

Schools unhappy with court's ruling

Legislators happy to see battle end

AUSTIN (AP) — With school finance no longer looming over their heads, legislators say they can finally turn their attention

to other areas of education reform.

"We have a lot of work to do on quality of education issues, and we've been wanting to do it for some time," says Rep. Paul Sadler, chairman of the House Public Education Committee. "Now we have the opportunity to do those things we need to do for the schoolchildren of our state."

The Texas Supreme Court on Monday upheld the state's latest

share-the-wealth school finance law on a 5-4 vote.

That means legislators — for the first time since 1989 — don't have to worry about coming up with yet another way to equitably fund public schools.

"I was surprised but in the same sense, it was pretty predictable. Senate Bill Seven is better for us than the way they were trying to finance schools before we had the county education districts.

"Professionally, I do not see SB 7 as constitutional because there is no constitutional amendment saying it is okay to take local tax dollars from one district and give it to another. But, the Supreme Court has ruled it constitutional," commented Big Spring Independent School District Assistant Superintendent Ron Plumlee.

Plumlee is referring to the WADA (Weighted Average Daily Attendance) system

formed by SB 7. When districts are involved in this program, the amount of state money given to the schools is reduced.

Several districts make up a partnership school district with the property-rich ones giving money to property-poor ones based on attendance records. BSISD receives money from Borden County and Forsan. Senate Bill 7 is still not fully funded by the state and legislators still have to tackle where the

money to upgrade facilities will come from.

"I had chills," Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Education Committee and author of the latest funding plan, said after the court's decision.

"I knew that I was uptight and worried about what I would propose next if it came down unconstitutional," said Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant. "I'm not sure

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Seniors urged to watch for high pressure phone fraud

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is warning residents, especially senior citizens, to be aware of a company by the name of "American Choice" who is soliciting people's credit card numbers.

By law, any company wanting to do telephone solicitation in Texas must register with the Secretary of State. The Herald contacted the office in Austin and they stated, "American Choice is not registered with us and that name does not even sound familiar to me."

"The caller identified herself as Katherine York. She is asking people for a \$600 deposit to receive goods. She is not specific on what type of goods though.

"When the person refuses to give the caller a credit card number, York asks for their bank account number so she can transfer funds to American

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TIPS

Here are some additional tips to protect yourself from telemarketing fraud. The information is contained in pamphlets given out by local law enforcement agencies:

•If it sounds too good to be true-it probably is.

•Be cautious if the caller says an investment, purchase or charitable donation must be made immediately. Ask that information be sent to you.

•Ask who is in charge of the company or organization represented. Get specific names and titles.

•Ask if it is possible to obtain the names and phone numbers of satisfied customers in your community.

•Check with your state and local consumer protection offices and Better Business

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MORE THAN A RAG DOLL



Herald photo by Tim Appel
After adding the finishing touches to their yarn dolls, Kelci McAdams and Kelli Warrington play with them as local Brownie Scouts were working on projects Saturday morning.

Officers investigating sexual assault

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Detectives with the Big Spring Police Department are investigating an aggravated assault of a child that took place on the west side of town Saturday.

Reports say a female juvenile contacted police late Monday night about the incident. She told officers she was raped by a male juvenile on Jan. 28 and knows the suspect.

The ages of the victim and suspect are not being released at this time and no further information is available.

Big Springers experience 'deadly conduct'

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Several incidents of deadly conduct were reported to the Big Spring Police Department over the weekend.

Deadly conduct is a new offense created by the Texas Legislature and went into effect September 1994 in efforts to punish those involved in drive-by shootings.

On Saturday night, the first report was made in the 3900 block of Hamilton. The complaint told officers someone he knew pulled up in a vehicle and fired a weapon at his home. The same suspect had verbally threatened the home owner earlier in the evening.

Two other incidents of deadly conduct were reported on Sunday evening, but those charges were changed Monday morning to reckless conduct after an investigation.

The two incidents are related after an unknown person fired a BB gun at two vehicles traveling on Martin Luther King Blvd.

In one incident, a one-year-old child was injured. The window the child was sitting next to shattered and glass fragments cut the child's mouth. She was

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Bureau warns consumers of fraudulent agencies

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

John Schmidt, president of the Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin, Inc., recently announced a national alert concerning a consumer reporting agency, apparently a front for two credit counseling businesses.

The alert, released by the Council of Better Business Bureaus, warns the public of the DBF National Reporting Bureau, claiming to be a consumer reporting service like the BBB, but is linked to two related credit counseling companies on which it is giving the public favorable reports.

Schmidt said as far as the BBB can tell the DBF National Reporting Bureau reports only on the two companies.

He said, "Sales people for the

credit counseling companies refer to DBF as 'The Business Bureau' or 'National Business Bureau.' And DBF's own automated voice response line twice refers to itself as the 'National Business Bureau.' We want consumers to know that DBF is in no way affiliated or connected with any Better Business Bureau."

The companies in question, which share the same offices in Boca Raton, Fla., are C&S Credit Services and Kimberly Credit Counseling.

According to the BBB, C&S advertises nationally and routinely refers consumers with bill paying problems to the telephone number of the DBF National Reporting Bureau for a favorable report. DBF's address is a West Palm Beach, Fla., mail

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Relay for Life starts to come together

By BARBARA MORRISON
Staff Writer

Lisa Brooks headed up a recent organizational meeting of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life was staged recently.

The event is scheduled for May 19-20 and is the society's version of a relay with a new twist. "Relay For Life is a family-oriented team even where participants, presenting corporations, clubs, organizations, neighborhoods and families can walk or run on a track relay style for 24 hours," said Brooks, public information officer for the Big Spring State Hospital Community Services division.

Participants will camp out

We still need volunteers who will be willing to work with us by helping to organize and recruit teams to participate.

Lisa Brooks

around Big Spring High School's track, and when they aren't taking their turn, will take part in other fun activities, Brooks explained. "We've had an offer from Vision Makers to even set up a spa. It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone."

Individuals, families and teams from companies and organizations will be welcome to participate.

The idea first developed in Tacoma, Wash., and has taken off across the country. "Right now, we need corporate sponsors who will be willing to provide monetary donations to help us kick this off," Brooks said. "And, we still need volunteers who will be willing to work with us by helping to organize and recruit teams to participate."

In addition, cancer patients and their families and friends will also participate. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. For more information, call Judy Johnston, co-chairperson, at 267-1904.



Where was model/actress Jaclyn Smith born?
Houston

What Roger Miller song won country song of the year in 1964?
"Dang Me"

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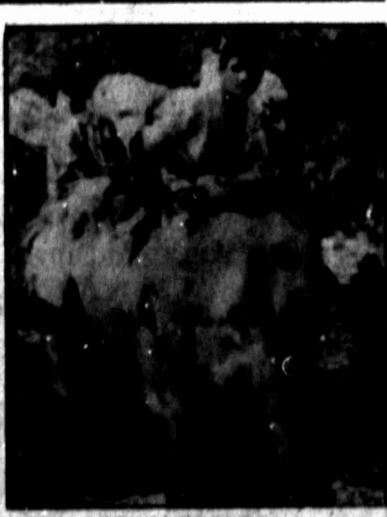
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World: Karen Villagers flee advancing Burmese soldiers on the backs of elephants Monday. See page 5.

Nation: A Wall Street securities trader testified today he was "scared out my wits" when he charged and tackled the gunman who killed six people and wounded 19 on a commuter train. See page 5.



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Two executed

Two convicted killers were executed early today, marking the first time in 44 years Texas carried out back-to-back capital punishment on the same day. See page 3.

Juvenile crime a priority

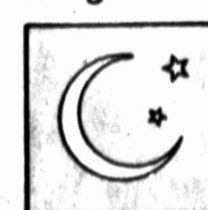
Juvenile crime should become legislators' No. 1 priority now that the state's prison capacity is up to par, according to a report on criminal justice issues. See page 3.

Grace period given

State troopers will give motorists with expired January registrations a 15-day grace period. See page 3.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight



75 Δ Highs ∇ 35
Lows

Clear, low mid 20s

Tonight, mostly clear, low mid 30s, west winds 5 to 10 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high in the mid 70s, west winds 5 to 15 mph; mostly clear tonight, low mid 30s, west winds.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high in the mid 70s, west winds 5 to 15 mph; mostly clear tonight, low mid 30s, west winds.

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OBITUARIES

Juanita Martinez

Services for Juanita Martinez are pending in San Angelo with local arrangements by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She died in the home of her daughter Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1995, after a long illness.

Trella Denton

Services for Trella Denton, 77, Midland, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Trella died Monday, Jan. 30, 1995, in a Midland hospital.

Norman H. Webb

Services for Norman H. Webb, 71, Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1995, in a local hospital.

Nathaniel E. Roll



Nathaniel E. Roll, 78, Big Spring, died on Sunday, Jan. 29, 1995, in an Irving hospital. Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1995, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Vreteau, pastor of St. Thomas Catholic Church, officiating. Entombment will follow at Trinity Memorial Mausoleum under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He was born on Dec. 15, 1916, in Newport, R.I. and married Stephanie Gier on Dec. 19, 1947, in El Cajon, Calif. She preceded him in death on June 1, 1992. He was a Catholic. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II and retired after 20 years of service. He came to Big Spring in 1961. Mr. Roll worked as the Red Cross Director for this area for many years and later worked as a Jailor part time for the Howard County Sheriff's Department. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Edle and James H. Williams, Grapevine; and a grandson and his wife, James E. and Lisa Williams, Arlington. He was also preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters.

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School

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I even realized how uptight I was. "It's amazing. For the first time since 1968, the state of Texas is no longer in court over the funding of its schools," he said. While lawmakers exulted, lawyers on both sides of the funding case said they were disappointed with the ruling. "We felt strongly that it was a state ad valorem (property) tax, but apparently the state Supreme Court says it's not," said Dallas attorney Earl Luna.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel
906 GREGG BIG SPRING
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Fraud

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Choice. When she is refused again, she says 'we can send over a Federal Express man right now to pick up your money.' These are extremely high pressured sales tactics and we want people to be aware of what is 'happening,' said Big Spring police officer Terry Hudson.
They are preying on senior citizens, especially those who live in local nursing homes. Because the company is not registered with the Secretary of State, it would be wise to not give them any information and hang up on the solicitor.
Be extremely careful when giving out a credit card number

Tips

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Bureau for information on the organization.
•Be wary of offers for free merchandise or prizes. You may end up paying handling fees greater than the value of the gifts.
•If you are not interested, interrupt the caller and say so. If that does not work, hang up the phone.
•If you don't want to get another call from a particular company, ask the person to take your name off their list.
•Never give out your PIN (personal identification number) to your credit cards or ATM cards.
•Legitimate contests do not require your credit card number. Always ask the telemarketer to send you notification in writing that you have won.
•Tear up carbons so a thief cannot use your credit card number.
•Regulations say a card holder is liable for only \$50 in unauthorized charges per account. It can take months to get unauthorized charges removed from

Deadly

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treated and released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
"The two incidents on Martin Luther King Boulevard were reduced to 'reckless conduct because a firearm was not used. A BB gun is not considered a firearm."
"When the actor is found, we will be looking into the possibility of also filing injury to a child charges against the suspect," explained Sgt. Victor Brake, public information officer.
Brake says a person commits deadly conduct when they "recklessly engage in conduct that places another person in

Credit

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drop.
C&S charges customers \$249 for a do-it-yourself video on credit repair and refers them to Kimberly Credit Counseling, a non-profit corporation that, for \$15 a month, offers to help debtors consolidate their bills and reduce their total debt.
The BBB said complaints to its office in West Palm Beach allege it took so long to get on the Kimberly Credit Counseling repayment program that clean credit records were eventually damaged.
Schmidt said, "The DBF National Reporting Bureau, which did not respond to BBB inquiries about membership,

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Juanita Martinez died Tuesday. Services are pending in San Angelo.

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over the telephone. Often times, a fraudulent company already has your credit card number and just needs the expiration date to run up your bill.
If you are in doubt of the organization's legitimacy, ask them for a telephone number so you can call them back. Also tell them you want the company to mail you some information before you will purchase or donate anything. If they are not legitimate, they will either hang up on you, give you a false address or telephone number.
Call the Secretary of State to make sure a company is listed and/or to make a complaint against the solicitor. Their number is 1-800-648-9642.

a bill.
•With counterfeiting, the credit card company presumes you are guilty unless it is convinced you are innocent.
•You are liable for only \$50 in unauthorized charges on an ATM card if you report the theft within two business days. If you wait more than two days but less than 60, you are liable for up to \$500. If you wait longer, you may be required to pay the full amount withdrawn.
•Read monthly bills and statements carefully. Call the company when you spot an error.
•Watch every transaction to make sure the clerk does not make two slips with your card. Get your card back immediately.
•Never sign an incomplete receipt.
•Treat your cards with the same care you treat cash.
•Keep your account numbers confidential.
•Do not write the PIN number on the card or keep it with the card. It's like giving the thief a blank, signed check.

imminent danger of serious bodily injury.
"The person knowingly discharges a firearm at or in the direction of one or more persons, habitation, building or vehicle without regard as to whether the habitation, building or vehicle is occupied," Brake explained.
Deadly conduct is a third degree felony, punishable by confinement of two to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.
Reckless conduct is a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by confinement in a county jail of up to 180 days and a fine not exceed \$1,500.

programs, or services, appears to be nothing more than a front to lure customers into the credit services, giving them the impression that they're getting the unbiased story from the real Better Business Bureau."
He added, "We've had some calls locally, but so far we don't know of any local victims."
Schmidt said the BBB is alerting people to this front because eventually it would only cost them money.
He said, "Our motto is get tipped off before you get ripped off. It costs you to get into this program when all you really have to do is request a copy of your credit report, which costs you nothing."

Schmidt also advises consumers in debt trouble to check out any credit counseling offer with the BBB. He added a report on Kimberly Credit Counseling and C&S Credit Services is available through the BBB of the Permian Basin by calling 563-1880 or 1-800-592-4433.

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Big Spring ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:
•BENITO JOSE RODRIGUEZ, 27 no address given, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.
•THEFTS in the 400 block of Johnson, 700 block of East 11th Place, 300 block of Owens, 1700 block of Wason, 400 block of Birdwell, 3400 block of West Seventh, 1500 block of Sycamore and 1300 block of North Highway 350.
•SUSPICIOUS INVESTIGATIONS in the 400 block of Tulane, 2900 block of West Highway 80, 2200 block of Thorpe, 3000 block of West Highway 80, 1900 block of Wason and 4200 block of Hamilton.
•MINOR ACCIDENT in the 300 block of West Third. A citation for unsafe lane change was issued and no injuries reported.
•MINOR ACCIDENT in the 200 block of West 10th. A citation for backing without safety was issued and no injuries reported.
•MINOR ACCIDENT in the 200 block of South Gregg. No citations were issued and no injuries reported.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour time period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:
•MICHAEL ROBERT BOLTE, 43 of 435 Hillside, was released after serving time on a possession of marijuana under two ounces charge.
•AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 48 of 1504 W. Cherokee, was arrested for theft over \$20 and under \$500 as well as criminal trespassing. He was transferred from the city jail and released after posting a \$1,000 bond.
•DONALD VANDERBILT, 19 of 1002 N. Main #46, surrendered to sheriff's office on an evading arrest judgement. He was sentenced to 15 days in county jail.
•ERNESTO RAYMUNDO GOMEZ, 35 of 207 Galveston, surrendered via district court on a motion to revoke probation for unauthorized use of a vehicle. He was released after posting a \$3,000 personal recognizance bond.
•MICHAEL CURTIS HAYDEN MILLER, 18 of Piercton, Ind., was released after serving time on possession of marijuana and unlawfully carrying a weapon charges.
•THOMAS M. KELLEY, 56 of Coahoma, was arrested for public intoxication and unlawfully carrying a weapon. He was released after posting a \$700 bond.

IN BRIEF

County court jury has been cancelled
Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart's office has announced because the cases have been disposed of, the County Court Jury scheduled for the week has been canceled.
Maytag repair 'works' Wednesday
Ol' Lonely won't be so lonely Wednesday when he appears at the Spring City Do-It-Center, Inc., at 1900 East FM700 in Big Spring.
Gordon Jump, formerly of WKRP in Cincinnati and now the Maytag Repairman, will be on hand at the Do-It-Center to sign autographs from 10 a.m. to noon.

What would work?

There are several questions pertaining to how the bond issue for a new county jail and renovations to the library and court house should be presented to the voters.
The Howard County Commissioners continue to work on the issue and are asking for voter input on how the bond issue should be presented.
Once a date is selected for the bond election, commissioners will conduct a public hearing to answer any questions.
Please fill out the following survey and return it to the Big Spring Herald by Feb. 7. The address is: P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or 710 S. Scurry.
The returned surveys will be conveyed to the court on Feb. 8. The court would appreciate your input.

1. Which of the following propositions would you like to see on the ballot?
•Three separate propositions _____
•Jail and Courthouse together as one proposition and the library as a separate proposition _____
•Jail and Courthouse together with library not part of the bond election _____
•Jail and Courthouse presented as two separate propositions without the library _____
Note: The Texas Attorney General's office probably will not allow the county to combine all three items as one proposition because the library project is not closely enough related to the jail and courthouse projects.

2. Howard County can obtain a \$200,000 grant for the library project if a construction contract is signed by Oct. 1. Would you be in favor of the county borrowing the \$500,000 to \$600,000 still needed for the project?
Yes _____ No _____

3. Of the three issues, which do you view as the most important?

Other Comments:

DID YOU WIN? PICK 3: 1, 8, 3

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY
•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
•Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
•Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

meeting, 615 Settles.
263-3168 before 8 p.m.
•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed

MARTY HELMSTETLER
has recently returned to Big Spring and is now associated with The Downtowner Barber Shop
Appointments available
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WALK-INS WELCOME
302 Scurry

•Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.
•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
•Most Excellent Way chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m., or

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Well excavated yield treasures

SAN ANTONIO excavation of a Alamo may produce longtime question al legendary buried treasure.
The digging begin later this well located in Texas shrine and mysteries surround of gold and silver. "The Treasure of well other hidden.
Then again, just contain debt including art ordered destroyed after the historic Project director Buschbacher of Alamo said matter what turns up, it will golden.

Senate committee approves approach

AUSTIN (AP) Rep. Elton Boren Gov. George W. Bush insurance commission been recommended by the Senate Committee. The committee unanimously approved appointment, was considered by the early as Tuesday.
Bomer, a Democrat in East Texas he wanted to crimination and able insurance companies.
Texas. He said he would rid of fraud, start with a Travis jury which has Texas Department ignores fraudulent companies.

Quayle stumps 'George Bush'

HOUSTON (AP) Vice President Dan Quayle's experience in and domestic affairs him the edge as up for the 1996 G nomination.
While courting what he called "Country" on M said he has "experience one else in the Ridential primary

"I've been vice four years," he worked in the O been through criminal national basis. with a president to get his legis the Congress."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Well excavation may yield treasure answers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The excavation of a well near the Alamo may provide answers to longtime questions about several legendary buried treasures.

The digging is expected to begin later this week on the well located in front of the Texas shrine and may solve the mysteries surrounding a cache of gold and silver known as "The Treasure of San Saba," as well other hidden prizes.

Then again, the well could just contain debris of the battle, including artillery pieces ordered destroyed before or after the historic siege.

Project director Frank Buschbacher of Tesoro del Alamo said Monday that no matter what the excavation turns up, it will be somewhat golden.

Senate committee approves appointments

AUSTIN (AP) — Former state Rep. Elton Bomer, chosen by Gov. George W. Bush as Texas insurance commissioner, has been recommended for confirmation by the Senate Nominations Committee.

The committee on Monday unanimously approved Bomer's appointment, which could be considered by the full Senate as early as Tuesday.

Bomer, a Democrat from Montalba in East Texas, told senators he wanted to eliminate discrimination and make affordable insurance available to all Texans.

He said he would work to get rid of fraud, starting by meeting with a Travis County grand jury which has claimed the Texas Department of Insurance ignores fraudulent practices by companies.

Quayle stumping in 'George Bush country'

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Vice President Dan Quayle says his experience in both foreign and domestic affairs will give him the edge as candidates line up for the 1996 GOP presidential nomination.

While courting support in what he called "George Bush Country" on Monday, Quayle said he has "experience that no one else in the Republican presidential primary will have."

"I've been vice president for four years," he said. "I've worked in the Oval Office. I've been through crises on an international basis. I have worked with a president who had to try to get his legislation through the Congress."

Company president admits illegal burning

TYLER (AP) — The president of an east Texas tank manufacturing and repair company has pleaded guilty to illegal burning and the subsequent release of more than a pound of lead waste into the environment.

James W. Blair, Jr., 58, of Tyler, pleaded guilty Monday to violating the federal environmental law against the burning of such waste and failing to notify the National Response Center of the burning. He faces a maximum three years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine.

No prison overcrowding, move on to juvenile crime

AUSTIN (AP) — Juvenile crime should become legislators' No. 1 priority now that the state's prison capacity is up to par, according to a report on criminal justice issues.

For the first time in two decades, the prison system this year will not be overcrowded, said the report released Monday by the state Criminal Justice Policy Council.

That means legislators need to turn their attention to toughening laws for young criminals, said Tony Fabelo, executive director of the council and the report's author.

"No reform and no amount of money spent on the adult criminal justice system can achieve long-term success unless Texas develops a more effective juvenile justice system," Fabelo said in the report.

"If we fail to slow down the crime factory, the adult criminal justice system will once more be overwhelmed by the effects of increasing crime in the near future."

Prison construction over the past two years has increased the number of prison beds to about 100,000. The state will add another 46,000 beds by the end of this year, Fabelo said.

That will eliminate a backlog of 21,000 state prisoners in county jails by June, several months ahead of a Sept. 1 deadline.

Free of an overcrowding problem for the first time since the 1970s, the state should examine whether some jail space can be used for juvenile offenders, said Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for Gov. George W. Bush.

"Gov. Bush hopes this clears the way for Texas to think creatively about ways to use existing prison beds in fiscally responsible ways, specifically ... to help get violent juveniles off the streets," Ms. Hughes said.

The report said about 4,000 beds originally set aside for drug treatment could be used instead for juvenile offenders.

In addition to toughening punishments, the state should enhance social services to reward youths who aren't breaking the law, Fabelo said.



Sam Houston State University student Gretchen Gay Cook, left, makes her point for the death penalty as opponent Catherine Froud tries to make her point during a vigil outside the Walls Unit. Two convicted killers were executed on the same night, the first time in 44 years.

Two convicted killers die

Double execution first in 44 years

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Two convicted killers were executed early today 88 minutes apart, marking the first time in 44 years Texas carried out back-to-back capital punishment on the same day.

Clifton Russell, 33, condemned for the robbery-murder of an Abilene man in 1979, was the first to be strapped to the death chamber gurney.

He was followed nearly an hour and a half later by Willie Williams, 38, sentenced to die for a 1980 robbery-murder at a Houston convenience store.

"I want to thank my friends and family for sticking with me through all this," Russell said in a final statement.

After a couple of deep breaths and a single gasp, there was no further movement. He was declared dead at 12:29 a.m. CST, eight minutes after the lethal drugs began flowing into his arms.

A crowd of about 40 people, most of them students from nearby Sam Houston University, applauded and cheered as witnesses emerged from the prison. A few people carried candles to protest the punishment.

Corrections officials removed Russell's body from the chamber, replaced the needles and tubes that carried the lethal chemicals and changed the gurney sheet while Williams was driven the 15 miles from the Ellis I Unit prison, home of death row, to the Walls Unit in downtown Huntsville, where the death chamber is located.

"Time never was without love and peace in Islam," Williams mumbled quickly in his brief final statement.

He gasped once, coughed a couple of times and wheezed as the drugs took effect. Eight minutes later, at 1:57 a.m., he too was pronounced dead.

By the time of his punishment, the crowd outside had dwindled to just a silent handful of death penalty opponents carrying candles.

"What is remarkable about this situation is not that two people were executed this evening, but that for a combined 29 years the people of the state of Texas were waiting for justice to be done," Drew Durham, an assistant attorney general, said.

Russell was the first put to death because he arrived on death row first, coming April 30, 1980; Williams followed him 10 months later.

The executions took place after the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday turned down last-day appeals for each inmate.

State officials termed the double execution a coincidence. The dates are set by local trial judges who may have no knowledge of similar actions in other counties.

The deaths of Russell and Williams brought to 89 the number of executions in Texas since the Supreme Court allowed the death penalty to resume in 1976. The total is by far the highest in the nation among states with

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Grace period given as testing debate continues

DALLAS (AP) — State troopers will give motorists with expired January registrations a 15-day grace period as the Legislature considers suspending auto emissions tests now required for the tags, an official said Monday.

But the Texas Department of Public Safety said it cannot guarantee that other law enforcement agencies won't issue tickets to motorists whose auto registrations are not renewed in January.

The Texas House late last week endorsed a 90-day suspension of the federally required testing, following the addition of a proposal to compensate the companies running the program.

The businesses have complained that jobs and revenue could be lost. But citizens' complaints that the program is too costly and inconvenient prompted lawmakers to propose a moratorium so the program can be revised.

"We will give an extra 15-day grace period for those who have not gotten their registration stickers because of the uncertainty over the situation on emissions testing," said DPS spokesman Mike Cox in Austin.

"But we want to stress we have no authority over other Texas law enforcement agencies in this regard," he said.

DPS troopers will begin issuing citations on Feb. 16 for those without registration stickers.

TWU students fight co-ed move

DENTON (AP) — The women fighting their school's move to becoming co-ed have built a "tent city" in protest.

The battle of the sexes is being waged by members of the Texas Woman's University Preservation Society and it will last as long as student protesters feel it's needed, said Sharon Snow, a junior social work major.

"I think we've gotten a lot of positive comments," said sociology senior Rebeca Vanderburg. "The tent city is a better form of protest because signs can't talk back to you."

The tents are the latest salvo from the campus group against the TWU Board of Regents.

Powell attends re-naming ceremony

THE WOODLANDS (AP) — Gen. Colin L. Powell was happy to have a Houston-area school dedicated in his honor. But not happy enough to say whether he'd run for president in 1996.

Powell was in this north Houston suburb Monday for the dedication of the new Colin L. Powell Elementary School.

When asked of his possible presidential aspirations, Powell told reporters, "The weather is beautiful."

Powell, 57, then turned his attention to the 430 students seated in the new school's auditorium.

He urged the children to love one another and "accept the gift of learning."

"I'll be back to check on the school," said Powell, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a powerful figure in the Gulf War.

Later Monday, Powell spoke to a standing-room only crowd

If you do use one, you'll become a charcoal briquet the next day.

Colin Powell

at Trinity University in San Antonio.

"At the moment, I'm still a soldier," Powell said. "There is no real passion in me for politics. But I don't want to rule it out. ... All kinds of opportunities (are) out there."

Powell also urged the crowd not to let the United States become isolationist, adding leaders of foreign countries trust and rely on the U.S. government.

He called nuclear weapons in countries like North Korea "fool's gold."

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Quote of the Day

"Everybody gets so much information all day long that they lose their common sense."
Gertrude Stein, writer, 1946

Help court decide on bond issue presentation

The issue of building a new county jail has been percolating along for several years and the kettle is about ready to whistle done.

Today, Howard County commissioners are meeting with the architects to try and finalize the jail plan and a payment plan for the jail and renovations to the Howard County Library and Courthouse.

Right now, the county is looking at three separate issues - a new jail, renovations to the library and renovations to the courthouse. Consideration has been given to conducting a bond election with all three lumped together.

However, the State Attorney General's office has said it may not allow the county to combine all three items as one because the library project is not close-

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ly enough related to the jail and courthouse projects.

So, the commissioners are seeking input from the constituents as to how the bond issue can best be presented in order for it to pass. To help the court in this endeavor, the Herald is running a survey on page 2, listing the questions haunting the court right now.

The issue is starting to be resolved, after long discussion. Help the court finalize the plan by adding your input to the measure.



School finance finally legal

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AP NEWS ANALYSIS

AUSTIN (AP) — Just before sundown Monday, the Texas Supreme Court granted the Texas Legislature a pardon.

With no votes to spare, a majority of five of the nine justices said the way Texas pays for public schools is constitutional.

Not great, Justice John Cornyn wrote, but legal.

"I'm not quite sure it's sunk in yet," said Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, the Senate Education Committee chairman and sponsor of the latest funding law.

For the first time since 1989, the court isn't telling lawmakers to find millions — or billions — to equalize spending on students in rich and poor districts.

For the first time, lawmakers needn't fear that the court might close the schools.

Calling the intense school funding debates "that bloody battle," Ratliff said he wasn't sure what lawmakers would have done if this latest — their fourth — try had been thrown out.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock was succinct: "The Legislature has struggled with school finance equity far too long."

How long? Twenty-seven years ago, in 1968, Demetrio Rodriguez of

San Antonio went to federal court to argue that the Texas school funding system violated the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment, which guarantees "equal protection of the laws." In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected the claim, calling school funding a state issue.

The fight that came to an end Monday night began in earnest in 1984.

That's when San Antonio's Edgewood school district led other poor districts in filing a state court lawsuit challenging the funding system.

In 1987, District Judge Harley Clark agreed with Edgewood. In 1989, the Supreme Court agreed with Edgewood.

The Texas funding system was unconstitutional. Under the gun and wanting to keep school doors open, the Legislature wrote and rewrote the laws.

The high court kept throwing them out. The system was found unconstitutional again in 1991, and yet again in 1992.

Legislators came and went. Governors came and went. Supreme Court justices came and went.

But the verdict stayed the same. Until Monday night.

In his majority opinion, Cornyn said the current share-

the-wealth plan works. Under it, 96 of the most affluent districts choose one of five options for sharing some of their money with poorer districts.

"Children who live in property-poor districts and children who live in property-rich districts now have substantially equal access to the funds necessary for a general diffusion of knowledge," the judge wrote.

However, he added, "Our judgment in this case should not be interpreted as a signal that the school finance crisis in Texas has ended."

Lawmakers and new Gov. George W. Bush agree that work remains.

Bush says he wants to shake things up — raising the state's share of school spending, turning most control back to local districts and concentrating on "excellence" in literature, math, science and social science.

"We all look forward to working on the many other education issues," said House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center. "Our school kids deserve it."

But the Supreme Court no longer threatens to throw it all out. And the sighs of relief in Capitol hallways were almost audible.

AP Correspondent Michael Holmes has covered Texas politics and government since 1984.

SCHOOL FINANCE

Legal battle's over

AUSTIN (AP) — When the current school finance law was challenged by property-rich, poor and mid-wealth school districts, one lawyer for the state quipped that it must be constitutional because it made everyone unhappy.

On Monday, her prediction was borne out:

The Texas Supreme Court upheld the state's latest share-the-wealth school finance law.

"Children who live in property-poor districts and children who live in property-rich districts now have substantially equal access to the funds necessary for a general diffusion of knowledge," wrote Justice John Cornyn for the 5-4 majority.

The ruling delighted legislators, who have struggled with the issue since the high court in 1989 first threw out a finance law and ordered them to even out funding available to school districts with varying property wealth.

The Supreme Court also overturned school finance laws in 1991 and 1992.

"It's quite a relief," said Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, chairman of the Senate Education Committee. "It really was a tremendous relief to know that we're not going to be facing that bloody battle again."

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock called the ruling good news for all Texans.

"For years, I have said that it is time to get education out of the courtroom and into the classroom where it belongs. The time is now at hand," Bullock said.

But lawyers for both rich and poor schools disagreed with the ruling.

"We are very disappointed that the court doesn't agree with us that the school funding is still inequitable and that a lot of children in poor districts are being denied opportunities," said Al Kaufman of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Dallas lawyer Schuyler Marshall, representing wealthy districts, said, "Unbelievable. ... Most people expected it to be reversed."

Cornyn, a Republican, was joined by Chief Justice Tom

Phillips, also a Republican, and three Democrats: Justices Raul Gonzalez, Jack Hightower and Bob Gammage. This is the first Republican-controlled Supreme Court since Reconstruction.

In his majority opinion, Cornyn wrote, "Our judgment in this case should not be inter-

preted as a signal that the school finance crisis in Texas has ended."

However, he added, "This court's role under our Constitution's separation of powers provision should be one of restraint. We do not dictate to the Legislature how to discharge its duty."

Republican Justices Nathan Hecht, Craig Enoch and Priscilla Owen all said they were for throwing out the law. They said it amounts to an unconstitutional state property tax.

Democratic Justice Rose Spector wrote a harsh dissent, saying that the "inescapable truth is that poor districts will now be much worse off than rich districts."

The ruling, Ms. Spector wrote, "is based on the previously-rejected premise that the state's constitutional responsibility is satisfied by providing most school children with the very least, and the favored few with the best money can buy."

The court earlier ruled that some school districts could continue to have some more revenue available than others in a constitutional system.

The current law narrows the property wealth gap between the richest and poorest school districts from 700-to-1 during the first trial in the case to 28-to-1, Cornyn wrote, and state aid further narrows the gap.

The Legislature "envisions that all students will have access to a high quality education," Cornyn wrote.

The high court also threw out

local property taxes.

The funding law upheld by the court relies mainly on a combination of state aid and local property tax money. Of about \$16.5 billion in state and local funds, some 45 percent comes from the state.

The law caps local property wealth and requires school districts over the limit to share with the rest of the system. It gives them several options for doing so. Districts face the loss of taxable property or forced consolidation if they don't choose an option.

All of the 96 property-rich school districts that must share this school year — out of a total 1,045 districts statewide — chose to comply by either sending money to the state or becoming partners with a poorer school district.

In challenging the law, low-wealth districts said it leaves too big a gap between them and richer districts.

Wealthy ones said it improperly shifts local funds and amounts to an unconstitutional state property tax. And numerous school districts of varying property wealth say the state relies too heavily on local property tax revenue.

The law also was challenged by families who want to be able to use tax money to pay private school tuition in a so-called voucher system. The Supreme Court said state District Judge F. Scott McCown of Austin, who has overseen the long-running school finance battle, was right to dismiss their claims.

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Execution

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capital punishment and accounts for about one-third of the 263 inmates put to death nationally.

The multiple executions, how-

ever, were the first in Texas since three convicted rapists were sent to the Texas electric chair in 1961. The only other

state to conduct multiple executions in the modern era of the death penalty is Arkansas, which did it twice last year.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Governors talking about 'rainy day' fund

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican governors and their allies in Congress are talking about "a rainy day fund" to protect the poor in hard times if welfare programs are converted into state block grants.

The 30 GOP governors were unable to muster enough Democratic support Monday to put the National Governors Association on record in favor of the block grant approach.

The governors were wrapping up their annual winter conference today after hearing from House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and once again from President Clinton.

Race's early start puts demands on funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jack Kemp's decision not to enter the 1996 Republican presidential chase highlighted anew the enormous fund-raising demands caused by the race's early start and heavily front-loaded primary calendar.

Kemp, the former New York congressman and Reagan administration housing secretary, cited the grueling fund-raising requirements as he announced Monday that he would not seek the GOP nomination.

"Money raising is pure muscle and grit and tenacity, and I just want to talk about the peso and the flat tax," Kemp said, promising to stay active in the GOP issues debate from the sidelines of the presidential race.

New laws come down on terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wiretaps and new laws making it a crime to assist terrorists with airline tickets, contributions or safe haven in the United States will be proposed to Congress this week by President Clinton.

The aim is to pursue terrorism with the kind of laws now used against organized crime, in the hope that other countries will follow suit, administration officials said Monday.

"We are aiming at those who plan, support or provide financial assistance here for terrorist operations," a senior U.S. official said. "We are aiming at the guy who pays for the airline ticket to bring the terrorist to New York."

Universe's mass comes in very small packages

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have produced strong evidence that tiny particles called neutrinos — so slight they were long thought to have no mass at all — do indeed have mass, and may be some of the most abundant matter in the universe, The New York Times reports Tuesday.

Budget amendment debate gears up; GOP looks for cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are hunting for the hundreds of billions of dollars in savings that would be needed to balance the federal budget, as the Senate launches its debate on a constitutional amendment requiring the elimination of the deficit by 2002.

The Senate planned a second day of debate today on the proposed amendment, which the House passed last week. Senate debate on the measure could last for weeks, slowed by out-numbered Democrats who insist the Republicans first identify the vast spending cuts it would force.

"The American people have a right to know what it is that we're proposing to do," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Monday during the Senate's first day of debate.

Republicans countered the \$4.8 trillion national debt, growing by nearly \$200 billion a year, must be addressed.

"With every additional dollar we borrow, we throw more coal into the fire of the runaway train we are all riding on," warned Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

The amendment would require a balanced budget by 2002, unless three-fifths of the House and Senate voted to allow a deficit.

To be added to the Constitution, it needs approval by two-thirds of Senate, a margin supporters say they expect to achieve, and ratification by three-fourths of the states.

The American people have a right to know what it is that we're proposing to do.

Tom Daschle

For now, the real work is being done behind closed doors. Republicans across the Capitol are gradually moving toward finding the more than \$1 trillion in spending cuts it would take to eliminate the deficit by the deadline and to pay for \$200 billion worth of promised tax cuts.

On Monday alone, several clues emerged as to where those savings might come from.

In one session, a small group of Republican senators and representatives met with Illinois GOP Gov. Jim Edgar to discuss dramatic changes in Medicaid, the rapidly growing program that helps about 30 million poor people pay medical bills. It costs the federal government about \$90 billion a year, with about the same amount coming from the states.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said lawmakers were "moving toward an understanding that we would like to transfer Medicaid with few if any strings" to full state control. In return, he said, states would have to agree to accept less than the roughly 11 percent annual growth the program has recently seen.

FLEEING TO SAFETY



Karen Villagers flee advancing Burmese soldiers on the backs of elephants Monday arriving in the Mae Sot district near the Thai-Burma border. Thousands of refugees have crossed into Thailand seeking temporary refuge as Rangoon increases pressure on the Karen guerrillas.

Bosnia's government about to burst

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A simmering dispute over whether Bosnia is becoming a one-party, Muslim-dominated state has burst into the open, revealing deep fissures in the republic's leadership.

The outcome is pivotal for Bosnia, which has struggled to maintain its multiethnic identity during 34 months of war with nationalist ethnic Serbs.

In a statement read Monday night on Bosnia radio, five of the seven members of the Bosnian presidency charged that Alija Izetbegovic's ruling party and allied Muslim clergy were attempting to dominate the army.

The statement, coming as government troops fought pitched battles in northwest Bosnia against Serbs and a renegade Muslim force, offered an unprecedented glimpse into divisions in the government over how the nation can survive in the face of dwindling Western support.

"We maintain that the army defending Bosnia-Herzegovina's future must be secular and multi-ethnic, free of the influence or competition of political parties," the statement said.

It was signed by Nijaz Durakovic, a Muslim; Croat leaders Stjepan Kljucic and Ivo Komsic; and Tatjana Ljubic-Mijatovic and Mirko Pejanovic, both Serbs.

It was not signed by Izetbegovic or Vice President Ejup Ganic, both Muslims, who have struggled with the other members of the presidency and with Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic for control of government policy.

In neighboring Croatia on Monday, Serbs rejected a plan aimed at heading off a resumption of a 1991 war. The plan would have given the Serbs some local autonomy in exchange for accepting Croatian sovereignty.

Silajdzic, Sarajevo's point man with Western governments, was in Washington on Monday appealing for the United States to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia.

His entreaties have failed in the past, and Ganic and Izetbegovic have turned to Islamic nations for help. There are reports that Iran is secretly shipping arms to Bosnia.

Defense attorney or madman?

Alleged shooter continues as own lawyer as trial into subway shooting continues

There are 93 counts only because it matches the year 1993. Had it been 1925, it would have been 25 counts.

Colin Ferguson

as a shield and charged.

Under questioning by prosecutor George Peck, Blum said he was "completely scared out of my wits. I thought I was going to die. I thought this wasn't fair to my wife and children. It doesn't happen that way."

Ferguson was expected to cross-examine Blum later.

Blum and two other men were hailed as heroes for tackling the

gunman and ending the spree.

Police discovered the black gunman was carrying notes blaming white people for conspiring to sabotage his life, and that the suburban railroad was his "venue" for revenge.

Ferguson, who wears a bullet-proof vest in court out of fear of retribution, is not a lawyer.

Last month he chose to act as his own attorney after a prose-

cution psychiatrist deemed him fit to stand trial.

Against the advice of the judge, the defendant immediately dumped two high-profile attorneys, William Kunstler and Ron Kuby, who were in the midst of mounting a "black rage" insanity defense.

Ferguson requested a copy of "Fundamentals of Trial Techniques." He also persuaded the court to provide \$300 to hire a detective to find an alternative suspect he described as white.

In his opening statement, Ferguson dismissed the 93-count indictment as fiction.

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Hawks shoot down Chaps with 21-0 run

Hawks erase 13-point deficit

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

Give the Howard College men's basketball team a 21-gun salute.

That's how many unanswered points the Hawks scored to blow the Midland College Chaparrals out of the water. Howard beat Midland 78-69 Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Trailing 35-22 with little more than two minutes remaining in the first half, the Hawks jumped back into the game when an unexpected home source shot them back.

When the second half began, an expected source kicked the Chaparrals just as they were falling. With the win, Howard (15-8, 3-3 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference) handed Midland (18-4, 5-1) its first league blemish.

Big Spring's Wes Hughes was the unexpected source, considering he has played little since WJAC play began. The 6-foot-1 freshman guard hurried his first shot, missing an off-balance three-pointer. His next two shots, however, nearly brought down the house - an estimated crowd of 2,000.

Hughes nailed a three-pointer to cut Midland's lead to 10 with 2:04 left in the half. After Jermel Bradley scored on a fast break for the Hawks, Hughes sank another trey, making the score 35-30. Howard's Chris Stansel hit two free throws for the final points of the half, and the Hawks went into the locker room trailing just 35-32.

Hughes said he was itching to play Monday, and he told Howard assistant coach Preston Ivory so.

"This afternoon, I was talking to Coach P, and I said that when I get in there, I'm going to light it up, and he just said, 'Well, we'll wait and see,'" Hughes said. "I haven't been playing much, but every game I've been in, I've done something. Maybe I'll make a three, maybe it's a steal, but every game I try to do some little something to help the team when I get in there."

The fun had only begun. Howard's star shooting guard and WJAC top scorer Kavossy Franklin wasn't having one of his highlight-reel nights, to say the least. He scored just two points in a first half that saw him on the bench longer than he was on the court, partly because he committed his third foul just 13 minutes into the

game. "In the second half, I just relaxed and played, like I normally do," Franklin said.

In a heartbeat, Franklin darted into the lane and scored the first points of the second half on a short jumper. Within seconds, Franklin, a 6-2 sophomore from Houston, stole the ball from Midland's Kevin Rice at mid-court and scored. After a Rod Jones basket, Franklin nailed a three-pointer, and Bradley followed that with a 6-foot jumper.

When Midland's Rob Foster drove for a layup with 16:07 left in the game, he broke a 21-0 Howard run and a 1 1/2-minute Chaparral scoreless streak. The score was Howard 43, Midland 37.

When asked if he'd seen such a streak before with the Chaps, first-year Midland coach Pat Rafferty said: "I've seen us do it to other people. You've got to give Howard credit, they did a



Howard's Kavossy Franklin (30) fires a shot over Midland's Ben Radford (33) and Kevin Rice (4) Monday. Howard defeated Midland 78-69. Also pictured is Howard's Ronnie DeGray (52).

really good job of hanging in there, but we contributed to it a little bit, too.

"Down the stretch, we had some good looks and some open shots, but they wouldn't go in, and we missed some free throws. What really hurt was we didn't block out on free throws. I can think of six or eight points that Howard scored off of missed free throws."

Howard led by as many as 11, 51-40, but the Chaps were far from buried. Twice they cut Howard's lead to two, the second time at 69-67 with 4 1/2 minutes remaining.

That's when the house nearly came down again. Rice nearly stole the ball from Franklin outside the three-point arc, but Franklin regained possession, turned toward the hoop and found a wide-open Ronnie DeGray, who slammed home two points. Howard's Tony Brown hit an 18-footer with 2:36 to go to up Howard's lead to 73-

67. Stansel, a 6-6 freshman from Kermit, scored on an offensive rebound to put the Hawks up 75-69 with 1:30 left. Midland's D'Juan Baker shot an air-ball trey, then Rice missed on Midland's next two possessions, leaving Howard to celebrate their second home win over Midland in as many seasons.

Stansel led Howard with 12 points - he was one of five Hawks in double figures. Baker led Midland with 15.

Midland (59)
Phillips 3-15 5-6 12, Baker 6-15 4-8 17, Radford 3-8 0-0 6, S. Franklin 4-7 3-4 11, Rice 5-11 5-8 15, Foster 1-6 4-4 6, Jackson 0-1 0-0 0, Carrasco 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 23-63 21-30 69.
Howard (78)
Jones 3-0 0-0 6, Burleson 2-4 0-0 4, K. Franklin 5-10 0-1 11, DeGray 5-8 1-2 11, Howell 1-2 4-7 6, Bradley 4-9 2-2 10, Stansel 3-8 6-9 12, Brown 3-5 3-4 10, Lowery 0-0 0-0 0, Hughes 3-6 0-0 8. Totals 29-55 16-25 78.
Halftime - Midland 35, Howard 32. Three-point shooting - Midland 2-14 (Phillips 1-6, Baker 1-6, Foster 0-1, Jackson 0-1), Howard 4-9 (K. Franklin 1-4, Brown 1-2, Hughes 2-3). Rebounds - Midland 30, Howard 46. Turnovers - Midland 12, Howard 21. Fouled out - Howell, S. Franklin.

Lady Hawks slam Midland in showdown

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

Left to their own devices, the Howard College Lady Hawks devised a way to regain the Western Junior College Athletic Conference lead.

After Thursday's 68-59 loss to Odessa College, which dropped the Lady Hawks into a first-place tie with Midland atop the league standings, head coach Terry Gray decided on an unusual tactic: He canceled Friday practice and basically told the team to do whatever it wanted last weekend.

What the team did was practice - on its own - during the weekend. The result of that impromptu work session, several players said, was a strengthened sense of team unity.

Whatever it was, it worked Monday night as Howard regained the WJAC lead with a 76-59 thumping of Midland College at Garrett Coliseum in women's basketball action.

Aside from holding the conference's leading offense to 31 points less than its season average, the Lady Hawks (21-2 overall, 5-1 in conference) also dominated Midland in other statistical categories.

Howard outrebounded the Lady Chaps 28-23, including a two-to-one edge in offensive boards. In addition, it had fewer turnovers (17 compared to 23) and a 13-4 edge in steals.

But all that is just statistics. What really mattered Monday, post player Amber Lacey said, is that the Lady Hawks played with a renewed purpose.

"Coach Gray told us after the game that this win was ours, that he had nothing to do with it," Lacey said. "What he did after the Odessa game taught us that we can do things on our own... This win belongs to him, also."

"The team practiced on its own this weekend," Gray said. "As far as getting ready mentally and physically, they did it all themselves."

Despite going six minutes without a point in the first half, Howard held a 34-33 lead at intermission then quickly gained control of matters in the second half.

Sophomore guard Eureka Ray, who led all scorers with 24 points, started things with a jumper. After Midland's Roslynn Dunn answered with a basket, Howard went on an 8-2 run that increased its lead to 44-37 with 15 minutes remaining.

Midland cut the lead to three on consecutive baskets by Stacie Johnson and Tomenia Porter, and the Lady Chaps stayed within three to five points for the next few minutes.

The reason they could not get any closer than that, however, was simple: Howard's defense simply wouldn't let them. The Lady Hawks forced 10 turnovers and collected six steals during the half. In addition, the tag-team duo of Lacey and Summer Swoboda did not allow Midland's leading scorer, 6-foot-3 post player Joanna Kailahi, to score in the second half until only seven minutes remained in the game.

In addition to Ray, Lady Hawks in double figures included Lacey with 16 points, KeeKee Black with 14 and Tiffany Johnson with 10. Kailahi scored 14 points and Rashunda Jarmon and Shannon Jordan added 11 apiece to lead the Lady Chaps, who fell to 19-5, 4-2.

Midland (59)
Joanna Kailahi 4-6 9-14; Roslynn Dunn 1-1-3; Shannon Jordan 3-4-4-11; Pam Hicks 1-2-3-4; Stacie Johnson 3-2-2-8; Brandy Wright 3-0-0-6; Tomenia Porter 1-0-0-2; Rashunda Jarmon 5-1-1-11; Keena Carter 0-0-0-0; totals 21-16-22-59.
Howard (78)
Eureka Ray 10-1-2-24; Joyce Howard 0-6-6-6; Cathy Grace 2-0-0-4; KeeKee Black 6-2-4-14; Amber Lacey 8-0-2-16; Kyna Cosby 0-0-0-0; Summer Swoboda 1-0-0-2; Tiffany Johnson 3-4-6-10; Stacey Erickson 0-0-0-0; Amy Earnst 0-0-0-0; totals 30-13-20-76.
Halftime - Howard 34, Midland 33. Three-point goals - Jordan, Ray 3; Rebounds - Midland 23 (Kailahi 8), Howard 28 (Black 8); Turnovers - Midland 23, Howard 17; Steals - Midland 4 (Dunn 2), Howard 13 (Grace 3, Ray 3); Assists - Midland 10 (Jordan 4), Howard 10 (Grace 3); Blocked shots - Howard 1 (Lacey); Total fouls - Midland 18, Howard 21; Fouled out - Lacey; Technical foul - Howard bench.

Mavs' guard hospitalized

DALLAS (AP) — The first game pitting the top two picks in this year's NBA draft will have to wait for Jason Kidd to feel better.

Kidd, the second overall pick by the Dallas Mavericks, will miss Tuesday's game against the Milwaukee Bucks and No. 1 overall choice Glenn Robinson because of dehydration and flu symptoms.

Kidd, who has started every game this year, was hospitalized overnight in Dallas and also is expected to miss a road game Wednesday against the Minnesota Timberwolves.



San Francisco 49er quarterback Steve Young waves to 49er fans along a parade route in San Francisco Monday.

Super Bowl adds to AFC's stigma

MIAMI (AP) — How long can this go on?

How long before the AFC comes up with a worthy team to represent it in the Super Bowl? Another decade? Far into the next century? Never?

Each year, the tag "conference of losers" fits the AFC snugly. While the NFC comes up with overwhelming offenses such as the 49ers and Cowboys, or dominating defenses like the Giants, Redskins or Bears, what those teams face in the Super Bowl is, generally, an easy day. AFC teams can't compete.

Only twice in the 11-year NFC reign that shows no signs of slowing has the AFC club come close. Otherwise, the results are so similar it's scary.

Sunday's 49-26 romp over San Diego that made San Francisco the first team with five Super Bowl victories hardly was a surprise. The efficiency with which it was registered — and the unstoppable manner in which the 49ers performed in the postseason — made it clear this was a team for the ages.

When will the AFC come up with such a squad? Or, failing that, with a team strong enough to offer a challenge in the big game, and squeeze out a win or two?

"We know we have to get better," Chargers quarterback Stan Humphries said. "We have to get a lot better to be at their level."

Unfortunately, he was speak-

ing for the entire AFC. Sure, the 49ers and Cowboys are a step or two beyond everyone. If they keep trading off Super Bowl appearances for a few more years, this incredible string figures to continue.

This is one streak that could reach 2000 and beyond. Especially if the 49ers continue to toy with opponents on the field and the salary cap off it; especially if they keep attracting the highest quality artisans of the NFL to their organization.

"I think (owner) Eddie DeBartolo brings something special, because he treats everybody with respect," said Jerry Rice, considered the greatest wide receiver in NFL history.

SHOT OF THE DAY

Wrong sport!
Tennis stars Boris Becker, left, and Michael Stich of Germany kick a soccer ball while training for the Davis Cup Monday.

TEXAS SPORTS

Will Haley stay retired?
FORT WORTH (AP) — The nine Dallas Cowboys heading to the Pro Bowl with defensive end Charles Haley have about a week to try to talk him out of retiring.
It won't be easy, says Haley, who is telling friends he's serious about quitting.
"I'm still going to try to talk him out of it," said receiver Michael Irvin. "But just a few days ago, he said he's definitely done."
Stars lose home opener
DALLAS (AP) — Toronto goalie Felix Potvin, fifth in the NHL in wins last year, stopped 43 shots as the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the Dallas Stars 2-1 in the Stars home opener Monday.

NATION/WORLD

Patriots could receive aid
WASHINGTON (AP) — Gov. William Weld said he will propose an aid package within the next month to help the New England Patriots.
Weld's remarks come in the wake of complaints from Patriots owner Robert Kraft, reported in the Boston Globe, that state officials have reneged on financial promises they made when he bought the team a year ago.
Utah guard earns NBA honors
NEW YORK (AP) — Utah guard John Stockton, who averaged 16.5 points and 13.5 assists in four victories last week, is the NBA player of the week. He is closing in on Magic Johnson's all-time assists record.

ON THE AIR

Basketball
College
Indiana at Purdue, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
Texas A&M at SMU, 7:30 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).
LSU vs. Arkansas, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.
NBA
Dallas at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).

Boxing
NABF Welterweight Title bout, 8 p.m., USA (ch. 38).

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BASKETBALL

WJCAC Women

Team	W	L	Overall
Howard	5	1	21 2
Midland	4	2	19 5
Frank Phillips	4	2	12 11
South Plains	3	3	15 9
NMJC	2	4	10 13
WTC	2	4	9 15
Odessa	1	5	11 10

MONDAY'S SCORES
Howard 76, Midland 59; South Plains 59, NMJC 54; Frank Phillips 74, Odessa 65.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
South Plains at Howard (6 p.m.); Midland at Frank Phillips; Western Texas at Odessa; NMJC open.

WJCAC Men

Team	W	L	Overall
Midland	5	1	18 4
New Mexico	5	1	21 3
Odessa	3	3	20 4
Howard	3	3	15 8
South Plains	2	4	15 7
NMMI	2	4	11 12
Frank Phillips	1	5	6 17

MONDAY'S SCORES
Howard 78, Midland 69; NMJC 87, South Plains 83; Frank Phillips 90, Odessa 87.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
South Plains at Howard (8 p.m.); Midland at Frank Phillips; NMMI at NMJC; Odessa open.

District 4-4A Girls

Team	District	Overall
Big Spring	6	0
Lake View	6	2
Andrews	4	14
Monahans	3	13
Fort Stockton	1	12
Pecos	1	4

FRIDAY'S SCORES
Big Spring 72, Fort Stockton 48; Monahans 54, Andrews 43; Lake View 68, Pecos 31.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Lake View at Andrews; Monahans at Pecos; Fort Davis at Fort Stockton; Big Spring idle.

District 4-4A Boys

Team	District	Overall
Andrews	6	1
Big Spring	4	2
Pecos	4	2
Lake View	2	4
Monahans	1	5
Fort Stockton	1	5

FRIDAY'S SCORES
Big Spring 95, Fort Stockton 83; Andrews 76, Monahans 49; Lake View 56, Pecos 48.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Lake View at Andrews; Monahans at Pecos; Fort Davis open; Big Spring idle.

NBA Standings

National Basketball Association
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	35	8	.814	—
New York	27	14	.659	7
Boston	16	26	.381	18 1/2
New Jersey	17	27	.379	19 1/2
Miami	14	28	.333	20 1/2
Washington	11	28	.282	22
Philadelphia	12	31	.279	23

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Charlotte	26	16	.619	—
Cleveland	26	16	.619	—
Indiana	24	17	.585	1 1/2
Chicago	21	21	.500	5
Atlanta	19	24	.442	7 1/2
Milwaukee	16	28	.361	10
Detroit	14	26	.350	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	33	10	.767	—
San Antonio	25	14	.643	6
Houston	25	15	.625	6 1/2
Denver	19	22	.463	13
Dallas	16	24	.400	15 1/2
Minnesota	10	32	.238	22 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	34	9	.791	—
Seattle	29	11	.725	1/2
L.A. Lakers	26	13	.667	6
Sacramento	24	17	.585	9
Portland	22	19	.537	11
Golden State	12	27	.308	20
L.A. Clippers	7	37	.159	27 1/2

Monday's Games

Seattle 109, Philadelphia 104
Atlanta 95, Miami 92
Phoenix 89, Cleveland 82
Detroit 102, L.A. Clippers 95

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Utah 115, Minnesota 80
New Jersey 99, Portland 96
Tuesday's Games

Golden State at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Washington, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 10 p.m.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Samford 77, Mercer 73
Southern U. 114, SE Louisiana 108
Tenn.-Martin 76, Middle Tenn 69
Tennessee 62, South Florida 57
Tennessee St. 72, Murray St. 65
Towson St. 81, Louisville 69
VMI 72, Tn.-Chattanooga 63

MIDWEST
Austin Peay 79, SE Missouri 63
Cleveland St. 70, S. Utah 65, OT
Detroit 69, Wis.-Milwaukee 59
E. Illinois 72, Buffalo 71
Evansville 66, SW Missouri St. 57
Illinois St. 86, Indiana St. 72
Missouri 80, Iowa St. 71
N. Iowa 59, Wichita St. 58
St. Louis 112, Chicago St. 71
Troy St. 94, Mo.-Kansas City 93
Vassar 72, Youngstown St. 59
W. Illinois 52, Cent. Connecticut St. 47
Xavier, Ohio 81, Loyola, Ill 75

College Scores

Men

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Little Rock 102, South Alabama 94
Oral Roberts 70, Tennessee Tech 64
Texas-Pan American 70, Louisiana Tech 53
Grand Canyon 86, CS Northridge 82
Long Beach St. 74, UNLV 73, OT
EAST
Boston U. 67, Holy Cross 54
Duquesne 62, Temple 55
Holstra 96, Army 76
Loyola, Md. 82, Siena 77
Massachusetts 79, St. Bonaventure 62
Syracuse 76, Georgetown 75
West Virginia 80, George Washington 77
SOUTH
Appalachian St. 94, W. Carolina 85
Campbell 73, Cent. Florida 61
Clemson 86, Stetson 63, OT
Charleston Southern 80, Coastal Carolina 63
Coll. of Charleston 82, Fla. International 53
E. Kentucky 75, Morehead St. 65
E. Tennessee St. 76, Citadel 58
Furman 77, Marshall 68
Georgia Southern 59, Davidson 52
Georgia St. 82, Florida Atlantic 63
Mississippi St. 81, Nichols St. 65
N. Carolina A&T 93, Bethune-Cookman 88, 2OT
N.C.-Greensboro 67, Liberty 54
NE Louisiana 82, Jackson St. 71
Navy 85, Richmond 60
Radford 71, N.C.-Asheville 68
S. Carolina St. 78, Florida A&M 68

HOCKEY

NHL Standings

National Hockey League
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF/GA
Florida	3	3	0	6	16 15
N.Y. Islanders	2	2	1	5	12 16
Philadelphia	2	3	1	5	12 16
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	4	14 17
N.Y. Rangers	2	4	0	4	15 13
Washington	1	3	1	3	8 14
New Jersey	0	3	1	1	4 10

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF/GA
Pittsburgh	5	0	0	10	23 15
Quebec	4	0	0	8	17 5
Buffalo	3	1	1	7	14 13
Boston	3	2	0	6	9 6
Montreal	2	1	1	5	11 8
Hartford	1	2	2	4	10 9
Ottawa	0	3	2	2	12 20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF/GA
Detroit	5	1	0	10	25 13
Toronto	3	2	1	7	16 14
Chicago	3	3	0	6	20 16
St. Louis	3	2	0	6	20 13
Dallas	2	2	1	5	12 9
Winnipeg	1	4	1	3	15 21

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF/GA
San Jose	4	1	0	8	14 10
Anaheim	3	2	0	6	14 15
Calgary	2	2	1	5	15 15
Edmonton	2	4	0	4	15 23
Vancouver	1	3	1	3	10 21
Los Angeles	1	4	1	3	16 22

Monday's Games

Florida 2, Boston 1
N.Y. Rangers 6, Ottawa 2

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 2, Dallas 1
Detroit 4, Edmonton 2
San Jose 2, Chicago 1

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia at Quebec, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Hartford at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Detroit at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.



EUREKA!

Howard Lady Hawk guard Eureka Ray, left, streaks to the basket Monday past Midland's Rashunda Jarmon (21) and Pam Hicks (32). Howard beat Midland 76-59, and Ray led the way with 24 points.

Photo by Bruce Schooner

TRANSACTIONS

Monday

BASEBALL
American League

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed Dave Richards and Victor Rojas, pitchers.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with Tim Lincecum and Bob Murphy, broadcasters, on two-year contracts.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Recalled Mark Ferrer, defenseman, from San Diego of the International Hockey League.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled Philippe Dufourville, goaltender, from Cleveland of the International Hockey League. Assigned Olie Sundstrom, goaltender, to Cleveland.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Former Forsan star scores 18 for South Plains
Jenny Conway, a 1994 graduate of Forsan High School, scored a team-high 18 points Monday for South Plains College.

Conway's strong game helped lead the Lady Texans to a 59-54 win over New Mexico Junior College. South Plains will play the Howard College Lady Hawks Thursday at 6 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Big Springers star in tennis tourney

WACO - Big Spring freshman Hsiao-Hsuan Li won the Waco Major Zone tennis tournament this past weekend, which qualified him for Super Major Zone play.

Li beat San Angelo's Vidale Garza 6-2, 7-6 (7-2) in the finals.

Li will play in a Super Major Zone tournament in Corpus Christi Feb. 17-18, as will Big Spring's Maria Villarreal.

Monica Villarreal, another Big Spring freshman, reached the semifinals of the Waco tourney.

She defeated Debra Smith of Odessa 6-7 (7-1), 6-1, 6-1 in the quarterfinals, and she will play Feb. 17-18 in a Major Zone tourney in Wichita Falls.

YMCA schedules volleyball meeting

The Big Spring Family YMCA is having an organizational meeting for the winter coed recreational volleyball league Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

If you missed the Hawks Monday, where were you?

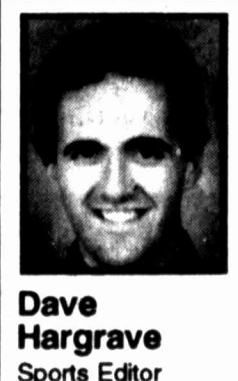
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum was a basketball fan's heaven Monday night. If you missed it - too bad, so sad!

The women's game was fun enough for the home folks, but the night-cap was one of those games a witness won't soon forget.

The Hawks beat Midland 78-69. For the Hawks, this was the second upset win over Midland at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in two years. This one, however, was more important as far as playoffs go.

"This one is much bigger," said Howard coach Tommy Collins. "Last year, the playoff situation was already decided, so we were playing for pride, though of course there's no love lost between Howard and Midland, so it was an intensely competitive game. But this year, the playoff situation is far from being resolved."

Howard could nearly assure itself a spot in the regional tournament in Waco if it wins its next two games - Thursday vs. South



Dave Hargrave Sports Editor

Plains College and Monday at New Mexico Military Institute. Both SPC and NMMI are 2-4 in conference, tied for fifth.

Howard is 3-3, and the Hawks have taken care of business by winning all of their conference home games. The key Monday was the improved play of Howard's post players, who helped Howard rebound Midland 46-30.

In the locker room, Howard star shooting guard Kavossy Franklin was passing the credit to the post players, but the post players just passed it right back to him.

Howard's Lawrence Burleson said: "We were just waiting for somebody to bust open, and that was Vossy. Vossy sank a couple of buckets, and you could just feel the momentum swing."

Kevin Howell, known to many Hawk fans as 'Big Country,' said: "We had a lot of emotion coming into this game, and I think a big key for us is our conditioning. We worked on our conditioning a lot early, and now other teams are losing their legs, while we're not."

Monday's win means little if the Hawks lose Thursday to South Plains. Collins put it simply: "Thursday is the biggest game of the year, with South Plains coming in. They're right behind us, so we have to win that one."

Vossy sank a couple of buckets, and you could just feel the momentum swing.

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Lost & Found Misc. 393

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JAN. 31

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This date in history: Today is Tuesday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 1995. There are 334 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Jan. 31, 1945, during World War II, Private Eddie Slovik, 24, became the only American soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion as he was shot by an American firing squad in France.

On this date: In 1606, Guy Fawkes, convicted for his part in the "Gunpowder Plot" against the English Parliament and King James I, was executed. In 1797, composer Franz Schubert was born in Vienna, Austria. In 1865, Robert E. Lee was named General in Chief of all the Confederate armies. In 1917, Germany served notice that it was beginning a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare. In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Kwajalein Atoll and other parts of the Japanese-held Marshall Islands.

In 1949, the first TV daytime soap opera, "These Are My Children," was broadcast from the NBC station in Chicago. In 1950, President Truman announced he had ordered development of the hydrogen bomb. In 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer I. In 1971, astronauts Alan B.

Shepard Junior, Edgar D. Mitchell and Stuart A. Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14, the first U.S. moon flight since the ill-fated mission of Apollo 13. Ten years ago, Pope John Paul II greeted tens of thousands of Indians in Ecuador, urging them to fight the modern problems of unemployment, malnutrition, illiteracy and alcoholism. The Associated Press

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