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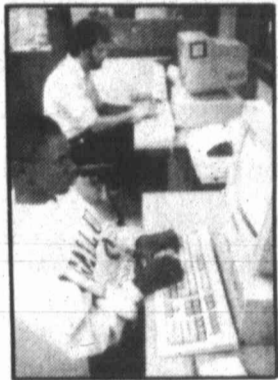
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NEWS DIGEST



Work on new bingo hall almost complete

Ben Boodle checks the board to see if his programming was correct, as work nears completion on the College Park Bingo hall. All work on the hall is expected to be completed by Oct. 22.



Begins project

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf student Eddie Thirdgill sits in front of a computer and types a project. He and others were working in the activity center of the school Wednesday.

Sports legends

The Herald will print a special section focusing on outstanding high school sports teams and individual accomplishments of the past on Oct. 31. If you have copies of old stories or photos you would like to see included, bring them to the Herald.



Season's coming up

In a quiet corner of the coliseum, Howard College basketball player Eric Matthews shoots the ball. Practice has begun for the upcoming junior college season.



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•Mexico's government:
The prospect of free trade in North America is prompting a painful debate about Mexico's political system — the world's longest-lasting one-party government. See page 7.

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•Gramm unveils GOP plan:
Sen. Phil Gramm and other conservative Republicans outlined a health-care plan Wednesday that would spur creation of IRA-like "Medical Savings Accounts." See page 6.

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•TU customers complain:
After listening to several hours of complaints that a 15.3 percent rate hike implemented by TU Electric Co. is "just not right," the state's Public Utility Commission will have two more public hearings in Fort Worth. See page 2.

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•Steers face challenge:
Big Spring (4-2, 1-1 in District 3-4A) is coming off a loss Friday at Andrews, and the schedule gets no easier tomorrow night when the Sweetwater Mustangs (3-2, 1-1) come to Memorial Stadium. See page 10.

Weather

•Partly cloudy, low in the 50s:
Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the mid 50s. South wind 10-15 mph. See extended forecast, page 8.

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Moore Board gives new firm OK

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

The headquarters of a thermoplastic coatings manufacturer will be moved from League City to Big Spring in December, creating 12 jobs.

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. this morning voted unanimously to provide \$67,000 to assist Plastic FLAMECOAT® Systems Inc. in the move expected to cost \$300,000 to \$400,000.

"This is an excellent deal," said Moore Director Ted St. Clair.

FLAMECOAT, which owns Permian Research Corp. at 3400 W. Seventh, will occupy a majority of the 66,000-square-foot building where Permian Research is housed. Jobs at that location will double from 12 to 24. Manpow-

er, as well as the facility, will be shared.

As many as nine new jobs will be filled locally. Positions include national and regional sales people.

Annual payroll is estimated at more than \$1 million. Officials plan to market internationally and hope to double business within two years.

In addition, the facility will be a center for monthly training of FLAMECOAT distributors and applicators across the United States and Canada.

"They'll probably have from four to seven people in here for training pretty much throughout the year," St. Clair said. "This will have a material effect on motel and restaurant possibilities."

Big Spring was selected because the building has production and research capabilities needed for company growth and because of high quality technical and manu-

facturing skills available at the facility and in the community, said Jeff Loustaunau, vice president of sales and marketing, who attended the Moore board meeting.

Thermoplastic coatings also have a lot of applications in West Texas and New Mexico, St. Clair pointed out. "Although they'll be marketing nationally."

One-coat thermoplastic polymer coatings protect against chemicals, weathering and abrasions. It's used in industrial, governmental and original equipment applications.

The company started in the mid 1980s and provides service throughout North America with a distributor/applicator network backed by technical field assistance. Efforts are underway to expand distribution to Japan and other foreign locations.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Leans into it

Danny Rivera leans over the side of the westbound Interstate 20 bridge Wednesday afternoon while nailing forms together that will form the bridge's railing when concrete is poured later in the construction process.

Proposition 4 could confuse some on income tax issues

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifth of a daily 15-part series looking at pros and cons of 16 proposed constitutional amendments.

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Proposition 4 on the Nov. 2 ballot, if passed, would require voter approval for any state income tax and all funds levied from any income tax be dedicated to school funding.

Supporters say voters decided on the lottery, betting on horse and greyhound races and liquor by the drink, and should be given the same right on income taxes, according to the House Research Organization. Giving voters the say-so, they contend, facilitates rational debate. Dedicating it to education ensures tight controls.

"Proposition 4 would recognize the unique and emotional nature of the income tax issue by allowing voters to participate

VOTE

Constitutional amendments

directly," the report states.

Some opponents say it's a disguised sales job to convince voters to eventually enact an income tax, the research report says. Businesses, which pay more than 60 percent of property taxes, would likely join a push making an emotional appeal to lower property taxes and help poor school children. An outright ban is called for.

"It would allow lawmakers to say they were voting for a referendum on an income tax rather than for the tax itself," the report states.

Other opponents say it's a dodge by legislators wanting to remove it as a 1994 elec-

tion issue. Dedicating any income tax levy entirely to education could end up tying the Legislature's hands. But schools do need help and passage of the income tax by legislators is called for.

"The state has an immediate need for the revenue that an income tax would provide," it states.

Big Spring's legislators view the proposition differently, but both support it.

"I'm encouraging people to be aware; either for or against has implications," said David Counts of Knox City, who's concerned about voters being duped into thinking it's a ban and that lawmakers hands would be tied by dedicating revenue. "I plan to support the issue as presented with full understanding that at some time in the future, I may wish I hadn't."

Sen. John Montford of Lubbock authored the bill and fully supports its passage, said Jerry Hall, a spokesman in Montford's

Please see PROPOSITION, page 8

Minority breakfast's move right on target

MARTHA E. FLORES
Regional Editor

Howard College Small and Minority Business Breakfast coordinators say their strategy to take the monthly networking sessions to more familiar settings was on target.

Center director Danette Toone said Wednesday's meeting at El Nopal Restaurant, instead of the college's Tumbleweed Room, attracted more business owners.

"I think it was wonderful having it here," she said. "This has been the biggest turnout by far. It seems to be a real comfortable setting."

First time breakfast goers were B&R Septic owners B.R. White and Rocky McCollough, Sews So Nice Alterations owner Bonita Light, B&H Cleaners owner Ramon Arellano, Bee Bopping Tune Town owner Sharon Gaylor, Photo Magic Studio co-owner Carla Wood and Equitable Life Assurance Society agent Jerry Gaylor.

TU Electric superintendent Gilbert Rascon said, "I am glad to see so many new faces, but I hope to see some of the regulars return as well."

Rascon is a regular purchasing agent attending the breakfast. Others include representatives from Fina Oil & Chemical, Big Spring State Hospital and Big Spring V.A. Medical Center.

The agents and their corporations' management are committed to providing local business owners an opportunity to grow and increase their revenue.

Fina tops the list with the most aggressive stance on providing access to contracts. Vehicle maintenance, laundry service, printing services, catering, contract drafting, painting, sandblasting, hot shot trucking, pest control, machine service and courier services are some of the opportunities available at the refinery.

BSSH purchasing agent WC Earnest said, "We would like to give as much business to minority and women business owners as possible." Contracts available at BSSH include irrigation system installation, sidewalk projects, furniture replacement and laundry services.

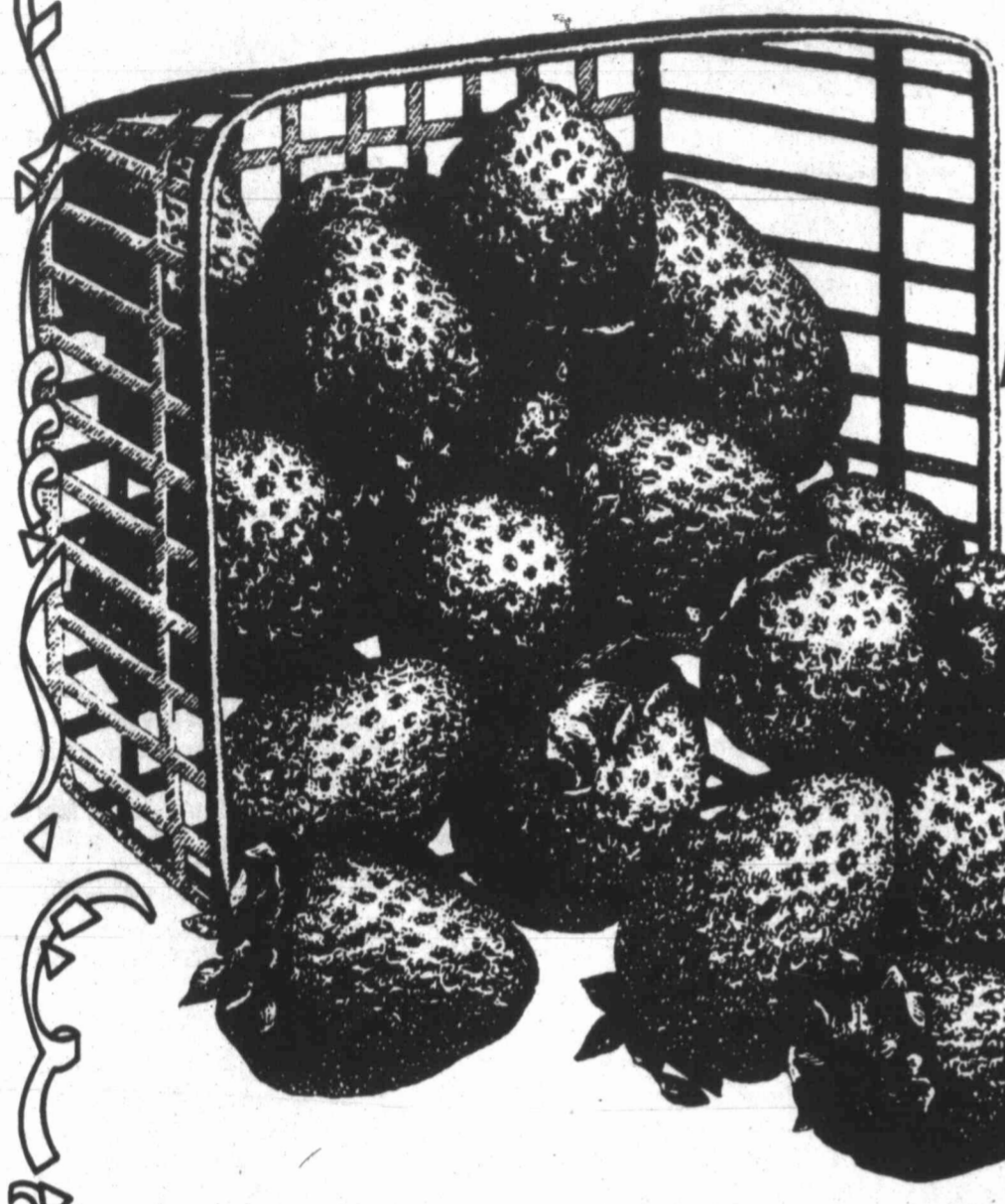
Rascon announced at last month's breakfast that a light maintenance Please see MOVE, page 8



Herald photo by Martha E. Flores

Fina Oil & Chemical Inc. purchasing agent Clyde McKimmey, standing, addresses the Howard College Business Development Center's Minority Breakfast Wednesday.

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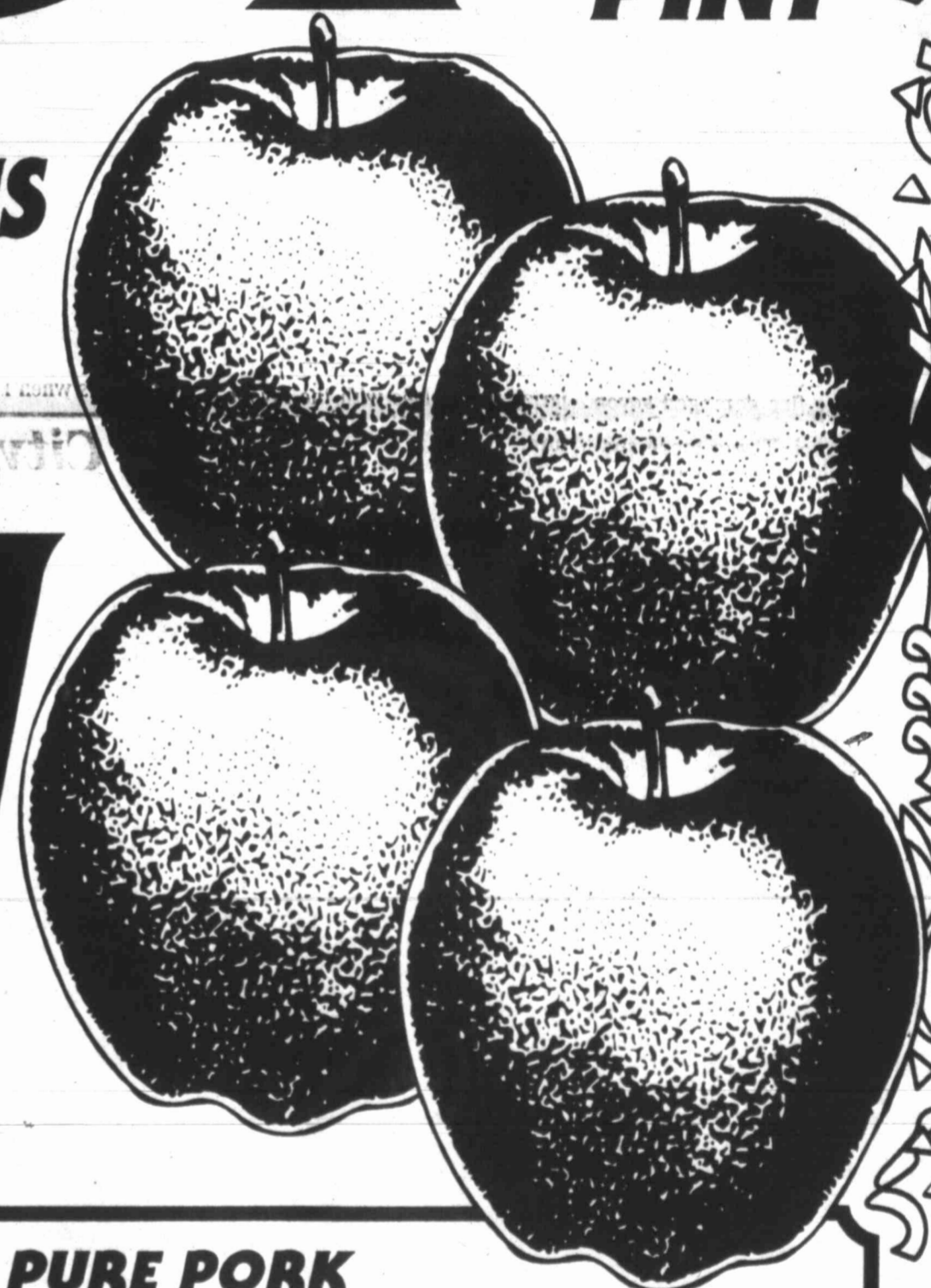


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Gramm introduces rival health bill

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Phil Gramm and other conservative Republicans outlined a health-care plan Wednesday that would spur creation of IRA-like "Medical Savings Accounts" to make people more cost-conscious.

Gramm, R-Texas, and a handful of other GOP lawmakers said their bill — unlike President Clinton's plan — relies on the free market to fix what's wrong with the American health care system and would keep government involvement to a minimum.

Gramm's plan has no Democratic sponsors and is given little chance of approval. However, Gramm and his cosponsors said they were confident Americans would balk at Clinton's plan once they understood it and turn to an alternative.

Clinton's plan to set up regional alliances that would purchase health insurance amounts to "socialized medicine," Gramm said.

He said Clinton is asking people to believe the government, better than the private sector, could cut paperwork, red tape and waste in the health system. Yet the Defense Department is the only other example of the government as the sole purchaser of a product, Gramm said.

"It makes me wonder if we're engaging in a debate or trying to tell a joke about public policy," Gramm said.

Under Gramm's plan, employers, in order to keep their tax-free status on health premiums, would have to offer a "Medical Savings Account" program.

Under the plan, akin to individual retirement accounts, employer and employee contributions would finance a catastrophic health-insurance policy.

The policy would cover any medical services over a \$3,000 annual deductible.

Employees could withdraw any unspent contributions left in the account at year's end.

Self-employed workers would be allowed to deduct 100 percent of their insurance payments, a provision contained in other proposals now before Congress. And it would be easier for small businesses to group together to pool their insurance buying power.

Gramm would create a high-risk pool for people with pre-existing conditions who can't buy insurance now, and the government would help pay part of their costs at a price of about \$4 billion a year.

People who make enough money to buy insurance, but don't, would face stiff penalties. They could have their wages garnished for up to seven years if they were in an accident or contracted a serious illness and society got stuck with the tab.

Gramm's plan would give low-income workers who make up to 200 percent of the poverty level tax credits to help them buy insurance. That would cost about \$30 billion a year by the fifth year, or 1999.

Overall, the plan would cost about \$144 billion over five years, but it would make back about \$190 billion in savings — largely through Medicaid and Medicare savings — and end up contributing about \$46 billion toward deficit reduction.

Gramm, Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., and Sen. John McCain, R-Az., went on a six-state fly around earlier this week to hold town meetings in the South on their plan.

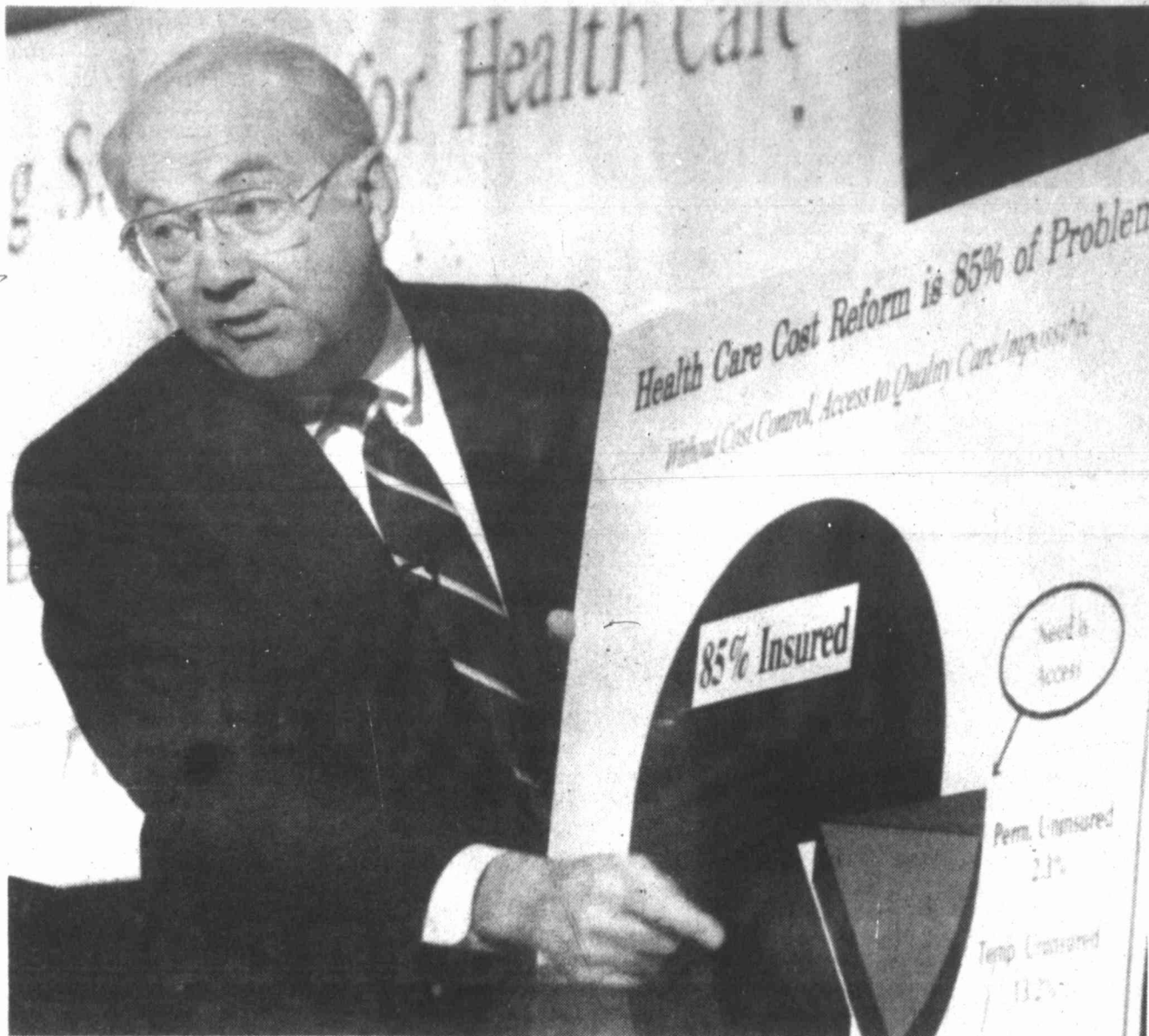
The National Republican Senatorial Committee, which works to elect Republicans to the U.S. Senate, paid for the trip, Gramm's office said.

Meanwhile, House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., dismissed concerns within his Democratic ranks that congressional leaders had no battle plan for pushing Clinton's bills through committee and then on to the floor.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, wrote Foley a letter warning him that chaos would erupt if Clinton's plan was assigned to numerous committees all at the same time, without time limitations. That's a "recipe for disaster," Dingell wrote.

Foley noted the White House is still days away from submitting a bill.

"We're not really behind on how to refer a bill that has not been drafted," Foley said.



Sen. Phil Gramm points to a chart during a health care town meeting in Mechanicsville, Va., Monday. The meeting was the first stop on a six-state tour by three Republican senators to promote their alternative health care program.

Supreme Court trying to define harassment

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court tackled the sensitive question Wednesday of when off-color workplace behavior — such as a boss asking a female employee to take coins from his pocket — becomes illegal sexual harassment.

"This is not simply a hurt-feelings situation, it makes it tangibly more difficult to do the job," Clinton administration attorney Jeffrey Minear argued in the case of a Tennessee woman who said her boss sexually harassed her.

In another closely watched case, the administration argued that a 1991 civil rights law should apply to thousands of employment-bias cases that were pending when it was enacted.

The 1991 law provides "new remedies ... for old wrongs" and should not be restricted to cases where the alleged discrimination occurred after the law was enacted, Solicitor General Drew Days III told the court.

The sex-harassment case was heard by the first Supreme Court to include two female justices — Sandra Day O'Connor and new arrival Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a former leading women's rights advocate.

The issue has received heightened attention in recent years, partly because of Anita Hill's accusation during Justice Clarence

Thomas' 1991 confirmation hearing that he harassed her years earlier.

Thomas, who strongly denied any such conduct, sat silently during Wednesday's arguments.

The high court ruled in 1986 that on-the-job sex harassment is illegal if it is "sufficiently severe or pervasive to alter the conditions of the victim's employment."

Interpreting that standard must depend on the perspective of a reasonable person who is the target of alleged harassment, Irwin Venick argued in behalf of Teresa Harris, who sued her ex-boss after resigning in 1987.

Harris said Charles Hardy, president of Forklift Systems of Nashville, Tenn., asked her to retrieve coins from his pants pocket, suggested they start "screwing around" although he knew she was married, and asked if she won a sales contract by providing sexual favors.

Attorney Stanley M. Chernau, representing the company, said rulings that denied Harris any remedy should be upheld. "I don't think that offensive conduct automatically alters conditions of employment," he said.

Chernau conceded that the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals went too far when it said Harris must prove actual psychological injury to win a sex-harassment case.

Nobody defended that standard, and it appeared to be doomed.



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Mexican political system debatable

The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — The prospect of free trade in North America is prompting a painful debate about Mexico's political system — the world's longest-lasting one-party government.

"You can't have free trade without free peoples," said Sen. Ernest Hollings, a South Carolina Democrat.

Hollings and other critics of the North American Free Trade Agreement are using long-standing charges of Mexican electoral fraud and repression as a club to bash the treaty now facing Congress.

The criticism comes as Mexico heads into a presidential election pitting the ruling party against Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, whom many believe was robbed of the presidency in a 1988 election marred by images of apparently uncounted ballots hurled into ravines.

No national government in Mexico has given up power after an election in more than 120 years — the last 64 of those under the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

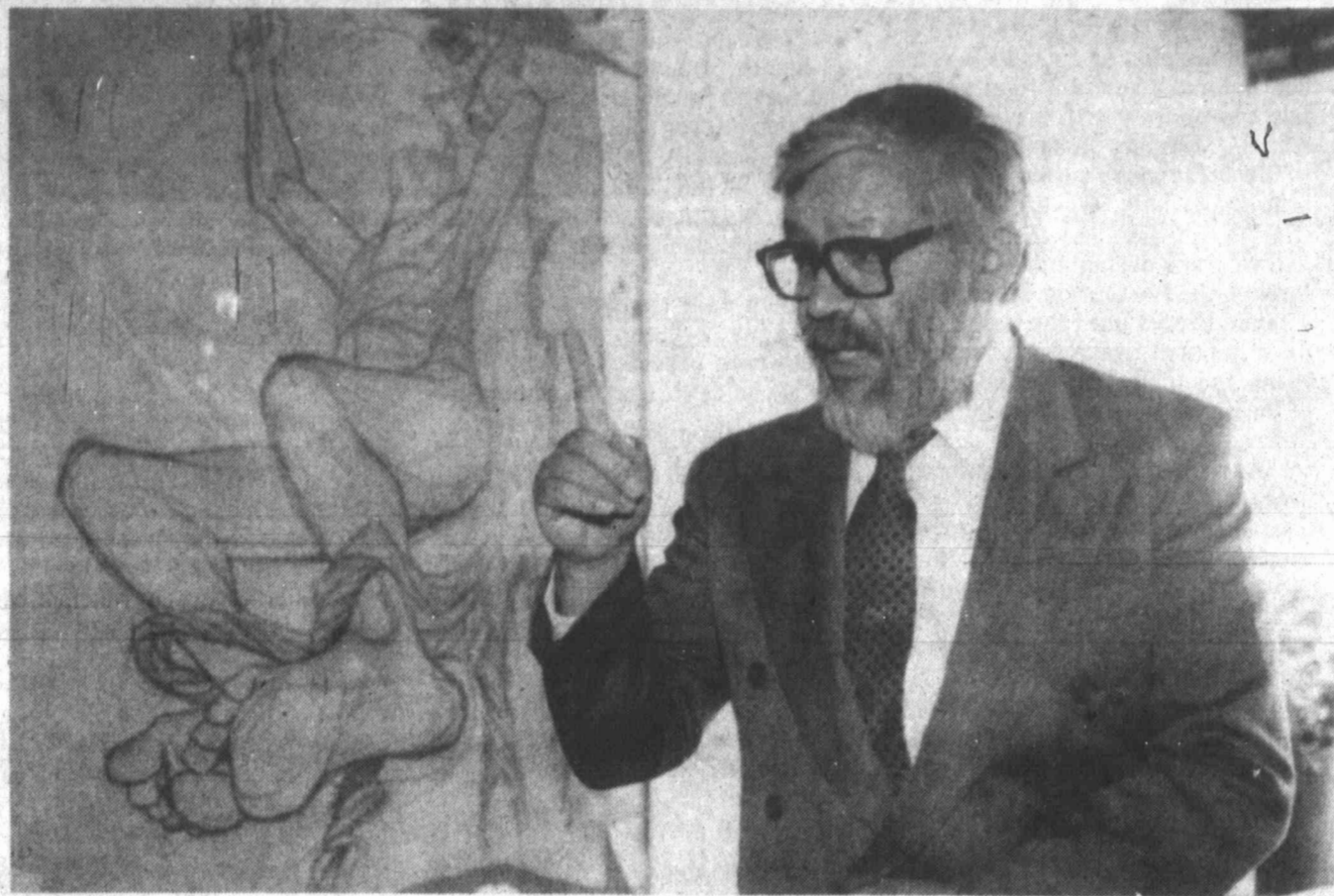
The PRI's consistent control has made Mexico a reliable, stable, generally friendly and often forgettable neighbor of the United States.

But NAFTA has upset decades of benign neglect of Mexico by U.S. politicians.

"Mexico has a long way to go to have a truly honest, democratic election," said former President Carter at a White House ceremony to kick off the pro-NAFTA campaign.

Carter said NAFTA will help "bring democracy and honest elections to our next-door neighbor."

Such criticism has aroused fierce protests from some Mexican politicians: "A grave attack on our sovereignty," warned former Sen. Andres Serra Rojas, a veteran activist of the



Miguel Angel Granados Chapa, a magazine publisher and journalist, speaks during an interview in his Mexico City office. The prospect of the North American Free Trade Act is causing a painful debate about Mexico's political system, the world's longest-lasting one-party government.

ruling party.

Like President Carlos Salinas de Gortari and several of his predecessors, they insist Mexico already is a democracy — and is getting yet more democratic.

The government "doesn't want to give the appearance of authoritarianism because (of) the enemies of NAFTA," said Lorenzo Meyer, a leading historian and political commentator.

An example of that sensitivity came Tuesday, when the Interior Ministry replaced the official in charge of reg-

ulating broadcast stations. More than a score of newspaper columns had accused him of pressuring stations to favor the PRI by ignoring Cardenas.

Meyer said the planned economic union reverses generations of Mexican foreign policy aimed at keeping the United States at arm's length.

The change "requires a price, and that price is that the Mexican elite now doesn't have the independence it had before. ... It depends more now on U.S. public opinion," Meyer said in an interview.

While NAFTA critics were

denouncing Mexico's system abroad, domestic critics this month embroiled the government in an embarrassing debate over political manipulation.

Journalist and magazine publisher Miguel Angel Granados Chapa quit a major radio station, Nucleo Radio Mil, claiming the government was pressuring him over an interview he had conducted with Cardenas.

Newspapers reported that other radio stations had canceled interviews with Cardenas under pressure and had withdrawn invitations for him to speak at seminars.

Trade official blasts Japan, warns of unilateral moves

The Associated Press

TOKYO — A senior U.S. trade official says Washington may demand that Japan meet targets for imports and impose penalties if it doesn't.

The comments, which came amid an equally uncompromising line by Japanese officials, appeared to bode ill for a new series of talks that the Clinton administration hopes to use to increase American exports to Japan.

Japan and the United States

want to conclude a trade pact on insurance, autos and auto parts, and government purchases by January or February.

The trade talks are supposed to use "qualitative and quantitative criteria" to measure how successful foreigners are in selling products — such as cars and insurance — in Japan.

But from the minute the phrase was agreed on in July when President Clinton visited Tokyo, the two sides have clashed over what it means.

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Aidid forces free captured American soldier, Nigerian

The Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid's forces today released a U.S. helicopter pilot captured nearly two weeks ago during fierce fighting in Mogadishu. A Nigerian peacekeeper taken prisoner in September also was freed.

The pilot, Michael Durant, had no comment as he was gingerly carried on a Red Cross stretcher from a compound in central Mogadishu. He appeared to be in pain and looked dazed. His legs were covered with a red-and-white sheet.

U.N. officials say Durant would need immediate medical attention for leg, arm and back injuries.

Durant, 32, of Berlin, N.H., was captured when his helicopter went down during a fight in Mogadishu on Oct. 3 that killed 18 American soldiers, a Malaysian trooper and more than 300 Somalis.

President Clinton, starting his morning jog in Washington, gave a thumbs-up gesture and thrust his fist in the air in a victory gesture when asked about Durant's release. He said he would comment later.

Minutes earlier, Lt. Cmdr. Joe Gradisher of the Pentagon had announced Durant's release. "We've got him," Gradisher said.

Durant reportedly will be evacuated to the U.S. air base in Ramstein, Germany for treatment.

The Nigerian prisoner, Umar Shantali, was released from the same compound. His left leg was bandaged and he walked with a cane. He appeared healthy and in good spirits.

"I am very happy to be out," he said. "In the name of Allah ... I will say goodbye to the Somali people." He was taken to a Swedish hospital in Mogadishu.

Earlier Aidid told reporters in Mogadishu that Durant and Shantali would be released by Friday to an Ethiopian diplomat and turned over to U.S. envoy Robert Oakley.

"Respecting the international opinion," Aidid said, his militia "decided to release the two prisoners of war." He spoke at a news conference held in a house that was attended by reporters from a various Western news organizations.

Aidid has been the target of an intense search by U.N. forces. But the United States has made clear that the general's capture is not the aim of its mission in Somalia.

That Aidid was confident enough to invite journalists to a news conference was a sign that he no longer felt threatened by U.N. forces.

"The U.S. has now decided to adopt a new policy to correct the past mistakes," he said. But Aidid said he would remain in hiding.

Maj. David Stockwell, a U.N. military spokesman, said today that the United Nations has stopped actively searching for Aidid.

The peacekeepers' release came amid efforts by Oakley to forge a political rather than military settlement and speculation that Aidid, wanted by the United Nations for the deaths of 24 Pakistani peacekeepers in June, may have made a deal.

Regardless, the releases could be considered a victory for Clinton's

attempt to redirect the U.N. mission in Somalia away from military force to diplomacy.

The peacekeepers are part of a multinational operation to deliver food to the starving and restore order. Since June, a guerrilla war with Aidid's forces has kept about half the U.N. force bottled up in southern Mogadishu.

Mogadishu has been relatively quiet during Oakley's mission to the east African country and since Aidid announced a cease-fire last weekend. Stockwell said today that U.S. forces would not disrupt the lull in fighting.

"It's safe to acknowledge the obvious, I think, and say that there has been a lot of dialogue lately and we are conducting routine military operations, but certainly we are not mounting any operations that might jeopardize this dialogue," he said.

Still, there was unusually heavy air traffic over the Somali capital today. As many as eight U.S. Blackhawk helicopters patrolled at a time, and at least four fighter jets buzzed Mogadishu. But U.N. officials said it was part of their normal aerial surveillance.

On Wednesday, Oakley said he expected encouraging signs to develop this week, and implied it could include Durant and Shantali's freedom.

Aidid's lieutenants met Wednesday and reportedly were split about whether to free the men until the United Nations releases 32 Somali political detainees, including four top Aidid aides.

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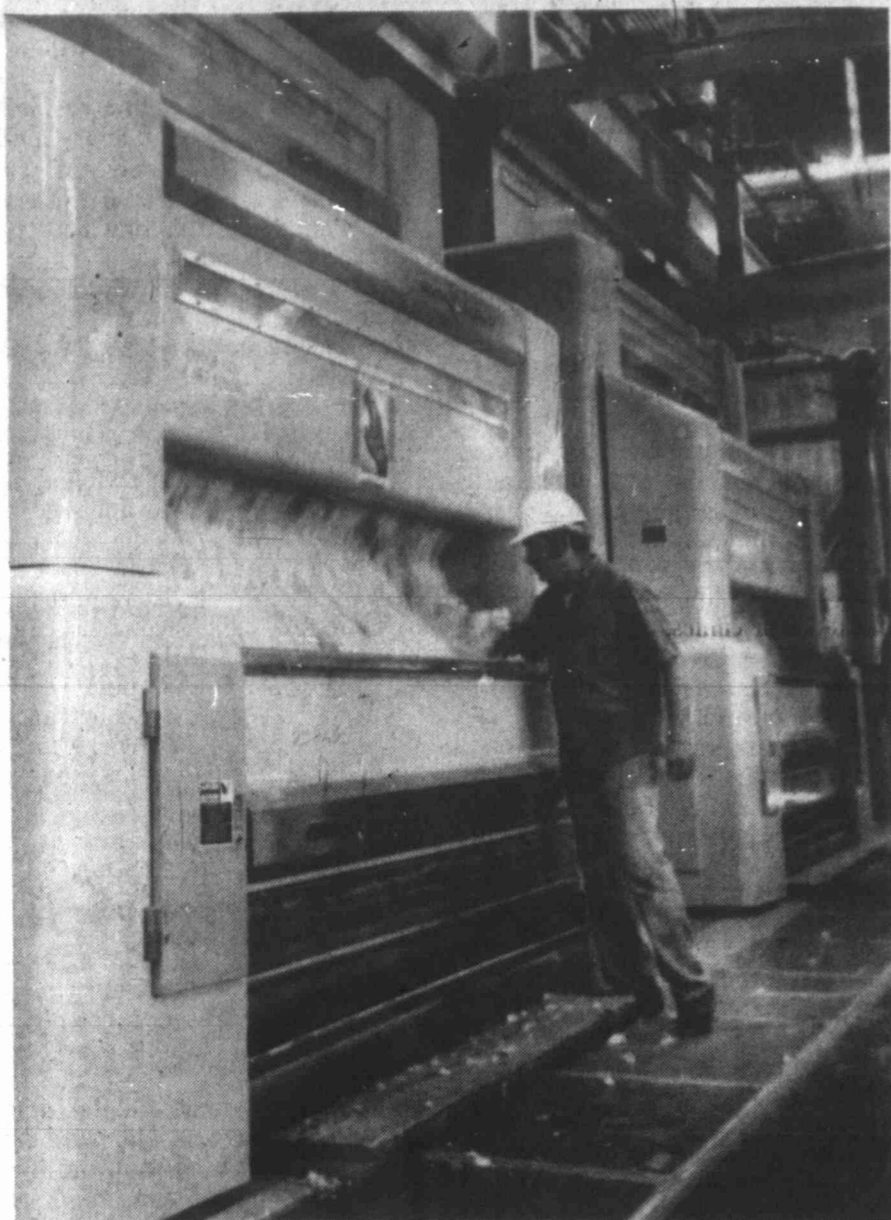
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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Area cotton gins are beginning to extend their working hours around the clock. Cotton harvest is expected to peak within the month.

Ginners preparing for peak in harvest

MARTHA E. FLORES
Regional Editor

GARDEN CITY - Glasscock County Co-Op Gin began harvesting season last week by starting its 24-hour ginning schedule.

Since the first bale was processed Sept. 28, the co-op has had a steady flow of business, which is anticipated to increase throughout the next month.

"We started 24-hours a day last Monday," said Teresa Woehl, co-op bookkeeper. "We were backed until a few days ago. Right now, we are waiting for farmers to bring more in. Once it picks up, it will be like this until January. Right now, not all the farmers are stripping. After a month or so, we will peak."

During harvest time the 50 ginners work 12-hour shifts with the bookkeepers working eight-hour shifts.

Woehl said the co-op is expected to gin 40,000 to 50,000 bales - about 10,000 bales less than last year. "They baled 60,000 last year, but this is not considered as big of a crop," she said.

Glasscock County Agriculture Soil Conservation Service director John Kinniburgh said it is too early to tell what the harvest will be like.

"From all indications, we are going to have less than we expected," he said. "But it is too early to tell. The biggest problem this year for cotton farmers was the dry spring during planting season."

About 23,000 acres were planted in the county.

Other area gins, such as the Big Spring Gin, Co-Op Gin of Big Spring and Mitchell County Gin Inc., are

slowly picking up pace and expect to peak by November.

A Big Spring Gin spokesperson said they began ginning about week ago but do not expect it to pick up until after the first freeze.

Co-op Gin's work has been steady, but employees say the busiest time of the harvest season is still to come.

Mitchell County Gin Inc. in Loraine ginned 95 bales one day last week, but since then, it has been "stop and go."

Like the Glasscock gin, Farmers' Coop Gin in Martin County is picking up pace and began scheduling a night crew Tuesday. But according to cotton farming experts, it is too early to tell what kind of harvest is on hand.

Earlier in the year, ASCS area directors resigned themselves to expect a less than average crop because of the lack of moisture and insect problems.

A three-week dry spell during the crucial August growing period crippled some acreage, which was already shaky from a mild winter and lack of spring rain.

But not dwelling too long on the poor circumstances of the 1993 crops, farmers and ASCS directors are looking to the future and next year's crop.

"For next year's cotton, we are going to need more moisture than we had last winter," Kinniburgh said. "Fall and winter rains is what we need this year. That is the main thing we are going to need but we don't need it right now when farmers are harvesting."

"A nice cold winter wouldn't hurt as far as bugs. A week-long stretch of icy weather would help us out as far as controlling insect population."

NHS, Beta members devote time to clean 2-mile highway stretch

GLENDA CUMMINGS
Herald Correspondent

"Nobody knows the trash that we've seen" could have been the theme song for the Garden City High School National Honor Society and Beta Clubs Tuesday as they began their service projects for the year.

The clubs clean two miles of State Highway 158 several times a year for the Texas Highway Department as one of their service projects. This is the fourth year the clubs have taken on the projects.

"When you attend a small school where almost everyone is a part of almost everything, you learn to work as a team," said Teresa Sanders, club sponsor. "Part of the girls and boys picked up and loaded bags provided by the highway department. After athletics, other students came back, loaded the bags into vehicles and hauled them off."

It took the students about an hour and a half just to walk the two miles and pick up the trash. Sanders and co-sponsor Linda Jones patrolled and tried to alert traffic of the project.

Other projects planned include a food drive for the Salvation Army, a clothing drive for the Big Spring State Hospital and a toy drive for an area firefighters association.

Projects are to be completed by November 31 in time for Christmas.

Students participating in the Clubs are seniors; Matt Seidenberger, Kallie Kohls, Kevin Hoelscher, Chris Braden, Brooke Eoff, Christy Carleton, and Jamie Glass. Juniors: Tiffany Zachry, Karla Jones, Kelly Eoff, Heidi Pelzel, Melinda Braden, Duane Braden, and Cody Cummings. Sophomores: Jason Phillips, Kerri Fine, Jolea Hassman, Allan Fuchs, Michael Schraeder. Freshman: Amy Hoch, Michele Hoch, Dusti Murphy, Luke Huitt.



Courtesy photo

"Nobody knows the trash we've seen, Nobody knows how long two miles can be", was the song of Garden City High School National Honor Society and Beta club members Tuesday during a two mile clean-up on State Highway 158.

Enthusiasm for NAFTA depends on region

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON D.C. — Sugar. Corn. Mexico. Indiana. Soft drinks. What's the connection here?

The Clinton administration learned recently how divided agriculture can be, as it sought support from farm-state senators for the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy and Trade Representative Mickey Kantor were trying to ease concerns about cheap sugar coming in from Mexico if NAFTA becomes law.

Mexico doesn't produce enough sugar to export now, but NAFTA critics say Mexico could change that by changing from sugar to high fructose corn sweeteners in its soft-drink industry, thereby freeing up sugar for exports.

Kantor said the Mexican government "indicated" it would not do that and said he would find ways to "take care of the problem if it was not something they intended to do." Espy said Mexican consumers preferred sugar in their soft drinks, even though American bottlers largely have used cheaper corn-based sweeteners for years.

Sen. Richard Lugar, the Agriculture Committee's top Republican, didn't care for that response. He comes from Indiana, where corn is king and nothing would please farmers more than to have Mexicans sweeten their soft drinks with corn.

"I was hoping you would come out silent, or neutral," said Lugar, an avid supporter of the agreement.

Corn is this country's third-largest commodity in value. Most corn grow-

ers say they expect to gain from the agreement because it would end Mexican import licenses. As with other commodities, a temporary quota would be put in place, with any amounts over the quota still subject to duty. The quota is generous enough to satisfy the National Corn Growers Association.

What else is corn used for? Feeding cattle and livestock, which will benefit from the elimination of licensing requirements and unpredictable tariffs as well as from the expected growing demand for meat in a prosperous Mexico.

But if America's feed grain and livestock states seem happy, the opposite is true in Florida, which produces more than half the nation's vegetables, citrus and cane sugar. Mexico produces many of the same

products as Florida. Although the agreement protects citrus, orange juice and a number of fruits and vegetables with a longer phase-out of tariffs on those same goods from Mexico, Floridians say the agreement doesn't go far enough.

Without price safeguards on top of tariffs, Mexico will be able to alter its planting schedules and undercut prices for perishable Florida goods when they hit the market, they argue.

Also, virtually all commodities grown in the state should be protected with the longer, 15-year phase out period for "sensitive" commodities such as lettuce, melons, sweet corn and tomatoes, the Florida Department of Agriculture and farm groups say.

Briefs

Sen. Bill Sims to be honored

COLORADO CITY - State Sen. Bill Sims (D-San Angelo) will be honored Monday at a luncheon sponsored by the Mitchell County Support for Bill Sims.

The event will take place at the Colorado City Civic Center.

Sims has served in the senate since 1983. He currently serves as Natural Resources Committee chairman and is a member of the Finance and Criminal Justice Committees. He also works as the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association executive secretary.

For additional information call Virginia Fuller at 728-3781.

Loraine PTO will have fall festival

LORLAINE - Loraine Parents and Teachers Organization invites everyone to their fall festival Oct. 23 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Loraine School Cafeteria.

Fundraiser booth selection deadline for school clubs and activities is Friday.

Early voting continues through Oct. 29

Early voting began Monday and will run through Oct. 29 for the

statewide constitutional amendment election Nov. 2.

The election ballot features 16 proposed amendments to the Texas constitution.

For more information contact the county clerk's office.

Tarzan Post Office retires flag Saturday

LENORAH - Tarzan Post Office will have a flag retiring and awards ceremony Saturday at 7 p.m. at M.W. Tunnell Football Field at Grady High School.

Boys Scout Leader Doyle Hale will present the flag to the Texas Army.

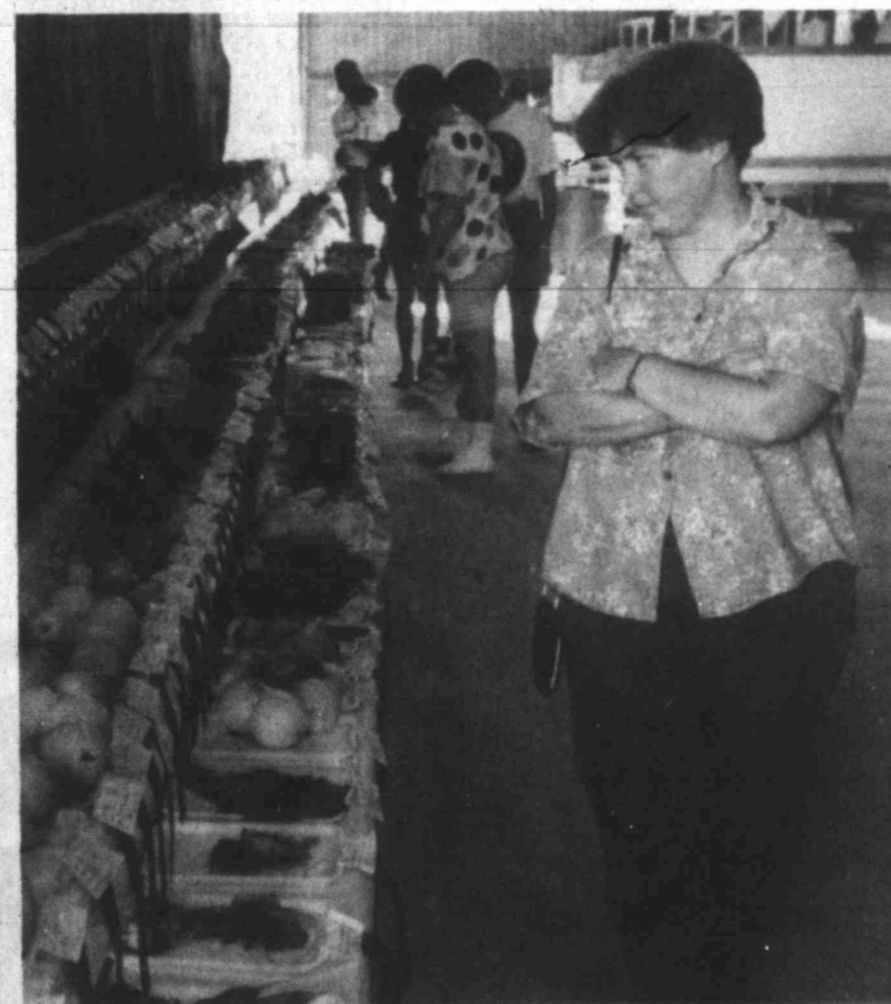
The public is invited to the ceremony. Refreshments will be served. The postal mobile unit will be on hand selling stamps and postal-related

items. For more information contact Hale at 458-3451 or Loraine Hartfield at 264-7508.

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Veggies galore

Connie Chambers stands in front of the long tables and looks at the rows of vegetables on display during the Mitchell County Fair last week. The fair also featured rides and food booths along with the displays.

Census stopped counting farm residents due to low numbers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON D.C. — Reflecting the changing face of U.S. agriculture, the government no longer will specially count the number of Americans who live on farms.

In its swan song accounting of farm residents, the Census Bureau announced that the number dipped to 4.6 million in 1991, or just under 2 percent of the total U.S. population.

"Farm residence is no longer a reliable indication of whether or not someone is involved in farming," said the report. "Residents of Farm

and Rural Areas, 1991." "The cost of collecting and publishing statistics on farm residents and farmers in separate reports could no longer be justified."

So the Census Bureau will publish its regular study of statistical and demographic information about farming in a new report called "Farm Entrepreneurial Population."

The number of resident U.S. farmers peaked in the decade between 1910 and 1920 at about 32 million. In 1945, 20 percent of the U.S. population were farm residents. And as late as 1950, there were still 23 million Americans living on farms.

Alternative feed developed

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON D.C. — Looking for ways to feed livestock by the roadside or on problem soil?

Agriculture Department scientists have developed a new low-growing legume that horses, sheep and cattle thrive on. However, plant geneticist Paul Beuselinck says deer are not attracted to the sturdy feed.

The new plant, a drought- and disease-resistant line of birdsfoot trefoil

called CAD, was released by USDA and the University of Missouri at Columbia. It resembles alfalfa with fine stems and yellow leaves.

The Missouri Highway and Transportation Department has been planting other varieties of birdsfoot trefoil along highways for more than three years with favorable public reaction.

It is also well-suited for strip-mined areas, Beuselinck said.

For limited supplies of CAD, write Beuselinck at USDA-ARS, Plant Genetics Unit, 207 Waters Hall, Columbia, Mo. 65211.

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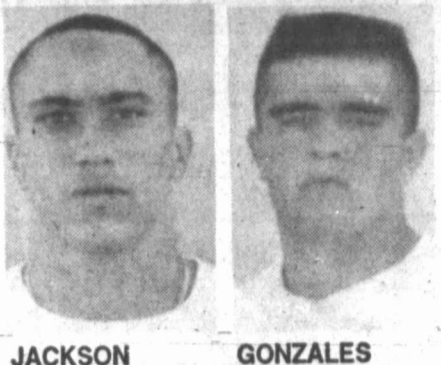
Hobbled Steers face test against Mustangs

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers could use an easy opponent this week. A Friday night off would be even better.
Fat chance.
Big Spring (4-2, 1-1 in District 3-4A) is coming off a 28-10 loss Friday at Andrews, and the schedule gets no easier tomorrow night when the Sweetwater Mustangs (3-2, 1-1) come to Memorial Stadium for an 8 p.m. game. This game will be tough enough for the Steers, but injuries make it even more of a challenge.
Lonnice Jackson, a senior tailback who leads the Steers in rushing, injured an ankle in the first quarter of the Andrews game. He carried the ball just four times in the second half of that game, and Big Spring coach Dwight Butler said Jackson likely will

sit out against Sweetwater.
Ricky Gonzalez, Big Spring's starting center, also will be on the sidelines. Gonzalez injured his ankle at his home, Butler said.
Aaron Acosta will replace Gonzalez, and Harvey Simpson will fill in for Jackson. Simpson rushed for 26 yards on six carries against Andrews when he replaced Jackson in the second half.
Of Simpson, Butler said: "He's got a lot of talent, but his big problem is he doesn't have much experience at this level. This is a tough game to throw him into."
Big Spring also will miss Tedric McCallister, a junior tight end who broke his left leg in the Andrews game and is out for the season. That could put some added burden on Ross Roberts, who along with McCallister has given the Steers a strong

tandem at the position.
"We're beat up physically, but mentally we've bounced back," Butler said. "We're just going to have to go with who we've got."
Who Big Spring will have to match up with Sweetwater, and that's not easy. The Mustangs cruised 51-3 past San Angelo Lake View Friday, and they were off two Fridays ago, so they are fresh and have just one injury to report. Defensive end Chris Jackson, a returning starter, hasn't played this season because of a knee injury, said Sweetwater coach Tom Ritchey.
After starting slowly Sept. 3 by losing 33-28 at home to Snyder, the Mustangs have regrouped. They've defeated Abilene (38-34), Breckenridge (34-24) and Lake View, and they've lost to Snyder and sixth-ranked Stephenville (42-14).



JACKSON GONZALES
Sweetwater's offense gains an average of 488 yards per game, best in the district by far. Quarterback Terry Clemmer leads the district in passing (70 completions in 145 attempts, 1375 yards, 12 touchdowns, 6 interceptions) and total offense (299 run, 1375 pass, 335 total yards per game).
Sweetwater has quality receivers,

including Lamar Blueford, Jason Blueford and Travis Black. Black is second in the district in receiving (23 catches, 398 yards, 17.3 yards per catch), and Lamar Blueford is third (16, 318, 19.9).
Tyrone Amos, a 5-foot-4, 145-pound sophomore, is also an important receiver, but he's more valuable as the Mustangs' top running back. Amos has gained 478 yards on 64 carries, an average of 7.5 yards per carry, to place himself fifth in the district in rushing. Amos has seven touchdowns.
Ritchey said his team has improved every week this season, but he added that Big Spring has the best defense the Mustangs have faced so far. Sweetwater's defense hasn't been so spectacular - the Mustangs have allowed 367 yards and 27 points per game, a far cry from last

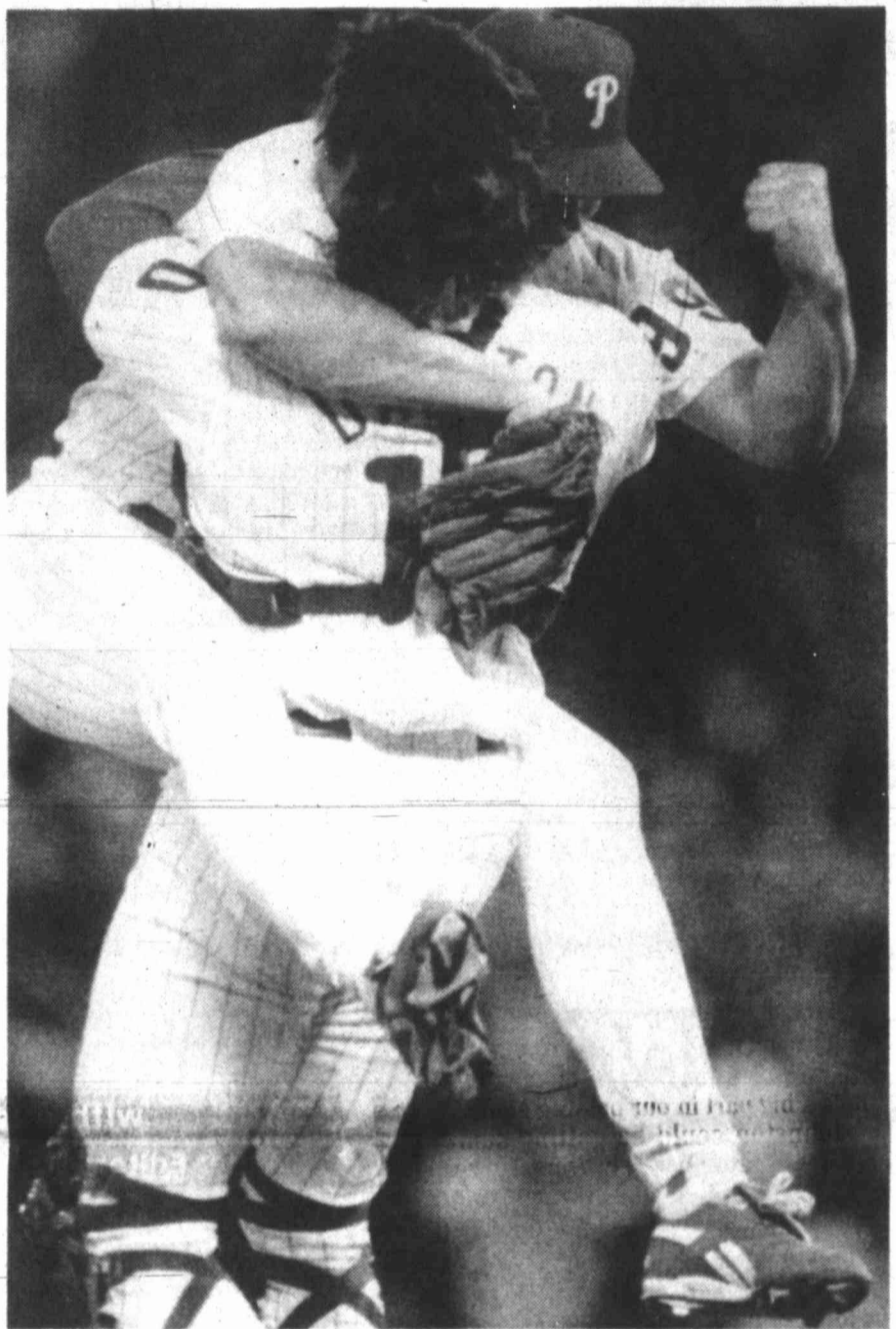
season when they allowed just 10 points per game.
"We've given up a lot of points, a lot of yards, but we've scored a lot of points, too," Ritchey said. "All we're concerned about is whether we win or lose."
"Big Spring has as good of a defense as we've seen. They play good offense, too. But just the fact that this is an important game concerns us."
Sweetwater beat Big Spring 21-14 at Sweetwater last season.
Butler said he expects Sweetwater to be a lot like Andrews - strong and powerful. He doesn't expect the same results.
"It's kind of like the Andrews deal - they're going to have size and power. Defensively, their passing game really concerns us, and offensively, their size and their athleticism."

Down 'n' dirty Phils new NL champions

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Hall of Fame should display John Kruk's torn pants, flap down in the rear, as the perfect symbol of the Philadelphia Phillies.
These are guys who play so hard they bust their britches to win.
This team, the Phillies' fifth National League pennant winner in 110 years, deserves a whole corner of the Hall of Fame after beating the haughty Atlanta Braves in six games, including 6-3 in the finale.
Stick a giant wad of gum beside Kruk's pants. A closeup photo of Lenny Dykstra's crooked smile with a cheek full of chaw. And Mitch Williams' bandanna. Curt Schilling's books on World War II. Jim Fregosi's Alka-Seltzer and Maalox. Cheese steak and onions.
Does anyone have the movie rights yet to these Phillies? Hey Hollywood, how about a wild film about a "Bull Durham" kind of team in the big show with the childlike wonder of "Sandlot," the sappiness of "Field of Dreams" and the weirdness of "Animal House?"
No matter what the Phillies do in the World Series against the defending champion Toronto Blue Jays starting Saturday up north, this team will go down in baseball history and Philadelphia lore as, well, different.
"It's the ugly stepister being invited to the prom by the best-looking guy in class," reliever Larry Andersen said.

A guy like Kruk tears his pants diving for a ball in the second inning of Wednesday night's victory and doesn't even think about changing them between innings the rest of the game. So what if the back of his pants are flapping in the breeze and his underwear is showing through in front of 62,000 parka-bundled fans in the ballpark and millions more cozy at home watching TV.
A guy like Dykstra comes to the plate with a swagger, neither cocky nor arrogant, but sure of himself, knowing he's going to get on base. When he singled in the third inning in the middle of a two-run rally, it gave him a hit in every game of the playoffs.
A guy like Darren Daulton bats with the bases loaded in the fifth and everyone can sense he will unload them in a hurry. He hit two grand slams this year, and 30 of his 105 RBIs came with the bases jammed. This time he pokes a line drive inches from the right-field line.
"It was this close," Braves pitcher Greg Maddux said, holding his fingers a few inches apart. "Sometimes that's all it takes."
Maddux had been almost unbeatable since the All-Star break, just like the Braves, who won 51 of their last 70 just to win the NL West in a great race with San Francisco, but couldn't win their third straight pennant to match the 1942-44 Cardinals. Their 104 wins are the most of any non-pennant winner since the 1942 Dodgers.



Philadelphia relief pitcher Mitch Williams clenches his fist as he jumps into the arms of catcher Darren Daulton after striking out Atlanta's Bill Pecota for the final out in Game 6 of the National League Championship Series Wednesday.

Familiar foes readying for all-turf World Series

By The Associated Press

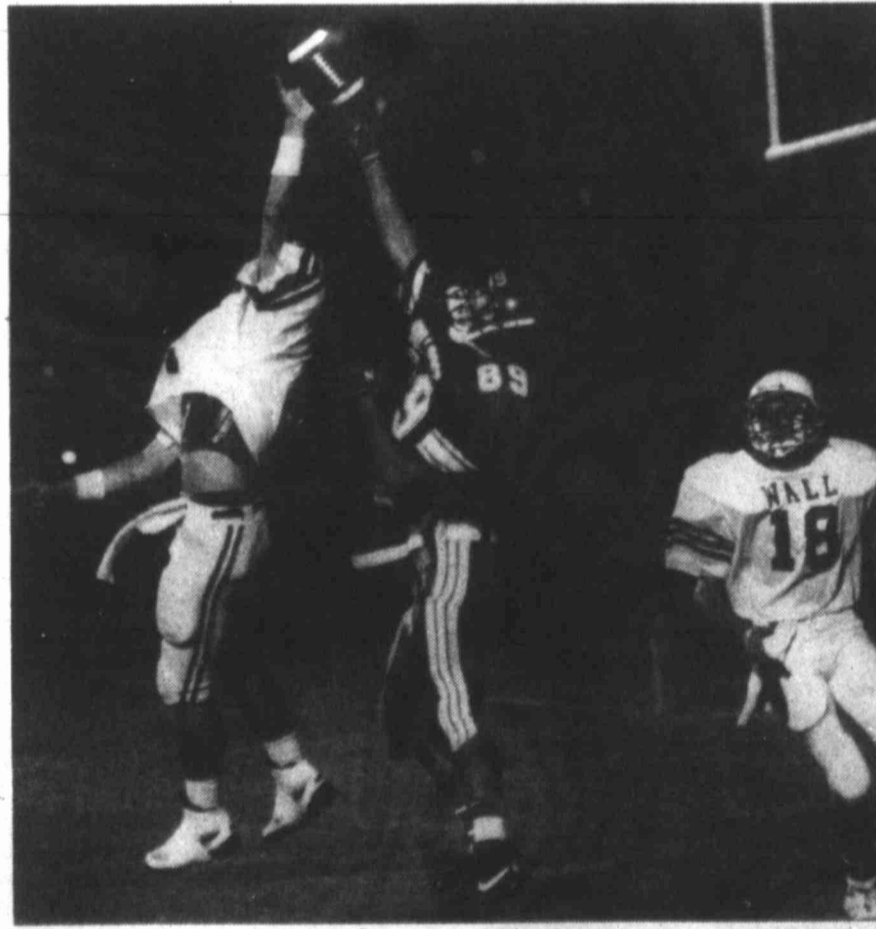
TORONTO — The Toronto Blue Jays and Philadelphia Phillies already have seen a lot of each other, and the World Series hasn't even started.
The first game the Phillies played this year was against Toronto in spring training. They went 4-0 versus the Blue Jays in Florida and, because the teams practice five minutes apart, they met several times in morning "B" games.
"Philadelphia always plays us tough," Toronto's Joe Carter said. "It seems like we play them 25 times every spring."
On Saturday night at SkyDome, Philadelphia and Toronto play for real in Game 1. The first all-artificial turf World Series since 1987, when Minnesota met St. Louis, matches the Blue Jays, bidding to become the first champion to repeat since the 1977-78 New York Yankees, against the Phillies, who rebounded from finishing last in the NL East in 1992.
The Blue Jays bring a relentless lineup that wore down Chicago in six games of the AL playoffs. The offense, at least for the first two games in Toronto, will include designated hitter Paul Molitor.
When the series shifts to Veterans Stadium, where the DH is not used, Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston will have to decide whether to put Molitor at third base instead of Ed Sprague, or on the bench.
This will not be the same Toronto team that fans saw last October. Molitor, Rickey Henderson and play-

off MVP Dave Stewart — once cut by Philadelphia — are now with the Blue Jays, while Dave Winfield, David Cone and a dozen others are gone. Also missing will be Jack Morris, injured and unable to play.
The Phillies, who knocked off the two-time NL champion Atlanta Braves in six games in the playoffs, come in with a cast that includes Lenny Dykstra, Mitch Williams and John Kruk.
Dykstra and pitcher Danny Jackson are the only Phillies with much World Series experience. Philadelphia has not reached the Series since 1983, when it lost to Baltimore. By beating Atlanta, the Phillies prevented a rematch of the 1992 World Series.
Neither Gaston nor Phillies manager Jim Fregosi has set his rotation. But with both playoff series over by Wednesday, each team will be able to set up its pitching the way it wants.
Stewart, Juan Guzman, Pat Hentgen and Todd Stottlemyre, all right-handers, started for Toronto in the playoffs. They'll face a Phillies lineup that includes the left-handed bats of Dykstra, Kruk, Darren Daulton and others.
Stewart pitched briefly for the Phillies several years ago. He got into four games after being traded from Texas to Philadelphia in late 1985, and was cut by the Phillies on May 9, 1986. He was out of baseball before signing with Oakland two weeks later, starting his climb toward becoming the best playoff pitcher in history.

Bulldogs' backs against the wall as they prepare for Stanton Buffalos

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

Tradition alone will mean that Friday's Coahoma-Stanton game will be worth watching.
Playoff implications just add a few more matches to the woodpile.
Neither team can really afford a loss when the Bulldogs and Buffalos meet at 8 p.m. Friday in Stanton. Coahoma (2-4 overall, 0-2 in District 6-2A) can kiss its slim playoff chances goodbye if it loses, while the Battlin' Buffs (4-2, 2-1) will find their backs firmly against the wall if they fall.
On top of all this, the game is one of the more traditional rivalries in West Texas, the latest installment coming last year in the form of a 35-18 Coahoma victory.
This year's game looks to be a classic size-vs.-speed matchup featuring Stanton's speedy backfield duo of Ricky Lucas and Jerele Lee against the grind-it-out, ball-control ground game that the Bulldogs prefer.
Coahoma coach Steve Park concedes that his defense's number-one priority will be stopping Lee (97 rushes for 677 yards and 12 touchdowns) and Lucas (105-742-6).
"They've got a real good ball club," Park said. "Their backfield is just loaded ... They probably have the two best backs in the same backfield in the district, and (quarterback) J.J. Ortiz does a good job running the team as well."
"We're going to have to tackle a lot better, and pursue better," Park added. "We're going to have to have a lot of folks get to the football and not let them get to the open field."
For Stanton's defense, the major concern is not getting run over by Coahoma's offensive line, which goes into the game with a noted size and weight advantage.
"Coahoma's got a good offensive team; they run a lot of things at you," Stanton coach Bill Grissom said. "We're not real big up front ... and that's a major concern for us right



Coahoma's Chad Wright, center, battles a Wall defender for the ball during the Bulldogs' loss to Wall last Friday. This week, Coahoma faces Stanton in a matchup of traditional rivals.

now."
The Bulldogs have adopted a spread-the-wealth approach with their running backs. Sophomore tailback Kelly Bailey, despite not playing the first game of the season, is the team's leading rusher with 423 yards on 70 carries. Senior Juan Ruiz follows with 320 yards on 67 carries, while wing back Eric McMillan has 276 yards on 26 carries.
"We've got to control the football," Park said. "Our offensive line has been doing an exceptional job. We're just going to have to cut down on mistakes and not give them opportunities like we have in the past."
Grissom is also concerned that Coahoma's desperate playoff situa-

tion will make the Bulldogs all that more dangerous.
"That's a big concern of ours," Grissom said. "We know they're going to come in here ready to play. Their record really doesn't indicate how good a team they are. It's a must-win situation for them, and they can still make the playoffs."
"The kids know it's a very important game for us," Park said. "Plus, Stanton and Coahoma has been a rivalry for a long time. For us to have any kind of chance in district, we've got to play well."
"You can disregard everything that's happened up until now," Grissom added.

Briefs

Monahans forfeits match with Big Spring
Big Spring's regular season concluding match with Monahans, which was to be played Saturday at Figure 7 Tennis Center, has been forfeited by Monahans.
The forfeit means that Big Spring finishes its season with a perfect 10-0 overall record and wins District 3-4A with a 6-0 mark.
The Steers now prepare for the regional tournament, to be held later this month in Lubbock.
Hunter education class available
Gene and Nancy Bowlin of Snyder have scheduled a second fall course in hunter education for Saturday and Sunday. The class held in September filled up one week before it was held,

and that resulted in a sizeable waiting list.
On the 16th, the class lasts from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The following day, the class is 1-5 p.m.
The course includes instructions in firearms and archery handling, outdoor responsibility and ethics, laws and regulations, conservation, hunting traditions, wildlife identification, field care of game and wilderness first aid.
Students 12 or older successfully completing the course will be issued a hunter education certificate from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Those less than 12 will receive a certificate of attendance, but must take the course again for proper certification.
Cost of the course is \$5. Class size is again limited, and those who register in advance will be given preference over walk-ins.
For information about the location and the class and pre-registration, contact the Bowlins at 1-573-2323.

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Forsan ready to rumble with Robert Lee

By DAVE MARGRAVE
Sports Editor

Every time you look up, it seems like the Forsan Buffaloes are playing an undefeated opponent.

Yes, it's happening again. This time it's the Robert Lee Steers (6-0, 1-0 in District 9-1A), who visit Forsan Friday night for a 7:30 p.m. game. If Forsan's play against Roscoe last week is any indication, Forsan fans should be ready for a good show.

Forsan (3-3, 0-1) battled undefeated Roscoe on the road and turned in a strong defensive effort. The Plow-

boys shut down the Buffaloes' offense, however, and won 7-0.

"When you get just 93 total yards, even if your defense plays great you're not going to win," said Forsan coach Jan East. "Robert Lee is big - we're not going to match up very well with them physically. They've got two down linemen that are 220, and another at 250. We just hope we can out-quick them with our little old backs."

The size disadvantage also hurt Forsan when it played Roscoe.

"From what I've seen on film, Roscoe's big players are better football players than Robert Lee's. Robert Lee's got some tough players,

but they're not as good as Roscoe at the skill positions," East said.

Robert Lee opened district play last week with a win over Bronte. The Steers don't pass much, as indicated by Robert Lee coach Edward Poehls' comment about his quarterback, Joe Blair.

"He hands the ball off to the backs really well."

With that said, it seems Forsan will have to focus on Robert Lee's running backs, Scot Millican and Lee McCown.

Robert Lee graduated 10 seniors from last season's 8-3 area-finalist squad.

"We only have five seniors on the team," Poehls said. "Forsan's a young team, too - they have all of those juniors, but those juniors have been playing varsity for two or three years. We have tremendous respect for those young men, but we'll do like we always do. We'll respect them, but we won't be afraid of them."

Forsan lost 35-12 at Robert Lee last season in a game that was close until the fourth quarter, East said.

Despite facing a talented opponent, the Buffaloes' main concern lately has been battling injuries.

Troy Sanders, a two-way starter, is

out for the season with a broken leg, which he suffered in practice last week. Shane Sims, a tackle who has missed half of the season with a broken arm, may play Friday, East said.

However, Brandon Kemper is questionable. Kemper, a sophomore end, injured his eye at home this week.

Briefly put, East said, "We're getting pretty thin."

Wes Crow, a sophomore running back, will move to tight end Friday. Rusty Baker, a sophomore, also will play some at the end position, East said, as the Buffaloes try to fill the gaps injuries have caused.

Friday's game is a huge one for Forsan. The Buffaloes have their best team in years, but they've lost one district game already, so playoff possibilities could be in the balance. Still, East and his team feels no pressure.

"The kids realize that they played a good football game last week, that they played a good football team," East said. "As far as attitude goes, they've been very loose, to the point that it's kind of scary to the coaches."

"In practice, you'd think we're playing a junior high team this week, the way the kids are carrying on. They're relaxed."

'Moose' the rave in Dallas

By The Associated Press

IRVING — The calls drifted down from the Hoosier Dome rafters in a low rumble each time Dallas Cowboys fullback Daryl Johnston touched the ball against the Indianapolis Colts.

"Mooo-ooo-se," they said. "How," asked running back Emmitt Smith incredulously, "did they know to do that?"

"I thought they were booing at first," Johnston said. "I was surprised to hear it away from home."

Johnston, whose blocking has helped Smith to back-to-back NFL rushing championships, does look like a runaway moose on the main street of a small town as he bulls upfield on one of his few carries or swings out wide to take a Troy Aikman pass.

Teammates noticed Johnston's moose-like moves during his rookie season out of Syracuse in 1989. Babe Laufenberg, former Cowboys quarterback, said "he looks just like a moose minus the antlers."

At home games in Texas Stadium, Dallas fans delight in moose calls on the rare occasions Johnston touches the ball.

But for his fame to spread all the way to Indiana was stunning to the "moose" himself.

"This is something," said Johnston. "Maybe I could do something with it commercially. But a moose doesn't usually get much respect. Hey, how about Moosehead Beer? The NFL wouldn't let me do that, though. We can't endorse beer products."

So, Johnston will have to be satisfied blocking for Smith and receiving a Rolex watch like he did last year, running the ball an average of twice



Dallas fullback Daryl Johnston, right, is tackled by Buffalo linebacker Darryl Talley earlier this year in Texas Stadium in Irving.

a game, and catching a few of Aikman's passes.

Johnston is a throwback to the old single wing fullback who blocked for a living.

"Emmitt carried the ball 373 times last year and Johnston had a physical collision at the point of attack every time," said offensive coordinator Norval Turner. "We wouldn't do without him."

Occasionally, Johnston will lumber out of the backfield and catch a touchdown pass like he did last week in Dallas' 27-3 victory over the Colts.

"I heard those moose calls right after D.J. caught the pass," Aikman said. "This guy is a weapon and I'm glad to see him getting a little recog-

nition. There's nobody who deserves it more. He means a lot to our offense. He makes the blocks and he's a big part in our passing game."

Johnston could be getting some "moose" press box calls from Turner this week when the Cowboys meet the San Francisco 49ers in Texas Stadium in a rematch of January's NFC title game. Johnston scored a touchdown in the Cowboys' 30-20 victory over the 49ers on a 3-yard run.

"With Troy and Emmitt and Jay Novacek and Michael Irvin on this team, it's real easy for defenses to forget about me," said Johnston with a sly smile. "That's when the moose strikes."

Mavericks, Mashburn agree to terms

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks will sign No. 1 draft choice Jamal Mashburn in time for the star Kentucky forward to work out with the team and be available for Friday night's preseason opener with the Atlanta Hawks in Reunion Arena.

The Mavericks announced Wednesday night that the 6-8, 240-pound Mashburn had agreed to terms and would undergo a physical after his mid-morning arrival today at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

Team spokesman Kevin Sullivan said Mashburn would join the Mavericks at 5 p.m. for the signing and news conference and at 6 p.m. for practice.

Terms weren't disclosed, but published reports said it was for about \$32 million over seven years.

About two weeks ago it appeared a deal with Mashburn was imminent. But that quickly changed when Anfernee Hardaway, taken No. 3 in the draft, signed a 13-year, \$65 million contract with Orlando. That came one day after Larry Johnson signed an \$84 million, 12-year deal with Charlotte.

Mavericks president Norm Sonju then countered with proposals for



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six, seven, eight and 10 years, with the first six years guaranteed plus a buyout clause.

Mavericks coach Quinn Buckner began workouts early last week — in Waco, Texas, about 100 miles south of Dallas. The team was to break camp today and be in Dallas for the evening workout.

"The hardest thing may be for him to pick up our defense. Our offense, I think he'll be able to get into fairly

simply," Buckner said.

"I don't know when it becomes too difficult. And I think generally when you start saying it becomes difficult, you've already started a self-fulfilling prophecy. When he gets here, we'll deal with it," Buckner said.

Last season, the season was more than half over before the Mavericks signed No. 1 pick Jim Jackson. Owner Don Carter wasn't willing to pay Jackson a six-year guaranteed contract even though that is what the market dictated.

Carter said Wednesday that he has softened his stance because Mashburn's agent, Don Cronson, had shown a willingness to negotiate.

"If Norm said, 'Hey, I can't get them to talk, we're not negotiating,' then I would say it would affect me the same way it did last year," Carter said.

"The bottom line is, they've been communicating. When you talk, you have a chance to get things worked out. When you don't talk, you have a problem that's going to fester."

Sonju met throughout Wednesday with Cronson. After they came to terms, Sonju then met with Carter.

Sonju and Cronson had talked for three hours on Monday, and Cronson flew back into Dallas Tuesday night to renew the talks.

Trebelhorn passes the tests, receives nod to manage Cubs

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The test results are in: Tom Trebelhorn has the right mental attitude to manage the Chicago Cubs.

Trebelhorn, a Cubs bench coach and the Milwaukee Brewers' manager from 1986 to 1991, beat out bullpen coach Tony Muser to replace Jim Lefebvre, who was fired Oct. 6 after leading the Cubs to only their third winning season since 1972.

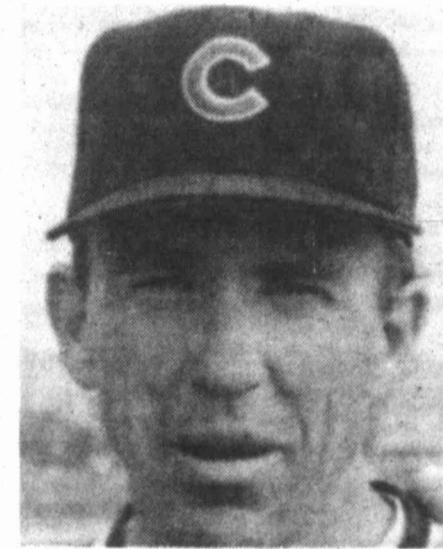
Trebelhorn and Muser underwent a battery of psychological tests in the days before Cubs management made their decision. But general manager Larry Himes said Wednesday that Trebelhorn's experience was the deciding factor.

"It was a tough call on both of them," Himes said. "Tom's managing experience with Milwaukee was something you can't overlook, and he was very successful there. And his proven time as a bench coach in the National League with us was very important also."

Trebelhorn said he was surprised and happy at being chosen.

"It's a great thing," Trebelhorn said from his home in Portland, Ore. "It's something you work for. I was fortunate to get the opportunity in Milwaukee, and just as fortunate to get it back here."

Himes said he expects Trebelhorn



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to add to the team's running game, noting that in Trebelhorn's tenure as Milwaukee's manager, the team led the league in stolen bases.

Trebelhorn said he has thought about the changes he will make, but will talk about them first with the coaching staff he plans to assemble.

"I'm not going to reinvent the game of baseball," he said. "But the goal is always to play better than you did last season."

Trebelhorn and Muser were put through two days of psychological tests by professional psychologists.

"We have our own gut feelings,"

Himes said. "But it's good to get another, objective evaluation, another viewpoint. It gives you a sense of balance, so you don't overlook something. Or they can give you confirmation of something you already thought you knew."

Trebelhorn was philosophical about the tests.

"It's pretty comprehensive, it's very interesting. You learn some things about yourself in the process," he said. "I guess I passed them or I tricked them."

Trebelhorn, fired by the Brewers after the 1991 season, has a 422-397 record as a major league manager, the best record of any Brewers skipper.

Muser, 46, was a coach when Trebelhorn was in Milwaukee. Muser joined the Cubs this season as bullpen coach after 13 years in the Brewers organization.

Muser was considered a tough but respected manager in the minors. He led the Brewers' Denver club to the 1991 American Association title.

Muser could have succeeded George Bamberger as Brewers manager in 1986. But Muser was badly burned in a 1986 clubhouse explosion in Arizona, and Trebelhorn replaced him as third-base coach, leading to his hiring as manager at the end of that season.

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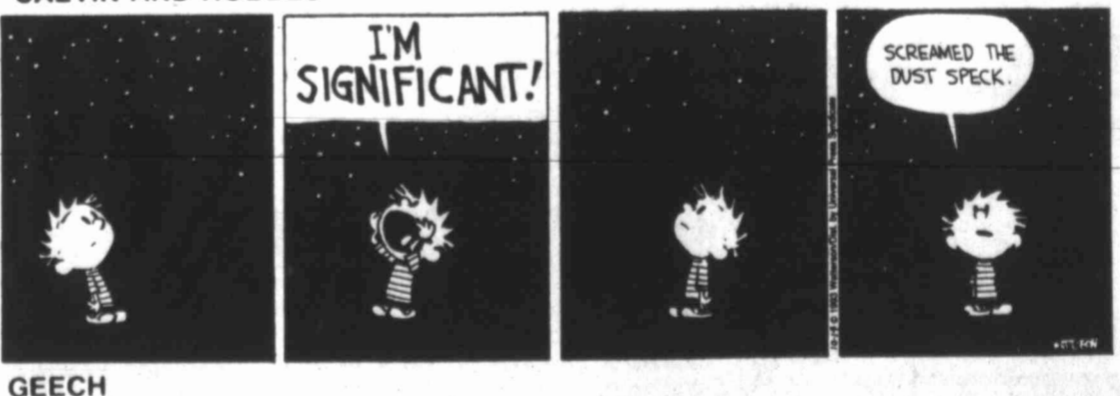
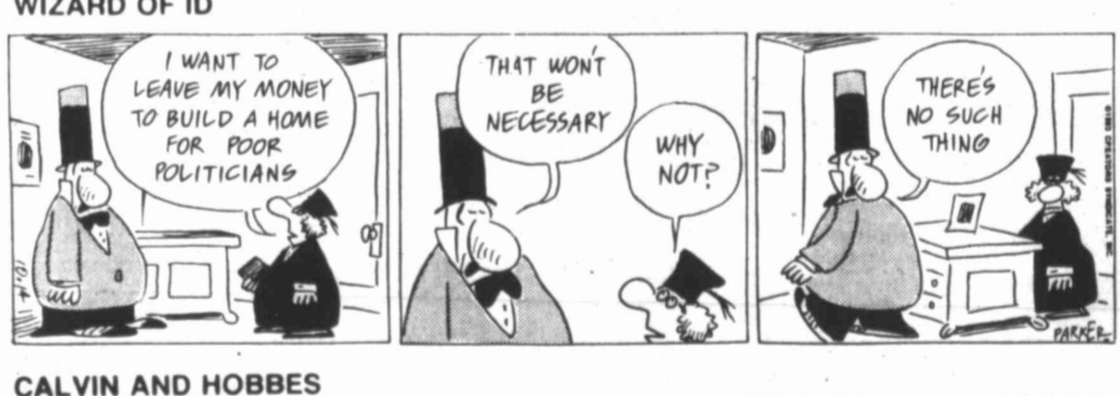
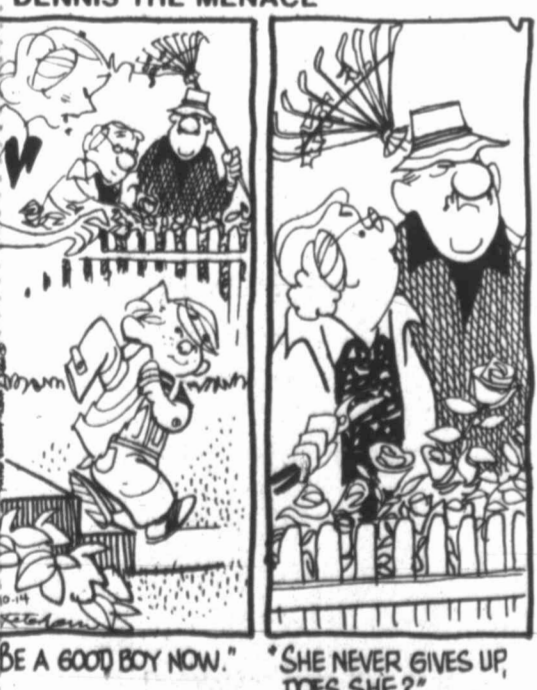
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Dear Abby - Letters

Gay brother can show he's best man
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