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NEWS DIGEST



Checks out school's collection of labels

Moss Elementary student Melissa Mendoza looks through a box of soup labels he Ecology Club is collecting from Campbells and other companies in order to purchase a microscope



Enjoying playground

During this unseasonably-warm winter weather, Tyler Chesworth takes advantage having fun on the playground at the Hillcrest Christian Child Development Center Tuesday.

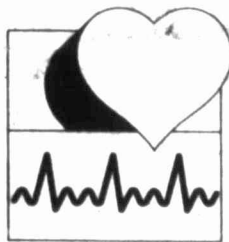
Scramble for ball

Wall High School and Coahoma High School basketball players grab for a loose ball under the Coahoma basket as the two teams were playing a district game Tuesday evening.



Health fair set

Blood pressure and diabetes checks and other services will be available Sunday, as St. Mary's Hospital of Lubbock is sponsoring a health fair at Sacred Heart Youth Center. See page 9.



Briefs

•Cranefest poster contest:

A Jan. 28 deadline has been set in the poster contest for Cranefest which features \$300 in prize money. Entries can be turned in at the Chamber of Commerce office. All entries are welcome. For more information, contact Pat Simmons by calling 263-4607.

•Honor roll time again:

The Herald plans to publish all area A and A-B honor rolls on Jan. 19. In order to do so, we must have them submitted from each school by Friday at 5 p.m. All grade levels are accepted. Mark mailed lists to the attention of Debbie Lincecum.

•Chili cook-off set for Jan. 15:

The Big Spring Harley Owners Group will have its annual Boss H.O.G. Chili Cook-off Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Big Spring Harley Davidson Shop. Cooking begins at 10 a.m., judging at 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit charities.

Weather

•Partly cloudy, low upper 20s:

Tonight, partly cloudy. Low between 30 and 35. Northwest to north wind 5-15 mph.

•Permian Basin Forecast:

Thursday: Mostly sunny. High in the mid 60s. Northwest wind 5-15 mph. Becoming west. Low in the 20s.
Friday: Fair. High in the 60s. Low in the 20s.
Saturday: Fair. High in the 60s. Low in the 20s.

TONIGHT	TOMORROW	TONIGHT
PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	SUNSET 5:59 PM
		SUNRISE 7:50 AM
		TOMORROW

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Jury finds Browning guilty

By JANET AUSBURY
Staff Writer

After a six-hour trial Tuesday, Randall Mark Browning, 37, was found guilty of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl June 11 in the women's restroom of the American Little League Ballpark.

The jury returned its verdict after two hours of deliberations. Sentencing was scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. today.

District Attorney Rick Hamby declined to comment on the verdict until after a sentence has been handed down. Don Richard, Browning's attorney, said he and his client were disappointed by the verdict.

"There's a good chance for appeal," said Richard. "It's hard to say right now what we'll do, but if Randy gets a big sentence he will probably appeal."

Richard, in his closing argument, pointed out that Browning did not resemble the police drawing used to try to identify a suspect last summer and that some witnesses who had identified Browning from his mug shot could not conclusively identify him in court.

Hamby, in his arguments, said the drawing resembled Browning's mug shot and that Browning changed his appearance at some point between July, when the police drawing was made public, and September, when the girl identified Browning as her attacker after viewing his

mug shot.

Hamby also emphasized the girl's positive identification of Browning in the courtroom.

As the jury deliberated its verdict, the girl, her family and supporters sat in the two front rows of the courtroom seating. She quietly insisted on staying until the jury announced a verdict or retired for the night.

She just as quietly showed her pleasure with the verdict, smiling and leaning into the people seated next to her.

Browning showed no visible response, although an elderly woman seated next to him at the defense table appeared distraught.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Off with the old

Howard College physical plant director Pat Grigg pulls on a string of lights to loosen them from a tree while he and other college personnel removed Christmas decorations from the front of the college. Students will soon return for the spring semester, and registration is in full swing.

PUC regulators OK 10 percent increase for TU

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — TU Electric Company residential customers would see about a 10 percent annual rate increase — compared with 15 percent sought by the company — under action by state regulators, a company spokesman said Tuesday.

The Public Utility Commission, which regulates electric and telephone rates, met late into the evening deciding how an estimated 8.8 percent, \$435.15 million rate increase would be allocated among different classes of TU Electric customers.

Besides the residential customers, several different types of customers are served by the company. Others include: commercial customers, who would pay about 9 percent more; large industrial customers, who would pay about 10 percent more; and cities and school districts, which would see about a 17 percent increase, said Steve Houle, TU Electric's rates manager.

All the rate increases are lower than the rates that TU Electric began charging in August on an interim basis. The Dallas-based company, which serves 2.2 million customers in 92 counties, put in place a 15.3 percent overall increase that month. That was the amount TU sought in this case, and state law allows utilities to take such action.

The PUC plans to take a final vote on the rate case Jan. 26. The new rates, which are being challenged by the company, would take effect in March, Houle said. Customers would see refunds based on the difference between interim rates and those approved by the commission beginning in April, he said.

"All classes of customers are going

to receive refunds," he said. But the refunds "could be real small" because the refunds will be offset by \$144.5 million in unexpected fuel costs granted to the company, Houle said.

The commissioners also changed rates in what they said was an effort to promote conservation. The commission voted to reduce the price break that customers get in the winter after they use more than 600 kilowatt hours of electricity.

In other action, the commission rejected a motion by TU Electric to send the case back to an administrative law judge to determine how the rate ruling would affect the company's "financial integrity."

"The company has said it would be devastated by getting only an 8.8 rate increase."

"I believe that our bond rating is in severe jeopardy of being downgraded," said J. Dan Bohannon, TU Electric's lawyer.

But lawyers for cities and for the Office of Public Utility Counsel, which represents residential and consumer rate payers, opposed the company's motion.

PUC chairman Robert Gee asked TU Electric and other parties in the case to include information on the company's financial position in documents that will be filed later with the commission.

TU Electric will ask the commission to reconsider its rate order and then expects to go to court if the decision stands, said Tom Baker, TU Electric executive vice president.

Walter Washington of the Public Counsel's office, said he was pleased with the commission's action in the rate case.

"I think it was a very fair, good decision," he said.

Pipeline group pumps awareness effort

By TIM JONES
Staff Writer

Each year excavation-related accidents cause injury or deaths, cost millions in repairs and incur product losses because of someone digging into a pipeline.

That is particularly true in West Texas where numerous pipelines crisscross the country.

Damages to telephone and fiber-optic cables buried underground disrupts communication services, some life-threatening or costly to industry. The "third party" can be held legally responsible, with costly fines and possible imprisonment.

The Pipeline Group from Midland presented a safety presentation and barbecue dinner Tuesday at the Howard County Fair Barn in an attempt to keep contractors and others informed as to the need to be especially careful when involved in excavation work.

"We are a small business that acts as a conduit to convey a safety message to the public," said master of ceremonies Joe Murphy with the Pipeline Group.

Murphy showed a 15-minute film, "Digging Dangerous III" about an incident in Wisconsin where a contractor's experienced crew ruptured a gas line causing three deaths to inhabitants of an apartment complex but causing no injury to his crew. In addition to studying the accident itself, the company and its entire operations were completely investigated by the Occupational Safety and Hazard Administration, a federal bureau. No citation was given because proper safety programs and practices were employed by the firm.

"But the fact remained that three people were killed," Murphy said.

Murphy gave an example of severing communication lines, noting that if an alarm is activated at a pipeline control center, indicating improper readings from a remote automated valve, they shut down the entire pipeline and send someone out to see about it, because of the immense danger that high pressure in the



Herald photo by Tim Appel

With hundreds of people waiting behind them, Jimmy Clanton and Gerald Boyd talk to Jimmy Munn, safety and right-of-way coordinator for the American Petrofina Pipe Line Company, during a meeting concerning pipeline safety at the Howard County Fairbarns Tuesday evening.

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Deaths

Edward F. McGee

Services for Edward F. "Ed" McGee were held 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 1994 at Harvey-Douglas Chapel with Rev. John Hatfield officiating. Interment followed at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. McGee died Jan. 4 in the local hospital after an extended illness.

He was born May 12, 1911 in Smyrna. He was a cattleman and member of Dickson First Baptist Church. He married Grace Riner Jan. 13, 1968 in Ardmore.

Survivors include his wife; Grace; two sons: Donald Denison, Texas, and Jerry, Midland; three stepsons, Richard Barney, Kenneth and David Riner, all of Ardmore; three stepdaughters: Rowena Peterson, Auburn, Wash., Susan Hays and Louise Burk, Ardmore; one brother: Johnny, Santa Paula, Calif.; four sisters: Gladys Harrison, Los Cruces, N.M., Louise Richardson, Pomona, Calif., Velma Richardson, Riverside, Calif., and Maxine Anderson, Big Spring; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family received friends at the funeral home.

Billy G. Wilkerson

Billy G. Wilkerson, 50, Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1994 at a local hospital.

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

Mrs. J.W. Parmley

Services for Mrs. J.W. "Deola" Parmley, Sr., 82, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 1994 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, Jan. 11 at her residence.

She was born Feb. 10, 1911 in Desdemona and married J.W. Parmley on July 27, 1935 in Midland. Mrs. Parmley moved to Big Spring in 1935 from Desdemona. She worked for Shine Phillips Pharmacy for several years and then worked as a psychiatric nurse at the Big Spring State Hospital until retiring in 1966. She was also a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; J.W. Parmley Sr., Big Spring; one son: J.W. Parmley Jr., Big Spring; one sister: Viola Baskett, Dallas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters.

Nellie Roberts

Services for Nellie Roberts, Midland, have been set for 3 p.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Jim Rudd, pastor of Memorial Christian Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis

Funeral Home.

Mrs. Roberts died Monday, Jan. 10, 1994 in a local hospital.

She was born Dec. 16, 1916 in Mitchell County. In 1929 the family moved to Midland from Mitchell County in a covered wagon. She was a graduate of McClinton High School. She married Grady V. Roberts in Big Spring. The Roberts farmed in Midland County. In the early 1950's Mrs. Roberts joined the nursing staff at Midland Memorial Hospital as a nurse's aide. She retired in the late 1970's. Mrs. Roberts was a member of the Eagles and a member of Primitive Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Grady Roberts in 1972.

Survivors include a companion: Henry Pastoor, Midland; two sons: Larry D. Roberts, Midland, and Jay V. Roberts, San Antonio; one daughter: Sandra J. Roberts Greer, Midland; seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

The family requests that memorials be sent to Memorial Christian Church General Fund, 1001 Tahoka Hwy., Midland, Texas, 79701.

Ethel Alexander
Services for Ethel Nora Alexander, 92, Stanton, will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 1994 at First United Methodist Church, Stanton, with Rev. Elton Wyatt, Lubbock, officiating. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13 in Tahoka Cemetery, Tahoka under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

She died Monday, Jan. 10 in Midland Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Alexander was born April 12, 1901 in Wise County. She moved to Stanton in 1945 from Colorado City. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist, Stanton. She married Fred E. Alexander on Sept. 1, 1919 in Paducah. He preceded her in death April 11, 1973.

Survivors include three sons: Tommie Edgar Alexander, Riesel, Aaron David Alexander, London, and Curtis Ray Alexander, Ada, Okla.; one daughter: Christine Alexander Church, Stanton; three sisters: Alma Mitchell, Mineral Wells, Velma Van Stratton, Dumas, and Buena Crafton, Victoria; three brothers: Claude Lester, Lubbock, Glen Lester, Artesia, N.M., and Earnest Lester, Wheeler; 13 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

Billy G. Wilkerson

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

Mrs. J.W. Parmley

Services for Mrs. J.W. "Deola" Parmley, Sr., 82, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 1994 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, Jan. 11 at her residence.

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Survivors include her husband; J.W. Parmley Sr., Big Spring; one son: J.W. Parmley Jr., Big Spring; one sister: Viola Baskett, Dallas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters.

Myrtle F. Smith

Graveside services for Myrtle F. Smith, 95, El Paso, will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 1994 at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Hillcrest Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Jan. 10 in El Paso.

Myrtle was a resident of El Paso for 12 years and was a traveling manager for a department store.

She is survived by her very dear friend Mrs. Gloria Glass.

Council approves bids, tables STEP proposal

By TIM JONES Staff Writer

City council members considered and approved a number of bids during a routine session Tuesday in the conference room at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Airpark.

Low bids were accepted for correctional officer uniforms from Martin's Uniform in San Antonio at \$13,096.20 and for inmate uniform pants Uniforms Manufacturing in Orchard Lake, Mich.

Cafeteria food contracts were awarded to three firms; Ben E. Keith Foods of Fort Worth, Sysco Foods of Austin and Watson Foods of Lubbock — each of the companies placing low bids to supply various food commodities for the city's contract correctional facility.

Bob Brock Ford's low bid of

\$14,840.66 each for five police vehicles was approved. Extended warranties were purchased at a cost of \$1160.00 per unit. Since \$80,000 was budgeted, the total cost of \$72,203.30 left \$7,796.70 to buy five radios and prepare the units for service.

The local Ford dealership was also low bidder at \$9,157.24 for a pickup truck for use at the cemetery; at \$14,239.85 for the street department's one-ton flat bed truck; and a total \$45,688.38 for three one-ton utility vehicles for the city at \$15,229.46 each.

Other action taken by the council included passage of a new ordinance amending the code of ordinances at the cemetery regarding fees for purchase of lots and charges for opening and closing graves.

In addition, the mayor was authorized to execute a local cooperation agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Beals Creek project.

Tabled was consideration of a selective traffic enforcement program because the police department wanted to have time to gather additional public input.

Regarding a Texas Department of Health letter informing the city that prairie dog colonies on public land are a health risk and need to be controlled with pesticides, the council decided that a public hearing needs to be held.

Easements for Wal-Mart and Furr's were accepted. Also approved was an amendment to contract with the Howard County Water Control District allowing it to purchase approximately 300,000 gallons to meet its daily requirements.

A final plat of the Malone-Hogan subdivision was also approved, as was an amendment to the city's investment policy.

Architect Phillip J. Furquerson was selected to study and make proposals regarding the remodeling of the old fire station next to City Hall.

Council persons Stephanie Horton, Tim Blackshear, Ladd Smith and Charles Beal gave a report of their recent trip to San Antonio for the Texas Municipal League conference.

Appointed to the Crimestoppers board were Elroy Green and Carl Wyrick. Appointments to West Texas Opportunities was deferred. Leases with Mid-Tex Detention Inc. for a third facility here were approved.

Awareness

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pipeline can cause a major incident.

"Pipelines are the safest, most efficient and economical means to transport petroleum products," Jimmy Munn, safety and right-of-way coordinator for Fina Pipelines explained. "Most people do not realize how much is located underground, it's practically everywhere," Munn said.

"The crude-oil gathering system carrying crude to the refinery from the regional oil field consisting of

Howard county, northern Glasscock and Sterling counties' and eastern Mitchell county contains 380 miles of pipeline. A much shorter gas pipeline provides the refinery its supply of natural gas," he added.

"Accidents can and do happen and through this type of program contractors become more aware of the inherent risks of excavation. Many of them comment about being impacted positively by the Pipeline group's work and implement better work/safety practices because of

what's happening here."

The event was sponsored by: American Pipeline Co., Amoco Pipeline Co., C&L Processors Partnership, Chevron Pipeline Co., Citgo Pipeline Co., El Paso Natural Gas Co., Enron Companies, Fina Pipelines, Koch Pipelines Inc., Lone Star Gas Co., MAPCO Natural Gas Liquids Inc., Meridian Oil Hydrocarbons Inc., Mobil Pipeline Co., Seagull Pipeline Co., Texaco Pipeline Co., Texas New-Mexico Pipeline Co., Texas Common Carriers, Texas Excavation Safety System Inc., Texas Utilities Fuel Co. and Valero Transmission Co.

Oil/Markets

February crude oil \$14.68, down 17; and March cotton futures 69.15 cents a pound, up 4; cash hog is 75 cents higher at 22.25; slaughter steers is 50 cents higher at 72.50; February live hog futures 47.12, down 5; February live cattle futures 74.25, down 2 at 9:59 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

Index	3828.65	
Volume	102,990,820	
CURRENT CHANGE	from close	
Name	QUOTE	
ATT	54%	-%
Amoco	53%	-%
Atlantic Richfield	107%	-%
Almos Energy	28	+%
Boston Chicken	43	n c
Cabot	53	n c
Chevron	90%	-%
Chrysler	58%	-1%
Coca-Cola	42%	-%
De Beers	25%	-%
DuPont	51%	-%
Exxon	64%	+%
Fina Inc.	68%	nc
Ford Motors	67%	-%
Halliburton	31%	-%

IBM	58%	-%
Laser Indus LTD	8%	-%
Mesa Ltd. Pr. A	7	+1
Mobil	79%	nc
NOV	10%	-%
Pepsi Cola	40%	-%
Phillips Petroleum	29%	-%
Sears	51%	-%
Southwestern Bell	39%	-%
Sun	31%	-%
Texasco	65%	-%
Teagas Instruments	69%	+2%
Texas Utilities	39%	-%
Unocal Corp.	28%	-%
Wal-Mart	25%	nc

Mutual Funds	
Amcap.	12.90-13.89
Euro Pacific Growth Fund	22.36-23.72
ICA	18.95-20.11
New Economy	31.64-33.57
New Perspective	15.16-16.06
Van Kampen	15.75-16.52
Gold	386.40-386.90
Silver	5.10-5.19

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

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents:

- Jerry Sosa Jimenez, 27, of Midland, was transferred by the Texas Department of Safety.
- Martin Silguero, 29, bonded out of Howard County Jail.
- Heinrich N. Theissen, of Garden City, was transferred by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office.

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- Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 400 block of West Eighth. Twenty-four videotapes and 25 books were taken. Five of the books were recovered immediately.
- Clifton Dopfer Griffin, 49, was arrested for public intoxication.
- William Douglas Graham, 49, was arrested for public intoxication.
- Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of Nolan. A Moesberg 12-gauge valued at \$200 was taken and a window valued at \$15 and door frame valued at \$15 were damaged.
- Theft was reported in the 400 block of Gregg.
- Ascencion Rios Jr., 41, was arrested on local warrants.
- Theft was reported in the 1100 block of North Lamesa.
- Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 2300 block of Gollad. A purse and contents valued at \$100 was taken and a window valued at \$125 was damaged.
- Jimmy Rodriguez, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.
- Theft was reported in the 300 block of Owens.
- David Leroy Steger, 47, was arrested for public intoxication.
- Theft was reported in the 700 block of West Fourth Street. Currency of \$96.85, a camera valued at \$79 and a watch valued at \$20 were taken.
- Assault was reported in the 600 block of Northwest Seventh.
- A citation for failure to yield right-of-way at a red light was issued after an accident at Gregg and West Third.

Weather Records

Tuesday's temp.....82
Tuesday's low temp.....28
Average high.....55

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Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel
906 GREGG BIG SPRING
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It's Bean Day: Restaurant chain's regulars look forward to Wednesday

The Associated Press

SAN MARCOS — Like Friday night football or old guys hanging out at the feed store, there are some things about small town life that happen with certainty and regularity, events around which people schedule their lives.

Like Bean Day at Dairy Queen. For hundreds of small Texas towns, most of them west of Interstate 35, Wednesday means all-you-can-eat pinto beans under the big red and white sign.

In a pedal-to-the-metal society where people are more mobile and less fraternal, Bean Day is a communal feed uniting rich and poor, old and young, blue collar and white collar, banker and farm worker, into one big, happy, legume-devouring family.

At a Dairy Queen in San Marcos, the regulars in the corner booth — men who've led long lives and who began meeting here for Bean Day eight years ago — awaited Everett Johnson's assessment of this week's batch of beans.

"Some weeks are better than others," said Johnson, putting an unlit cigar in his mouth. "These could've cooked three or four more hours."

At another table, two Southwest Texas State University students spoke of their attraction to Bean Day. "We come here all the time," said Jacob Tezak, 26. "It's cheap and it's good. We like beans."

Added Mike Snyder, 24: "We like hush puppies, too."

Of course, no story about pinto beans would be complete without mentioning the natural consequence of eating them.

That very sensitive but inescapable fact was faced head-on in a television commercial touting Bean Day that aired a single time — late at night, it must be said — in Lubbock years ago, said Carol Murray, advertising representative for the 850-member Texas Dairy Queen Operators Council.

The 30-second spot, set against a rag-time piano sound-track, contained black and white stock footage of, among other things, buildings exploding, men putting on gas masks and a woman making faces. The last scene showed a dog putting his paw to his nose.

Subtle, eh?

"That was something," laughs J.R.

Brady, owner of 14 Dairy Queens, mostly in Lubbock.

So ingrained is Bean Day in Lubbock life, Brady said, that a local radio personality signs off his morning show with "Remember, it's Bean Day at Dairy Queen."

Several years ago, Brady, concerned that Bean Day wasn't a big moneymaker, told his store managers he might end it.

They advised against it, but Brady pressed on with his plans.

Word then was leaked to loyal Bean Day customers, who, whenever they spied Brady at a Dairy Queen, begged him not to do it.

"I told them it wasn't making money and they'd always say 'Well, raise the price if you have to,'" Brady said. "I decided to keep it then as a customer service."

Bean Day was saved.

Bean Day got its start in Wichita Falls in the early 1970s as a ploy to lure older customers — people who typically don't like burgers and fries — to Dairy Queen, said Jay Streetman, who owned 15 Wichita County stores at the time.

In a brainstorming session with managers and company officials, an assistant manager named Chili Davis came up with the suggestion.

"We might be able to have a bean day," Streetman quoted Davis as saying. "A lot of people like red beans and corn bread."

It was an immediate hit. Streetman can't recall exact figures but says Wednesdays meant full dining rooms at all the area Dairy Queens.

Now, Bean Day is an institution in small towns throughout the Hill Country, Panhandle, Central, North and West Texas.

"We do it in most of our restaurants," said Pat Dial, vice president of Richeson Restaurants, which operates 41 Dairy Queens, most of them west of Fort Worth. "In some places, like Olney, Graham and Chillicothe, it's huge."

Typically, a crock pot or restaurant-style simmering pot is placed on the counter or on a buffet table, along with the fixings — which can include onions, peppers, cheese, pickles, hush puppies — and a stack of bowls and a pile of spoons.

Beans aren't on the menu at any Dairy Queens. Customers in the know walk up, pay their money and serve themselves, Dial said.



Defense attorney Rocket Rosen talks with members of the media during a break in the Branch Davidian trial Tuesday in San Antonio. Rosen is representing Branch Davidians Kevin Whitecliff and Livingston Fagan. Rosen predicted the jury will be permitted to consider the motive of self-defense.

Anonymous jury seated for Branch Davidian trial

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A judge seated an anonymous eight-woman, four-man jury Tuesday in the murder conspiracy trial of 11 Branch Davidians who say they were acting in self-defense in a shootout that killed four federal agents.

After selecting the 12 jurors and six alternates, U.S. District Judge Walter Smith ruled on a laundry list of motions and said the jury may hear about the religious group's "defensive posture" leading up to the fatal gun battle.

The followers of doomsday prophet David Koresh say they were defending themselves against an ill-conceived, bungled government raid when the killings occurred Feb. 28, 1993.

Four agents of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were killed and 16 were wounded in a gun battle that day at the Branch Davidian

compound near Waco. Six Branch Davidians are believed to have died in the shootout.

Koresh and some 80 followers died amidst a huge fire that engulfed the group's compound 51 days later as authorities pumped tear gas into the structure, ending an armed standoff that followed the gun battle.

Among the jurors chosen to decide the case are a former nun who said she had "negative feelings" about cults, the mother of a 1-month-old baby, a retired railroad worker and a grandmother who said she had never heard of the case. The identities of the jurors are being kept secret by court order.

Defense attorneys Tim Evans and Rocket Rosen, who both represent black defendants, objected that no black jurors were chosen. There were only three blacks in the 78-person jury pool that showed up Monday, they said.

Opening statements begin Wednesday. The trial, moved to San Antonio because of extensive news coverage in Waco, is expected to last two months.

Although Smith said some of his decisions on potential evidence would come later, he is allowing defense attorneys initially to talk about the "state of mind" of their clients.

"What is in the mind is critical in self-defense," attorney Joe Turner, who represents defendant Ruth Ottman Riddle, argued outside the presence of the jury. "These people were told that the government did that (a similar raid) in another case."

The other case deals with white separatist Randy Weaver, who held up for 11 days in August 1992 in Idaho with three daughters and a friend after his son, a federal agent and his wife were killed in gun battles. Weaver, a devotee of the Christian Identity Movement, later was acquitted of slaying a federal agent.

Smith said aspects of that case may be admissible as it relates Koresh's teachings before the Waco raid.

"But that's not going to give you carte blanche in an opening statement," Smith warned.

Also at issue Tuesday was whether defense attorneys will be permitted to introduce a Treasury Department report critical of the ATF raid and a Justice Department report on the FBI's role in the standoff.

"I think it's important for this jury to know what the intentions were of the ATF," said attorney Rosen, representing defendants Livingston Fagan and Kevin Whitecliff.

"Their planning and tactical maneuvering was to go in and have a dramatic entry and these young people had to defend themselves," he said, adding the reports will help show the Branch Davidians' "defensive posture."

Smith did not permit attorneys to discuss the reports in opening statements and indicated some rulings on the matter would come later.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Johnston said prosecutors want to introduce evidence about alleged food stamp fraud, immigration fraud, credit card fraud and child abuse to show the defendants anticipated a visit from law officers.

Treasurer rips GOP criticism

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — State Treasurer Martha Whitehead is shifting collection of tobacco taxes to the comptroller's office, a move that is lighting up the campaign debate.

Mrs. Whitehead, a Democrat, favors abolishing the Treasury, while the Republican candidates favor keeping the agency.

Mrs. Whitehead said Tuesday that the transfer would trim from 24 to 11 the number of Treasury employees involved with the tax and save the state \$571,000 by the end of the current two-year budget cycle.

The Treasury would remain responsible for administering the tax, while the comptroller would handle auditing, enforcement and permitting functions, she said.

"They (the comptroller's office) are the tax collectors. We are the state's bankers," Mrs. Whitehead said.

"When you've got another state agency with 500 auditors and 300 tax enforcement officers already on the payroll, it makes sense to use those people, reduce the size of government and save taxpayer dollars," she said.

David Hartman, a Republican seeking the post, has criticized the transfer of duties. In addition, a lawsuit was filed Monday by a Midland County tobacco wholesaler, seeking to block the shift.

"By this arrogant power play, not only have most of the Treasury's experienced tobacco tax audit and enforcement personnel been dispersed by transfer or discharged, the state may have suspended its legal authorization to enforce the tobacco tax laws," Hartman said.

Mrs. Whitehead, who was appointed by Gov. Ann Richards, said the GOP criticism was peculiar.

"I honestly believe that these Republicans are abandoning the goals and ideals of their own party when they try to block smaller, more efficient government by resorting to this lawsuit which is, in my opinion, a cheap political ploy," Mrs. Whitehead said.

Hartman called the transfer of duties "an illegal and unconstitutional power play which could cost the state lost tax revenues."

He said the Legislature in 1989 assigned tobacco tax collections to the Treasury and that the job shouldn't be transferred without lawmakers' OK.

But Mrs. Whitehead said Treasury and comptroller's office lawyers and the attorney general's office had OK'd the contract. She said it's a common practice among state agencies.

"There's absolutely no legal problem. It's a valid interagency contract. We have 55-plus interagency contracts with the Treasury right now," she said.

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The ultimate expression of free speech lies not in the ideas with which we agree, but in those ideas that offend and irritate us.

Chuck Stone, columnist, 1991

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STEP is a good idea

The Big Spring City Council tabled a request to begin a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program at its Tuesday meeting. The reason: to gain additional input from the public concerning the program. People want to be safe - whether it is in their homes or on their streets. And they want to be safe from drug dealers, thieves and people who break traffic laws, endanger theirs and others' lives. The Big Spring Police Department is charged with this - making life safe for those of us who live here. STEP provides grant funding, allowing payment of overtime for officers assigned to "selectively enforce" traffic laws - primarily to target drunken drivers. Finding a workable solution allowing what few officers this town has to earn a little extra money and get one of this country's most dangerous menaces off the streets shouldn't be difficult. And it shouldn't take that much thought. It's a no brainer.

Something new to watch

I think I have found something new to watch on television. I don't know how many of you caught the show "Homicide: Life on the Streets," last Thursday. It had Robin Williams in the show and was an excellent, compelling watch. This kickoff episode concerned a man and his family who were tourists in Baltimore. The wife was shot in the face by a gang member, right in front of her family. The rest of the show dealt with the cops catching the criminals, William's character dealing with his anger, grief and helplessness over the death of his wife and one cop's belief that the confessed shooter wasn't the shooter. In one way, the feelings of the victim can never be understood. How does it feel to stand there and see your wife, husband or someone you love brutally killed? I wouldn't know and couldn't even begin to understand the scope of feelings the person is experiencing. I haven't experience that. But, Williams gave a depth to a victim's feelings that, hopefully, none of us will ever have to experience except through the television screen. He was angry, dealing with

the feeling he should have done something, dealing with freezing at the sight of a big gun. Dealing with the "I should have ..." which can bring anyone to their knees. In a word, this episode showed there was more to a crime than the victim, the police and the suspect. There are the forgotten ones - the victims who have a terrific struggle ahead regaining their lives. NBC has brought this show back for four episodes - mainly because it is critically acclaimed but ended up rock bottom in the ratings. In some ways this show reminds me of "Law & Order," which suffered through critical acclaim but no ratings. It somehow pulled through with its good writing and good characters. "Homicide" can do the same because it has the same good qualities - good characters and good scripts. I remember when it aired, I always intended to watch but always forgot when it was on. After this episode, I don't think I will forget again. DD Turner is managing editor of the Herald. Her column appears Sunday and Wednesday.

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Letters to the Editor

Someone is to blame

Regarding editorials in the Big Spring Herald, Dec. 26, 1993 I would like to ask a few questions. The article was titled "Gas Prices: Who is to blame?" Many Big Spring residents and those of nearby areas wonder just who really is to blame. SOMEONE is! We traveled through several states last September, including Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado and Utah. We bought Fina gasoline where available, but not one place did we pay as much or more for gasoline except a couple of high mountain locations. These places must be serviced by trucks bringing gas from great distances over steep grades. It is understandable that their prices have to be somewhat higher. At all other places we paid LESS for gas than right here in the back door of the refinery. This just doesn't make reasonable sense. According to Jeff Morris, manager, (quote from B.S. Herald Dec. 26) "Fina supplies 100 percent of Big Spring's gasoline, about 75 percent of that sold in San Angelo and 50 percent of retail outlets in Abilene

and Lubbock." If this is correct, then again I ask WHY is gas cheaper at the pump in those cities? In another place in the article Mr. Morris said (again a direct quote) "Fina does not feel welcome here. We're tired of this situation." Was Morris speaking officially for Fina company or of his own personal opinion? According to Staff writer Tim Jones, Mr. Morris went on to say that if he had his way he would move the refinery to Midland. Where does his loyalty (if any) lie? Is he disregarding the many years he has lived here and enjoyed prosperity and the good job he has? There are many highly qualified persons who would appreciate having the position he holds. Area residents, give this article some serious thought and draw your own conclusions. M.A. GRIFFITH Big Spring

Medical staff thanked
Editor:
I would like to thank the staff and especially Dr. Stroff of Scenic Mountain Medical Center for the exceptional care and consideration they gave me while I was in the hospital recently. My every need was attended to promptly and I was told exactly what was going on and why. Fortunately, I am much better now and feel great. Once again, I would like to say THANK YOU. MABLE WILSON Big Spring

A tickle a day can't hurt

Mike Royko is on vacation. In his absence, his favorite columns are being reprinted. This column was originally published on Nov. 28, 1977.



Mike Royko

I thought that by now I had run across most known social injustices. But a letter that recently was printed in the Chicago Tribune brought a new one to my attention. It concerns the tickling of babies. The person who wrote the letter condemned baby tickling as cruel and sadistic, and urged people to stop doing it. That's a problem I had not thought about before. Like most people, I have seen babies tickled. But it never occurred to me that it might be harmful to them. I assumed that since they giggled, they were enjoying themselves. That was faulty reasoning, of course, since even adults giggle when there is no reason. TV newscasters do it often. But maybe they tickle each other during commercials. I knew that the popular practice of throwing babies in the air and yelling "whoopsie" at them wasn't a good idea. Especially in houses that have low ceilings. It can cause a child who was tossed around that way to grow up with a fear of heights, as well as a flat head. An uncle of mine used to do that all the time. When he was around, there was always a shrieking baby in orbit. Sometimes he'd get two or three of them going at the same time, and work in a couple of oranges or apples so it was a regular juggling act. He once tossed my cousin so high that the kid sailed right off the back porch and landed in the crook of a tree. We had to call the fire department to get him down. The firemen couldn't understand how a tot could have climbed that tree. And sure enough, when my cousin grew up, he had a terrible fear of

heights. And also a fear of uncles, trees, porches, firemen and the word "whoopsie." I'm certain that most people who tickle babies don't realize they are being cruel and sadistic. Somebody points a baby at you, and your choice of responses is limited to chucking it under the chin, saying goo-goo, or giving it a tickle. I'm a chin-chucker myself, although I occasionally say goo-goo. It depends on the circumstances. If the kid is drooling all over its chin, I prefer goo-goo. As far as I know, there isn't anything harmful about chin-chucking, so long as you don't wind up and chuck so hard that the child gets punchy. One the other hand, if a baby is chucked under the chin by everyone it meets, it could develop a callused jaw. So maybe chin-chucking is another little-known abuse we ought to think about. After reading the anti-tickling letter, I asked a child expert if tickling really was bad for babies. He said it sure was. For one thing, a child who is tickled can develop sexual inhibitions at a later age. I don't argue with experts but I don't see how they could be sure of something like that, since most people wouldn't remember if they had been tickled as babies. For all we know, a man who blames early tickling by his old granny for his inhibitions might be inhibited simply because he has knobby knees and wears baggy shorts. The child expert also said that

tickling is handed down from one generation to another, and becomes increasingly worse. For example, someone who was tickled as a baby is more likely to become a tickler of babies himself. And a person who was tickled on his ribs might later tickle babies on the ribs, and the bottoms of their feet. And that baby, in turn, could grow up to be the kind of sadist who would tickle a baby on the ribs, feet and under the neck - maybe even with a feather. So in three or four generations, you could end up with someone who is sexually inhibited but giggles all the time. It would be better to be tossed off a porch. I'm not sure what can be done to prevent the tickling of babies. It's an issue that has not been taken up by any politicians that I know of. A law forbidding baby tickling could be passed but it would be difficult to enforce. Most parents, uncles, aunts and grandies wouldn't turn each other in. Not unless there was a reward involved. City inspectors could probably be assigned to just walk around and listen for the telltale sound of a baby giggling. That might seem like strange work but it's not much different than what many of them are doing anyway. Or maybe newborn babies could be stamped with a harmless vegetable dye that says: "Do Not Tickle." But that might be a bad precedent, because someone would also want them stamped: "Do Not Toss in Air," and someone else would want to add: "Do Not Feed Presweetened Cereals." Pretty soon, every baby would look like a Ralph Nader position paper. The problem should probably be studied further. In the meantime, don't tickle any babies. Not unless you want to bring another TV anchorman into this world. (C) 1994 By The Chicago Tribune



Lewis Grizzard

The best human I've met

Lewis Grizzard is being held hostage by an IV pole at Emory Hospital in Atlanta. Until he escapes, this blast from the past, February 1989. Brownie Stephens is dead. He was 59. The woman at the hospital said she went in to shave him and he said, "Don't shave me yet. Let's just talk." And she said as they talked, Brownie went to sleep and then he stopped breathing. He had cancer. There's not enough room in a thousand columns to say what there is to say about Brownie Stephens. He was the best human being I ever met. He was my friend. He was my older brother. Often, I wished he were my father. I met him when I was 18. I never saw him angry. Not once. I never heard him make a disparaging remark about another person. Not once. Brownie taught me a lot of what I know about newspapering. The other day, as we visited, he said he had tried to remember and he thought he had worked for 47 different newspapers, from his native Tennessee to Georgia, to Alabama, to Texas, to Ohio and even to Montana. Most of those newspapers were small, and Brownie routinely worked 18-hour days for rotten pay and little gratitude. Brownie also taught me my regard for the out-of-doors. We went all over this country - mostly in that old blue VW van of his - in search of white-water rapids. We ran the Nantahala River in North Carolina together maybe a hundred times. And we ran the French Broad River in North Carolina, and the Chattooga River in Georgia, and we even went to Idaho and put in eight days on the Middle Fork of the Salmon. One day out in the wilderness in Idaho, Brownie said, "I never got much out of going to church. But here on this river, looking at this sky, I lose any doubts there is a God."

Brownie was one of the few of my friends who knew all three of my wives. He also met the candidate for fourth when we added her to our entourage and went for one last camping and river adventure. Skunks got into our campsite, and the rain put out our fire. But we laughed at it all and sang some Merle Haggard and had us a time. The last years of his life Brownie was an egg-and-poultry man. He was managing editor of something called the Poultry Times. And he knew every other egg-and-poultry person in the country. The last time we talked, the egg-and-poultry folks, thousands of them, were gathered for their annual convention, and because they loved him too, they scheduled a benefit for him. Hearing that, Brownie said, "I'll be with more of my friends and family at one time than at any other time in my life." "I'm going to try to talk for 20 minutes. I hope I can last that long. I'm just going to look around that room and find a face and talk about what that person has meant to me." The benefit was scheduled for 5 p.m. An ambulance was going to bring Brownie to the party. A little after 3 p.m., Brownie died. We held the party anyway. Brownie's son and his daughter got up and talked about him. His son told how much he had loved his daddy, and his daughter said to appreciate the outdoors and don't litter, because that's the best thing we could do in remembrance of her father. As sick as he was, I just never thought Brownie would die. He would have said to me, "Take some time off and get back on the river." But I don't think I ever will again. I couldn't. Brownie always put up my tent for me, and I never learned to do it by myself. c 1993 by Cowles Syndicate Inc.



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BEN SARGENT
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Governor looks at children's fate

Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar, said to be personally troubled about the well-being of the three children we have been reporting on, has ordered a new and thorough investigation of the way the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has handled the case. "The governor is deeply concerned about the questions that have been raised about the case," said Edgar's press secretary, Mike Lawrence. "Even though returning children to a family (from which they have been removed) is desirable in many cases, the courts and the state must be assured that it truly is in the best interests of the children for such a return to take place." The governor, Lawrence said, has ordered Sterling Ryder, state DCFS director, to prepare a full report explaining what the agency has done in this case, and why the agency is advocating that the three children be returned immediately to the birth mother from whom they were removed because of severe neglect, and to that woman's boyfriend. Although the governor has put no timetable on when Ryder must report his conclusions, there is a new hearing scheduled this Friday (Jan. 7) in McHenry County, Ill. Circuit Court before Judge Frank J. Rhode Jr. As it stands, DCFS is advocating that the children be given to the birth mother and her boyfriend as early as that day. The children - a 4-year-old girl, a 3-year-old boy and a 21-month-old girl - have been living with a foster family in Crystal Lake, Ill., since they were removed from the birth mother when she was found living with them in a car. Persons familiar with



Bob Greene

went before Judge Rhode to say that for the good of the children, he no longer wished that they be sent to the home of the birth mother and boyfriend for any overnight visits at all. The judge did not act on Aiello's recommendation; the children were, in fact, sent to stay with the birth mother and boyfriend for visits beginning on Christmas Day, and again on New Year's Eve. Although Aiello continues to prefer not to comment on the case outside of the courtroom, he said this week: "You can be assured that I will have plenty to say in court on Friday." During the last hearing, Judge Rhode went behind closed doors for more than 30 minutes with the attorneys in the case, and when they emerged no one would discuss anything that was said. It is not difficult to understand why the judge and many of the attorneys would prefer to keep the arguments and deliberations secret; they say it is to protect the confidentiality of the children, but the real protection is being offered to the various legal and governmental parties who appear to have made such grievous errors in looking out for the children's welfare. Friday afternoon has been set aside for the next appearance before Judge Rhode. He may or may not agree to listen to the witnesses who will once again be present in the courtroom, hoping to tell him what they know; he may or may not decide to again conduct the business of the court in secrecy. Meanwhile, the governor waits for the report he has ordered. The children also wait. (C) 1994 By The Chicago Tribune

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Houston PD's 'Soul Patrol' aimed at redirecting youth

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — When Mike Jones saw a Houston Police Department helicopter touch down at his elementary school in 1966, he knew he wanted to be a cop.

He didn't figure on being a rapper, a stand-up comic and a preacher at the same time.

But that's what it takes to be a part of the Soul Patrol, a small effort to motivate middle school students that's evolved into a national program in great demand.

In addition to the days and nights they spend as HPD officers, Jones and Kendall Cobb, Eric Greenwood, Leslie Henderson and Denise Williams visit schools three or four times a week to spread the message that just saying no to drugs isn't enough.

"They've got to say yes to education, too," say Jones and Greenwood, founders of the Soul Patrol.

"You hear lots of negative things about young people. But there is really a small group of poison pills and loose cannons who get all the press," Jones said. "We're here to accentuate the positive."

Soul Patrol members are loud, aggressive and blunt, much like the young teens they address across the country. In students' own teen-age lingo they denounce dropping out of school, teen-age pregnancy, sexual harassment, racism and drugs.

"Don't be dropping out, you'll only be copping out! Don't be popping pills to get your thrills!" Williams shouted to a rowdy assembly at Hamilton Middle School recently.

"Knowledge is power!" students echoed after the officers.

By July, the Soul Patrol was booked for the entire year in Houston, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Florida. Jones said the group hasn't decided whether to tour nationally because of the great demand for it here.

Soul Patrol is all black but has tried to recruit officers of other races.

"We all arrived on ships, maybe not the same ship, but I can tell you we're all in the same boat. We can live as brothers or perish as fools," the officers preach to students.

Part of the officers' performance ritual is to bring shy students up from the audience, throwing trivia questions their way with the promise of a T-shirt for right answers.

At first it seemed too easy to ask kids to name the governor, the vice president and the state flower. But then officers heard students say that

"Al Perot" was leading the state and Mayor Bob Lanier was the country's second-in-command.

"One time Bob Lanier was everything," Jones said. "You can't take anything for granted with today's kids. It can be kind of disheartening."

A high point in most presentations is when Williams and Henderson pick a male student from the audience after talking about teen pregnancy. They promise \$50, from their own pockets, if the boy can spell "conceive."

The travels of the Soul Patrol took a financial toll on the officers for a while, but as the group's popularity swelled, the local Police Action League stepped in to help.

Three years and thousands of letters after its first presentation, the Soul Patrol knows it's on the right track.

After one program in La Marque, a little girl wrote to ask Jones, "What if your parents are making you do it?"

An investigation revealed that a couple's drug habit was being sup-

ported by prostituting their daughter, Jones said. They were jailed as a result of the girl's trust in the Soul Patrol.

Hamilton counselor Patsy Jackson said the officers' up-front and in-your-face attitude inspires respect and trust from students.

"They are fabulous. We'd have them all the time if they weren't so hard to book," Jackson said.

Soul Patrol has gained a few critics along with its fans. Hard stares from disapproving teachers cut short a program at a Fort Bend elementary school. From then on the officers have made an extra effort to let teachers and principals know the exact content and delivery style of their program.

"A lot of rappers relay negative messages, but because of their language, kids think, 'Hey, he comes from the same place I do — the streets,'" Jones said. "So we want to reach kids like that, too, but with a positive message."

"If we said things any other way, they might not listen."



Associated Press photo

Houston Police Department "Soul Patrol" members Michael W. Jones (left), Leslie Henderson and Denise Williams (right) congratulate Hamilton Middle School student Javier Barrera, 15, after he won a \$50 bill for spelling the word "conceive" correctly during a recent appearance of the "Soul Patrol" at the Heights area school in Houston. The special unit is an anti-drug and pro-education volunteer group of police officers.

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Escapee holding hostages; Keeping OKC police at bay

The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — A heavily armed prison escapee, described as both a nice guy and a hothead, continued to hold two men hostage early today at an asphalt company near downtown.

Police were negotiating with Manuel North, a former adult bookstore operator, to release his captives and surrender himself and his arsenal of guns and explosives, several of which detonated Tuesday after he tossed them onto pavement outside Action Asphalt Co.

North, 53, took Attorney Charles Hugh Holdstock and asphalt company employee R.B. Morgan hostage after being talked out of venting his frustration in a more public place, said his brother, who owns the asphalt business.

Police Capt. Bill City said North wanted media attention because "he wants the people to know the injustices he feels with the judicial system, that he has been wrongly treated."

Several of the explosions occurred after local television stations had filed reports for their 5

p.m. and 6 p.m. newscasts.

North in November walked away from the Lawton Community Corrections Center, where he was serving three, five-year concurrent prison terms for distributing obscene materials.

Center Superintendent Cherie Sales said North left the center Nov. 7 on a pass and did not return.

North had contacted his brother and other family members and decided to surrender Tuesday, but then changed his mind, City said.

Family members had contacted Holdstock when North said he wanted to return to the community center.

But North pulled a gun on his brother, who later escaped. Morgan was then taken hostage.

"I don't know what set him off," Charlie North said. "All I was doing was trying to take him back. 'All of a sudden he's in the back seat and says 'Look back here' and he's got a gun in my back."

Charlie North said his brother wanted to "go to a place where he could kill a lot of people."

"He kept on saying he was going to kill the whole (North) family,"

Charlie North said.

The first of four explosives was tossed out of the building and exploded shortly before 3 p.m. A second bomb was thrown from the front door just after 5 p.m. and two other explosives went off shortly after 6 p.m.

No injuries were reported. North was arrested after selling an obscene video to an undercover police officer in 1992.

His former attorney, Mike Gassaway, said North could be very personable, but also called him a "blowhard, explosive kind of person."

Gassaway also noted that North had an unwavering hatred for Oklahoma County District Attorney Bob Macy.

Macy denied claims that North was selectively prosecuted. "We closed everything we could that was pornographic, including movies, massage parlors and escort services," Macy said.

North's sister, Barbara North, said her brother "was the real victim here."

Ms. North said relatives had secretly provided evidence to prosecutors against her brother.

White House reassessing stance opposing Whitewater investigation

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Stung by Democratic defections, the White House is reevaluating its opposition to a special investigation of President Clinton's investment in a controversial Arkansas land development.

Clinton on Tuesday insisted anew that neither he nor Hillary Rodham Clinton had done anything improper in a Whitewater Development Corp. investment in the 1980s that he said proved a money loser.

"The most important thing to me and the most important thing to the American people is I'm completely relaxed about this because I didn't do anything wrong except I made a bad business deal," Clinton told CBS-TV in Prague, Czech Republic.

But Clinton suggested he was revisiting the subject of an independent review because his decision to give

his Whitewater records to the Justice Department had not quieted the political controversy over the matter.

"We gave it all to them, then people said, 'That's not enough,' so I think we need to evaluate that and see where we are," Clinton said when asked whether he opposed having Attorney General Janet Reno name a special prosecutor to review Whitewater.

Clinton's comments as he visited Eastern Europe came as aides back home in Washington scrambled to reassess a damage-control strategy that had been anchored on painting the calls for a special prosecutor as partisan sniping from Republicans.

But since the weekend, a growing number of Democrats, including at least eight senators, have joined Republicans in recommending an independent investigation, stripping the White House of its argument that

such demands were the product of politics.

None of the Democrats has suggested any wrongdoing by the Clintons. But they have said Clinton risks a protracted, distracting political fight over Whitewater that could be avoided through an independent investigation.

"I think the world of Janet Reno and of the president and I want him to get back on his agenda and not have this thing get dragged out," Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Nebr., said in an interview.

"Whether it is reality or not doesn't matter — the perception is that the White House is withholding information," Kerrey said. "This one is not going away so the way to get it off the table is to get someone independent to take a look at it."

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New women in combat policy gets OK

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Outgoing Defense Secretary Les Aspin soon will announce a revised policy designed to help open more jobs for women in ground combat units, the Pentagon says.

The step would be one of Aspin's final acts after a yearlong tenure during which he has attempted to expand opportunities for women.

Last April, he moved to help open combat aviation jobs and warship assignments to women.

"We expect to be putting out the newly revised ... ground combat definition, probably later this week. Certainly before Secretary Aspin leaves office, but probably later this week," Pentagon spokeswoman Kathleen delLaski said at a briefing Tuesday.

Aspin gave Jan. 20 as a potential departure date when he resigned last month but may remain in office until

his successor, retired Adm. Bobby Inman, is confirmed by the Senate. The Senate reconvenes the last week in January.

The most lethal units in the Army and the Marine Corps that are used to search and destroy the enemy — such as infantry and armor units — will not be affected by Aspin's new announcement.

Pentagon officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said agreement has been reached with the services to more narrowly define the term "direct combat" in the new version.

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Mexico City threatened unless troops withdrawn

The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A presidential troubleshooter called talks Tuesday on ending an uprising in southern Mexico. Rebels said they would negotiate if the military stopped bombing, withdrew its troops and recognized their movement.

They said that otherwise they would carry the war to Mexico City, where bombings apparently linked to the uprising have put the government on alert and residents on edge.

In the poor, remote, southern state of Chiapas, troops moved on Tuesday toward Guadalupe Tepeyac, where up to 500 rebels are entrenched. The town of 400 people lies just north of the Guatemalan border.

Journalists who traveled from Nuevo Momom to Las Margaritas, both in Chiapas, said the army was advancing in that border region. Refugees bucked the tide of incoming troops, trying to escape a possible confrontation.

The uprising by the Zapatista National Liberation Army began New Year's Day in Chiapas, 390 miles southeast of the capital. Rebels occupied towns for days, saying they were fighting for better living conditions and an end to exploitation and oppression of Mexico's native Indians.

Officials said 107 people died in fighting between rebels and government troops.

"It's necessary to rebuild the political process in the region," Manuel Camacho Solis, who stepped down as foreign minister to become a special commissioner to Chiapas, said Tuesday. "We'll have to find a dignified political exit for all."

Camacho, who gained a reputation as a savvy negotiator while mayor of Mexico City, said he accepted the job because he was guaranteed autonomy and access to President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who appointed him.

"We need to take into account the point of view of all sectors involved," Camacho said. "We can't close doors. Nobody wants more dead or terrorism."

His first move was a meeting Tuesday with southern Mexico's bishops, including Bishop Samuel Ruiz of San Cristobal de las Casas in Chiapas, an outspoken defender for indigenous rights.

The government has accused Roman Catholic leaders of fomenting unrest by "confusing religious work with social struggle." Church officials deny it.

"From this meeting the process of peace ... in Chiapas is strengthened," said Camacho, adding that he would travel to Chiapas soon.



A refugee father carries his son and a white flag Tuesday as he flees the area of La Soledad, Mexico. Refugees are leaving the area as the Mexican army advances in pursuit of the rebel Zapatista Army for National Liberation. Refugees bucked the tide of incoming troops, trying to escape a possible confrontation.

Ruiz told reporters he was more hopeful following Cabinet changes Monday, and said Camacho's mission might be the last chance to build "a Mexico with true justice and lasting peace."

Except for sporadic shootings, Chiapas has been quiet since the weekend. About 14,000 government troops are stationed there, far outnumbering the estimated 1,000 to 2,000 rebels.

In his first public statement since the uprising began, Subcommandante Marcos, a top rebel commander, said the rebels would talk to the government if a cease-fire was declared. Marcos says he is one of several men of equal rank at the top of the organization, but it is not known how many there are.

The statement delivered Monday night to El Tiempo daily in Chiapas said the army must stop "indiscriminate bombing," withdraw all troops from Chiapas, and recognize them as

a force. Otherwise, the statement said, the rebels will continue taking action in Mexico City, where weekend bomb explosions wounded one woman and prompted the government to increase security in buildings, banks, subways and airports.

Russian reform faction warns of danger in Cabinet reshuffle

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A leading pro-reform group threatened today to withdraw its support from President Boris Yeltsin if reformers lose out in a planned Cabinet reshuffling.

Yeltsin supporters are already outnumbered in Russia's new parliament by Communists, ultranationalists and other anti-reform forces. A splintering among reformists, which the threat by Democratic Russia could portend, likely would further weaken their

position.

Parliament opened its first session Tuesday but has so far been mostly concerned with selecting its leadership and other housekeeping matters.

On Monday, Yeltsin ordered Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin to cut the number of deputy prime ministers from nine to four and to name candidates for those positions within a week.

Yeltsin has promised that Economics Minister Yegor Gaidar, the architect of Russia's free-market

reforms, will remain in the Cabinet and that the reforms will continue. But reformers and Western economists worry reformers will lose influence.

"Serious dangers are looming over the reforms," said a warning issued today by the Democratic Russia movement.

Democratic Russia, which claims tens of thousands of supporters across the country, is one of several groups that last year formed Russia's Choice, the leading pro-reform bloc in parliament.



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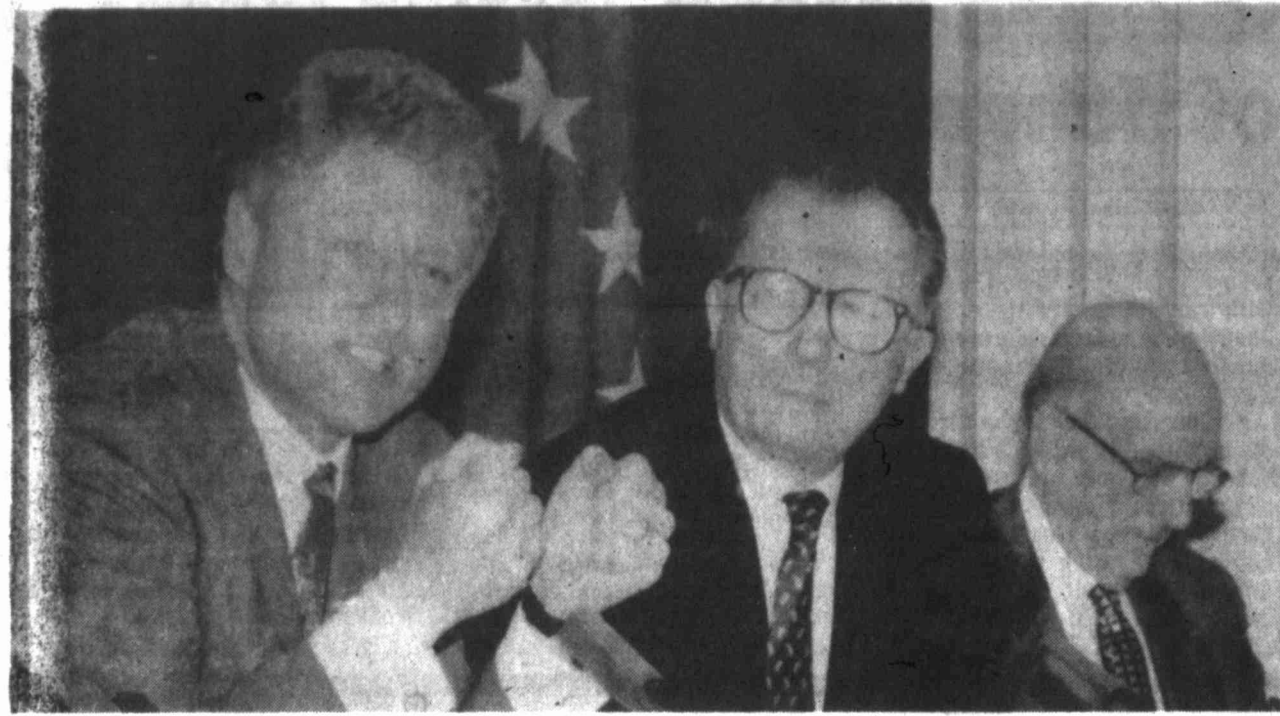
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Clinton sells partnership to disappointed Eastern Europeans



European Union President Jacques Delors (center) and Greek Premier and EC President Andreas Papandreu (right) listen as President Clinton responds to questions at a press conference in the European Union building in Brussels Tuesday. President Clinton visited the European Union following a two-day NATO Summit.

The Associated Press

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — President Clinton said today he was making progress in reassuring disappointed Eastern European nations that the West has a stake in their security even though NATO won't promise to protect them from aggressors.

"So far, so good," Clinton said after meeting with the leaders of Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Clinton appeared to have won grudging pledges of support for the new Partnership for Peace — a half-step approach offering former Soviet bloc nations closer military and political cooperation with NATO but not full membership.

"Asked if the leaders felt threatened by Russia, Clinton said, "What no one knows is whether the future of Europe will be like its past or will be different."

Poland's president, Lech Walesa, appeared resigned to the plan. "Mr. President Clinton has so many ways

of convincing me that he shall definitely convince me," Walesa said, sitting alongside Clinton at the U.S. ambassador's residence.

When a reporter suggested that Walesa was a "reluctant dragon," Clinton interjected, "But a dragon, nonetheless."

An administration official said Clinton was offering "no promises, no criteria, no timetable" for eventual NATO membership. Instead, the president was exploring ways to help soften the blow of painful economic reforms, the official said.

To bring more American businesses to Eastern Europe, Clinton planned to announce an expansion of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation's insurance program for new investments in the region. Clinton also was earmarking \$30 million for programs to nurture democracy in Eastern Europe.

Czech President Vaclav Havel, in luncheon remarks, said the partnership plan would "enable us to get closer to NATO fast." But he said it

should not be a substitute for full membership in NATO.

"Truly, history is amply teaching us that ignoring this area never paid off for anyone, that instability here always inevitably grew into instability on a pan-European scale," Havel said.

Slovakian President Michal Kovac said he, too, viewed the partnership plan as a step toward membership. "We have no enemies in today's Europe," he said. "We simply have negative historical experiences. We don't want to see history repeat itself."

Before turning to diplomacy, Clinton visited Prague's historic Jewish cemetery. Wearing a light gray skull cap, the president walked solemnly among the graves and placed a pebble on one, a traditional mark of remembrance. Elderly women, straining for a glimpse of the president on a cool, gray morning, leaned from windows in apartment buildings ringing the cemetery.

Relief flights resume in Sarajevo

The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Relief flights to aid-starved Sarajevo resumed today after the latest suspension forced by heavy shelling that has battered the Bosnian capital since New Year's Day.

Kris Janowski, a U.N. aid spokesman, said U.N. warehouses in the besieged city were empty because cargo planes had been able to land only during parts of two days over the preceding week.

"The Sarajevo airlift is absolutely essential for the city," Janowski said. The city's 380,000 residents depend almost entirely on the aid flights for food, medicine, fuel and other necessities.

Underscoring the desperate situation, Sarajevo radio said the city's bakery was out of flour. It was not immediately known whether any of today's flights carried flour.

The airport remained free of attack by afternoon. But fighting was reported in some other city sections, where no more than several hundred yards separate ethnic Serb militiamen and the troops of Bosnia's Muslim-led government.

Serbs and government troops also clashed on several eastern Bosnian fronts and at Olovo, a town northeast of Sarajevo considered a weak link in the Serb chain around the capital.

Government and Serb forces have battled over it for two months.

New fighting also was reported in central Bosnia between Bosnian Croats and government troops, following fruitless negotiations between the presidents of Bosnia and Croatia on ending the bloodshed in that area.

The government army has recently gained ground in central Bosnia and appears to be trying to strengthen its position before further negotiations on dividing Bosnia into three ethnic states.

Much of the government push has

been on Vitez, about 30 miles northwest of Sarajevo. The intensity of the fighting Tuesday forced about 60 U.N. peacekeepers to evacuate their base near Vitez. U.N. officials said artillery shells hit within the fence of the base. It was unknown who fired.

At the end of talks Tuesday, President Franjo Tudjman of neighboring Croatia proposed that Bosnian Croats and Muslims swap land to make the proposed Bosnian Muslim state stronger economically. He cited Croat-held Kiseljak and Kresevo just west of Sarajevo as bargaining chips.

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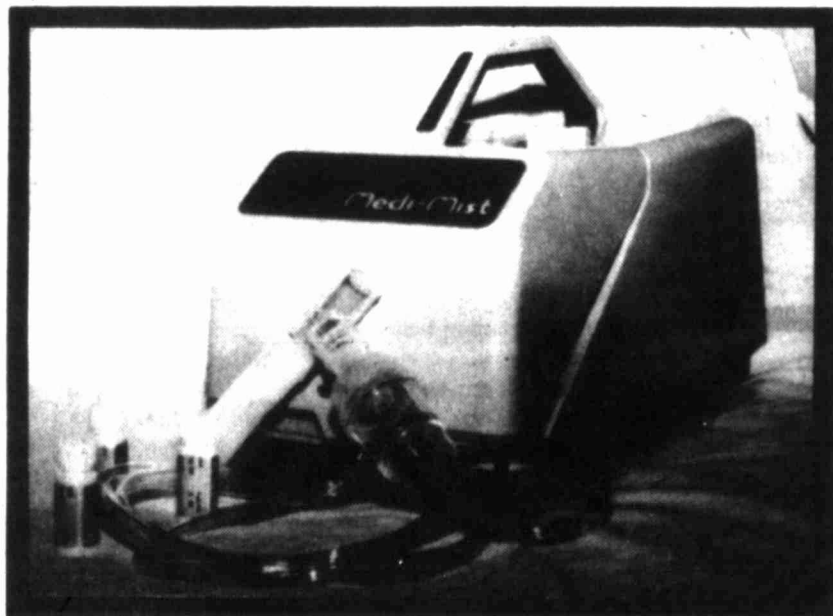
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Today

- Thistles Write College students will be in room A-203. Bring your own.
- The Rap Group p.m., Veterans Medical Center, room 203. Veterans of Vietnam, Panama, & Persia.
- Big Spring Community Center sponsoring their Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the La Posada. The luncheon will be a speaking event. Commandments. Thursday
- Spring Tabernacle, Wright St., has free coffee ever is available from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Big Spring Senior Center offers art classes from 12:45-1:45 p.m. There will be music & singing. Center, 2805 Lynn St.
- Permian Basin Music Meet at The Corner. For more information call Diane Linhart at 267-1111.
- Rackley-Sword Veterans of America regular monthly meeting at the VFW Hall on 7th St. The American Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Information call 2858.
- Masonic Lodge 7:30 p.m. at 219 N. 11th St.
- There will be music and singing at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall. Invited.
- West Texas Rodeo will meet at noon.

Friday

- Tonight game at 7:30 p.m. at the bridge. From 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Kentwood Center. 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at City Sr. Center. Country/western music.
- The Spring City Guild will have free coffee from 9:30-11:30 a.m. older invited.
- The Signal Mountain Guild meets on the first of each month at St. Church from 9:30-11:30 a.m. New members welcome. Vack lunch and speakers.

Saturday

- Spring City Sr. Center Country/Western music. 7:30-10:30 p.m. at 219 N. 11th St.
- Big Spring Square p.m. in the Square. For information call 257-7043.
- Big Spring Senior Center 6:30 p.m. at the Building. We will have officers. For more information call 267-6087.
- Big Spring Basinet at Lake 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Park ramp. For call Gary Gillihan Randy McKinney.

Monday

- There will be the Kentwood Center at 7 p.m. Every information call 267-7437.
- Disabled American Auxiliary will meet at 2305 Austin, behind information call 267-7437.

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ATTENTION CALENDAR USERS: Bingo listings appear on Sunday Springboard.

Today

- Thistles Writers Club for Howard College students will meet at noon in room A-203. Bring lunch.
- The Rap Group will meet 6-7 p.m., Veterans Administration Medical Center, room 212. All veterans of Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, & Persian Gulf invited.
- Big Spring Outreach Aglow is sponsoring their monthly Harvest Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the La Posada Restaurant. Debra Quinn will be the speaker. She will be speaking on "The Two Commandments."

Thursday

- Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Big Spring Senior Citizen Center offers art classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited. And bingo from 12:45-1:45 p.m.
- There will be a Country/Western music & singing at the Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn, at 7 p.m. Public invited.

- Permian Basin Aids Coalition will meet at The Corral, 611 E. 3rd, 7 p.m. For more information call Diane Linhart at 263-0900.
- Rackley-Swords Ch 379 Vietnam Veterans of America will have its regular monthly meeting 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall on Driver Road.
- The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet 7 p.m. For more information call Helen Hall at 263-2858.

- Masonic Lodge #598 will meet 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.
- There will be Country/Western music and singing at the Kentwood Center 7 p.m. 2805 Lynn. Public invited.
- West Texas Republican Women will meet at noon at La Posada.

Friday

- Tonight games of Dominoes, forty two, bridge, and chicken track from 5:00-8:00 p.m. 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.
- 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Spring City Sr. Center will have a country/western dance. Public invited.

- The Spring City Senior Center will have free fashion painting classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.
- The Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets on the second Friday of each month at St. Mary's Episcopal Church from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. New members welcome. Bring a sack lunch and spend the day.

Saturday

- Spring City Senior Center will have a Country/Western Dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Area seniors invited.
- Big Spring Squares will dance 8 p.m. in the Square on Chaparral Road. For information call 393-5693 or 257-7043.
- Big Spring Shrine Club will meet 6:30 p.m. for a meal at Shrine Building. We will also be installing officers. For more information call 267-6087.
- Big Spring Bass Club Points tournament at Lake Colorado City from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weigh in at State Park ramp. For more information call Gary Gillihan at 264-0919 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

Monday

- There will be gospel singing at the Kentwood Center on Lynn Drive at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For information call 393-5709.
- Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary will meet 6:30 p.m. at 2305 Austin, behind Elks Lodge. For information call Vicki Ditmore at 267-7437.

Natural fabric fashions

Ag Expo show features local models wearing latest styles

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Features Editor

There was not a waif in sight. "Grunge" was far from anyone's mind, and nobody's ego got out of hand. The only stars were hard-working students and community volunteers.

It was hardly a typical fashion show. But this is West Texas, and all the clothes were made of natural fibers and loaned from local businesses. The models were all family members of area farmers.

Mary Kay Sales Director Dene Sheppard, who coordinated this year's Natural Fibers Fashion Show at the West Texas Ag Expo, said it was a great success.

"We heard so many positive comments," she said. At the Saturday show, models walked the stage to popular country and western music as Sheppard listed their community or school activities.

"What made it so special," Sheppard said, "was that the models were all involved in their community. From the smallest child to the oldest mother, all had something they offered to the community."

Models showed the latest fashions such as stirrup pants, city shorts and boot-length dresses along with less-traditional items such as a handmade coat designed with a musical theme and a two-piece outfit decorated with dog bones.

Models were Donya and Dondi Brewer, Tonya and Linda Tabor, Janie Gamble, Justin and Diane Wood, Donna and Dawn Parker, Kim



Models get ready to sing along with Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A." at the end of the fashion show.

Middleton, Penni and Megan Phermeton, Nancy Crenshaw, Amy Earnst, Jennifer Prater, Dustin Gaskins, Suzanne and Sarah Haney, Kirstie and Lindsay Moates and Taylor Sheppard.

The most popular fabric was - of course - 100 percent cotton made in the U.S.A.

Displayed during the show were clothing items made by local women using colored cotton - it's not dyed, it grows in brown, blue and other colors.

"The ladies from St. Lawrence who work with this cotton were unable to be at the show," Sheppard explained. Those women are Marie Pechacek, Arlene Hoelscher, Jeanie Wilde, Jo Ann Halfmann, Barbara Halfmann, Mary Kay Cockerall, Colette Schraed-

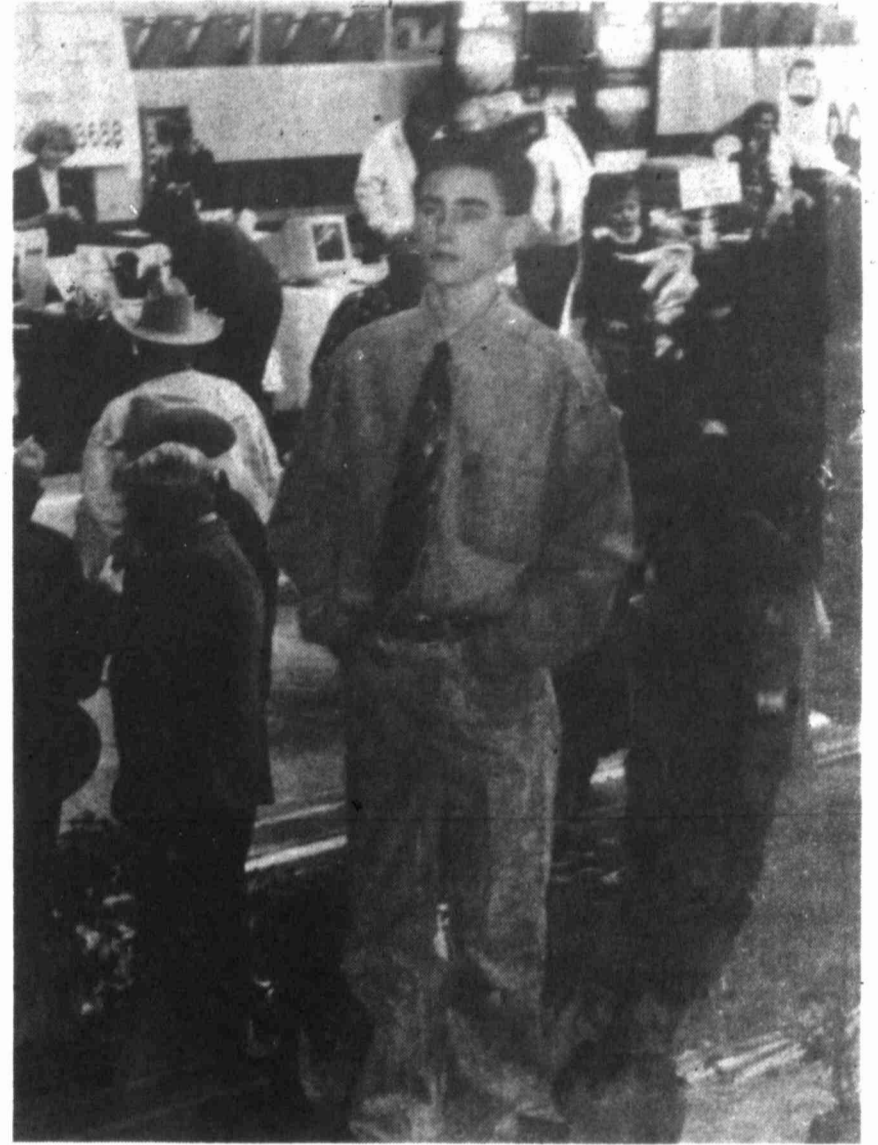
er, Tiffany Jost, Karen Schaefer and Halie Schafer.

Assisting Sheppard were her assistant, Mary Kay consultant Bobbie Nix, and Angie Clanton.

Throughout the program, Sheppard distributed door prizes from local merchants. They included a tank of gas, a socket set, a horse blanket and a video cassette automatic rewinder.

The fashion show ended with a patriotic sing-along to Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A."

"That song really summed it all up," Sheppard said. "We played it over the loudspeakers and there was a wonderful moment when I realized there was no talking. Everyone was singing along or listening. Some men even had their hats off."



Justin Wood shows off his ensemble, above, at the Natural Fibers Style Show Saturday during the West Texas Ag Expo.

And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me. And I gladly stand up next to you, and defend her still today.

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 - 3 Tbsp. sugar
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
- Put lemon juice and water in bowl. Add non-fat milk powder. Beat until very stiff. Stir in prunes, sugar and salt. Continue beating until well blended. 6 servings.

PRUNE MOLD

- 1 pkg. lemon gelatin
- 1 cup prune juice
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 3/4 cup chopped, cooked prunes



Sue Haugh

1/4 cup chopped pecans
Dissolve gelatin in one cup boiling water, stir in juices. Pour into 8x8 inch glass pan; refrigerate until partially set. Mix in prunes and nuts; chill until firm.

STUFFED PRUNE SALAD

- 18 cooked prunes
 - 1 (3-oz.) pkg. cream cheese
 - 1/4 tsp. grated orange peel
 - 2 Tbsp. orange juice
 - 6 pineapple slices, drained
 - 1/3 cup flaked coconut
 - French dressing
- Drain prunes. Slit down 1 side; remove pit. Soften cheese; blend in orange peel and juice. Fill prunes with cheese mixture. Arrange pineapple slices and prunes on lettuce; sprinkle with coconut. Serve with French dressing. 6 servings.

PRUNE PIE

- 1 baked 9-inch pie shell
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 cup prune juice
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 cup cooked dried prunes, chopped
- 1 orange, peeled and diced
- 2 egg whites
- 1/4 cup sugar

Mix brown sugar, cornstarch and juice in saucepan; place over low heat. Cook, until thickened. Add butter, prunes and orange; cook over low heat for five minutes. Pour into pie shell. Beat egg whites and sugar until stiff peaks form. Cover filling with meringue. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Cool and serve.

PRUNE CAKE

- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup chopped, cooked prunes
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. allspice
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. nutmeg

1 tsp. cloves
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup buttermilk
1 cup baking soda
1 cup chopped pecans
Mix sugar and oil as thoroughly as possible. Add well beaten eggs and mix until thick. Stir in chopped prunes. Combine all dry ingredients except soda and sift together. Combine buttermilk and soda (mixture will foam). Blend dry ingredients with other mixture alternately with buttermilk and soda. Mix well and add pecans. Bake in greased and floured tube pan in 375 degree oven for 60 minutes or until tests done.

SAUCE:
1/2 cup sugar
1 Tbsp. corn syrup
1/4 cup butter
1/2 cup buttermilk
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. vanilla

Combine all ingredients and simmer slowly while the cake bakes. Punch holes in the cake and pour the sauce over.

Food for thought: Worry is interest paid on trouble - before it is due.

Sue Haugh's food and recipe columns appear Wednesdays.

Free health services available Sunday

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Features Editor

A variety of free and low-cost services will be offered at a health fair Sunday for Big Spring area residents.

Sponsored by St. Mary's Hospital of Lubbock, the fair will take place from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Sacred Heart Youth Center.

Melissa Avila, nurse health educator at St. Mary's Hospital, said she wanted to bring the hospital's services to the local community where she saw a need.

"My grandparents live there," she said, "and I knew they could not always find the services they need. With the bulk of supplies we order, and the large number of clients we

serve, we can offer things at a lot lower cost than most places."

Many of the services will be free, including:

- Blood pressure checks.
- Diabetes screening, checking an individual's blood sugar.
- Glaucoma examinations by Prevent Blindness of Midland.
- Educational materials on diabetes, hypertension and other health problems.
- Nutrition advice from an official of the state health department. She will advise participants on their diets, particularly those with diabetes and high cholesterol.
- Cholesterol screenings will be \$3 each, with results available in three minutes.
- Material on self breast examina-

tion for women will be available, including a model to help women learn to how to perform an exam. At the fair, women can sign up for a mammogram from a mobile unit.

Mammograms will be provided Feb. 3 for \$5. To qualify, women must be at least 40 years old.

Avila said if the fair is successful, others may follow.

"We're going to see what kind of response we get," she said. "We may be able to arrange something every other week or so."

In Lamesa and Brownfield, St. Mary's offers similar services weekly.

Anyone is welcome to attend the fair, but services are geared toward those with low incomes, Avila said.



What they're wearing

Models in Paris show two of the latest fashions there recently. Left is Louis Feraud's shantung evening dress with veiled black hat. At right is Christian Lacroix black woolen bolero with black and gray wraparound woolen pants.

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Bulldogs hold on; edge Wall

Coahoma gains measure of revenge by rallying past District 6-2A nemesis

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

COAHOMA - Last season, Wall beat the Coahoma boys' basketball team three times in as many tries, the third time in a District 6-2A playoff game for the runner-up postseason spot. If Tuesday was any indication, Coahoma's fate will be much different this season.

Coahoma (15-5, 2-0 in district) beat Wall 60-57 in a scream-your-lungs-out contest, and it did it with a fabulous spurt in the final 87 seconds.

The 'Dogs trailed 56-54 at the 1:27 mark, but they had guard Juan Ruiz at the free-throw line for a 1-and-1. Ruiz rolled the first shot in. He missed the second shot, but Ian Heath stepped in to grab the rebound and score, giving Coahoma a 57-56 lead.

Wall's Chad Box drove the lane but lost the ball out of bounds with 1:12 left. Coahoma didn't spread the offense - Brandon McGuire drove the baseline and found Henry DeLaRosa open in the paint. DeLaRosa laid the ball in, and Coahoma led 59-56 with 50 seconds to go.

Box made 1 of 2 free throws with 40 seconds left, but 15 seconds later he was called for an intentional foul on Heath. Heath missed both free throws, but Coahoma retained possession. Heath was fouled with 17 seconds left, and he missed again, giving Wall a chance to win or send the game to overtime.

Wall didn't take advantage. The Hawks (9-6, 2-1) worked for a shot but never found one, turning the ball over on an errant pass thrown right to Coahoma's McGuire. McGuire was fouled, and he sank a free throw for



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the game's final point with 2 seconds left.

"We were just trying to get the ball inside, to get a high-percentage shot or look for a foul," said Wall coach Mike McCoy about Wall's last gasp. "We weren't thinking about the three - we usually make just one three-pointer a game. We wanted the high-percentage shot, we just didn't get it."

"I'm really proud of them keeping their heads," said Coahoma coach Kim Nichols of his players. "They could have easily folded their tents when they were down 12. Wall threw a box-and-one on Wright, they played a triangle-and-two on Ian and Chad, but the other kids in the game just did a good job picking up the slack and getting open."

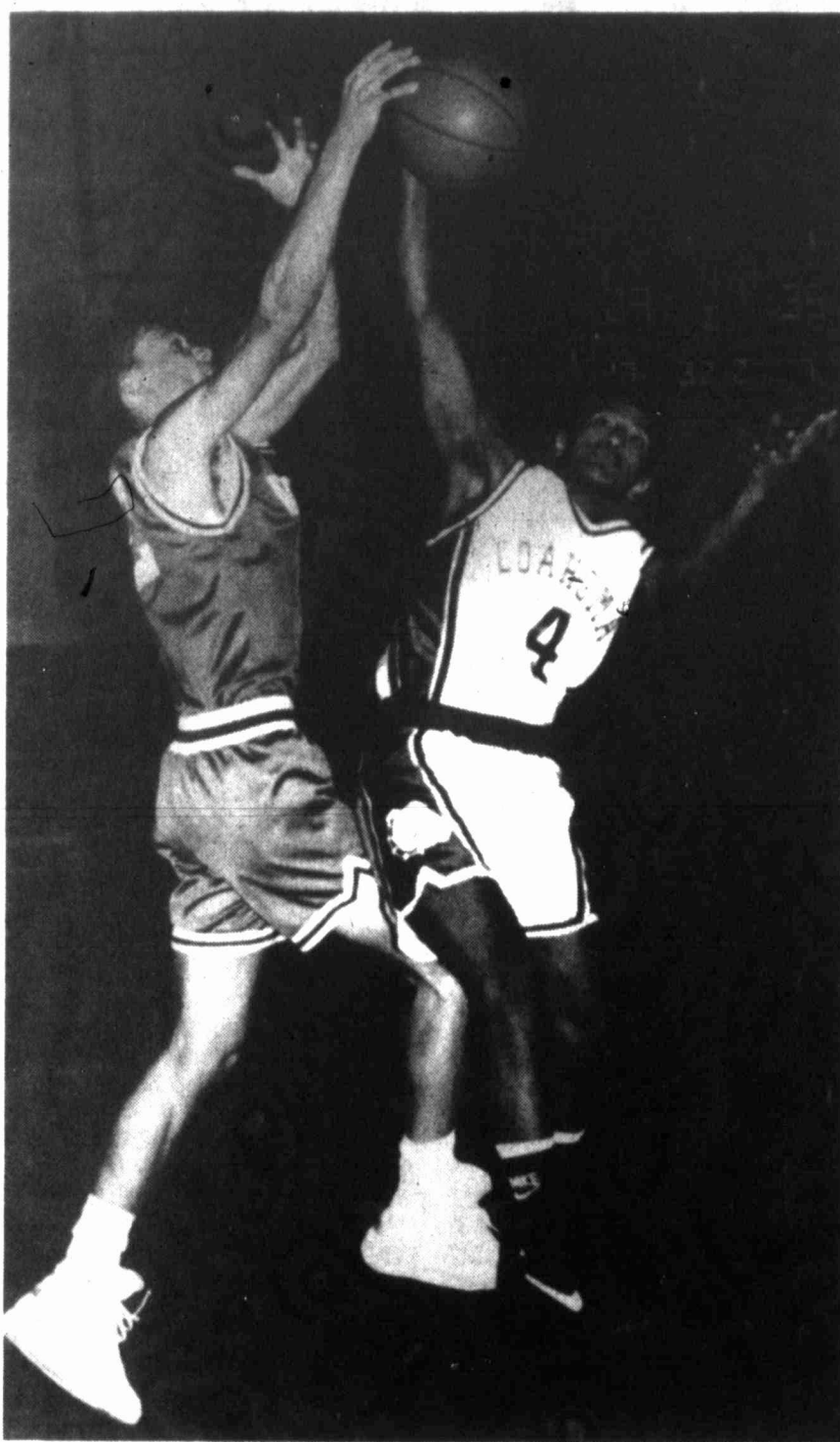
Wall led 35-29 at halftime and increased it to 41-29 on two three-pointers by guard Monty Gilbert. Coahoma's defense tightened at that point, particularly against Gilbert, who hit five three-pointers and scored 29 points. Gilbert caught Coahoma by surprise, but the 'Dogs held him to just four points in the fourth quarter as they came back.

Coahoma used the trey to its advantage when Chad Wright dialed long distance to tie the game at 45 with 7:06 remaining. The Bulldogs, who had been trailing since Wall erased a 9-8 deficit, never trailed again.

"When we got the big lead, we stopped working the offense the way we had been," McCoy said. "We started trying to protect the lead instead of doing the things that got us that lead."

McGuire scored 15 to take team high-point honors from Wright, their usual scoring leader of late, but McGuire said that's just the nature of the Bulldogs. They have a different leader each game, he said.

"On any given night, anyone can score 20 points for us," McGuire said. "We're just so deep. Our second team is as good as our first."



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Coahoma's Juan Ruiz (4) battles a Wall defender for a rebound Tuesday in Coahoma. The Bulldogs won 60-57, outscoring Wall 6-1 in the game's final 87 seconds.

"When we came in at halftime we'll all had a lot of confidence, even though we were down."

DeLaRosa added 14 points for the Bulldogs. Coahoma plays at Iraan Friday.

McGuire calls it confidence. Nichols calls it composure. Whatever it is, Coahoma has had enough of it to be undefeated in District 6-2A.

"I think they have fun playing together. They're real coachable, and I'm not just shooting smoke,"

Nichols said. "They pull for each other - the five on the floor get support from the other eight on the bench. They just hang in there together, and nowadays with kids, that's a big plus."

Wall 19 16 8 14 - 57
Coahoma 17 12 11 20 - 60
Wall - Roberts 6, Mo, Gilbert 29, Meyer 9, Box 3, McMillen 0, Ma, Gilbert 4, Rutledge 0, Goff 0.
Coahoma - Wright 8, McGuire 15, Milliken 4, Ruiz 2, DeLaRosa 14, Harmon 7, Heath 6, Henry 3, Smith 0, Ward 0.

Three-point goals - Mo, Gilbert 5, Wright 3, Harmon 2.

TUESDAY'S HOOPS

Cold night at line leads to Stanton loss

MIDLAND - A cold night at the free throw line proved costly for the Stanton Buffalos as they dropped a 45-41 non-district decision to Midland Christian Tuesday night.

"The thing that got us beat is that we were 7-of-21 from the free-throw line," Stanton coach Doug Gordon said. "In the fourth quarter, we were 5-of-14 - that's what got us beat."

Jason Hopper scored 13 points to lead the Buffalos, now 9-11 overall. In junior varsity action, Leo McCallister scored 26 points to lead Stanton to a 60-37 win over Midland Christian. Stanton's JV record is now 12-2.

Stanton 10 8 12 11 - 41
M. Christian 13 12 6 14 - 45
Stanton - Titsworth 2, Marquez 2, Castro 2, Ortiz 3, Martinez 5, Looney 6, Martel 8, Hopper 13.
Midland Christian - Awtry 2, Truex 15, Pollock 4, Adams 3, Koss 2, Jackson 19.
Three-point goals - Adams, Truex 2.

Forsan opens district play with sweep

MERTZON - The Forsan Queens opened district play Tuesday in Irion County with a convincing win over the Hornets, 66-37.

Forsan was led by senior post player Jenny Conaway, who scored 28. The Queens had four players in double figures as Deborah Light scored 12, Tisha Hillger 11 and Kim Roman 10.

Shawna Wall scored 14 for the Hornets.

Forsan led 41-29 going into the fourth quarter. In the final period the Queens outscored the Hornets 9-3 in the first 3:15 to put the game out of reach.

Forsan is 11-7, 1-0.

Forsan 12 15 14 26 - 66
Irion Co. 6 12 11 8 - 37
Forsan - Conaway 28, Hillger 11, Roman 10, D.Light 12, Gamble 2, DeLaGarza 1, L.Light 0, Gaston 2.
Irion Co. - Atkinson 2, Sanchez 2, Wall 14, McComb 2, Kucera 2, Perez 5, Dutchhour 7, Kemp 3.
Three-point goals - D.Light, Roman, Wall 4.

The Forsan Buffaloes (9-9, 1-0) opened the '93-94 district season by blasting Irion County 68-41. The Buffaloes had scoring runs of six, eight and 10 points in the first quarter to take a 24-5 advantage. Forsan led 44-21 at halftime.

Forsan increased its lead to 31

midway through the third quarter and played most of the final 12 minutes with its starters on the bench.

Shane Sims led Forsan with 19 points, while Chris Evans added 15 and Rusty Baker 14.

Forsan 24 20 15 9 - 68
Irion Co. 5 15 9 11 - 41
Forsan - Hopper 8, Evans 15, Kemper 2, Sims 19, Baker 14, Etheredge 5, Roman 3, Moreno 1, Lentz 1.
Irion Co. - Tankersley 7, Thiers 6, Lawdermilk 2, Kahlig 2, R. Flores 10, Dunlap 5, G. Flores 6, Hooker 3.
Three-point goals - Evans 3, Etheredge, Thiers, Dunlap.



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five three-pointers. Sande Bundas scored 14 for Stanton, and Kindra Woodfin added 13.

Stanton 10 29 13 17 - 69
M. Christian 4 10 16 17 - 47
Stanton - Herm 21, Moore 7, Marquez 2, Hopper 6, Butler 2, Groves 2, Woodfin 13, Wyckoff 2, Bundas 14.
Midland Christian - Cox 2, Hutton 5, Fuller 4, Brannum 0, Hutton 4, Miller 10, Hull 22.
Three-point goals - Herm 5, Moore, Miller 2.

Other scores

Girls

Rankin 6 1 6 11 - 24
Garden City 16 10 17 10 - 53
Rankin - Wilson 4, Guadarrama 5, Sanchez 2, Horde 7, Kent 4, King 2.
Garden City - Zachry 3, Glass 14, Braden 10, B. Eoff 12, Maschick 14.
Three-point goals - none.
Records - Rankin 5-11, Garden City 15-2.
Reagan County 14 17 29 18 - 78
Colorado City 6 11 8 19 - 44
Reagan Co. - Williams 2, Neill 21, Askins 10, Beam 2, Tarvin 6, Thompson 23, McReavy 3, Monzingo 9, Flores 2.
C-City - Sparkman 4, Turner 2, Ausbie 6, Scott 3, Moreno 4, Crawford 8, McKnight 7, Hagerton 10.
Three-point goals - Neill 2.
Records - Reagan Co. 17-4, 2-0; C-City 3-12, 0-2.

Boys

Rankin 12 18 20 14 - 64
Garden City 9 8 11 12 - 40
Rankin - Aguller 14, Armandarez 10, Fuentes 12, Guerra 4, Kent 1, Ramos 4, Rey 2, Abalos 4, Baudette 9, Williams 4.
Garden City - Braden 3, B. Seldenberger 3, B. Batta 9, Harp 2, M. Seldenberger 12, C. Braden 11.
Three-point goals - Armandarez.
Records - Rankin 10-1, Garden City 6-9.

Wall uses second-half splurge to outlast Bulldogettes, 37-30

Shooting woes continue for Coahoma girls

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

COAHOMA - After the first quarter of Tuesday's girls' basketball game at Coahoma, some fans in the stands may have been wondering what they were missing on television.

Just five points were scored in the first quarter as both Wall and Coahoma missed shots, turned the ball over and took their sweet time. The action was much livelier after that, but Coahoma fans still didn't get what they wanted - a win for the Bulldogettes.

Wall (15-6, 4-0 in District 6-2A) broke a 16-all halftime deadlock on the way to a 37-30 victory that handed Coahoma (11-10, 1-3) its second straight district loss, both coming at home.

The Bulldogettes played much better than Friday, when they lost 64-37 to Eldorado, but for the second consecutive game their shooting deserted them. Coahoma made 12 of 31 field-goal attempts (39 percent) and was 0 for 5 behind the three-point

line. "I don't think it was a lack of offense - I thought both teams just played real good defense. We played probably the defense we have all year," said Coahoma coach Phillip Ritchey about the low-scoring affair. "It's like I told them - it comes down to one or two shots in this kind of game, and we had our chances inside, two or three times with easy shots that would roll around and come out. We just got to keep thinking that they're going to start falling. ... They've got to. The law of averages tells us that."

Coahoma stayed with Wall throughout the second half, cutting Wall's lead to 28-26 with 5:21 remaining in the game. That, however, was when Wall had its best rally of the night, a seven-point run started with a point-blank score from Julie Etheredge. Wall's Joni Martindale then stole the ball and drove for a layup, putting Wall up 32-26. The Bulldogettes didn't threaten again.

Katy Wilde, a 5-foot-9 senior, led Wall with 13 points. Angela Crippen scored eight, tops for Coahoma, while Nicci Reid and Vanessa King scored six each.

The loss eliminates any hope of Coahoma winning the first half of the district standings, but the standings

will be wiped clean when the second half begins.

Coahoma did not score until Elizabeth Hernandez sank a free throw with 2:44 left in the opening quarter. The Bulldogettes' defense did keep the game close, forcing Wall to shoot just 33 percent (14 for 43). Wall didn't help itself from the line, making just 8 of 19 free throws.

Ritchey did find some good in the loss, something he couldn't do Friday after the Eldorado game.

"I think this one is going to end up helping us," Ritchey said. "They've got a good team, and they've got a good program, and we battled them to the very end. I thought we were in it the whole way. I think with the effort we put forth, and if we keep working, I think we can turn this one into a positive and get us a little bit of momentum going into the second half."

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Coahoma - Crippen 8, Bennett 2, Reid 6, Hernandez 5, King 6, Lain 0, Gressett 0, Bingham 2, Elmore 1.
Three-point goals - Etheredge.



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The Stars' savior

Dallas Star goalie Andy Moog deflects a shot by Edmonton's Scott Pearson Tuesday in the Stars' 5-2 win. For details, see page 11.

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Sands streaks to sweep in double-dip with Cougars

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

ACKERLY - Tuesday night's Klondike-Sands basketball games looked less like a rivalry and more like a clinic.

The Cougars and Mustangs have been figuratively crossing swords for quite some time and, as might be expected, the two schools have developed quite a rivalry.

But Tuesday night at Sands gym, the rivalry was nowhere in sight. Instead, the Sands boys and girls' teams dominated their games, which opened district play for both schools.

GIRLS' GAME

The Sands Lady Mustangs hit the floor running and never let up as they cruised to a 65-28 win over Klondike.

A trio of Lady Mustangs, led by Mandy Hodnett's 16 points, scored in double figures. Amy Nichols scored 15 points and Courtney Fryar 13 for Sands, now 15-2 overall and 1-0 in district.

Channa Cope led Klondike (8-10, 0-1) with 10 points.

Sands set the tone early with a 14-

2 run to start the game. The Lady Mustangs' defense was particularly impressive, forcing 10 turnovers in the first quarter alone.

"Everything just went right for us. We played great defense," Sands coach Leland Bearden said. "We've been peaking at the right time. The last two or three games, we've been playing well."

Klondike's defensive strategy was to key on Fryar, Sands' post player, but that plan backfired when Hodnett and Nichols started hitting from outside.

"We've had a lot of people try to run a box-and-one on us, trying to stop Courtney, but that doesn't work because we shoot the ball outside so well," Bearden said.

The Lady Mustangs return to action Friday when they host Grady at 6:30 p.m. Klondike hosts Loop Friday, also at 6:30 p.m.

BOYS' GAME

The boys matchup was a lot closer, at least for the first half. But Sands dropped its pressing defense and picked up its offense in the third quarter en route to blowing past Klondike 77-59.

Grant Gooch scored 22 points and Steven Cantu chipped in 19 to pace the Mustangs, who improved to 10-6 overall with the win. Four players, paced by James Rawlings' 17 points, scored in double figures for Klondike (7-11).

One of the Mustangs' staples is their pressing defense, but Rawlings and the Cougars pretty much shredded that in the first half. Only a 9-3 run at the end of the first half allowed Sands to take a 37-34 lead at intermission.

It was time, Sands coach Jerry Gooch decided, to junk the press - and for his charges to get just a tad meaner.

"We probably stayed in the press too long," he said. "Klondike did a great job of breaking the press. They got a lot of transition baskets ... So the press was part of it, but I also wanted the guys to be more determined in the second half."

If determination equals points, Gooch's team was one determined bunch of basketball players in the third quarter, opening the second half with a 16-5 run that, for all practical purposes, settled the game.

"We got some good shots, they just didn't go in," Klondike coach Jim Kinnear said. "And I think their speed caught up with us a little bit there at the end."

Sands returns to action at home Friday night against Grady, while Klondike hosts Loop.

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Ready for action

Gary Cavey, director of engineering at the Houston Astrodome, uses a paint brush Tuesday to put the finishing touches on the end zone in preparation for the divisional playoff game between the Oilers and the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday.

Stars slam Oilers 5-2

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars know they face a trying month without their star player and leading scorer, center Mike Modano.

Modano, out an estimated four weeks after suffering a partial ligament tear in his left knee, produced 27 goals and 26 assists in 43 games before he went down in a game against Philadelphia on Jan. 6.

Modano's teammates picked up the slack again Tuesday night, making Dallas unbeaten in the two games since Modano's injury with a 5-2 decision over the Edmonton Oilers.

Ulf Dahlen had two goals and Dean Evason and Mike Craig added a goal and an assist each as the Stars won for the fifth time in their last seven games.

"With Mike gone, we're missing a goal a game from a guy who's our best player," Dahlen said. "We've all got to pick it up and produce."

The Stars established a season-

high with 51 shots on goal and scored four unanswered goals in the second period while outshooting the Oilers, 22-5.

Dallas coach Bob Gainey was especially pleased with the Stars' work in the second period.

"It was our best period of the season," Gainey said. "Everybody participated in the rout. The power play was really important for us in the second period."

That's when Evason notched a power play goal while the Stars kept the puck in the Oilers end for almost the entire manpower advantage.

Dallas converted two of five power plays after starting the night 16th in the league with a 17.8 percent success rate with the man advantage.

After Modano went down, Gainey said he wanted everyone on the team to elevate his play, especially on the defensive end. Dallas has allowed three goals in its last three games.

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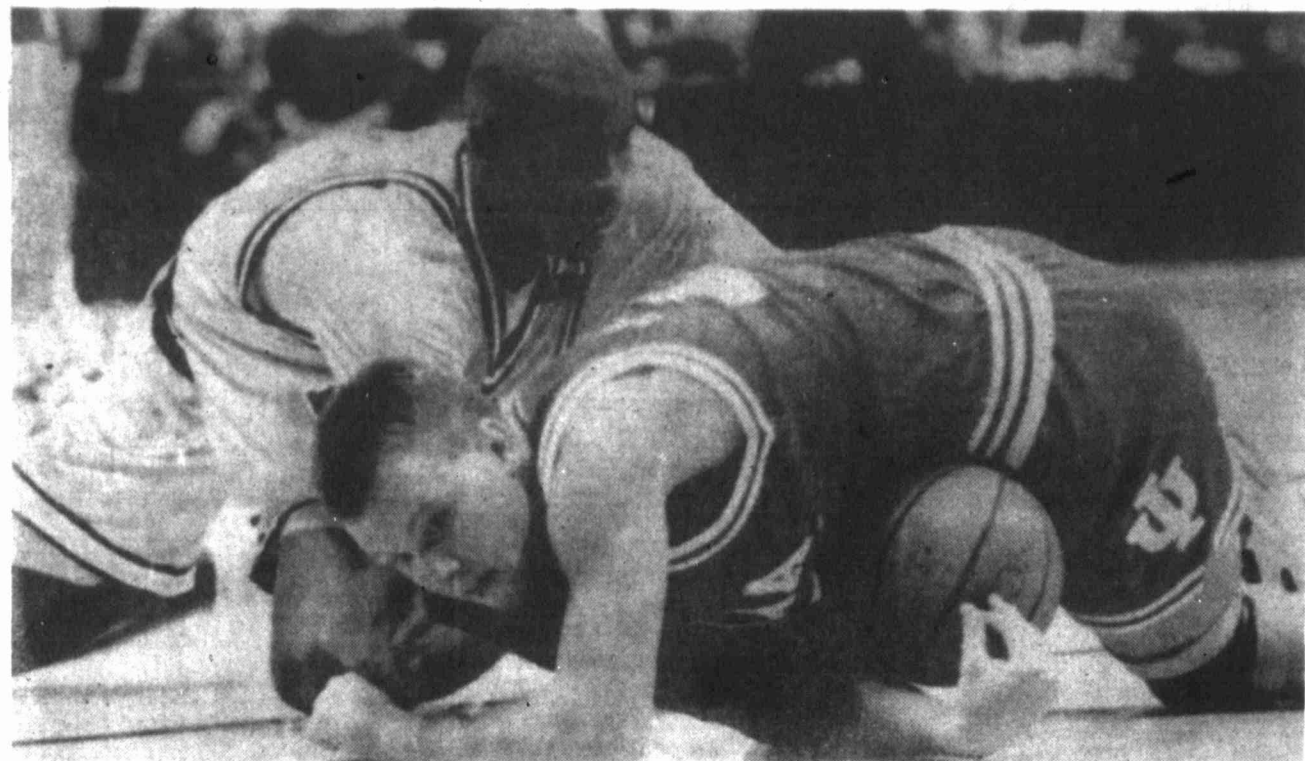
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Indiana's Damon Bailey, right, and Iowa's Kenyon Murray fight for a loose ball Tuesday in Iowa City. The 11th-ranked Hoosiers beat Iowa 89-75.

Black coaches may boycott

By The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The Black Coaches Association is pushing for much more than a scholarship or two, Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson said, so a boycott of men's college-basketball games is a certainty.

"These kids are my kids," said Richardson, the black coach of the fourth-ranked Razorbacks. "I want them to ride on the front of the bus when I couldn't ride on one. I want them to go to the movies that I couldn't go to. I want them to play golf where I couldn't play."

"I'm a product of that and it bothers me when they talk about cutting opportunities," he said.

He was referring to the NCAA's decision to vote down a proposal to restore a 14th basketball scholarship. Two years ago, the NCAA cut scholarships from 15 to 13.

"We're looking for opportunities for our kids," Richardson said. "It's

that so terrible?

"Don't close no doors on me; open the door. You don't have to give me nothing; just give me an opportunity."

He said kids are killing kids in inner city schools, "and we're making moves to eliminate more opportunities. I can't stand it."

The Arkansas coach said he talked Tuesday with officials of the BCA and that the only thing that is definite is that there will be a boycott. There will be a conference call in the next couple of days, he said.

"After talking to our president and talking to some of the other coaches, it's very strong. It's not what they think it is; it's serious business."

Richardson, in response to a question, said some of the white coaches see the same thing.

"They've been in those homes, they've been out in those areas," he said. "I think they would be on our side so fast it would make your head swim."

"The issue is our kids. The issue is the fact that we take tests that are racially biased and everybody knows it."

"The issue is I spend four years in high school, I flunk one test and I can't play. The problem is on the school system."

"How do you fix it? Well, you don't cut opportunity. That's how you fix it."

He said the reduction of scholarships from 15 to 13 deprives about 600 kids of the opportunity to play college basketball, and about 75 percent of those are black.

"Multiply that by five years," he said. "That's a helluva number. Then you put in the SAT and ACT test. And multiply that number (by) five years. Now, you see, that's a problem, isn't it?"

He said basketball, football and other sports are big business.

"Who's benefitting from that?" he asked. "I have a problem with that. We're certainly not."

Rival's husband is suspect in Kerrigan case

Harding's husband being investigated concerning attack on figure skater

By The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The FBI is investigating allegations that figure skater Tonya Harding's husband and her bodyguard arranged last week's attack on rival skater Nancy Kerrigan, The Oregonian reported Wednesday.

The newspaper said in a copyright story that Harding's husband, Jeff Gillooly, acknowledged that he was one of the two men being investigated.

"That's illegal," Gillooly said late Tuesday. "I wouldn't do that. I have

more faith in my wife than to bump off her competition."

The plot allegedly was designed to help Harding win the national championship. The Oregonian said. Harding did win and was named to the U.S. team that will compete in next month's Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

There is no indication that Harding had any involvement in the attack or knew anything about it, the newspaper reported.

The other man being investigated, Shawn Eric Eckardt, works as Harding's bodyguard.

"That is absurd," Eckardt said of the allegations. "You know, I would never get involved in anything like that. That would be jeopardizing my future, my career. I mean, that's not something I could do or allow."

Kerrigan, the 1992 Olympic bronze medalist, was a favorite to defend

her national title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, which also served as the Olympic team trials, last week in Detroit.

She had stopped to talk to a reporter after a practice session Thursday when a man rushed at the skater, crouching to hit her just above the knee with a weapon wit-

nesses described as a tire iron, a crowbar or a rubber pipe.

Kerrigan, 24, suffered a severely bruised knee and withdrew from the competition.

Harding, the 1991 national champion who was fourth in the 1992 Olympics, went on to skate two clean programs and easily win the national title.

Immediately after Harding was awarded her medal, the International Committee of the U.S.

Figure Skating Association appointed Kerrigan to the Olympic team, bumping national runner-up Michelle Kwan to the alternate's spot.

Detroit police, and later FBI agents, questioned all skaters and coaches at the event.

Harding and Gillooly talked to FBI agents in Detroit and checked in again with them Tuesday, the skater said.

"I've talked to the FBI," Harding said. "I've given them all the information I have."

Gillooly said he understood why the FBI had to investigate him.

"It's their job to follow up on this," Gillooly said. "Nobody likes being investigated by the FBI. But I understand their need to investigate."

Briefs

Runnels girls split games with Lamesa

LAMESA — The Runnels Junior High girls' basketball teams split a doubleheader with Lamesa Monday night.

Lamesa took the A game 36-30. Maggie Haddad led Runnels with seven points, six steals and six rebounds. Nadia Cole added six points and six rebounds and Traci Bellinghausen six points and four rebounds for the Lady Yearlings.

The Runnels A team fell to 3-3 with the loss.

In the B game, Melissa Martinez had 11 points, nine rebounds and six steals to lead Runnels to a 28-27 win. Amanda Alvarez added six points for Runnels B, now 6-2 for the season. Runnels returns to action Jan. 21-

22 at the Snyder Junior High Tournament.

Stanton wins Coahoma toumey

COAHOMA — The Stanton seventh-grade boys' basketball team captured the championship this past weekend at the Coahoma tournament with victories over Greenwood and Coahoma.

The Buffs (8-0) defeated Greenwood 43-26 Saturday morning in the semifinals. Kyle Herm was Stanton's leading scorer with 14 points, while Chad Smith added seven. Jeremy Smith scored six.

Stanton then defeated Coahoma 39-26 in the championship game. Herm had a great game, scoring 26 points.

The Buffs went back to Coahoma Monday and won again, this time 30-26. Herm scored 13. Jeremy Smith

scored six and Carlos Chapa five.

Stanton travels to Forsan Monday.

Local tennis stars fight for rankings

Six Big Spring-area youth tennis players acquired points toward a United States Tennis Association sectional tennis ranking this past weekend at a zone area tourney in Fort Worth.

The players must accumulate 64 total points in five zone area tourneys to achieve ranking. This was their first of those five tourneys. Here's the players and the points they earned:

- Hsiao-Hsuan Li - 16 points
- Kaegan Welch - 8
- Colby Wegman - 4
- Drew Wegman - 4
- Kylee Welch - 2
- Sterling Hillman - 2

Also participating were Chad Coleman and David Parrish.

On Jan. 29-30, Big Spring's Maria and Monica Villareal, who are already ranked, will attend the year's first major zone area tourney in Waco. They will be trying to achieve Super Championship status.

Local skaters head for Arkansas

Three local speed roller skaters will be competing Friday through Sunday at the Arkansas Winter Classic Speed Roller Skating Meet in Fort Smith, Ark.

Participating from the Big Spring area are Moss Elementary students Megan and Willis Morrison and Goliad Middle School student Michael Morrison.

The Morrisons skate for Team Flyers, a Dallas-based team. Willis is a previously nationally ranked Junior Olympic speed skater who has moved up to the Standard Olympic category.

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Jacqueline Bigar - Horoscope

FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1994

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Concentrate on a friendship and what you want from it. Unexpected good news at work has you in a celebratory mood, but your urge to take off to party causes a bit of tension with the boss. Tonight: Now play. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): While news from a distance seems exciting, you must confirm it before cheering. You also get surprising information concerning a boss or respected elder. What you learn could lead to additional responsibilities for you. Tonight: Change plans and work late. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A loved one or partner surprises you again in areas of money, love or both. Detach from the situation and view it in a new light. A more spiritual approach might help. Tonight: Walk in another's shoes. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A loved one surprises you with a reaction to your point of view. Appreciate the value of the disagreement, and know that negotiation is possible. If you're spontaneous, opportunities for advancement will appear. An associate starts acting difficult at the last minute. Tonight: Be cheerful. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Today's emphasis is on partners and associates. You will succeed in a work-related matter. An expected development works in your favor, so remain confident. You are working on so many separate projects that exhaustion is likely. Tonight: Have a long chat with a loved one. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You get good news but need to keep a lid on it for now. Being a bit mysterious will delay the roller coaster ride. A partner or friend is likely to change course one more time. Concentrate on work if you can. Tonight: Visit a friend on the way home. ***

IF JAN. 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You'll be able to express an enhanced creativity this year, and the result on your finances will be positive. Focus on your natural talents and deal with any frustrations before they reach the boiling point.

THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

Dear Abby - Letters...

A little word research yields Rx

DEAR ABBY: Almost all pharmacies use "Rx" as an identifying symbol, so I have been asking pharmacists the origin of this symbol.

Thus far, I have asked perhaps two dozen in different parts of the country, and not one of them was quite certain.

"It's probably Latin," say some.

"I think it's a Greek derivation," say others.

A few have said, "Why not ask Dear Abby?"

So I am. You may use my name. — AL BENNETT, EVERETT, WASH.

DEAR AL BENNETT: To paraphrase my Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, Rx is the symbol used at the beginning of a prescription and means "take."

The Henry Holt Encyclopedia of Word and Phrase Origins offers this slightly more elaborate definition:

"Rx. The Latin 'recipere,' 'take this,' provides the R in the symbol Rx used by pharmacists for centuries, while the slant across the R's leg is a sign of the Roman god Jupiter, patron of medicine. The symbol looks like Rx and is pronounced that way."

DEAR ABBY: I was intrigued by the letter about Johnny Lujack because of an incident that took place in 1945 after Johnny Lujack had become a household name.

I was a corporal in the Army Air Corps, stationed at Boca Raton, Fla. I was on a three-day pass and had gone to Palm Beach. Late one night, I was walking down a deserted street when a motorcycle careened down the street, skidded at high speed, throwing the driver into the middle of the roadway, unconscious.

I raced to give him aid, and an ensign on the other side of the street also raced to help him. Together we hailed a car and helped the

injured party into the car and saw him off to the hospital.

The ensign and I talked for a minute, then went for a cup of coffee. He asked me where I was staying. I told him I was sleeping in the lobby of a nearby hotel, but I had to get out by 6 a.m. because it was against the rules to rent a hotel room to an enlisted man.

The ensign invited me to share his room as he had twin beds. Then he said, "Maybe we should introduce ourselves."

I said, "My name is Emil Kohn." He replied, "Mine is Johnny Lujack." — EMIL KOHN, TEMPE, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: I just want to thank you and everyone who participated in your Operation Dear Abby and wrote to those of us in the service who are doing tours throughout the world. Each and every one of our jobs is difficult and the rewards are scarce. I used to wonder whether people thought of us back home. But now I can lay those thoughts to rest.

I hope that you print this so those who wrote will realize how important a simple 10-minute letter is to those of us thousands of miles from home.

On behalf of the U.S. Armed Forces, I thank you. —EMFA MICHAEL E. BURKE, USN ACTIVE, USS BUTTE (AE-27)

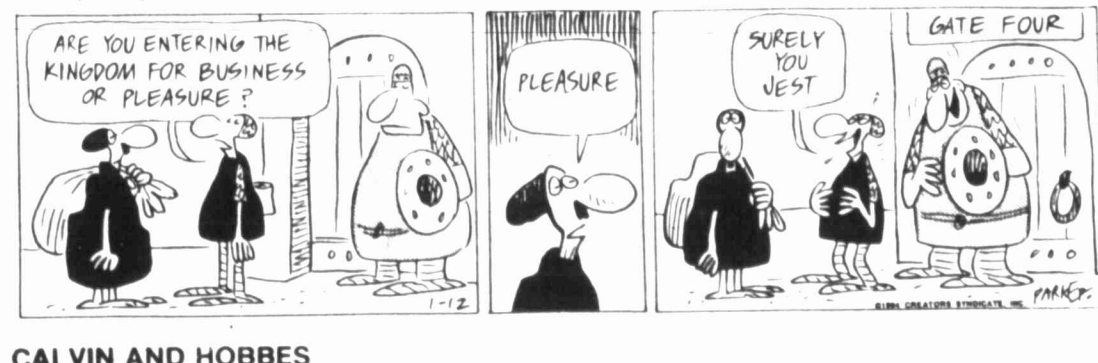
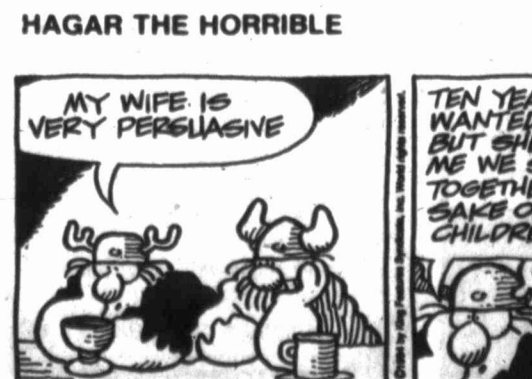
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Cowboys laugh off huge point spread in game against Packers

By The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Don't say Las Vegas odds to Jimmy Johnson, who has been willing to risk a sawbuck or two at the tables when he's on vacation.

The Vegas odds say the Dallas Cowboys are 4-to-5 to win the Super Bowl and 13 1/2 point favorites over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday in the divisional playoff game.

Don't tell it to Johnson.

"That's the reason they can afford all those neon lights out there," Johnson said.

Johnson is trying to keep his team from being overconfident in Sunday's meeting with the Packers.

But the majority of them are glad they don't have to play the New York Giants.

"It would have been difficult if we had to play the Giants for a third time this Sunday," said Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman.

"We didn't want to have to turn around and play the Giants again," said defensive specialist Bill Bates.

"I was rooting for Green Bay to beat Detroit," said cornerback Kevin Smith. "It's better for us to play the Packers right now. The Giants are more physical. We're beat up and sore from the last time we played them."

It's not that the Cowboys have any disrespect for the Packers, a 36-14

victim at Texas Stadium in October.

The Cowboys just have more respect for the Giants after their 16-13 overtime escape in the Meadowlands, giving the defending Super Bowl champions their second consecutive NFC East championship. Dallas beat the Giants 31-9 at Texas Stadium earlier in the year.

New York will play at San Francisco in the other divisional playoff game by virtue of the Packers' 28-24 victory over the Detroit Lions on three Brett Favre touchdown passes to Sterling Sharpe. Green Bay is the last seed in the NFC and the Cowboys are top-ranked.

Johnson, the Cowboys psychology major coach, tried to ring the alarm bells on Tuesday, saying "I've been amused to listen to talk about the Green Bay Packers that assumes it will be the same kind of game Sunday that we played against them earlier in the season."

The Cowboys got ahead of the Packers early and rolled up 393 yards of offense for a runaway victory that included five Eddie Murray field goals.

Johnson said he told his team "there is a danger anytime you play a team that you don't play on a regular basis. The Packers will improve because they can correct their mistakes. They'll make adjustments and

I told the team we've got to make the same kind of improvement."

He said the Packers loss to Dallas in the fourth game of the season was "out of character" for the way Green Bay played the rest of the season.

"The game got out of hand and they had to change their offense," Johnson said. "They were bound and determined to stop Emmitt Smith and it opened up our passing game. I see the Packers making a lot of adjustments. We could be in for tight fit on Sunday."

Injuries concern Johnson. Offensive tackle Mark Tuinei was stepped on in practice and has a severe swollen foot.

Defensive tackle Russell Maryland, injured in the Giants game, will likely be put on the inactive list.

Johnson said defensive end Charles Haley and running back Emmitt Smith are improving rapidly.

"Haley's back is better and he will probably start," Johnson said. "Emmitt has full range of motion in his shoulder and we anticipate he will be fine. He won't be hit on the shoulder until the game."

Equipment manager Buck Buchanan is building special shoulder pads to protect Smith's separated right shoulder.

In a personnel change, Johnson has moved guard John Gesek to center in place of Frank Cornish.

SPORTS EXTRA

BASKETBALL

Men's JUCO Poll

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 10 and total points:

Record	Pts
1. NE Oklahoma A&M (9)	124
2. Hutchinson CC, Kan. (4)	17-11
3. Midland, Texas (1)	10-0
4. Dixie, Utah (1)	16-1
5. Odessa, S.C.	13-0
6. Odessa, Texas (1)	16-1
7. Connors, Okla.	13-1
8. Southeastern, Iowa	14-1
9. Wabash, Ill.	13-1
10. Mineral Area, Mo.	16-2
11. Aquinas, Tenn.	13-1
12. Hagerstown, Md.	12-2
13. NEMississippi	12-2
14. Northland Pioneer, Ariz.	15-12
15. Chipola, Fla.	15-2
16. Faulkner, Ala.	13-2
17. Monroe, N.Y.	11-0
18. McLennan, Texas	15-1
19. Butler, Kan.	15-4
20. South Georgia	13-0

Women's Poll

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll with first place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 10 and total points:

Record	Pts
1. Westark, Ark. (4)	98
2. Howard, Texas (1)	20-0
3. N.E. Oklahoma	14-1
4. Trinity, Texas	15-1
(tie) Grayson, Texas	15-1
6. Florida	15-0
(tie) Utah Valley	15-0
8. Central Arizona	14-2
9. Anderson, S.C.	13-0
10. John A. Logan, Ill.	10-2
11. Eastern Oklahoma	13-1
12. Pensacola, Florida	16-4
13. Seward, Kan.	17-2
14. E. Central, Miss.	10-0
15. N.W. Mississippi	12-2
16. Tyler, Texas	12-4
17. Moberly Area, Mo.	11-3
18. Independence, Kan.	12-3
(tie) Vincennes, Ind.	11-2
20. Casper, Wyo.	9-1

ON THE AIR

College Basketball
Miami at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
Eastern Michigan at Kent, 6:30 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).
North Carolina at Georgia Tech, 8 p.m., ESPN.
Pro Basketball
Chicago Bulls at Atlanta Hawks, 6:30 p.m., WTBS (ch. 11).

Seattle	26	4	967	2
Phoenix	24	7	274	2 1/2
Portland	18	18	559	9
Golden State	17	14	548	9 1/2
LA Clippers	11	20	355	15 1/2
Sacramento	11	22	333	16 1/2
LA Lakers	11	23	324	17

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 99, Boston 94
Orlando 115, Houston 100

Tuesday's Games
New York 96, LA Clippers 77
New York 115, New Jersey 100
LA 109, Detroit 86
Indiana 82, Milwaukee 76
San Antonio 108, Minnesota 98
Charlotte 95, Phoenix 93
Sacramento 103, Miami 95
Portland 108, Seattle 99
Golden State 122, LA Lakers 117

Wednesday's Games
Houston at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
LA Clippers at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Houston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

NY Rangers	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NY Rangers	27	12	3	57	148	111
New Jersey	24	13	4	52	147	114
Philadelphia	21	19	4	45	152	159
Washington	19	19	4	42	137	129
Florida	16	17	3	39	111	115
NY Islanders	16	20	4	36	142	143
Tampa Bay	15	23	5	35	113	135

Northwest Division

Pittsburgh	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	21	12	9	51	157	149
Montreal	20	15	7	47	134	117
Boston	19	14	8	46	140	125
Buffalo	20	19	4	44	143	119
Winnipeg	17	21	5	39	146	153
Hartford	17	22	3	37	129	137
Ottawa	8	34	2	20	123	218

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Toronto	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	25	14	5	57	154	128
Dallas	23	15	5	53	158	136
Detroit	23	13	4	50	183	138
St. Louis	21	16	4	48	135	138
Chicago	20	19	4	44	127	121
Winnipeg	16	24	5	37	142	178

Pacific Division

Calgary	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	22	16	7	51	164	145
Vancouver	20	21	0	40	130	138
Anaheim	17	25	2	36	120	135
Los Angeles	16	21	4	36	154	163
San Jose	12	21	10	34	107	139
Edmonton	13	25	6	32	135	158

Monday's Games
Toronto 3, Boston 0
N.Y. Islanders 3, Ottawa 3, tie
Montreal 4, Winnipeg 2
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Detroit 6, Anaheim 4

Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh 5, Boston 4, OT
Philadelphia 4, Ottawa 1
Toronto 2, Washington 1
Buffalo 5, Chicago 2
Dallas 5, Edmonton 2
Calgary 1, Quebec 0
Los Angeles 2, San Jose 2, tie

Wednesday's Games
New Jersey at Montreal, 7:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 7:35 p.m.
Buffalo at Winnipeg, 8:35 p.m.
Quebec at Vancouver, 10:35 p.m.
Hartford at Los Angeles, 10:35 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7:35 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7:35 p.m.

Dallas at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Chicago, 8:35 p.m.

Edmonton at St. Louis, 8:35 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Announced the resignation of Whitey Herzog, general manager. Named Bill Bavasi general manager.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Roy DeCarms bullpen coach. Invited Darrin Jackson, Joe Hall, Billy Joe Hobert, Darn Howitt and Greg Tubbs, outfielders; Scott Christman, Chris Bushing, Dennis Cook, Brian Givens and Wally Ritchie, pitchers; and Clemente Alvarez and Roberto Machado, catchers, to spring training as non-roster players.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with Kris Carpenter, pitcher, on a one-year contract.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with Chuck Crim, Bill Brennan and Terry Boss, pitchers, and Eric Yading, infielder, on minor-league contracts and invited them to spring training as non-roster players.
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with R.J. Reynolds, outfielder, on a minor-league contract and invited him to spring training as a non-roster player.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Signed Park Chan Ho, pitcher, to a minor-league contract.
NEW YORK METS—Invited Fernando Vina and Pablo Martinez, infielders, to spring training as non-roster players.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with Orlando Merced, outfielder, on a one-year contract. Added Greg Brown to their broadcast team.
TRENTON THUNDER—Named Brian Mahoney assistant general manager; Eric Lipsman director of marketing; and Nick Simonetta director of radio broadcasting.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DENVER NUGGETS—Placed Darnell Mee, guard, on the injured list. Signed Adonis Jordan, guard, to a 10-day contract.
INDIANA PACERS—Placed Dale Davis, forward, on the injured list. Activated LaSalle Thompson, forward-center, from the injured list.
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Waived Jim Les, guard. Activated Randy Brown, guard, from the injured list.

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- 1992 Ford Aerostar XLT EXT Mini Van - Blue/gray tuxedo, gray cloth, 7 passenger, dual air, all power, locally owned with 38,090 miles. Sale Price \$13,995
- 1991 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - Maroon/silver tuxedo, cloth, captain chairs, 302 V-8, all power, local one owner with 46,000 miles. Sale Price \$13,995
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- 1993 Ford Thunderbird SOLD blue cloth/leather interior, fully equipped, all power, program car with 20,000 miles. Sale Price \$12,995
- 1993 Ford Taurus GL - Light blue with cloth, fully equipped, all power, 19,000 miles, program car. Sale Price \$13,995
- 1993 Ford Taurus GL - Caribbean green with cloth, fully equipped, all power, 19,000 miles, program car. Sale Price \$13,995
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