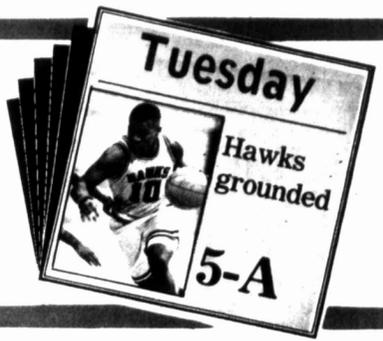


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SUNSET 6:19 PM SUNRISE 7:44 AM

Tonight, fair. Low in the lower 30s. North wind 5-15 mph.

Wednesday, mostly sunny. High near 60. Northwest wind 5-15 mph.

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Records

Monday's high temp.	48
Monday's low temp.	44
Average high	56
Average low	27
Record high	80 in 1982
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Rainfall Monday	0.02
Month to date	1.15
Month's normal	0.62
Year to date	01.15
Normal for year	00.55

On the side

Coalition to hold meeting tonight

The Howard County Coalition for the Environment will hold a meeting tonight at 7 at which time a board of directors will be elected. By-laws also will be presented at the meeting.

The meeting will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth streets, and is open to the public, according to Coalition spokesperson April Ferguson.

HCCE holds monthly recycling drives in the north parking lot of the Big Spring Herald on the first Saturday of each month.

BSISD sets special meeting

A special meeting has been called for trustees of the Big Spring Independent School District for noon Thursday in the board room located in the high school.

Trustees are expected to take action on resignations and employment and consider redistricting boundaries. An approval is expected for an agreement between the district and high school band director Eddie Gellner, which will require an executive session.

Texas Chamber honors reps

The Texas Chamber of Commerce last week in Austin presented several area lawmakers with the Legislative Leadership Award for 1991.

The award was given to seven senators and 24 representatives, including: senators John Montford, D-Lubbock, and Bill Sims, D-San Angelo; and representatives Troy Fraser, R-Big Spring, David Counts, D-Knox City, Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, and Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield.

Texas Chamber Chairman Don Carlton said this year's recipients "worked with the business community on such issues as controlling spending in the state budget, improving learning in our public schools and fixing a lawsuit system that is completely out of control."

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ERT raising liability questions

By PATRICK DRISCOLL Staff Writer

A new medical emergency response team operated by the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department continues to raise concerns of possible liabilities the county might incur.

Howard County Attorney Hardy Wilkerson was instructed by Howard County commissioners Monday to look into drafting a contract to exclude the county from possible added liabilities and to define roles of the fire department and county.

At stake if the county balks at supporting the three-month-old

response team could be extra insurance payments to cover possible malpractice cases and up to an estimated \$5,000 over the next five years to equip 10 county firetrucks with first-aid kits and oxygen capabilities.

At least one commissioner voiced opposition to county support of the team at a Monday Commissioner's Court meeting. The other three commissioners questioned it. The issue was not listed on the meeting agenda.

"I don't feel very strongly about it unless they get it worked out to do it themselves. And I don't know how they're going to be able to af-

ford it," said Precinct 2 Commissioner John Stanley, who maintains that the county already has an ambulance contract with a local company.

"I question his true understanding of what we're talking about," said Volunteer Fire Chief C. Roy Wright. "It has nothing to do with an ambulance service." Firefighters, who typically arrive first at accident scenes, only give emergency treatment and do not transport victims.

The 104-member volunteer fire department has always provided first-aid treatment, Wright said. "The big difference is our trained

personnel." There are now 22 firefighters state certified to give emergency treatment.

Other commissioners have not decided positions. "There's several serious questions that need to be answered as far as I'm concerned," said Pct. 3 Commissioner Bill Crooker. "I'm maintaining an open mind."

If commissioners opt not to support the team, volunteer firefighters could still operate independently, paying for their own equipment and expanded insurance; or not having extra insurance; or pushing to create a special taxing district to pay added

costs. A taxing district — which would require voter approval — is not a consideration, Wright said. "It would be a benefit to us but I really don't think Howard County would go for it. It would just create another tax."

As far as firefighters operating the team without county support, Wright said, "That's an area that we have not addressed."

A decision could be made at the next commissioner meeting, Feb. 10, said County Judge Ben Lockhart. "We'll have it on there (a meeting agenda) as soon as possible."

Bush plans State of Union address

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will use tonight's State of the Union address to appeal to Congress to wage the economic equivalent of the Persian Gulf War. But the budget to help carry out the battle was snagged today in a dispute over health care.

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The 8 p.m. CST speech, dubbed "Operation Domestic Storm" by some advisers, is sure to be the centerpiece of the president's reelection campaign. It comes with Bush's approval ratings at the lowest point of his presidency and the nation mired in a recession.

Chief of Staff Samuel Skinner unexpectedly halted printing of the budget after congressional Republicans objected to a section written by Budget Director Richard Darman that the lawmakers considered politically unpopular, administration officials said today.

The revision was not expected to amount to more than a several-hour delay in the \$1.5 trillion spending plan to be released on Wednesday, but it reflected a high-level dispute within the White House over the budget, the sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In his State of the Union address tonight, Bush's third, the president was expected to deliver an election-year appeal to the Democratic-controlled Congress to act on his anti-recessionary package by early March.

"It will have a great deal of impact on it," presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said. One Bush campaign memo calls the speech the "defining event" of his presidency.

But Democrats — and GOP challenger Pat Buchanan —



President Bush shares a laugh with House Minority Leader Bob Michel during a meeting with Republican congressional leaders at the White House Monday. The meeting was held on the eve of the president's State of the Union address.

already are attacking the president's expected "growth package" for not going far enough.

Bush is proposing a blend of tax breaks and spending programs to prod the economy and help the economically disadvantaged. The proposals range from tax credits for new home buyers and larger exemptions for families to more money for health and food programs for poor children.

More about White House plans

for rescuing the economy will come with the release of the president's proposed budget for fiscal 1993. The budget was scheduled for release Wednesday, but the Office of Management and Budget said Monday it would be delayed because of "printing problems."

Administration officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that Skinner ordered the budget presses stopped after congressional Republicans complain-

ed that a section written by Darman on health care went beyond what Bush was actually proposing.

That included a suggestion for a tax on employee-provided health-care benefits for high-income Americans, the sources said.

Skinner's decision to stop the presses on the budget to take out the controversial sections written by Darman reflected a struggle within the White House over domestic policy.

City approves new Gregg speed limit

By GARY SHANKS Staff Writer

New speed limits have gone into effect for portions of Gregg Street and FM 700.

Signs designating the new speed limits were put in place Monday. These allow speeds of 40 mph on Gregg Street from FM 700 to Interstate 20. FM 700 now has a uniform speed limit of 45 mph from West Business I-20 to East Business I-20.

The City Traffic Commission, working with state agencies, found that 45 mph is the fastest uniform speed for FM 700. A uniform speed was chosen to quell disputes arising from the previous mosaic of speed limits on the road.

Council member John Coffee argued that the 45 mph limit was too slow for a road that was built expressly for the purpose of speeding traffic along in Big Spring, he said.

The state commission would allow only 45 mph through the lights, however, so those arguing for a single speed are limited to this, said City Manager Tom Decell. Council member Mark Sheedy also said that 45 mph was too slow for the more open areas of FM 700, and argued that a higher speed

limit could be used for these areas, slowing traffic down only for the lights.

In the end, however, a majority of the council members voted to accept the new speed limits as suggested by the committee.

Because of fatal traffic accidents that occurred near the intersections of Birdwell and Virginia, the speed limit in that area was reduced to 40 mph in early 1990.

Area drivers, however, found it difficult to adjust from the 50 mph between Goliad and Virginia, therefore this speed was being largely violated. Police had difficulty enforcing the limits on FM 700 because of the frequent changes in the limit, according to findings from the Traffic commission.

Zales defends store dismantling

By MARTHA E. FLORES Staff Writer

During the closing procedures of the Zales Jewelry store in the Big Spring Mall last Wednesday, the showcases and fixtures were dismantled and grouped in a pile in the store's former location. A number of people who saw the disassembled fixtures called into the Herald as well as company officials.

Beverly Stuartson, regional manager in charge of the Big Spring closure, said she had received more than 20 phone calls at the office and her home about the closing over the past weekend.

"I do not understand why I have received so many calls about this," she said. "It is no big deal. We have followed company policy by dismantling the showcases, which are our property. A clean-up crew will come to pick them up."

Stuartson said there are many factors involved in what is done once a store is closed. The method of dismantling used at the Big Spring is not used in all closing sites.

Big Spring Mall Manager Tammy Watt agrees with Stuartson in issue. "This does not have to be made into such a big issue as it has been," she said.



The remains of display and showcases lie in a heap in the middle of what was Zales Jewelers in Big Spring Mall. Company officials say they don't understand why persons are upset at what they call "a normal dismantling procedure." Zale Corp. is closing more than 400 stores in a bankruptcy procedure.

Zale Corporation closed two stores at the Midland Park Mall last week. The two stores closed were the Linz Jewelers and Corigan's Kruger Jewelers. The mall had four Zales stores plus a lease store inside Dillard's Department Store.

"The spaces where the Zales owned stores were located were left in excellent condition," said Patty Sondergrass, mall manager. "There was no damage to any of the fixtures."

Dennis Backstrum, San Angelo Sunset Mall manager, said that mall did not lose any Zales owned stores. He added that it is normal procedure for any renter to do what they deem appropriate with the fixtures.

Zales announced Dec. 30 that it would close 400 of its 2,000 stores nationwide. Monday morning company officials were unavailable for comment on the number of stores closing since its December announcement.

Texas

Sidelines

Shuttle mission extended a day

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — As Discovery circles Earth, a scientist on the ground is watching the wriggings of yellow slime mold aboard the shuttle to understand how astronauts of the future might adapt to long stays in space.

The slime mold is among the millions of exotic organisms on board Discovery, whose mission was extended to an eighth day by NASA on Monday to gather more data. The shuttle will land on Thursday.

The astronauts, meanwhile, were keeping a hectic pace. They have skipped scheduled breaks and skimped on sleep to try to meet their tight schedule. Today, ground control kept changing the planned itinerary to adapt to the extra day.

"Thanks for the patience this morning. It's been kind of trying down here, and I know we've stressed you guys, and I apologize for that," backup payload specialist Roger Crouch told astronauts Ulf Merbold and David Hilmers as they headed for a meal break a half-hour late.

Officer suspected of selling drugs

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Police Chief Bill Rathburn says officers are investigating allegations that an officer drove his patrol car to a nearby city to sell drugs while still on duty and in uniform.

Rathburn said Monday that Officer Howard Watson had been under surveillance for several months after an informant reported seeing the officer selling drugs outside of Dallas.

Watson was confronted last Wednesday by a superior officer at the start of the department's criminal investigation, police spokesman Ed Spencer said.

That same day, Detective Harold Hammons, 28, was accidentally shot by another officer during a drug raid at a Dallas apartment complex.

Hammons was buried Sunday. "It started Wednesday night. Hours after one of our officers was killed trying to fight the drug problem, we had evidence to indicate that another officer had, in fact, been involved in selling drugs," Rathburn said at an afternoon press conference Monday. "I'm outraged."

Rathburn did not detail the evidence against Watson.

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Texans: Bush needs to offer leadership

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Texas congressional delegation is split over who will set the tone for this year's session on Capitol Hill.

Will it be a productive session or a partisan free-for-all?

Republicans say the Hill's Democratic leadership will have to set aside petty bickering. But Texas Democrats say President Bush will set the pace in his State of the Union address tonight.

"It would be my hope that the

president will lay out a program of economic revival that he and the Congress can work together to enact," said Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas.

"There are reports the president is getting conflicting advice about his State of the Union address tomorrow night — whether he should seek conciliation or confrontation with Congress," Bentsen said Monday.

"This is an election year and

there is a temptation on both sides to highlight differences. But I think voters will have little patience with those who spend their time seeking partisan advantage instead of solutions to the problems that confront this country."

But Republican Rep. Lamar Smith said the burden will be on congressional Democrats to put aside partisan bickering.

"I think it's time for the Democratic leadership to climb

aboard and not derail the train," said Smith, R-San Antonio.

"The president is going to take the initiative and I think the Democratic leadership in Congress will either be part of the problem or part of the solution," he said. "And that's their decision."

Members of both parties agree Bush's plan to revive an ailing economy probably will be the centerpiece of his message to the nation.

Bush has raised the stakes in recent months, telling audiences to "stay tuned" to the State of the Union for his prescriptions for health care, economic recovery and more.

"I know the address has gotten a lot of hype, but quite frankly I think it deserves it," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who met Monday with Bush to review details of the speech.

State officials join Chevron in talks

NEDERLAND (AP) — State officials concerned about the possible shutdown of Port Arthur's oldest refinery are conferring with Chevron executives and union leaders to devise alternatives.

"Retention of jobs is the most important thing we have to do over the next few years in the Texas economy because the national recession is playing havoc with our employment base," Cathy Bonner, executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce, said Monday after emerging from a 90-minute meeting.

"And the most important jobs we can put our attention on are manufacturing jobs, refinery jobs, and petrochemical jobs that are so vital to the economy of our state."

San Francisco-based Chevron U.S.A. Products Co. is considering closing, selling, downsizing or finding a joint-venture partner for its Port Arthur refinery, the company's largest, as part of a 5 percent companywide reduction of its 50,600-member workforce.

Chevron announced Jan. 15 it faces spending more than \$2 billion in the next five years to bring its eight refineries into compliance



Cathy Bonner, executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce, gestures during a news conference Monday in Nederland, discussing proposals to avoid the almost total shutdown of the Port Arthur Chevron plant.

with new environmental regulations.

Chevron has said at the very least, about 500 of the Port Arthur

plant's 1,900 jobs could be cut as the plant goes to a single line operation for processing crude oil. The change would drop the refining

capacity by about one-third to 200,000 barrels a day. A full shutdown, leaving only chemical operations at the plant, would mean the loss of 1,600 jobs.

Ms. Bonner said state projections showed the employment loss would be felt statewide, with another 26,026 residual jobs cut, costing the state economy \$5 billion and local, state and federal tax coffers \$377 million.

"We cannot overemphasize the importance of being of assistance to Chevron and being of assistance to the community here in terms of commitment to protect these jobs," Ms. Bonner said.

As an initial step, she urged local officials to apply to the state to extend a free enterprise zone in Port Arthur to include the Chevron plant. The designation would allow Chevron to apply for tax breaks.

She also said she would try to advance state money for job retraining for any laid off workers, but that money would not be available until the next budget year.

Jefferson County Judge R.P. LeBlanc Jr. said his goal was to find a financial partner for Chevron.

Council OKs resolution opening Kennedy files

DALLAS (AP) — A historian says newly released municipal files on President Kennedy's assassination probably won't reveal new information, but opening the records will help ease suspicions of a government cover-up.

The Dallas City Council on Monday voted unanimously to release all assassination-related city files, including a box of records recently discovered.

The resolution, sponsored by councilman Domingo Garcia and approved in a 15-0 vote, also urged Congress to authorize the release all federally-held files on the assassination.

Dallas County Historical Foundation executive director Bob Hays, who helped assemble The Sixth Floor exhibit on the assassination, said he doubts the files will reveal new information.

"The fact that anything that important would be left in Dallas seems to me unlikely," Hays said. "It's possible."

"The fact that there's such distrust toward the government, greater openness would serve us all."

Garcia said "maybe they (files) will reveal something, maybe they won't."

A box of documents was delivered to City Hall as the

resolution was being considered. The municipal archives already had 15 boxes of files relating to the assassination, said city archivist Cindy Smolovik, who added that the new files should be available to the public within days.

Garcia said he didn't know what the new files contained. Several of the files were labeled "intelligence Oswald" or "intelligence Ruby" and one said "letters to Ruby."

"There are some that are really bland... but there are some like letters to Jack Ruby and all kind of activity involving people near Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald," Garcia said.

Last week, Assistant City Manager A.C. Gonzalez told Garcia in a memorandum that "almost all" the Dallas records had already been turned over to the Warren Commission, the FBI or the municipal archives.

They included records pertaining to Oswald, identified by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin; Ruby, who killed Oswald; and Kennedy's death.

Kennedy was fatally shot during a motorcade in downtown Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. In the recent movie "JFK," filmmaker Oliver Stone had raised allegations of a conspiracy.

Names in the news

LOS ANGELES (AP) — C&C Music Factory was the big winner at the American Music Awards with five trophies, while Garth Brooks, who skipped the ceremony to be with his ailing pregnant wife, won three.

C&C won favorite dance music single for "Gonna Make You Sweat," favorite dance artist, favorite new dance artist, best pop-rock group and favorite new pop-rock artist.

The group has been stung by allegations of lip-synching, but Zelma Davis hummed a few bars at the podium Monday night to prove she really can sing.

Brooks won top country single for "The Thunder Rolls," favorite country album for "No Fences" and favorite male country artist.

He was to have performed his newest single, "What She's Doing Now" at the ceremony but canceled after his wife, Sandy, who is three months' pregnant, took ill Sunday on an airline flight, said Brooks' spokesman Scott Stem.

Brooks' 26-year-old wife was treated at a hospital and released the same day. The nature of her illness was not disclosed.

"Unforgettable," Natalie Cole's tribute to the music of her father, Nat King Cole, was named favorite adult contemporary album. Miss Cole also won favorite adult contemporary artist, besting Paula Abdul and 11-time winner Whitney Houston.

"I don't know how many times Whitney and I have been in the same category, but I'm going to enjoy this one," Miss Cole said.

Pop star Michael Bolton won favorite male pop-rock artist and his "Time, Love and Tenderness" was the top album in that category.

Luther Vandross captured the male artist trophy and his "Power of Love" took the album honors in the soul-R&B division.

Color Me Badd, which had six nominations, won favorite soul-rhythm and blues single for "I Wanna Sex You Up."

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Jane Fonda underwent knee surgery to repair cartilage torn in a skiing accident.

The actress' surgeon, Dr. James R. Andrews, said the 54-year-old exercise guru's "excellent physical condition" should speed her recovery from Monday's operation at the Alabama Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center.



FONDA HALL

Miss Fonda won Oscars for best actress in 1971 for "Kluge" and in 1978 for "Coming Home."

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Edd Hall will take over the off-camera announcing duties performed by Ed McMahon and Doc Severinsen when Jay Leno succeeds Johnny Carson on "The Tonight Show" in May.

Hall has done similar work for Fox Broadcasting's "Married... With Children" and "Get a Life."

McMahon and Severinsen are retiring when Carson steps down from the show after 30 years. Severinsen will be replaced by musician Branford Marsalis.

NEW YORK (AP) — Joan Lunden, co-host of ABC's "Good Morning America," says she and her husband have separated.

In a statement Monday, the 41-year-old Lunden said only that she and her husband of 13 years, TV producer Michael Krauss, would have joint custody of their three daughters.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Columbo" star Peter Falk's daughter is suing her father, claiming he cut off money for her Syracuse University education to get her to come home for family counseling.

Catherine Falk, 21, contends in her lawsuit filed on Monday that her father is required to pay for her education under terms of her parents' 1976 divorce settlement.

The actor's attorney, Jerome Goldberg, refused to comment.

Ms. Falk's lawyer, Marvin Mitchelson, said the woman's father and her mother, Alyce, went to New York this month and asked her to drop out.

"The only thing I could figure out is they want her to get closer to home and get involved in family counseling," the lawyer said.

Mitchelson would not say why the actor wants Ms. Falk in counseling.

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People line up to apply

AUSTIN (AP) — Many store owners at a lottery seminar said they were playing defense by applying for a license to sell lottery tickets.

"Selling lottery tickets might mean the difference if they go to our store or some place else," Beverly Allison, owner of a liquor store in Jarrell, said Monday.

About 200 people from across the state attended a comptroller's lottery seminar on the University of Texas campus.

Many said they wouldn't get rich on the 5 percent commission from lottery sales. But they also said that they needed to sell tickets if their competitors were, and added that they didn't mind the idea of more customers coming through the door.

"It's not going to be some revenue-producing venture," said Mike Beevers, whose family owns Ron's Convenience Stores in Bell County.

"But I think it can be a disadvantage without it, if your competitors have it," he said.

Toby Preston, owner of E-Z Way Convenience stores in Killen, seemed more skeptical, although he said he was ready to apply for a lottery license.

"The papers seem to think it will be successful, but I don't know. If it would sell anywhere, it would sell in the Killen," he said, noting nearby Fort Hood, a huge Army post. "Young GI's are more of a gambling nature."

Paul Cash, general manager of CEFCO Stores in the Waco area, said he was concerned about control measures to make sure employees don't skim lottery profits.

"I'm for the lottery. But with the initial start up, it creates a lot of areas for employee theft," he said.

State officials said the Texas lottery, approved by voters last year, will start in July with instant-win scratch-off games. By next year, the computerized statewide lotto games should be in place.

Many people at the seminar stood in line to get fingerprinted, which is used as part of the application process to conduct a criminal background check. Persons found to have a felony crime history in the past 10 years cannot get a license.

State officials have estimated that the lottery will bring in \$461 million in its first year.

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More funding called for in drug war

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush introduced his latest strategy to combat the war on drugs — a plan calling for \$12.7 billion in federal funds — by touting the nation's reduced drug use.

In the front row as Bush spoke were the ambassadors of Latin American countries that produce most of the world's cocaine.

Bush, recalling the drug summit two years ago with the presidents of Colombia, Peru and Bolivia, said, "There was some doubt on the parts of those presidents as to what we were doing at home on the demand side. And I think now we have a good record with real progress to report to them."

The president reminded his White House audience of the second drug summit next month with the leaders of Colombia, Bolivia, Peru, Venezuela, Ecuador and Mexico, and said he would convince them "that we are tackling the demand side of the equation."

He pointed to recent surveys, including one released Monday of covered high school and college students, that indicate an overall decline in the use of drugs since 1988.

Overall, Colombia, Peru and Bolivia would receive \$478.7 million next year, up from \$471.7 million this year.

Court cracks down on 'dial-a-porn'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is helping worried parents keep their teen-agers away from those sexually explicit telephone lines.

The court on Monday upheld a federal law that requires that for-pay sex lines be blocked from general telephone service areas unless specially requested in writing by customers.

But parents still are advised not to leave the kids alone with a credit card, because the ruling apparently doesn't affect sexually explicit message-service companies that do their own billing.

Sex lines are abandoning 900 numbers and those with local prefixes, like 976, in which phone companies do the billing. Now they have 800 numbers and ask for credit card information before putting on the tape or person to talk dirty.

"I don't think there are that many sexually explicit lines left on local (exchanges)," said Steve Reynolds, an analyst for Link Resources Corp. in New York City, which does telemarketing research. "A lot of it has gone to 800 numbers with credit cards."

In order to protect the public from the sex lines, local telephone companies have been assigning the services specific prefixes so they can easily be blocked from customers who don't want them.

Haitian exodus reaches record level

MIAMI (AP) — The exodus of Haitians quickened to a record pace after an outbreak of political violence in their homeland that led the United States to recall its ambassador.

A single-day record of more than 1,100 Haitians in boats were picked up Monday, with 20 more overcrowded sailboats carrying an estimated 1,000 people still at sea, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Steve Sapp.

Excluding those intercepted Monday, the Coast Guard has picked up 11,507 people since Haiti's civilian president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, was deposed in a military coup Sept. 30, said State Department spokesman Joe Snyder.

On Monday, the State Department protested a police attack on a political meeting in Haiti by calling U.S. Ambassador Alvin Adams back to Washington.

The target of Saturday's attack was Rene Theodore, head of Haiti's Communist Party and the man Aristide chose to be prime minister in a plan to restore democracy.

Americans glum about state of union

WASHINGTON (AP) — On this State of the Union day, Americans seem down.

They worry about the future. They worry about the high and rising cost of health insurance. They worry that getting an education is no longer enough, that even educated kids can't be sure of a job.

They don't think a tax cut for the middle class is going to do much for anyone.

They're openly, honestly concerned.

Interviewed across the country, at work places, at breakfast tables, at unemployment lines, as President Bush prepared tonight's address to Congress and the nation, people talked of their unease, a perception that something is seriously off track.

It's not just the recession. It seems deeper than that.

"What's the 20-year plan?" asks Cass Rankin, 37, of Phoenix, contemplating what Bush will say. "Where does he see our economy, our lifestyle, our country, our power, the whole shebang — where does he see it?"

"All the hope has been taken," said Harold Solomon, 23, working as a security guard in a Detroit office building, earning half what he once made working for a steel company. "You can't trust the government or look to it to even give you that little push anymore."

"I'm very concerned about every item you can think of across this country. There is not an issue that I can say to my children, 'This is a bright part of our future,'" said Jim Roti of Albany, N.Y., chief of disaster preparedness for the New York State Department of Labor.

Martha Ball, 77, of Kansas City, Mo., would like to see another Franklin D. Roosevelt. "He made a lot of mistakes that we wish he hadn't, but he built confidence," she said. "Bush isn't doing that."

In Grand Rapids, Mich., Cheryl Wilkerson, laid off recently — just as her father has been — by Steelcase Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of office furniture, also recalled what she knew of FDR's time.

"President Roosevelt started state-funded programs just to put people back to work," she said. "Why doesn't the president do something like that?"

"The only thing I can do on my own ranch without a permit from a state agency is go for a walk. Though more than likely I'd step on an endangered plant along the way."

**Rick Page
Cattle rancher**

necessarily try to feed the world when there are people starving in this country," said Lex Cleary of Plattsburgh, N.Y., a fishing guide on Lake Champlain.

"We're getting so badly beaten by the Japanese that people just don't have any pride any more," said Edie Chan, 21, a pharmacy student at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

"He's got to tell the people that it's about time you make a better product," said Douglas Blesi, 69, a retired Minneapolis dentist visiting Miami.

Businessmen rally around the capital gains tax and a relaxation of government regulation.

"The only thing I can do on my own ranch without a permit from a state agency is go for a walk," said cattle rancher Rick Page, 36, of Mount Vernon, Ore. "Though more than likely I'd step on an endangered plant along the way."

A tax cut for the middle class? Rarely mentioned.

"Tax cuts are not going to impact people who are unemployed," scoffed Dorothy DeWitty, a city council member in Tulsa, Okla.

To be sure, everyone isn't gloomy. Americans haven't lost their characteristic optimism.

"Times are tough," said Dianne The Persian Gulf War, which so riveted America's attention a year ago and ended in a wave of patriotic zeal, barely gets mentioned. Nor does the end of the Cold War.

When foreign affairs come up at all, the sentiment is for fixing America first and a sense that catching up with the quality of Japanese products will not be done soon or easily.

"I don't think we should

Former IRA supporter breaks ranks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Maureen Morris grew up among the absolutes of Catholic west Belfast, a world of clear-cut tribal loyalty where "the Brits" were the undisputed enemy and the Provisional IRA was family.

Time and time again, British soldiers burst into her home in pursuit of her four brothers.

In the mid-1970s, she says each was a "volunteer" in the Irish Republican Army. All eventually landed in prison. In 1976 soldiers killed one brother, Danny, while he was on IRA "active service."

"Danny died for his country," she said simply.

Few things seem so simple to Maureen Morris anymore. Not since eight masked IRA men surrounded her 18-year-old son, pinning him to the ground and beat him with iron bars and nail-spiked bats.

Danny Morris was "punished" for alleged criminal activity unrelated to politics.

With the mainly Protestant

police force preoccupied with the IRA in staunchly republican areas like the Catholic west side, IRA vigilantes have stepped into the vacuum, becoming judge and jury to "ordinary" criminals.

Danny's punishment was a shattered right arm, broken legs, and the warning that worse would come if he did not cease his "anti-social activities" and quickly leave Northern Ireland.

He is now on crutches and lying low with relatives.

Sinn Fein operates an advice center on the Andersonstown Road where many local people, who wouldn't think of calling police, bring their complaints about late-night hooliganism.

Police estimate the IRA carried out 77 punishment shootings or beatings in 1991. Its opponents in hard-line Protestant districts, the Ulster Defense Association and Ulster Volunteer Force, carried out 62 such attacks.

Her son's beating pushed Mrs. Morris to take a rare public stand



Associated Press photo
Eighteen-year-old Danny Morris recovers in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, earlier this month while his mother Maureen comforts him. Danny was pinned to the ground and beaten severely by eight IRA members.

against the IRA. She turned to Families Against Intimidation and Terror (FAIT) — a pressure group despised by IRA sympathizers — which aided her effort to embarrass the Sinn Fein-IRA

leadership into leaving her son alone.

A Jan. 16 news conference she gave drew heavy interest from British and Irish media.

Cheney speaks



Associated Press photo
Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney speaks at the Foreign Policy Association luncheon in New York Monday. Cheney said that despite the end of the cold war, cutbacks in armed services must be made cautiously because "sometime, somewhere, the United States will be forced to make use of its military power again."

Militant white extremists arrested

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The government launched a major crackdown on South Africa's leading white extremist group today, arresting the country's most militant right-wing leader and nine of his associates.

The pre-dawn arrest of Eugene TerreBlanche, head of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement, is certain to outrage right-wingers, who already are threatening violence to prevent President F.W. de Klerk's moves toward sharing power with the black majority.

The Afrikaner Resistance Movement is the largest of several extreme right groups. Most analysts believe it could pose a serious threat to de Klerk's reforms if it were to choose to take up arms.

Police Col. Johan Mostert told state-run television that the arrested men constitute the move-



Right-wing extremist leader Eugene TerreBlanche and nine of his colleagues were arrested today in South Africa.

ment's leadership. TerreBlanche has repeatedly said his group will resort to violence to prevent a black government from coming to power.

★★★★★ Bush's state of the issues ★★★★★

Some of the issues Bush has raised in his past addresses and where they stand now:

	1990	1991
 U.S. TROOPS OVERSEAS	Bush declares, "Democracy is restored, Panama is free" following the Dec. 1989 invasion that led to the surrender of Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega. About 27,000 troops took part. Bush promises to bring home the 4,000 remaining additional U.S. troops by the end of Feb. 1990, leaving the U.S. presence at the pre-invasion level of about 13,000 troops. ►UPDATE: Testimony in Noriega's federal drug and racketeering trial began in September, with prosecutors resting their case Dec. 17. The trial is scheduled to resume Feb. 3. The Bush administration said Feb. 13, 1990, that U.S. presence in Panama had reached pre-invasion level.	"We will succeed in the gulf," Bush says; he tells Congress that the United States does not aim to destroy Iraq, but rather its capacity to sustain war. ►UPDATE: CIA Director Robert Gates told Congress earlier this month that despite damage from the Persian Gulf War, Iraq can rebuild its nuclear and chemical weapons capacity within a few years, biological weapons within a few weeks.
 SOVIET UNION	Bush salutes changes in Eastern Europe as "the revolution of '89" and says crumbling of hardline communist governments should open the way for more U.S. and Soviet troop cuts in the region. Proposes cutting forces in Europe to 195,000 per side — down from 265,000 U.S. troops and 565,000 Soviet troops. ►UPDATE: The United States begins pulling out troops, especially from Germany, where most U.S. NATO forces are based. The administration says it hopes to have only 150,000 troops in Europe by end of 1994. The sour economy in the former Soviet Union is making it difficult to withdraw Soviet troops.	Bush pledges to help the Baltic republics achieve their goal of independence, without punishing the Soviet Union. ►UPDATE: The Soviet Union disbands in December 1991, with 11 of the 12 republics joining the new Commonwealth of Independent States. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev resigns, and Russian President Boris Yeltsin becomes the leading political figure in the commonwealth.
 ECONOMY	Bush brushes off Democratic proposal to reduce Social Security taxes. Democrats criticize the president for not being more specific about plans to strengthen the economy. ►UPDATE: Democrats criticize Bush throughout 1991 for spending more time on foreign affairs than domestic policy. The Democratic plan to reduce Social Security taxes, proposed by New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, is still alive.	Bush's budget proposal seeks to stimulate the economy by allowing tax-free family savings accounts, penalty-free withdrawals from Individual Retirement Accounts for first-time home buyers, and a permanent tax credit to promote research and development intended to create new jobs. ►UPDATE: The president's approval rating declines as the recession deepens. He says he will introduce his economic recovery plan in his 1992 State of the Union address.

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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

Other opinion

School monopoly excludes options

Parental choice in selecting schools, a key component of President Bush's education reform program, was excluded from the bill approved by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee. In fact, committee chairman Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., refused even to discuss the administration's proposed choice demonstration projects.

While Kennedy was trying to bury the choice concept in Washington, California's education establishment met recently in Sacramento to denounce the idea. Much of the criticism focused on a proposed initiative to provide \$2,500 vouchers to empower parents to choose which schools their children attend.

Davis Campbell, executive director of the California School Boards Association, dismissed the voucher plan as a "fraud" to subsidize private schools. Del Weber, president of the 230,000-member California Teachers Association, attacked the plan as "evil."

Despite the prevailing view held by the education establishment, parents are far better qualified than public school officials to determine what is best for their children. Many parents with the financial means to do so choose to send their children to private schools. It only would be equitable to extend that same opportunity to parents who now cannot afford it.

Critics of parental choice see school vouchers as a plot to breach the constitutional wall between church and State. Not so. Parents with strong religious convictions already are sending their children to church-affiliated schools. For most other parents, however, the abiding appeal of private schools is that they often achieve better results than public schools.

Opponents routinely claim that parental choice would destroy public education. This, too, is a gross exaggeration.

Under a choice plan, the only public schools that would have something to fear are those which are so bad that parents choose to send their children elsewhere. And who would mourn the closing of bad schools? Certainly not the students who otherwise would be condemned to a poor education there.

Another canard is that private schools are undeserving of state funds because they do not adhere to state standards. To the contrary, under a voucher plan schools could not participate unless they complied with specific academic requirements and basic health and safety regulations.

Granted, private schools are not subject to so many extraneous government rules and regulations as are public schools. Perhaps that helps explain why private schools often rate higher in student achievement.

Some elements of the educational establishment are trying to have it both ways. On the one hand, they insist that public schools are doing a fine job and would do even better if they had more money. Yet, when advocates of choice point out that many private schools perform better with less money, public school officials charge that is an unfair comparison.

In reality, a de facto public school monopoly is denying millions of poor and middle-class children the educational opportunities they could have under parental choice.

San Diego Union



Sliding slowly into deficit abyss

Article I of the United States Constitution states, "No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States."

Titles notwithstanding, it seems we have a new class of people — career politicians — who are setting themselves up as American nobility. Some, not all fortunately, use access to power and access to tax dollars to enrich themselves, plus they exempt themselves from laws they impose on us peons.

A November editorial in *The Knoxville (Tenn.) News Sentinel* pointed out, "The reason citizens are angry about lawmakers' living under special rules is that the rules they impose on others are so onerous. If the senators expected to have to comply themselves, they might craft more responsible legislation."

I was deeply disappointed when the state of Washington failed to enact term limits for its Congresspersons in the last election. It would have set a good example and might have encouraged other states to follow suit. A columnist explained shortly thereafter that any state would cripple itself by mandating term limits while other states retained senior Congresspersons with more political clout.

The light bulb came on. I understood why Washington rejected the issue as an individual state, but I don't see how this country can survive much longer unless we find a way to force across-the-board term limits and line-item veto on our "noble" officials.

Our nation is teetering so close to the brink of economic disaster that it is beyond my comprehension why we haven't risen up in rage and removed the pompous officials who live, according to the late *Dallas Times Herald* in a "kind of Wonderland, where every program can be funded, and checks can be written without accountability."

A case in point is the extension of jobless benefits, which the Democrats are trying to use to make President Bush look harsh and uncaring. "But the truth is that the worst enemies American workers have are those

Betty Johansen



lawmakers who posture and preen about such 'pro-worker' legislation," the *Vicksburg (Miss.) Evening Post* editorialized in October. "These people act daily to undermine the American economy. Leave it to them and everyone would have to go on the dole."

The plan was to look benevolent by extending jobless benefits for unemployed workers, but no financing was available, and so \$3 billion would have been added to the deficit. The Democrats "aren't concerned that their legislation would add billions to the deficit and provide incentives for workers to remain on the unemployment rolls," the *Past* continued. "They are concerned about being re-elected. And they'll ride their masked 'concern for the working man' all the way to the polls."

Whoops, I just slid into the "harsh and uncaring" category with the president, because I'm opposed to helping those who have lost their jobs. Wrong! I believe people who have fallen on hard times should be helped. I just don't agree that Uncle Sam should always be the one to pick up the tab.

What did struggling people in this country do before the government became Super Nanny? There have always been hard times, ever since the Garden of Eden. And I can't speak for anybody else, but if I found myself homeless, one of my family members would soon find me knocking on their door.

I have a hard time feeling sorry for people who are so arrogant and independent that they don't want to turn to families for help. Families might demand accountability. Families might question lifestyles. But good ol' impersonal Uncle Sam just passes out the

dollars and allows recipients to maintain lifestyles Mom would never stand for.

Granted, some people come from abusive families and need somewhere else to turn. But in the wiser days of our nation's history, churches and communities took care of their own. The federal government was left to contend with bigger issues.

Last June, "20/20" reported on an operation used to expose corrupt legislators in Arizona. A vote on a gambling issue was coming up, so a man from out of state was set up in an office and posed as a gambler named Tony Vincent, who had come to town to buy votes.

Out of 16 legislators who approached him, eight accepted bribes. "I was surprised they didn't have to put a revolving door on the office to allow easier access," Vincent observed.

The prosecutor in the case said, "It was kind of a way of doing business for some of these (office holders.) It was sort of an attitude. Sometimes I even wondered if they knew what they were doing was wrong."

America's nobility, living in their rarefied world, didn't even understand they were doing something wrong by profiting personally from their political office. It was business as usual.

And, if they want to maintain their favored status, they have to keep the voters happy. So they work and deal and finagle to get a bigger piece of the pie for their constituents. And bills pass merrily through Congress full of pork barrel excess, everybody scratching somebody's back, so they can get their own back scratched.

Maybe it's not just our "noblemen" in public office. Maybe all of us are living in Wonderland. How else can we explain our slow slide into the deficit abyss with nobody marching or protesting or demanding a few simple, corrective measures like term limits and line-item veto?

What good are perks and pork and jobless benefits going to be if the ship sinks?

Betty Johansen is copy editor for the Herald.

Mailbag

Thanks for article on Martin Luther King

To the editor:

Many thanks are due you and your staff for such a wonderful article on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This allows me and the community to see that his dream is still alive. I personally want to thank Martha Flores for her

dedication and hard work in gathering information about Dr. King. We need this type of informative relationship between the community and the Herald. I hope that this will last forever.

GLADYS THOMPSON
Big Spring

Searching for army pals for June reunion

To the editor:

I am writing this letter with hopes of being able to locate several of my Army buddies that I enlisted with in June 1962 in Abilene, Texas. There were about 26 of us enlisted that day and all went to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for our basic training. After basic we came back to either Battery "A" or "B" of the 5th Missile Battalion, 517th Artillery in Abilene, Texas.

call (915) 263-8860 or Charles Hicks, 1441 Glendale Ave., Abilene, Texas 79605 or call (915) 672-7156.

We want to hear from all of these guys and others so we can make this reunion a big success, we will have permission for all of us to revisit the old sight at battery "B." So write or call so you can be counted on being at this reunion, June 20, 1992. May God bless all of you. Thank you.

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Art Buchwald



No Japan bashing allowed just yet

The biggest Japanese-basher I've ever known — even bigger than Lee Iacocca — was Pfc. William Brinkerhoff who served with me in the Marine Corps on Eniwitok during World War II.

One night in 1944 during an air raid I hugged one side of the foxhole and he hugged the other.

"Someday," he said, as one of the enemy bombs hit our ammunition dump, "the Japanese will turn on us."

"How can you say that?" I asked.

"Have you forgotten Pearl Harbor?"

"It was two years ago," I told him. "How long are you going to hold a grudge?"

As ammunition went flying in every direction, Brinkerhoff shoved his rifle deeper and deeper into the coral. He whimpered, "I don't trust anyone who wants to blow me up."

"That's Japanese-bashing, Brink, and it's beneath you. Once we win the war you'll be sorry you ever had bad thoughts about these people."

Brinkerhoff said, "How can you call me a Japanese-basher just because I don't like them dropping shrapnel on my head?"

"They're only following orders from their Emperor Hirohito. Do you think that the pilot overhead likes bombing us any more than we like being bombed? If he had his druthers, he'd be in Tokyo making automobiles and television sets."

"What's a television set?"

"I don't know. I just made that up," I told him.

The bomber made another run on our airfield and the explosions were deafening.

Brinkerhoff yelled above the noise, "Call me a racist, but all Japanese pilots were born out of wedlock!"

"That attitude shows narrow thinking. They have as many reasons to fight World War II as we do. They can't afford to be stuck with a large inventory of Japanese cameras just before Christmas."

"Is that why that guy is up there at 15,000 feet looking for me in his bombsight?"

I said, "I'll admit that from where we sit in a foxhole it doesn't look good for Japanese-American relations. But someday, Brink, we'll be laughing at this might as we jog around the track listening to our Sony Walkmans."

Brink took his face out of the coral. "How come you know so much about the way life is going to be after the war?"

"Call it intuition, call it a sixth sense — all I can tell you is that the Japanese will never surrender if we keep calling them names."

Brinkerhoff said, "Well, I'm not going to send a birthday card to the guy who is bombing us."

"I'm not asking you to invite him to join us for a beer in case he's shot down. At the same time it doesn't heal wounds if you tell everyone in the Marines how much pleasure you get out of bashing the Rising Sun."

"I'm sorry," Brink responded, "I must have lost my head when the bombs hit our fuel dump."

"You're having a normal reaction to an uncomfortable situation," I assured him. "But we can't let a little bombing interfere with our future relations. In years to come when Japanese-bashing is fashionable again, you can tell your grandchildren about this experience. Until then you have to keep your mouth shut and your nose to the coral."

"If I can't bash the Japanese, can I bash the Germans?"

"You can now, but after the war it won't do you any good."

Letters

Letters to the editor on issues of general interest always are welcomed by the Big Spring Herald and always are printed if these guidelines are followed:

Letters should be typewritten if possible, and double-spaced. If not, the handwriting must be legible to reduce chances for mistakes.

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Sports

Sidelines

Coahoma hoopsters split with Sweetwater

The Coahoma Junior High School boys and girls basketball teams split eight games with Sweetwater Monday night. The Coahoma eighth grade girls A team downed Sweetwater 30-18. Tammy Bennett paced the CJHS offense with a game-high 18 points.

The Coahoma eighth grade girls B team came away with a slim 14-9 victory. Belinda Turner and Andy Schneider each pumped in four points in the contest.

Deloris Garcia scored 12 points to help lead the CJHS seventh grade A team to a 25-19 victory. Sweetwater nipped Brenda Austin and the Coahoma seventh grade B squad 12-7. Austin led all CJHS scorers with four points.

The Coahoma eighth grade A team boys posted CJHS' lone victory on the boys' ledger. Chris Arguello tallied 10 points to pace the Coahoma attack.

The CJHS eighth grade B team, despite 13 points from Brandon Kemper, dropped a 32-26 decision to Sweetwater.

Sweetwater defeated the Coahoma seventh grade A and B teams by scores of 49-22 and 40-18, respectively.

Freddy Olivias scored 15 to lead the CJHS seventh grade A. Russell Henry etched seven points into the books to lead the Coahoma B squad.

Sports Slate

BASKETBALL
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Tuesday, Jan. 28 — Big Spring Steers JV vs. Fort Stockton, Fort Stockton, 6 p.m.

Big Spring Steers varsity vs. Fort Stockton, Fort Stockton, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring Lady Steers junior varsity vs. Fort Stockton, Steer Gym, 6 p.m.

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Forsan JV girls vs. Eldorado, Forsan, 5 p.m.

Forsan varsity girls vs. Eldorado, Forsan, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan varsity boys vs. Eldorado, Forsan, 8 p.m.

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Thursday, Jan. 30 —

AAU girls hoop tourney in Amarillo

AMARILLO — Amarillo will be the site of girls AAU basketball tournaments June 4-7.

Age divisions for the teams are 12 and under; 13 and under; 14 and under; 15 and under; 16 and under and 18 and under.

Entry fee is \$160 per team. All entries must be made by May 22. Winners of the tournament will advance to the national AAU tournament.

For more information call Garett Von Netzer at (806) 376-4488 (office) or at (806) 353-7116 (home).

PRCA champ's funeral Wednesday

PRYOR, Okla. (AP) — Services will be held Wednesday for two-time world steer roping champion Shaun Burchett of Pryor.

Burchett, 28, died Sunday during surgery in Sherman, Texas, following a one-car accident near Whitesboro, Texas.

He suffered massive internal and head injuries earlier that day when his vehicle ran off the highway, hit a concrete culvert, flipped and caught fire, investigators said.

A passing truck driver pulled Burchett from the burning vehicle.

Burchett was reportedly driving from Pryor, Okla. to Gainesville, Texas, to inquire about buying quarter horses.

Investigators said he wasn't wearing a seat belt.

Burchett was the world steer roping championship in 1987 and 1988. His career winnings totaled nearly \$285,000.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Pryor.

Burchett's survivors include his wife, LaRae, and infant daughter, Kelsi.

Hawks grounded by Military, 89-79

ROSWELL, New Mexico — The Howard College Hawks' dreams of post season play took a step backwards Monday night with a 89-79 loss to the New Mexico Military Institute Broncos.

With the loss, Howard fell to 3-5 and dropped to tie for sixth place in WJCAC play. The Hawks fell to 16-6 overall. New Mexico Military, which garnered a game-high 26 points from James Thomas, improved to 10-13 and 3-5.

"We didn't play very well at all," said Howard basketball coach Jeff

Kidder. "It was a long trip up there and we didn't come ready to play."

Howard, which put five players into double digits, came out had trouble getting started during the early moments of the game. The Hawks managed to score just 35 points during the first 20 minutes of the contest and trailed at the intermission by a 46-35 score.

New Mexico, which moved into a tie with the Hawks for fifth place in the league race, continued to keep the pressure on in the second half. The Broncos, who hit better than 60

percent of their shots from the floor in the contest, rang up a 43-point effort in the second half to cinch the win.

The Hawks, who are scheduled to return home Thursday for a showdown with Western Texas, managed to get a balanced scoring attack despite the loss. Freshman post Will Macon paced the way for the Howard offense by collecting 19 points. Chuckie Robinson followed with 15. Demond Thomas, Corey Williams and Markee James also finished the night in double figures.

Howard (79) - Will Macon 7 3-6 19; Chuck Robinson 2 11-18 15; Demond Thomas 4 2-2 13; Corey Williams 5 2-4 12; Markee James 4 3-6 11; Mark Davis 3 3-4 9.

NMMI (89) - James Thomas 11 4-5 26; Earl Hector 5 9-11 19; Derrick Johnson 4 0-0 10; Terrell Hill 5 0-0 10; James Harvey 2 4-4 9; Terry Herrod 1 4-9 8; Fred Collier 2 0-0 2; Josh Wagner 1 1-2 3.

Halftime - NMMI 46, Howard 35.

WOMEN'S STANDINGS

Howard	6-0, 19-3
NMMI	5-1, 20-2
Odesa	3-3, 12-11
South Plains	2-4, 14-9
Frank Phillips	2-4, 9-10
Western Texas	2-4, 8-13
Clarendon	1-5, 10-7

Monday's Results

New Mexico Junior College 72, Frank Phillips 61; Western Texas 74, Clarendon 70.

MEN'S STANDINGS

Midland	7-1, 17-5
South Plains	6-2, 16-5
NMMI	6-2, 19-3
Odesa	5-3, 17-4
Western Texas	4-4, 12-18
NMMI	3-5, 10-12
Howard	3-5, 14-4
Frank Phillips	1-7, 4-11
Clarendon	1-7, 4-11

Monday's Results

New Mexico Junior College 116, Frank Phillips 105; New Mexico Military Institute 89, Howard College 79; Odesa 62; Midland 57; Western Texas 68, Clarendon 66.

Lady Steers at home tonight



Big Spring Lady Steers' Amber Grisham (front) and Teresa Ross (22), go for a loose ball in recent action at Steer Gym. Tonight the district-leading Lady Steers will host Fort Stockton at 7:30 p.m. JV begins at 6.

Herald photo by J. Fierro

Buffalo Bills will start making plans on establishing a Super Bowl winner

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — After two tries — and two failures — the Buffalo Bills can be expected to make more than cosmetic moves to create a team that can not only make, but win the Super Bowl.

The restructuring will start during the upcoming Plan B free agency period, during which a shaking-out process will take place that could cost a handful of players their roster spots.

"We'll find out more about my future when Plan B comes out," guard Jim Ritcher, a 13-year veteran, said after Sunday's 37-24 Super Bowl loss to the Washington Redskins. "The Bills have been very good to me and I hope to continue on there."

Coming off his first Pro Bowl appearance, it's very likely Ritcher will be back next season.

And, contrary to what he said at the height of the hype during Super Bowl week, defensive end Bruce Smith, 1990's NFL Defensive Player of the Year, said he expected to be back in Buffalo.

Smith implied last week that racist hate mail might force him out of Buffalo. After the game, he said he wanted to get one thing straight: "One or two bigots are not going to drive me out of my home. Buffalo is my home."

The prevailing wisdom is that Smith wants to renegotiate his five-year, \$7.5 million contract, which has one more year left.

Whether he gets a new contract before the old one ends is another matter. General manager Bill Polian refused to negotiate with two veterans — Pro Bowl

"The bottom line is the way I feel. I want out of Buffalo. I would love to be traded. I would love to go to another team, a team that I can feel comfortable with," — Buffalo Bills defensive end, Leon Seals.

linebacker Darryl Talley and defensive end Leon Seals — who were in the final year of their contracts.

Talley held out of training camp trying to force Polian's hand, but Polian held fast. Talley returned just before the start of the season, angry at what he felt was a lack of appreciation for his nine years of service to the Bills.

After being voted to the Pro Bowl for his play this year, Talley will now be negotiating from a position of strength.

Anger also characterized Seals' mood. All year long he hinted strongly that he wanted to leave, and after the game Sunday, he came out and said it.

"The bottom line is the way I feel. I want out of Buffalo," he said. "I would love to be traded. I would love to go to another team, a team that I can feel comfortable with."

Linebacker Cornelius Bennett's contract is also up. With four straight Pro Bowl appearances,

Bennett, too, will be looking for a hefty raise.

Last year, the Bills protected only one of their safeties — free safety Mark Kelso — during Plan B. This year, they will protect rookie Henry Jones, but starters Kelso and Leonard Smith, as well as reserve Dwight Drane, have to wonder.

Kicker Scott Norwood, whose field goal percentage has declined steadily over the last three seasons, is also likely to be exposed to Plan B. The Bills will surely open the job up and several kickers will get a shot at it.

If Sunday's Super Bowl is an indication, linebacker Ray Bentley's tenure with the team may be coming to an end. When Shane Conlan left the game with a knee injury, Bentley took his place. But by the end of the third quarter, Bentley was on the sidelines and third-stringer Hal Garner was on the field.

The Bills played most of the season with only three running backs and really only used two: Thomas and Ken Davis. Second-year fullback Carwell Gardner has been a disappointment and faces a make-or-break training camp.

When the Bills reassemble at Fredonia State College in July, competition for jobs will certainly be the toughest it has been in several years.

After a 1-point loss in the Super Bowl last year, Buffalo didn't think it was that far away from the top. Sunday's domination by the Redskins will force the Bills to rethink that assessment.

Saints player filing suit against deputies

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Off-duty sheriff's deputies arrested and beat Brian Forde after picking a fight with the Saints linebacker, say witnesses in his \$3.5 million federal brutality suit.

Testimony continues today before U.S. District Judge Martin L.C. Feldman in the lawsuit alleging roughness was used by deputies Wayne Centanni, John Ladd, Kenneth Zimmerman and Nathaniel Riley.

Forde, a black married to a white woman, also claims that his arrest on Aug. 13, 1990, was part of a pattern of brutality and racism condoned by Sheriff Harry Lee, a defendant in the case.

A jury of four blacks and two whites began hearing testimony Monday.

The first witnesses called by attorney George Fowler were Janet Williamson, a waitress at the restaurant where the argument took place, and Darryl Lazarow, who was dining out with his wife and the Fordes.

Centanni and Ladd were off duty, out of uniform and eating when the Fordes and Lazarows were leaving the Copeland's restaurant in suburban Harahan on Aug. 13, 1990, Williamson said.

According to her testimony, Centanni apparently said something about the big diamond on Tracey Forde's ring, and Mrs. Forde asked,

"What is it you don't like about my ring?"

Williamson said Centanni answered, "It looks cheap and tacky."

Forde seemed calm at first, but soon was arguing with the deputies, she said.

Lazarow testified Forde cursed at the deputies, but then turned to leave.

At that point, he said, the deputies jumped up, flashed identification at Forde and said they were arresting him for assault.

Forde said he'd done nothing that deserved arrest, but the deputies took him outside and shoved him, Lazarow said.

Zimmerman and Riley answered Centanni's call for help. The lawsuit claims that Zimmerman, in particular, used deliberate and unnecessary force against Forde.

Lazarow said the deputies seemed to be trying to provoke a fight, but that Forde didn't fight back, even when he was knocked to the ground and deputies started beating him with their nightsticks.

Several restaurant workers went outside, shouting that deputies were arresting the wrong person because Centanni had started the brouhaha, Williamson said.

Defense attorney Franz Ziblich acknowledged that prosecutors never accepted the assault charge against Forde.

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Welcome back champs



Washington Redskins offensive lineman Jeff Bostic slaps high-five with a group of fans waiting for the players as the team returned to its training facility in Herndon, Va.

Ewing paces Knicks to big win over Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — New York Knicks coach Pat Riley boasts that with Patrick Ewing on the court, anything's possible — even a road victory in the league's toughest arena, Utah's Delta Center.

"Right now, Patrick Ewing is playing the best basketball of any center in the league," Riley said of his 7-foot star, who had 28 points to lead the Knicks to a 97-80 win over the Jazz Monday night.

Ewing also grabbed 12 rebounds, blocked five shots and dished out five assists as New York ended Utah's NBA-best home winning streak at 17 games.

The victory gave the Knicks a sweep of their three-game West

Coast trip. New York won at Golden State last Friday, then beat the Los Angeles Clippers on Saturday. The New York-Utah game was the only NBA contest scheduled Monday night.

"We had a great opportunity tonight. We could have been satisfied with two wins on this trip," Riley said. "Anytime you come can come in here and win against a team that has won 17 in a row, maybe it's just a law of averages ... but I'll take it back to New York."

Karl Malone had 28 points to lead Utah, which rallied within 84-76 with 5:20 to play, but was held without a basket the remainder of the game. New York outscored the

momentum going," Ewing said. "After they made their run, I thought we stayed focused and played good defense."

"We're very proud," he said, but added with Boston fighting for a share of the Atlantic Division lead. "We need to come out with the same intensity every night."

Utah's 7-4 Mark Eaton often found himself flat-footed as Ewing drove around his outstretched arms for baseline buckets.

"It was a tough night at the office," said Eaton, who managed just a single field goal and one rebound. "We weren't very patient and didn't execute as well as we should have."

"Definitely, we have some

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Talks open without Palestinians

MOSCOW (AP) — Palestinians boycotted the opening of Middle East peace talks today, rejecting the demand of U.S. and Russian sponsors that their delegation include only residents of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In all, foreign ministers and senior diplomats from more than 20 nations are attending the two-day talks on regional issues, an outgrowth of the U.S.-organized October conference in Madrid.

The broadest cross-section of the Arab world ever to sit at a negotiating table with Israel was in Moscow for the session.

Faisal Husseini, head of the eight-member Palestinian delegation, told The Associated Press at his hotel after the talks opened that the Palestinians would not participate unless his full delegation is accepted.

"We insist that Palestinians have the right to choose their representatives," said Husseini, a resident of Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem. His delegation also includes three Palestinians from the West Bank, three from "exile" and another Jerusalem resident.

Israel has insisted that only Palestinians from the West Bank



Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy, extreme right, glances at the unoccupied seat of the Palestinian delegation, which refused to take part in the opening session of the Mideast Peace Conference in Moscow Tuesday. Extreme left is Jordanian delegate Kamel Abu Jaber.

and Gaza be permitted to take part in the conference, which is to break up into working groups on Wednesday.

In an apparent concession to the Palestinians, Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev set up a fifth working group, on the refugee problem, and invited Palestinians to take part.

But Baker said he was rebuffed. Without the Palestinians, it was unclear how much could be accomplished by the working groups.

Other major players were absent. Syria and Lebanon have refused to attend, saying insufficient progress was made in bilateral peace talks held in Washington that followed the Madrid meeting.

In his opening speech today, Baker appealed to Middle East nations to curb military spending and direct their energies toward the common problems of refugees, water shortages and an endangered environment.

Clinton, Flowers each claim the other is lying

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest sexually charged spectacle is unfolding with weary familiarity: He says one thing, she says another, and in the end there may never be a tidy resolution.

Just relief that it's behind us.

But that's looking ahead, to Judgment Day in New Hampshire and then the South — where Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton will discover whether his presidential ambitions can survive marital problems he says are in the past and the tabloid claims of Jennifer Flowers, a Little Rock woman who says they had a 12-year affair.

"That allegation is false," Clinton said flatly on national television.

"He is absolutely lying," said Flowers, flatly, also on national television.

And we're in real trouble, says Suzanne Garment, author of "Scandal: The Culture of Mistrust in American Politics."

"We're dealing with facts whose truth we cannot know. We're creating a poisonous atmosphere. We're engaging in incredible hypocrisy. And we're really skewing the political agenda."

Todd Gitlin, a sociologist at the University of California, Berkeley, said, "Candidates should not be put in a position of having to choose between humiliation and deceit." He blamed the media for asking such questions.

We have been here before, in the abyss between two diametrically opposed assertions, one on each side of the sexual divide.

There was Anita Hill's self-assured allegations of sexual



Jennifer Flowers, right, a Little Rock, Arkansas, woman who claims to have had a 12-year affair with Democratic presidential hopeful Bill Clinton, stands next to attorney Blake Hendrix, center, during a news conference in New York Monday. Flowers' account was published last week in the supermarket tabloid Star.

harassment against Clarence Thomas, and his outraged, point-blank denials. There was Patricia Bowman's tearful account of the night she says she was raped by William Kennedy Smith, and his grave refutation.

The Senate gave Thomas the benefit of the doubt, and sent him to the Supreme Court. The jury found for Smith, and sent him on to resume his medical career. The Democratic voters of New Hampshire will deliver a preliminary verdict on Clinton on Feb. 18 in

as serious a problem as credibility," says veteran Democratic analyst Ann Lewis.

The question is, will we ever know enough to make a reasonable judgment?

Is the governor telling the truth when he denies any sexual relationship with Flowers? What about Flowers — can we trust someone who took money from a gossip sheet and apparently lied on her resume?

"We have to assess credibility all the time and people do it reasonably well," says Benjamin Page, a public opinion specialist at Northwestern University. "But the tricky thing is they have to be exposed to enough information so they can really do it."

That's not likely to be a problem in the Clinton-Flowers case.

Garment attributes the current focus to a fateful convergence in the late 1960s. She said that's when personal morals, until then the preoccupation of conservatives, became a cause of the women's movement as well.

Some feminist writers looked at sex and saw a potential tool of oppression, of rape and assault and harassment. Thus "the personal had to become the political," Garment said. "The private had to become public. Character had to be viewed as something unified. The man who will lie to his wife will lie to his country."

That's not necessarily true, of course, and the pendulum swing to fullest disclosure may yet swing back to an earlier time when there was a zone of privacy around public figures.

Ecu: A coin, a cow, the subject of jokes

LONDON (AP) — The ecu — it's a medieval French coin, the butt of jokes in Portugal, confused with a cow in Germany and Chancellor Helmut Kohl doesn't want it in his pocket.

The German leader thinks ecu — pronounced "EH-cue," "eh-COO" or "AY-coo," depending on whom you ask — is an ugly name for the future common currency of the 12-nation European Community. It's the English acronym for "European currency unit."

"Having a common currency is momentous. It will certainly not be called an ecu. Surely there's a better name," Kohl said last week.

And diplomats at the community's headquarters in Brussels said Kohl is unlikely to have his way. A treaty on European Community economic and monetary union to be signed next month would all but commit the 12 members to "ecu."

The community plans to have a single currency by 1999 that would eventually replace the money now used by member-states.

The ecu's value, about \$1.27 on world money markets, is calculated from that of the national currencies used by the



Belgian Finance Minister Philippe Mavstadt holds a 100-ecu coin.

are handled solely by the county volunteer fire departments, said C. Roy Wright, county fire chief.

Total dollar losses for Howard County stand at \$272,500, which is significantly lower than the 1990 amount of \$1,151,750.

It is unknown whether the city's practice of running only two men per truck has caused a decrease in firefighting efficiency, Settles said.

All national firefighter organizations suggest at least a four-man crew per vehicle, said firefighter Paul Brown.

The two-man crew is recognized as placing the hoseman in jeopardy as he has

no assistance in the burning structure.

This problem has caught the attention of city council member and mayoral hopeful Tim Blackshear but, given a tight city budget, no plans have been made as yet to rectify the situation.

One new fire truck has been purchased outright and others are being acquired through lease purchase plans to replace aging trucks with the department's firefighting arsenal. These trucks are designed according to state and federal mandated specifications, however, and are intended to be operated with more than two firefighters.

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- Jewelry valued at \$3,063 was reported stolen from a room at the Ponderosa Motel on South Gregg Street.
- A 32-year-old Big Spring woman was arrested for failure to

- appear on warrants for speeding.
- Currency worth \$40 was reportedly stolen from Dee's Fina at 2005 Gregg.
- Electronic equipment was reported stolen during the burglary of two vehicles in the 100 block of Gregg. Loss is estimated at \$830.
- Beer worth \$7 was reported

Oil/markets

March crude oil \$19.28, down 8, and March cotton futures \$3.98 cents a pound, down 8, and March hog futures \$3.50, slaughter steers is steady at 74.50, February live hog futures 41.26, down 2, February live cattle futures 75.35, down 2 at 10:22 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

Name	CURRENT QUOTE	CHANGE FROM CLOSE
ATT	37 1/2	+1/4
Amoco	47 1/2	+1/4
Atlantic Richfield	110 1/4	+2 1/4
Bathlehem Steel	16	-1/4
Cabot	37 1/2	+1/4
Chevron	65 1/2	+1/4
Chrysler	15 1/2	+1/4
Coca-Cola	72 1/2	+1/4
De Beers	28 1/2	+1/4
DuPont	47 1/2	+1/4
El Paso Electric	27 1/2	+1/4
Exxon	60 1/2	+1/4
Fina Inc.	70 1/2	+1/4
Ford Motors	33 1/2	+1/4
GTE	32	nc
Halliburton	27 1/2	+1/4
IBM	92 1/2	+1/4
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- A 37-year-old Big Spring man was arrested for public intoxication and theft under \$20 at Winn Dixie.
- A 49-year-old Sweetwater man was arrested for public intoxication.

J.C. Penney	55 1/2	+1/2
Mesa Ltd. Pkt. A	11 1/2	nc
Mobil	67 1/2	+1/4
New Almos Energy	21	nc
NUV	11 1/2	nc
Pacific Gas	31	+1/4
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Sears	42 1/2	+1/4
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Texas	61 1/2	+1/4
Texas Instruments	35 1/2	+1/4
Texas Utilities	39 1/2	nc
Unocal Corp.	22 1/2	+1/4
USX Corp.	27 1/2	+1/4
Wal-Mart	56 1/2	+1/4
Mutual Funds		
Albacap	13.17-13.97	
I.C.A.	17.38-18.44	
New Economy	26.43-25.92	
New Perspective	12.21-12.95	
Van Kampen	15.79-14.60	
American Funds U.S. Gov't	13.85-14.54	
Pioneer II	18.61-19.75	
Gold	356.00-354.50	
Silver	4.16-4.19	

Noon quotes courtesy of Edward D. Jones & Co., 219 Main St., Big Spring, 767-2501. Quotes are from today's market, and the change is market activity from 3 p.m. the previous day.

Johnny Dillard

Johnny Ray Dillard, 74, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 27, 1992, in a local hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1992, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Royce Clay, Minister at 14th and Main Street Church of Christ in Big Spring, will officiate. He will be assisted by Dr. Wilson Schultz, retired Methodist Minister from Ft. Smith, Ark. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Dillard was born on June 5, 1917, in the Moore Community in Howard County, Texas. He grew up in Howard County where he lived most of his life. He was co-owner and manager of the Fairview Cotton Gin, with his late brother-in-law, J.O. McCrary, for a number of years. He worked for 41 years as a Licensed Thoroughbred Horse Trainer in the states of California, Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana and Illinois. Mr. Dillard was one of the first organizers of horse racing in Big Spring where the old Webb Air Force Base is now.

Mr. Dillard was a member of the Central Christian Church in Ft. Smith, Ark. He had served in

the U.S. Army during WW II. He was a member of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Society and had served as the First President of the Texas Horse Racing Association. He was the First Commander of the V.F.W. Post that was formed here after WW II and was a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Dillard, of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law; Emma Lou and Terry Jenkins, of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law: Richard and Kay Dillard, of Abilene; one step-daughter, Annette Cardona, of Dallas, and one step-son and daughter-in-law: John F. and Marci Brown, of Hot Springs, Ark. He is also survived by his sister, Zula McCrary; grandchildren: Justin Jenkins and John Ross Jenkins, of Big Spring, and Tom Dillard and Ginger Dillard, of Abilene; four step-grandchildren: Ashley and Kahia Cardona of Dallas, and Garrett and Katelyn Ann Brown of Hot Springs, Ark., and three nieces: Judy Little and Dana Sexton, of Austin, and Lori Little, of Big Spring.

Pallbearers will be R.H. Weaver, Jeff Grant, Jack Cook, Corky Burchell, Landon Burchell, Doyle Vaughn and Jack Reese.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Lung Association of Texas, 7701 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 104, Austin, Texas 78752-1008.

The family will be at 510 Highland Drive.

Deaths

Robert McHaney

Robert McHaney, 56, Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 27, 1992, in a local hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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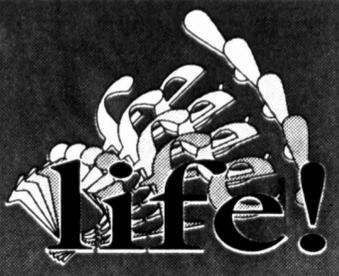
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Robotic arms enable disabled to work

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A man who hadn't held a job since a 1981 motorcycle accident left him partially paralyzed used a robot Wednesday to hand a bank president his new business card.

"I'm glad to be a taxpayer," Scott Ferguson said. "It makes you feel good when you go home at night."

Ferguson, 31, of suburban Cheswick began working part-time Jan. 6 as a customer service representative in Pittsburgh National Bank's credit card administration division.

At a news conference, he demonstrated the \$50,000 robotic arm that responds to voice commands by dialing a telephone, calling up information on a computer—even lifting a cup of coffee.

"There aren't a lot of jobs out there for quadriplegics," Ferguson said. "This is one now."

The arm is perched on Ferguson's desk next to his computer terminal. It responds to simple commands like "memo," "log on," and "get a drink," using its tongue-like hands to grip.

Ferguson was a laborer at a manufacturing plant when the accident occurred. He suffered a spinal cord injury that left him with limited use of his arms and legs.

"I knew I couldn't do that kind of

work anymore," he said. "I was looking for an avenue."

Ferguson enrolled at Edinboro University in 1989 to study business administration and hopes to continue his studies in night classes.

Earlier versions of the robot have been used for about 1½ years at the U.S. Bureau of Mines and Magee-Womens Hospital in Pittsburgh. The "pizzabot," another model undergoing initial testing, allows people with disabilities to make pizzas.

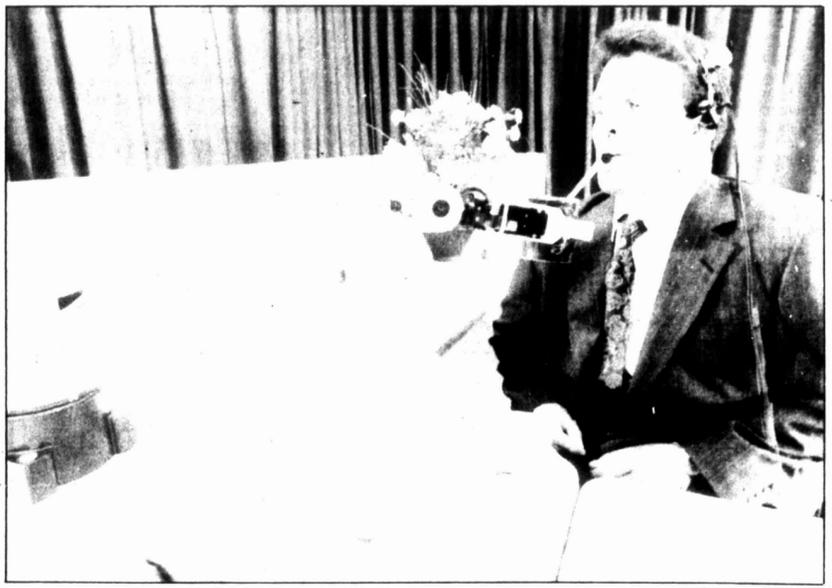
K.G. Engelhardt, a former Carnegie Mellon University scientist who began developing the arm 10 years ago, said the robot cost about \$50,000, excluding research and development costs.

Engelhardt worked with Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services Inc., a private, non-profit organization, to bring the robot to the bank.

About 80 percent of quadriplegics remain unemployed several years after becoming disabled, said John L. Bernard, who worked on the project as a district administrator with the state Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

He said many employers fear employees with severe disabilities will burden their businesses with costs and require too much help.

"There's a lot of myths," he said.



Quadriplegic Scott Ferguson, 31, of Pittsburgh takes a drink with the aid of a robotic arm at his work station at Pittsburgh National Bank in Pittsburgh recently. The \$50,000 robotic arm has

allowed Ferguson to return to the work force as a part-time customer service representative for the bank's credit card division.

Pat Atkins

VA Vital signs

Congratulations to the medical center staff for exceeding our goal in contributions to the 1991 Combined Federal Campaign which includes the United Way of Howard County.

The VA Voluntary Service Advisory Board (VAVS) met Jan. 21 at the medical center. Marion Gobin, representing the Excalibur Chapter of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association of Abilene, presented a check to John Sparks, President of Haven House of Big Spring, Inc., to pay for painting and roofing costs. To date, sixteen organizations have made contributions to help support Haven House.

Haven House is completely dependent on contributions from organizations and individuals interested in assisting female family members of veteran patients who do not have the financial means to stay in commercial establishments. The home was donated by Paul and Lona Hood of Big Spring and is located at 2204 Runnels. Lona is a telecommunications operator at the medical center. For further information, you may contact John Webb, Chief of Social Work Service, at the medical center, 915-264-4850.

During the VAVS meeting, Lucille McFarland, representing the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, presented a check to Conrad Alexander, Director. The donation is to be used to purchase special pillows for cardiac care patients. Special thanks to all volunteers!

February 3, at 11:30 a.m., Chaplain LeNier Emerson, Chief of Chaplain Service, will conduct the Four Chaplains Observance in the Medical Center Chapel. This special observance honors four World War II chaplains who gave their life jackets to shipmates while their troop ship, Dorchester, was sinking after being torpedoed in the icy waters of the North Atlantic Ocean in 1943.

We are looking forward to Gene Howard (John Wayne look-a-like) visiting our medical center on Feb. 7 to kick off our National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. Gene brings a patriotic message entitled Freedom and Sacrifice. "It will make you want to wave a flag and salute the men and women who kept our country free, and give you a new insight into an inner freedom that you can never lose," says Gene.

Larry Bohannon, Building Management Service employee, was named Employee of the Month for January. We salute you, Larry!

The Midland Vet Center, located at 3404 West Illinois Avenue in Midland, provides readjustment counseling to veterans who served in Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, and Persian Gulf. You may call the Vet Center for further information at (915) 697-8222 or 1-800-299-8387.

I recently attended a quarterly meeting with other public affairs officers from south and east Texas VA Medical Centers. We learned a new National Cemetery is under consideration for the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. If funding is approved, construction could begin as early as 1995, and would require approximately eighteen months to complete.

Pat Atkins is the Public Affairs Officer and Patient Representative at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. She can be contacted at 915-264-4839.

Experts question denying nicotine to hardcore smokers

WASHINGTON (AP) — For smokers who just can't seem to quit, nicotine cravings might be satisfied with glass cigarettes, chewing gum or other methods that avoid cancer-causing tars and poisons, a behavior expert says.

Thomas C. Schelling, a former director of the Institute for the Study of Smoking Behavior and Policy, says the problem for smokers isn't convincing them the habit is harmful, but preventing relapse once they quit.

Schelling, who is with the School of Public Affairs at the University of Maryland, wrote in an article published today in Science magazine that making nicotine available for those who can't quit smoking is a possible compromise.

While nicotine is harmful, the drug is not the main health risk associated with smoking.

"If there are smokers who would like to quit and cannot, denying (products with) the pure nicotine condemns them to getting what they need only with carcinogenic tar and poison gases," Schelling said.

He said the smoking habit is hard to kick because nicotine is so addictive, because cigarettes are so readily available, because they do not produce physical impairment as do drugs and alcohol and because the damage cigarettes cause can take three or more decades to become evident.

He noted that nicotine is used in medically supervised programs aimed at getting smokers to stop smoking. A chewing gum is prescribed that maintains a steady level of nicotine in a smoker's bloodstream, with the level decreased over 90 days.

"It is reported to reduce the withdrawal discomfort but to provide no pleasure," Schelling said.

"An altogether different approach would be to deliver the nicotine in the quantity the smoker wants, and in a form that offers the usual satisfaction but causes less damage."

One proposal is to develop tobacco that is high in nicotine but low in tar.

He said an "extreme version" has been developed by R. J. Reynolds in the form of an "almost pure nicotine delivery device."

The device employs a glass tube the size of a cigarette with ignited charcoal to heat the air drawn through it. The device vaporized nicotine in a controlled way, he said.

He noted that groups opposed to smoking were unanimously opposed to the introduction of the device and that it was withdrawn after a few months of testing.

Researchers invest in space travel, despite budget woes

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Thousands of researchers around the world are investing all their energy and hope in a futuristic spaceship that takes off like a plane and accelerates to 25 times the speed of sound.

Space laboratories, space factories, space military posts, space transfer stations for people headed to the moon and Mars, space hotels for space tourists — this is the not-so-distant future envisioned by scientists and engineers designing space planes.

"It's only up to your imagination of what it could be," said Jim Arrington, NASA deputy program director for the proposed National Aero-Space Plane.

It boils down, though, to what governments are willing and able to spend.

"What's disheartening is the congressional action. The funding goes up and down," Arrington said at an international space plane conference in Orlando in December.

Right now, funding is down, way down, for America's space plane program.

NASA and the Defense Department requested \$304 million this fiscal year, which began in October. They got \$205 million from Congress, the lowest amount since 1987, the second year of the joint program. The bulk — \$200 million — came from the Pentagon's budget.

NASA Administrator Richard Truly submitted an operating plan to Congress in December that boosted his agency's share in the space plane program from \$5 million to \$20 million by shifting funds from aeronautics research. Key lawmakers opposed the plan, however, and NASA said it would report back to Congress later this month.

To save money, the program work force is being reduced and the research phase is being extended half a year to October 1993, possibly longer. That pushes back the first flight of an experimental, single stage-to-orbit plane, the X-30, from around 1997 to closer to the turn of the century, provided

the White House agrees to proceed. Before this year's budget punch, a decision on whether to build and test two X-30s had been expected in April 1993, based on the technology developed. It's uncertain now when that decision will come.

"We're both discouraged and encouraged," Arrington said. "We're encouraged that we survived this cycle again."

The sentiment is much the same in the Soviet Union, which is col-

"What captures you about this is the ability for folks like you and I, in the year 2003, to go up to an airport, buy a ticket and fly into space, and doing that very affordably and routinely."

Robert Barthelemy
 program director

laborating with the British on a space plane.

"Such a system should be built and be in effect by the end of the century," Soviet scientist German I. Zagaynov said through an interpreter at the conference. "This, of course, depends on the financing."

The United States, in the forefront of space plane research, is determined to go it alone, at least for now.

The director of the National Aero-Space Plane program, Robert Barthelemy, expects it will cost \$5 billion to \$10 billion and take seven to nine years to build and test two X-30s. If testing goes well, and money and presidential approval are forthcoming, the first operational craft could be carrying people and cargo into orbit by 2003 or 2005.

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Whee! Sit and spin



Ben Lawson, 30, a graduate student in psychology, spins in a rotating chair recently at the Graynbil Spatial Orientation Laboratory at

Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. Researchers at the lab are looking for the cause of motion sickness in space for NASA.

Spring board

How's that?

Q. Kelly Field was established near San Antonio in 1917 with how many airplanes?
 A. According to Texas Trivia, it was four.

Calendar

TODAY
 • Bingo offered by the Lions,

Elks and Main Street Clubs, Monday-Friday, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, 1 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Lions Club, 1607 E. Third.

• Narcotics Anonymous will meet 7 p.m., Big Spring V.A. Medical Center, room 401. Anyone welcome.

• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

• AMAC (Adults Molested As Children) will meet 5:15 p.m., Saint Mary's Episcopal Church library, 1001 Goliad. Anyone interested must call first-Dr. Federman or Dawn Pearson at

267-8216, ext. 287.

• High Adventure Explorers Post 519 will meet 7 p.m., V.A. Medical Center, room 212. Ages 14-20.

• Al-Anon will meet 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Recovery Solutions Inc., Mens Support Group will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union. For information call 264-7028.

WEDNESDAY

• The Divorce Support Group will meet 6-7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 101. Anyone welcome. Child care available. Use back entrance at Gregg St. parking lot. For information call 267-6394.

• Recovery Solutions Inc.,

Womens Support Group will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union. For information call 264-7028.

• Co-Dependents Anonymous will meet 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, fourth floor.

THURSDAY

• Self-Esteem Workshop, Sam Anderson Kindergarten Center (Cafeteria), 7-8 p.m.

• Ft. Worth Chamber Orchestra, presented by Big Spring Symphony Association, 8 p.m., Municipal Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

• Kentwood Country-Western Special, 7 p.m., Kentwood Older Adult Center. Featuring the

Dale Merrick Band of Lamesa. Public invited. No dancing.

• Al-Anon will meet 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, room 414.

• Recovery Solutions Inc., Teen Esteem Group, will meet 6:30-8:30 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028.

• Adolescent Support Group will meet 4-5 p.m., Howard County Mental Health Center. Anyone interested must call first- John McGuffey or Dawn Garrett, 267-8216 ext. 287.

• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

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Researchers expect space plane spin-offs wouldn't be far behind, most notably commercial hypersonic travel — that's travel at Mach 5, or five times the speed of sound. Hypersonic craft could get travelers from New York to Tokyo in two hours, a real "Orient Express" as President Reagan said in 1986 as space plane research was just getting under way.

The supersonic Concorde flies between the United States and Europe at Mach 2, or twice the speed of sound.

Space policy analyst Alex Roland, a former NASA historian who teaches at Duke University, approves of the government's X-30 research and testing strategy. He considers the space plane "a long shot" but worthy of study.

The goal is cheap and fast space transportation on a fully reusable craft.

"There's a potential to reduce the cost of putting something into space by a factor of 10" — \$500 a pound instead of the current \$5,000 a pound, Barthelemy said. "The army it takes to refurbish it (the shuttle) and the time it takes, that's what really costs you."

Researchers are borrowing some from the shuttle, the way it glides back to Earth, for instance. New technology is needed, however, for a spaceship to take off horizontally from an airplane runway and withstand a searing, 20-minute climb through the atmosphere.

Five companies are working on the X-30 design in a unique union forged a year ago. About 2,000 people nationwide are assigned full time to the program, which is based at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. So far, \$1.5 billion has been spent.

The X-30 would take off with a few hundred-thousand pounds of thrust and accelerate to 17,500

mph, the speed needed to reach orbit. That's Mach 25, or 25 times the speed of sound.

NASA's four shuttles reach orbit in 8½ minutes on 7.7 million pounds of thrust provided by two solid rocket boosters and three liquid-fuel main engines.

The X-30 plan calls for hydrogen-powered engines that suck in air during ascent — supersonic combustion ramjet engines called scramjets — and consequently reduce oxygen fuel loads. A rocket mounted in the tail would provide the final boost into orbit.

A mix of titanium alloys and reinforcing ceramic fibers, capable of withstanding 1,500 degrees Fahrenheit, would cover most of the X-30. Reinforced carbon would shield those areas, primarily in front, that are exposed to 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

No windows are planned because of the intense atmospheric heat; two pilots would use electronic TV cameras to see outside. The cargo bay could hold small payloads weighing 20,000 to 30,000 pounds.

Four-time space flyer Vance Brand, who is moving from shuttle piloting to space plane management, sees the space plane as an orbital hot rod that could open "that region between space and where airplanes fly."

"We've reached a maturity in the space program where we need different types of vehicles for different things," Brand said. "You might regard the shuttle as a pickup, the heavy-lift (unmanned) booster as a truck and the space plane probably as a sports car."

Barthelemy is determined to keep the sports car of space as simple as possible.

Shuttle program officials talked in the 1970s of 40, 50, even 60 shuttle flights a year. There were six missions in 1991, shuttle year No. 10, at a cost of more than \$330 million each.



An archeological dig continues in a cemetery adjacent to the Cheops pyramid at Giza, Egypt. Experts are trying to rid Egypt's largest pyramid of thousands of years of stale air. The problem is complicated by thousands of tourists, who maneuver through barely maneuverable passageways despite stifling conditions.

Pyramids air problems

GIZA PLATEAU, Egypt (AP) — How do you give the Great Pyramid a breath of fresh air? That's the challenge facing experts trying to rid Egypt's largest pyramid of thousands of years of stale air.

"This is a serious problem for us," said Zahi Hawass, director-general of antiquities for the pyramids outside Cairo. "Nobody's done anything about this since Cheops' time, 4,500 years ago. And it's getting to be a real problem."

A lot of stale air accumulates in 45 centuries. Especially in something as big as the Great Pyramid, which rises 481 feet on a base that covers 13 acres.

The problem is the thousands of tourists who each winter trek through barely maneuverable passageways.

Before the Gulf War, Egypt welcomed 2 million tourists a year. The number is expected to hit 5 million yearly by 1995.

Almost all visit the pyramids. It's an extraordinary experience but can cause claustrophobia, shortness of breath and a lot of perspiration.

During summer, humidity inside reaches 95 percent. And tourists create salt in their sweat, which drips off them and can penetrate limestone and granite.

"They can't breathe, and the more tourists who come, the worse the air gets," Hawass said.

In April 1984, 15 tourists complained of eye irritation and difficulty in breathing in the nearby Chephren pyramid. Officials ordered it closed for two days to flush out the gas. Tests showed it was accumulated acid from visitors who'd used the monument as a toilet.

In 1987-88, the Egyptian Antiquities Organization scrubbed away salt, soot and grease from inside Cheops' pyramid, the lone survivor of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

NASA searches for extraterrestrials

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA is celebrating the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the New World in a special way — with a \$100 million project to look for aliens from outer space.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration will begin setting up equipment in the Mojave Desert to carry out the search, which started on Oct. 12, Columbus Day.

The holiday was picked because "it celebrates the spirit of exploration," said Michael Klein, manager of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's part of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

"What we are trying to understand is ... are we alone in the universe and what is our part in this incredible universe?" Klein said. "I strongly believe someday we will make contact with other civilizations."

More than 50 searches for space aliens have been conducted since 1960, scanning the heavens for radio signals generated by an intelligent civilization within our Milky Way galaxy and others.

NASA's \$100 million effort will be the most extensive. It will scan the entire sky for a wide range of radio frequencies and conduct a highly sensitive search for radio signals from any planets that may exist around roughly 1,000 sun-like stars within 100 light years — 588 trillion miles — of Earth.

"Circumstantial evidence suggests countless Earth-like planets exist in our galaxy," Klein said. "We hope someday we'll detect the existence of other intelligent civilizations from those planets."

Scientists eventually will use sophisticated radio-signal analyzers and giant dish-shaped antennas already located at

"I strongly believe someday we will make contact with other civilizations."
Michael Klein
extraterrestrial researcher

NASA's Deep Space Network tracking stations at Canberra, Australia, and Goldstone, Calif., will do the same later this year at Arecibo.

The Cornell University-National Science Foundation Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico and the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Greenbank, W. Va., also will participate.

Klein said Jet Propulsion Laboratory engineers and scientists will start setting up a radio signal analyzer, computers and other equipment next week at Goldstone, in the Mojave Desert about 85 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

Their counterparts at NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., will do the same later this year at Arecibo.

The Pasadena-based Planetary Society, an international group of space exploration advocates cofounded by astronomer Carl Sagan, currently conducts the most sensitive search for alien radio signals. It has found nothing so far.

Klein said NASA's 10-year search has agency approval, but depends on annual-congressional appropriations.

Some critics have questioned spending \$100 million to look for aliens, while others have expressed concern that if humans detected an alien civilization, the creatures might enslave or eat earthlings.

SportsExtra

Baylor Bears humble Longhorns, 84-68

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At Waco, Baylor's Kelvin Chalmers could hardly wait for tipoff on the Bears' game with the Texas Longhorns.

"I wanted this one bad. I wish we could have played at noon, I was so hyped up," the 6-9, 230-pound forward from Dallas said after Baylor knocked off Texas, 84-68, Monday night.

It was the Bears' first basketball victory over Texas since 1988, before any of the present Baylor players arrived.

Chalmers had 19 points and 10 rebounds in a supporting role for David Wesley, who had his second straight 30-point night, leading the Bears with 33 points and 12 rebounds.

Wesley, a 6-0, 190-pound senior from Longview, said he wanted a victory badly.

"I got very tired of it. We were way overdue," Wesley said.

With the victory, Baylor improves to 10-7 for the season and 3-3 in Southwest Conference play. Texas fell to 11-8 and 4-2.

Baylor built a 38-28 halftime lead behind a 28-15 rebounding edge and the Longhorns' cool 28.9 percent shooting over the first 20 minutes.

Bears coach Gene Iba packed his defense in the middle and dared Texas to make the outside shots.

"It didn't take a genius to know we had to stop their penetrations," Iba said.

The strategy worked. The Longhorns shot just 30.1 percent for the night, while hitting just 2 of 22 three-point attempts.

"We made them shoot tough and off-balance shots. That was part of the game plan," Wesley said.

UT starters Benford Williams, B.J. Tyler and Terrence Rencher were a combined 18-for-60 for the night. The Longhorns didn't get their first three-pointer until 13:52 left in the game.

"We just couldn't shoot the basketball. That's the story of the game," UT coach Tom Penders said. "We figured that if we could shoot 40 percent on the road and use our pressure to create turnovers, we couldn't even convert when we created turnovers."

Williams led Texas with 20 points and 10 rebounds, while Tyler had 11 points and Rencher 17.

Most of the night, the Longhorns got only one shot, as the Bears repeatedly came away with the rebound. Baylor outrebounded Texas, 56-38.

Wesley stepped up to take command whenever Texas sought to close the gap in the second half. When the Longhorns closed to within eight in the second half, Wesley took a rebound and went

the length of the floor for a spectacular layup.

Wesley was 8-of-12 from the field and a perfect 14-of-14 from the three throw line.

"I could play until tomorrow. You get in a groove like this and you don't want to stop," Wesley said.

Wesley is the first Baylor player since Vinnie Johnson in 1978 to score 30 or more points in consecutive games. Wesley scored 37 Saturday against Southeastern Methodist.

UCONN 72, VILLANOVA 58
Jim Calhoun sounded like a man who coaches a team with a 1-16 record and they just got the '1.'

"I don't feel relieved, I feel great," Calhoun said Monday night after Connecticut's 72-58 victory over Villanova. "We looked them eyeball to eyeball for 30 minutes and were able to put a little bit extra in the final 10 minutes. We did a lot of things tonight that can make us feel better about ourselves."

For the (won-loss) record, the sixth-ranked Huskies have the '1' on the other side, as in 16-1 overall and 7-1 in Big East. In fact, the '1' came at the hands of Villanova 16 days ago.

Since then, there have been four victories for Connecticut, but the last two came in overtime and Calhoun had felt the Huskies had gotten away from what made them a Top Ten team.

"Connecticut basketball, the way we want it to be played, is based on enthusiasm, intensity and defense. That's what we're about," Calhoun said.

Villanova (7-9, 5-3) was able to shoot just 30.6 percent from the field and Connecticut had 11 blocked shots — seven by freshman Donyell Marshall — as the Huskies overcame some offensive problems of their own for the home victory.

"The kids responded and played as good a defense as we've played in a long time," Calhoun said. "We just put a tremendous amount of pressure on Villanova. We went through three or four dry spells without scoring, but it didn't make any difference. We controlled the game without scoring points, which is something we've done in the past."

In other games involving ranked teams on Monday, it was: No. 1 Duke 112, Clemson 73; Butler 87, No. 17 North Carolina Charlotte 84; No. 18 Oklahoma 79, Nebraska 76; and No. 23 Florida State 68, Florida 67.

Chris Smith, Connecticut's leading scorer, was 0-for-8 from the field but still finished with 12 points and distributed the ball in a balanced offense.



Baylor's David Wesley (22) tosses in two of his 33 points as Texas' Gerald Houston defends Monday night in Waco. Wesley had his second straight 30-point game as Texas defeated Baylor 84-68.

"He did do a good job though, because of the type player he is," Villanova coach Rollie Massimino said of Smith. "He gave the ball up to his teammates and made things happen, which is the sign of a very good basketball player."

Defense and rebounding are usually the signs of a good Big East team.

"Connecticut played a very, very aggressive basketball game this evening," Massimino said. "They really played hard and did some good things."

The Huskies were outrebounded 38-31 in their 79-70 loss to the Wildcats two weeks ago, but they held a 49-37 edge Monday night and also held center James Bryson, who had 19 points and 10 rebounds in the first game, to five points and four rebounds.

"They forced the tempo a little better than they did in Philadelphia," Massimino said. "Our team played well defensive-

ly, but struggled offensively; I'm sure that contributed to the way Connecticut defended us."

Marshall had 15 points for the Huskies, while Scott Burrell had 13 and Rod Sellers had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Lance Miller led Villanova with 21 points, nine rebounds and four assists.

No. 1 Duke 112, Clemson 73
Christian Laettner scored 11 points and became the seventh Duke player to reach 2,000 — the most by any school — as the Blue Devils (15-0, 7-0) won their 21st in a row. Duke led 27-9 in the game's first eight minutes and stretched the lead throughout as freshman Cherokee Parks led the Blue Devils with 19 points. Devin Gray had 22 points for the visiting Tigers (9-6, 1-5), who haven't won at Cameron Indoor Stadium in eight years.

Butler 87, No. 17 N.C. Charlotte 84
Tim Bowen had as quick an emotional turnaround as the game

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allows. The 5-foot-8 point guard missed two free throws with 16 seconds left that could have stretched the Bulldogs' (14-5) three-point lead. Delano Johnson's 3-pointer with 5.8 seconds to play tied the game. Butler took a timeout and Bowen hit a running 22-footer at the buzzer to give coach Barry Collier his first win over a ranked team in three seasons with the Bulldogs. Henry Williams, an Indianapolis native who was honored earlier in the day in a homecoming celebration, led the 49ers (13-3) with 28 points, including a school-record eight 3-pointers.

No. 18 Oklahoma 79, Nebraska 76

The Sooners (13-3, 2-2) trailed by seven with 1:25 to play and stunned the crowd at Devaney Center with an 11-1 run to close the game. Angelo Hamilton had a field goal and Brent Price two free throws in 20 seconds to narrow the margin to three. Following a Nebraska free throw, Bryan Sallier scored to make it 76-74 with 42 seconds left. Price followed a Nebraska turnover with his 21-footer for the lead and Bryatt Vann dunked after a Cornhuskers' miss for the clincher. Price had 17 points for the Sooners, while Derrick Chandler had 16 points and 20 rebounds for the Cornhuskers (13-4, 1-3), who outrebounded Oklahoma 72-42.

No. 23 Florida St. 68, Florida 67

Sam Cassell hit a twisting, underhand layup with three seconds left to give the Seminoles (13-4) the in-state victory. Stacey Poole's 15-foot fallaway gave Florida (10-7) a 67-66 lead with 24 seconds left. Florida State point guard Charlie Ward, who is the Seminoles' backup quarterback, penetrated after a timeout and found Cassell for the winning shot and a six-game winning streak. Cassell had 19 points and Douglas Edwards, who hit two big shots in the final minutes for the visiting Seminoles, had 15 points and 10 rebounds. Andrew DeClerq had 14 points and 15 rebounds — both career-highs — for the Gators.

Other Games

Coach Matt Kilcullen suspended six of his players for violating team rules on a recent road trip, but Jacksonville (6-12) didn't need more than the seven players who remained in a 58-45 victory over Texas-Pan American (2-17).

Marshall matched the school record for consecutive losses when the Thundering Herd (3-14) fell for the 11th straight time, 72-66 to East Tennessee State.

Dartmouth (6-8) had its largest margin of victory in 51 years in a 91-41 win over Clark (8-9). The margin was the largest since Dec. 14, 1937, a 75-16 victory over Norwich.

Bradley (5-13) scored its lowest point total in 20 years in a 51-37 loss to Southwest Missouri State (11-6), which allows 56 points per game.

Wisconsin-Green Bay (16-1) won its ninth in a row, 65-53 over Western Illinois (7-8), but leading scorer Tony Bennett had just two points after falling while making a layup five minutes into the game. He was diagnosed as having a deep back bruise.

Freshman David Vanterpool had 24 points to lead St. Bonaventure (7-9) to an 84-75 victory over St. Joseph's (9-8), snapping the Bonnies' 28-game losing streak in the Atlantic 10.

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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Inside tours of Acme Fake Vomit Inc.

Adoption 011

******* ADOPTION *******
Artist & Architect couple eager to be full time loving mom & dad. Safe and secure sun filled country home, great home cooking, music, sports, fine education promised. Please call Susan & Matthew collect 212-219-9024. *It is illegal to be paid for anything beyond legal or medical expenses.

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Special Notices 040

GET CASH today on your income tax refund check. No waiting. Bring 1040, W-2's, ID and SS card. 700 N. Lancaster, M.F. 9.5.

BUS. OPPORTUNITIES

Business Opp. 050

PIZZA INN Pizza Inn is expanding in the Big Spring Area. *Easy to open & operate *160 new franchises in the last 12 months *Single & multi unit franchise opplys. For information call (800)880-9955

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LOCAL SNACK machine deal for sale, cheap. 1-800-955-0354.

Instruction 060

PRIVATE PIANO lessons. Beginners through. Advanced. Years of teaching experience. Phone 263-3367.

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted 085

POSTAL JOBS \$11.41 \$14.90/ hr. For exam and application information call 219-769-6649 Ext. TX161 8a.m. - 8p.m. 7 days.

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BOOKKEEPER Heavy comp exp. Open.

SALES Exp. in Adv. Large Co. Open. **PART TIME** Sev. Openings. Sales bkgnd. Open.

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ADDRESSERS WANTED immediately! No experience necessary. Process FHA mortgage refunds. Work at home. Call 1-405-321-3064.

ASSEMBLERS WANTED To \$585 WK. Nail Co. has several openings. P.T. F.T. 1-800-358-6956.

Help Wanted 085

R.N. POSITION open, day shift, requires some weekend call with extra compensation. Pension plan, life and health insurance, salary D.O.E. Apply in person at Best Home Care, 1710 Marcy Drive.

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We have positions available for LVN's to work in our long term care facility. We offer insurance, sick pay, vacation, holiday pay and also a \$1,000 sign on bonus. Apply at 3800 Englewood Lane in Odessa. 915-362-2583.

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income to assemble products from your home. Info. 504-646-1700 DEPT. P27124.

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Big Spring area. \$23,700 per year plus benefits. Postal carriers, sorters, clerks. For an application and exam information, Call 1-219-736-9807, Ext. P-8032 8a.m. - 8p.m. 7 days.

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EARN UP TO \$339.84

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WANT A CAREER WITH A PROGRESSIVE WATER COMPANY?

We need a professional, hard driving company representative. Must have car, sales experience, the ability to get after it. Some benefits, high commission. Will train, bonuses. Send resume to Big Spring Herald c/o Dr. Over, 1281 B, 710 Scurry Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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I'M LOOKING for a responsible, full time babysitter

to watch my 1 month old baby in my home. References required. Send resume to Big Spring Herald, Drawer 1282, Big Spring, TX 79720.

Jobs Wanted 090

MOW, YARDS, till, haul trash, trim trees, remove stumps and odd jobs. Call 267-4827.

Jobs Wanted 090

WILL CARE for sick and elderly. Will live in. References. 399-4727, Mrs. Roberson.

FARMER'S COLUMN

Farm Equipment 150

CASE 4 BOTTOM flip over plow & packer. Good condition. \$1,000. Mark Nichols. 1-887-2211.

Grain Hay Feed 220

ALFAFA HAY \$4, square bale hay grazer. \$3. 263-3001, 263-2998.

MISCELLANEOUS

Auctions 325

SPRING CITY AUCTION, Robert Pruitt Auctioneer, TX 079-007759. Call 263-1831-263-0914. We do all types of auctions!

SPRING CITY AUCTION

Thursday, Jan. 30 7:00 p.m. 2000 W. 4th

Glassware, coins, pots & pans, jewelry, hand tools, yard tools, exercise bike, like new electric tread mill, lamps, vacuum cleaner, stereo cabinet, china cabinet, 1 wood rocker, Bentwood rockers, bed & dresser, sofa sleeper, sofa, small appliances, wringer washer, heater, file cutters, refrigerators, electric side griller, 20" boys bike, stereo, microwave, wood shelf, arm chairs.

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OKIDATA COLOR IBM printer & programs. Data processing, art program. \$250. Call 263-5547.

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SAND SPRINGS KENNEL, AKC Beagles, Chihuahuas and Toy Poodles. 393-5259.

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REGISTERED SHAR PEI puppies. Lots of wrinkles. 7 weeks old. 263-3035.

FREE PUPPIES Schnauzer/ collie mix. Have had first shots. Call 263-7836.

Household Goods 390

BROWN CUSHION patchwork leather couch. \$195. See at 3204 East 120. 267-1000.

WOOD TABLE and four chairs. \$100. Wood burning BBQ grill. \$75. All good condition. 267-6870.

REFRIGERATOR, GAS range, washer, dryer, dining table & chairs, executive desk, sofa, microwave, occasional chair. 267-6558.

Lost - Pets 394

REWARD! HIMALAYAN Persian cat. Long light brown with dark brown Siamese markings. Flat face, blue eyes. Blue collar. 267-2667.

Miscellaneous 395

CHIMNEY CLEANING & repair. Register for our firewood giveaway. Free in inspections. Call 263-7015.

Manufactured Housing 516

\$3,995 BUYS 2 BEDROOM 2 bath mobile home with appliances. 4750 Andrews Highway, Odessa, TX. 915-550-4033. Se Habla Espanol.

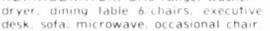
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THE Daily Crossword by Harvey L. Chew

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The ideal candidate will possess a Bachelors degree in business, management, economics, or technical field and have a minimum of five years purchasing experience. This position will require an individual with a high level of initiative and strong analytical skills as well as having the ability to work with various departments within the organization.

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Manufactured Housing 516

FOR SALE 1976 Cameo 14x72 mobile home 3 2 to be moved, \$5,000. Owner/agent. (915)267-8805.

RENTALS

Business Buildings 520

FOR LEASE Warehouse with offices on 2 acres of fenced land on Snyder Highway. Excellent location for trucking operation. \$600 a month plus deposit. 263-5000.

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LOVELY NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLEX
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CLEAN, NICELY decorated 1 bedroom apartment. Adults preferred. No pets, no bills paid. \$150 plus \$50 deposit. 505 Nolan. 267-8191.

Furnished Houses 522

NICE FURNISHED 2 bedroom house. Prefer retired or mature adults. No children and no pets. Inquire at 802 Andre.

Office Space 525

NEW 12x14 office building, double insulated. Days. 267-3247 nights, 267-4300.

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RENT/LEASE for motor home or travel trailer. Call 394-4866 or 394-4863, after 6:00 p.m.

12x14 STORAGE BUILDING. 263-2401.

Unfurnished Apartments 532

******* PAID RENT BASED ON INCOME**
Two Bd. \$325/3 Bed. \$385
Stove, Ref., Air, Carpet, Laundromat Adjacent To School
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SUNDANCE: ENJOY your own yard, patio, spacious home and carport with all the conveniences of apartment living. Two and three bedrooms from \$285 and up. Call 263-2703.

HOUSE FOR lease, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, refrigerated air, carpeted, carport, no pets. \$375 month, \$200 deposit. Call Home Realtors, 263-1284.

Unfurnished Houses 533

FOR LEASE, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, refrigerator, air, carpeted, carport, \$275 per month, \$150 deposit, no pets. Call Home Realtors, 263-1284.

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FOR LEASE Comfortable 3 bedroom home. 3 baths, 2 fireplaces, central heat/air, double car garage, well kept yard, no pets. 101 Jefferson. \$175 deposit, \$550 month. Available February 15th. (915)695-7235.

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PARKHILL COTTAGE 2 bedroom, central heat, garage, \$300 month, \$150 deposit. Janelle Davis, 267-2656, 267-3613.

VEHICLES

Cars For Sale 539

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Sells Late Model Guaranteed Recondition Cars & Pickups

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'87 Maxima \$5,250
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'84 Cadillac Seville \$3,250

Snyder Hwy 263-5000

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The unsung Grizzlies rolling right along

A short college basketball quiz: Which team, despite a 17-1 record that's the fourth best in the nation, hasn't even been close to cracking the Top 25 this season?

Let's see. There's those three unbeaten juggernauts ranked 1-2-3 — Duke, UCLA and Oklahoma State.

Then there's ... ?
Another hint: The same team lost 99-65 to top-ranked and top-seeded UNLV, the eventual runner-up, in the first round of last March's NCAA tournament. After the pairings were announced, its fans proudly adopted the chant, "We're No. 64!"

Still no help?
OK. This school's coach isn't surprised at the lack of recognition, since his team plays in an obscure conference whose NCAA tournament record is 1-12 since 1980.

Give up?
The answer to all the above is the Montana Grizzlies.

The 17-1 start is the best ever for Montana, the defending Big Sky Conference champion that leads the league standings with a 6-0 mark. But Blaine Taylor, a longtime Grizzly assistant in his first year as head coach, has no visions of grandeur.

Still, he says, "We're not chopped liver."

"I look at it this way," said the 33-year-old Taylor. "There's about 300 Division I schools. If we get in the top 40, that's quite an honor. If we get in the top 20, that would be quite a statement for Montana. I feel good about where we're at."

The Grizzlies have been getting votes in The Associated Press poll, but not nearly enough so far to make the Top 25.

It could be because of the conference they play in. Or it could be because 13 of Montana's first 18 games were at home in Missoula, where they've won 25 straight and average nearly 6,500 screaming

fans per outing.
Or, as Taylor points out, it could be because a major computer ranking service listed the Grizzlies' schedule as the 280th toughest in the country.

"I'm not so sure they don't have a rat in that computer," he said. "I'll put our nonconference schedule up against anybody's. The only thing I can figure is they don't give us that much credit for our conference games."

This season, Montana is 11-1 against nonconference foes. As a league, Big Sky teams are 53-50.

The Grizzlies beat two Pac-10 teams — Washington 60-55 and Oregon 78-39. They also beat West Coast Conference leader Pepperdine, which is 12-5, on the road in a thrilling 89-88 triple overtime contest.

Two nights later, also on the road, Montana suffered its only loss — 74-65 to independent Southern Utah, which also is 12-5.

The Grizzlies are a team with no superstars but with five solid senior starters and a strong bench. Four of the starters average in double figures, led by 6-foot-11 center Daren Engellant at nearly 15 points per game.

The others are 6-4 forward Delvon Anderson (12 points), 6-8 forward Nate Atchison (11), 6-5 guard Roger Fasting (11), and 6-2 Keith Crawford (7).

Although very few Montana high school players go on to NCAA Division I programs, five of the 12 on the Grizzly roster are home-grown.

The Grizzlies are scoring 75 points per game, 15 more than their opponents; They are shooting 56 percent from the field, their opponents 38 percent; They are outrebounding their opponents by 11 per game and dishing out seven more assists per contest.

And they don't like to give up points, having led the Big Sky in scoring defense in 16 of the last 18

games.
Taylor, a gritty point guard for the Grizzlies from 1977-81, learned that from his predecessors, a pretty impressive group.

A Butte native and high school star in Missoula, Taylor was the last Grizzly recruit for Jud Heathcote before he went to Michigan State and won an NCAA championship. Then came Jim Brandenburg, who moved on to Wyoming and San Diego State. Then Mike Montgomery, now the coach at Stanford. And then Stew Morrill, who took the top job at Colorado State in April.

"I would like to think I picked up a little bit from each of them through osmosis," said Taylor.

"You could call me a product of my environment. But I don't really think I coach like any of those guys."

Taylor characterizes his team as, well, one with character.

"We have quite a bit of ex-

perience, a lot of unselfishness and a great deal of pride," he said. "We have a heck of a time getting the conference player of the week award because so many of our players do so many things. But for a large part, we control the stars on the other teams."

"We're based on balance, sharing, caring and working hard. We're kind of a blue-collar outfit."

The toughest portion of Montana's schedule lies ahead — seven of the Grizzlies' final 10 regular-season games, all against Big Sky opponents, are away from home.

"If we can win about half of the games on the road in the conference, we're doing a heck of a job," Taylor said. "But our goal is to win every one of them."

He said the Grizzlies may have just passed their most "critical stretch" of the season with victories at home in the past two weeks over Montana State, Idaho and Boise State.

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6 PM	ABC News	ALF	Who's the Boss?	Married	News	News	News	Chase Beach	Muchachitas	Be a Star	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	MacGyver	MacGyver	MacGyver	MacGyver	MacGyver	MacGyver	MacGyver	MacGyver	MacGyver
7 PM	Wheel	Movie: Yanks	Horizon	Rin Tin Tin	Rescue: 911	Full House	In the Heat	Movie: A	Abra Cadabra	Valentine	On Stage	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A
8 PM	Full House	Critters	Movie: Yanks	Horizon	Rescue: 911	Full House	In the Heat	Movie: A	Abra Cadabra	Valentine	On Stage	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A
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10 PM	Homefront	ALF	Frontline	700 Club	CBS News	Homefront	Law & Order	Cash of the	Charylin Int.	Achievers	Crook, Chase	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A	Movie: A
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Supervisor can't find dedication in teens

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "A Teen, Centerville, Iowa" just sent me through the roof! (She complained because the fast-food place where she was employed also hired women in their 50s, thus depriving teens of jobs.) This situation is symptomatic of why the Japanese are beating our brains out. I supervise the work of many part-time workers and usually have a choice between using teens or older people. It's been my experience that older people have more dedication to the job and are more reliable than teen-agers. It's not fair to generalize, but the teens I've known seem more interested in the money, and my guess is that they will draw more from

unemployment and welfare in the future than they will from gainful employment. — **BILL FROM BIRMINGHAM**

DEAR BILL: I hope you're wrong. The teen from Centerville does not speak for all teen-agers. There are some hard-working, responsible teens who earn their pay and appreciate their jobs. At least that's what I'm told by the managers of McDonald's, Carl's

Jr., Denny's and Big Boy's.

DEAR ABBY: What does a wife do when she gets a really ugly gift from her husband? For example, an item of clothing — does she just grin and wear it? What if it's an expensive piece of jewelry that is especially hideous? I don't want to hurt his feelings, but I hate to see him spend his hard-earned money on something I have to force myself to wear just to please him. Also, it's very difficult for me to pretend I'm thrilled with something when I'm not. What do other women do? Please help me, as my birthday is coming up soon. — **GRINNING AND WEARING IT**

DEAR GRINNING: Level with your husband and offer to go along

and "help" him select the gift!

DEAR ABBY: I was so glad to see that letter in your column from "A Touchy Ticket Taker." I've been a ticket taker for 16 years — I'm a flight attendant, and you wouldn't believe how many people hold their tickets in their mouths, then hand them over to me! It's been a major pet peeve of mine for years. I was so glad to see it in print. Perhaps it will do some good, and the offenders will smarten up.

And while I'm on the subject of passing around germs, please, people, don't hand me your chewed-up apple cores, used Kleenex or disposable diapers. Yuk! Reach into your seat pocket, put them into an airtight bag, then I will be happy to dispose of them for you.

It's hard enough trying to stay healthy when you work in an enclosed environment with recirculated air and 135 people sneezing, coughing and heaven only knows what else!

Please, use some common sense. I don't want any more of your germs! — **FED UP IN THE FRIENDLY SKIES**

Jeane Dixon

FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1992

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Interesting changes and challenges will brighten the coming months. Your unpredictability works in your favor. Golden career and business opportunities open up in April. You could reap a real windfall by August. Seek favors from influential people next fall. Your desire to host a special event will bring family members together in December. Forget old grievances and look to the future. A new alliance could lead to long-sought happiness.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: talk show host Oprah Winfrey, actor John Forsythe, author Germaine Greer, actress Ann-Jillian.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Deal with a minor health problem before it escalates. Candid discussion with your mate will lead to practical solutions. A forgiving attitude is the key to domestic happiness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Going over your finances will help you make a practical budget revision. Let others know where you stand. By remaining your sweet and steadfast self you will accomplish more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A favorable day for building joint resources. New developments concerning other people's money or possessions could alter a longtime relationship. Avoid doing anything drastic.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An influential person offers you excellent support, perhaps even a partnership. Keep spending within reasonable limits. A teen-ager does you proud, winning a scholarship or special award.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be meeting many people who can help your career or business now. Verbal promises will not do; get everything in writing. A platonic relationship intensifies.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Unexpected developments within your family could throw you off-balance unless you are prepared to make concessions. Romance offers some interesting social opportunities. Singles who travel often could meet their match next month.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Continue to show faith in a unified effort to improve your community or workplace. Joint financial interests stand to benefit in good time. Keep things in proper perspective on a daily basis.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make sure your long-range objectives are realistic if you hope to win over new allies. A tranquil afternoon lets you devote time to a pet project. Make key telephone calls without further delay.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Concentration on the problems at hand by everyone concerned leads to an intelligent solution. Be more realistic about a romantic attachment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is comforting to have a trustworthy friend to whom one can bare one's soul. Choose your confidants with care. Laughter is a healing tonic. Do not mistake good-natured ribbing for criticism.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Bow to the winds of circumstance in order to get through this day with the least fuss and bother. Higher-ups expect a lot now. Budget your time and energy wisely to meet a deadline.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Spend as much time as necessary to get the essential details of a big project worked out. Then you can put your plans into action. Romance may have to wait a day or two.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"YOU MEAN WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN, IT'S STILL UP THERE?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



Seven-year-old Billy gives us a look at Daddy renovating his home studio.

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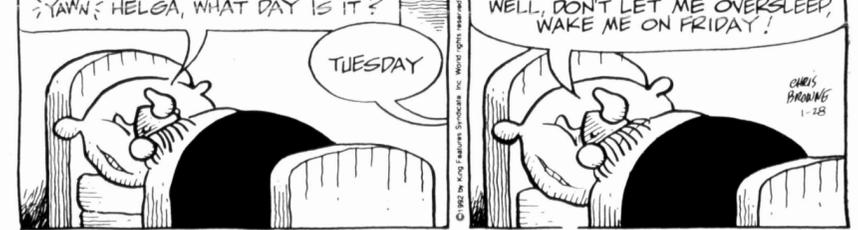
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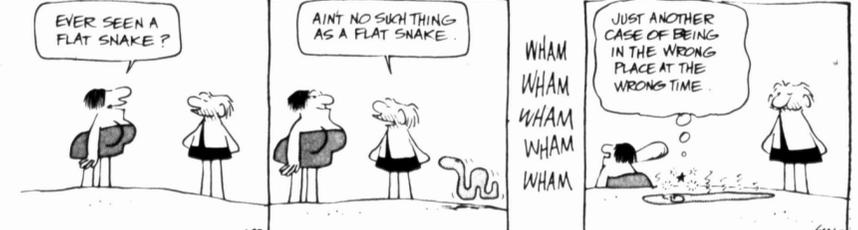
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