states, they're looking out for their own budgets," Mauro said.

"Because of the federal budget deficit, some would forget why our public lands were set aside in the first place. Policies driven by expedience and short-term gain contradict and undermine the fundamental premise of that public trust," Mauro said.

Lands in public trust include forests, such environmentally sensitive areas as wetlands and shorelines, and national parks.

Farmers greet National Ag Week

WASHINGTON (AP) — National Agriculture Week, which runs through March 25, is in step with the arrival of spring, a time when farmers are supposed to forget last year's drought and have good thoughts about the season ahead.

It's also a time when city people are asked to think about their food, where it comes from and to have good thoughts about farmers.

Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter, this year's honorary chairman, called National Agriculture Day (and the week-long observance) a time "to recognize America's agricultural providers for their enduring contribution to the nation and the American people."

National Agriculture Day is always on the first day of spring, which arrived on Monday. Since March 1981, it has been an official national observance created by Congress and presidential proclamation.

Many of the plain facts of U.S. agriculture are repeated each year

at this time by farm leaders and politicians from the agricultural heartland. It's an impressive litany, backed up by Agriculture Department statistics and many other government figures.

For example, a new booklet by the American Farm Bureau Federation shows that there are about 2.2 million farms in the United States, spread over more than a billion acres, based on 1987 figures. The value of those farms' production was more than \$136 billion.

American consumers spend about 11 percent of their net income on food, the lowest among 22 countries listed. That compares to Canada, the next lowest, at 11 percent; the United Kingdom, 14.5 percent; and Australia, 15.5 percent. In the Soviet Union, food spending is about 25.6 percent of income.

The booklet also shows how farmland prices declined during much of the 1980s, the size of debts, the shrinking of farm assets, the crunch on income.

Among the booklet's features is a listing of significant dates in agricultural history, beginning with 8000 B.C. with the domestication of animals and grains in the Middle East, which was "the birth of agriculture."

In 1493, Columbus brought calves, goats, sheep, pigs, hens, citrus, melons and many kinds of vegetables to the New World. And in 1585, the potato was taken from South America to Spain.

In 1930, the federation's booklet says, six to eight man-hours of labor were required to produce one acre of corn, and three to four man-hours for an acre of wheat. By 1980, the work was down to three hours for corn and 1.25 for wheat.

The booklet's list goes on with benchmarks each year or two through the present. But 1930 may be a year to look at a little more closely — with some attention to the current situation and last year's drought.

The Great Depression was in gear and would worsen before it

improved. Herbert Hoover was president, and his secretary of agriculture was a native Missourian and former governor, Arthur M. Hyde.

In a 1931 review of U.S. agriculture, Hyde said "the worst drought ever recorded in this country" hit farmers in 1930, greatly reducing production.

"Wells failed, water for stock was scarce, and in some places sewage disposal became an acute problem," he said. "Hydroelectric plants on large streams did not suffer, but some plants on the smaller streams had to shut down."

Hyde's report also noted that despite a drop in wheat production, the "difficulty is not a sudden emergency, but a cumulative overproduction" of grain. The answer to overproduction, he said, is less production.

Hyde added: "The final measure of agriculture improvement must be a rise in the average net farm income. There is no other satisfactory criterion."



Wildlife spectacle
KEARNEY, NEB. — Three Sandhill Cranes take wing during their annual migration. From early March to mid-April, the Platte River in Nebraska is the setting for one of the world's greatest wildlife spectacles. On their migration from wintering grounds in Texas, New Mexico and Mexico to nesting grounds in Canada, Alaska and Siberia, 500,000 sandhill cranes will crowd to the river to feed.

Plant population research yields results

By DON RICHARDSON
County Extension Agent

During our recently completed cotton crop year, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Howard County conducted an intensive cotton plant population study at five different locations in the county.

These result demonstrations were established on the Larry Shaw farm near Knott, Howard Armstrong Farm near Ackerly, Lloyd and Kent Robinson farms in the Brown Community, Larry Fryar farm near Luther and Bob Nichols farm near the Fairview community. As many as 14 varieties to as few as two varieties were hand thinned to obtain different plant spacings; two, three and/or four and/or a check as the farmer planted his crop.

A total of 291 plots were, in addition to being hand thinned, hand harvested and ginned to determine what is the best plant population for cotton producers in Howard and surrounding counties. There was too much variations between the plant spacings for statistically



Ask the agent

results; however there were some trends that were evident. Close plant spacings tended to lower yields when moisture was limited; where abundant, close spacings tended to yield the most. Fiber quality differences were also evident.

Often times, producers overplant in an effort to reduce the necessity of replanting in the event of poor growing conditions from a number of factors. However, this can often lead to reduced yields and poor quality. Planting too few seed can likewise mean having to replant and possibly loosing precious moisture and time to establish the crop.

The purpose of this demonstra-

tion was to determine the optimum planting rate for dryland sandy soils in the Howard County and the surrounding area.

The plant spacing trials in this demonstration pointed out several important trends as it relates to final lint yields and fiber quality. Under stressful situations caused by limited moisture, lower plant populations of longer maturity type cotton varieties will generally produce the most lint while higher populations of short maturity or determinate types will generally produce more lint. In years with sufficient moisture, higher plant populations will yield the most.

Fiber quality is effected by stress. The lower plant populations will generally produce a higher quality fiber, with longer staple and higher micronaire with periods of stress during the boll maturation period.

When a farmer is producing cotton under dryland conditions, plant spacing in the row on a 2x1 planting pattern should not be higher than four plants per foot, while a plant spacing of two plants per foot will

produce an acceptable crop in most years and even produce more in years when moisture is insufficient and causes plant stress.

We appreciate the cooperating farmers in our county who helped conduct this study in 1988 and if anyone is interested in see individual performance of varieties on any one or all of these farms in more complete detail we invite you to give the Howard County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service a call at 267-6671 and we will gladly send that you receive a copy of our recently completed county handbook of agricultural result demonstrations conducted in the county in 1988. The information provided herein is for educational purposes only. Reference to commercial products or trade names is made with the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement by the Cooperative Extension Service is implied.

These demonstrations were planned and implemented by members of the various County Extension Program Area Committee.

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