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Commissioners hope to finalize jail plans

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners will meet Tuesday with architects from the firm of Aguirre Associates in hopes of finalizing plans for a new jail, courthouse renovations and answer the question of how to pay for the Howard County Library.

The library is scheduled to move from its current location, just west of the courthouse, to the old Bluebonnet Savings building. An additional \$500,000 to \$600,000 is needed to complete funding for the move, which will include some renovations. The county currently has \$694,000 in the bank and another \$200,000 in grants available for the library project. Commissioners have pointed out that the grant funds available for the

library are contingent on the county having a construction contract signed by Oct. 1. Aguirre Associates will also give commissioners the results of a feasibility study concerning combining the issues in a bond election. How to present the three issues to Howard County voters will also be a question commissioners will attempt to answer. Commissioners have almost

decided, although nothing is concrete until after the architects report, to proceed with the proposed 96-bed jail at an estimated cost of \$3.187 million. But plans for the courthouse and the library will have to wait for final facts and figures from architects before a final decision is made. Because commissioners are trying to keep the proposed bond election for the new jail

and renovations to the Howard County Courthouse under \$5.5 million, some changes are being considered in the proposed courthouse renovation plans. Commissioner Sonny Choate said, "We need to renovate the courthouse for the same reasons we cut our grass at home. It would be a shame if we neglected county property and if we don't renovate it now, it will fall down later on."

Last week, commissioners met Tuesday afternoon, following their morning session, to work on the questions surrounding the proposed bond election. In a conference call with architects and a representative from the bond company hired by the county, commissioners were told that the Texas Attorney General

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Man escapes serious injury in roll-over

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A Colorado City man escaped serious injury this weekend after being involved in a one-vehicle accident. According to Department of Public Safety reports, Gillis Ellis Jr., 42, was traveling east on Interstate 20 around 8 p.m. Saturday when his Nissan pickup went off the road. Ellis overcorrected, lost control and skidded into the median. The pickup overturned two times and landed on its wheels. Ellis was transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, treated and released.

Resolve to attend a Brown Bag Seminar

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Are you sticking to your New Year's resolutions? Thinking about buying a home or need to know how to write a resume? If so, Howard College's Brown Bag Seminars might have some tips for you.

For the past several years, the college has provided luncheon seminars to the public on a variety of subjects. The seminars started out at the prompting of students who needed studying skills and other related information and grew to include the general public.

All workshops are in the Tumbleweed Room of the Dora Roberts Student Union Building on the campus. You can either bring your own lunch or purchase one from the cafeteria.

Reservations are not required, but contact Special Services at 264-5020 at least one day in advance to ensure adequate seating space.

Here is a list of this semester's workshops:

•February 1 - New Year's Resolution #1 - Developing a Personal Fitness Plan with Pizzazz!

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Grayson Wegner watches as the slammer he tossed scatters the POG disks during the weekly POG tournament at the College Park Arcade Saturday. The POG caps are not only used as a playing tool, but as a collector's item as well.

Whatcha playing? Hawaiian bottle cap game catching on in the mainland

By BARBARA MORRISON
Staff Writer

There have always been milkcaps.

In fact, milkcap games have been played for decades. Years ago, when milk still came in glass bottles, children everywhere collected and played with the round wax-coated cardboard disks which sealed every bottle of milk.

However, as cardboard and plastic milk containers began replacing glass bottles, milkcaps and milkcap games nearly disappeared. But, only nearly.

In 1991, Blossom Balbiso, a teacher living in Hawaii, decided to introduce her stu-

dents to the simple milkcap game she had enjoyed so much as a child. And thus began the game of POG.

Balbiso's students loved the milkcap game she showed them and they loved the colorful caps she obtained for them at the Haleakala Dairy on Maui. The disks the children played with were printed with the name POG, a popular blend of local fruit juices (passion fruit, orange and guava). Thus, the game quickly became known as POG.

Today, there are enthusiastic POG milkcap players, collectors and traders around the world. The game has expanded and become a nov-

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Master plan development off to strong start with citizen input

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The work of Big Spring's Long Range Planning Committee has begun and during a recent meeting at the Dora Roberts Community Center, several areas were identified as targets for the committee to include in the city's master plan.

Members of the committee, along with 27 area residents, met with representatives from Carter/Burgess, the consulting firm hired by the city and funded by Moore Development For Big Spring Inc., in the day-long

session to define the areas to be targeted as part of the city's master plan.

Of the 21 categories looked at, some taken from citizens' responses to a survey published by the committee, water, the economy, finance and taxation, schools and colleges, parks and recreation, and the quality of life were selected as priority categories to be addressed by the committee.

Each category will have a team committee and chairperson to study that particular issue.

Danny Horton will chair the water committee; Dr. Cheri

Sparks, schools and colleges; Doug Horton, parks and recreation; Carl Bradley, quality of life; Sandy Smith, finance and taxation; and Moore Board Director Carole Taylor will chair the committee on the economy.

Each of these teams will report to Long Range Planning Committee Chairman Tommy Churchwell. Teams will also be under the guidance of Carter/Burgess.

The committee also has the support of Mayor Tim Blackshear, who was instrumental in

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Free Turtles survive smuggling to hatch

DALLAS (AP) — Liberated from an unwitting smuggler, a few endangered sea turtles are getting another break.

Four of the 30 olive ridley turtle eggs confiscated at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport have hatched. They were thriving Saturday at a city zoo.

But a Dallas Zoo official said the remaining eggs were rendered infertile — probably after they were unearthed from a remote beach on Guatemala's Pacific coast, crammed inside a plastic jar and jostled on their international journey.

"Removing them from the beach and turning them — flipping them upside down — and exposing them to incorrect temperature and humidity, jarring, and prolonged exposure to sunlight — any of those things are factors in why most of the eggs were infertile and didn't hatch," said Don Boyer, a Dallas Zoo supervisor.

Against those odds, two jet-black hatchlings emerged from ping-pong ball size eggs on Jan. 17, followed by another two days later and a fourth last Saturday.

The small turtles have been receiving nourishment from a yolk sac attached to their bodies.

"The babies are right around 12 grams at birth," said Boyer, who works in the zoo's herpetology section. "They seem to be doing very well. They have reabsorbed their yolk and are now gaining weight."



Associated Press photo

One of four olive ridley sea turtles hatched at the Dallas Zoo from eggs confiscated at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is shown. The eggs were among a jar of 30 confiscated from a U.S. citizen returning from Guatemala.

Within 10 days, their diet will switch to food pellets.

"These sea turtles are rare and endangered. They are completely protected by law. But a few private collectors try to keep sea turtles," said Boyer. "Mainly, the eggs are smuggled for food, as a delicacy."

No arrests have been made following the Nov. 23 confiscations, said Gabrielle Gordon, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

spokeswoman in Dallas. Officials said the eggs were found in a plastic jar inside a suitcase carried by a U.S. citizen arriving from Guatemala.

No charges were filed because the woman apparently was unaware she was breaking any laws.

The U.S. Endangered Species Act and, on an international

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Texas Trivia
How many fliers were trained at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station during WW II?
40,000
Curt Flood was born where?
Houston

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World:
Russian troops kept up their assault on Grozny Saturday, undeterred by a European mission to investigate allegations of excessive brutality by both sides in the Chechen war. See page 5.

Nation: The federal government must continue to provide a safety net for poor children and teen-age mothers as it cedes welfare responsibilities to the states, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said Sunday. See page 5.

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Two executions
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Standing by veteran officer
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Sims in stable condition
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TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight
54 [▲] Highs [▼] 35
Lows
Clear, low mid 20s
Today, clear, low in the mid 20s, light winds.

Tuesday
Permian Basin Forecast
Tuesday: Sunny and warm, high in the upper 60s, southwest winds 5 to 15 mph; clear night, low mid 20s.
Wednesday: Sunny and warm, high in the upper 60s, southwest winds 5 to 15 mph; clear night, low mid 20s.

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DPS standing by indicted officer

NEWS IN BRIEF

DALLAS (AP) — The head of the Texas Department of Public Safety is standing by a veteran officer who has been indicted in Florida on charges he and a U.S. Customs agent worked to protect a drug trafficker.

"When an agent is charged with a crime, we don't keep them around," Col. James Wilson, DPS director, told The Dallas Morning News. "That would be an injustice in Bob Nesteroff's case. What's happened here raises the prospect that this could be a grudge."

Sgt. Robert Nesteroff, 46, a 22-year veteran Texas lawman, worked DPS air-smuggling cases with spectacular results, Wilson said. His efforts led to the seizure of more than 40 airplanes, 20 tons of marijuana, a ton of cocaine and more than \$1 million, according to DPS records.

A federal grand jury in Fort

Lauderdale, Fla., indicted Nesteroff and Customs special agent Richard Cardwell in October on conspiracy charges after they appeared as defense witnesses at a federal trial in Miami of Texas smuggler Rodney Matthews.

Matthews was convicted in 1993 and sentenced to life in prison, but DPS officials said Assistant U.S. Attorney Terrence Thompson was irate over Nesteroff's and Cardwell's depiction of Matthews as a smooth-talking criminal who was also a valuable government informant.

The indictment alleges the

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Col. James Wilson

depiction of Nesteroff and Cardwell was a lie to hide illicit links between the two agents and Matthews, a career drug smuggler with connections to Colombian cocaine cartels.

The indictment alleges Matthews had paid them for years for classified investigative information and protection from arrest.

Matthews has denied the allegation.

"No one denies that Matthews

was a crook. But he wasn't a crook for DPS," Wilson said. "Bob went in and told the truth, and there's clear indications it angered the prosecutor. The prosecutor has certainly implied we were obstructing his efforts. And that is a blatant lie."

The two agents are accused of conspiring to help Matthews evade arrest and avoid drug charges relating to a Dec. 31, 1988, flight from Colombia to Fort Bend County with a cargo of cocaine.

The DPS says the flight was part of a federal drug sting. When some federal agents who were not part of the sting met the plane and tried to seize Matthews and his cargo, Nesteroff and Cardwell indepen-

dently vouched for Matthews, the agency says.

"This whole thing was instigated by the federal government. But when it blew up, they blamed everyone else," an unidentified DPS agent told the newspaper. "Later, there were some back-door apologies. But nothing official."

Cardwell, 43, who worked air-smuggling cases out of Houston after becoming a customs investigator in 1987, was working out of the customs aviation center in Oklahoma City when indicted.

Cardwell has been suspended indefinitely without pay since the indictments were issued, said customs officials, who declined to comment further on the case.

Thompson and his superiors in Miami declined to discuss

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New SMU president making changes

DALLAS (AP) — R. Gerald Turner, who grew up in East Texas, played basketball at Abilene Christian and taught at Texas high schools and colleges, is returning to the Lone Star State to become Southern Methodist University's president.

Turner, 49, comes to Southern Methodist after 11 years at the University of Mississippi, where he is credited for dramatically improving race relations. SMU regents, in their Friday announcement naming Turner the school's new president, praised his record at Ole Miss.

As Turner prepares to leave the Oxford, Miss., campus to take over his duties at SMU, crews are working to double the size of the school library.

Bishops come out against casino gambling

HOUSTON (AP) — Roman Catholic leaders in Texas oppose any plan the Legislature has in mind to bring casino-style gambling to Texas.

"The proposed expansion of gambling in Texas by a new multimillion-dollar industry brings with it expensive campaigns, high stakes games and a continuing drive for more and more gambling revenues," the state's 19 Catholic bishops warned in a Jan. 13 statement.

The bishops join Texas' Southern Baptists and United Methodists in opposing casino and riverboat gambling proposals expected to surface before the current Legislature, the Houston Chronicle reports in Sunday's editions.

In the joint statement, the bishops said such proposals, although not immoral in itself, could cause social, economic and political damage.

Perjury re-indictment returns case to start

DALLAS (AP) — A grand jury's indictment of a 21-year-old man on perjury charges marks an apparent return by investigators to the original suspects in the 1992 disappearance of a northeast Texas girl.

Brent Lee Ward is a cousin of a man identified by Gilmer police Sgt. James L. Brown as the state's main suspect in the 1992 disappearance of Gilmer High School student Kelly Wilson.

Ward was tried and acquitted in September of felony perjury charges related to statements he made in May 1993 to an earlier Upshur County grand jury investigating the girl's disappearance. She is presumed dead, but her body has never been found.

Governors support Mexico bailout

DALLAS (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush said he hopes a governors' resolution supporting the Clinton administration's aid package for Mexico will give it additional weight before a congressional vote.

Bush worked Sunday to rally his colleagues at the National Governors' Association meeting in Washington to adopt Massachusetts Gov. William Weld's resolution calling for legislation to guarantee \$40 billion in loans to Mexico. The Mexican economy has stumbled amid devaluation of the peso.

"I believe it is important for the governors to express positive support for that (legislation)," Bush told The Dallas Morning News. "It is a short-term financial problem and can be corrected if the United States and maybe others step up and say, 'Here is a guarantee.'"

On Wednesday, administration officials and congressional leaders said it would be at least a week before the loan agreement faces a congressional vote. "The president's own party must step up and say this is important, and hopefully a governors' resolution will give impetus to the process," Bush said.

Several governors from both political parties expressed support for a financial rescue package for Mexico, as long as it includes safeguards to ensure that the money is repaid.



State Sen. Bill Sims, D-Paint Rock, is lowered from his roof by emergency personnel Saturday in San Angelo after he suffered an apparent stroke while trimming tree limbs on the roof of his house. Sims, 63, was conscious and talking to family members Saturday after, said his son Billy.

Sims stable after suffering stroke

SAN ANGELO (AP) — State Sen. Bill Sims, who has suffered an apparent stroke, was listed in stable condition Sunday at Shannon Medical Center, a hospital official said.

Sims' condition was considered improved from Saturday, but he remains in the intensive care unit, nursing supervisor

Pat Greathouse said. Officials said Sims' wife called for help shortly after 11 a.m. Saturday, saying her husband was on their roof and needed help.

Sims, 63, was unresponsive and incoherent when paramedics reached the roof. Fire Battalion Chief H.L. Turn-

bow said. Rescue personnel set up a basket and lowered Sims to the ground.

Family members said he was conscious and talking later Saturday.

The Democrat has served in the Senate since 1983. He represents District 24.

Horses, horses everywhere on the highway; 8 killed

KAUFMAN (AP) — State and local authorities say they don't know why someone freed 24 horses from their stalls at a meat packing plant and stampeded them onto a nearby highway.

Seven people were injured and eight horses were killed when they ran onto the westbound lanes of U.S. 175 early Sunday.

"There were horses everywhere," said Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Kevin

Pederson. "It was a mess." Officers said the stall locks had been severed and traces of firecrackers believed to have been used to stampede the horses were found near the stalls.

Chad Evans, 17, of Kaufman, was reported in serious condition Sunday night at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. He was flown there by helicopter for treatment of head injuries early Sunday.

The horses were freed from

Dallas Crown Inc., which slaughters the animals for use as dog food and for export. The plant is located about 200 feet from the highway.

Kaufman Police were joined by Kaufman County officers, the DPS, Kaufman firemen and Texas Highway Department employees in clearing the horses from the area around the highway.

By Sunday night, authorities had found 15 of the 24 horses.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"A man should never put on his best trousers when he goes out to battle for freedom and truth."

Henrik Ibsen, playwright, 1882

Rabies clinic a success

The sheer numbers took Dr. Neal Tindol by surprise Saturday as more than 400 people took advantage of a rabies clinic to vaccinate their pets.

There wasn't enough vaccine to take care of all the pets, so the clinic will be offered again this Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

It was good to see the numbers of people turning out to give their pets some measure of protection against rabies, a disease to which both humans and animals are susceptible.

From some of the comments, more dogs than cats were taken to the clinic. Dogs are much easier to travel with than cats, but cats are greater roamers than dogs. Dogs tend to be locked behind fences, not allowed to roam. Keeping a cat inside the fence is a chore.

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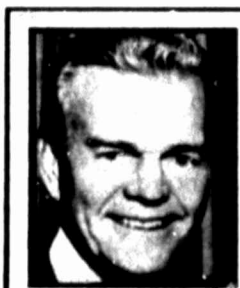
It is as important to get the cat out to the vet as it is the dog.

One thing to remember is this rabies clinic doesn't exempt you from proper care of your animal. Yes, there is a reduced rate, but cats and dogs, just like humans, need regular checkups from their own veterinarians.

Hopefully this rabies clinic will fulfill its purpose - preventing the spread of the disease in Howard County. The numbers of pet owners taking advantage show an interest, and the interest needs to remain for the upcoming clinic.

It's enlightened self-business

Our nation's misleaders, in recent generations, appear to have given up on us.



Paul Harvey
Columnist

Instead of demanding and enforcing discipline in our own country, we have deferred to the rights of wrongdoers.

Yet, in company with the United Nations - or unilaterally - we chase around the world trying to right the wrongs of others.

We are choking off our own nation's oil reserves with expensive environmental litigation, while we import from other countries more than half of all the oil we use. And then, we bewail the imbalance in our nation's trade.

NAFTA was sold to Congress with the promise that it would end the massive invasion of

illegals across our southern borders. Now we're told that with NAFTA, illegal immigration will likely increase by another half-million this year.

We know so much better than we do. We know what's right, but we persist in doing what's wrong because Americans are not guided nearly so much by what they know as by how they feel.

Presently, our president is promising Japan "whatever assistance is needed" to help earthquake victims in Kobe. Yet, when there is an earthquake in California, a hurricane in Florida or a tragic flood in Midland America, other countries offer us mostly only sympathy. It is not one world.

Pope John Paul, during his recent tour of Asia, wearily observed that the end of the cold war has not improved things as much as he'd expected. He says the nations of the world need to be renewed morally and spiritually, and he's seen little of that.

There are 7,127 United States troops in Haiti trying to control historic enemies. Our Pentagon says the Haiti operation will be turned over to the Unit-

ed Nations in March, but the military force there will still be mostly Americans.

Except, under that mongrel flag, our soldiers are not identified as ours anymore. One of the saddest sights on television in 1990 was watching American troops arriving in Saudi Arabia, grudgingly stripping the American flag soldier patches from their uniforms.

Four years later, American forces were rushed back into Kuwait, again without American flags on their uniforms.

This compromise is symptomatic of the degree to which Americans have been asked to hybridize their allegiance.

President Eisenhower - more aware than most of the compromises we make when we take on the world's problems - sought to remind us of our first obligation. He called it "enlightened selfishness."

Our "enlightened self-interest" should be the yardstick against which this new Congress measures every aspect of foreign policy.

A good neighbor's first responsibility is to mind his own business.

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Crackdown on terrorist groups welcomed

President Clinton's decision to freeze the assets of organizations that sponsor political murder and mayhem in the Middle East is a welcome though largely symbolic move. Those extremist groups, both Jewish and Islamic, that raise money in the United States can readily conceal their purposes; indeed, most already pose as simple charities, which explains their appeal to law-abiding Americans.

Symbolism is all to the good, of course, if it signals a new priority for counter-terrorism. The Clinton administration's record on this is spotty.

An early State Department reorganization plan would have downgraded counter-terrorism, burying it in a bureau devoted to the drug trade. While the global underworlds of narco-traffickers and political-religious militants overlap, they are essentially distinct and cannot be dealt with as a single problem.

Fortunately, the 103rd Congress temporarily saved the Office of the Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism. A bill introduced into the new Congress by the chairman of the House International Relations Committee, Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., would give the coordinator the permanent rank of ambassador at large and direct access to the secretary of state. While we disapprove in principle of congressional micro-management of the State Department, we applaud the end of this legislation: making sure that counter-terrorism concerns are heard by top decision-makers and seen by foreign governments to be taken seriously in Washington.

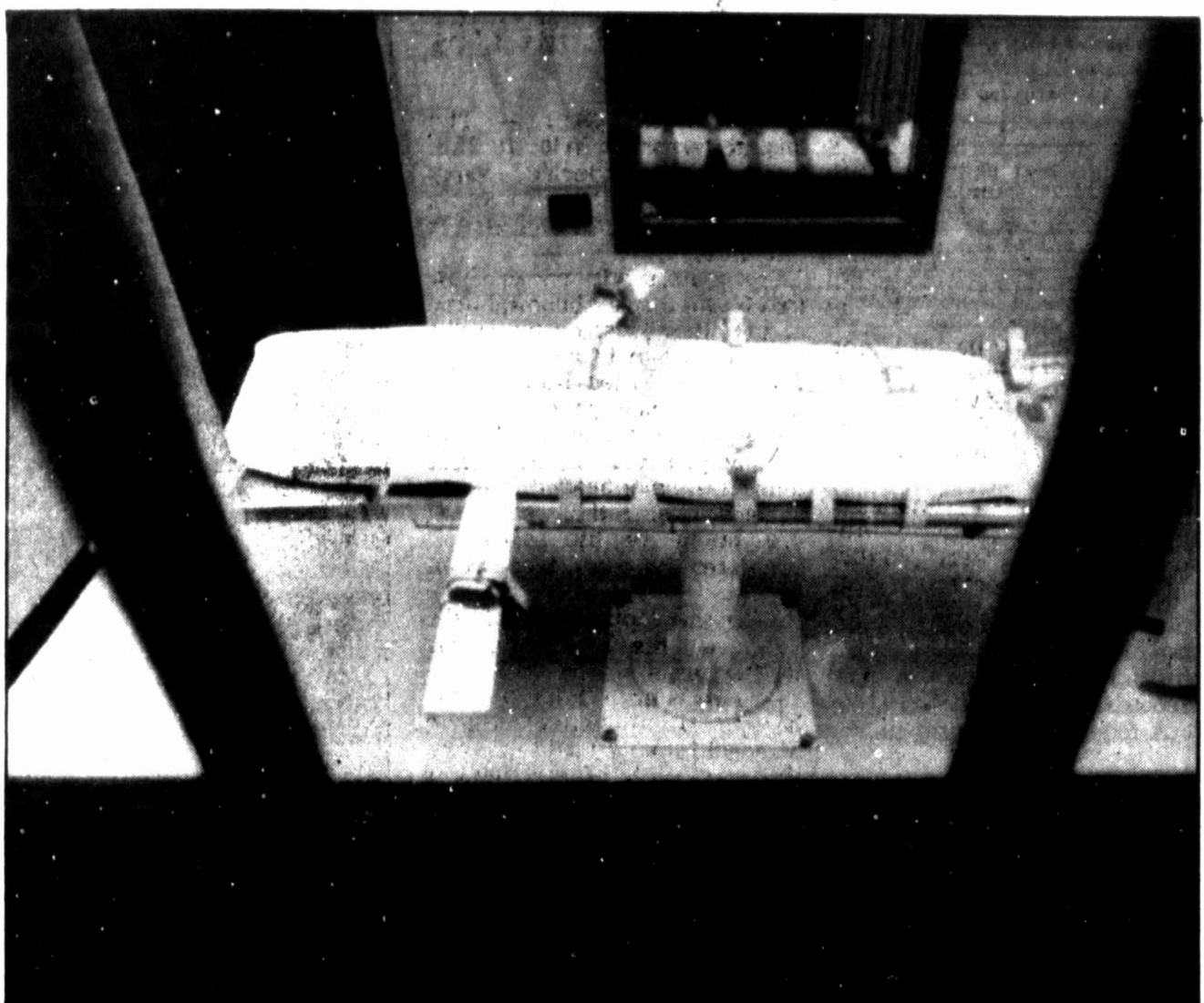
For if choking off the flow of funds from American donors to fanatical groups like Hezbollah, Hamas and Kach is nearly impossible, some other steps are worth taking. The intelligence agencies must improve their counter-terrorism capabilities.

The United States has little leverage with most of the governments that support Middle East extremists - Iran, Libya, Syria, Sudan - but it is friendly with a few. It should urge Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states, not to mention Western countries like France, to freeze suspect assets and generally discourage their citizens from financing political killers.

Reportedly, too, the administration intends to propose legislation criminalizing terrorist conspiracies hatched in the United States for execution on foreign soil, speeding deportation of aliens who engage in terrorist acts and expanding the use of wiretaps in terrorism investigations. As always, such measures must be crafted to conform with U.S. civil liberties - the very liberties threatened by the wild men bent on holy war against those with whom they disagree.

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Table for two



The bed which death row inmates are strapped to before being given a lethal injection is seen through the bars which divide the inmate from the witness room in Huntsville. For the first time in almost 45 years, Texas officials prepare to execute two convicted killers - Clifton Russell and Willie Williams, in a single night during the early morning hours Tuesday.

State prepares for historic double execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) - For the first time in almost 45 years, Texas officials this week are preparing to execute two convicted killers in a single night.

Appeals are pending before the U.S. Supreme Court for Clifton Russell, 33, condemned for the robbery-murder of an Abilene man in 1979, and Willie Williams, 38, sentenced to die for a robbery-murder in 1980 at a Houston convenience store.

Each man is scheduled to die by injection in the early hours of Tuesday and state authorities said the executions are likely to take place.

Texas has executed 87 convicted murderers since capital punishment resumed in 1982 - the most in the nation - but never has carried out two lethal injections back to back on the same day.

"It's just a coincidence," Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for the Texas Attorney General's Office, said of the scheduling. "There is no predetermined method."

Execution dates are set by local trial court judges who may not be aware of similar actions being taken by judges in another of the state's 254 counties. Russell's execution was set by a judge in Taylor County; Williams by a court in Harris County 350 miles away.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court allowed the death penalty to resume in 1976, only Arkansas has carried out multiple executions, killing two murderers May 11, 1994, and three Aug. 3, 1994.

The Russell and Williams executions in Huntsville would be the first in Texas since April 5, 1950, when two men convicted of murder in Harris County, James Blackmon and William Smith Jr., were sent to the electric chair.

The practice earlier this century was not that unusual. Prison records show at least 28 instances of multiple electrocutions in Texas, including five convicted killers executed Feb. 8, 1924 when the state inaugurated the electric chair in Huntsville.

"I'm not going to be concerned if there's one or 20 being executed," Russell said in an interview last week.

In October, the former laborer from Abilene came within about two hours of execution when he received a reprieve.

"What I found is when you go over there, the closer I got, the more my focus was on God," he said.

Stan Brown, the attorney handling Russell's case, contended he was ineffective handling the appeal and that his client should be given a reprieve while a new lawyer is appointed. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals rejected the argument Friday and Brown took the case to the Supreme Court.

Attorneys for Williams challenged the legality of his guilty plea to the murder charge. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals refused that argument as well Friday.

The Supreme Court is considering an appeal from Williams' lawyer, Marjorie Bell of Houston, who asked the high court to review an earlier decision from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. In a ruling last year, the appeals court denied a contention that Williams' trial attorneys improperly were not told of a deal involving the prosecution and a witness.

Assuming all appeals are exhausted by 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, Russell will be the first strapped to the death chamber gurney because his Texas death row number - 658 - is lower than Williams' 677.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman David Nunnelee said Russell arrived on death row April 30, 1980. Williams arrived 10 months later.

Their executions likely will occur about 30 minutes apart, Nunnelee said.

Russell contended he deserved mercy and had changed from the wild teen-ager who was arrested repeatedly and participated in numerous robberies. His prison record, he said, was spotless.



RUSSELL

Russell was convicted of killing Hubert Tobey, 41, who worked as an air traffic controller in Abilene. Tobey, abducted from a self-serve gas station Dec. 2, 1979, was found dead outside an abandoned house, his throat cut, his skull crushed by a large concrete block and his car missing.

Russell and an accomplice, William Battee, were arrested the following day in Hobbs, N.M., driving Tobey's blood-spattered car. Battee testified against Russell and received a 60-year prison term. Russell got the death penalty.

Williams, a laborer from Houston, was convicted of the Oct. 13, 1980 shooting death of Claude Schaffer Jr.

Williams and an accomplice, Joseph Nichols, were buying a corn dog and a quart of beer when they pulled handguns on Schaffer.

Schaffer was shot in the back while squatting behind the counter of the convenience store. Williams was arrested three days later, confessed to the slaying and pleaded guilty to capital murder.

A jury at a punishment hearing sentenced him to death after testimony showed he had committed two armed robberies just before the Schaffer slaying and two more in the days following. Nichols also received a death sentence.

Russell and Williams are among some two dozen condemned murderers with execution dates set for this year. State attorneys, however, expect only a few of those with existing dates to actually be put to death since appeals have not been exhausted.

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Nesteroff and Cardwell, both free on their own recognizance, declined to be interviewed on advice of their attorneys, the Morning News said.

When Matthews was sen-

tenced to life imprisonment on an unrelated racketeering indictment last February, U.S. District Judge Ursula Ungarone-Benages questioned the implications of criminal actions against the Texas lawman.

"What was presented at trial certainly did not amount to

criminal wrongdoing by any stretch of the imagination with respect to either Cardwell or Nesteroff," she said.

U.S. District Judge Jose A. Gonzalez in Fort Lauderdale is considering a defense motion to move the trial to federal court in Texas.

NEWS BRIEF

Offensive launched along Peruvian

MACAS, Ecuador - Peruvian helicopter shot down Sunday, and at least one Ecuadorian soldier was killed. What officials called an "offensive" by Peru in the border area.

Peruvian officials comment on the new casualties. They have been silent since clashes in remote border area Thursday.

Gen. Jorge Ortega, army commander, left Quito to inspect the area to inspect the described heavy air and land earlier.

Ad campaign with FDA restructuring

WASHINGTON (AP) - The FDA's new structure will be part of a campaign to persuade Congress to restructure - or even eliminate - the Food and Drug Administration, saying it can't pay for over medicine.

While the agency out deadly drugs, it has withstood cutbacks before, the strength of the FDA's defenders.

Opening statement more stops than...

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The opening statement by the son's lead defense had more stops and some space shot out.

Johnnie Cochran to finish his jury, and now the wants him to take it his words - stuff in the bag, as it were.

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A lot of pressure on woman pilot

SPACE CENTER (AP) - The lesson in astronaut Eileen's career: One slip who follow will suffer.

She learned that when a woman in pilot-training class check ride, a flag pilot proficiency. The first group of base, everyone knew talked. A woman f ride!

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Offensive launched along Peruvian border

MACAS, Ecuador (AP) — A Peruvian helicopter was reportedly shot down Sunday, killing seven, and at least one Ecuadorean soldier died in what officials called a "massive offensive" by Peru in a disputed border area.

Ad campaign wants FDA restructured

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tombstones flank the grim headline: "If a murderer kills you, it's homicide. If the FDA kills you, it's just being cautious."

Opening statements had more stops than starts

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The opening statement by O.J. Simpson's lead defense lawyer has had more stops and starts than some space shot countdowns.

Johnnie Cochran Jr. has yet to finish his remarks to the jury, and now the prosecution wants him to take back some of his words — stuff the cat back in the bag, as it were. Unringing the bell.

A lot of pressure on woman pilot

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The lesson came early in astronaut Eileen Collins' flying career: One slip and women who follow will suffer.

Terrorism trial begins in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — The largest terrorism trial in U.S. history gets underway today with opening statements and a judge's warning that religion is not on trial.

After the attorneys speak, the judge has his own statements for the jury.

"There is no religion on trial here," U.S. District Judge Michael Mukasey said in a preliminary draft of instructions he would make to the jury.

If someone breaks the law, "the fact that it is undertaken in the name of religion is no defense whatsoever," the draft states.

The trial is the second chapter in the prosecution of a group allegedly responsible for the 1990 assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane, the founder of the Jewish Defense League, and the Feb. 26, 1993 World Trade Center bombing, which killed six people and injured hundreds more.

Three followers of Abdel-Rahman and a fourth man were convicted in the trade center bombing last year and were sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Prosecutors said the motive was to punish the United States for supporting Israel.

The judge in the first trial said the bomb was meant to topple the 110-story towers, a symbol of America's economic might, and kill tens of thousands of people.

One defendant in the current trial, El Sayyid Nosair, was acquitted in the 1990 assassination of Kahane. He was convicted on related weapons charges.

Four months after the trade center bombing, the FBI raided a safehouse in Queens where five defendants now on trial allegedly were mixing explosives to blow up the United Nations.



Two Chechen refugee women cover themselves with a blanket after leaving the Chechen village of Katar-Jurt, 35 miles southwest of Grozny Monday. Thousands of Chechens have fled Grozny, trying to find shelter in the countryside as the advance of Russian forces on Chechnya continues.

Pounding of Chechnya continues

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian troops kept up their assault on Grozny Saturday, undeterred by a European mission to investigate allegations of excessive brutality by both sides in the Chechen war.

Chechen separatists said their capital suffered the heaviest barrage since Dec. 31, the start of Moscow's ground assault on the capital of the secessionist

republic. Russian forces have relied largely on shelling and bombing to try to force the separatist fighters from the city where they declared independence in 1991.

"Last night, we had the heaviest bombardment since the New Year's Eve shelling and bombing of Grozny," Chechen information minister Movladi

Udugov told The Associated Press.

Udugov was waiting near the border with the republic of Ingushetia for a delegation of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The delegation is looking into allegations of human-rights abuses in the battle over the breakaway republic.

Safety net needed in welfare reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government must continue to provide a safety net for poor children and teen-age mothers as it cedes welfare responsibilities to the states, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said Sunday.

But Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, a leading Republican presidential aspirant, said the time has come for drastic action. "You can't change this

mammoth system without hurting some people," he said.

The issue of who will be guaranteed protection under a revamped welfare system is at the top of the list of differences as the administration and Republicans stake out their positions on welfare reform.

Republicans emerging from a 5 1/2-hour "work session" on welfare reform with President Clinton on Saturday stressed House GOP legislation imposing

tough restrictions on benefits is the only proposal on the table.

But Shalala, appearing on CBS' "Face the Nation," noted Clinton has said government should not be creating more poor American children.

Clinton has proposed cutting off welfare benefits to recipients after two years and giving states more flexibility in setting up welfare programs. The House Republican plan goes much further.

Document casts doubts on Libya's involvement

LONDON (AP) — A leaked FBI document casts doubts on the case against two Libyans accused of the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, a London newspaper said today.

The independent said the five-page briefing paper challenges prosecution evidence that the bomb originated in Malta, where the Libyans worked.

The newspaper did not reveal the date of the document, how it obtained it or if it tried to authenticate it. The newspaper published the report two days before the House of Commons is to begin debate on claims that

Iran, not Libya, ordered the attack.

The bombing of the New York-bound plane on Dec. 21, 1988, killed all 259 people aboard and 11 on the ground. The flight originated at Frankfurt, with a London stopover.

Questions about the Libyan connection were raised last week when The Times of London and other British papers printed details of a 1991 U.S. National Security Agency report.

The newspapers quoted the NSA report as saying that a former Iranian interior minister, Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, paid \$10

million in cash and gold to have the bombing carried out.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry has rejected the allegation as baseless.

The independent predicted today that the FBI document will increase pressure on investigating authorities to reopen the case against Iran.

Computer records reportedly showed that an unaccompanied suitcase thought to contain the bomb arrived in Frankfurt airport Dec. 21, 1988, on Air Malta Flight KM 180 and was transferred onto Flight 103.

U.S. and British authorities subsequently charged two

Libyan Arab Airlines employees who worked in Malta, Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fimah, with putting the suitcase on Flight KM 180. They were reported to be Libyan intelligence officers.

Libya has denied involvement and refused to hand the two men over for trial, leading to U.N. sanctions against Libya.

The independent said the Frankfurt airport baggage records provide the only direct link between Malta and Germany, and therefore between the two Libyans and the unaccompanied suitcase.

Weather plays rough on Kobe survivors

KOBE, Japan (AP) — Quake survivors housed in unheated shelters in Kobe faced a new hardship today — low temperatures and strong winds expected to last over the next few days.

Today's high hovered around 40 degrees, and the Central Meteorological Agency forecast winds of 32 mph in Kobe and surrounding areas.

The cold weather is bad news for the more than 200,000 survivors of the Jan. 17 quake packed into shelters in and around Kobe. Many are suffering from flu and colds.

As of today, the death toll from the quake stood at 5,094 people. Thirteen people were still missing, and 26,798 people were injured. The 7.2-magnitude quake destroyed or severely damaged 100,952 buildings.

The quake devastated the city's economy. Matsukoshi Ltd., a leading Japanese department store, said today it would sell \$7 million in land assets to cover some of its quake losses.

Small and medium-sized businesses were especially hard hit. Local officials in Kobe said they had asked Tokyo for help setting up factories to allow some producers to get back to work.

So far, 1,544 small and medium-sized companies have asked the government and banks for credits to rebuild, said Yoshi-naru Fujiwara of Hyogo Prefecture. Under emergency laws, the government will extend credits with an annual interest rate starting at 3 percent, Fujiwara said.

Construction crews continued putting the city's infrastructure back together piece by piece. A train line from Kobe's western outskirts into the center of town started running today. Officials expected it would take five or six months to get the entire railway network running.

Also today, fire officials began assessing the damage from fires that swept through the city after the quake, reducing thousands of wooden houses to ashes and scorching about 250 acres over 10 days.

Officials told Kyodo news agency that fires destroyed an estimated 23,000 homes.

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Super Rout: Records fall as 49ers romp

MIAMI (AP) — Steve Young hugged the Super Bowl trophy as if it was the most precious thing in the world to him.

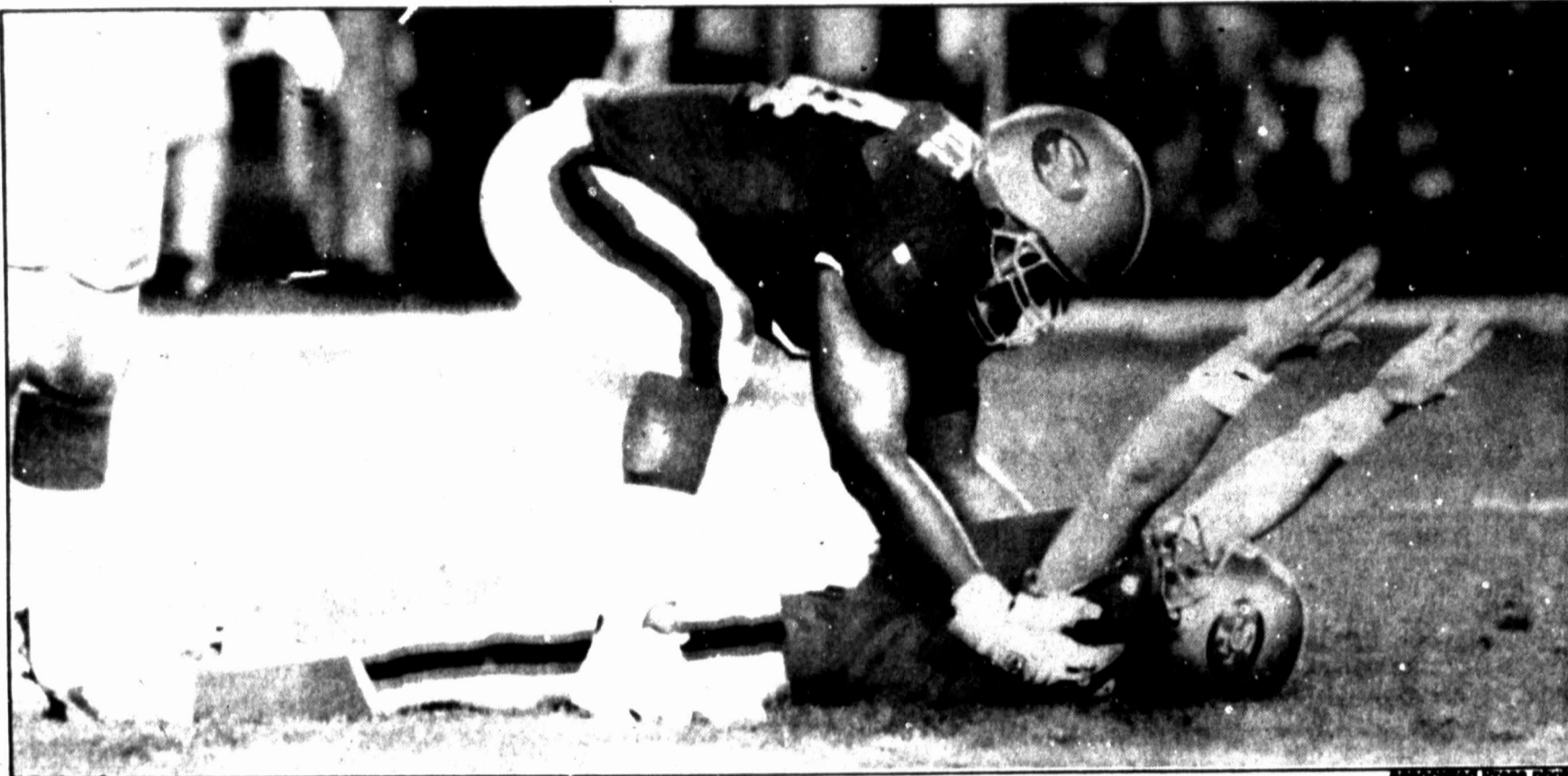
It is. Young obliterated the shadow of Joe Montana that had haunted him for five years with a record six touchdown passes as the San Francisco 49ers overwhelmed San Diego 49-26 Sunday to become the first team ever to win five Super Bowls.

Then he finally released the emotion that he's bottled up all this time.

"All along I felt like I was playing well but I never had this game to fall back on," said Young, a two-time league MVP, but labeled a "loser" because the Niners fell a game short the last two years when they lost to Dallas in the NFC title game.

"Steve Young proved that he is truly the greatest quarterback of all time," said Deion Sanders, who brought to the Niners the in-your-face attitude and finally got the Super ring he sought.

If ever a Super Bowl lived up to its billing, this one did. It was supposed to be a rout and it was, as an NFC team won for the 11th straight year. San Francisco was favored by 18 points and could have won by 35 if it hadn't relaxed after going



San Francisco's Steve Wallace hovers over quarterback Steve Young after Young threw one of his six touchdown passes in leading the 49ers to a 49-26 win over the San Diego Chargers in Super Bowl XXIX Sunday in Miami.

up 35-10 early in the third quarter.

"We knew we were gonna kick their butts but we couldn't say nothing," Sanders said.

"They never had a chance to beat us. The real Super Bowl was last week against Dallas."

But Sanders wasn't the show. Young was.

"He's awesome. He's one of the legends," said San Diego linebacker Junior Seau.

His six TD passes broke the Super Bowl record of five set

five years ago by Montana, who led San Francisco to its first four titles. Jerry Rice, playing

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At a glance

SCORE: San Francisco 49ers 49, San Diego Chargers 26.

STRIKING QUICKLY: The 49ers became the first team in Super Bowl history to score on their first three possessions. They led 21-7 after 16 minutes, 58 seconds.

SENSATIONAL: Steve Young of the 49ers completed 24 of 36 passes for 325 yards and a record 6 TDs. He broke the record of 5 set by former teammate Joe Montana in the '90 SB.

STILL LOSING: Gale Gilbert has been on the last five Super Bowl losers — four with Buffalo and one with San Diego.

SUPER, SUPER, SUPER, SUPER, SUPER: The 49ers became the first team to win five Super Bowls.

STREAK LIVES: The NFC extended its Super Bowl winning streak over the AFC to 11 games.

STATS: Jerry Rice of the 49ers had 10 catches for 149 yards and 3 TDs. He now is the leading scorer in SB history with 42 points, has the most career receptions (28) and yardage (512 yards).

SCORING: The 49ers set a playoff record for points with 131 in three games.

Hodnett's secret for hoops success: Practice, practice and more practice

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

ACKERLY — Some basketball players may outscore Mandy Hodnett, but she is determined that no one is going to outwork her.

Hodnett, a senior guard and four-year starter for the Sands Lady Mustangs, is not particularly tall or fast, but she has become the unquestioned team leader through countless hours of practice on the basketball court.

This season, despite facing special defenses geared to stop her, Hodnett leads the 18-4 Lady Mustangs with a 19.6 per-game scoring average. She also leads the team in three-point goals (38), assists (80) and steals (67). Additionally, she's also the team's second-leading rebounder, averaging 6.3 boards a game.

One of Hodnett's biggest fans is her head coach, Leland Bearden.

"I knew she was going to be good," Bearden said. "She shoots so well, and ... she's so strong. She can play anywhere on the court. If you guard her with guards, she'll post up on you, and if you guard her with



Sands' Mandy Hodnett (10), shown here playing defense against Grady Friday, has led the Lady Mustangs to an 18-4 record. She leads the team in scoring, assists and steals.

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Agassi stakes claim to No. 1 ranking with Aussie title

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — With punch and pizzaz, Andre Agassi is staking a claim on Pete Sampras' No. 1 ranking.

Agassi brushed aside his opponent's aces and used his powerful ground game to capture the Australian Open on Sunday, giving him two consecutive Grand Slam tournament titles.

The American right-hander, who came into 1995 ranked No. 2 in the world, concluded his

Australian Open debut with a sparkling 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 victory over Sampras that narrowed the gap between the finalists and could well be the genesis of a long tennis rivalry.

"I think it has to lift the game because the game has been missing a rivalry for the past couple of years," said Sampras. "That's great for the game; it can get more exposure."

"Andre is one guy who puts tennis on the front page of the

sports pages, and I think tennis needs that."

This Australian Open featured, in its more spectacular moments, Agassi's enthralling capacity crowds at the National Tennis Center; Sampras' stirring five-set quarterfinal with Jim Courier in which Sampras wept openly during the final set for his ailing coach, Tim Gullikson; and the emergence of the hard-hitting Mary Pierce, who won the women's title over

NFL owners are expected to OK Malcolm Glazer's purchase of the team for \$190 million when they meet in March.

What puzzles me about the Tampa Bay deal is the number of clauses. I always thought when you paid for something that was for sale, it was yours.

But try this on for size: If Glazer moves the Bucs out of Tampa Bay within 10 years, he will have to pay \$35 million to the estate of late Bucs owner Hugh Culverhouse.

The sale agreement also calls for Glazer to pay an unspecified amount to the Culverhouse estate if renovations are made to Tampa Stadium, and \$20 million if he decides to build a new stadium.

I see why Glazer is committed to staying in Tampa.

Despite his not-so-popular reputation in many circles these days, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones may have started a trend. He paid a pretty hefty amount for the Cowboys back in 1989. But can the Rams (by moving to St. Louis) and the Bucs (by virtue of a new owner), do what Jones and Jimmy Johnson did for the Cowboys in five years?

As for the Rams, St. Louis has offered them a deal they can't possibly refuse — and they're not.

Among the details: A domed stadium worth more than 100 people could count in a year's time (expected to be finished sometime after the start of the 1995 season), a \$15 million practice facility and a nice lease package that won't eat away at the estimated \$20 million in annual revenue the team will make.

The real kicker is that St. Louis is also taking care of the Rams' \$30 million debt to Anaheim, Calif., and tossing in \$15 million more for relocation fees.

What I'm wondering is who is getting the better deal?

St. Louis is projecting an annual revenue of \$100 million and 1,700 new jobs by having the Rams.

Makes you wonder if Cardinals owner Bill Bidwell has ever second-guessed moving from St. Louis to Phoenix.

Just think, St. Louis won't have to wait as long as Charlotte and Jacksonville (the NFL's newest franchises) before it starts winning some games.

Cost of teams — even the sorry ones — keeps going up and up

How about that Super Bowl?

Don't worry, I'm not going to talk about Super Bowl XXIX, but I do

have a couple of football teams on my mind — The Los Angeles Rams (excuse me, St. Louis Rams) and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Why, you ask, am I talking about two teams that couldn't make it to the Super Bowl if they had free tickets?

Their records don't bother me, even though Tampa Bay has the worst overall record in NFL history, but what people are willing to pay to get an NFL franchise is almost as ridiculous as the people who still report Elvis sightings.

The \$185 million paid recently for the Philadelphia Eagles is no longer a record. The new most-expensive NFL franchise is the Buccaneers.



Carlton Johnson
Staff Writer

There was the Yarra River overflowing its banks in a flash flood Friday night and swamping the courts and corridors in ankle-deep water. Fans delighted in watching players splash each other and dance barefoot in the giant wading pool of center court.

There was Naoko Sawamatsu's rousing run to the women's semifinals after her family home in Kobe, Japan,

was destroyed in an earthquake. And at the end, there was Agassi, his shorn scalp covered like a pirate with a kerchief, dominating Sampras nearly as easily as he had dominated his other opponents during the two weeks Down Under.

"If he stays healthy, he's a threat to win every major tournament of the year," Sampras said.

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SHOT OF THE DAY



Aussie Andre
Andre Agassi holds the men's singles trophy and winners' check after defeating Pete Sampras at the Australian Open Sunday in Melbourne.

TEXAS SPORTS

Dallas fans: Ho-hum

DALLAS (AP) — For the first time in three years, the Super Bowl was played without Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin.

Super Bowl parties still went on Sunday, but for Cowboys fans, "The Game" wasn't the same without the Cowboys involved.

"We're here, but it's going to be a boring game. Boring," said Richard Eason, 33, of Dallas, as he and Debbie Harding, 34, of Dallas, ordered food at Midway Point, a sports bar and grill in North Dallas.

"Everyone around us will be rooting for the Chargers. San Francisco is a team that not too many Cowboys fans are for right now," Eason said. Ms. Harding said she didn't think San Diego could win the game, "but I think they'll make a game of it. I hope so."

NATION/WORLD

Floyd wins record skin

KOHALA COAST, Hawaii (AP) — Raymond Floyd missed three birdie tries as the stakes and the tension mounted Sunday in the Senior Skins Game, then rolled in an 8-footer at No. 17 to win the richest hole — \$290,000 — in skins history.

Floyd earned \$420,000 in the two-day competition at the Mauna Lani Resort, a skins record on the Senior PGA Tour or the PGA Tour.

Shanahan to Denver?

DENVER (AP) — San Francisco offensive coordinator Mike Shanahan may become the Denver Broncos' head coach as early as today, the Denver Post said Sunday.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

College
Syracuse at Georgetown, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
Missouri at Iowa State, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.
UNLV at Long Beach State, 11 p.m., ESPN.
North Carolina at Virginia (women), 8 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).

Boxing

Melchor Castor (42-4-4) vs. Miguel Martinez (29-7-1), 10 p.m., HSE.

WACO, Texas high school boys basketball compiled by the T. Basketball Coach Jan. 29:

BOYS

- CLASS 5A**
1. San Antonio
2. Beaumont W
3. Duncarville
4. South Garle
5. Converse J.
6. Plano (21-4)
7. Galena Park
8. Arlington M.
9. Conroe McC
10. Tyler John

CLASS 4A

1. Port Arthur I
2. Justin North
3. Austin Ande
4. Dallas Linc
5. McKinney (1
6. Levelland (2
7. Bay City (24
8. Austin Heag
9. Silsbee (18-
10. Boerne (21

CLASS 3A

1. Graham (25
2. Mesquiteville
3. Clarksville
4. Daingerfield
5. Seminole (2
6. Shallowater
7. Sour Lake (1

CLASS 2A

1. Troup (27-0
2. Wolfe City
3. Winnie East
4. Comert (22
5. Edgewood (1
6. Springdale
7. Whitewright
8. Archer City
9. Moody (23-
10. Callburg

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2. Westport (1
3. Silsbee (22-
4. Avinger (22
5. Laneville (2
6. Rober Lee
7. Anton (21-
8. Henrietta (1
9. Oakwood (1
10. Calvert (2

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WACO (AP) school girls basketball compiled by the T. Basketball Coa Jan. 28):

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BASKETBALL

Boys poll

WACO, Texas (AP) — The Texas high school boys basketball poll, as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (records through Jan. 28):

BOYS

CLASS 6A

- 1. San Antonio East Central (24-0)
2. Beaumont West Brook (24-2)
3. Duncannon (25-2)
4. South Garland (19-4)
5. Converse Judson (21-3)
6. Plano (21-4)
7. Galena Park North Shore (24-3)
8. Arlington Martin (22-4)
9. Conroe McCullough (24-3)
10. Tyler John Tyler (21-5)

CLASS 4A

- 1. Port Arthur Lincoln (24-3)
2. Justin Northwest (25-2)
3. Austin Anderson (25-1)
4. Dallas Lincoln (24-2)
5. McKinney (19-5)
6. Levelland (23-4)
7. Bay City (24-2)
8. Austin Reagan (23-6)
9. Sibley (18-6)
10. Boerne (25-1)

CLASS 3A

- 1. Graham (25-0)
2. Madisonville (25-1)
3. Clearville (22-20)
4. Dainierfield (21-3)
5. Seminole (24-3)
6. Shallowater (21-3)
7. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson (20-5)

CLASS 2A

- 1. Troup (27-0)
2. Wolfe City (22-4)
3. Winnie East Chambers (22-4)
4. Comfort (23-1)
5. Edgewood (22-4)
6. Springdale-Earth (19-4)
7. Whiteside (21-4)
8. Archer City (18-3)
9. Moody (23-2)
10. Callburg (21-3)

CLASS 1A

- 1. Sudan (20-1)
2. Weatherford Brock (24-3)
3. Sledge (22-4)
4. Avinger (22-5)
5. Lanetta (22-4)
6. Robert Lee (20-2)
7. Arton (21-2)
8. Henrietta Midway (23-2)
9. Oakwood (22-4)
10. Calvert (20-4)

Girls poll

WACO (AP) — The Texas high school girls basketball poll, as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (records through Jan. 28):

GIRLS

- 1. Houston Madison (26-1)
2. Duncannon (29-0)
3. Allen Edick (27-2)
4. Clear Creek (26-2)
5. Georgetown (27-1)

- 6. Austin Westlake (27-4)
7. Conroe (22-3)
8. Longview (27-3)
9. Houston Yates (21-4)
10. North Mesquite (25-3)

CLASS 4A

- 1. Canyon (24-1)
2. Cabburne (27-2)
3. Loveland (25-2)
4. Dallas Lincoln (22-2)
5. Sibley (27-1)
6. Granbury (25-4)
7. Canyon Randall (22-4)
8. Burkburnett (19-4)
9. Carthage (22-4)
10. Cedar Hill (23-3)

CLASS 3A

- 1. Bowie (26-1)
2. Farmerville (23-0)
3. Groesbeck (26-2)
4. Lindale (24-3)
5. Abilene Wylie (21-3)
6. Mont Gaudin Barbers Hill (25-6)
7. New Boston (24-1)
8. Youslum (26-1)
9. Bellinger (22-4)
10. Canton (21-4)

CLASS 2A

- 1. Parhandle (24-1)
2. Cooper (22-3)
3. Gunter (24-2)
4. Ozona (24-1)
5. El Mazon Tidehaven (23-4)
6. Winters (20-5)
7. Godley (23-2)
8. Abenathy (21-8)
9. Valley Mills (24-4)
10. Bloomington (22-8)

CLASS 1A

- 1. Sudan (28-0)
2. Ponder (27-1)
3. Lipan (24-3)
4. Whitharal (23-0)
5. Port Aransas (24-4)
6. Alvord (23-3)
7. Gunter (24-2)
8. Lanetta (22-4)
9. Meadow (17-7)
10. Aquia Dulce (23-3)

AP top 25

How the top 25 teams in the Associated Press' men's college basketball poll fared Sunday:

- 1. Massachusetts (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. St. Bonaventure, Monday.
2. Connecticut (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. Miami at Hartford, Conn., Tuesday.
3. North Carolina (16-1) did not play. Next: at Duke, Thursday.
4. UCLA (12-2) did not play. Next: at Southern California, Thursday.
5. Kentucky (13-3) lost to No. 9 Arkansas 94-62. Next: vs. South Carolina at Louisville, Ky., Wednesday.
6. Syracuse (15-2) did not play. Next: at No. 14 Georgetown, Monday.
7. Kansas (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Tuesday.
8. Maryland (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Virginia, Wednesday.
9. Arkansas (16-4) beat No. 5 Kentucky 94-62. Next: vs. Louisiana State, Tuesday.
10. Michigan State (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Thursday.
11. Iowa State (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Missouri, Monday.
12. Arizona (15-4) did not play.

- Next: vs. Washington State, Thursday.
13. Arizona State (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Thursday.
14. Georgetown (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Syracuse, Monday.
15. Virginia (12-5) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Maryland, Wednesday.
16. Wake Forest (12-4) beat Vanderbilt 63-51. Next: at North Carolina State, Wednesday.
17. Stanford (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Oregon, Thursday.
18. Oregon (12-4) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Stanford, Thursday.
19. Cincinnati (15-6) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Friday.
20. Missouri (14-3) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Iowa State, Monday.
21. Georgia Tech (13-6) beat Florida State 81-66. Next: vs. Clemson, Wednesday.
22. Villanova (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's at Madison Square Garden, Wednesday.
23. Florida (10-6) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Wednesday.
24. New Mexico State (14-5) did not play. Next: at Cal State-Fullerton, Thursday.
25. Oklahoma (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Iowa State, Wednesday.

CLASS 4A

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CLASS 3A

- 1. Bowie (26-1)
2. Farmerville (23-0)
3. Groesbeck (26-2)
4. Lindale (24-3)
5. Abilene Wylie (21-3)
6. Mont Gaudin Barbers Hill (25-6)
7. New Boston (24-1)
8. Youslum (26-1)
9. Bellinger (22-4)
10. Canton (21-4)

CLASS 2A

- 1. Parhandle (24-1)
2. Cooper (22-3)
3. Gunter (24-2)
4. Ozona (24-1)
5. El Mazon Tidehaven (23-4)
6. Winters (20-5)
7. Godley (23-2)
8. Abenathy (21-8)
9. Valley Mills (24-4)
10. Bloomington (22-8)

CLASS 1A

- 1. Sudan (28-0)
2. Ponder (27-1)
3. Lipan (24-3)
4. Whitharal (23-0)
5. Port Aransas (24-4)
6. Alvord (23-3)
7. Gunter (24-2)
8. Lanetta (22-4)
9. Meadow (17-7)
10. Aquia Dulce (23-3)

HOCKEY

NHL standings

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Table with columns: W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Rows for Islanders, Philadelphia, Florida, Tampa Bay, Washington, N.Y. Rangers, New Jersey.

Central Division

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Northeast Division

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Transactions

HOCKEY

National Hockey League HARTFORD WHalers—Assigned Ted Drury, center, to Springfield of the American Hockey League for conditioning. NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled Shawn McCosh, forward, from Birmingham of the American Hockey League.

BLUE FOR THE BOLTS



San Diego fan Richard Tisdale wipes away a tear as he watches the final minutes of Super Bowl XXIX Sunday at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium Sunday. San Francisco beat the Chargers 49-28.

Another playoff, another win: Singh takes championship at Phoenix Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — A playoff isn't surprising when the final round of a tournament begins with 32 players within five shots of the lead. Neither is a victory by Vijay Singh if he's playing extra holes. He hasn't lost a playoff yet, not in places like Spain, Germany, Malaysia, Nigeria and Zimbabwe where he's won 15 times, and not on the PGA Tour, which he joined two years ago.

Singh, 31, went to 2-0 in playoffs in the United States, paring the first playoff hole Sunday from 50 feet to win the

Phoenix Open title after Billy Mayfair bogeyed it. Singh's only other U.S. championship came in 1993, when he beat Mark Wiebe on the third extra hole.

Singh said he feels less pressure in a playoff.

"You know you've secured second place, so you just go out and play more aggressive than normal," he said. "I mean, no one's going to take away the second place from you; you're just playing for first."

Translation: The \$234,000 he won is great, but Mayfair's \$140,400 reward for second is

better than missing the cut, which both did the week before in Tucson, Ariz.

When the final round of the \$1.3 million tournament began, Ben Crenshaw was leading at 11-under-par and Singh and Mayfair were two of five players bunched at 10-under. Paired in a threesome with Jim Furyk, they pulled away on the back nine and shot 5-under 66s to finish at 269.

Singh's 2-foot second putt decided it after Mayfair, who had to chip on at No. 18, was unable to get up and down on the closing hole a second time.

49ers

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with the flu and a shoulder separation, caught three of them and Ricky Watters caught two more and ran 9 yards for a third score.

"This is something you'll never forget," Rice told Young as the quarterback cradled the Vince Lombardi Trophy after the game.

Young agreed. "You can't describe the feeling. That's why football is the ultimate team game," he said. "When you get there, you share it with 50 other guys. It's geometric — 50 times 50 — the elation you feel."

Young, the unanimous MVP, finished 24-for-36 for 325 yards without an interception. He also was the game's leading rusher with 49 yards on five carries before leaving with 5:39 left. That overshadowed all kinds

of achievements, including the record-tying three TDs by Young and Watters, and the record set by linebacker Ken Norton, who after winning two titles with Dallas signed with the 49ers as a free agent, and became the first player ever to play on three straight Super Bowl winners.

It took exactly 4 minutes and 55 seconds for San Francisco to demoralize the Chargers, playing in the Super Bowl for the first time. Touchdown passes by Young of 44 yards to Rice and 51 yards to Watters did the trick.

But more important to Young, it was a smashing certification in his exorcism of Montana's ghost. More important to the 49ers, it completed their single-minded mission of winning the Super Bowl after losing the NFC title game three of the last four years.

It also gave 49ers coach George Seifert a Super Bowl title he can call all his own — his first, in 1990, was with a team handed him by Bill Walsh. "I'm just pinching myself, the elation I feel," Seifert said.

Young demonstrated his elation after his fifth TD, a 15-yarder to Rice. He celebrated lying on the ground with his arms signaling touchdown, as Rice trotted into the end zone.

But those two were only part of what may be the best offense ever.

"That's the best offense you're probably ever gonna see," Seau said. "They give you a lot of mixtures of run and pass but that passing game is one in 1,000."

"They're the best I've ever seen," said San Diego coach Bobby Ross.

There were plenty of exam-

ples. The 131 points scored by San Francisco in its three playoff games broke yet another record held by the 1990 49ers, which scored 126 in its three post-season victories.

And the three TDs each by Rice and Watters were another reminder — the only other players to score three touchdowns in a Super Bowl were both 49ers — Rice in 1990 and Roger Craig in 1985.

Rice, who twice received intravenous fluids before the game for flu-like symptoms and then played most of the game with a slightly separated shoulder, caught 10 passes for 149 yards, and administered the quick shock — splitting the San Diego secondary for the first TD just 1:24 into the game. He also caught second-half TD passes of 15 and 7 yards.

"Jerry Rice with one arm is better than anyone else with two arms," Young said.

But it was the quick TD that probably squelched any thoughts the Chargers, 18-point underdogs, might have had of an upset.

"We've scored quick like that all year," Young said. "That's one of our strong points."

"We just missed a read on a simple post pattern," Ross said. Like most teams in their first Super Bowl, they clearly had the jitters.

They dropped passes, took silly penalties, missed tackles and generally did what most AFC teams have done over the past 11 years — lose big. Only two of the 11 straight NFC wins have been close. The average margin in the first 10 was 38-15. Coincidentally, that was the score by which the 49ers beat

the Chargers on Dec. 11 in a regular-season game in San Diego.

"I don't know whether we were awestruck or what," Ross said.

The highlight for the Chargers came when they were down 42-10 — Andre Coleman's 98-yard kickoff return for a score with 3:01 left in the third period after Young connected with Rice for a 15-yard TD.

Then the Chargers set a record of their own when Stan Humphries threw to Mark Seay for a two-point conversion, the first ever in the Super Bowl in this first season the NFL has gone to the two-pointer.

But by the end, it was more a sideshow than anything else. Even Sanders, who accomplished his goal of an NFL title, got in on offense and nearly caught a long pass.

Hodnett

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posts, she'll take you outside. She's just very hard to match up with."

Bearden said his star has arrived at this point through good, old-fashioned hard work. Hodnett, who said she's always loved basketball ("I just wasn't very good at it back then," she adds), admits the sport is almost an obsession.

"All I do is practice," she said. "I hardly ever have time for anything else. I've always wanted to play basketball — my dream is to play college basketball. I just love it."

Despite being the team's leading scorer, she impresses others

with her unselfishness on the court.

"She makes some great passes," post player Kim Webb said. "It's like she sees stuff that nobody else sees. She always tries to get you the ball."

Hodnett is just a few months from realizing her dream of playing college ball — she's leaning toward playing at Howard College — but more immediate goals are on her mind right now.

"All I know is that I want to do good my last year here," she said. "I want to go out with a bang."

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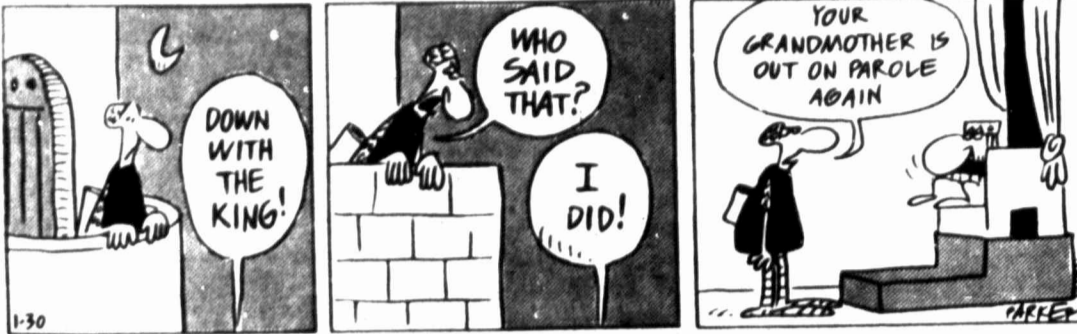
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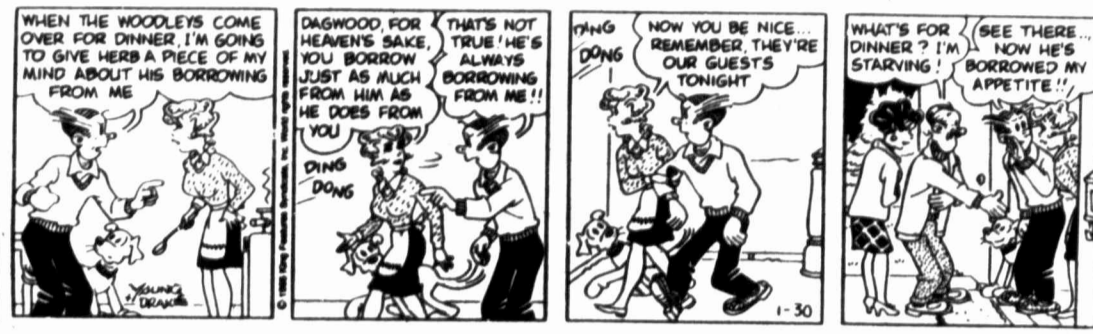
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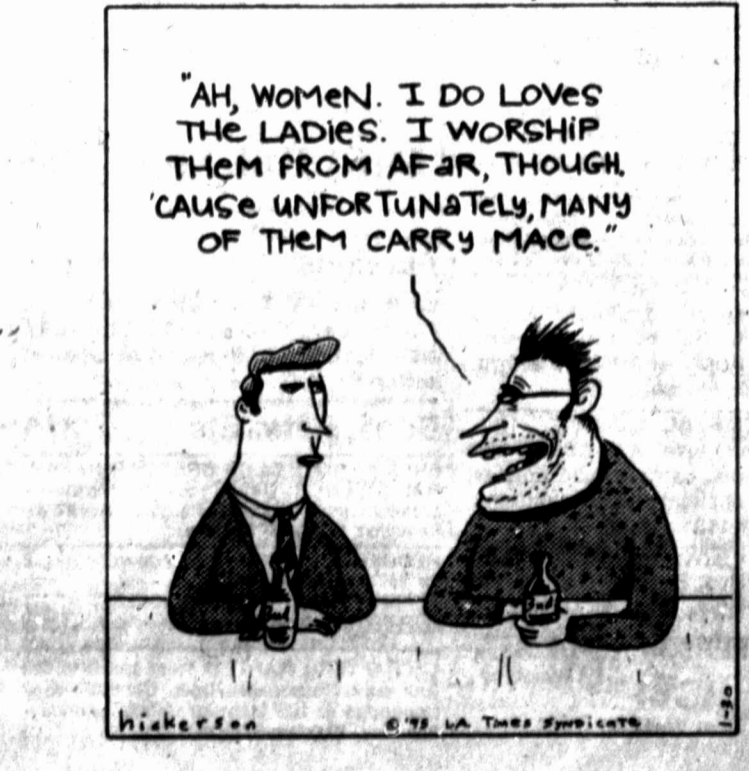


This date in history
Today is Monday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 1995. There are 335 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 30, 1968, Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals in what became known as the Tet Offensive, named for the Lunar New Year.

In 1649, England's King Charles I was beheaded.
In 1798, a brawl broke out in the House of Representatives in Philadelphia, as Matthew Lyon of Vermont spat in the face of Roger Griswold of Connecticut.
In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, N.Y.
In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.
In 1933, the first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.
In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi was murdered by a Hindu extremist.
In 1962, two members of the "Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance in Detroit.
In 1964, the United States launched Mariner VI, an unmanned spacecraft carrying television cameras that was to crash-land on the moon.
In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as Bloody Sunday.
In 1979, the civilian government of Iran announced it had decided to allow Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who'd been living in exile in France, to return.
In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the freed American hostages from Iran.
In 1993, Los Angeles inaugurated its Metro Red Line, the city's first modern subway.

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