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Cotton association supporting 1995 Farm Bill

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Rob Haney, president of the Howard County Cotton Growers Association, was recently appointed a member of the 1995 Cotton Coalition.

It is a group of advocates for the country's cotton industry including showing their support

for the 1995 Farm Bill.

"Ten individuals make up the coalition and all of us are from the Cotton Belt including California, Arizona, parts of New Mexico and the southeastern United States.

"We all met recently in New Jersey to learn ways to communicate with Congress and our elected officials about our concerns with the farm bill. We

also received some technology updates on products in our areas and ways to communicate with the media," said Haney.

The Cotton Coalition is a professional development program co-sponsored by American Cyanamid Company and the National Cotton Council's Cotton Foundation.

"The Cotton Coalition Program has taught me it is impor-

tant for growers like me to take ownership in the development of agricultural programs, like the Farm Bill, that directly impact our farms and our families," Haney added.

Haney says farmers want to see the Farm Bill stay the same. The United States Agriculture Department's budget is \$62 billion a year with only \$8 billion actually going to agriculture

producers covering a wide range of agriculture from cotton to soybeans.

The rest of the USDA's budget is for administrative costs, food stamps, lunch programs and Women-Infant Children.

"We would like for the bill to stay the same. But if there has to be cuts, there must be cuts for everyone that falls under the USDA. They should treat all of

them the same. If they cut 5 percent of the money they give to producers, then cut 5 percent out of everyone's budget as well.

"This doesn't just help the farmers. We put a lot of money into the economy and that can affect businesses. When we have a good year, we buy cars, equipment, food, etc. Farmers

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Trial date in wrongful firing case set March 13

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A March 13 trial date has been set in Abilene Federal Court to hear the case of former Howard County sheriff's deputy Jimmy Wallace.

He is suing Howard County and Sheriff A.N. Standard claiming he was wrongfully fired three years ago.

The lawsuit was originally scheduled for March 6 but was postponed. It will be heard by Judge Sam R. Cummings and will start at 8:45 a.m. Monday.

Wallace was forced to take administrative leave without pay the day he filed for the Democratic nomination in January 1992 to run against Sheriff A.N. Standard. In a January 1992 article, Standard said there was an unwritten policy stating a deputy who runs for office must take administrative leave

during campaigning and Wallace was asked to resign or take a leave of absence.

When Wallace did not, Standard placed the deputy on administrative leave without pay, saying there was a conflict of interest. Standard defeated Wallace in the primary and went on to win the election in November.

In June 1992, Howard County officials decided to discontinue paying Wallace's health benefits and he was fired. Wallace's attorney, Cindy Weir-Ervin says she is seeking back pay, attorney's fees and front pay for her client.

Ervin has subpoenaed at least 40 witnesses to testify in the case. The law firm of Schulz-Robertson in Abilene is representing the defendants. The firm subpoenaed one witness and others agreed to testify voluntarily.

Horticulture extremes Master Gardener training being offered

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Serious horticulturists as well as amateur gardeners will have a chance to improve their knowledge and skills and help others in their communities by taking part in the Texas Master Gardener training at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lubbock.

The training begins March 21, conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

According to Extension Service district director Dr. Bob Robinson the training is an intensive course designed not only to improve the horticultural knowledge of the participants, but also to give them a chance to help spread that knowledge to improve the quality of life with horticultural projects.

Persons wishing to enter the program should already have some knowledge and skills in basic ornamental horticulture, gardening and general related areas, Robinson added.

Participants selected for the program will receive 50 hours of

instruction during 12 evening sessions and a field trip. Instructors will include faculty of the Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, which are agencies of the Texas A&M University System; Texas Tech University; and members of the West Texas Arts and Botanical Association, and the Lubbock Rose Society. The \$50 course fee includes a detailed Master Gardener Handbook, various other training materials, a certificate and wallet identification card.

At the end of the training, participants must pass a written examination and complete 50 hours of volunteer horticultural service in their county, under supervision of their County Extension Service faculty.

Once satisfactory completion of the requirements is achieved, a graduate becomes a Certified Texas Master Gardener. To retain certification, update training is needed every two years.

According to Stanley Young, Lubbock County Extension Agricultural agent and coordinator for the district Master

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WHAT A DRIP!



Water drips from icicles that hang from the roof of a home Friday as warmer weather settled back in the Big Spring area for the weekend. By Saturday, all traces of the week's cold weather had vanished. However, cold weather has returned but not as viciously. Low tonight expected to be in the lower 20s.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

DeAnda reports receiving terroristic threats

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

City Councilwoman Pat DeAnda filed a report with the Big Spring Police Department Monday night saying she received terroristic threats.

The report states a female called DeAnda at her home around 7:30 p.m. and made threats "placing the complainant (DeAnda) in fear of imminent serious bodily injury."

Capt. Lonnie Smith says a person commits the class B misdemeanor if "a person threatens to commit any offense involving violence to a person or property with the intent of placing the

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Abiding love After 25 years, invalid son leaves mom's care

FORT WORTH (AP) — After nearly 25 years of providing doting care to her comatose son, of turning him so he wouldn't get bedsores and feeding him through a stomach tube, a mother's labor of love has ended.

"I do not regret a single minute of the time I spent on his care," Ann Fennell said of the attention she gave her 40-year-old son, Harold, who finally succumbed to the injuries he suffered in a motorcycle accident at age 16. "I guess it was just time for him to die, but I wasn't ready for it."

Funeral services for Fennell, who died Friday after suffering brain seizures last week, were scheduled for Tuesday.

Fennell weighed more than 200 pounds when he died and hadn't lost his muscle tone.

The entire time he was in a coma, his mother talked to him, bathed him, massaged him, worked his arm and leg muscles and turned him every two or three hours, 24 hours a day. She mixed up a fresh formula every day and fed it to him through a tube.

I guess it was just time for him to die, but I wasn't ready for it.

Ann Fennell

Mrs. Fennell told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in June 1990, when the U.S. Supreme Court was deciding whether to permit the family of Nancy Cruzan to withdraw nourishment and allow her to die, that she couldn't understand how a family could make that decision.

Cruzan's feeding tube was removed, and the 33-year-old Missouri woman died Dec. 26, 1990, eight years after an auto accident left her in a coma.

When Mrs. Fennell realized her son was dying, she said she grabbed him and watched a smile come across his face and his expression change

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U.S. Trivia
Thurgood Marshall, first black Supreme Court justice, was sworn in when?
Oct. 2, 1967
Medicare program began when?
July 1, 1966

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: Just as it had done in each of the past 18 years, the New York Assembly passed a death penalty bill early today. This time, however, there was a governor waiting to sign it. See page 5.

World: Chechen snipers are firing on Russian forces in Grozny despite an earlier claim that all rebel fighters had been flushed out of the capital of breakaway Chechnya. See page 4.

STATE

Brawl quelled
Heightened security measures were in effect today at a medium-security state prison in South Texas following a racial brawl involving several hundred inmates which left four prisoners hospitalized. See page 3.

Caucus bill wins approval
A bill that would limit when legislative caucuses can raise money and require them to open their finances to the public has won preliminary approval by the Texas House. See page 3.

Tar cleared from beaches
Crews have rid beaches of balls of tar in time for crowds of spring breakers. See page 3.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight
61 ▲ Highs 22
Lows ▼
Clear

Tonight, clear, low in the lower 20s, northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast
Wednesday: Sunny, high lower 60s, light wind early becoming southeast to south at 5 to 15 mph; clear night, low mid 20s.
Thursday: Sunny, high lower 60s, light wind early becoming southeast to south at 5 to 15 mph; clear night, low mid 20s.

OBITUARIES

Lucille Wilson

Services for Lucille Elizabeth Wilson, 79, Booker, and formerly of Rochester, will be 2 p.m. today at Faith Chapel in Rochester, Texas, with Rev. C.L. Shipman, Rev. Katherine Byrd and Rev. Truett Kuenstler officiating. Burial will be in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wilson died Saturday, March 4, 1995, in a Perryton hospital.

She was born in Matador and was a resident of Rochester for 54 years before moving to Booker two years ago. She married Hubert Allen Wilson on Dec. 24, 1934, in O'Donnell. He preceded her in death on Feb. 24, 1993. Mrs. Wilson was a homemaker, a member of Sons of Hermann, Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion and was active in the Experienced Citizens Center.

Survivors include one son: Bob Wilson, Big Spring; one daughter: Marilyn Shipman, Booker; one sister: Georgia Phillips, Chowchilla, Calif.; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Nanola Jean Wilson in 1937.

The family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or to Hospice of Abilene.

G.W. Wood

Services for G.W. Wood, Irving, and formerly of Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Thursday, March 9, 1995, at the Church of God in Irving.

The family will be at 114 Bowman in Irving.

Ruth Yell

Ruth Yell, 95, Big Spring, died Monday, March 6, 1995, in a local nursing home after a long illness. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 1995, at Oran Baptist Church in Oran, Texas. Burial will follow at Yell Cemetery, Oran.

She was born on Dec. 25, 1899, in Oran. She married Guy Walston on July 13, 1917. They were on their way to the preacher's house in a buggy when they met the preacher, and he married them in the buggy. Mr. Walston preceded her in death on Feb. 7, 1938. She later married Kearby Yell on Sept. 8, 1961. He also preceded her in death on Sept. 3, 1977. She was a lifetime resident of Oran until 1978, when she moved to Howard County. She was a Methodist and a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law: Pat and Horace Nash, Big Spring; one son: Wayne Walston, Fritch; 10 grandchildren, including: Don Nash and his wife Rebecca

Nash, Big Spring, and Nancy Gilliam, Amarillo; 21 great-grandchildren, including: Rachel and Jessica Nash, both of Big Spring; two great-great-grandchildren; two nephews; and one niece.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Vernon Walston, one brother and two sisters.

Big Spring arrangements were under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Farm

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have a large payroll and we are doing our part to keep people from needing government assistance by employing them," Haney said.

Agriculture in Texas has a huge economic impact on the state. More than \$4.3 billion is generated from farms, gins, merchants, warehouses, cottonseed oil mills and textile mills in the state.

Farms alone generate nearly \$2 billion in revenue a year while merchants generate a little more than \$1.5 billion. Gins produce \$227 million; warehouses \$125 million; cottonseed mills \$226 million and textile mills generate \$285 million a year for Texas.

In 1994, local cotton farmers averaged about \$12 million as crops only yielded about a half-a-bale an acre. Had crops been up to the bale-an-acre average, local farmers would have earned \$72 million.

According to Don Richardson, county extension agent, each dollar earned trebles in the local economy, translating into a \$36 million impact on the local economy.

Between all the above-listed entities, there are 17,277 businesses in Texas employing 65,594 people.

The Farm Bill governs U.S. agricultural policy and programs. Up for review by Congress this year are programs, many set to expire in 1995 that deal with commodity price and income support, trade, conservation, research, domestic food assistance, credit, crop insurance and rural development.

Some of the controversial issues expected to arise during the debate include the efficiency and equity of the commodity programs, alternatives to current programs and consequences of eliminating them.

The implications for conservation and environmental protection of altering or eliminating commodity programs, the federal role in domestic food assistance and the effects of crop land diversion on export competitiveness are other key issues up for controversial debate.

The food stamp program and various programs authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to donate commodities to domestic feeding programs such as schools, elderly feeding centers, soup kitchens and food banks. They were authorized under the 1990 farm law and scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal year 1995.

Food stamp and commodity donation programs have been part of omnibus farm bills for many years because food stamps increase food consumption and support the farm economy. Also commodity donations programs operate as outlets for foods purchased by the USDA for farm income support and surplus removal reasons and the inclusion of these programs broadens the base of congressional support for omnibus farm legislation.

The Farm Bill is scheduled for debate after the first 100 days on Congress which will most likely be this summer. Currently there is no Secretary of Agriculture after Mike Espy resigned late last year. Dan Glickman has been picked by President Clinton as a replacement but he has not been confirmed.

Gardner

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Gardener program, the volunteer service in the various counties can include answering horticultural questions telephoned to the county extension office, assisting with plant clinics and gardening demonstrations, presenting educational programs to civic and garden clubs, and assisting youths with horticultural projects and similar duties.

Persons wishing to enter the program may obtain an application at their county Extension Service office and return the completed form to their county agent, who will select participants from that county by March 14. Participants selected must agree to attend at least nine of the 12 training sessions, pay the \$50 fee, and agree to 50 hours of volunteer service during 1995.

After the March 21 start date, other sessions will be March, April and May.

Subjects to be covered during the training include botany, soils, turf, use of chemicals, the "Don't Bag It" lawncare program, house plants, xeriscapes, water conservation, fruits, nuts, woody ornamentals, herbaceous ornamentals, windbreaks roses, annuals, vegetables insect control, plant diseases and weed science and composting.

Threats

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person in fear of serious bodily injury."

"I take this very seriously. The person responsible needs to understand I have recourses and am creating a paper trail. I filed another report like this last year and it was sent to the county attorney's office but nothing was done.

"I heard it was turned back to the police department and I want to know why. The police are doing what they are suppose to and so am I, but it gets stopped at the courthouse," commented DeAnda.

County Attorney Hardy Wilkerson says an incident of DeAnda receiving threatening calls was made to the police department in April 1994 and the case file was brought to him on August 31, 1994.

"I reviewed the case and considering the time of passage between when she reported it and when I got the case along with the nature of what went on and other factors, no case was filed in county court," Wilkerson said.

Love

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from "agony to total happiness."

"I said, 'You're free now. Go to Dad. He's waiting for you. He'll take care of you now,'" she said Monday.

Fennell's father burned to death in a gasoline truck explosion in Euleus three years after his son's accident.

Teen shotguns his parents

NEWNAN, Ga. (AP) — A 15-year-old who prosecutors say once wrote that he wanted to live the story of "Natural Born Killers" was charged Monday with killing his parents as they watched television.

Jason Lewis was charged with murder in the slaying of James Donald Lewis, 38, and Lillian Ann Lewis, 35. He was taken to a detention center and will be tried as an adult.

Authorities said the couple was killed with several blasts from a 12-gauge shotgun as they watched television in their suburban Atlanta mobile home Sunday night.

Investigators found letters Jason exchanged with three other juveniles in which they discuss the Oliver Stone movie about a couple that goes on a killing spree.

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:

•**JOHNNY LARA**, 30 of 1400 Mt. Vernon, was arrested on outstanding warrants for driving while license suspended and possession of a controlled substance. He was transferred to the county jail and released after posting a \$4,000 bond.

•**SIMON ANTONIO SALDARA JR.**, 25 of 4048 Vicky, was arrested on outstanding DPS warrants and criminal non-child support. He was transferred to the county jail and is being held without bond.

•**DAVID ORTIZ**, 25 of HC 61 Box 47, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. He was transferred to the county jail and released after posting a \$20,000 bond.

•**ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** in the 400 block of Lancaster.

•**BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** in the 1100 block of East 14th.

•**SUSPICIOUS INVESTIGATIONS** in the 1100 block of North Lamesa, 3200 block of Fordham, 2000 block of Runnels, Comanche Trail Park, Airport, 3200 block of Duke and 3200 block of East Marcy.

•**THEFTS** in the 1700 block of Wasson, 400 block of East Eighth, 400 block of Union, 1800 block of Gregg, 300 block of Settles, 400 block of Gregg and 400 block of East Fourth.

•**ASSAULT BY THREATS** in the 600 block of Dallas.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 1800 block of Wasson.

•**CREDIT CARD ABUSE** in the 1800 block of Gregg and 1100 block of North Lamesa.

•**MINOR ACCIDENT** at intersection of 17th and Bell. A citation for failure to yield right-of-way was issued and no injuries were reported.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•**ANDREW AGUILAR**, 26 of 1615 Canary, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested for assault/family violence. He was released after posting a \$1,500 bond.

•**GABRIEL AGUILAR**, 17 of 1615 Canary, was transferred from the city jail after being

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arrested for assault/family violence. He was released after posting a \$1,500 bond.

•**ROBERT LEE WILLIAMS**, 23 of San Diego, Calif., was transferred from the city jail after being arrested on an outstanding warrant. He remains held without bond pending release to Oklahoma authorities.

•**ABRAM LOSOYO PEREZ SR.**, 37 of Andrews, was arrested on outstanding warrants for bondsman off bond, bond forfeiture on aggravated sexual assault and motion to revoke probation for unlawfully carrying a weapon. He remains held without bond.

•**YSA RUBIO**, 34 of 621 Sgt. Paredez, turned himself in to the sheriff's office on an outstanding warrant for bond forfeiture on a driving while intoxicated charge. A \$2,000 cash bond was set and he remains in jail.

formers will entertain patients at the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the City Auditorium.

The performance is due, in part, to Texas bowlers who donated more than \$56,520 to the BVL Fund last year. The BVL Fund is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing recreational and therapeutic programs for America's hospitalized veterans.

The BVL Fund represents about 82 million bowlers and 1,600 local associations nationwide who donate their time and raise more than \$1 each year for veterans.

"Re-Creation's" 1995 show entitled "On Track" charms the audience with musical skits, featuring Big Band, Motown, Rock and Roll, Broadway and Country songs, choreographed especially for the veterans.

RECORDS

Monday's temp.	73
Monday's low	27
Average high	66
Average low	35
Record high	88 in 1929
Record low	16 in 1920
Rainfall Monday	0.19
Month to date	0.35
Month's normal	0.11
Year to date	1.42
Normal for year	1.40

**Statistics not available.

IN BRIEF

Medic first aid class offered

Howard College has been approved to provide a course on medic first aid and blood-borne pathogens.

"Medic First Aid" meets OSHA regulation 29 CFR, 1910.151, and "Blood-Borne Pathogens" meets OSHA regulation 29 CFR, 1910.1030.

The course will be offered 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$25. For more information call the Continuing Education Department at 264-5131.

Commodities distribution is set for Thursday

West Texas Opportunities, Inc. will distribute commodities 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Evening Lions Club, 1607 East Third St., in their east parking lot in the small white building.

All recipients must have certification cards with them to receive their food. For more information contact West Texas Opportunities, Inc. at 267-9536.

'Re-Creation' to perform at VA

"Re-Creation," a nationally-recognized troupe of young per-

MARKETS

May cotton futures 106.70 cents a pound, up 53 points; April crude oil 18.53 down 6 points; cash hog steady at \$1 lower at 39.25 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 74 cents even; April live hog futures 39.27, down 20 points; April live cattle futures 73.27, down 20 points; according to Delta

Commodities	Index 3982.35
Volume 99,854,110	
ATT	50% -
Amoco	59% -
Atlantic Richfield	110% - 1
Amos	17% -
Boston Chicken	17% +
Cabot	35% +
Chevron	47% -
Chrysler	40% +
Coca-Cola	55% -
De Beers	21% nc
DuPont	55% -
Exxon	63% -
Fina Inc.	77% +
Ford Motors	25% +

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TODAY

•Spring Taberna 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.

•Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.
•Comanche Lake Duplicate Weekly, Dora Roberts Civic Center, 1 p.m. Come early at 12:15 for mini-lessons.

•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 263-3168 before 8 p.m.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.

•VFW Post #2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

•Coahoma Senior Center Project Group, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave. Call 394-4439.

•Cancer support group, 12 noon to 1 p.m., room 213, VA Medical Center, and 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center.

•Widow/widower support group, 5:30 p.m., at a local restaurant. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

WEDNESDAY

•Survivors, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. This is open to all survivors.

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephens Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Big Spring Outreach Aglow Harvest luncheon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 811 Highland Drive. Bring covered dish and utensil. Working women invited to come during lunch hour and be our guest for lunch. Speaker: Helen Vaughn. Topic: "Let God be God." Call 263-8637.

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Ruth Yell, 95, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 P.M., Wednesday at Oran Baptist Church in Oran, Texas. Burial will be at Yell Cemetery in Oran. The body has been transferred to White's Funeral Home, Mineral Wells, Texas.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel
906 GREGG 267-6331

B. A. (Bill) Bunn, "The Candy Man", 69, died Saturday in a Midland hospital. Services were at 11:00 AM today at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

Darrell Corning, 60, died Saturday. Graveside services were at 9:30 A.M. today at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Racial brawl leaves four injured

DILLEY (AP) — Heightened security measures were in effect today at a medium-security state prison in South Texas following a racial brawl involving several hundred inmates which left four prisoners hospitalized.

State and local law enforcement officials used tear gas and riot batons to quell the disturbance Monday night at the Dolph Briscoe Unit, said Gary Johnson, regional director for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Seven inmates were taken to the hospital, although three were being transferred back to the prison early today, he said. One inmate was being treated at the Frio County Hospital and three were being treated at Uni-

versity Hospital in San Antonio, he said.

Two of the wounded were described as "unresponsive," one of whom was stabbed and beaten, Johnson said. Another department official said one injury was possibly life-threatening.

Other inmates may have been slightly injured, while one officer was injured when he fell and hurt his shoulder, Johnson said.

Officials estimate damage to the prison unit at more than \$100,000.

"They broke up concrete storm drains that run underneath the sidewalks, and they used them on each other as well as on the buildings causing

some damage as well as a number of broken windows," said TDCJ spokesman David Nunnelee.

Authorities were able to quickly calm a fight among approximately 20 black and Hispanic inmates in a housing unit about 6 p.m., Johnson said.

However, during a recreation period about two hours later, a brawl erupted involving several hundred inmates, he said.

"They estimate about 400 to 500 inmates were involved in a fight on the rec yard. (It) appeared to be primarily black and Hispanic inmates fighting each other," Johnson said.

"Officers attempted to stop the disturbance using chemical agents and riot batons."

Authorities eventually brought the situation under control with help of state and local law enforcement agencies.

"When they arrived, we moved in and restrained the inmates," Nunnelee said. "They were all handcuffed using plastic handcuffs, and the unit was locked down and will remain locked down indefinitely."

Prison officials were always in control of the facility, he said.

Sherri Deatherage Green, a Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman, said the DPS riot squad was taken off alert about 10:30 p.m.

Johnson said no hostages were taken during the incident at the prison unit in Dilley.

NO HELMETS WANTED



A motorcyclist who identifies himself as Sputnik Strain, left, testifies before the Senate State Affairs Committee with Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, Monday in Austin. Strain and fellow motorcyclist were at the Capitol to support Patterso's bill repealing Texas' requirement that all motorcyclists wear a helmet. The bill would make it mandatory only for those under 18.

Special session possible to deal with federal cutbacks

AUSTIN (AP) — Senate Finance Committee Chairman John Montford says state lawmakers likely will have to meet in a special session on the budget after Congress finishes its work on health and welfare programs.

"I think if we get out of here and we get a laundry list of cuts that's going to total \$8 (billion) or \$9 billion over the next five years, yeah, I think if they impact this biennium I think that's the only alternative left," Montford, D-Lubbock, said Monday.

The Dallas Morning News reported that according to state and federal estimates, cuts in national health and welfare programs could cost Texas more than \$9 billion over the next five years.

Montford said he doesn't expect Congress to finish its work until after the Texas Legislature's regular session ends in May. That means lawmakers would have to come back in a special session to deal with cuts, he said.

Crews rid beaches of tar ball mess

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Crews have rid Coastal Bend beaches of balls of tar in time for the annual crowds of spring break vacationers.

Beaches were opened to the public Sunday between Port Aransas and Bob Hall Pier, said George Nelson, a spokesman for the insurance company of two Norwegian tankers that caused the spill.

Cleanup crews will continue working on Padre Island National Seashore, a federally protected shoreline stretching south of Bob Hall Pier.

Nelson said crews also were completing work on the northern part of South Padre Island. Floating balls of tar washed ashore several weeks after a Feb. 5 collision between Norwegian tankers caused the spill.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Astrophysicists take a break from stargazing

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA gave Endeavour's four astrophysicists a respite today from a rigorous around-the-clock schedule of stargazing with three ultraviolet telescopes.

Tamara Jernigan, Sam Durrance, John Grunsfeld and Ronald Parise were set for a half-day off, the first of two breaks during the record 15-day flight. They took turns resting so observations could continue with the \$200 million telescope in the space shuttle's cargo bay.

Early today, the instruments focused on a spiral galaxy that, much like our own Milky Way, has wheel-like arms of interstellar gases and bright, young stars reaching out from its nucleus.

Grand jury weighs KFC killings' testimony

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A grand jury panel may hear testimony as early as today in one of the most "infamous" unsolved multiple slayings cases in East Texas.

The panel, sworn in Monday, will consider this week whether there is probable cause to issue indictments in the 1983 murder case.

Known as the "Kentucky Fried Chicken Killings," five people were found brutally slain on a Rusk County oil lease after they were kidnapped from the Kilgore fast-food restaurant.

The Rusk County District Attorney's office said it will finish presenting about 40 cases to the panel before it begins hearing testimony on the KFC case.

American oil company to develop Iranian field

HOUSTON (AP) — Conoco Inc. has signed a contract to develop an off-shore oilfield in the Persian Gulf for Iran in the first agreement involving the two countries since Washington severed ties with Iran in 1980, according to published reports.

The New York Times and Houston Chronicle reported today that the deal was signed after three years of negotiations.

Conoco spokesman Tom Felder would not disclose details of the contract, the newspapers reported. But some analysts estimate it could be worth \$1 billion.

The Houston Chronicle reported Tuesday that Conoco will develop the Sirri "A" and Sirri "E" fields, in the Persian Gulf about 45 miles from the Iranian coast.

Confirmation of Ryan approved by committee

AUSTIN (AP) — Even before the Senate Nominations Committee met to consider appointment of baseball legend Nolan Ryan to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, the praise was rolling in.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock called Ryan "one of the great Texans of our time" when the former pitcher dropped in on a Monday morning Senate session. Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, called him "a Texas hero."

Later, Nominations Committee members acted a little starstruck in considering the appointments of Ryan and actress Susan Howard, also a Parks and Wildlife nominee.

Bill limiting caucuses wins approval

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill that would limit when legislative caucuses can raise money and require them to open their finances to the public has won preliminary approval by the Texas House.

The measure by Rep. Layton Black, D-Goldthwaite, would bring caucuses under the same contribution and expense reporting requirements as legislators.

"As elected officials and members of caucuses and members of this House, we should not have a double standard as to how the public looks at our business," Black said. "This bill clearly puts us all on the playing field; it levels it."

The bill, approved on a voice vote Monday, faces a final vote of the House before heading to the Senate for consideration.

Caucuses are groups of lawmakers who spend money on staff and research to monitor bills and gather information for their legislative agenda. House caucuses represent groups including Republicans, Democrats, conservatives, progressives, blacks and Hispanics.

Black's bill would prohibit the organizations from accepting contributions 30 days before and during a legislative session.

Court stays execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A convicted murderer from Montgomery County remains alive after a federal appeals court stopped his execution that was set for early today.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals halted the lethal injection scheduled for Alvin Goodwin until a lower court judge can explain in detail why Goodwin's appeal should be granted or rejected.

The decision came about seven hours before Goodwin, 31, was set to die for the 1986 death of 20-year-old James Douglas Tillerson.

Goodwin's attorneys from the Texas Resource Center, which arranges for legal help for death row inmates, complained a federal judge in Houston refused their appeal even before the state was able to respond to their motion.

The appeals court agreed the ruling was too hasty and ordered the court to look more carefully at the appeal.

A former district attorney for Montgomery County said he was not surprised by either the reprieve or state prosecutors' decision not to challenge the ruling.

"I don't know what took them (appellate judges) so long," Peter Speers said. "He just got through the state court's habeas corpus system about two months ago and this was his first exposure to the federal appeals process."

Goodwin and an accomplice forced their way into Tillerson's



Rep. Layton Black, D-Goldthwaite, center, listens as legislators gather at the Speaker's desk for parliamentary procedure questions about Black's bill. The bill would require caucuses formed by House members to report donations and spending to the ethics committee.

Making or accepting a contribution during those periods would be a Class A misdemeanor, and violators would be liable to the state for three times the amount of the contribution.

The measure also requires caucuses to file reports twice a year with the Texas Ethics Commission showing who contributes to the groups and how much as well as expenditures.

Caucuses would file their first reports in January 1996, unless the bill wins two-thirds approval by both the House and Senate. In that case, the groups

would have to begin filing on July 15.

Caucus funding came under scrutiny earlier this year when the Texas Conservative Coalition held a luncheon with special-interest lobbyists the day before the Legislature convened.

The coalition on Monday tried unsuccessfully to kill the disclosure bill on technicalities.

Rep. Talmadge Heflin, who raised the technical questions, said the coalition believes the bill inhibits caucuses' freedom of speech.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Stories, whatever their nature, may be harmful or useful, depending upon the listener."

Giovanni Boccaccio, Italian writer, 1350

Cutting services to those who served not the way to save

Next week, the House of Representatives is expected to consider a bill, already approved by the House Appropriations Committee, that would cut this year's Department of Veterans Affairs budget by \$156 million for six outpatient clinics and \$50 million to reduce VA's medical equipment backlog.

This possibility of cuts comes at practically the same time President Clinton has created a Presidential Persian Gulf Advisory Committee to delve deeper into the mysterious illnesses afflicting Persian Gulf veterans.

Perhaps Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown said it best: "How ironic that, as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of World War II and the courage and sacrifices of those who served during such a critical time in our nation's history, there are those who would take such a heartless action that will, in effect, deny access to veterans who are most in need of VA health care."

How ironic also that as part of the government attempts to help our most recent war veterans, another part is all too willing to gut the budget of money needed to treat them.

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U.S. military service veterans are not some fringe interest group. If you are not one, chances are you are married to one, related to one, are friends with one, work with one, or simply know one.

Chances are, you may even know one who is ill or disabled, either from service-connected or other problems, and who needs and deserves the assistance VA hospitals and clinics provide.

Granted, \$206 million is a lot of money. When you consider how many thousands of veterans that money can help, it becomes a much smaller amount per person.

The Appropriations Committee would probably never go on record as saying the same lives that were so important to lay down for our country aren't worth \$206 million. Unfortunately, that is exactly the message they are sending by approving this legislation.

Our veterans defended us. Now, it's up to Congress to defend our veterans by not approving this misdirected cost cutting.



A Chechen farmer guides his cows past a Russian armored personnel carrier Monday at a Russian checkpoint near Samashky, Chechnya. After claiming a day earlier that the last Chechen fighters had been driven from Grozny, Russia's war command acknowledged today rebels continue to fire on Russian forces in the capital.

Rebels pepper Russian forces

NAZRAN, Russia (AP) — Chechen snipers are firing on Russian forces in Grozny despite an earlier claim that all rebel fighters had been flushed out of the capital of breakaway Chechnya, Russia's war command acknowledged today.

Military officials had issued a statement Monday saying that Russian forces had cleared the last remaining rebel fighters from the devastated city. The military command in Mozdok, just outside Chechnya, said it had eliminated the final rebel stronghold in Grozny.

But officials in Mozdok acknowledged today to the official Russian news agency ITAR-Tass that Russian troops are still under fire in the capital. "Shooting from small arms has become a permanent characteristic of Grozny at night," an unidentified military spokesman was quoted as saying.

Russian troops pushed Chechen fighters out of the city center weeks ago, but have skirmished with rebels on the outskirts ever since. Roaming snipers continue to target them despite Russian attempts to seal off the city.

Russian forces entered Chechnya on Dec. 11 to put down the Caucasus Mountains region's drive for independence, and began their siege of Grozny on New Year's Eve.

They took control of the presidential palace, the symbol of Chechen resistance and once the headquarters of Chechen leader Dzhokhar Dudayev, on Jan. 19 after Chechen fighters

abandoned the destroyed building.

A senior military officer told the Interfax news agency Monday that the next step in the Russian offensive will be to take Argun, a Dudayev stronghold 12 miles east of Grozny.

When Argun is captured, Chechen fighters will not be able to carry out their plans to resume fighting in Grozny's suburbs, the officer was quoted as saying.

Chechen rebel spokesman Movlen Salamov was quoted today in the Moscow daily Nezavisimaya Gazeta as estimating that 27,000 civilians and 18,000 Russian troops have been killed in the war. Russian officials say those claims are exaggerated and estimate their own losses at less than 2,000.

Hoping for a lost shirt

It took all of 10 seconds as a candidate for president for Lamar Alexander to lose any chance of ever getting my vote.

Even if he proves to be a man of great vision -- promising to exempt columnists from all taxes, chop off the fingers of computer hackers and burst the eardrums of droolefs who turn their cars into rolling boomboxes -- he has already lost me.

I usually try to be patient and fair in judging candidates, listening to their speeches and even reading the slick position papers written by their hired campaign hucksters.

But with Alexander, all it took was one look at his shirt. That's right, his shirt. The man announces that he is running for president of the United States -- the biggest job in the world except for Judge Ito's -- and what does he wear?

A red and black plaid flannel shirt, open at the collar, no tie or jacket.

I'm no fashion fuss-pot, since I often dress like I live under a bridge in a cardboard crate. But I'm not asking people to make me the leader of the free world.

And it's not that there is something wrong with the shirt itself. It's obviously a respectable, sturdy, flannel shirt. Just the garment to wear if you are going to the hardware store on a Saturday, out with the family for a hamburger or maybe fishing on a cool day.

But you could say the same about a set of red long underwear with a bottom-flap: respectable and sturdy. That wouldn't make it the appropriate garment to wear while declaring a candidacy for president.

Worse than the choice of the shirt is the obvious thought that went into wearing it.

Imagine for a moment that it is the morning that you are going to reveal to the whole country that you are seeking the office once held by men like Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln

You know the TV cameras will be there to instantly flash your image and your words across the nation.

So you get dressed and prepare to introduce yourself to the nation. And your wife or someone says:

"Uh, what's with the shirt?"

"What about it? Is there a stain or something?"

"No, but it is a flannel shirt. Red and black plaid flannel. I thought you were going to

announce that you are running for president."

"Yes, that is precisely what I'm going to do."

"Then don't you think a dress shirt and a tie and a suit would be more appropriate? Something more formal, but quietly understated."

"Ah, but that just proves that you know nothing about fooling some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, and if I am lucky, 51 percent of the people when it counts."

"You'll do all that by wearing a plaid flannel shirt?"

"Sure. You see, this shirt will let the folks out there in TV land know that I am really a regular Joe, sort of a plain, everyday neighborly guy like they are."

"But you are not. You were once president of a big university. And the governor of a state."

"Yeah, but this working stiff shirt will let them know that I'm not one of those evil and slick Washington Beltway insiders who has caused all the misery and grief in their tormented lives; that the absence of a dark, single-breasted suit, and a red power tie, means that I'm just a grass-roots kind of guy you'd ask to help tune your snow blower or jump-start your car."

"But you went to Washington and served in the Cabinet of President Bush. You can't get any more inside Washington than being a Cabinet member."

"Mebbe so, mebbe so, but this common flannel shirt -- the kind that a decent non-union carpenter would wear -- tells ordinary folks that I know what it's like to skip and save and keep the wolves from the door while those Beltway insiders grab your hard-earned cookie-jar money and give it away to every loafing, malingering, baby-spawning deadbeat who can't roll out of bed in the morning and do an honest day's work."

"But people know that through some very clever, questionable investments -- and knowing the right people -- you have turned yourself into a millionaire. Why, you could stop working today and lead a very comfortable life."

"Hush up. If those other candidates want to wear suits and ties and flaunt their insider-ness, let them. Me, I'm just good old Joe."

"But your name is Lamar."

"Yeah Say, how does this stalk of corn silk in the teeth look to you?"

"It might be a bit much. Maybe you should save it for New Hampshire."

"Good idea. And I got to remember to get to New Hampshire before the snows fall."

"Why?"

"So's I can campaign in my bare feet."

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Letters

Schools really need a lot of work

Editor,

It has been brought to my attention that the city of Big Spring is planning to build a new jail. That would be fine if we didn't need more important things like a new Junior High School. ~~Our schools are falling apart. I am in the seventh grade and will have to go to Rannels next year. Prisoners are being punished not privileged. The kids in this community are tired of being put aside. I think it's about time everyone stops thinking about the prisoners and start thinking about the kids of the community. I also think the City Council should take a long hard look at the way they are spending our money. We are the future of tomorrow and we should not be put in the backseat of learning while the criminals are put in the front seat of luxury. We hope you understand and acknowledge our comments.~~

Sincerely,
Lori Maines
Age 12
Big Spring

Writer disappointed in lunch cuts story

Editor:

I'm very disappointed in you. You let Kellie Jones get away with writing a very biased editorial, then put a very misleading headline over it, and finally chose it as the lead front page headline article in the Friday (Feb. 24) edition. Most folks would think it was a news story instead of an editorial.

The headline was "Lunch program cuts would harshly affect Big Spring." Which is baloney! The proposed law change would take the money currently included in some Federal welfare programs, reduce it by the amount of waste caused by administration by the Federal bureaucracy, then send the remaining money to the State as block grants. As a result, Texas should be able to spend more (not less) money to actually feed children than is being spent on feeding children with the current system. So that headline should have read "Lunch program changes could increase funds spent on Big Spring children." Unless you "The Herald" believes that Texas lawmakers and bureaucracy are less efficient than the Feds!

Chalmer Wren Jr.
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Policeman accused of murder executed

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — A policeman whose murder trial drew crowds angry at police abuses has been executed, an official newspaper said today.

Nguyen Tung Duong, 37, was led before a firing squad Sunday morning after a final meeting with his family, the Hanoi Moi newspaper reported.

Duong's case gained unusual attention in the Vietnamese media as a test of the judicial system's willingness to prosecute a law officer. After he fatally shot and robbed a young man of \$4,500 in 1992, he tried to enlist other officers' help in covering up the crime and offered the victim's family bribes to keep quiet.

When Duong was tried in 1993, he was sentenced to just five years in prison, touching off an outcry that led to a new trial last October. That time, he was sentenced to death.

When Duong appealed his sentence to the Supreme Court in December, thousands of ordinary citizens surrounded the building to hear the case over a loudspeaker. The crowd threw stones at the vehicle that took Duong away from court.

New alliance puts pressure on rebel Serbs

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — The new military alliance of Croatia and a Bosnian federation has put more pressure on rebel Serbs and nudged the Balkans closer to an explosion of all-out war after months of relative quiet.

Croatian state television announced late Monday that Croatia and the U.S.-supported federation of Bosnian Croats and Muslims had agreed to form a joint military headquarters.

Accuser becomes the accused as assassination plot unfolds

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The accuser has become the accused in Mexico's most spectacular murder case.

Mario Ruiz Massieu, who as a federal prosecutor claimed a high-level coverup in his brother's murder, was charged Monday with trying to divert attention from the true mastermind: the brother of then-President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

And the Attorney General's Office said it has learned from U.S. Customs officials that \$6.9 million was deposited in a Houston bank under Ruiz Massieu's name.

The money supposedly arrived between March and November 1994 — a period when Mario Ruiz Massieu headed anti-narcotics prosecutions in Mexico as well as the probe of the September murder of his brother, the second-highest official in Mexico's governing party.

These were the latest shocking twists to a case that has shaken Mexico's political establishment, already battered by the country's economic crisis.

Ruiz Massieu appeared in a Newark, N.J., federal court on Monday to answer charges of failing to declare more than \$43,000 in cash to customs officials. U.S. officials also asked he

be held for extradition to Mexico.

A bail hearing was scheduled for March 14 in Newark.

The Mexican Attorney General's Office said Monday that a judge had issued an arrest warrant for the former prosecutor, a necessary step for extradition. It said a formal extradition request would be made within 60 days.

As the court met in New Jersey, another judge in Mexico ended a six-day arraignment of Raul Salinas de Gortari and ordered him held for trial on charges of plotting the murder of Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, Mario's brother.

Carlos Salinas de Gortari, whose presidential term ended Dec. 1, was not implicated.

The September assassination of Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, the No. 2 man in the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party, was one of several high-profile murders and kidnappings that have jolted Mexico and called its stability into question.

A Roman Catholic cardinal was slain in 1993, the favored presidential candidate was assassinated in March 1994 and one of the nation's top bankers was held by unidentified kidnapers for a huge ransom.

Remagen bridge battle remembered

REMAGEN, Germany (AP) — Rounding a hilly bend 50 years ago today, GIs of the 27th Armored Infantry Battalion captured a bridge that was not supposed to exist and crossed a river they hadn't expected to see.

That river was the Rhine, and the battle they kicked off at the Ludendorff Bridge hastened the demise of the Third Reich.

"It meant the end of the bomb attacks for us," recalled former Remagen Mayor Hans Peter Kuerten. "It meant the collapse

of the western front." The mayor is one of several hundred U.S. and German vets celebrating that American victory today in Remagen.

The bridge capture was unplanned.

The 27th Armored battalion was part of the First Army Group, whose role in the Rhineland offensive of February was to reach the river, then proceed south to join with the 3rd Army Group of Gen. George Paten.

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GOP senators want Hatfield punished

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some Senate Republicans want to force their colleagues to consider Sen. Mark Hatfield's removal as a committee chairman because of his crucial vote against the balanced budget amendment.

The dispute was a likely discussion topic by Senate GOP leaders at their weekly meeting today, five days after the Oregonian cast the decisive vote against the flagship Republican priority.

Hatfield, a moderate who chairs the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, was the lone Republican to oppose the measure, as the GOP dealt its most bruising defeat this year by a single vote.

Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., was drafting a letter to be delivered today to Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., calling for a session to consider punishing Hatfield. Mack is secretary of the

Senate Republican conference, which makes him the fifth-ranking GOP leader.

Under Senate GOP rules, senators can force a session to discuss any topic if five senators sign a letter requesting such a meeting.

Mack spokesman Jeff Cohen would only say that the letter was about "Chairman Hatfield." But one GOP Senate source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the generally worded letter would in effect seek a meeting about punishing Hatfield, including replacing him as chairman.

The effort by the generally young and conservative senators comes after Republicans spent days trying to draw attention to the Democratic effort to defeat the amendment. Of the Senate's 47 Democrats last Thursday, 33 voted to kill the measure, and Republicans said those Democrats would be vul-

nerable the next time they run for re-election.

The move could also put Dole in an uncomfortable position. Dole is running for president as a pragmatic lawmaker, and must contend with a collection of GOP senators who are increasingly younger, more ideological and followers of conservative Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, also seeking the presidential nomination.

Among the young conservatives considering pushing for Hatfield's ouster was Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., 36. Spokesman Mike Mihalke said Santorum would sign Mack's letter.

Despite the conservatives' cries for punishment, others — including some freshmen — voiced support for Hatfield.

"The Republican Party is one that allows people to vote their conscience," said Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., chairman of the 11-member GOP freshman Senate class, said he opposed any retaliation against Hatfield and thought that in the end, none would occur.

"We need more of a close relationship and perhaps he'll be in a position to change" when the Senate reconsiders the vote, Inhofe said.

"It's not a healthy concept, in my opinion, to think everyone has to fit into the same keyhole to belong to the Republican Party," said Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, a 27-year Senate veteran and a longtime member of the Appropriations Committee.

Because the amendment was such a prime GOP priority, Hatfield's vote even caused strong opinions in the House, where members usually refrain from remarks about the other chamber.



Associated Press photo
A group of Albany, N.Y., area residents stand outside the New York State Assembly chamber at the capitol in Albany. The group is protesting death penalty legislation the Assembly is considering.

Death penalty making a comeback in New York

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Just as it had done in each of the past 18 years, the New York Assembly passed a death penalty bill early today. This time, however, there was a governor waiting to sign it.

The Democrat-controlled Assembly approved the bill 94-52 at 4:30 a.m. and sent it to Gov. George Pataki, who planned to sign it into law at a late-morning news conference. The Republican-controlled Senate passed the bill 38-19 Monday evening.

The bill will take effect Sept. 1, making New York the 38th state with the death penalty. Its method of execution: lethal injection.

Anticipating passage, Assembly members unleashed

a torrent of words — angry, sad, gloating and poignant — during 11 hours of debate.

"If you vote 'yes' today, your hand will be on that syringe that kills that person," said Democrat Edward Sullivan.

Republican Assemblyman Robert Stranieri cast it in terms of victims rights: "No person in New York state should have their life be taken without the person or persons responsible paying with their life."

The raucous chamber quieted for a few moments this morning as Democratic Assemblyman N. Nick Perry, a death penalty opponent, told how he was mugged two years ago by an assailant who held a weapon to his head.

Under pressure, lawmakers look at limiting frivolous lawsuits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buffeted by competing lobbying campaigns from business, consumer and legal groups, House lawmakers are plunging into complex Republican legislation that backers say is aimed at limiting frivolous lawsuits.

Three bills before the House this week would make it easier to defend product-liability and securities-fraud cases. They would pre-empt state laws by creating a federal limit on punitive damages in most lawsuits. The far-reaching measures to overhaul the civil legal system are part of the Republicans' "Contract With America" agenda.

One bill would establish a "loser pays" system requiring parties in many federal lawsuits

to pay the other side's legal fees if they refused a settlement offer and wound up getting less through a trial.

The House was expected to vote today on the bill, amid a high-priced lobbying campaign on both sides and robust opposition by the Clinton administration.

In a letter Monday to House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., Attorney General Janet Reno and White House counsel Abner Mikva said some of the GOP proposals "are unfair and tilt the legal playing field dramatically to the disadvantage of consumers and middle-class citizens."

The legislative package is fervently supported by American business.



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Cop-on-cop violence stuns jaded New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Even for a city hardened by hundreds of killings last year, the triple slaying was almost beyond belief: a police officer and two others killed during a restaurant holdup, allegedly by his ex-partner.

Officer Ronald Williams Jr. was laid to rest Monday with a mounted escort and hundreds of silent, black-badged officers accompanying his casket to a mausoleum. The 25-year-old policeman left a wife and two sons, one a week old.

Officer Antoinette Frank, 23, was behind bars without bond, facing first-degree murder charges that could bring her the death penalty.

In 1994, 420 homicides were reported in New Orleans. Last week there were 18 in addition to the triple killing. Yet it was the first case here of an officer accused of killing another officer, despite rampant corruption in the New Orleans Police Department.

Since 1993, at least 38 officers

have been arrested, including 10 in a federal drug sting in December. In less than a year, four officers, including one who allegedly arranged the killing of a woman who filed a brutality complaint against him, have been charged with murder.

Police say Frank went to a restaurant where she had worked as a security guard early Saturday and, with an accomplice, killed Williams and two workers, the children of the owners.

Woman mauled by lion identified

WASHINGTON (AP) — A woman found dead inside the lion's pen at the National Zoo over the weekend was identified as an Arkansas resident with a history of mental health problems.

A Metropolitan police detective said Monday the woman, whose mauled body was discovered early Saturday morning by a zookeeper, was Margaret Davis King, 36, of Little Rock.

Records show she was charged in September 1988 with making threats and assault, but was found innocent "by reason of mental defects or disease" and committed to the Arkansas State Hospital in Little Rock.

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Got an item?

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Howard sophs come through at crunch time

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

Every coach dreams that his older players will come through in pressure situations. Terry Gray got that and more last week.

Gray, coach of the Howard College women's basketball team, received big-time performances from all four of his sophomores this season, especially when he needed it the most - at the recent Region V Basketball Tournament in Denison.

Sophomores Amber Lacey, Cathy Grice, Eureka Ray and Tiffany Johnson were all major factors in the Lady Hawks' third straight Region V crown, which qualifies them for next week's national junior college tournament in Tyler.

"I think all four of them had an outstanding sophomore season, which is evidenced in the

fact that we accomplished what we did this year. Their experience is irreplaceable, and was a big factor in what we accomplished," Gray said.

Grice was the only starter back from last year, but all four saw considerable playing time last season, when the Lady Hawks finished 33-4 with a sixth-place finish at the national tournament.

This year, the quartet has been instrumental in Howard's 28-4 record:

- Lacey, a 6-foot-1 post from Berkeley, Calif., has been the team's leading scorer and rebounder.

"She's just a competitor," Gray said of his all-conference, all-region star. "When it's time to play, she's ready - and she enjoys the competition. I think the more physical it gets, the more physical she gets."

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SAND SAVE



Senior PGA tour player Dave Stockton lofts a sand shot from a bunker on the sixth hole during the Senior Grand Slam in Los Cabos, Mexico Monday. Stockton followed this shot with an 18-footer to save par.

Associated Press photo

Sometimes, even true love can be tested

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It - and the wind - blew your tear ducts dry.

It nearly dried out your love



Dave Hargrave
Sports Editor

for baseball.

That's nearly. If a Major League Baseball strike lasting longer than the typical New York Yankee manager can't kill your love for the game, one afternoon of pinball... er, wind-blown, early-season amateur baseball goes down smoother than your average mountain stream.

However, scoring is a lot like ice cream - too much too fast can give you a smashing headache. After keeping score in the fast-paced world of women's JUCO basketball and its 30-second shot clock, a Saturday diamond doubleheader seemed to be a pleasant downshift.

Wrong. If you've ever tried

shifting from fourth gear to first, you have the perfect illustration of what baseball was like in Big Spring Saturday.

First were the Big Spring Steers. The Steers played a noon game against Sweetwater, and at the plate they looked like the 1927 Yankees. Six runs in the first inning, seven in the second, four in the third and... well, sorry, time's up. Thank you for playing.

The Steers won 17-6 in a game cut short by a time limit. Time limits are nearly as popular as Saddam Hussein, but in this case they were necessary - otherwise Steer fans might still be out there. Keep in mind Steer Park has no lights, and had the game not been stopped

after the top of the fourth, the Big Spring Baseball Tournament had as much chance of finishing as President Clinton has at a second term.

The scorebook? It looked like one big blue ink glob. Perhaps a psychiatrist can identify it.

A few wind-blown popups landed in the infield for hits - and some pitchers treated the strike zone like the plague - but strong hitting and some flashes of great defense gave Steer Park fans reasons to enjoy themselves. Still, after 23 runs in two hours, Howard College's Jack Barber Field seemed like the perfect reme

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Lacey, Ray named to All-WJAC team

Amber Lacey and Eureka Ray of the Howard College women's basketball team have been named to the all-Western Junior College Athletic Conference team.

Joining Ray and Lacey on the squad are JoAnna Kailahi (Midland), Kristi Allen and Anita Vuletic (New Mexico JC), Jackie Wright and Carrie Moss (Western Texas), Emily Fowler (South Plains) and Brinda Owensby (Odessa).

Frank Phillips' Tammy Yelton was named Player of the Year. Frank Phillips' Johnna Pointer was Coach of the Year.

Forsan tennis team headed to state finals

The Forsan High School tennis team finished second in a regional meet at Brownfield Saturday, which qualified it for the state finals in Waco, starting Friday.

The state finals are hosted by the Texas coaches' association, which oversees team tennis on the Class 1A to 3A levels.

Forsan won its first match at Brownfield, beating Seagraves 16-2. A 14-4 win over Muleshoe put Forsan in the finals, where it lost 12-6 to Brownfield.

Forsan narrowly missed the state finals the past two seasons, finishing third in the regional.

Playing for the Forsan boys are Adam Paschal, Shane Sims, Rusty Rutledge, Josh Hedges, Bryan Alexander, Brian Fielder, Jason Lentz and Tim Marino. Fielder was 6-0 in match play at Brownfield; Sims, Rutledge and Hedges were 5-1.

Summer Rawls, Amber Cenicerros, Candra Beeson, Jessie Ann Perez, Deborah Light, Deanna Hudgins, Tonya Vess and Dawn Parker play for

the Forsan girls. Light was 5-1 Saturday; Rawls, Beeson and Perez were 4-2.

District 14-A releases all-district hoops team

Tanner Etheredge of Klondike High School was named Most Valuable Player of 14-A's all-district boys' basketball team.

Etheredge, a junior who scored 26 points per game during the regular season, was one of four Klondike Cougars on the first team - the others were

Ch r i s Arismendez, M i c h a e l Arismendez and Brent Kirkland. Klondike won the district title and reached the Region 14-A tournament.

Grady placed three players on the team - Vance McMorries, Brad Cox and Cody Peugh. Other area players making the all-district team were Clayton Fryar, Steven Cantu and Delynn Reed (Sands), and Kurt Hess (Borden County).

Honorable mentions included James Rawlings (Klondike), Tommy Hewitt (Grady), Cory Maxwell (Sands), and James Cooley and Juan Galvan (Borden County).

Howard College booster club meets Thursday

The Howard College athletic booster club meets Thursday, 6 p.m., at the Tumbleweed Room in the student union.

Big Spring softball players meet tonight

Those wanting to be a part of Big Spring slow-pitch softball should be at an organizational meeting tonight at 7 at Fun & Food on 11th Place.

For more information, call Chuck Martin at 264-9236.

Replacement ball: No doubt, it's different

Clearly, some people are more enthusiastic about this new brand of baseball than others.

Guillermo Hernandez, for example, seems to be for it. He agreed Monday to become a replacement reliever for the New York Yankees at age 40.

Teddy Higuera, apparently, is against it. He's close to signing a minor-league contract, but it's with the Baltimore Orioles, the team that is refusing to field a replacement club.

In West Palm Beach, Fla., manager Bobby Cox was smiling, his players were high-fiving and the 900 or so fans were standing and cheering after five Atlanta Braves pitchers combined on a no-hitter to beat the New York Mets 5-0.

"They have an outstanding throwing and conditioning program here, and the mental part is starting to come together too," said starter Jose Alvarez, voted the Braves' most valuable pitcher back in 1988.

Some plays are entertaining. I'm not going to lie. You chuckle a little bit. But also, it's a time to get serious when you're out on the field.

Bruce Bochy

But in Plant City, Fla., only about 100 fans were left at the end when the Cincinnati Reds dropped to 0-5 with a 9-7 loss in 11 innings to Houston.

Before the game, coach Ray Knight walked into manager Davey Johnson's office, presented the lineup card and asked, "How's this?"

Johnson, eating soup and reading a newspaper, never looked at the names before signing it. "Looks good to me," he said, handing it back.

In Peoria, Ariz., the San Diego Padres committed three errors, threw two wild pitches and walked nine batters in losing to San Francisco 10-7 before 612 fans. The Padres, winless in four games, also were caught

stealing twice, making them 0-for-6 on stolen-base tries this spring.

"Some plays are entertaining. I'm not going to lie," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "You chuckle a little bit. But also, it's a time to get serious when you're out on the field."

Especially because it's becoming more likely that the regular season will start in less than four weeks with replacement players. No further negotiations between owners and players are scheduled, and it appears the sides may not meet again until late in the week.

On Thursday, though, baseball may vote to add two expansion teams during an owners' meeting in Palm Beach, Fla.,

with Phoenix and St. Petersburg considered the clear favorites to get the clubs. On Monday, as part of routine inspections of prospective sites, three major league officials toured the ThunderDome in St. Petersburg.

Today, the Hall of Fame could add up to four new members. The Veterans Committee will vote, and Richie Ashburn, who hit .308 during a 15-year career, is regarded as the leading candidate for election.

Though none of Atlanta's fill-in players may ever get near Cooperstown - unlike Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, not to mention other starters Steve Avery and John Smoltz - they made replacement baseball history with their combined no-hitter.

"Typical Braves pitching," Cox said. "Jose Alvarez really threw extremely well, really sharp."

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SHOT OF THE DAY	TEXAS SPORTS	NATION/WORLD	ON THE AIR
<p>Gotta catch it St. Louis leftfielder Skeets Thomas concentrates as he cradles his glove for an incoming fly-out off the bat of Cleveland's Pete Kuld in Winter Haven, Fla. Monday.</p>	<p>Stars on a tear DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars are playing so well that even a makeshift line is paying immediate dividends. Dallas coach Bob Gainey juggled his lines Monday night, putting Russ Courtnall with newcomers Mike Donnelly and Corey Millen, and getting five goals from them in an 8-2 rout of the Los Angeles Kings. "We haven't even had a practice together yet," said Donnelly, who matched his career-high with four points on two goals and two assists against his former teammates. "We're getting to know each other during games." Courtnall broke out of an early-season slump with two goals and three assists and Millen added a goal and two assists to help the Stars to their fifth consecutive victory.</p>	<p>Vet selection on tap TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Richie Ashburn and Larry Doby are among the top candidates for election today to the Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee. Nellie Fox, Gil Hodges and Negro Leagues star Leon Day also stand a chance to be chosen. Hall of Famers Ted Williams, Stan Musial and Yogi Berra are on the 17-member panel that will vote, with 75 percent required for selection.</p> <p>Shaq top weekly player NEW YORK (AP) — Orlando center Shaquille O'Neal was selected the NBA player of the week after averaging 31.5 points and 12.8 rebounds in four games.</p>	<p>Basketball College Midwestern Collegiate Tournament Championship, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30) Sunbelt Tournament Championship, 8:30 p.m., ESPN NBA Phoenix at Houston, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28) Denver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., HSE (ch. 29)</p> <p>Boxing Jimmy Thunder vs. Trevor Berbick, 8 p.m., USA (ch. 38) 6:05 p.m., WTBS (ch. 11)</p>

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College scores

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TOURNAMENTS
Atlantic 10 Conference
Semifinals
Massachusetts 68, St. Joseph's 57
Temple 47, Rutgers 42
Colonial Athletic Association
Championship
Old Dominion 80, James Madison 75
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Championship
St. Peter's 80, Manhattan 78, OT
Missouri Valley Conference
Championship
S. Illinois 77, Tulsa 62
North Atlantic Conference
Semifinals
Drexel 62, Boston U. 53
Northeastern 91, New Hampshire 70
Southland Conference
First Round
NE Louisiana 75, Texas-Arlington 61
Nicholls St. 88, McNeese St. 69
Stephen F. Austin 73, North Texas 72
Texas San Antonio 89, NW Louisiana 78
West Coast Conference
Championship
Gonzaga 80, Portland 67

AP top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 5, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Prev
1	UCI (65)	23-2	1,649	1
2	Kansas (1)	22-4	1,556	3
3	Kentucky	22-4	1,479	5
4	N. Carolina	22-4	1,419	2

5	Arkansas	25-5	1,321	7
6	Connecticut	23-3	1,304	4
7	Wake Forest	21-5	1,248	9
8	UMass	24-1	1,202	8
9	Michigan St.	21-4	1,078	10
10	Maryland	23-6	1,074	6
11	Virginia	21-7	1,012	13
12	Arizona	23-6	983	12
13	Villanova	22-7	813	11
14	Purdue	22-6	759	17
15	Miss. St.	20-6	740	14
16	Oklahoma	22-7	592	16
17	Missouri	19-7	495	19
18	Arizona St.	21-8	487	15
19	Okl. St.	20-9	457	18
20	Alabama	20-8	282	21
21	Syracuse	19-8	270	22
22	Utah	24-5	245	—
23	W. Kentucky	25-3	145	—
24	G. Iowa	18-8	135	23
25	Oregon	18-7	121	—

Others receiving votes: Iowa St. 108, Stanford 95, Tulsa 64, Memphis 55, Texas 55, Utah St. 36, Xavier, Ohio 33, Minnesota 27, St. Louis 26, Penn 21, Georgia Tech 11, Tulane 10, College of Charleston 7, Georgia 7, Manhattan 6, Temple 6, Virginia Tech 5, Brigham Young 4, Cincinnati 3, Miami, Ohio 2, Murray St. 2, Providence 1.

NBA standings

All Times EST			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB
45	14	.763	—
37	19	.661	6 1/2
24	33	.421	20
23	36	.390	22
22	35	.386	22
17	41	.293	27 1/2
15	42	.263	29
Central Division			
37	22	.627	—
34	23	.596	2
33	24	.579	3
30	30	.500	7 1/2
28	30	.483	8 1/2
22	35	.386	14
22	37	.373	15
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB
42	16	.724	—

HOCKEY

San Antonio	39	16	709	11/2
Houston	35	23	603	7
Danver	26	31	456	15 1/2
Dallas	22	33	400	18 1/2
Minnesota	16	43	271	26 1/2
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	45	14	763	—
Seattle	38	18	679	5 1/2
L.A. Lakers	36	20	643	7 1/2
Portland	30	26	536	13 1/2
Sacramento	29	27	518	14 1/2
Golden State	17	40	298	27
L.A. Clippers	12	48	200	33 1/2
Monday's Games				
Chicago 103, Portland 83				
Golden State 106, Seattle 103				
L.A. Clippers 101, Minnesota 88				
Tuesday's Games				
Boston at New York, 7:30 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers at Miami, 7:30 p.m.				
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.				
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.				
Portland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.				
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.				
Indiana at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.				
Utah at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.				
Wednesday's Games				
New York at Boston, 7:30 p.m.				
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.				
Detroit at Washington, 7:30 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.				
Denver at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.				
Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.				
Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.				

NHL standings

All Times EST			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
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8	10	3	15
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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with Guillermo Hernandez, pitcher, on a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Released Craig Colbert, catcher.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed Fred Roberts, forward, to a second 10-day contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Agreed to terms with J.J. Burden, wide receiver.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed Lionel Washington and Tim Haskie, defensive backs.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed Lavar Ball, tight end, and Alan Allen, wide receiver and loaned them to the London Monarchs of the World League.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Named John Hinek, director of college scouting, business manager, and announced he will also continue his scouting duties.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Signed Clarence Verdin, wide receiver, to a two-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled Craig Darby, center, from Frederick of the American Hockey League. Sent Gerry Fleming, left wing, to Frederick.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Traded Craig Janney, center, to the San Jose Sharks for Jeff Norton, defenseman, a fourth-round draft pick in 1997 and future considerations.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Assigned Rich Suter, right wing, to Atlanta of the International Hockey League.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Assigned Ken Belanger, left wing, to St. John's of the American Hockey League.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned Ken Klee, defenseman, to Portland of the American Hockey League.

Aussies getting back to the water

SAN DIEGO (AP) — John Bertrand returns to the Pacific Ocean today, confident that he can still win the America's Cup despite the catastrophic loss of his new sailboat two days ago. "Yeah, we can do it," Bertrand said Monday as his one-Australia syndicate prepared its backup boat for today's scheduled race against national rival Sydney 95 in the challenger trials. "We've got a world-class organization here, we've got incredible energy and drive, and a passion," said Bertrand, the 1983 America's Cup winner. "Our first boat is not far off the pace, and we look forward to getting into the competition and giving the opposition hell." Bertrand was one of 17 crewmen rescued Sunday when the \$3 million yacht oneAustralia broke in two and sank within two minutes into the stormy Pacific Ocean. It was the first time in the Cup's 144-year history that a boat sank during a race.

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Comedy of errors leads to win for Rangers

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — For three innings Monday, the Minnesota Twins almost resembled a real baseball team. For the rest of the game, they looked like the replacements that they are. The Twins wasted a 5-0 lead and the one-hit pitching of Mike Warren with three errors and careless baserunning in a 12-5 split squad loss to the Texas Rangers. Texas was even more bumbling in the field with four errors. But the Rangers made

the most of their chances in front of the 1,040 fans who passed through the turnstiles at Hammond Stadium. The Twins said 2,500 tickets were sold for the game. Including Monday's split squad victory over Boston, Minnesota is 5-2 during the exhibition season. Texas is 2-2. "All the guys here know they are under a microscope and they are playing their hearts out," said Minnesota replacement first baseman Brian Brady, who hit a two-run

homer. "I want to make the most of this opportunity." While his teammates stumbled, Brady made the most of his chance. The big day at the plate reminded him of his extremely brief stay in the majors. He had two at bats for the California Angels in 1989, including a double in his first trip to the plate. "The home run brought back memories of my first big league at-bat," Brady said. "But this whole thing has been an emotional roller coaster.

"You try to make the team, but you know if the strike is settled you're going to be out of a job. I know where I stand if the strike ends. I'm gone." With a 2-0 count in the first inning, Brady drove a Jackie Davidson fastball over the right field wall to give Minnesota a 2-0 lead. "With a 2-0 count, you've got to be aggressive at the plate," Brady said. "This is my second chance and I want to make the most of it."

Sophs

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• Grice, a 5-5 point guard from Los Angeles, leads the team in assists. "I think Cathy is back to full strength," Gray said of Grice, who was slowed early in the season after having a baby last summer. "She's been steady. She's there when we need her ... and one thing that has never changed is that she wants to play."
• Ray, a 5-2 guard from Dickinson, is the team's leading three-point shooter and is tops on the squad in steals. She also was named to the all-conference and all-region teams. "Her shot has certainly been there for her this season," Gray said. "We've faced a lot of zone defenses this year, and we've had to play her against those defenses. Moving her from point guard to shooting guard (this year) has given her the opportunity to get more looks at the basket."
Johnson, a 5-7 wing/guard from Wharton, has been the team's "utility player," fulfilling a variety of roles for the team. She was named to the all-tournament team at Denison.

Hargrave

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The teams weren't in danger. It was almost as if each inning started with runners on second and third. By the fifth inning, Howard led by 10 runs and was one out away from ending the game under the 10-run rule. Sure enough, like the villain who is just about dead but rises from his blood for one last assault, Western Oklahoma scored to keep the game alive. It was getting nearly time to turn on the lights - if Jack Barber Field had any lights. More games like these, and it will be time, both at HC and Steer Park. Think about it. Big Spring's Little League parks have lights. By the time Howard ended the game in the sixth, two-and-a-half hours after the game started, lights weren't a concern. The task at hand was going home, making sense of the scorebook and assessing the damage. You're right - you can't really complain. The Hawks and

Steers are playing baseball, while the professionals sit on their butts. Still, if the rest of the local baseball season is going to give us more runs than a dose of your gentle laxative, it's time for the weak-stomached to find a safer, slower sport. Chess anyone?

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Beaver realizes dream with win

HOUSTON (AP) — Joe Beaver is accustomed to winning rodeos but his triumph over defending champion Ty Murray at the just-completed Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a dream come true.

"I used to come to this rodeo with my father when I was 10 or 11 years old and dream about being a champion here," said Beaver, a Huntsville resident who clinched the all-around title Saturday night.

"I consider this my hometown rodeo, and there's nothing more special than winning at home in front of family and friends," he said.

The victory was worth more than \$34,000 to Beaver and pushed his career winnings to nearly \$1 million. The all-around bonus paid \$25,000 alone.

"I grew up coming here," he said. "I got to see a lot of people, some of them I haven't seen in 10 years. Now I can tell them I finally won here."

Murray, a six-time defending world champion all-around cowboy, finished second in bull riding, a prize worth \$5,807.

"I've been kidding Ty for

years about stealing all that gold from me," Beaver said. "I finally got him."

The Houston victory came on the heels of success at the San Antonio rodeo, where the 29-year-old Beaver won a \$20,000 pickup truck and the all-around title.

Beaver has been a man on a mission since he came up 14 short last year from winning a sixth world calf roping title at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

In late December, a time of year usually reserved for rest after the National Finals, he Beaver worked out daily.

"I hadn't roped and tied like that in 10 years," said Beaver, who plans to put his all-around bonus in a growth fund for his 4-year-old son Brody. "Losing last year may be the best thing that ever happened to me."

Murray needed a score of 81 to win the Houston bull riding championship, but managed only a 77. The three-time Houston all-around champion did not qualify for the finals in the saddle bronc or bareback riding events.

Fan from Japan just wild about the Spurs

SAN ANTONIO — Truly the ultimate Spurs supporter, Noa Nakamura has logged nearly 40,000 miles by land and air, hip hopped the continent and shot his life savings to satisfy his basketball bug.

"He goes beyond the ultimate fan," Spurs spokesman Tom James said of the Fan from Japan. "This is more like an obsession."

Enthusiastically cheering the Spurs on to a heart-stopping 112-111 win Friday night at the Alamodome, Nakamura said: "I'm having the best time of my life."

Nakamura's love of basketball began three years ago when he saw the 1992 Olympic Dream team on TV.

Despite a nearly 6,700-mile separation, Nakamura said he felt an immediate bond with Spurs center David Robinson.

A year later, Nakamura totaled his \$13,000 bankroll, quit his job as a security guard, and made a life-altering decision.

Instead of spending the money as planned on a car, Nakamura opted to "follow my dream" a dream that would take him halfway around the world.

In January 1993, Nakamura left his home in Tokorozawa, just outside of Tokyo, bound for Canada.

Working as a sushi chef in Vancouver, British Columbia, Nakamura earned enough to buy a white 1981 Oldsmobile Omega with 22,000 miles, which he promptly named his "Spursmobile."

Forty-one states and 35,000 miles later, Nakamura has a collection of Spurs on-the-road ticket stubs that include Seattle, Portland, Minneapolis and Houston.

Since coming here two weeks ago during the Spurs Alamodome stretch, he's added stubs for Phoenix, Golden State, Detroit and Cleveland.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Nakamura said. "I want to make the best of it, so I see the Spurs every chance I get."

"Once I go back to Japan, I may never get another chance to see them again."

James is used to fans jumping through hoops, but has yet to see one of this magnitude.

"He's a hero," the spokesman said.

Although the basketball buff speaks only fair English, he easily rattles off the names and statistics of his favorite franchise.

"It's just so cool," was his

simple explanation of an almost bizarre addiction to basketball and the Spurs.

From his \$45 courtside seat, the Spurs memorabilia-bedecked disciple of David and the rest of his dream team prepared for the big face-off.

"This is it!" shouted the 22-year-old fan as the game was about to start. "This is the biggest game I've ever seen."

Like the climax of a Hollywood movie, the Spurs with the "Admiral" at the helm collided with the Orlando Magic, led by Shaquille O'Neal, a San Antonio Cole High School graduate.

Although both are superstars, Nakamura worships the court only one plays on.

"There's no comparison," enthused Robinson's biggest fan about his idol, who towers 18 inches above him. "Robinson is the best center in the NBA!"

Spurs coach Bob Hill said he understood the mentality of Robinson mania.

"David Robinson is one of the elite players in the history of the league," Hill said Friday. "Along with being a special human being, he separates himself from most."

This week, Nakamura packs up his mementos and memories, checks out of his \$13.75-a-day bed-and-breakfast and begins the trek home.

Nancy Eisenberg, assistant manager of the Bullis House Inn, said she'll miss the zealous Spurs-clad fan who infected fellow hostel guests with his passion and enticed them into joining him at a home Spurs game.

"There were people from Australia, New Zealand, Sweden and England," she said. "Most of them had never seen a basketball game."

Asked whether his trip halfway around the world was worth giving up 26 months of his life and spending \$10,000 so far, Nakamura didn't hesitate to answer.

"This is the greatest day in my life."

He also had high praise for the country that spawned his personal dream team.

"I like the United States," he said. "It is a wonderful country more than I ever expected."

When he returns home, Nakamura has three things he plans to tell his family, who totally supported his trip, and his friends.

"I saw David Robinson, he's a big guy and the Spurs are the best in the world," he said.

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FOR WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 8, 1995

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Options abound. You might be confused by a communication. Maintain a sense of humor. Later, when you think about what has happened, you will be more content. Be optimistic, positive and happy. Tonight: Swap war stories with friends.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be careful with spending; it can get out of whack, despite your conservatism. Because you understand how to make a situation work financially, you can make another feel secure. Don't give up on a long-term desire. Tonight: Go shopping.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Partners are intriguing right now. Many offers come your way. You will be on top of the world if you listen to your intuition. A boss is difficult, and career demands can be excessive. You can handle it all. Tonight: Work late, then split.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Listen carefully to what's being offered. Your ability to impress someone at work is helpful. Communications from a distance or the behavior of an in-law could be disturbing. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Soak in a hot bath and shrug it all off.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your ability to handle a situation is very important. Focus on friendship, intensified romance and high energy. Your magnetism and vitality draw others. Be careful with a partner who could get jealous. Tonight: Have a long talk about your expectations.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are aware of your responsibilities. A family member supports you in an odd way. Explain that confusion might not be good for you. Be aware of your limitations. You are out of line when you tell another off. Be diplomatic. Tonight: Keep your own counsel.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Detach and do not get triggered. A friend wants you to do something his way. Get to the bottom of a problem. Fatigue is a primary issue in a relationship. Discuss your exhaustion so that a partner can be more understanding. Tonight: Do the unusual.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): One-to-one relating is impor-

tant. A loved one or child is pushy. Look beyond this behavior and realize how much you are cared about. A boss is glad you are part of the team. A career advancement is possible. Tonight: Go with a spontaneous invitation.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Curb a tendency to scatter in many directions. You will be on top of a problem. Partners need your companionship. Be aware of the limits a family situation could place on you. Decide where your responsibilities begin and end. Tonight: Say yes to a fun offer.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Work demands are high. You have vitality and a partner's support. Your sense of humor is great and your vivacious attitude draws others. Be caring in approaching a friend who has a case of the blues. Misunderstanding could erupt. Tonight: Exercise.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your sense of humor helps you and others. You understand how deep a friendship runs. You need to resolve a problem. You have the creativity and support to bring a partner in close. Be more open to input. Watch finances. Tonight: Be frisky.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A family member may seem to rain on your parade. You might be the one who is critical and causing restrictions. Partners and bosses praise you. Be aware of how much you offer. Your energy impresses coworkers. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.***

IF MARCH 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This year your home life needs to be emphasized because your career is expanding by leaps and bounds. You need a balance to be happy. Fight a tendency to deprive yourself at the cost of everyone else. If you are single: You meet people easily and have many opportunities to socialize; your time is the biggest issue. Do not overcommit. If attached: You need your partner's support more than ever. Talk through problems, and handle life issues together; include others in your work. GEMINI anchors you.

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

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In-laws can keep from being outlaid

DEAR ABBY: About four or five years ago, you had a column titled "How to Get Along With Your Daughter-in-Law." I thought it was great, so I cut it out and carried it in my wallet. Well, my purse was snatched in a crowded mall. It was found later in a trash can, but my wallet was missing. I had only \$4 or \$5 in it -- but what I really would like to have is your tips on how to get along with your daughter-in-law.

Could you please run it again? -- HELEN G., PROVO, UTAH

DEAR HELEN: With pleasure. Here it is:

1. When you telephone your son at his home and his wife answers the phone, do not say, "Is John there?" Spend a few minutes asking how she is -- and what's new. And if they live out of town, when you write a letter, always address it to both your son and his wife.

2. If your son was previously married, don't bring up his past marriage. And if he's had girlfriends in the past, don't mention them either. If your daughter-in-law has been previously married and has children by that marriage, accept these grandchildren as your own. Don't play favorites.

3. Never offer advice unless it's asked for. Never criticize your daughter-in-law's cooking, housekeeping, children, friends or new hairdo. And don't try to rearrange her furniture.

4. Do display pictures that include her and her children. Every time she looks at them, it will make her feel wonderful.

5. Never say, "John looks thin" or "pale" or "tired." His wife will take it as a personal insult.

6. If your daughter-in-law has given you a gift, be sure to display it or wear it (at least once) regardless of how much you dislike it.

7. Never repeat family gossip. And try not to listen to any.

8. Never allow your son -- or his wife -- in the heat of anger to tell you something unkind about the other. They will eventually kiss and make up, and you will be left holding the dirty laundry.

9. If they are childless, don't harp on how much you'd like to have grandchildren. Some couples are not ready; some couples may have been trying for a long time without success; and some couple do not want children -- which is strictly their business.

10. One cardinal rule: Regardless of how close you live to each other, never drop in without calling first. (A telephone call from the corner drugstore is all it takes.)

11. If perchance she has said something to hurt your feelings, don't let it fester; take it up with her -- don't complain to your son.

12. Do not monopolize the holidays. Remember, your daughter-in-law has parents, siblings and friends she may want to spend time with on the holidays. Some couples may prefer spending an occasional holiday by themselves.

13. Let your son go. Recognize him for the adult he is; stop calling him Sonny, Junior, Skinny, or any other juvenile nickname he has long outgrown.

14. If you have other daughters-in-law -- or daughters of your own -- treat them equally. And that goes for their children, too.

Tomorrow, in the interest of fair play, I will publish some tips on how to get along with your mother-in-law.

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