

ON THE SIDE:



Wet exercise

BIG SPRING — Programs such as a water exercise class are one of many things offered by the Big Spring YMCA, which will be kicking off its 1990 membership drive tonight at 5:30. The goal of the drive, being co-chaired by John Yater and Al Valdez, is \$25,000 or 150 new members.

Shooting accidents

BIG SPRING — A Glasscock County man is in stable condition at a local hospital today after being accidentally shot over the weekend.

The man, whose name could not be released by the hospital under standard procedures, was brought to the hospital with what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound, a nursing supervisor at Scenic Mountain Medical Center said today.

The man was apparently shot with a deer rifle, the nursing supervisor said. Attempts to determine the identity of the man from the sheriff's office in Glasscock County, where the shooting occurred, went unreturned before presstime.

And another man doing construction in Coahoma apparently shot himself with a nail gun, the Howard County Sheriff's Department reported today.

The man, whose only identification was a last name listed as Kemper, was apparently driving himself to the hospital in a Suburban, after accidentally shooting himself with a nail gun, Sheriff's Deputy Ben Lockhart said.

Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard said the sheriff's department was notified by the Texas Highway Patrol in reference to the shooting and that Lockhart was dispatched to take an incident report. Lockhart said the sheriff's office does not have more information on the accident because it did not continue to investigate the incident after it was learned to be a commercial-related accident.

Stanton school board

STANTON — Students will return to classes Aug. 27 when the 1990-91 school year begins. Stanton ISD trustees school voted Monday to set the fall semester at Aug. 27 through Jan. 11, and the spring semester at Jan. 14 through May 24.

The board also scheduled Thanksgiving holiday for Nov. 22-23; Christmas for Dec. 20 through Jan. 1; and spring break for March 11-15.

Bad-weather days were set at March 29 and April 26, and May 10 was set as a day off. Teacher in-service and work days were set for Aug. 20-24, Jan. 12, Jan. 18, and Jan. 25.

In other action Monday, the board extended by one year the contract of Superintendent Wayne Mitchell.

Mitchell's salary of about \$60,000 will remain the same, he said. Mitchell has been superintendent of Stanton schools since 1981.

The board also approved the construction project at the high school, with the exception of the new gym's floor. The board action applies to four new classrooms and weight-room facilities for the high school.

The new gym's floor was damaged this fall when rain caused it to buckle.

Public hearing

BIG SPRING — Representatives with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will discuss proposed improvements to Beals Creek during a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. today.

Corps engineers with the Fort Worth District will explain the proposed project, which would relieve chronic flood problems along the creek, during the meeting at the Municipal Auditorium, Third and Nolan streets.

According to the proposal, which eventually would have to be authorized by Congress, the Corps will build a channel 8,000 feet long and 7 feet deep along existing lines of the creek. The federal government would pay for 75 percent of the expected \$4.19 million cost. The city's share would be about \$1.05 million.

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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Mostly sunny and unseasonably warm Wednesday. Lows tonight in the 30s. Thursday: Partly cloudy with highs in the 70s. Lows Wednesday night in the upper 30s.



School kids playing with explosive rope

By ERIN BLAIR
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — Children playing with yellow and green striped rope near Washington Elementary School may get more of a bang out of it than they expect, said Terry Chamness, the Big Spring police lieutenant in charge of the criminal investigation division.

The rope is actually old 50-grain detonation cord used in mining and road work. Chamness said the cord is highly explosive if it is cut or burned because it is deteriorating. When new, the cord requires a blasting cap to detonate it, he said.

"Children are using it like rope to build forts and things. We're notifying parents that it could be very dangerous," Chamness said.

The cord looks like vinyl-coated clothesline, he said, except that its core is a white chemical powder

"Children are using it like rope to build forts and things. We're notifying parents that it could be very dangerous . . . We're urging parents, if you know about the cord, call the police station." — Terry Chamness, criminal investigation division.

known as PETN that has a burning rate of five miles a second.

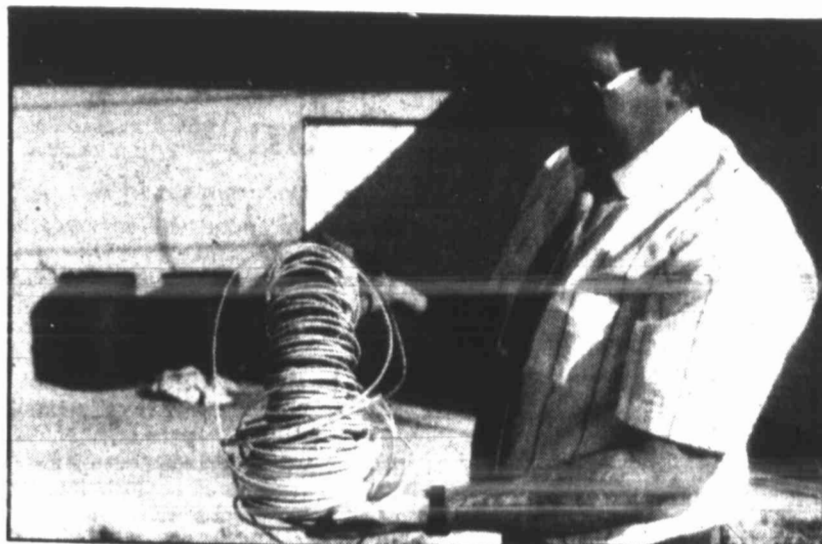
The police learned about the detonation cord when the father of a child who had brought some of the cord home recognized its danger and reported it.

Chamness found 2000 feet of cord in vacant lots on South Monticello and College Avenue south of the Washington school when he investigated the area on Saturday night and Sunday.

"We checked the records and there's no report of stolen detonation cord. It may have fallen off a truck," Chamness said. He has talked to children who said they found the cord in a field.

The police department is burning the cord under controlled conditions as soon as police officers collect it, he said.

"We're urging parents, if you know about the cord, call the police station," Chamness said.



BIG SPRING — Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness examines old detonation cord found by children near Washington Elementary School. The cord is highly explosive and dangerous.

Texas 43rd in helping needy

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Texas ranks 43rd nationally in meeting the needs of families and children, according to a survey that finds nearly a quarter of the state's youths are living in poverty.

Using 10 indicators to measure child and teen health, education, social and economic well-being, the Center for the Study of Social Policy said Texas had lost ground in providing medical care to pregnant women but had improved infant mortality and high school dropout rates.

The center, an independent, non-profit research and policy analysis

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

On top of the situation

BIG SPRING — Workers remove the top from the Big Spring High School baseball field Tuesday morning. The top is being removed

from the bleacher covering, with some of the structure being taken down.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Time to register

BIG SPRING — Spring registration at Howard College started Monday as students signed up for classes that begin next week. John Wofford looks over his schedule of classes as Margaret Cer-

vantes completes his paperwork. Registration continues throughout the week in the Admissions office.

County OKs equipment to help firefighters

By BRADLEY WORRELL
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — Howard County Commissioners on Monday approved the purchase of communications equipment to enhance the county volunteer fire department's ability to contact its members.

Commissioners approved a \$250 purchase for an application of an FCC permit and a \$6,200 purchase for communications equipment for the volunteer fire department. The volunteer fire department has been using the communications system of the sheriff and police departments, but was tying up their lines, County Clerk Margaret Ray said. The new system is expected to improve the firefighters' ability to keep in contact with each other, she said.

Commissioners also approved the purchase of two underground storage tanks to replace existing tanks. The replacement of the

tanks, one an unleaded gas tank and the other a diesel tank, will put the county in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency and Texas Water Commission regulations for underground storage tanks. County Engineer Bill Mims said. The two tanks are the only ones the county owns, he said.

Replacement of the tanks is estimated to cost between \$15,000 to \$20,000, Mims said. One of the current tanks recently failed an inspection test, the other one passed but needs to be replaced because of its age, he said.

In other business, commissioners:

● Accepted the report of the county's independent auditor.

"He said we got an A, an A rating, which is good," County Auditor Jackie Olson said. Auditor Guy A. White Jr., a certified public

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Hands-on experience handy for new manager

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

STANTON — Paul L. Lively figures his hands-on experience will come in handy as the new city administrator. He sounded confident following his first City Council meeting here Monday night.

The 1978 high school graduate says in-the-field experience and knowledge of water pipes, water and wastewater systems, street repair and road maintenance should be an advantage.

"I've got that experience that I can fall back on," he said. "I

Personality profile

think that's my strong suit." Lively was hired by the City Council in December following the retirement of Jimmy Mathis on Nov. 30.

Arriving last week, shortly after about a half dozen water pipe breaks from a Christmas weekend freeze were already

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Herald photo

STANTON — New City Administrator Paul Lively (center) and Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie

Christian (left) listen as City Councilman Gene Wheeler makes a point.

Opinion

Herald opinion

Hog heaven

Last September, three months after the death of Rep. Claude Pepper, the House passed a scholarship act to honor the Florida Democrat and his late wife, Mildred. It was agreed that this measure would be kept free of the pork-barrel add-ons that had sunk a previous bill named after the couple.

And it was — until the Senate got hold of it. Before approving the bill by a voice vote, senators added \$25.2 million in authorizations for six projects. The added provisions were strictly for the benefit of the selective states represented by influential senators on both sides of the aisle.

The House has delayed action on the measure until later this month. At that time, the subcommittee on postsecondary education will decide whether to wink at \$25.2 million worth of pork in order to fund a \$1 million program to bring the hearing-impaired to Washington to learn about government. That's right: The Senate tacked on \$25 million in ancillary spending to a \$1 million appropriation.

Actually, one can learn a great deal about how Washington works by tracking the cynical course of this bill. For example, there was no debate among the senators about the amended version, which was praised lavishly in the Congressional Record by Sen. Claiborne Pell. But the Rhode Island Democrat neglected to mention the additional spending projects, one of which is \$5 million for his home state. Sen. Pell just happens to face a tough re-election fight in the year ahead.

What other senators partook of the pork? Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell got \$5 million for the Muskie Archives at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole and Sen. Nancy Kassebaum brought home \$3 million worth of bacon to build a National Teacher Hall of Fame at Emporia State University in Kansas. Sen. Thad Cochran landed \$2.2 million to renovate a library at the University of Mississippi Law School. Montana Sens. Max Baucus and Conrad Burns managed \$5 million for construction costs for a research center in their home state. And California Sens. Alan Cranston and Pete Wilson garnered \$5 million for the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles.

We do not question the merits of these programs so much as the surreptitious method of their approval. If they are worthwhile, Congress should bring them in the front door instead of slipping them through the back.



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No limits on proposals, anyway

BY GEORGE F. WILL

WASHINGTON — The best reason for enacting Rep. Bill Frenzel's bill is that he, a sound fellow, wrote it. The decisive reason for rejecting it is that it would retire its author.

Not to worry. Frenzel, a Minnesota Republican now in his tenth term, has submitted to ten Congresses his bill to limit congressmen to nine terms and senators to three. Once — he can not remember when or who — he got one co-sponsor. Frenzel, who came to Congress when two crucial committee chairmen (Banking and Currency, and Judiciary) had cumulatively a century of seniority, has an old idea whose time will never come.

Mandatory rotation of congressmen was required in the Continental Congress (a limit of three years' service in any six years). The 1988 Republican Platform endorsed the idea of limits on terms, but flinched on specifying them. This year, a dozen bills propose limits, most specifying two Senate and six House terms or three House terms of four years each. (The Senate would never agree to four-year House terms: Congressmen could run against senators without risking their seats.)

In the first House election after President Washington was elected, 40 percent of incumbents were defeated, allaying anxieties about an entrenched "government of strangers." In the 19th century, 40 to 50 percent of House seats changed hands at each election, often through voluntary retirements: 19th-century travel and life in Washington boarding houses were experiences easy to forsake. After the turmoil of the early 1860s, House seniority began to rise. The House of Representatives committee made seniority matter and the expanding role of Washington made Congress matter more. But not until the turn of the 20th century did the average House seniority reach even five years.

What has changed since 1945 is the number of incumbents seeking



George F. Will

re-election, ranging from a low of 382 (1978) to 411 (1956, 1966). Still, during Reagan's presidency 55 percent of the House turned over; since 1974, 81 percent; since Speaker Tom Foley was elected in 1964, 93 percent. Average seniority in the House in 1971 was six terms; today it is 5.8.

In today's Senate, the mean years of service is 9.8. A two-term limit would eliminate 20 senators. In the first four postwar decades, the success rate for senators seeking re-election was only 74.9 percent. If that rate held for the House, 100 would lose every two years. Senators are less secure because their constituencies are larger and more diverse and Senate races often attract two strong candidates.

There simply are lots of one-party House districts. In 1988, 56 of the 435 seats were uncontested; 20 winners topped 90 percent of the vote; 70 percent (306) won 65 percent; if landslides begin at 55 percent, there were 401 landslides. In 1986, 98 percent of incumbents running won; in 1988, 99.2 percent. Even in modern America's most tumultuous year, 1968, 96.8 percent won.

In today's House, the mean years of service is 11.6, but 34 percent of members have served seven or more terms, and they are the most important — some would say most stagnant — third Most turnover comes off the bottom. Most offices from younger members (often Republicans facing a bleak future in a permanent minority) leaving to run for Senate or state offices. Forty Democrats and 19 Republicans have been here at least as long as Frenzel has. (Mississippi's Jamie Whitten was

elected 33 days before Pearl Harbor.)

Frenzel would relish the pleasure of "taking a few with me" if his bill took him out. Limits on terms would indeed prune much deadwood, but also would chop down all the tall cotton: All great careers are long. Frenzel believes the ratio of mediocrity (or worse) to excellence is too high to protect the former for the sake of the latter.

Could be, but so could this: Limits on terms might confirm the axiom that all improvements make matters worse.

Compulsory rotation of offices would bring in "fresh faces," but another name for them is "rookies," people with a lot to learn in a town where there is a lot to know. Forcing out veteran legislators would increase the power of the "permanent government" — congressional staff, executive bureaucracies. Forced circulation of congressional elites also would please another entrenched elite — the press — and that is another reason for not doing it.

The idea of limiting terms recurs because there is deep in America's soul a streak of Jeffersonian sentimentality unsuited to today's Hamiltonian realities. Ideologically, Americans favor citizen-legislators because Americans like to think they favor a small central government comprehensible by amateurs who could not do much damage anyway. Practically, however, Americans are remorseless Hamiltonians, demanding an immense government (the bureaucracy grew — by 214,000 — even under Reagan) and career legislators looking after constituency interests.

Incumbents win because Americans despise Congress but value the services of those who toil tirelessly to deliver services. Incumbents are entrenched by democratic choices, and Americans have a constitutional right to democracy, not good government.

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Art Buchwald

It's not a price fix

BY ART BUCHWALD

True or false: The main reason for deregulation of the airlines is to make the business more competitive.

Donald Trump, who keeps giving away free rooms in Atlantic City on his shuttle flights to New York and Boston, has raised the one-way fare from \$99 to \$119. That's fair since it's his airline.

Here's the rub. As soon as he did it, Pan Am, his only shuttle competitor, announced that it was raising its fares from \$99 to \$119 — not \$118.99, not \$120, but \$119. Because of this odd coincidence I looked for a Pan Am ticket agent to find out what happened.

She was wiping her computer with a chamois cloth.

"I would like to ask you why Pan Am raised its fare to exactly match Donald Trump's?"

"That's a good question. My understanding is that Pan Am was going to raise its fare first. Donald Trump heard about it and beat us to the punch. People say we followed suit — when in fact Trump was dragging behind us."

"How did you arrive at \$119?"

"It seemed like a nice figure that we could live with. It was neither too high nor too low. It was exactly what people expect to pay for a nice ride in a beautiful airplane."

"And yet," I added, "some would say that both sides subconsciously agreed to charge the same amount rather than compete against the other."

She tapped on her computer and said, "It doesn't show that on my screen. Frankly, we don't care what Donald Trump does. After all, we're competitors of his."

"If you are competing, why not make it \$115 instead of \$119?"

She went to her computer again and then looked up. "That doesn't make sense."

"Why not charge less than Trump and steal all his business?"

She smiled patiently. "Because he would then lower his price to undersell us, and pretty soon a fare war would break out with blood all over La Guardia Airport. Pan Am is an honorable airline and would never do anything to lower prices in order to take business away from another carrier."

"So you stick to your \$99 increase, and the only one who gets speared is the passenger."

"You have to try to understand what airline competition is all about. Sure we want to hurt the competition, but we can't afford to do it if they are going to hurt us. Let me give you an example. If we hadn't raised our fares right after Trump did, he would have had to lower his fares back to where we were. That way, he'd be out \$20 and so would we. By meeting his raise, we sent a message to him that we will compete with him dollar for dollar."

"Are you planning on raising your rates again?"

She kept hitting her computer on the side to make it work. Then she answered, "Not in the near future. But I'm sure that if we did, Mr. Trump would not be far behind. Why are you asking so many questions?"

"Because I have a feeling that you people aren't serious about the free enterprise system."

"We're more serious than the anti-trust division of the Justice Department."

"Will Trump and Pan Am really compete on fares?"

She hit her computer again and a large word came up on the screen — it was TILT.

Mailbag

FIV no reason to kill cats

To the editor:

As a result of your alarmist article about Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) in Sunday's paper, the Big Spring Humane Society has been inundated with calls from cat owners asking us to kill their healthy animals. We were also quite distressed by reports that people took matters into their own hands and shot their cats.

Your mislead article prompted members of the Humane Society to contact Dr. Elizabeth Provenza, DVM.

with the School of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, who has conducted extensive studies on FIV. She stated that immunodeficiency viruses — the so-called AIDS-type viruses — are found in almost every animal species but have never crossed species lines. In other words, cats have the cat virus, dogs have the dog virus, monkeys have the monkey virus, etc. These cannot be transmitted to humans, who can only catch HIV — Human Immunodeficiency Virus. Dr. Zenger also stated that although the specific viruses have only been isolated in the past several years, there is strong evidence to suggest that these viruses have been around at least since the mid 1700's.

The test commonly used to determine if a cat has FIV is not only expensive, it is also primarily a screening test. The recommended course of action following a positive test is to wait two weeks and retest the cat. If the second test is positive, a blood sample should be sent for testing at a reputable lab, such as at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Zenger further stated that it is not recommended that a cat be put to sleep if it tests positive for the virus, even if there are other cats in the same household. She said that the virus can only be spread to another cat by a bite that breaks the skin. It cannot even be spread by sexual contact. Studies have shown that only about 12 to 20 percent of the cats tested for FIV were carrying the virus, but most of the cats that have been confirmed carriers are stray cats, not cats that are properly cared for in a home. This would lead to the reasonable assumption that unneutered tom cats are more likely to come into contact with the disease because they are more likely to wander around and fight with other cats. Therefore, the Humane Society very strongly

recommends having male cats neutered in order to help prevent the spread of this disease.

Dr. Zenger said that FIV has been sensationalized not only in the Big Spring Herald, but also in such papers as the National Enquirer.

We would like to stress again that immunodeficiency viruses in animals pose no danger to humans and are only a small threat to pets that are properly cared for.

Big Spring Humane Society
CONNIE PROVENZA
4004 Parkway

Editor's Note: Provenza's reference is to an article in Sunday's Big Spring Herald that noted that FIV is not related to AIDS, a disease in the same group of viruses as AIDS in humans.

Provenza claims the virus has been sensationalized but the same story had been reported by most major news networks, including the Cable News Network.

She also failed to note that the findings she claims Zenger wrote are in sharp contrast to other material on the virus.

All trash should be collected

To the editor:

We are not opposed to the \$1 proposed increase in the garbage collection fee. We wouldn't be opposed to a larger increase than that amount, if the city would put a truck out in the alleys to haul away the large items that are placed there, that won't fit in the dumpsters. Not everybody has a way to haul items away from the alley. Right now, these type of items are not cleaned up, just become scattered and litter the alleys. We are constantly cleaning up and hauling off items that litter our portion of the alley. It is not ours, it belongs to residents in the area.

We have hauled off wire, broken furniture, air conditioner pieces, etc. fence pieces, roofing material, you name it. Right now, a rent house next door to us is being cleaned up for rental. The owners of the property have hauled to the alley an enormous pile of cut shrubbery, an old car hood, wire of some sort and miscellaneous items. Do you know who will eventually try to get this mess cleaned up? Guess! The City of Big Spring needs a truck to do this, not us every time, or please put my husband on the City's payroll for the work he is doing for free now to keep the alley cleaned up.

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Quotes

"In terms of any impact on the flow of drugs or money through the banking system, the impact of Noriega's arrest will be nil. I'm talking about the total flow of drugs, the total flow of money." — Rensselaer Lee III, a consultant and lecturer who specializes in Latin American drug trafficking issues.

"I needed three days to teach my secretary normal behavior. She

was sullen, she was running around like mad if I said one word, as if it had been a command." — Andrei Plesu, Romania's new culture minister, on learning to adjust to gentler times.

"If you believe that, then there's a wonderful S&L I'd like to sell you." — Art Buchwald, columnist who successfully sued Paramount Pictures over a script idea he claimed was the basis for the Eddie Murphy movie "Coming to America, on Paramount's claim that the movie — which has gross profits of more than \$300 million — has no net profits.

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Buchwald wins lawsuit over script

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Art Buchwald's victory over Paramount Pictures about rights to "Coming to America" was hailed as a triumph for writers, but the studio feared the court decision could mean a rash of bogus lawsuits.

"I am very, very happy," Buchwald said in a telephone interview after a judge ruled Monday that Paramount must pay him for the script idea he claimed was the basis for the hit Eddie

Murphy movie "Coming to America."

Superior Court Judge Harvey A. Schneider ruled that "Coming to America" was "based upon a material element of, or was inspired by" a synopsis Buchwald wrote entitled "King for a Day."

"The evidence is overwhelming that for two years Paramount considered 'King for a Day' to be a project that was being developed for Eddie Murphy," the judge ruled.

Deck of cards needs seven shuffles

NEW YORK (AP) — If the deck isn't shuffled seven times, you may be getting a raw deal.

Two mathematicians — one of whom also is a magician — have discovered that it takes exactly seven ordinary shuffles to mix a deck of cards thoroughly.

Fewer shuffles are not enough and more do not significantly improve the mix, according to a story today in *The New York Times*.

The research was conducted by magician-mathematician Persi Diaconis, who is also a statistician at Harvard University, and his colleague, Dave Bayer, who is

a mathematician and computer scientist at Columbia University.

The two made the discovery after studying results from elaborate computer calculations and careful observations of card games.

Most people shuffle just three or four times, which Diaconis says produces an order that "is far from random."

By saying that the deck is perfectly mixed after seven shuffles, the researchers mean that every arrangement of the 52 cards is equally likely or that any card is as likely to be in one place as in another.

Governor calls for diaper ban

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Gov. Madeleine Kunin wants Vermont to become the first state to ban all disposable diapers, but her plan is being trashed by some including day-care operators who want no part of a mountain of cloth.

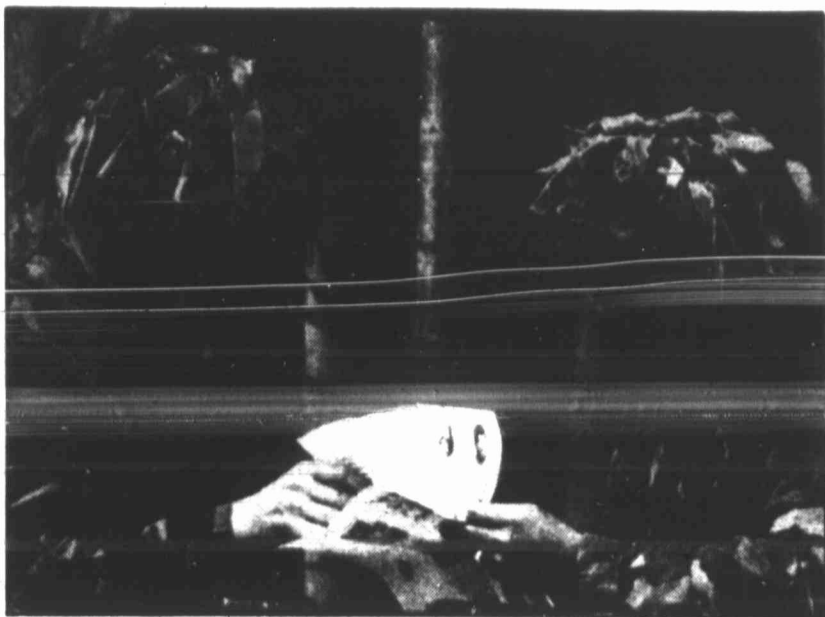
"The time has come to be responsible and to find the way to say yes — yes to required statewide recycling, to bans on certain polluting products, to changes in lifestyle," Kunin said in her state of the state speech last week.

Kunin, whose proposal would ban disposable diapers by 1993, noted that while the usable life of a disposable diaper may be a few hours, they won't decompose in dumps for hundreds of years — or several generations of babies later.

Environmental groups have



MADELEINE KUNIN quickly supported the plan by Kunin, who last year made the state the first to ban the sale of vehicles that use ozone-depleting chemicals in their air conditioning. That ban starts with 1993 models.



PANAMA CITY — American soldiers look over sheets of paper with photos and descriptions of people they are still searching for.

Lawmakers expect aid to Panama to be limited

WASHINGTON (AP) — Panama may be looking for far more money to rebuild its crippled economy than the United States can afford, according to lawmakers who visited the Central American country.

Panamanian Vice President Ricardo Arias Calderon suggested an initial one-year aid contribution of \$1.5 billion to help repair damage caused by the Dec. 20 American invasion, a House member said Monday.

"Obviously, we can and should help ease the immediate suffering caused by the invasion," said Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass., who called destruction in poor neighborhoods of Panama City "terrible."

"We should provide medical supplies, shelter, food and other basic human needs," Studds said. "But beyond that, our abilities are limited, and we should say so."

Arias Calderon's \$1.5 billion estimate would be 10 percent of the total U.S. budget for aiding dozens of nations, and it's unlikely the United States can come up with such an amount in direct cash assistance.

Several Democratic lawmakers who took a two-day trip to Panama last week said they are not inclined to cut domestic programs to send aid, and sought to pressure President Bush to justify the new spending and find the money.

"In the days ahead, the president, whose invasion this was, will have a responsibility to explain to the American people how much aid is necessary, what it will accomplish, and how it will be paid for," Studds said in a statement.

"These are important questions because I, for one, am not about to take money away from American schools or housing or medical research to send to Panama."

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., said it was more likely that U.S. aid will be in the hundreds of millions of dollars, spread over several years, and that some aid will come in the form of debt forgiveness and loan guarantees rather than cash aid.

A 30-member House delegation met with Panamanian government and business leaders Thursday and Friday to assess how much aid is needed to restore what had been one of the region's healthiest economies, crippled by economic sanctions in the effort to force dictator Manuel Antonio Noriega from power.

"The invasion and the current occupation by American troops have turned a Panamanian problem, the burden of having a corrupt and cruel ruler, into an American problem," said Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., a member of the visiting group.

World

Former defense minister killed

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Assaultants believed to be leftist guerrillas shot and killed the former defense minister today as he was parking his car in a Lima suburb, officials said.

A spokesman for the Interior Ministry, who asked not to be identified, said four people with submachine guns sprayed Enrique Lopez's car with gunfire near a shopping center in San Isidro, two miles south of downtown Lima.

Lopez was taken to a military hospital with at least six gunshot wounds, according to radio reports. Officials said Lopez died in surgery.

Reporters at the scene of the attack said Lopez's car was riddled with bullets. The attack took place at 10 a.m.

Lopez was the country's first defense minister. He was appointed in 1987 by President Alan Garcia when the ministry was formed.

Remains entombed after 20 months

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The remains of Ferdinand Marcos' mother will be entombed in a refrigerated mausoleum this month — nearly two years after her death, the family mortician said today.

Before the Sept. 28 death in Hawaii of the ousted and exiled president, the Marcos family had insisted it would not bury his mother, Josefa Edralin Marcos, unless he was permitted to return

home for the funeral.

President Corason Aquino, who came to power in the popular uprising that ousted Marcos in February 1986, cited security reasons for refusing to allow Marcos to return and later banning his burial in the Philippines.

Mrs. Marcos, who died May 4, 1988, will be kept in the encasement indefinitely until both mother and son are allowed to be buried together.

Khmer Rouge rebels attack capital

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Khmer Rouge guerrillas claimed today they attacked the Cambodian capital with grenades, forcing the president and premier to flee across the border to Vietnam and killing some soldiers and police.

The attack, which allegedly occurred Saturday, would be the most serious in Phnom Penh, largely spared in the 11-year-old war between the guerrillas and the Vietnamese-installed government. It could not be verified, and some previous communist Khmer Rouge claims have been exaggerated.

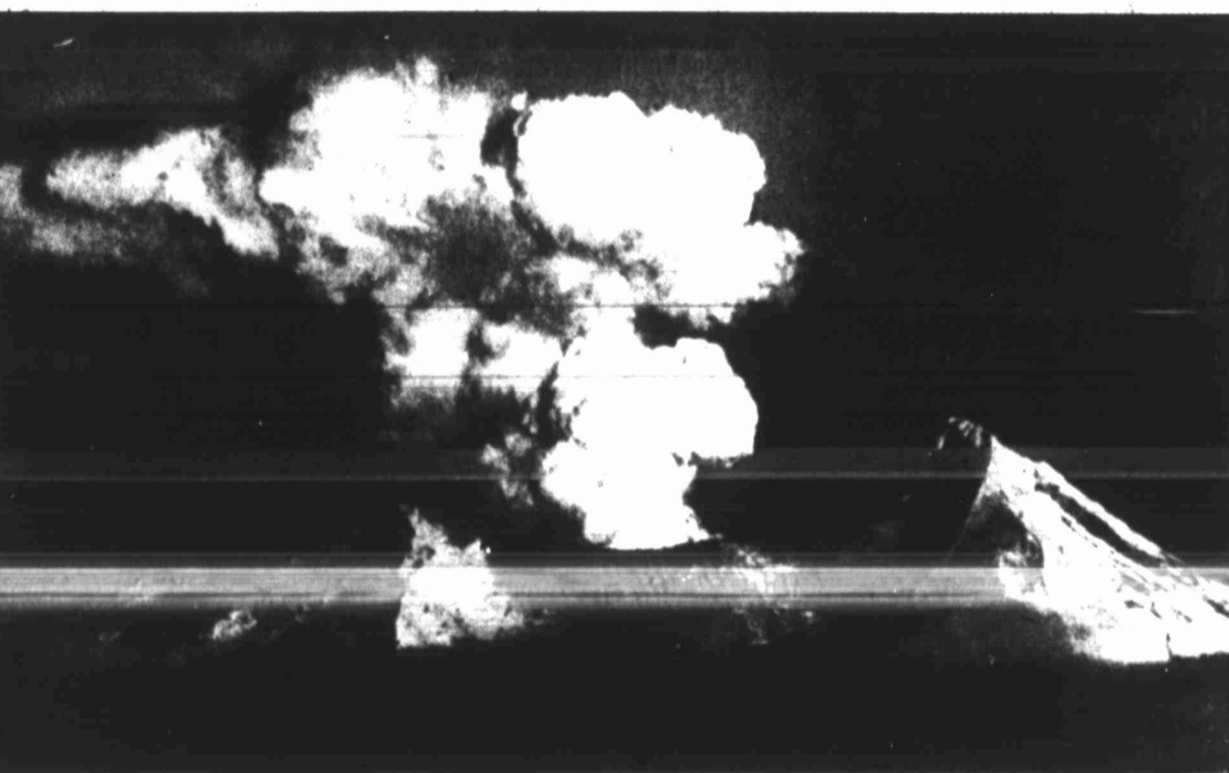
Sunday marks the anniversary of the 1979 downfall of the Khmer Rouge, which was driven out by invading Vietnamese troops after a 3½-year reign in which it killed hundreds of thousands of Cambodians while trying to create a primitive agrarian society.

SPK denied reports that a lack of security in the capital had forced Hun Sen to move a planned meeting with Australia's deputy foreign secretary from the



capital to the border province of Svay Rieng.

Khmer Rouge army radio said resistance forces lobbed five grenades in the center of Phnom Penh near the office of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, killing or wounding some Vietnamese and "lackey puppets."



ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Steam rises from southwest of Anchorage became active in mid-Redoubt Volcano last week. The volcano December after a 25-year rest.

Mount St. Helens, Redoubt erupt

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Mount St. Helens had its biggest volcanic outburst in nearly four years and Alaska's Redoubt Volcano had its largest eruption since it reawakened nearly a month ago.

Despite Mount St. Helens' eruption and renewed earthquake activity, scientists said Monday they do not believe the volcano is entering a more explosive phase.

Seismic levels rose Monday afternoon at the Washington volcano for unexplained reasons and continued to increase and subside for about three hours, said Chris Jonientz-Trisler of the University of Washington Geophysics Center.

Scientists hope today to gather ash samples and to fly over the 8,366-foot peak in an airplane, he said.

Ash collected about 12 miles east of the mountain Sunday was ex-

amined under a microscope and found to be pulverized rock from previous eruptions rather than freshly erupted matter, Dzurisin said.

Jonientz-Trisler said earthquake signals Saturday indicated the outburst might have resulted from groundwater reaching superheated rock beneath the volcano and turning to steam or from gas released by cooling molten rock.

Saturday's burst, which was not preceded by earthquakes, sent ash 90 miles to the east and destroyed two seismometers and two tilt meters in the crater.

The quakes Monday, small but sharp and occurring at an undetermined depth, resemble some that were recorded last August but were never explained, she said.

The latest quake pattern does not resemble any that preceded previous eruptions, she said.

"We're not especially alarmed,"

she said.

The latest eruption was the largest since a series of small explosions in the spring of 1986. On May 18, 1980, a cataclysmic explosion from the volcano leveled 230 square miles, killed 57 people and sent up an ash cloud that circled the globe.

In Alaska on Monday, Redoubt Volcano hurled a plume of steam and ash almost eight miles into the air before activity subsided in the afternoon.

Scientists said the patterns preceding the eruption were very different from previous blasts from the volcano 115 miles southwest of Anchorage.

Most of the ash was carried east and south over the Kenai Peninsula and out over the Gulf of Alaska. Flights from Anchorage to Kenai and Homer were canceled, but other air traffic in and out of Anchorage was unaffected.

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Inside style

Homemakers meet

The Elbow Extension Homemakers Club met Jan. 4 at the home of Lou Vincent with president Lola Kelley presiding. Vincent gave the devotion. Ruth Morton read the minutes of the last meeting; roll call was answered by each member stating the best investment they ever made.

Plans were made for the 4-H Stock Show. Members were assigned working schedules for the concession stand and volunteered to bring rice crispies and brownies to sell.

The programs and hostesses were also assigned for the year. Four members volunteered to bake cakes for the Big Spring State Hospital this month.

The next meeting will be hosted by Ada Chandler.

New officers

The American Association of Retired People installed its new officers Jan. 2 at Kentwood Older Adults Activity Center. Ireba Griffith served as installing officer.

The following were installed: Lennis Couch, president; Lucille Hopper, vice president; Nadine Hodnett, secretary; and John Couch, treasurer.

The thought for the day was: "Lord when we are wrong make us willing to change, and when we are right, make us easy to live with."

Nadine Hodnett gave the invocation. Frances Fleckenstein was welcomed as a new member.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved and meeting adjourned for games.

Members enjoyed a covered dish luncheon.

The next meeting will be Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. at the Kentwood Older Adults Activity Center, 2805 Lynn. Visitors are welcome.

Optimists meet

The Breakfast Optimist Club held its annual installation of officers for 1990 at the KC Steak House in October.

The new officers are: Simon Correa Jr., president; Harlin Smith, first vice president; Maury Smith, second vice president; and Sidney Clark, secretary/treasurer.

Bo Vizcaino, the district governor for Zone 12, conducted the installation ceremonies.

Correa announced that the club would remain one of the largest and most active in the zone. The Optimist Club is known for their contribution to area youths. They are strong in the Special Olympics and Youth Appreciation Week.

VDT advice

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Some tips from the American Optometric Association for users of video display terminals at work:

- Don't take a vision problem to work. There is no evidence VDTs cause vision problems, but eyestrain and fatigue can result.

- Its cause may lie in a defect in one or more neurotransmitters, the chemicals that conduct impulses from one nerve cell to another.
- While fibromyalgia is not debilitating the way rheumatoid arthritis can be, the pain can

- Take rest or alternative task breaks from the screen. Prolonged concentration on a VDT screen can cause eyestrain and may contribute to near-sightedness. A 15-minute break every hour or two generally is recommended, plus whenever your eyes feel tired.
- Minimize glare from windows with shades, drapes or blinds.
- Reduce room lighting in the VDT area to about half the customary wattage. Use desk lamps for other desk work.
- Adjust VDT equipment and furniture for your comfort, including screen brightness and contrast controls.

- Place reference material as close to the VDT screen as possible to avoid frequent head and eye movements. Also, put reference material the same distance from the eyes as the VDT screen to avoid changing focus when looking from one to another. Frequent focusing changes may cause your eyes to tire.

Business workshops

NEW YORK (AP) — Topics ranging from "The Mechanics of Starting Your Own Business" to "Functioning in the Corporate World" will be explored at the 10th annual National Conferences for Women in the Businesses of Fashion, Beauty, Fitness, Food and Home Fashion.

The one-day seminar sponsored by the American Woman's Economic Development Corp. is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 4. TV journalist Barbara Walters, actress Colleen Dewhurst and Suzanne de Passe, president of Motown Productions, are among some 200 leaders in business and industry who will share their secrets for success.

Lifestyle



Happy birthday

DETROIT — Mary Jo Wilson looks on as her quintuplets open birthday presents at a party hosted for them at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Mary Jo gave birth to them one year ago Jan. 5. Seated in front is Elizabeth; behind her are Anthony, Rebecca, Shelby and Cameron. Also, celebrating were some of the 35-person delivery team of nurses, physicians and technicians.

Fibromyalgia is treatable

By NYU MEDICAL CENTER

A treatable condition called fibromyalgia is responsible for many cases of chronic muscle pain in women.

"An estimated 3 to 6 million people in the United States, about 80 percent of them women, have fibromyalgia," said Dr. Hal Mitnick, a rheumatologist at New York University Medical Center. "It is the most common musculoskeletal disorder in women under age 40."

The symptoms of fibromyalgia, also known as fibrositis, are chronic muscle ache at multiple spots around the body; 12 or more tender places are termed trigger points. Often there is general fatigue, sleep disturbance, headaches and symptoms associated with irritable bowel syndrome — all without apparent physical cause.

According to an article in an upcoming issue of the New York University Medical Center Health Letter, the condition may occur alone or be secondary to a rheumatic disorder or viral infection.

Its cause may lie in a defect in one or more neurotransmitters, the chemicals that conduct impulses from one nerve cell to another.

While fibromyalgia is not debilitating the way rheumatoid arthritis can be, the pain can

disrupt people's lives when it flares up. About a third of sufferers experience remissions lasting several months.

Diagnosis is based on testing the trigger points for sensitivity to touch. The person's overall complaints are evaluated, and other possible causes for them excluded to confirm the diagnosis.

Although fibromyalgia has been known for a long time, it has only recently been distinguishable from other disorders.

"More sophisticated diagnostic tests have made it easier to sort out the other causes of chronic achiness, and a fairly consistent set of symptoms are recognized as fibromyalgia."

Once diagnosed, fibromyalgia is usually treated with a combination of an analgesic such as acetaminophen, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents such as aspirin or ibuprofen, and low doses of such anti-depressant medications as amitriptyline or cyclobenzaprine. Analgesic medications are occasionally injected directly into the trigger points.

In addition to gradually accumulating aerobic exercise to build strength and increase endurance may be suggested.

Mitnick added that people with chronic muscle pain have often experienced frustration if no immediate cause can be found.

Uncovering lure of topless bars

DEAR ABBY: Why do men go to topless (and in some cases bottomless) bars? The man I have been seeing for the last six months is basically a nice guy. I am an attractive 27-year-old woman; I'm 5 foot 6 and weigh 120 pounds. He is 31, and we have a great relationship going emotionally, physically, etc. We seem perfect for each other.

What bothers me is that he goes to these places during working hours and drinks only coffee. He is a police officer. He never goes to these places when he's off duty. It makes me feel like I'm not good enough. He says that's not it — I'm fine, and he doesn't compare me to those topless girls.

He says all police officers stop in those places for coffee while they're on duty. I know it's true, because when I drive by, I always see two or three police cars outside. (Once I counted five!) Why do men go to these places? And should I let it bother me? — CONFUSED IN OREGON

DEAR CONFUSED: They go because most men like to look. (So do some women.) Should you let it bother you? Try not to. Your boyfriend was being honest when he told you he wasn't comparing you with "those topless girls," so you have no reason to feel insecure.

Mature men do not need peep shows. Perhaps your police officer is still in a phase of arrested development.

DEAR ABBY: In regards to



Dear Abby

"Teacher in Laramie" and the pain of unjust punishment meted out by teachers, I had a problem in high school when my dad was building a garage during hunting season. He needed my help in bricklaying and I asked to be excused from two classes in order to help him.

I received an "F" for that day in each class; while other students received a passing grade when they went hunting with their dads to kill deer or whatever.

I always felt cheated for being punished for doing something constructive while others were excused to be destructive.

Thanks for letting me get this off my chest, Abby. It's been 20 years and I'm still resentful. — JIMMY IN PORTLAND

DEAR JIMMY: For some reason, he hurts suffered in high school stay with us all our lives. It's not healthy to harbor such negative thoughts. But it's human.

DEAR ABBY: I have an interesting story to tell, and it may help others.

I got a call in my office: "This is Sergeant Cummings from the New

York State Police. We got your name from the church you belong to. We have an Egyptian family here in Newburgh, N.Y. (I am Egyptian.) Their car has broken down on their way back to Boston from Toronto, and because they just moved to the states, the garage will not accept a check from their out-of-country bank."

To make a long story short, I offered my help. He suggested I call Western Union and wire \$424 to him. Thanks to the woman at Western Union, I was alerted that this may be a hoax.

We called the barracks at Newburgh and were told that they have nobody there by that name. I then canceled the order at Western Union. The man never called back after we told him that we were going to verify his identity with the police.

Please alert your readers to this scam. You may use my name and town. Thank you. — TALAAT G. KADDIS, D.D.S., NATICK, MASS. DEAR DR. KADDIS: Thanks for the tip-off. Forewarned is forearmed.

The facts about drugs, AIDS and how to prevent unwanted pregnancy are all in Abby's new expanded booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Old ways to environmental health

By HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

One way to help in the new movement toward environmental health is to go back to some of the old ways of doing things.

You can make a difference, according to a new feature in House Beautiful called "Earth Alert" which in the current issue offers these suggestions of ways you can help save our air, land and water from pollution — and your own home as well.

The chemicals in commercial cleaning and household care products are a major source of hidden pollution in the home. Try some of these old-fashioned alternatives.

For sweetening the air in your home, plants and potpourri are a better bet than commercial aerosol

room fresheners.

The new generation of aerosols may not damage the ozone shield, but many use isobutane and propane, substances that can be harmful to your heart and nervous system.

Plants will cleanse the air in your home naturally. Two good choices are philodendrons and gerbera daisies.

Use cedar as a natural moth repellent. Mothballs not only contain the known carcinogen p-dichlorobenzene, but they are poisonous when ingested, a consideration in households with small children.

Attractive cedar chests are available, and you also can tuck cedar blocks into your bureau

drawers to discourage moths.

Recycling is a habit everyone needs to get into.

There are probably programs for collecting recyclables and disposing of household hazardous wastes in your community. Find out about them by checking local newspapers and government offices for information.

One way to keep things separate is by having two trash cans, but there also is a two-chamber trash can on the market that offers a bin that allows you to separate recyclables on one side and organic materials on the other.

Even when you recycle a single glass soda bottle instead of adding it to a trash heap, you are making yourself part of a global environmental movement.

Military

Army Pvt. Jerry M. Ybarra has arrived for duty in West Germany.

Ybarra is a wheel vehicle mechanic with the 156th Maintenance Company.

He is the son of Joe and Gladys M. Ybarra of Mt. Morris.

His wife, Andrea, is the daughter of John and Yolanda Delagarza, Big Spring.

The private is a 1988 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Pvt. Francisco S. Castillo has completed basic training at Fort Sill, Okla.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military training, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Fred P. and Gloria Castillo, Snyder.

The private is a 1989 graduate of Snyder High School.



In the dog house

GREAT FALLS, Va. — Richard T. Ziegler walks with Chrissy, one of his two dogs, past a dream dog house at his home last week. The doggie digs, which is a miniature 8-foot version of Ziegler's \$3.5 million "contemporary Victorian" mansion, features a redwood cathedral ceiling, Italian porcelain tile flooring, solid brass fix-

tures, a fake flagstone fireplace, cedar-shake roof and double pane windows with space heater for those cold winter nights. A pool with patio and rock garden are thrown in for extra measure to bring the price tag to more than \$15,000.

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Video Tournament

BIG SPRING — The Video Madness Tournament, sponsored by the Rape Crisis-Victims Services, will be Feb. 10 at Highland Mall.

There will be individual and team competition. Individual competition will be divided by age groups. The game will be Super Mario Brothers. First place winners will receive a ribbon and a free Nintendo game cartridge rental and movie rental from National Video. Second place will receive a ribbon and a game cartridge rental from National Video. Third place will receive a ribbon.

Entry fee is \$5 per event. For more information call Vicky Jernigan at 263-3312 or 267-3626.

Volleyball league

BIG SPRING — It's volleyball season again. The YMCA is starting its volleyball league Jan. 30.

Team captains will meet Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the YMCA. Captains are urged to get their teams ready for fun and recreation. The YMCA gym will be open for practice on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information call Linda Perez at 267-8234.

4-on-4 hoop league

BIG SPRING — Also at the "Y", registrations are now being accepted for 4 on 4 Basketball League this year.

Deadline to register is Jan. 24. Players call their own fouls and violations. Teams must have a minimum of six players on the roster. Team fee is \$60.

The YMCA gym will be open Monday and Wednesday nights for practice. When the league starts, games will be played on Monday and Wednesday nights.

For more information call 267-8234.

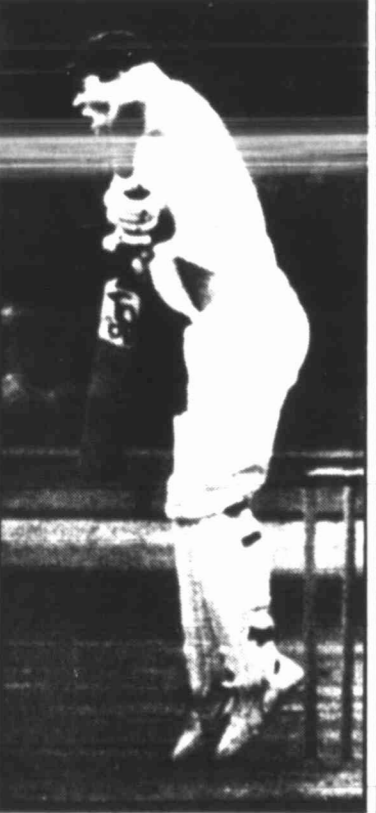
Boxing tournament

BIG SPRING — The Howard County Boxing Club will have its First Annual Jamie Baldwin Jr. Memorial Tournament Jan. 13-14 at the National Guard Armory. Bouts will start at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

The tournament is in honor of Jamie Baldwin, Jr., a promising young boxer, who drowned in an accident in 1988.

A special feature of the tournament will be a fight exhibition by professionals Juan Baldwin and Richard Avila.

Admission is \$2 for children and \$3 for adults.



Fatal injury

DUBBO, Australia — Seventeen-year-old Michael Lemon grimaces as he is struck in the chest by the ball during a cricket match here Sunday. Lemon collapsed on the field and died minutes later.

Kansas coach Roy Williams was an assistant at North Carolina when the Tarheels won the NCAA title in 1982.

"I think we're all used to winning," Williams said. "But we need to be able to keep on winning. That's the most important thing — and the hardest thing."

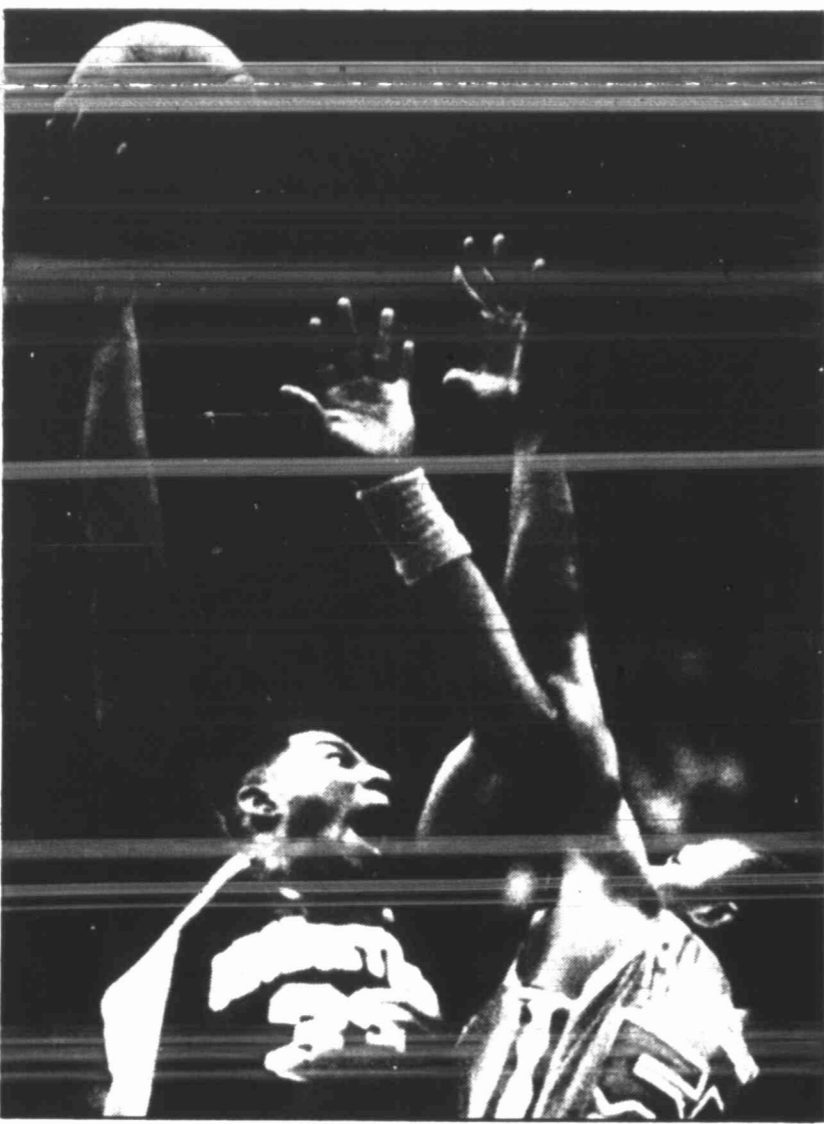
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For more information call Shelly Choate at 263-3385.



Good Mourning

PITTSBURGH — Georgetown's Alonzo Mourning, left, shoots against Pitt's Bobby Martin during Big East basketball action here Monday. Georgetown won the game, 82-71. For a roundup of college action, see page 2-B.

Jayhawks move to top spot

By The Associated Press

Rick Calloway has been there before, so he's not very excited about being No. 1 right now.

Kansas (16-0) was voted No. 1 in The Associated Press college basketball poll released Monday, the first time at No. 1 since the Jayhawks fielded a lineup with Wilt Chamberlain in 1956-57.

Calloway, who played for Indiana's 1987 national champions, said he doesn't think the Jayhawks deserve the lofty rating.

"I think Georgetown should be No. 1," he said Monday night after Kansas overcame a 13-point deficit in the second half to beat Nebraska 98-83.

"They can have it. In a couple of years, half of their team will be in the NBA. They deserve it," Calloway said.

Kansas senior guard Kevin Pritchard, who sparked his team at Nebraska with 18 second-half points, also downplayed the No. 1 ranking.

"There's not much difference between No. 1 and No. 2, if you ask me," he said. "We just like to go out and play basketball. We want to play hard and unselfish."

Kansas, which was unranked in the preseason poll, fourth for a week and second in the next five polls, received 45 first-place votes and 1,568 points from the nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Georgetown moved from third to second in this week's poll. The Hoyas were named No. 1 on 16 ballots and received 1,532 points.

Kansas gained the top spot after Syracuse, which had been No. 1 for the first six regular-season polls, lost at-home to Villanova over the weekend.

Most of the Jayhawks are used to winning. Pritchard, Mark Randall, Jeff Gueldner and Mike Maddox were on the 1988 national championship team.

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Pardee 'interested' in Houston coaching slot

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Oilers' search for a new head coach made its first stop at the University of Houston, home of Coach Jack Pardee and the "run-and-shoot" offense that won a Heisman Trophy for quarterback Andre Ware.

Pardee, who rebuilt the Cougars program in three seasons, confirmed Monday that he had been interviewed by Oilers owner Bud Adams and that he was interested in the position.

Pardee is the first coach interviewed by Adams, who announced late Saturday that Coach Jerry Glanville would not return, by mutual agreement.

"I certainly have an interest but I don't know what their interest is. I guess it was enough to talk," Pardee said.

"The Oilers have some good players. If they weren't there, we really wouldn't have interest at all. The cupboard isn't bare. They've had success."

The Oilers reached the playoffs the past three years, but Glanville stepped down Saturday after three straight losses ended the season.

Pardee said he talked with Adams by telephone and considered it a formal interview.

"We talked about the parameters of the job and what it would entail," Pardee said.



HOUSTON — University of Houston head coach Jack Pardee talks to reporters Monday confirming that he had been contacted by the Houston Oilers concerning the head coaching position on that team.

Houston athletic director Rudy Davalos returned early from the NCAA meetings in Dallas after talking with Pardee by telephone.

"I think there is genuine interest both ways and when you're in competition with a pro franchise in the same town, they have the financial resources that make it easier for them to be more attractive," Davalos said.

Pardee was coach at Chicago and Washington, leading both into the NFL playoffs. He also coached the Houston Gamblers in the USFL.

The Cougars finished 1-10 in 1986, Bill Yeoman's last year as coach. Pardee installed the run-and-shoot offense in 1987 and, after a 4-6 record that year, Houston posted records of 9-3 and 9-2 the past two seasons.

Pardee said he would need to know of a decision this week because he had to get back to recruiting if he were going to remain with the Cougars.

"If I were to leave here, the University of Houston is still important," Pardee said. "This needs to be a stable situation by next week."

Pardee said he didn't think his departure would affect Ware's decision to remain in school for his senior season.

"It's been my sentiment all along." PARDEE page 2-B

Orlando plays David to Spurs' Goliath

By DICK BRINSTER AP Sports Writer

First, there was David, whose victory over Goliath will stand forever as the greatest upset in history. Now there is the Orlando Magic, giving new meaning to the term giant-killer.

The NBA expansion team has won just 10 games. But five have come at the expense of division leaders.

NBA

The latest, a 111-102 victory Monday night over the San Antonio Spurs, had some of the Magic laughing about the absurdity of it. But Spurs coach Larry Brown doesn't think of the Orlando entry as a joke.

"We've got to line up more of those division leaders," Orlando's Mark Acres said after San Antonio joined New York, Chicago, Utah and the Los Angeles Lakers on the list of fallen behemoths.

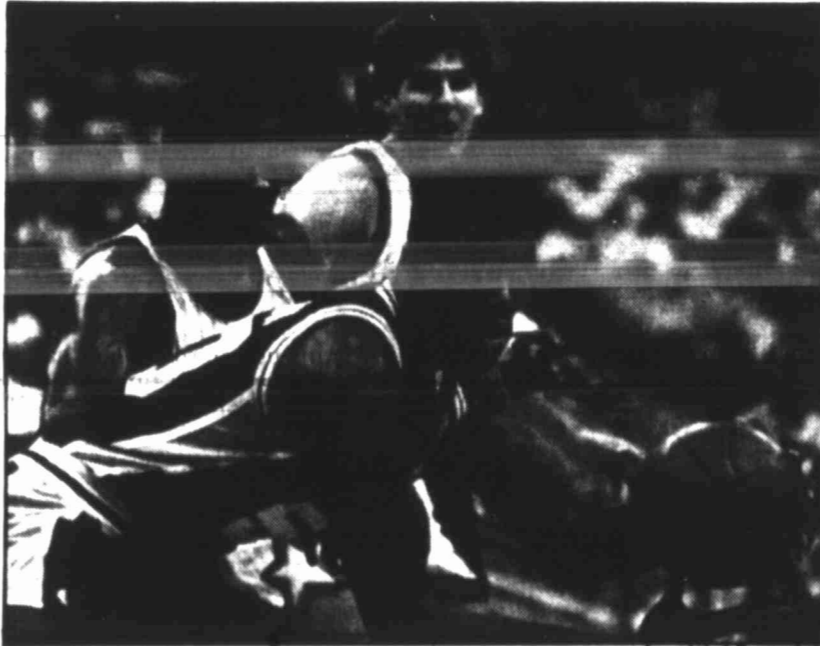
"We can beat those teams," Acres added with a laugh.

Brown, whose Spurs lead the Midwest Division, said Orlando is winning games against difficult opposition by continuing competitive even in the later stages of its losses.

"We didn't have an off-night," he said. "They just outplayed us. It doesn't surprise me one bit."

The Spurs' David Robinson said winning in Orlando, where the Magic is 7-9 despite an overall 10-23 record, is not an easy task.

"The crowd was a factor," he said of the 15,077 who saw the game in the sold-out Orlando Arena. "Usually, we play well on the road.



ORLANDO — San Antonio center David Robinson, front, grabs a rebound from Orlando players Terry Catledge, left and Mark Acres during first-quarter action here Monday.

But they really got pumped up."

Elsewhere, it was Dallas 110, Seattle 96; Milwaukee 126, Charlotte 113; Portland 108, Sacramento 96; Philadelphia 120, Boston 110; and Cleveland 109, Denver 122.

Orlando's Scott Skiles hit a key 3-point shot and Otis Smith sank five free throws in the final 1:09 as the Magic ended an eight-game losing streak. The victory was only the third — all over division leaders, of course — in the last 19 games.

Reggie Theus led Orlando with 23 points and Smith, averaging 19 in his last 13 games, came off the bench to score 21. Acres had 14

points and a career-high 15 rebounds to lead Orlando's 51-35 domination of the backboards.

Robinson scored 32 points and Terry Cummings added 20 for San Antonio.

Skiles, making his first start of the season, played 36 minutes, scored 11 points and had six assists in place of Sam Vincent in a revamped Orlando lineup. A 3-point shot by Skiles gave the Magic a 103-98 lead, effectively closing out San Antonio.

"The change in our starting lineup wasn't a demotion or promotion, on either side, by any means," said Orlando coach Matt Guokas, who also started rookie Michael

Ansley at Smith's small forward position.

"I was just trying to shake things up. Sam and Otis, I think, took it in the way it was meant," Guokas said.

The loss was just the third for San Antonio in 18 games.

Mavericks 110, SuperSonics 96. Just to make sure his team didn't forget a 47-point loss in its last meeting with Seattle, Dallas coach Richie Adubato played a tape of the game. The Mavericks got the message.

After that 117-70 blowout on Nov. 25 — the Mavericks' worst-ever defeat at home — Coach John MacLeod was fired, to be replaced four days later by Adubato.

Seattle lost leading scorer Dale Ellis when he was assessed two technical fouls in the second quarter, bringing to an end a 256-game streak in which he reached double figures in scoring. Ellis left with six points.

Ellis and Derek Harper of Dallas, former Mavericks teammates, expected to visit after the game.

"Sure, I'll rub it in," said Harper, who had 16 points and a career-high 11 rebounds. "He rubbed that 17-point loss into me. Man, he injected it into me."

Rolando Blackman led Dallas with 21 points. Xavier McDaniell paced Seattle with 19.

Bucks 126, Hornets 113. A season-high 28 points by Greg Anderson kept Charlotte winless on the road and led Milwaukee to its eighth victory in nine games.

The Hornets, the only winless NBA team on the road, are 0-13 as a visitor this season and have lost 14 straight away from home dating to...

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Palmer, Morgan HOF probables

By JIM DONAGHY AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — A winning image isn't necessary to get into the Hall of Fame. It sure doesn't hurt, though.

In the 1970s, Jim Palmer and Joe Morgan could usually be found with winning numbers on winning teams. Tonight, they could also find themselves in the Hall of Fame.

Results of this year's elections will be announced by the Baseball Writers Association of America at 11 p.m. EST. While Palmer and Morgan are the favorites, pitchers Gaylord Perry, Ferguson Jenkins and Jim Bunning are possibles.

But Perry, Jenkins and Bunning never pitched for a World Series champion.

Palmer pitched in six divisional playoffs and six World Series for the Baltimore Orioles. Morgan played in seven playoffs and four Series.

During the '70s, the only years that neither Palmer nor Morgan appeared in the playoffs was 1977 and 1978.

"It was a disappointment if we didn't have a winning season," Palmer said. "I was around Hall of Famers like Brooks Robinson and Frank Robinson, but I never really thought that much about being a..."

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Taking flight

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New Jersey's Kirk Muller (9) stays with the puck after being tripped by Winnipeg's Dave McLivain during the third

period of Monday's 4-3 Winnipeg win at Meadowlands Arena.

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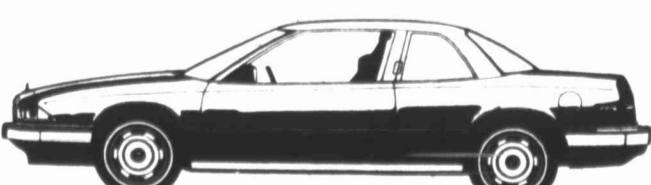
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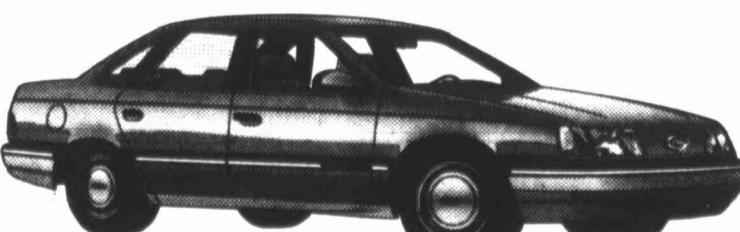
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Names in the news

DALLAS (AP) — Larry Hagman, star of the television show "Dallas," has given \$150,000 to the Dallas Symphony to support an annual concert honoring his mother, actress Mary Martin.

Ms. Martin, a native of Weatherford, best known for her starring roles in the Broadway musicals "Peter Pan" and "The Sound of Music."

She is expected to attend the first Mary Martin Annual SuperPops Concert with her family on May 4 at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center.

Dallas-area disadvantaged youth will be given complimentary concert tickets as part of the endowment agreement.



LARRY HAGMAN

COLUMBUS, Mont. (AP) — Actor Mel Gibson is expanding his ranchland holdings in south-central Montana.

Beartooth International Corp., of which Gibson is principal stockholder, plans to buy 5,000 acres adjacent to its 12,500-acre Beartooth Ranch, ranch manager George Ellis said.

Gibson, whose "Lethal Weapon" movies have been box-office hits, lives in Australia and rarely visits Montana, Ellis said.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Milovan Djilas, communist Yugoslavia's leading dissident, will receive the Freedom medal from the Roosevelt Institute of New York.

He will be awarded the medal May 19, in Middelburg, Holland, for his "devotion to democracy and resistance to despotism." Djilas spent nine years in jail for his criticism.

The Roosevelt Freedom medal was established to honor individuals and institutions which contributed to freedom.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1990

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: hero Ethan Allen, singer Pat Benatar, rock star Rod Stewart, baseball great Willie McCovey.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A newcomer will be either a breath of fresh air or a disruptive influence. The choice is yours. Seize a unique chance to climb out of a rut. New experiences give you fresh inspiration.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You do not need argument today. Try to stay calm when tempers flare. Quietly probe beneath the surface to get at the truth. Visiting a health club brings special benefits now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Better communication is the key to higher profits. A parent-child relationship receives a welcome boost. Postpone signing legal documents.

Extra expenses are linked to a friendship. Be sensible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have a unique chance to recoup financial losses. Read between the lines. Work will keep you jumping most of the afternoon. You could discover a secret that will enhance your income.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A stroke of luck focuses your attention on an abandoned project. Make the most of an unusual financial opportunity. Summon up your nerve and contact an authority figure; your request will be granted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A friend confides a plan that had been kept secret. Keep your own counsel. Stress your independence and creativity. New responsibilities will lead to a promotion or raise. Romance is heady.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A new idea could be a real moneymaker. A check arrives, softening the blow of unexpected expenses. A challenge will be thrown your way if you attend a meeting. Do your homework.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone's absence could put you in charge today. Play a hunch — it could turn out to be a winner! You feel creative. Forge ahead with a project that has been running behind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Changes involving your job or finances will work to your benefit. Romance will be unsettling until you decide to either make a commitment or end the relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Beware of someone who thinks he can pick your brain for nothing. You may need to develop a new network of supporters. Keep confidential information secret. Good timing is essential.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A good day for signing agreements. Your reserve makes you the victor in a confrontation with a competitor. Someone tosses you a bouquet of compliments. You would probably prefer a bonus.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An authority figure is easier to reach now. Do your homework first. Business travel is favored. Extra effort will result in higher income. Say what you think but avoid being too vehement.

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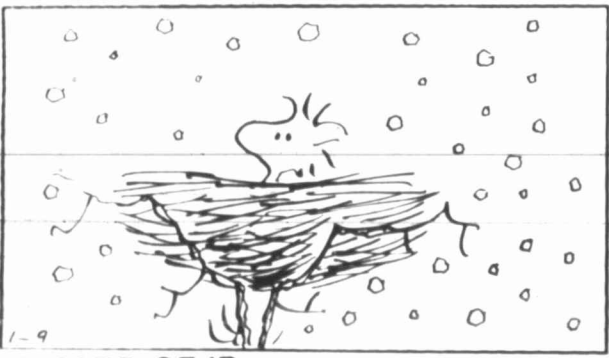
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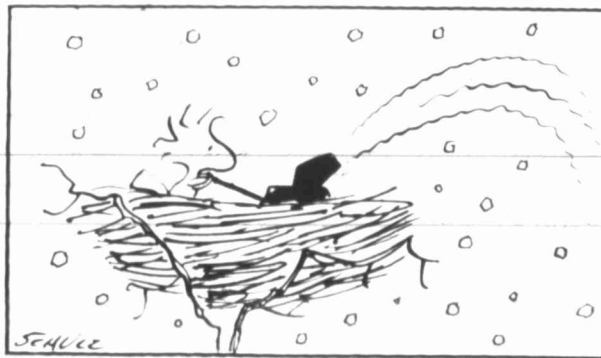


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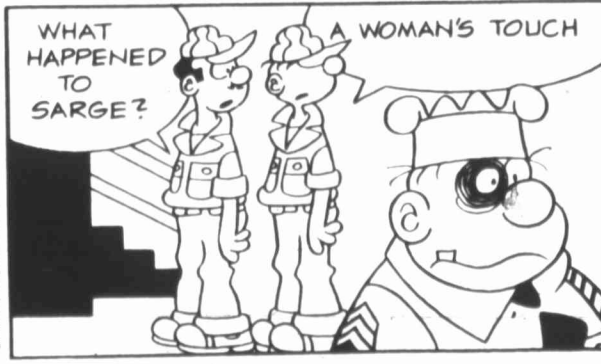
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