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Commissioners accept FD ambulance proposal

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners accepted the Big Spring Fire Department's proposal for ambulance service Monday.

After considering offers for ambulance service from both American Medical Transport and the FD, the court voted 5-0 to accept the FD's proposal. Members of the FD and City Council attended Monday's

meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court to answer questions about the proposal.

Commissioners expected representatives of AMT to be present also, but AMT representatives were under the impression the meeting was an executive session because the doors were closed and weren't in the courtroom when commissioners were questioning the proposals. Two of the major factors in

the commissioners' decision included providing two 24-hour ambulances (MICU's) or Mobile Intensive Care Units to the city and county as opposed to AMT's one and offering county residents the same services it will provide the city of Big Spring.

The question of annual subsidies was also a factor in the county's decision. Currently Howard County pays AMT an annual subsidy of \$52,000 for ambulance service and accord-

ing to AMT's proposal presented to the county, AMT requested an increase of almost \$10,000 to \$61,200.

According to Commissioner Sonny Choate, the average billing for AMT calls in February was almost \$520. That figure also included mileage, IV's, and other items.

The FD proposed a flat rate of \$360 and \$50 for IV's and other medical items. Hedges added IV's may not always be needed

on every run, which would make bills even lower. The city would also charge \$4 per mile on calls outside of the city limits (outside of five miles).

According to BSFD Deputy Fire Chief and training officer Steve Hedges, the department's paramedic training is going well as right on schedule for the department to assume the role of Emergency Medical Service provider to the citizens of Big Spring on Oct. 1.

Hedges told commissioners all of the FD's firefighters (22) scheduled for training have completed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training and took the state exam on May 18. Results are expected in three to five weeks.

Hedges added the FD has altered its original plan for locating the ambulances somewhat and the two 24-hour units will

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AMT blasts FD proposal; knocks training schedule

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Despite not being present during the initial discussion of the Big Spring Fire Department's ambulance contract proposal, AMT paramedic Andy Weaver told commissioners the FD's proposal does not take into account all of the needs of the residents of Howard County.

He said the FD would not actually be providing two 24-hour ambulances because both units could be tied up on calls including transfers and the third ambulance (stand-by unit) wouldn't be immediately accessible as the FD has stated because the personnel in that particular station could also be tied up on calls.

According to Fire Chief Frank Anderson, who previously addressed this question, the FD will have paramedics ready to roll with the third ambulance when a call comes in. He said if the personnel on the backup unit is needed to fight fires the ambulance would be with them and it will roll when it's needed.

Anderson added the two primary units would be used for service calls and not for transfers. According to the FD, transfers will be handled using reserve ambulances and off duty personnel, not paramedics or firefighters on rotation.

Weaver added he didn't think the FD would do an adequate job with the ambulance service because of training and experience. He stated trainers at Howard College have expressed their concern to him personally, but probably would not admit it to anyone else.

When contacted about that comment Deputy Fire Chief and FD Training Officer Steve

Instructor takes issue with questions raised about EMT training

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

With the October deadline approaching, the Big Spring Fire Department is continuing its paramedic training as it prepares to take over the city's ambulance service.

Several questions continued to be raised by American Medical Transport, the city's current provider, including questions about the training and the difficulty of the state exam.

Charla Lewis, who heads the paramedic training program at Howard College, said she would not take sides as to who should have the contract because Howard College has a good relationship with AMT and the FD, but she will defend the program at Howard College.

"Most people consider 70 percent as passing, but we require our students to make at least 75 percent before we will even allow them to sit for the state exam," Lewis said.

She added, "I understand this is an extremely emotional issue because paramedics are very caring people."

Lewis also said Howard College will not guarantee any student will pass the state exam, but the program at Howard College will stand up to any other.

As an indicator of how the training is going with the FD, Lewis recently brought in a veteran paramedic from Midland who spent several hours with the class administering oral exams.

Lewis said it was the Midland paramedic's opinion the class was slightly ahead of or as well prepared, at this point, as any class he had seen, including programs other than Howard College.

"I am very pleased with the way things are going so far," she added.

Lewis also indicated she has spoken with Howard College President Cheri Sparks about teaching other paramedic classes under the same format as the FD because the group is confident and very focused on what's going on.

As for the concern about the FD's paramedics when they take over the ambulance service in October, Lewis said they will be just fine.

She added she was a new paramedic a few years ago with not very many veterans around, but her training and her wanting to succeed made the difference.

"Whether or not someone passes the state exam is strictly up to the individual," Lewis said.



A small fire broke out at Smart Sets Hair Salon, 207 West Ninth, late Monday morning. Firefighters were on the scene for about 45 minutes putting out the blaze.

Salon fire causes nearly \$4,000 in damage

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A gas leak sparked a small fire at a local beauty salon late Monday morning. Three fire units were dispatched to Smart Sets Hair Salon, 207 W. Ninth, about 11 a.m. in response to a structure fire.

According to City Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles, an employee of the salon was removing a water heater from the business when gas hit a pilot light.

"The employee had to remove the pipe that was sticking out of the wall so he could take the water heater out of the building. They went outside to shut off the gas at the meter and went

back inside to finish working.

"They heard a whoosh sound and knew there was a problem. They quickly left the building and called 911. There were two meters outside that were not marked. One was for the business and the other for the residence and the wrong one was turned off. The gas was coming out and the pilot light was still lit so it caused a small explosion," explained Settles.

No one was injured and it took about 30 to 45 minutes for the fire to be extinguished. Firefighters had to climb on the roof to put out a part of the blaze. Settles adds there was about \$3,000 to \$4,000 worth of damage contained to the heater closet area of the business.

Be wary of those selling smoke alarms

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Residents are being warned about a smoke alarm scam reported in several areas of Texas.

City Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles says although he has not heard of it happening here, he wants people to be aware of the possibility.

The scam reported in Killeen went something like this: a man saying he was a fire safety expert called various senior citizens groups offering to talk to them about fire safety. Each person would register for the program, and then the salesman presented the program as well as giving away a door prize.

From the list of those who attended, he contacted them and offered to inspect their homes, free of charge. Once the scam artist showed up, whether or not the homeowner gave their permission, he would install expensive smoke detectors and send them a bill.

Settles says a few months ago, a man called a local resident stating he was a fireman and conducting smoke alarm tests. Settles adds he believes the purpose was simply to gain access to the woman's house.

"If you get a phone call similar to this, just take that extra step and call the police or fire department to verify what they are saying. If we are doing inspections, it will be well-publicized before the event begins," Settles said.

The Attorney General's Office has the following suggestions so people can avoid being victims of scams:

- Be leery of anyone who comes to your home uninvited or comes after you told them not to. Just because they are at the door does not mean you have to answer it. If the salesperson won't leave, call for help.
- Check out the background of people who say they are experts or have degrees in certain areas.

- Ask for references from satisfied customers and investigate.
- Do not pay the salesperson unless you have a contract. Do not rush into signing it.

- Keep in mind if you get an unsolicited sales pitch, you have the right to turn them down.

- If you are suspicious of a person's activity, contact the police department or Better Business Bureau.

Court awards bid for sale of bonds

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

During an afternoon extension of Monday's Commissioner's meeting, Dean Whitter Reynolds was awarded the bid for the sale of \$1.6 million bonds for renovations to the Howard County Courthouse.

Dean Whitter Reynolds was the low bid, of the five companies seeking the bonds, at \$1,193,000

at 5.6 percent interest over a 20 year period.

The county's financial advisor for the renovation project, 1st Southwest Company, will now submit all documents to the state's Attorney General for approval and the chosen company will receive the bonds. Howard County should receive funding for renovations sometime in mid-July.

Before the bids were opened, commissioners took part of

their morning session to approve contracts with 1st Southwest Company and Fanning and Fanning Associates Inc., for the work they will do on the renovation project.

The county will be under contract with 1st Southwest for five years. After the contract has expired, 1st Southwest representative Vince Vialle said the county should no longer need

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TEXAS TRIVIA
Paris-born outfielder Dave Philley was a member of what major league club when he played in the 1954 World Series?
Cleveland Indians

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Bosnian Serbs said they released nearly all of their U.N. hostages today, and would free the final ones by the end of the week. See page 4.

Nation:
Only days after digging in Bosnian dirt to escape pursuers, rescued Air Force pilot Scott O'Grady is getting the full celebrity treatment. See page 5.

STATE

No-show jurors
So many jurors have been absent in McLennan County lately that it caused a mistrial last week in the chief felony criminal court. See page 3.

Woman shot in parking lot
A man wielding a shotgun chased a woman around a downtown parking lot, then gunned her down as offices were letting out Monday afternoon. See page 3.

Overabundance put to use
The needy who eat at the Loaves and Fishes free cafeteria are happy to have any meal. When they get beef, it's a real treat. See page 3.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight
95 ▲ Highs
65 ▼ Lows
clear

Tonight, clear, low in the mid 60s, south winds 5 to 15 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast

Wednesday
Sunny, high upper 90s, south winds 10 to 20 mph, gusty; fair night, low mid 60s.

Thursday
Sunny, high upper 90s, south winds 10 to 20 mph, gusty; fair night, low mid 60s.

Friday
Sunny, high upper 90s; fair night, low mid 60s.

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Upset

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Hedges said, "That's a bunch of hogwash because the trainers have a commitment to the community, the college, and to the Texas Department of Health and they're not going to send someone to take the state test if they haven't taught them the material."

Weaver went on to tell commissioners he knows some of the FD personnel have already dropped the class.

Hedges, responding to that charge, said he would continue to be upfront and answer any questions about the FD's training because of the misinformation being circulated.

He said three firefighters have dropped out of the class because of personal reasons.

"We had one guy recently get married and all of the class time and clinicals were taking away from his family time," Hedges said. "These guys dropped because of personal reasons, not because they couldn't learn the material."

Another AMT representative addressing commissioners made a reference to the difference between the training at Howard College and the actual state exam administered by Austin saying the last EMT class to graduate from the Howard College program had a class average of more than 90 percent, but when they took the state exam the average was around 60 percent.

According to Hedges, trainers Charla Lewis and Tommy Sullivan have told him that they have not had a class register a higher average than the 86.7 percent recently registered by the FD's EMT class.

The woman speaking on behalf of AMT said, "The college is not doing this right in five months." She was referring to the accelerated course the FD is going through.

Trainers at Howard College and FD officials have stated the term accelerated may be misleading because the only difference between the normal training and the FD program is that a regular semester class is two nights a week and the FD personnel are in class five days a week for eight hours a day learning the exact same material as any class at Howard College would.

OBITUARIES

Wayne McNew

Services for Wayne McNew, 72, Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, June 13, 1995, in a local nursing home.

In the Lloyd Nason obituary, the address of where to send memorials was wrong.

The correct address is: The American Business Women's Scholarship Fund, Betty Kelley, 108 W. Marcy, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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Jeanette Mansfield, 77, died Sunday. Services will be 4:00 P.M., Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Louise Tumbleson, 76, died Saturday. Services will be 11 A.M. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Wayne McNew, 72, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Local man in serious condition after wreck

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man is recovering from injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident Sunday afternoon.

According to reports, George Clinton Coots, 71, of 1511 Sunset, was eastbound on the south service road of Interstate 20 when he lost consciousness and veered into the other lane of traffic.

Coots crossed the westbound lane and traveled about 88 feet before the left tires of his pickup jumped the curb.

The vehicle continued another 94 feet until it hit a concrete wall. Coots told officers on the scene he probably lost consciousness because he has had medical problems in the past.

He was transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and later transferred to Lubbock Methodist Hospital. Hospital officials say Coots has been moved out of the intensive care unit and is listed in serious condition.

Bonds

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the services of his company because at that point the bonds for the courthouse renovations should be taking care of themselves.

Commissioners anticipate construction should begin in mid August and renovations should be complete in March 1996.

One of the next steps is to obtain bids for actual construction for the courthouse renovations.

Vialle added that local contractors are also encouraged to submit their own bids for the project or join other firms as syndicate members and participate that way.

Proposal

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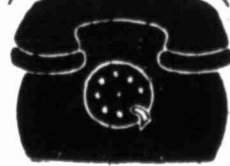
be stationed at the Northside Fire Station and at the Wasson Road Fire Station. The third ambulance (which will be on stand-by) will be housed at the 18th and Main Fire Station.

Other factors in the commissioners' decision included the FD's commitment to accept Medicare assignments and a willingness to negotiate on mileage charges.

City Councilman John Paul Anderson was present during discussions and said the city estimates the ambulance service provided by the FD will save taxpayers 20 percent to 30 percent over last year.

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ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•BRUCE EDWARD ADKINS, 45, of Levelland, was arrested for public intoxication and an outstanding warrant from Amarillo.

•SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY INVESTIGATIONS in the 1500 block of Sycamore, 1300 block of West Second, 1700 block of Young, 100 block of Cedar and 700 block of Johansen Dr.

•THEFTS in the 800 block of Gregg and 1500 block of Owens.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1900 block of Scurry.

•FORGERY in the 1800 block of Gregg.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1500 block of East Fourth, 600 block of East Third, 1000 block of East 12th and 1400 block of Princeton.

•RABID FOX in the 1900 block of North Lamesa.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1500 block of Owens.

•LOUD PARTY in the 700 block of Douglas.

•PHONE HARASSMENT in the 600 block of George.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASSING in the 1000 block of East 11th.

•DOG BITE in the 1300 block of Mitchell Road.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2000 block of Scurry.

•ASSAULT in the 500 block of Gregg.

SHERIFF

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

•DWAYNE EDWARD JACKSON, 30, of Midland, was arrested on a charge of revoking his probation. He had been on probation for driving while intoxicated and remains held without bond.

•SHARON JORDAN GARLAND, 33, of 2522 Langley, was arrested by DPS troopers on an outstanding Wichita County warrant for theft by check over \$20 and under \$200. She was released on a \$300 bond.

•DONNA LEE BERRY RICHARDSON, 39, of 801 Anna, turned herself in on an outstanding warrant for revoking her probation. She had been on probation for welfare fraud and was released on a \$3,000 personal recognizance bond.

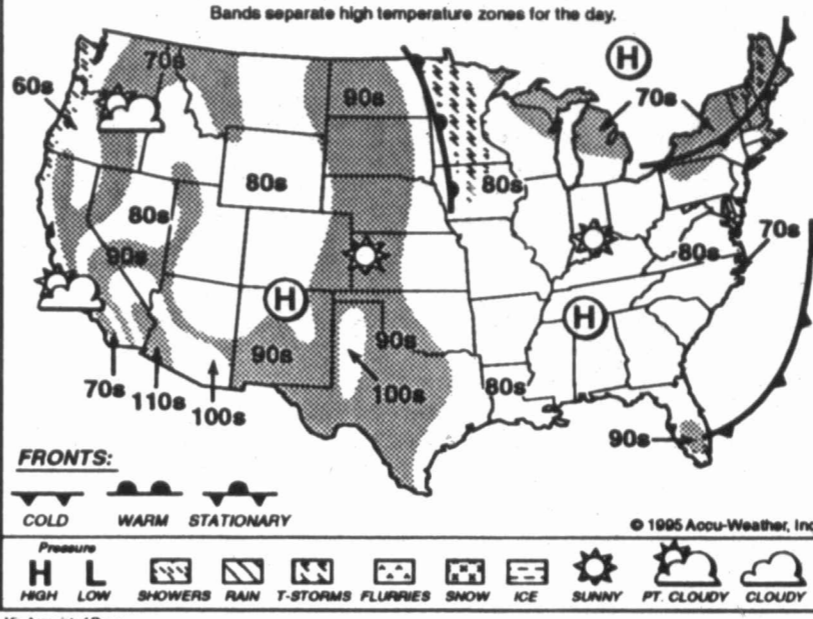
•SHIRLEY ANN HOLDING, 53, of San Angelo, pled guilty to theft over \$20 and under \$200. She was sentenced to five days in jail and released for time already served.

•STRUCTURE FIRE on South Adams in Coahoma. A garage was on fire and no injuries were reported.

•DOGS KILLING ANIMALS

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, June 14.



NATIONAL SUMMARY: Hot, dry air will cover the Plains tomorrow; afternoon temperatures will be in the 90s. High pressure will promote sunny, warm weather from the Ohio Valley to the Southeast and the Gulf Coast. A few thunderstorms will rumble across the Midwest. Showers will dampen the Northwest coast, but the Southwest will remain sunny and hot.

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In the 200 block of Merrick Road. The complainant told deputies some dogs had killed his chickens and geese.

•STRAY ANIMAL on Midway Road.

•THREE CALVES LOOSE on South Highway 87.

2300 block of Romer. A ceiling fan had overheated and firefighters disconnected the power.

•ACCIDENT at mile marker 175 on Interstate 20. Firefighters stood by until a wrecker arrived to move the vehicle off the road.

FIRE

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Wednesday to 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•DUMPSTER FIRE in the 1200 block of Ridgeway. Approximately 10 gallons of water was used to extinguish the blaze.

•STRUCTURE FIRE in the 3200 block of Auburn. An electrical shortage sparked a small fire at a residence.

•STRUCTURE FIRE in the 1400 block of West Third. A small fire broke out in one of the bedrooms and a neighbor was using a garden hose on the structure when firefighters arrived. The firefighters then used 50 gallons of water to put out the fire.

•FALSE ALARM at the women's dorm at SWCID.

•TRASH FIRE at the Big Spring State Hospital. A construction crew was burning trash and firefighters were called to help put it out.

•CONTROLLED BURN in the 5000 block of South Birdwell.

•STOVE FIRE in the 600 block of Circle Drive. Some food had spilled onto the stove causing smoke to fill the kitchen.

•CONTROLLED BURN in the 1100 block of Bell. Firefighters were called to the scene to put the fire out because the prison clean up crew was leaving.

•SMELL OF SMOKE in the

RECORDS

Monday's temp.	86
Monday's low	63
Average high	92
Average low	66
Record high	106 in 1917
Record low	54 in 1929
Rainfall Monday	0.00
Month to date	1.12
Month's normal	1.00
Year to date	11.10
Normal for year	7.69

**Statistics not available.

IN BRIEF

Citizens for Tax Reform meet tonight

Citizens For Tax Reform will meet tonight at 1110 Jeffery Road at 7 p.m.

Tonight's meeting will include the election of officers, updates tax information and other topics. For more information contact Roy Simmons at 267-3013.

Fund established for leukemia victim

A fund has been established at the First National Bank, 400 Main, Big Spring, Texas 79720 (Account # 136 689 7) in honor of Jordan Evans, son of Mike and Anna Evans. Jordan has been in the hospital at Cook Children's Hospital since March. Jordan has been diagnosed with leukemia.

MARKETS

July cotton futures 111.50 cents a pound, up 145 points; July crude oil 18.90 up 4 points; cash hog steady at \$1 higher at 42 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 65.50 cents even; June live hog futures 44.75, down 15; June live cattle futures 64.77, down 7 points; according to Delta Commodities.
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Droves of no-show jurors costing McLennan County

WACO (AP) — So many jurors have been absent in McLennan County lately that it caused a mistrial last week in the chief felony criminal court.

Each Monday, there should be from 250 to 300 people showing up for jury duty. This week, 110 of those on the list didn't bother.

"That is really an inexcusable

number," Judge Alan Mayfield said, "and it's not going to change unless we do something about it."

Mayfield has the option of assessing fines of from \$10 to \$100 against the people who didn't appear, depending on their stories.

"We generally can work around people's schedules, and

That is really an inexcusable number, and it's not going to change unless we do something about it.

Judge Alan Mayfield

we try to, but this seems pretty typical of what has been going on for the past few months and something needs to be done

about it." Writes of attachment for the 110 truants have been forwarded to sheriff's deputies, who will

try to track them down and invite them to explain their absence to Mayfield. Those who agree to show up on Wednesday or Friday of this week may come in by themselves. Those less cooperative will be escorted, Capt. Dan Weyenberg said.

"It is going to be a load to carry, but we are going to take care of it," Weyenberg said of

the extra work put on his department.

The problem of juror absences has gotten worse in the past two years since the pool of prospective jurors was widened. Previously, they were summoned from lists of registered voters; now, the rolls of licensed drivers also are used.

Child witnesses parents' murder; provides police with detailed description

HARLINGEN (AP) — A 9-year-old boy who saw his father shot once in the face and his mother shot once in the back of the head has given police detailed descriptions of the killers, officials said.

No suspects had been caught as of early Tuesday in the Saturday double homicide. The boy's relatives asked the Cameron County Sheriff's Department and Harlingen police on Monday to protect the child.

Leonardo Chavez, 33, and Annette Chavez, 31, may have been the victims of mistaken identity, authorities said. They were killed in the mobile home of the woman's brother, the

boy's uncle, where the family was house-sitting.

Police said the killings were drug-related and the uncle, Rick Esparza, and his girlfriend, Janie Gonzales, were the real targets. The Chavezes closely resembled Esparza and Ms. Gonzales.

"The impression (the child) gives was they were going in to kill them and get out, and that's all," an unidentified police source told the Houston Chronicle for Tuesday's editions.

Esparza and Ms. Gonzales reportedly left for Mississippi early Saturday and were expected to return Sunday. As of late Monday afternoon, they had yet to return.

Woman shot, killed in parking lot

HOUSTON (AP) — A man wielding a shotgun chased a woman around a downtown parking lot, then gunned her down as officers were letting out Monday afternoon.

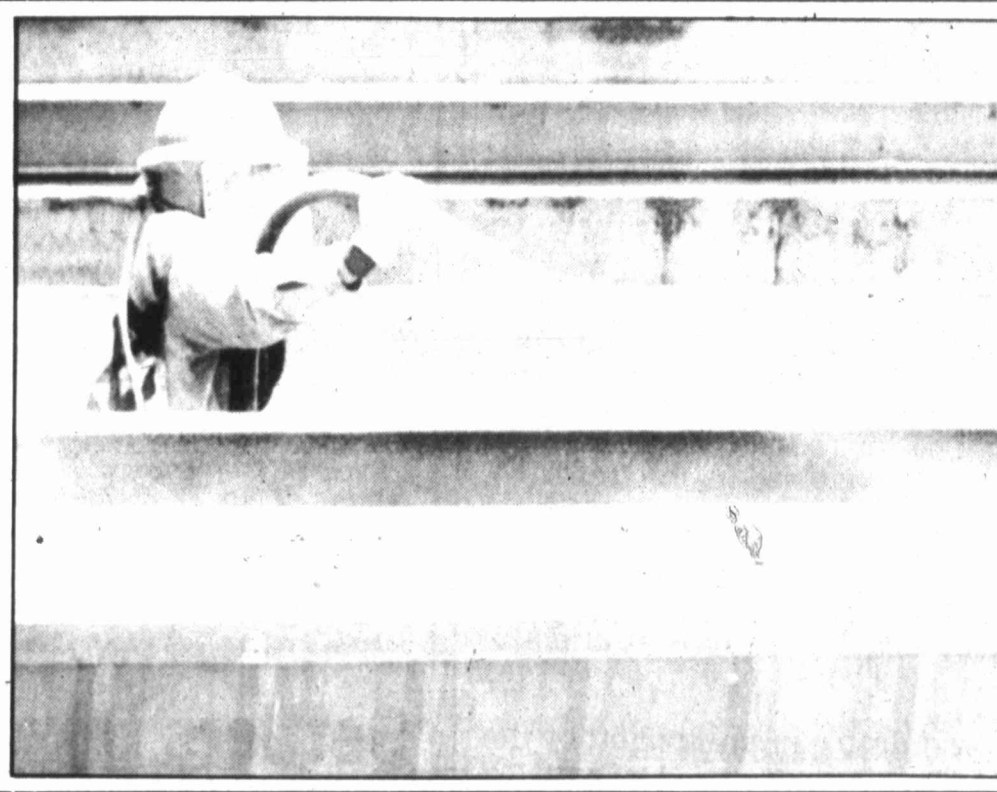
Mabel A. Edison, 36, of Humble was shot several times with what officers who first arrived on the scene believed was a 12-gauge shotgun.

"He was just blazing away at

her with that shotgun," witness David Wright said. "I thought he was firing blanks. Obviously, he wasn't."

Police at the scene said Ms. Edison and the man had some kind of verbal dispute, but they weren't yet sure whether they knew each other.

Aaron Brown was standing at a bus stop when he saw the shooting.



Blasted work

Associated Press photo
John Muntz of Port Author sandblasts the framework of the roof on the Fairpark Arena in Beaumont. The frame of the 17-year-old structure is being repainted and the roof replaced.

Property rights bill signed

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill giving Texas landowners the power to sue state and local governments over action that devalues their property has been signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush.

Bush, who signed the bill Monday in a ceremony at the Texas Farm Bureau headquarters in Waco, said the bill recognizes the importance of private property and will discourage governments from taking action that reduces property values.

Saying more than 97 percent of land in the state is privately owned, Bush said, "These new laws say if you own land in Texas, you have certain rights and your government must respect those rights."

The law will create legal grounds for lawsuits against state or local government for actions that restrict a person's use of private property and reduce the market value of the property by at least 25 percent.

It will require state agencies and local governments to assess whether potential action would reduce property values.

The measure came under fire from environmentalists and some lawmakers, who said the legislation was vague.

Nilgai meat provides special treat for needy

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The needy who eat at the Loaves and Fishes free cafeteria are happy to have any meal. When they get beef, it's a real treat.

Their latest dish has been an even more special gift.

The soup kitchen has been serving 1,450 pounds of nilgai meat, a lean specialty found in some of the city's better restaurants, that was donated by the John G. and Marie Stella Kennedy Memorial Foundation.

On Monday, a nilgai stew was

served for lunch to about 250 people. Loaves and Fishes serves three meals a day, seven days a week, to an estimated 600 people daily.

"Our clients have been loving it," said cafeteria director Ray Gomez.

Nilgai is a massive antelope imported from India to South Texas in the 1930s. There are approximately 33,000 nilgai in South Texas, with an estimated 8,000 on the Kenedy Ranch. Ms. Gilbreath said. The animals range in size from 750 pounds to

1,000 pounds.

The Corpus Christi Metro Ministries was given the meat to pass out to the homeless in part because the Kenedy Ranch needed to thin its nilgai herd.

"The board became aware of the need that Metro Ministries had and they wanted to be able to help them. With there being such an abundance of the nilgai on the ranch, this is one way they could help the community and the people," said Judy Gilbreath, foundation office manager.

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President Bill Clinton talks to Air Force pilot Scott O'Grady as they leave the podium at the Pentagon Monday following a welcome home ceremony for the pilot who was rescued in Bosnia six days ago. Defense Secretary William Perry, second from left, and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. John Shalikashvili follow the president and O'Grady.

Celebrity treatment turned up to the max for rescued pilot

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only days after digging in Bosnian dirt to escape pursuers, rescued Air Force pilot Scott O'Grady is getting the full celebrity treatment, complete with network TV interviews, lunch at the White House, and jelly beans from Ronald Reagan's private stock.

"Being at the White House? That's one of the most phenomenal things, something I'll never forget for the rest of my life," O'Grady said on NBC today, and again on ABC, CBS and the Fox network.

He's been swamped with letters since his rescue from the unfriendly Bosnian countryside last week where he hid for six days from Serb pursuers.

"The one I got from Ronald Reagan was dear to my heart," he said. "My mom is going to get it framed. He gave me what I always wanted ... he gave me some jelly beans. He said the next time I go out in the woods I should bring some of these and inside the bag were the jelly beans."

O'Grady's luncheon fare with President Clinton at the White House on Monday was a stark contrast to the ants and other bugs he ate in Bosnia.

"Ants?" he said in the Fox interview, "they're crunchy and they taste like lemon." And in

another interview: "I had a little ant pile next to me and stuck my hand in. They're really hard to catch ... So I think I ate maybe 10 or 15 at the max."

And on ABC: "When you are out there, you don't eat very much ... When you're in a situation like that, you'll eat anything."

O'Grady did not leave unscathed from the ordeal. He suffered burns to his face in the fireball that engulfed his F-16 when it was hit by a Serbian missile. And, "my feet still hurt, they're cold and tingly. And when I walk around I'm still lightheaded," he said today.

The early-morning interviews were in the Pentagon briefing room. "I just cannot believe this response. It's overwhelming and it's still unreal in my mind," the 29-year-old captain said Monday during a series of flashy, Washington-style welcome-home events.

And despite lunching at the White House with his commander in chief and having the nation's highest military officer say O'Grady made him proud to wear the uniform, the rescued pilot held to his unassuming style.

Before the hundreds of Pentagon workers who had braved a driving rainstorm to welcome

him home, O'Grady thanked God for his deliverance.

He thanked the men who rescued him.

And he said he preferred to accept the fanfare of his welcome "in honor of those men and women who deserved it more, and didn't get it," such as prisoners of war, those in uniform who died in wartime and peacetime, and U.N. peacekeepers.

"The greatest gift anybody could ever give me would be, if you know anybody" who has served in uniform or is serving now, "to go up to them and thank them for what they're doing for trying to make this world a better place," he said.

O'Grady's fancy luncheon at the White House, was presided over by President Clinton and attended by the fighter pilot's parents, grandparents, brother and sister.

They dined in private in the president's residence on grilled vegetable gazpacho and lump crab meat salad, lamb chops with layered potatoes and mushrooms, spring greens and asparagus, followed by cherry sherbet and fresh fruits.

Surveying the spread, O'Grady cracked: "You'll understand, Mr. President, if I don't eat the salad."

Investigation in Chrysler's anti-lock brakes expanded

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's highway safety arm is expanding an investigation into anti-lock brakes on more Chrysler vehicles following hundreds of consumer complaints.

The six Chrysler vehicle makes in the expanded investigation are the New Yorker, Fifth Avenue, Imperial, Eagle Premier, Dodge Dynasty and Monaco, built from 1990 to 1993 with the Bendix-10 anti-lock brake system, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Monday.

The move widened the probe already under way into the Chrysler Town and Country, Plymouth Voyager and Dodge Caravan minivan models built from 1991 to 1993.

NHTSA files show more than 1,900 consumer complaints about the minivan brake sys-

tem, with at least 26 minivan accidents and three injuries in accidents reporting the minivan braking problems.

It is NHTSA policy not to comment about an ongoing investigation. However, public documents filed with NHTSA report consumer complaints that the anti-lock brake system has "excessively long stopping distances" and in some cases complete loss of braking ability.

NHTSA said in the documents that many complaints involve alleged intermittent braking problems.

Chrysler engineering spokesman Lindsay Brooke in Auburn Hills, Mich., said there is no clear pattern of anti-lock brake problems.

However, an internal Chrysler memo written by senior staff supervisor Rick Cortright said the company has seen "an

increase in consumer calls" about the Bendix system.

The internal document was obtained by the Center for Auto Safety, a consumer watchdog group that asked NHTSA to expand its investigation. Director Clarence Ditlow said consumers are reporting a repair cost of \$2,000 to \$2,500.

Brooke acknowledged "a small number of Chrysler minivan owners paid a lot of money to have their systems replaced when their vehicle was no longer covered by warranty," but said a recent company policy limits any owner's cost to \$600.

About 254,000 of the Chrysler minivans are on the road, NHTSA files indicate. The expanded investigation brings the total number of vehicles to about 318,000, Chrysler said.

Base defense means saving local jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — They talked about national security, military value, and saving taxpayer money, but the lawmakers defending endangered military bases in their districts had one goal: saving local jobs.

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission continued two days of hearings today as more than 200 lawmakers gave five-minute speeches on behalf of their home-state installations. By the end of the month, the independent panel will present President Clinton with its recommendations out of 178 candidates for closure or realignment.

Top defense officials say the military has far more bases than it needs given the post-Cold War reductions in troop strength. For senators and representatives, a decision to close a base is a devastating economic, not to mention political, blow.

"Let me take a moment to emphasize the devastating effects that closure of Red River (Army Depot) would produce in the Texarkana area," Rep. Jay Dickey, R-Ark., told the commission Monday. The job losses and secondary impact of closing Red River made for compelling testimony. The only problem was that just about every other witness made a similar economic argument.

Politicians being politicians, popularity is an important factor. So Rep. Vic Fazio, D-Calif., rolled in a paper cart stuffed with petitions signed by opponents of the proposed closure of McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento.

Because the commission will make its recommendation largely on military value, as opposed to local jobs, most of the lawmakers emphasized the vital role their hometown bases play in protecting national security.

Rep. Carrie Meek, D-Fla., likened Homestead Air Force Base to "a carrier in the Caribbean," for its ability to project power to America's neighbors. And Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., cautioned commission members, "We must remember that approximately 100 miles off the coast of Florida stands the only communist nation in this hemisphere. Cuba remains a threat."

Others stretched further to make the case for military need.

Rep. Sanford Bishop Jr., D-Ga., defended the Warner-Robbins Air Logistics Center, a major employer in his district, by noting the strides it has

made in using bicarbonate of soda as a substitute for nasty paint-stripping compounds.

"This procedure is the most environmentally friendly paint-stripping technique in the Air Force," Bishop said.

Inevitably, the base-closing process pits one state against another. Connecticut lawmakers presented the commission with photographs of a wooded, swampy site in South Carolina that is competing with a New London, Conn., base for a nuclear training center. They were trying to stress that their base already has buildings ready for occupation.

In big states, it can come down to community against community.

After the commission makes its recommendation and President Clinton reviews the list, Congress must accept or reject it in its entirety.

Informant says Nichols talked of 'megabomb'

DETROIT (AP) — The brother of Oklahoma City bombing suspect Terry Nichols drew a diagram of the targeted federal building and talked about blowing it up with a "megabomb" seven years ago, according to government documents.

An FBI informant who visited James Nichols at his Decker farm around Dec. 23, 1988, said Nichols was upset by the recent terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 in Lockerbie, Scotland. He blamed the attack on the U.S. government and said a "megabomb capable of leveling a building could be built," the informant said.

The informant's story is contained in an affidavit for a search warrant that was among more than 100 pages of federal documents released Monday in response to a Freedom of Information Act request by the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News.

According to the affidavit, Nichols made specific reference to a federal building in Oklahoma City and drew a diagram "similar to the construction of the (Alfred P.) Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City."

Later, Nichols located a newspaper article containing a reference to the federal building and showed it to the informant, the affidavit said.

Nichols, 41, is not charged in the April 19 federal building bombing that killed 168 people. Nichols' 40-year-old brother, Terry, and their friend Timothy McVeigh are jailed without bond and face the death penalty if convicted.

James Nichols was arrested at

his farm on April 21. He was first held as a material witness to the bombing, then indicted on unrelated explosives charges. He remained in federal custody for 32 days.

His lawyer, Robert Elsey, could not be reached for comment Monday. Elsey has maintained that Nichols disavows any connection to the bombing and that any explosives made on his property were for chores. Federal authorities had no

comment beyond releasing the records, and did not say why an informant was at Nichols' farm. They used little of the information in the records when they tried to prevent Nichols' release two weeks ago, although they described him as a danger to the public.

Under terms of his release, Nichols must wear an electronic tether and follow a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew.

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Rangers gain upper hand in tourney

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

LITTLE LEAGUE

Last season the National Little League Rangers came close to winning the city tournament.

This year there may be no 'close' about it. The Rangers upended the Coahoma Astros 11-7 Monday night at the NL park to move into Friday's championship game. By winning Monday's winners' bracket final, the Rangers earn A) a three-day rest, B) home-field

advantage Friday and C) two chances to win the championship. The team coming out of the elimination bracket must beat the Rangers twice to take the title.

The Rangers finished third last season, but first baseman Dustin Morgan said improved defense has taken the Rangers farther this time. Funny Morgan should mention defense, since offense was his

specialty Monday. Morgan went 3-for-3 with a double, a triple and three RBIs, showing that being unfamiliar with an opponent isn't always a bad thing. "We'd never seen them play," Morgan said of the Astros. "We didn't even know what color they were."

The Astros jumped on Ranger starting pitcher Mike Smith to take a 6-5 lead in the third inning, but that's when Ranger shortstop Colby Ditto moved to the mound. Ditto hadn't pitched in more than three weeks because of arm injury but

showed no ill effects, holding the Astros to one run in 3 2/3 innings.

The Rangers tied the game at 6 in the third when Jason Thomas tripled and Morgan singled, then took a 9-6 lead in the fourth. Ditto reached on a two-base error, Dustin Baker smacked an RBI single, then Smith was hit by a pitch. Morgan drove home Baker and Smith with a double.

Coahoma starting pitcher Thomas New struck out 11 hitters and allowed eight hits, but six Astro errors spelled his

demise. The Astros loss spoiled a big night from shortstop Chris Villa, who was 2-for-4 with four RBIs and missed a chance at another key hit when he lined out to shortstop to end the fourth.

While the Rangers sit and wait, so do the Astros, who will play Thursday in the championship of the elimination bracket. In two other elimination games Monday, the AL Astros beat the Coahoma Reds 9-3 and the IL Indians beat the IL Rebels 9-4.

Six teams remain - the

Rangers plus five teams in the elimination bracket: the CL Astros, the AL Stars, the AL Astros, the IL Royals and the IL Indians.

Tonight the AL Stars and AL Astros meet at the AL park, while at the IL park the IL Royals take on the IL Indians. Both games are at 7:30.

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New; C. Villa; Rangers: Morgan, Smith, 3B -
Astros; C. Villa; Rangers: Thomas.

Rudy T: The coach who didn't want to be just keeps winning

HOUSTON (AP) — When Rudy Tomjanovich was an NBA player, and a good one, he didn't seem to be coaching material.

"He was not a leader on the court. He was just a hard, tough player who played to win and did his job," his top assistant Carroll Dawson said. "That's been the biggest surprise. He becomes a coach and all of a sudden I see leadership qualities I never knew he had."



TOMJANOVICH

Now Tomjanovich is on the verge of leading his Houston Rockets to a second consecutive NBA championship.

Around Houston, and across the country, he's known simply as Rudy T. No last name is needed for this unassuming, regular guy who had to be coaxed into becoming an NBA coach.

NBA FINALS

If ever a team reflected the personality of its coach, the Rockets do.

"Hard-working, never-give-up, humble," Dawson said. "If you watch this team, the egos are not involved, just like Rudy's isn't."

"I think one reason Rudy won't coach very much longer is because his ego's not big enough. He doesn't really need this. He wants to be a normal guy. All of this celebrity status really bothers him."

When the great coaches of the NBA are mentioned, Tomjanovich's name seldom comes up. But with his team one victory from an NBA Finals sweep of Orlando, he's becoming harder to ignore.

One more win and he'll have two titles in just over three seasons as a head coach.

"They're going to have to look at Rudy and give him some respect, because he's a great coach," Mario Elie said. "I get mad when I hear George Karl and Pat Riley. Where's Rudy T in all of that? All he did

was win a championship and he's on the verge of winning another one."

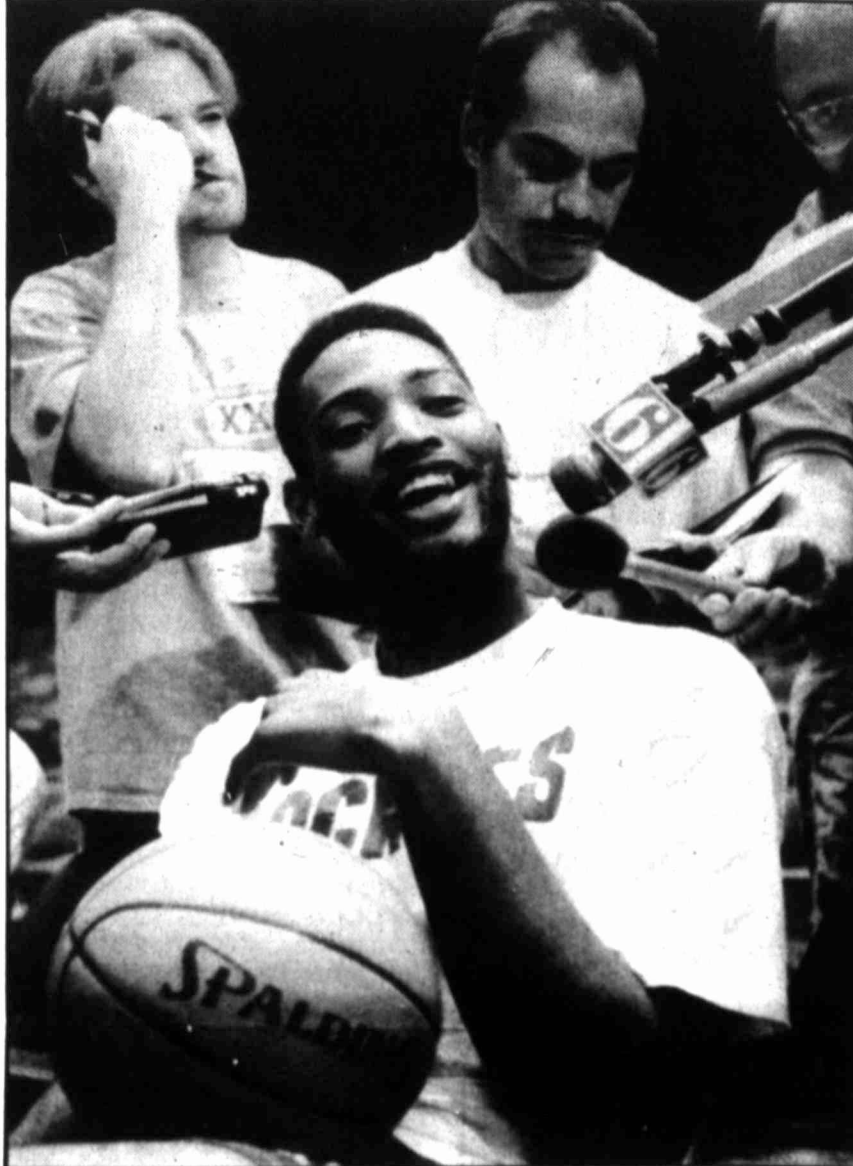
Attention is something Tomjanovich can do without. "I don't like this at all," he said, surrounded by the usual mob of reporters. "I wish we could play basketball in a deserted gym and come out and say, 'Hey, we won that one,' and it's over."

The players all say the same things about him, that he's more like another player than some stern dictator of a coach. He asks for suggestions and listens to their opinions.

Charles Jones has played for all kinds of coaches in 12 NBA seasons, and he's never been around one like Tomjanovich.

"He's a guy with an open mind," Jones said. "Everybody gets along with him and understands him. It's so open that it's hard to describe."

After an all-American career at Michigan, Tomjanovich was the second pick in the 1970 draft. He played 11 seasons in the NBA, all with the Rockets, first in San Diego and then in Houston. He has been with the franchise for a quarter century.



Houston forward Robert Horry shares a laugh with reporters after a workout session Monday in Houston.

Dogs dominate all-District 6-2A

Coahoma, the Region 1-2A baseball champions, flooded the 6-2A all-district team with players.

Brandon McGuire, a senior pitcher, was named District 6-2A's Most Valuable Player. McGuire had a 14-2 record and struck out 221 batters in 111 2/3 innings. His ERA was 0.87 heading into the state finals.

Junior catcher Brian Ruiz was the district's most valuable utility player, and two other Bulldogs made the First Team - junior outfielder Kelby Bailey and sophomore shortstop Mike McMillan.

Sophomore third baseman Marshall Wright, junior first baseman Brandon Shifflett and senior outfielder Jeff Phernetton made the Second Team.

Here's the full list:

MVP: Brandon McGuire, Coahoma.
Utility Player: Brian Ruiz, Coahoma.
First Team: Mike McMillan, Coahoma; Kelby Bailey, Coahoma; Craig Box, Wall; Manny Martinez, Wall; Basilio Garcia, Wall; Mark Deike, Winters; Robert Reed, Winters; Ricky Bishop, Winters; Marcus Denson, Jim Ned; Zach Brown, Jim Ned.
Second Team: Marshall Wright, Coahoma; Jeff Phernetton, Coahoma; Brandon Shifflett, Coahoma; Jarrod Brown, Wall; Jesse Meza, Wall; Luke Wyatt, Winters; Chance Reagan, Winters; Jason Melton, Jim Ned; Chance Pusschel, Jim Ned.

Basketball owners threaten a lockout

Just as one of the best NBA post-seasons in years is reaching its climax, the league has raised the possibility of a lockout that could start as soon as this week.

Television ratings are up, excitement is high and the Houston Rockets are one win away from sweeping the Orlando Magic for their second consecutive title. Yet the NBA and its players association have gone almost a year without reaching agreement on a new labor deal, and the owners appear to be running out of patience.

The two sides returned to the bargaining table Monday, the same day published reports said the league intended to lock out its players after the finals if a new collective bargaining agreement wasn't reached by then.

Simon Gourdine, executive director of the players associa-

tion, and union president Buck Williams of the Portland Trail Blazers met in New York for eight hours with NBA commissioner David Stern and his deputy, Russ Granik.

"I can't get into the discussions," Gourdine said Monday night. "I think all I'm at liberty to say is we met for eight hours today and the negotiations will resume tomorrow."

Monday's negotiations were scheduled before the union learned that the NBA notified teams of the possible lockout, Gourdine said.

This season the league has been operating under a no-strike, no-lockout agreement with the union, but that pact expires at the end of the playoffs. The NBA and its players have been without a labor deal since the end of the 1994 playoffs.

As his team was preparing for Wednesday's Game 4,



Orlando guard Nick Anderson talks to the media concerning the NBA's threat to lock out the players immediately following the playoffs.

Hakeem Olajuwon greeted the possibility of a lockout with disappointment.

"In that situation, everybody loses," he said. "The way the NBA is today, it would not be a

benefitting factor for the owners or the players. That's not a solution. Locking out players, everyone loses that way. It doesn't make any practical sense."

Ford undergoes surgery to remove cancerous tumor

NEW YORK (AP) — Whitey Ford, a Hall of Fame pitcher with the New York Yankees and close friend of Mickey Mantle's, is involved in a physical battle of his own.

Ford underwent almost eight hours of surgery in December to remove a cancerous tumor. The 68-year-old left-hander played 15 seasons with the Yankees along with Mantle, who last week underwent a successful liver transplant.

"I'm fine now," Ford told the New York Post in today's editions. "I had a cancerous tumor taken from under my ear six months ago. Now I just have to wait and see if the cancer spreads."

His doctors said it looks like the cancer was caught before it spread to the lymph nodes. Ford must undergo continual checkups to make sure it has not returned.

Ford was known early in his career for hanging out late at night with Mantle and fellow teammate Billy Martin. Now,

he's become a private man, keeping the news quiet, except for family members and friends.

"I like to keep these things to myself," he told the Post. "I really didn't want this to get around. The thing is, this happened a while ago and now I'm fine, really."

In his 16-year career, the Astoria, N.Y., native had a record of 236-106 with a 2.75 ERA, while remaining a favorite of Yankees fans.

Ford has felt well enough lately to think about Mantle, who he has remained close with since the center fielder joined the Yankees in 1951.

"I talked to Mickey just before he had the transplant," Ford said. "He was heavily sedated and we didn't talk for very long. I haven't talked to him since, but his son, Danny, has called and he keeps us up to date."

Ford, who retired in 1964, had his best season in 1961, when he went 25-4 with a 3.21 ERA.

SHOT OF THE DAY

Oops!
Folks at Camden Yards in Baltimore have noticed this Babe Ruth statue outside the park shows Ruth carrying a glove for a right-handed player. Ruth was left-handed.

SHOT OF THE DAY

TEXAS SPORTS

Rangers win sixth straight

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Texas Rangers beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-2 Monday. Juan Gonzalez hit his third homer in three games, sending a soft, fluttering pitch from knuckleballer Steve Sparks (1-2) 407 feet down the left-field line. Roger Pavlik (4-1) scattered five hits.

Big 12 gathers together

AUSTIN (AP) — Big 12 presidents are set to meet today to decide a variety of transition issues, the most significant being a revenue-sharing plan that includes a football playoff. Besides the revenue-sharing plan, other topics to be discussed include academic eligibility requirements and where the new league will locate its offices.

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McGuire supplies power surge

NEW YORK (AP) — Oakland's Mark McGuire and Montreal's Rondell White were players of the week in the American and National leagues. McGuire tied a record by hitting five home runs in two games and batted .333 with six homers and nine RBIs. White batted .550 with a 1.050 slugging percentage.

100-meter champ bows out

LONDON (AP) — Olympic champion Linford Christie, frustrated by criticism and disputes with British 'track authorities, said he will not defend his 100-meter title at the Atlanta Games. Christie said he was upset with his national federation for not paying him what he deserved and spending money to attract foreign athletes to British meets.

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Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

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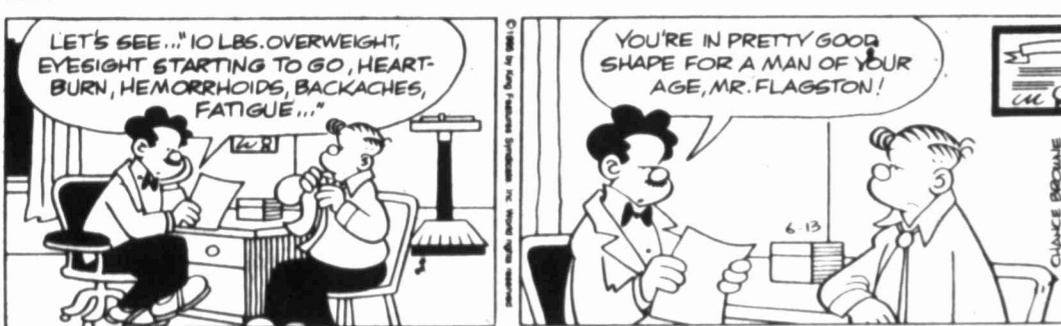
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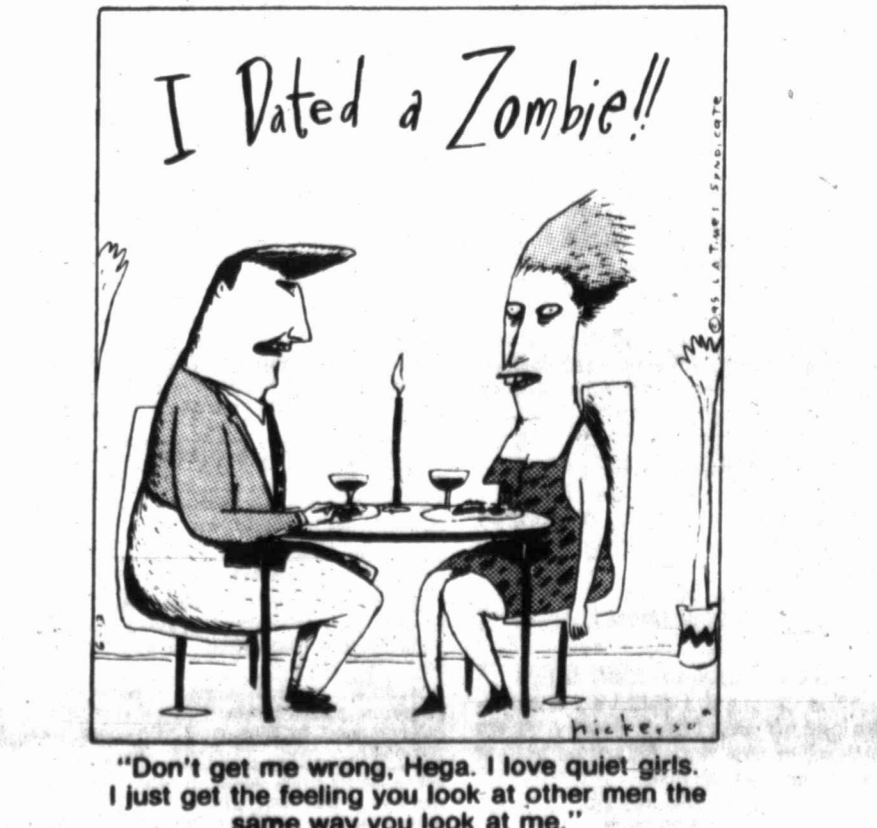
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