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County auditor wins 10th financial reporting award

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

For the 10th consecutive year, County Auditor Jackie Olson and Howard County have received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Howard County is one of the few counties in Texas to receive the award.

Certified Public Accountant Guy A. White Jr., who is the independent auditor for the county's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the period Oct. 1, 1994 through Sept. 30,

1995, said in lawman's terms this award represents another "A" for Howard County.

The award is given out by the Chicago-based Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada to government units and public employee retirement systems whose comprehensive annual financial reports achieve the highest governmental accounting and financial standards.

"Only 10 percent of Texas' 254 counties even try to comply with qualifications because of the extra work that's necessary," White said.

He added four years ago only

23 of 254 Texas counties received this recognition, which is based on the overall content of the report and the financial records of the county in question.

As of the end of fiscal year 1995, Sept. 30, Howard County had a carryover balance of \$1,383,474, which is allowed the county to operate three to four months into the new fiscal year.

"The procedures Jackie (Olson) and the county have set up to monitor the county's finances are in good shape," White said.

The 147-page report also included miscellaneous demo-

graphic statistics from 1985 through 1994.

In 1985 the population of Howard County was approximately 34,800; per capita income was \$10,165 per year; the median age was 33.7 years old; 10.6 percent of the population was 18 years old to 24 years old, 14.9 percent was 25 to 34, 19.3 percent was 35-49, and 28.8 percent of the population was 50 years old or older; school enrollment was approximately 4,631 and the unemployment rate was 6 percent.

In 1994 the population of Howard County had decreased to approximately 32,200; per

capita income was \$13,023 per year; the median age was 35.2 years old; 8 percent of the population was 18 years old to 24 years old, 14.4 percent was 25 to 34, 20.2 percent was 35 to 49, and 30 percent of the population was 50 years old or older; school enrollment was approximately 4,576 and the unemployment rate was 4.9 percent.

The county has 252 miles of paved roads and 288 miles of unpaved roads. These roads are maintained by a crew of 24 employees.

Howard County is operated and maintained by 19 elected officials, three appointed offi-

cial, seven appointed department heads and 101 salaries full-time employees.

The number of registered voters in Howard County is approximately 16,000. Approximately 8,280 people voted in the last general election and 3,707 people voted in the last runoff election.

Olson said the report was divided into four sections: introductory, financial, statistical and a single audit section, which is in conformity with the Single Audit Act of 1984 and U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular.

Investigation into fall from tower continues

HERALD Staff Report

An investigation into why a woman fell from a tower Jan. 13 continues at the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

Marion Morris, 31, was on top of a 40-foot tower during the early morning hours when she fell.

Sheriff A.N. Standard said his office is expected to conduct polygraph tests either this week or next to determine exactly what happened.

A 24-year-old man was with Morris at the time of the accident. The investigation is to determine if she lost her footing, jumped or was pushed off.

Morris was rushed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center that Saturday morning and later transported to Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

She had been unconscious for a while at the hospital and Standard said she is to be moved to New Jersey sometime this week.

A spokesman at the Lubbock hospital said he could not release her condition.

LOOK MA, NO HANDS



Sabrina Aguirre manages to hang onto the bars after running into a classmate as they were playing during recess at Stanton Elementary School Thursday afternoon.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Don't tax yourself with 1040 forms; volunteer help is here

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Need some help with your income tax return? Workers with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program can assist senior citizens, low-income, non-English speaking and handicapped Howard County residents with their 1995 returns.

The VITA program was started by the Internal Revenue Service more than 20 years ago to help people who can't afford a tax professional. The program has been in this area for the last 15 years and Dorothy Kennemur has been involved the entire time.

"We have to take a class that the IRS teaches. They bring us up to date on all the new laws. We have to pass a test in order to qualify to be a volunteer in the program," said Kennemur.

More than 300 people receive assistance every year with such exemptions as earned income credit, child care credit and

elderly credit. Senior citizens who sell their home are allowed a one-time only exemption of up to \$125,000 on their income tax.

The volunteers will be available at the First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels, every Monday between Feb. 5 and April 8 from 9 a.m. to noon. They will also be at the Spring City Senior Citizens' Center on Feb. 16, March 1 and March 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The service is free. It is important to bring your tax package the IRS mails you as well as a copy of your 1994 income tax return.

Kennemur added the IRS will come to Big Spring sometime in February to electronically file the returns the volunteers help complete.

If you are single with no dependents, you can file your return over the telephone.

This is the first year this is available and the IRS is sending out worksheets and information to those who filed their returns as singles in 1994.

Those who are eligible are those who use the 1040EZ form only and mainly have just wages on their W-2 forms.

You can't have more than five W-2s to use this new service nor can you have received any unemployment compensation in 1995.

The package will include a worksheet for the person to fill out and a touch-tone telephone is needed. The voice-activated service will require you to give your name, address, social security number and filing status.

If you are entitled to a refund, it will be mailed within 21 days of when the phone call was made.

It is important to keep your worksheet, W-2 forms and the confirmation number the IRS will give you for your records. You will not have to mail your return if you use this service.

To make an appointment for the free service, call the First Presbyterian Church at 263-4211, Kennemur at 398-5522 or the senior center at 267-1628.

CrimeStoppers needs your help to solve Jan. 27 store burglary

HERALD Staff Report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department needs your help in solving a burglary.

The incident happened on Jan. 27 around 5:30 a.m. at a liquor store on Snyder Highway.

The suspects kicked in the door to gain entrance and they removed about 10 to 14 cases of beer and three half-gallon bottles of whiskey.

Four male suspects were seen leaving the area in a large

All four men were wearing caps and dressed in dark clothing.

If you have any information about this burglary, call CrimeStoppers at 263-TIPS or the sheriff's office at 264-2244.

CrimeStoppers will pay up to \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of those involved.

All callers will remain anonymous.

■ \$1,000 REWARD

■ REMAIN ANONYMOUS

■ CALL 263-TIPS

sedan vehicle, possibly an older model.

U.S. Trivia

When did the Dow Jones Industrial Average begin?
1893

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NATION / WORLD

Fighter jet crashes
The Navy fighter jet was not much more than a blur as it fell from the sky, engines squealing, and crashed into a red brick house in a huge fireball, witnesses said. See page 5.

Bodies recovered
Inching through an area laced with mines, NATO soldiers reached the wreckage of a British armored vehicle on Monday and began the delicate operation of retrieving three soldiers killed by a mine. See page 6.

STATE

Girl can keep baby
A pregnant 14-year-old girl — who at one time was thought to be only 10 — will be allowed to live with her baby after it is born, a judge has ruled. But her 22-year-old boyfriend is still in trouble with the law. See page 3.

Reeves' defense rests
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TONIGHT'S WEATHER

Tonight **40** ▲ Highs **30** Lows ▼
Cloudy
Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low around 30. Northeast to east wind 10-20 mph.

Wednesday
Permian Basin Forecast
Wednesday: Cloudy and colder. High 35-40. East to southeast wind 10-20 mph.
Thursday: High around 40. Low in the mid 20s.
Friday: High around 50. Low mid 30s.

Recycle

Continued from page 1

"These grants through the TNRC and PBRPC are pending, but hopefully we'll know something by June 1996," Shivers said.

The city will continue working with the Proud Citizens Committee and will also continue the monthly recycling collections in the Herald parking lot. Proceeds from the collections will go towards supporting the Proud Citizens Committee.

So far recycling has already made an impact at the city landfill by saving space and prolonging the time Big Spring will be able to use the landfill.

"By 1997 we want to be able to have 40 percent of all recyclable materials being removed from the landfill. Right now we're at about 15 percent to 20 percent and the compost facility has also helped us by reducing waste by approximately 15 percent to 20 percent as well," Shivers said.

The city is also continuing its work with Butts Recycling to establish a business recycling program so business will also have a place to take their recyclable materials. Proceeds from this program will also go towards renovating and purchasing equipment city parks.

Shivers said in the future the city will try to place trailers in different locations so recycling can be done by districts, making the drive shorter for residents who want to recycle.

OBITUARIES

Cecil Gilstrap

Services for Cecil G. (Cy) Gilstrap, 65, Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Monday, Jan. 29, 1996, at his residence.

IN BRIEF

Museum to host '80 Bites'

The Heritage Museum will once again present "Around the World in 80 Bites" Feb. 10 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Those interested in preparing international dishes should contact the museum at 267-8255 for an entry form. The form should be returned by Feb. 3.

Chefs should prepare enough food for at least 300 bites (one bite equals one tablespoon) and be in their booths by 4:15 p.m. Feb. 10.

Have some poetry with your chili

Ground-Hog Day Chili Cookoff and Cowboy Poet Gathering will be at Fort Wood Complex in Colorado City, Feb. 3.

Chili cookers will follow "Maverick" chili cookoff rules: "Thou shalt not cook beans in the chili." Samples will be available to spectators; all proceeds from chili sales benefit the American Diabetes Association.

First through third places win cash prizes. First-place winner qualifies to cook at the World Championship.

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

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

Cecil G. (Cy) Gilstrap, 65, died Monday. Services will be 10:00 AM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Gilstrap Cemetery in Big Spring.

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Terlingua-International Chili Cookoff. Gates open at 8 a.m.; chili judging will be at 3:30 p.m.

Entertainment will be by Phil Standefer, who will also be master of ceremonies. Cowboy poets are invited to recite original poetry throughout the day; RSVP to cookoff sponsor, Jalapeno Sam Lewis and his Stable of Racing Armadillos will perform as well.

For more information, contact the Feed Store Bar-B-Q, 728-5350. Fort Wood is located on I-20 East, Exit 217, Colorado City.

'Koins for Kids' Zone' set for Feb. 24

The Kids' Zone playground Children's Committee plans a "Koins for Kids' Zone" fund-raiser Feb. 24 at Trinity Baptist Church. All area children are asked to save their coins and bring them to the church that day to cover the gym floor. Committee members will also canvas neighborhoods around the schools to collect coins.

For more information, contact Carol Hanes, 264-7442, or Brenda Banks, 264-9608.

Radio club slates licensing class

The Big Spring Amateur Radio Club will host its 1996 New Amateur Radio Operator Licensing Class at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 in the BSARC Clubhouse (on U.S. 87, about one mile south of FM 700 on the east side of the road).

This will continue for eight weeks on Tuesday evenings and will last approximately 60 to 90 minutes in length.

Anyone with interest in becoming an amateur radio operator, regardless of age or lack of knowledge of radio or electronics, may attend. The cost is \$14 per person which is the cost of the course materials.

For more information contact Jim LeMarr at 394-4424.

VITA offers tax help

Volunteers with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance will assist senior citizens, low-income, non-English speaking and handicapped people with basic tax returns. The person's income is primarily from wages, tips, interest and dividends. They will also help with refunds of credit such as child care credit, earned income credits and credit for the elderly.

Volunteers will be at the First Presbyterian Church, 800 Rannels, starting Monday, Feb. 5 and each Monday thereafter through April 8. The times are 9 a.m. to noon and appointments can be made for other times by calling 398-5522 or 263-4211.

This is a free service. Please bring your tax package you received from the IRS and a copy of last year's income tax return when you come for assistance.

BSSH planning fund-raiser

Big Spring State Hospital is planning this year's Valentine fund-raiser. A bake sale and balloon/flower sale will be held at Citizens Credit Union on Feb. 14. Volunteers will also go around town to spread Valentine messages.

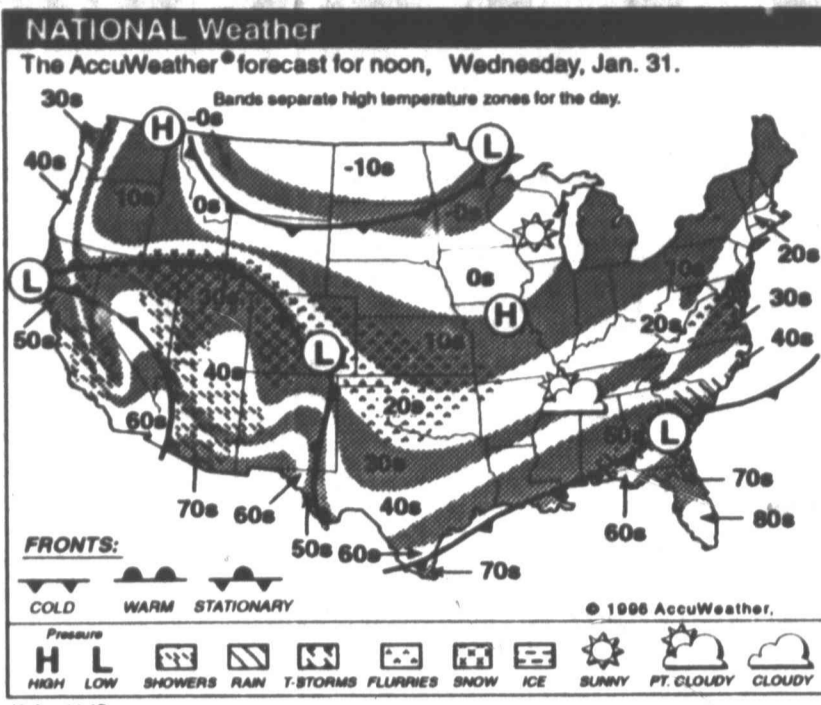
To help with the fund-raiser by taking orders, preparing or delivering balloon or flower arrangements, bake goods for the bake sale or participate with the singing telegram volunteers, call 268-7535 or 268-7536.

Skywarn classes to be taught

There will be a Skywarn Training class, taught by George Mathews, Meteorologist Midland office, National Weather Service, at 7 p.m. Thursday basic class, and 7 p.m. March 4, advanced class, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room. There is no admission charge and refreshments are provided. T-CLOSE credits given.

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263-7331

ON THE RUN



NATIONAL SUMMARY:
Very cold air will persist from the Interior Northwest all the way to the Northeast tomorrow. The cold air will drive southward through the Plains and into the Deep South. A storm crossing the Rockies will produce mountain snow and valley showers from California to Colorado. Rain will dampen the Southeast, while light snow dusts the Northeast coast.

POLICE

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

•**THEODORE DIAZ**, 23, of 1304 Colby, was arrested for not having a driver's license.

•**AMMIE LEE HOWELL**, 17, no address given, was arrested for on an outstanding Parker County warrant for theft. She was later transferred to the county jail and released on a \$1,000 bond.

•**TERRY DEON NOBLE**, 26, no address given, was arrested for theft under \$50, resisting arrest and failure to identify himself to a peace officer. He reportedly stole a radar detector cord worth \$5.96 from Wal-Mart.

•**ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** in the 1100 block of Pickens.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 200 block of N.E. Eighth, 300 block of South Main, 1200 block of East 19th and in the 900 block of North Goliad.

•**THEFTS** in the 500 block of Father Delaney and in the 1600 block of East Marcy.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES** in the 300 block of Nolan and 1800 block of Scurry.

•**UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** in the 800 block of Anna.

•**LOUD PARTIES** in the 1500 block of Chickasaw, 1400 block of Princeton and 1200 block of West Second.

•**INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** in the 1100 block of Pickens.

SHERIFF

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

•**MICHAEL MAURINE CATES**, 48, of Gardendale, was arrested by DPS troopers for driving while intoxicated. He was later released on a \$1,500 bond.

•**WILLIS FLOYD GILLETTE JR.**, 29, of Route 1 Box 574, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 60 days in jail for revoking his probation. He was released for time already served in a state jail facility.

•**ALICE JIMINEZ SALGADO**, 46, of 3911 West Highway 80 #3, was arrested on a motion to revoke her probation. She had been on probation for driving while intoxicated and was later released on a \$1,000 bond.

•**CHAD WADE DANIEL**, 23, of Petersburg, Texas, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was later released on a \$1,500 bond.

•**PAUL F. LITTY JR.**, 24, of 1405 East 19th, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was later released on a \$1,500 bond.

•**JEFFREY STEPHEN WEAVER**, 19, of Petersburg, Texas, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was later released on a \$1,500 bond.

•**MELVIN DAVID FULLER**, 51, no address given, had a criminal trespass charge against him dropped by the county attorney's office.

•**UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** in the 100 block of Becker Road.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** of a mail box on Todd Road.

•**SHOTS FIRED** on Chaparral Road.

•**MINOR ACCIDENT** in parking lot of Forsan High School.

RECORDS

Monday's temp. 68
Monday's low 33
Average high 59
Average low 29
Record high 81 in 1927
Record low 6 in 1951
Rainfall Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.09
Year to date 0.64
Normal for the year 0.64
**Statistics not available

MARKETS

March cotton futures 87.55 cents a pound, down 50 points; March crude oil 17.55, up 10 points; Cash hog steady up \$1 at 47 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 62 cents even; Feb. live hog futures 47.02, down 27 points; Feb. live cattle futures 63.77, down 10 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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ATT	65 1/2 nc
Amoco	70 1/2 -
Atlantic Richfield	113 1/2 -
Atmos	21 1/2 -
Boston Chicken	33 1/2 -
Cabot	58 nc
Chevron	51 1/2 -
Chrysler	57 1/2 -
Cifra	1.28-1.32
Coca-Cola	75 1/2 -
De Beers	33 1/2 -
DuPont	75 nc
Exxon	77 1/2 -
Fin. Inc.	47 1/2 -
Ford Motors	29 1/2 -
Halliburton	49 1/2 -
IBM	107 1/2 -
Laser Indus LTD	10 1/2 -
Mesa Ltd. Prt	3 1/2 -
Mobile	109 1/2 -
NUV	10 nc
Pepsi Cola	59 1/2 -
Phillips Petroleum	33 -
Rural/Metro	24 1/2 -
Sears	40 1/2 -
Southwestern Bell	55 1/2 -
Sun	27 1/2 -
Texaco	80 -
Texas Instruments	47 1/2 -
Texas Utilities	40 1/2 -
Unocal Corp.	29 -
Wal-Mart	20 nc
Amcap	13.74-14.58
Euro Pacific	23.43-24.86
I.C.A.	21.92-23.26
New Economy	16.40-17.40
New Perspective	16.58-17.59
Van Kampen	14.88-15.62
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TODAY

•Melissa Avila, of St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock, will do free health screenings, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Youth Center, 509 N. Aylford. Call 1-806-765-8475.

•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.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

THURSDAY

•Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library conference room. Enter through West entrance. Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542.

•LULAC of Big Spring Chap. No. 4375, 7 p.m., Howard County Courthouse. Call Mina, 267-2740.

•Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-8411.

•Skywarn Training Class, taught by George Mathews, Meteorologist Midland office, National Weather Service, 7 p.m. basic class, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room. No admission charge and refreshments provided. T-CLOSE credits given.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Aylford.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Battered women support

group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

•Big Spring Model Aircraft Association, 7 p.m. College Park Bingo conference room. Call 263-6148 or 263-8998 after 5 p.m.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Music by the Triple Fire. Area seniors invited.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

•Big Spring Squares, 8 p.m., Squarena, Chaparral Road. Call 393-5693 or 267-7043.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

SUNDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Incipient Shire of Crossroads, local branch of the Society of Creative Anachronism, weekly fighter practice, 2 p.m., Comanche Trail Park. Call Robert Black, 393-5438 or A.J. Hashem, 267-5825.

•Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.

MONDAY

•Howard County Youth Horsemen, 7 p.m., Howard County Youth Horsemen Arena Clubhouse. Call Paula Perry, 393-5617.

•Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764.

•Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh-in in room 113, and meeting starts at 6 p.m. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th St. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•"Welcome Home" Alcoholics Anonymous NON-SMOKING meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Singles, single again have been changed to the Eagles Lodge. Contact Keith or Debbie Whiteside at 263-8868 for more information.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

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Reeves' defense rests

GATESVILLE (AP) — Lawyers for murder defendant Jack Reeves, who is being tried in the 1978 shotgun slaying of his second wife, have rested their case without calling the retired Army master sergeant to the stand.

Final arguments were to begin today in the trial of the Arlington man, who is accused of killing his wife and is awaiting trial in the death of another spouse.

Sharon Reeves' July 20, 1978, death in their Copperas Cove home originally was ruled a suicide.

But the case was reopened and her body was exhumed after police investigating the October 1994 disappearance of his fourth wife, Emilita, found evidence they say linked Reeves to Sharon's death.

Coryell County District Attorney Sandy Gately presented a courtroom demonstration Monday to show how hard it would have been for Sharon Reeves to have killed herself with a .20-gauge shotgun by pulling the trigger with her toe, as investigators originally said.

Defense attorney Wes Ball said it would not have been impossible for Mrs. Reeves to have shot herself in the chest. And he presented testimony from a Fort Worth forensic expert who reviewed blood-spatter patterns from the only surviving crime scene photograph. The defense contended Mrs. Reeves killed herself because she was unable to choose between Reeves — the husband she had just divorced — and her boyfriend.

Max Courtney, lab director for Forensic Consultant Services in Fort Worth, told jurors that a single gunshot wound, made with the end of the barrel touching the skin, would be "an unusual observance" in a homicide because the victim would normally try to escape.

MOMENT OF SILENCE



Dressed in Native American costume, Slate Broyles asks for a moment of silence at the Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts recognition banquet Saturday afternoon. District members from as far away as the Big Bend area were in town for the annual event.

Judge won't separate runaway from her baby

HOUSTON (AP) — A pregnant 14-year-old girl — who at one time was thought to be only 10 — will be allowed to live with her baby after it is born, a judge has ruled.

But the 22-year-old boyfriend with whom she had run away is still in trouble with the law.

Family District Court Judge Mary Craft ruled Monday that Adela Quintana will stay in state custody until at least March 14, when a study evaluating possible homes for her and the baby should be completed.

The case drew national attention when it was reported that Ms. Quintana had run away

with her boyfriend because she feared that authorities would take the baby away from her and separate her from her lover.

The judge's ruling resulting from an agreement among state juvenile authorities, the girl's parents and a lawyer to represent her interests.

The judge scheduled a hearing for March 14 and said an emergency hearing on the baby's custody must be held the next working day after the birth — due in late February.

"I do not want her to be separated (from the child)," Craft said during Monday's hearing.

In another Houston court, District Judge Jim Barr refused

Monday to reduce the \$200,000 bond set for the father-to-be, Pedro Sotelo, who has been charged with sexual assault of a child. Barr set another court hearing for Sotelo for March 14.

The girl did not appear at Monday's court hearing, but her mother, Francisca Quintana, her father, Ambrosio Garcia Ocampo, and an adult brother, Francisco Garcia, attended.

The judge told representatives of Harris County Children's Protective Services to prepare a study of Francisco Garcia's home as a possible place for Ms. Quintana and her child to live. CPS spokeswoman Judy Hay said.

Attorney general's opinion points out discrepancy in gun law

AUSTIN (AP) — People who carry a licensed concealed handgun onto a school parking lot could be charged with a felony — but they would have a legal defense if they were there for a school sporting event, according to the gun law's sponsor.

That's one of the discrepancies regarding the new concealed handgun law that lawmakers will have to resolve, Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, said Monday.

"It's a glitch in the bill," Patterson said. "It'll have to be straightened out in the next session."

Patterson said he believes guns should be banned in school buildings, but that parents who are dropping off their children, for example, should be able to have their legal guns in their cars.

He said the way the statute is now written, even a deer hunter with a hunting rifle in his car would be breaking the law if he was dropping off a youngster in

a school parking lot. The differences in state law were pointed up in a legal opinion requested from Attorney General Dan Morales' office by Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville.

One section of the gun law bans concealed handguns from "premises where a high school, collegiate, or professional sporting event or interscholastic event is taking place, unless the license holder is a participant in the event and a handgun is used in the event."

This section excludes from the definition of "premises" a driveway, street, sidewalk, walkway or parking area.

But another section of state law, which pre-dates the gun law, includes a broader ban against carrying a firearm or other weapon "on the physical premises of a school or educational institution, any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by a school or educational institution is being conducted, or a passenger transportation vehicle of a school or

educational institution, unless pursuant to written regulations or written authorization of the institution."

According to the letter opinion signed by Assistant Attorney General James B. Pinson, "premises" in this section would include buildings and land, such as a parking lot.

Pinson also wrote, in response to Ms. Rangel's request for clarification, that a person would violate both sections of the law by carrying a licensed concealed handgun into a school or educational institution building where a high school or collegiate sporting or interscholastic event was occurring.

"I wanted to ensure that the law clearly bans concealed handguns — licensed or otherwise — from being brought on campus. The opinion clarifies that question," said Ms. Rangel. "The law makes it very clear that educating our children and carrying firearms do not mix."

'Paper terrorism' targets state's legal system

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Anti-government activists within the Texas militia movement are waging "paper terrorism" in minor court cases aimed at clogging courts statewide, officials say. The militia members are demanding jury trials in misdemeanor cases and are buffeting courts with a blizzard of bogus paperwork, the San Antonio Express-News reported Monday.

The legal community has termed the practice "paper terrorism." It first surfaced in California and Montana and is becoming more prevalent in Texas. In San Antonio, where municipal courts process an average 300,000 misdemeanor cases annually, filings by militia members are not uncommon, said Judge Stella Ortiz Kyle. But it is impossible to tell

which of the 68,000 hearings set in the 1994-95 fiscal year involved militia members. The situation has grown to the point that the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center and the Texas District and County Attorneys Association are taking steps to educate the legal community.

Militia members say they are only exercising their constitutional rights over municipal and state courts, which they claim have no jurisdiction to levy fines or raise revenue. A reliance on common law and strict adherence to the U.S. Constitution are hallmarks of militia members' legal strategy.

One San Antonio judge called the abatement a "legal mish-mash" — thick stacks of official-looking documents containing scattered Latin phrases.

State briefs

Cancer center closes experimental program

HOUSTON (AP) — The M.D. Anderson Cancer Center has shut down an experimental program to treat patients with advanced Hodgkin's disease as a result of continuing federal scrutiny into the program.

The University of Texas facility on Monday began notifying the 79 patients involved in the treatment of the decision to close the two ongoing studies in the program.

Dr. Hulbert Vriesendorp, the physician overseeing the study, said M.D. Anderson was reacting to a threat from the Food and Drug Administration, which inquired into several programs.

Dr. Leonard Zwelling, Anderson's associated vice president for clinical and translational research, said he never felt the FDA threatened the center. But he said he also felt if he did not close down the program, the agency would do it for him.

Recording executive abused children for 20 years, police say

HOUSTON (AP) — Huey Meaux, 66, who produced songs for Freddie Fender, Mickey Gilley and Ronnie Milsap, has been arrested following accusations he sexually assaulted many children over the past 20 years, often videotaping the encounters.

Meaux, a former owner of the Sugar Hill Recording Studio in Houston, appeared in court Monday and posted bond totaling \$110,000 on charges of possession of child pornography and possession of cocaine. Later in the day, after two more people came forward, Meaux was charged additionally with two counts of sexual assault of a child.

Officers confiscated hundreds of videotapes and more than 1,000 Polaroid photos Friday from Meaux's offices rented from Sugar Hill Recording, investigator A.D. Wright said.

Grass-roots group complains of municipal judges' travel

FORT WORTH (AP) — Municipal judges are violating the state constitution when they travel between towns, serving different city governments, according to a grass-roots organization.

The Texas Justice Council has filed a complaint with the state Commission on Judicial Conduct over the practice in which some 50 to 75 judges across the state serve in a "dual capacity."

They include Municipal Judge Suzanne Marsh, who serves in six municipalities, according to Hope Lochridge, executive director of the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center.



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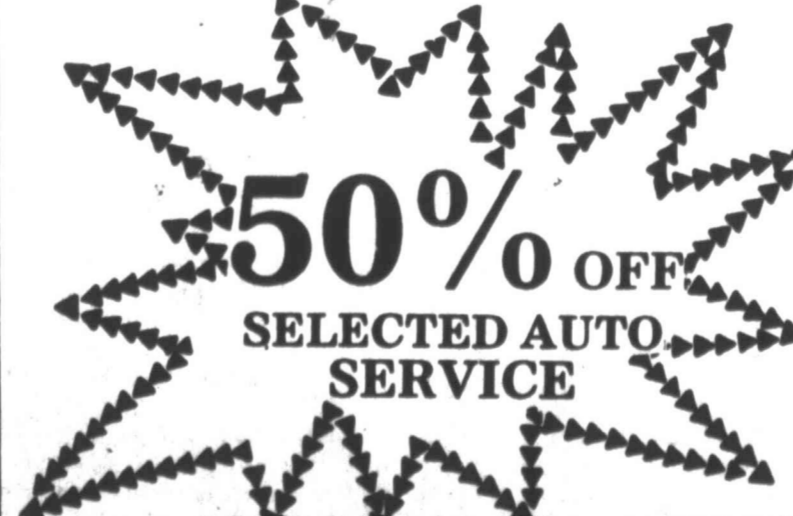
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Quote of the Day

"Some get bent with toil, and some get crooked trying to avoid it."

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Let's support Cranefest or let it die peacefully

Our community has the opportunity to participate in the fourth annual Cranefest this weekend, and the opportunity should not be overlooked, for a variety of reasons.

It gives us the chance to view not only the sandhill cranes for which the celebration is named, but other migratory and native birds as well.

It also gives us the opportunity to explore in detail the areas of Comanche Trail Park and Scenic Mountain — learning of the flora and fauna of two of the more historical sites in our community.

Additionally, the celebration gives us the opportunity to hear from wildlife specialists from around the country. This year's keynote speaker, Dr. Jim Lewis, is with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Albuquerque, N.M.

Perhaps a more important reason is that this weekend's Cranefest gives us the opportunity to decide if we should continue the program.

Attendance that has never reached its potential, despite the unique nature of the festival, is a major concern.

Add that to a declining number of birds, which has been attributed to a lack of feed and water, and the concern grows.

The time has come for our community to make the decision to either support Cranefest or to let it quietly fade into our collective memories.

Other Views:

El Paso Times on repeat offenders:

Texas Legislators are justifiably angry that almost half of state convicts released in 1991 committed crimes within the next three years. More than just complaining, though, the legislators ought to explore progressive solutions. ...

One thing is certain about repeat offenders: neither philosophy of extreme punishment or extreme pampering will work. Many prisoners cannot be helped because they don't want to be helped, and in such cases strict sentencing and continued incarceration is the answer. But other prisoners who want to turn around their lives must be given more opportunities.

The Beaumont Enterprise on enforcing immigration law:

Most Texans probably applauded the federal government's recent increase in the number of Border Patrol agents in California and Arizona in a 90-day deployment targeted at the seasonal rise in illegal immigration. The two western states account for 60 percent of all illegal entries into the United States, and 300 Border Patrol agents, inspectors and investigators have been transferred temporarily from posts as far away as the Canadian border.

The only problem with this shift is 51 of these officials already were stationed in Texas, another state afflicted with high rates of illegal immigration. In the view of Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, and others, robbing Peter to pay Paul isn't the best strategy for the Immigration and Naturalization Service to pursue.

Bonilla's West Texas district accounts for 900 miles of the 2,100-mile U.S.-Mexico border, and the 51 agents represent about one-fifth of the immigration officials stationed in his district.

"Although I sympathize with the objectives of this temporary transfer, and the difficult decisions confronting the INS," Bonilla wrote in a letter to the INS commissioner, "I am dismayed by the fact that Texas must carry such a large share of the burden."

Bonilla's concern is appropriate, and it seems that the federal government has a hard time handling this thorny issue with consistent efficiency. After years of substituting talk for action, the feds finally gear up for the kind of push they should have been mounting all along, only to leave the back door open while they're bolting shut the front.

INS officials said Texas will remain a "very high priority with the INS and the Border Patrol," and it's encouraging to see that our state won't be totally ignored.

But the bottom line is that the only thing that will stop illegal immigration is immigration personnel along the border, and when INS ranks are thinned out in Texas, that has to result in more foreigners crossing into this country.

Clintons just don't get it about travel office firings

Let me begin by sheepishly admitting that during my adult life, about 75 percent of my votes have been for Democrats.

Ike got my vote. Last time around, so did George Bush, although I pinched my nose. The rest of my presidential votes were for Democrats.

I voted for Republican Dick Ogilvie for sheriff, Cook County Board president and Illinois governor. He was a friend and a remarkable man.

For Chicago mayor, I sometimes voted Republicans, but only because I didn't want to see them shut out. The rest of the time, I was the product of my Depression childhood with FDR's picture on the parlor wall.

But watching the hearings into the firings of the White House travel office staff and seeing Democratic congressmen squirm, weasel and whine, I have never been filled with more disgust.

They had just listened to the seven former career employees of the White House travel office finally get a chance to testify before a congressional committee about how they had been treated like pond scum by the

newly elected Clinton people.

It was a stunning story. Here was a new president who oozed compassion for little people. So did his wife and their triumphantly liberal aides.

But one of the first things they did on taking power was dump on a few low-level guys for the benefit of political cronies.

It wasn't merely that they fired everyone in that obscure office — some of whom had worked satisfactorily for as many as seven presidents.

No question — the Clintons were free to fire everyone in the seven-person office. They could have said: "We think we can find people who can do a more efficient job. You're not protected by Civil Service, so we're letting you go. Take a few days to clean out your offices,

prepare resumes and get over the shock and we wish you well."

Or they could have been honest about it and said: "Look, we have real close chums from Arkansas who are in the travel business, and they have a slushy scheme to make a handsome buck if we boot you out and put them in. And we'd like to give your jobs to some kinfolk and political chums. So you're all fired. Sorry, but that's politics."

Instead, they did something that was completely wacky — as well as vicious and immoral. It wasn't enough to fire them. But to justify the firings, the Clinton crowd told the nation that these seven decent people were suspected of being a bunch of thieves.

Security guards hustled some of them out of White House offices as if they had been caught exposing themselves to Hillary or writing smut on the Oval Office walls. Their personal possessions, including mail in some cases, were tossed out before they could pack and leave with dignity.

Then the vast and terrifying resources of the Justice Department — FBI agents and



White House travel scandal just won't die

By DALE McFEATTERS

Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — All the failings of the Clinton administration are abundantly evident in the ongoing White House travel office scandal.

All new administrations, as they make the transition from campaigning to governing, get off to a rocky start. The Clinton administration got off to a rockier beginning than most.

Soon after taking office, the White House abruptly fired seven veteran travel office employees, whose job was to arrange the press charter flights that accompany presidential trips and book commercial flights for the White House staff.

The firings provoked a storm of outrage in Washington, especially when subsequent disclosures indicated that the White House tried to justify its action by framing the employees on charges of embezzlement and mismanagement.

In the event, five of the employees were rehired elsewhere in government, one retired, but the fifth, office director Billy Dale, was forced to fight a ruinous 2-1/2-year legal action before a jury found him innocent.

In its three years in office, the Clinton administration has learned many lessons — indeed, had them beaten into it — but many of the failings that got them into this mess linger on.

— An early disdain for practical Washington experience.

No one in the chain of com-

mand that directed the firings

the president, first lady, chief of staff, the deputy White House counsel and the White House administrator — had an ounce of big-time federal experience. All were fresh out of Little Rock, and only President Clinton had any direct experience governing.

The White House insists the president had a perfect right to fire the seven, which is true by regulation they serve at his pleasure — but beside the point. By tradition, non-political staffers are left unmolested to do their jobs as long as they don't strap on the pads and enter the partisan arena. The average tenure of the travel office, which spanned liberal Democratic and conservative Republican presidents, was 18 years.

Ironically, White House administrator David Watkins had a plan that probably would have worked: Give the seven until Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year, to find new jobs or retire and then announce that the office had been abolished as part of a reorganization.

— A holier-than-thou attitude.

The Clintons, especially Mrs. Clinton, wanted the travel office vacated for the oldest of political reasons: pork and patronage. "We need these people out. We need our people in," the first lady reportedly told Watkins. A Chicago alderman couldn't have said it more succinctly.

In that context, political Washington would have understood the firings although been a little revolted by their brutali-

ty. The incident eventually would have blown over, being written off as early teething problems of the administration.

However, the Clintons had come to Washington professing the politics of idealism, meaning and compassion and respect for the little people who "worked hard and played by the rules," a description that fit the travel office employees.

Recently disclosed memos show that the White House staff tried to cobble up several lofty excuses — "reinventing government," streamlining the White House bureaucracy, saving money — before hitting on bogus reports of theft and mismanagement.

— An inability to say, "Look, we screwed up. We're sorry," where the first lady is concerned.

While the president does humility as well as anybody in public life, the White House goes into full protective mode whenever the first lady's image as Superwoman is threatened.

Documents out of the White House show that when Mrs. Clinton said, "Jump!" the senior staff said, "How high?" Some staffers, including Watkins, feared for their jobs if they crossed her.

Numerous memos that have come to light show that Mrs. Clinton pushed hard to have the travel office fired. Then-chief of staff Mack McLarty noted, "HRC pressure." Watkins wrote that "there would be hell to pay" from the first lady.

Mrs. Clinton, for her part, denies any role in the firings

and does not remember bringing any pressure on the staff.

Either the first lady is wrong or a whole bunch of other people are.

It's not your enemies that get you; it's your friends.

Hollywood TV mogul Harry Thomason was a close personal friend of the Clintons and head of their inaugural committee. He was also involved with an aviation consulting firm that sought to supplant the travel office.

Thomason seemed to have open access to the White House (unlike the travel office workers, who were confined to the Old Executive Office Building) and for awhile had his own office in the East Wing.

He had numerous meetings with the president and first lady, and the suggestions of "trouble" in the travel office may well have originated with Thomason. The president even appeared to endorse Thomason's pitch for government aviation business when he forwarded his friend's business proposal to his staff with the notation, "these guys are sharp."

If Thomason was not conscious of the potential for conflict of interest, the Clintons certainly should have been.

— An inability to bring events to closure.

An old public relations adage has it that when things go wrong, "Get it out first; get it out completely; get it out your way." The idea is to take one big hit and get it over with rather than die the death of a thousand cuts.

the seven fired workers: "Did any of you lose any pay?"

A tough little Irishman named McSweeney snapped back: "No, I was paid. But I was called a thief."

Collins gaped. She didn't get it. Maybe that's because her district includes wards represented by some of the most blatantly corrupt aldermen and other political felons in Chicago's recent history. Most of her political supporters have either been in prison, are still there or are on their way. So it's possible that in her own dumb way, she thought these seven people had nothing to beef about.

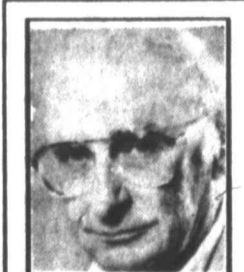
They weren't in jail, were they?

Collins — a lightweight who inherited her office from a dead husband — will soon retire from Congress on a huge pension, which is more than those seven hard-working nobodies will ever see.

Until then, she should keep quiet. Take the money, Cardiss, but why embarrass a great city?

Then, left to her own wits, she smiled stupidly and asked

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Fighter jet crashes into neighborhood, kills five

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Navy fighter jet was not much more than a blur as it fell from the sky, engines squealing, and crashed into a red brick house in a huge fireball, witnesses said.

The crash killed five people, including the two-man crew, and engulfed the empty homes on either side in flames. The pilot had been blamed for a previous accident.

"It was like a movie, the squeal getting higher and higher," said Steve Bartlett, who lives across the street. "The way my house shook, I wasn't sure it didn't hit my house."

Others saw the fuel-laden Tomcat, as the F-14 is known, fall from an overcast sky Monday morning.

"It was moving so fast I couldn't even tell what shape it was, and then this huge fireball erupted and the heat came

through the glass of my car," said Don Isert, who was driving near where the crash occurred.

Elmer Newsom, 66, his wife, Ada, 63, and a friend, Ewing T. Wair, 53, were killed when the plane hit their house.

One guy was just sitting on his couch. He never had a chance. They were all just sitting where they were.

James Dean

"One guy was just sitting on his couch. He never had a chance. They were all just sitting where they were," firefighter James Dean said.

Also killed were the pilot, Lt. Cmdr. John Stacy Bates, originally of Chattanooga, and his partner, radar interceptor officer Lt. Graham Alden Higgins,

originally from Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

The crash occurred 2 miles south of Nashville International Airport, minutes after the fighter took off on a training mission to its base at Miramar Naval

Air Station near San Diego. The Navy said the plane was not carrying any missiles, rockets or bombs. The cause of the crash was not immediately known. The Pentagon sent a team of investigators. Last April, Bates lost control of his F-14 and crashed into the Pacific Ocean during maneuvers with another

fighter. He and the radar intercept officer ejected. After a review, Bates was recommended fully qualified for return to flight status, said Cmdr. Gregg Hartung, a Navy spokesman.

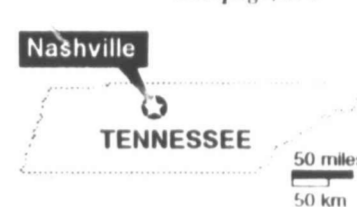
Bates' fighter squadron, VF 213, has had four accidents in the last 16 months, including the October 1995 fatal crash involving Lt. Kara Hultgreen, one of the first women to qualify for a Navy combat aviation assignment.

It was the 30th crash of an F-14 since 1991. "Certainly that's an unusual number of mishaps," said Vice Admiral Brent Bennett, the Navy's commander for Pacific Fleet aviation units. "It gives us a great deal of concern. We certainly don't fly airplanes or fly air crew that are not perfectly safe and satisfactory for flight, but we will be anxious to get to the details of this mishap," he said.

Nashville plane crash

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A fighter jet crashed into a residential neighborhood during a training mission.

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Accomplice says friend killed Jordan's dad

LUMBERTON, N.C. (AP) — Larry Demery said he watched in shock as his best friend since third grade killed the father of basketball star Michael Jordan. Then, he testified Monday, he helped Daniel Andre Green dump the body in a swamp.

Green took the shoes off James Jordan's lifeless feet, saying "he liked them and this man wasn't going to need them any more," before they pushed the body off a bridge, Demery said.

Jordan was killed July 23, 1993, as he napped in his red Lexus coupe along a highway near Lumberton. Green and Demery were arrested a few weeks later by police who traced calls made from Jordan's

cellular telephone. Green, 21, is charged with first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy. Demery, 20, pleaded guilty to the same charges and agreed to testify against Green.

He told part of his story last week during a hearing before Judge Gregory Weeks, but Monday's testimony was his first before a jury. He will take the stand again Tuesday.

Demery said Jordan said, "What's this" or "What's going on," when he saw Green and Demery standing beside his car with a .38-caliber pistol aimed at him.

"No sooner than the words were out of his mouth than

Daniel shot him. I couldn't believe he had done it. There had never been any discussion of hurting this man to get what we wanted," Jordan groaned, "Oh baby, I'm sorry," and died, Demery said. "We both watched a man die."

Demery said after the shooting, he and Green drove Jordan's car, with the body still in the passenger seat, to a corn field where they went through his possessions.

At that point, Green noticed an inscription inside an NBA watch Jordan was wearing and told Demery they might have killed Michael Jordan's father, Demery said. Green then took the watch and two NBA rings

Jordan was wearing, he said.

They tried to drop the body at a sewage treatment plant, thinking chemicals in the water would quickly destroy it, but the gate to the plant was locked, Demery said.

"At almost four in the morning, we're driving around with a dead man in the car. And we had passed a cop once," Demery said. "I said let's get the hell out of here. He asked if I had a better idea. I said I did."

Demery and Green then drove to a bridge over South Carolina's Gum Swamp where Green took Jordan's shoes before dumping the body from the bridge. They cleaned up the car before going to buy gasoline.

DuPont search turns up gun but no explosives

MEDIA, Pa. (AP) — Investigators found no booby traps at John E. du Pont's mansion, but they did find a .38-caliber revolver they believe the chemical company heir used to kill an Olympic wrestler.

Officers were testing the revolver found in the mansion to confirm that it was the murder weapon, Delaware County District Attorney Patrick L. Meehan said Monday.

Police had feared du Pont, a military buff with a reportedly large cache of weapons, had booby-trapped the mansion during the 48 hours he spent barricaded inside following the Friday afternoon shooting.

Instead of finding a maze of trip wires and plastic explosives, however, authorities said they discovered a small number of weapons while executing a search warrant at the Newtown Square mansion.

"We turned up a few

weapons but we only looked at those we considered vital to the commission of the crime," Meehan said.

Meehan refused to provide any clue on a motive, saying he would merely be speculating. He said no drugs were found during the search and that du Pont had not been tested for drugs. Acquaintances and relatives said du Pont abused cocaine as well as alcohol.

Meehan also refused to say if he would seek the death penalty.

Du Pont, 57, was being held in solitary confinement in the Delaware County Prison on murder and weapons charges.

He was captured by SWAT teams Sunday after going outside to fix a boiler. That ended a standoff that began Friday after du Pont allegedly shot and killed Olympic gold medalist wrestler Dave Schultz.

We turned up a few weapons but we only looked at those we considered vital to the commission of the crime.

Patrick L. Meehan

Nuns have new duty: Burying their own

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — After a bloody attack that left two elderly nuns dead at the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, the five who remain go on with their endless hours of prayer and try to live with the horror.

"It hasn't really hit them yet," said Roland Bourget, a worshiper at the convent who has been cooking for the secluded nuns. "They're coping but the whole thing won't hit us until the funeral."

A jazz trumpeter who has been in and out of mental hospitals is accused of breaking into the locked Waterville convent Saturday night, stabbing and beating the nuns to death and injuring two others, at times using a statue of the Virgin Mary to bludgeon his victims.

Mark Bechard, 37, occasionally worshipped at the convent and had recently been turned down for a job as a handyman. On Monday, he stood with his arms restrained in a rare jail-house arraignment.

He didn't enter a plea to charges of murder and attempted murder, but was ordered to be evaluated at the same Augusta psychiatric hospital where he had spent time in the past.

Gini Cost, who knew him while also hospitalized there, said Bechard was fine when he took medication to control his manic depression, but was dangerous when he stopped taking

the medicine or abused alcohol. "When he stabilizes he's going to be horrified at what he did," she said.

Bechard, who had played the trumpet professionally in a jazz combo, had been in and out of the Augusta Mental Health Institute for perhaps a decade. He lived in a group home for a while but had moved into an apartment about a mile from the convent.

"He did so much damage in 10 minutes," Bourget said. "The sisters who tried to stop him weren't that big. He just went crazy."

Mother Superior Edna Mary Cardozo, 68, and Sister Mary Julien Fortin, 67, died from blows to the head. Sister Mary Anna DiGiacomo, 72, was stabbed in the face and remained hospitalized in serious condition. The fourth nun, Sister Patricia Keane, 68, was in good condition.

At the convent in Waterville, about 80 miles north of Portland, the other nuns prepared for Thursday's funeral and were eager to get back to their 14-hour-a-day vigil of praying over the consecrated wafer, or host, the head of the Portland Diocese said.

The Servants of the Blessed Sacrament is a ministry of prayer that provides simple services, brings communion to patients in hospitals, and distributes the hosts to churches throughout Maine.

Nation briefs

Training makes women nearly as strong as men

NATICK, Mass. (AP) — With enough strength training, women can load trucks, fix heavy equipment and march under the weight of a loaded backpack as well as many men, according to a study by Army researchers.

Seventy-eight percent of the women tested could qualify for Army jobs considered "very heavy," involving the occasional lifting of 100-pound loads, said Everett Harman, the Army scientist who headed the study.

The results prove that "women are capable of being trained to perform most very heavy military tasks," Harman said.

Before the training study began at the Army's Natick Labs, only 24 percent of the women tested could lift 100 pounds.

The volunteers — all but one of them civilians — were lawyers, bartenders, mothers and students. Many had never exercised before, and several had recently had children and wanted to get back in shape; others were recreational joggers. Each earned \$500 for participating.

Police: White man concocted story of black killer

PASADENA, Md. (AP) — Robert Harris told police a black man shot him once and his fiancée six times, killing her, during a car robbery.

Three days later, police said Harris, who is white, made the whole thing up to deflect attention from the real mastermind of the killing — himself.

Harris is accused of offering an acquaintance \$20,000 to stage the robbery and kill Teresa McLeod.

Harris, of Pasadena, and the alleged triggerman Russell Brill, 22, of Baltimore, were arrested Monday and charged with first-degree murder and felony handgun charges. They were both jailed pending a hearing.

Authorities believe Harris' motive was financial, but they did not elaborate. He has refused to answer police questions since he became a suspect, according to investigators.

Man executed for stabbing relatives to death 17 years ago

SMYRNA, Del. (AP) — A man was executed by injection early today for stabbing his aunt and uncle to death after they refused to give him their Social Security check so he could continue a drinking binge.

William Henry Flamer, 40, asked people to "find it in their hearts" to forgive him moments before he was put to death at the Delaware Correctional Center.

Flamer and friend Andre Deputy were convicted for the February 1979 slayings of Byard Smith, 68, and his wife, Alberta, 69, in their home near Harrington. The men stabbed the couple 148 times with a knife and bayonet.

The men wanted the couple's check so they could continue a three-day drinking binge.

Deputy and Flamer were tried separately after blaming each other for the slayings. Deputy was executed by injection in June 1994. Both men initially were sentenced to hang, but the state changed its method of execution in 1986 and gave death row inmates sentenced before then the option of choosing injection.

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Experts reach bodies of British soldiers in mine field

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Inching through an area laced with mines, NATO soldiers reached the wreckage of a British armored vehicle on Monday and began the delicate operation of retrieving three soldiers killed by a mine.

Explosives experts, clad in protective gear from head to toe, began at dawn to create a path to the wrecked vehicle in the central town of Mrkonjic Grad. It took them more than 11 hours to make it to the burned husk of the 8-ton Spartan armored personnel carrier.

"They have confirmed that the individuals are dead," said Maj. Stephen Kilpatrick, a NATO spokesman in the central

town of Gornji Vakuf, 45 miles southeast.

The explosion Sunday — and the cautious recovery operation — point out the dangers for the NATO-led peace-enforcement mission. NATO officials say not more than 30 percent of the estimated 6 million land mines in Bosnia and Croatia have been mapped.

Earlier reconnaissance missions had declared the area to be free of mines, said Maj. Carol Haig, a spokeswoman for the British forces in Gornji Vakuf.

The British soldiers killed were all with the Light Dragoons, based in Germany. Their deaths brought to seven the number of soldiers killed in

accidents in the NATO-led mission since the deployment began in December.

The head engineer of the NATO mission, British Brig. Gen. John Moore-Bick, said mines were scattered across nearly every part of Bosnia — sometimes homemade explosives packed with nails or bolts placed by people trying to protect their homes.

Other perils face the NATO troops. An American soldier was grazed by sniper fire Sunday in a Serb-held suburb of Sarajevo, where French soldiers had come under fire the day before.

The United Nations plans to increase its international police

force in the suburb from 40 to 60, said U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanko.

Some 15,000 Serbs — about a quarter of Sarajevo's Serb residents — have fled their neighborhoods, which are to come under the control of the Muslim-led government in March, Ivanko said. He said there are indications more will leave.

Many Serbs are afraid the Muslim-led government will seek revenge for the Serbs' 3-year siege of the capital.

In the Serb suburb of Grbavica, Milos Spajic said he and others were moving out all but the essentials and would wait to see what would happen.

He said he feared for his safe-

ty if the government takes over. "Nobody here wants to leave, but we will if we have to," said Spajic, 47, who was loading up a truck with belongings.

In another sign of rough going for the outsiders attempting to maintain Bosnia's fragile peace, Muslim refugees demanding news about missing family attacked Red Cross and U.N. offices in the northern city of Tuzla.

In the northern city of Tuzla, hundreds of refugees ransacked the Red Cross building, smashing all its windows, and blocked traffic and pounded on cars outside the U.N. offices in a protest to draw attention to missing family members.

Two people were injured in the rioting, Tuzla hospital officials said.

The demonstrators accused international officials of forgetting the people who disappeared from Srebrenica and other eastern Bosnian areas that fell to Bosnia Serb forces over the summer. The International Red Cross, which oversees prisoner releases, blamed "aggressive and irresponsible" statements by the Bosnian government for inflaming the protests.

Suhreta Mujic, 48, who lost her brother, husband and two sons in Srebrenica, said the aid workers got off easy. "Everybody is guilty, foreigners as well as locals," she said.

Chirac announces early end to controversial nuclear tests

PARIS (AP) — President Jacques Chirac ordered an early end Monday to underground nuclear tests in the South Pacific, saying they had achieved their objective — giving France a "viable and modern defense."

The last experimental blast, by far the most powerful since last summer, was detonated Saturday. Two days later, Chirac, denounced across the world for months, said he was calling "a definitive halt to French nuclear tests."

"I know that the decision that I made last June may have provoked, in France and abroad, anxiety and emotion," Chirac said on state-run television Monday night.

"I know that nuclear weaponry may cause fear. But in an always-dangerous world, it acts for us as a weapon of dissuasion, a weapon in the service of peace."

France began the tests with a Sept. 5 blast beneath Mururoa Atoll. That detonation, roughly the size of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945, broke a three-year international moratorium on nuclear testing.

It made France the only nation besides China to test weapons of mass destruction since 1992. France insisted it had to resume the tests to check its nuclear arsenal and develop computer simulation that will make actual detonations unnecessary in the future.

The testing outraged Australia, New Zealand and other South Pacific countries and provoked rioting in Tahiti. But it did not elicit strong response from such major French allies as the United States, Britain and Germany.

The environmental group Greenpeace, which fought the tests with bitter denunciations and high-seas protests, expressed relief at Chirac's decision.

On Oct. 20, France, Britain and the United States jointly announced they would sign a treaty making the South Pacific a nuclear-free zone after the final French test.

In Washington, White House press secretary Mike McCurry predicted that Paris' decision "will provide new momentum" to efforts to reach a last-
minute

treaty. The United States had pressed France to abide by the global moratorium.

Chirac was probably anxious to settle the issue before leaving for the United States on Thursday, and he is also eager to repair damaged relations with the nations of the South Pacific.

At home, too, pressure had mounted on the conservative president to make Saturday's test the last. French trade in the South Pacific lost some ground, and Paris' diplomatic ties with Asian nations and many of its European partners were shaken.

Australia said Tuesday that France should pay compensation if scientists find that the blasts have damaged the South Pacific's fragile environment.

"This chapter is by no means closed and it won't be until we can be confident that there has been no environmental damage," said Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans in Sydney. "Certainly, if there is any evidence of such damage we will be pursuing the question of compensation and the French government's responsibility."

For Ethiopian Jews, blood slight crowns years of discrimination

JERUSALEM (AP) — When he boarded a city bus this weekend and tried to sit down, says Ethiopian immigrant Ephraim Saalo, the man in the next seat told him: "You stinking black, move."

Saalo, 19, said that while such outbursts of open hostility are rare, he and other Ethiopian Jews encounter prejudice almost daily.

For many, the crowning blow was the disclosure last week that Israeli blood banks collected their blood donations, then secretly threw them away for fear they might be tainted with the AIDS virus.

Anger that has built up over years erupted in violence Sunday, when thousands of Ethiopian immigrants hurled rocks at the prime minister's office and were dispersed with tear gas and rubber bullets.

"Our blood has been poured away," Saalo's 61-year-old father, Mano, said Monday in the cramped living room of his trailer home, which sits in a grassless lot in southern Jerusalem.

"They say Ethiopians have AIDS," he said. "We hear it on the bus, at work, and at school. They make trouble for my children everywhere."

The Ethiopian population in Israel has doubled to more than 56,000 since Ethiopian Jews first came here en masse in dramatic airlifts in 1984 and 1991.

They were airlifted both out of a Zionist ideology of gathering as many Jews as possible in Israel as well as out of a feeling that they were endangered in their native land, especially during the early 1990s civil war.

Despite government programs aimed at helping them, many Ethiopians have failed to fully integrate into Israeli society.

The 10-member Saalo family moved into two government-provided mobile homes in the Givat Hamatos trailer park in southern Jerusalem shortly after arriving in Israel five years ago.

They have been promised an apartment in the West Bank

settlement of Maaleh Adumim by the end of the year, with the government covering 85 percent of the mortgage.

But the elder Saalo, who makes \$600 a month as a forester, said he sometimes longs for his old life in Ethiopia.

"I had my own cow, my own sheep, my own bees," said Saalo, sitting in a sparsely furnished living room decorated with a few woven mats and a poster proclaiming: "Ethiopia, Land of Sunshine."

Ethiopian children are often placed in segregated classes, and lag behind the general population in academics.

In the army, there is a higher incidence of suicide for Ethiopian soldiers. And economically, Ethiopian immigrants have not shared in Israel's boom.

"For 11 years since we immigrated they told us, 'You're nice, you're polite' and I ask myself — did it help us?" asked Adisu Messele, the Ethiopian leader who organized Sunday's protest.

World briefs

Villagers evacuated as volcano spews ashes

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — About 1,000 villagers were forced to evacuate a tiny island in eastern Indonesia when a volcano began to spew thick ashes, the state news agency reported Monday.

The Mount Sakura volcano on Sakura island in central Sulawesi began sputtering Friday night, Antara reported.

Mount Sakura is in the Straits of Tomini, about 1,350 miles northeast of Jakarta.

Sakura's residents were taken four miles to the island of Toglian, Lt. Col. Marsudhi Hanafi of the local police told Antara. He said ashes from the volcano have blackened sky around Toglian and other nearby islands.

Early Monday, a 4.8-magnitude earthquake struck the area, causing further panic among residents, Antara said. The quake was centered in the Sea of Sulawesi, north of Sulawesi island.

Competition for jobs leads to shootings

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — It was 2 a.m. Monday when Alson Mbatha, desperate after two years of searching for work, arrived at the gates of a car parts factory, where hundreds of others also stood in line, hoping. The sun had not yet risen when a band of armed men walked up and opened fire on the crowd of job-seekers before fleeing into the darkness.

Mbatha, wounded by a bullet in the chest, was among 23 injured. Eight people were left dead.

Hours after the ambush, many of those who escaped harm returned to line up once again for a chance to earn up to \$2.77 an hour making aluminum wheels.

Police were baffled by the shooting. But some of those hoping for jobs said they understood the motivation: The gunmen simply had wanted to clear away competition.

Confrontations that elsewhere might end with shouting or a fistfight often erupt in gunfire in South Africa: Its history of political violence and proximity to civil wars in Angola and Mozambique have created an environment where guns — even high-powered automatic rifles — are readily available.

Venice opera house destroyed in fire

VENICE, Italy (AP) — La Fenice, the two-century-old opera house that premiered the works of Rossini and Verdi and was considered a national gem, today is nothing but burnt remains.

Acrid columns of smoke rose above Venice on Monday evening, as flames devoured La Fenice, one of the country's most important arts institutions.

After the fire broke out around 9 p.m., nearby houses were evacuated, and a helicopter dropped flame retardant. Firefighters, unable to get inside the building, had to pump water to the scene from a good distance away because some canals near the opera house had been drained for cleaning.

Hundreds of onlookers watched as 204-year-old La Fenice creaked and sections of it came crashing to the ground. "There's little to say," said Mayor Massimo Cacciari, standing in front of the burning building. "Just look at what's happening."

North Korea to allow inspections

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — After meeting with U.N. nuclear experts, North Korea has agreed to allow inspections of some of its nuclear operations, the country's official media reported today.

But the news reports made no mention of North Korea's most sensitive nuclear facilities — those that have generated international concern as possible nuclear bomb development sites.

Under a 1994 agreement with Washington, North Korea has shut down some of its nuclear

facilities, including a 5-megawatt experimental reactor and a radio-chemical laboratory — both suspected of being used to extract weapons-grade plutonium.

The agreement calls for those facilities to remain under the supervision of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, a U.N. watchdog body. But so far, the IAEA has only been allowed to install monitoring devices to ensure the facilities aren't put into use again.

During the Jan. 24-29 meetings in North Korea, officials

"notified the IAEA that it would allow the IAEA's routine and ad hoc inspections of unfrozen nuclear facilities," the Korean Central News Agency reported.

But IAEA officials are more concerned about the frozen facilities, which they fear could be used for plutonium production.

North Korea links such inspections to progress on the 1994 agreement, under which it is to receive two Western-made light-water reactors worth \$4.5 billion, along with other economic and diplomatic benefits.

Second lawyer for confessed assassin quits

JERUSALEM (AP) — A court-appointed lawyer for Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin quit today over his client's insistence on using the murder trial as a platform for his militant political views.

The resignation of Avraham Pachter — the second attorney in three days to resign from the defense — is a further setback for Yigal Amir, a 25-year-old law student who has admitted he shot Rabin at a Nov. 4 peace rally.

At the December start of the

murder trial, Amir still had two attorneys, Mordechai Ofri and Jonathan Ray Goldberg. But Ofri quit on Sunday, saying he had been marginalized.

The same day, Goldberg was severely reprimanded by the trial judge, Edmond Levy, for not being properly prepared. Goldberg, a West Bank settler who emigrated from Houston seven years ago, does not have a full command of Hebrew, and Amir has repeatedly stepped in to cross-examine prosecution witnesses himself.

On Monday, Levy appointed Pachter to help Goldberg.

But Pachter said that after a one-hour jailhouse meeting with Amir late Monday, he decided he could not run his defense.

"There is a conflict between my conscience and the ideological case he wanted to present," Pachter said. "He wanted to use the trial as a platform for his ideological ideas." Amir, a graduate of two Jewish seminaries, staunchly opposed Rabin's peace agreements with the Palestinians.

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Hawks struggle, rally past Broncos

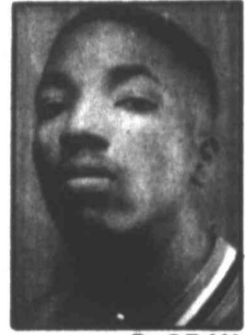
By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

According to their coach, if the Howard College Hawks get any flatter, they'll have to jump up to crawl under a door.

Flat, however, was good enough to get the job done Monday.

The Hawks spotted New Mexico Military Institute a 13-point first half lead, then came out scorching in the final half, rallying to a 77-66 victory at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The win improved Howard's record to 4-1 in Western Junior College play, while NMMI remains winless at 0-4. The Hawks lead South Plains by a half-game at the top of the WJCAC rankings.



DeGRAY

The Hawks have an off day coming Thursday, and if ever there was a team in need of some R & R, it's the Hawks. Injuries and the emotional strain of three straight come-

Team	W	L	Overall
Howard	4	1	14 6
South Plains	3	1	16 4
Frank Phillips	3	1	13 6
New Mex JC	2	2	18 6
Odessa	2	3	16 6
Midland	1	3	9 9
NMMI	0	4	8 10

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Howard 77, NMMI 66; Odessa 86, NMJC 83; Frank Phillips 80, South Plains 79.

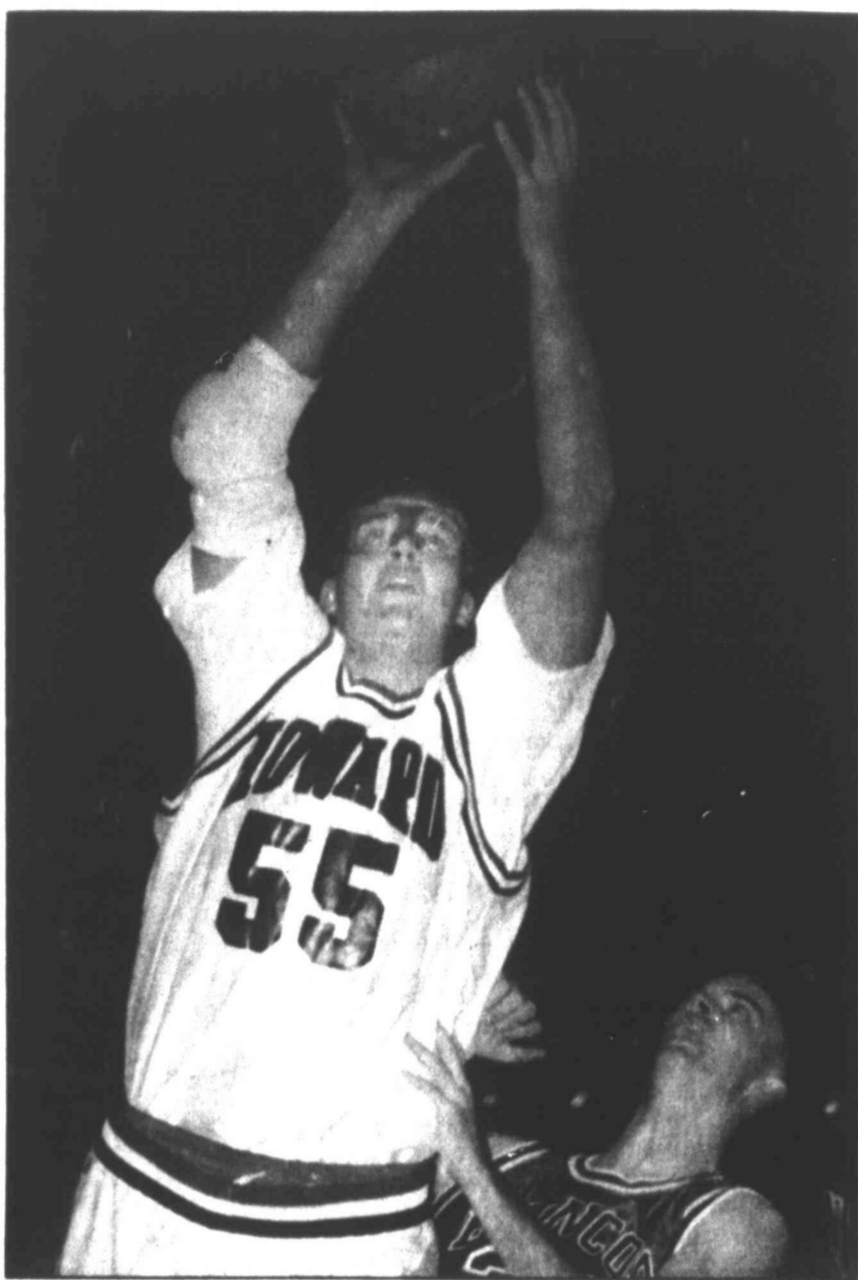
from-behind wins to start conference play has this team almost running on empty, head coach Tommy Collins said.

"The most disappointing thing to me is that we're not getting better every game," Collins said. "This is the second game in a row we've stepped back. Against South Plains (last Thursday's loss), we took one step back, and we took about three steps back here."

Ronnie DeGray, who led all scorers with 21 points, said it was overconfidence more than exhaustion that's troubling the Hawks.

"I guess we think we're better than we really are," DeGray said. "At South Plains, that's what happened. We weren't ready to play, and we lost the

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Howard College post Patrick Wrigg (55) scores on a layup during the first half of the Hawks' game with NMMI Monday.

Lady Hawks get offensive in win

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

SNYDER - The Howard College Lady Hawks used a more offensive approach Monday in blowing out Western Texas 77-46.

The Lady Hawks are notorious nationally for their unrelenting defense, but head coach Terry Gray wanted to transfer some of that energy into their offense Monday. "We were stressing aggressiveness - especially offensively," said Gray.

The defense gave the team a head start as rebounds and steals resulting from the full-court press helped Howard shoot past Western on a 12-0 run after the tip-off.

Then the offense came into focus for Howard. The lead steadily increased because of easy back-side layup points set up by point guard Joyce Howard. As the first half continued, the posts controlled the Lady Hawk offense as they began driving to the basket. Howard left at halftime with a relaxed lead of 42-22.

"Coach [Gray] said they were going to overplay us," said post Donelle Jones. "So we could penetrate and get the easy foul" Because the first half game

Team	W	L	Overall
Howard	9	1	21 1
Midland	8	1	19 3
Frank Phillips	7	2	17 3
South Plains	4	6	15 7
NMJC	4	6	10 11
WTC	2	7	6 12
Odessa	1	10	6 17

MONDAY'S SCORES
Howard 77, WTC 46; NMJC 62, Odessa 37; Frank Phillips 76, South Plains 58; Midland open.

plan worked so well, Howard was even more aggressive offensively in the second half. But it soon suffered a shut down in points, going without a score for almost 10 minutes in the half.

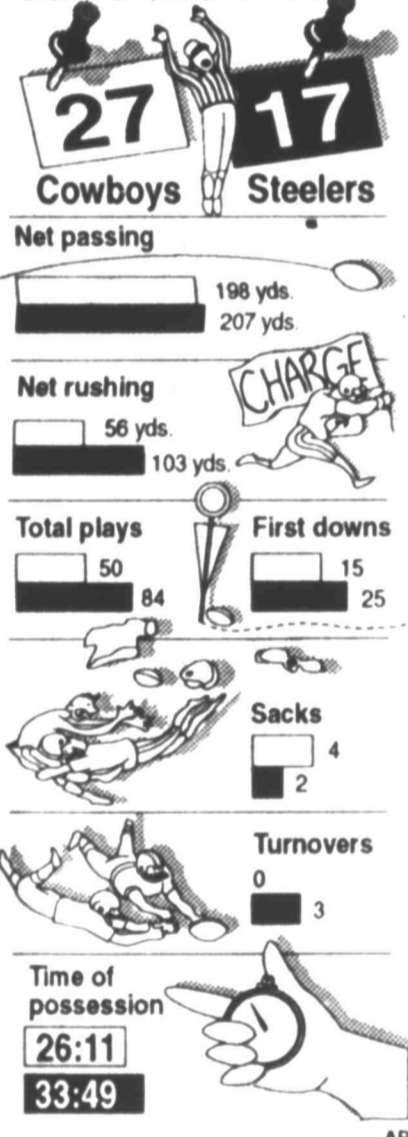
An 11-0 run gave Western a glimmer of hope, and the Lady Hawks knew they had to squelch the rally - fast.

"We couldn't let [Western] take us," said Jones. "This is one game we couldn't lose."

A 20-point deficit is difficult for any team to eliminate, and Western ran out of steam trying to overcome it. Howard point guard La'Tonya Kindle rallied the team, scoring 10 quick points within two minutes bringing its lead back to a 20-plus margin. All of those

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Game statistics



Cowboys jettison critics, but decide to keep attitude

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) - Besides toting the Vince Lombardi Trophy off the field after winning the Super Bowl, the Dallas Cowboys carried an attitude that not even a third championship in four years could shake.

The Cowboys certainly affirmed their greatness with their 27-17 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers. No team has won three Super Bowls in such a short span, and there's no reason to doubt the Cowboys will add to their booty before the decade runs out.

Dallas didn't even play that well against the Pittsburgh Steelers; in fact, it was outplayed for much of the game. Yet it was resilient enough to make the key plays and extend the NFC's dominance to an even dozen years.

So why not drop the attitude? For one, that's not the Cowboys' way. For another, maybe they are entitled to be ticked off.

"It's like slamming a whole lot of people in their faces," said Emmitt Smith, the classy running back whose honesty

and articulate manner is as impressive as his running style and stats. "It was sweet. People were calling us cocky and arrogant. Everyone says we're glamorous. Hey, we don't say that about ourselves. The media says that."

"We did this for ourselves and our fans. We did it for Barry Switzer and Ernie Zampese and the coaches. To see the way Barry and Ernie's faces were lit up ... it's nice to see their faces glow."

Being marketed as America's Team has worked well for the

Cowboys in malls and department stores from coast to coast. It also has made them a target, they claim. And not even winning Super Bowls eases that burden.

"If you all want to criticize, you ain't got the right," Michael Irvin said. "You say all this stuff about Barry and about how we're dead and not going back and then we prove y'all wrong."

"If I want to say something about somebody on the team, I got the right. If Nate Newton wants to say, or Emmitt or

Troy, they got the right. Y'all don't got the right."

Even when people call the Cowboys the team of the decade, which they clearly are so far, it is a sore point for some players.

"There's a long way to go in the '90s," Smith said. "We've got something great going and hopefully we can keep it up. Then, when the decade is over, you can decide if we're the team of the decade."

It will be tough to stop them. Please see COWBOYS, page 9

Pooped-from-partying champions come back home

GRAPEVINE (AP) - Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones found a way to circumvent Arizona's 1 a.m. cutoff time for serving alcohol.

Jones, who complained publicly last week that the alcohol curfew would cut into his team's postgame party, kept the celebration going well into Monday morning following the

Cowboys' 27-17 Super Bowl win over the Pittsburgh Steelers in Tempe, Ariz.

"I'm tired. I haven't slept," Cowboys coach Barry Switzer said as he stepped off the team's chartered jet at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport late Monday afternoon. "We stayed up late last night. Jerry threw a great party."

Many of the players were bleary-eyed and parried out. "I'm tired, man," said cornerback Deion Sanders as he trudged across the tarmac holding one of his sleeping children. "Where's that limo?"

Cornerback Larry Brown, whose two interceptions earned him MVP honors for the game, was tired - but beaming.

"It's a great feeling, but I'm gonna go home and get some rest," he said.

Brown, who labored all season as the Cowboys' "other" cornerback opposite superstar Sanders, said he was surprised by being named MVP.

"I saw my name on the scoreboard," he said. "Everybody on the team started chanting

"Larry! Larry!" I was excited and happy. It's something I'll cherish for the rest of my life."

Brown said he needed to rest because of a string of talk-show appearances he has scheduled.

"I'm doing interviews with David Letterman, Conan O'Brien and Jay Leno," he said. "Kathie Lee Gifford and Regis Philbin is Thursday."

Abdul-Jabbar, James Worthy and Michael Cooper, among others, the supporting cast.

Although Abdul-Jabbar had retired, "Showtime" seemed to have a long run in front of it. But that ended abruptly when Johnson no longer was there to direct it.

After playing in the NBA All-Star game a few months following his retirement and helping the United States win a gold medal at the 1992 Olympics.

The Magic Man returns to the court tonight for LA Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Magic Johnson has the same radiant smile, the same bubbling personality and looks as healthy as he was when he led the Los Angeles Lakers to five NBA titles in the 1980s.

What no one really knows is whether he can still play at the NBA level.

Perhaps he won't be the force he was before he abruptly called it quits more than four years ago after learning he had

contracted the virus that causes AIDS. But Johnson says he can help the Lakers.

And who's to doubt him?

"I know it's going to take me some time; I'm not in NBA shape," Johnson said Monday after announcing he is ending his retirement and will return to the Forum court tonight when the Lakers face the Golden State Warriors.

"This team has other people," he said. "It's not like I have to

come in and dominate. I'm going to have fun. I'm going to help this team the best way I can. I know I'm five steps slower. I know what to do, I know what not to do. I still know how to play this game."

Johnson, 36, credited a simple telephone call earlier this month from a pair of young Los Angeles Laker starters, Nick Van Exel and Eddie Jones, with helping him make his decision to return.

"I practiced with them and I decided, 'No, I'm not going to do it,'" Johnson said. "They called me up, 'Man, look, you gotta come back. We want to win. You can help us.'"

"So when I got the call from them, I started thinking, 'Well, let me talk to (wife) Cookie again, and Cookie was pushing me back. 'Go back, I'm tired of hearing this, go back.' So I decided it was right."

Johnson's retirement on Nov. 7, 1991 sent shock waves through the NBA and the rest of the world, considering the reason. He had led the Lakers to five championships and won three Most Valuable Player awards in a 12-year career.

Lakers basketball was a happening then. Celebrities like Jack Nicholson and Dyan Cannon were front-row regulars at the Forum, and Johnson was the maestro of "Showtime," with Kareem

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Today Basketball

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Garden City at Wink (B/G), 6:30/8.
Klondike at Sands (B/G), 6:30/8.
Grady at Borden County (B/G), 6:30/8.

STATE/NATION

Bull rider critical

FORT WORTH (AP) - A bull rider suffered critical injuries when he was bucked off a notorious bull at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Jeremy Janous, 22, of San Marcos was carried from Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum arena on a stretcher after the incident Monday night. He was taken by ambulance to Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery Monday night.

Janous was injured in the second go-round of the bullriding competition. Janous, a second-year pro with about \$6,500 in career earnings, was knocked unconscious as he was bucked off Gunslinger, billed as one of the top bulls in the nation.

Stars fall to Jets

DALLAS (AP) - Referee Paul Stewart made up his mind and wasn't about to listen to Dallas Stars defenseman Kevin Hatcher.

With the Stars trailing Winnipeg 2-1 on Monday night, Stewart disallowed an apparent goal with less than two seconds remaining, ruling Joe Nieuwendyk had kicked the puck past Jets goalie Nikolai Khabibulin.

Nieuwendyk did not dispute that he kicked the puck toward the net as time was winding down, but the Stars contended defenseman Hatcher had also taken a swing at the puck to propel it over the goal line.

Stewart did not agree and did not ask for help from the video replay official. Hatcher wasn't sure what happened.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

College
Iowa at Indiana, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
Ala.-Birmingham at Marquette, 7 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).
LSU at Arkansas, 8:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
NBA
Chicago at Houston, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).
Golden State at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., TNT.

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR JAN. 31

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are coming from a fundamentally strong spot as you talk through changes; be ready to move in new directions. Move away from negativity, and honor greater creativity and integrity. Realize how important your goals are. Tonight: Head home.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Focus on the long term, your goals and what works for you as you analyze a situation's worth. Excellent and meaningful communications mark this period. This is a terrific time to set goals and go for the long term. Tonight: Go out with friends.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A professional situation weighs on you. Pull back, and take a second look at what is happening. Your greatest fear may be that you are not in a position to handle the work. Rebuild your sense of security, and overcome uncertainty. Listen to a friend. Tonight: Accept what is.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You try to pump someone for information that might not be there. However, the answer is in your head; if you think, consider and debate, you will be able to find it. Don't push so hard to have things your way. Tonight: Rent an avant-garde movie.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Curb excesses, and rein in a partner's spending. Build the relationship on stronger ground. You understand the premise of an agreement, but there may be a change in one of your associates' views; you might need to renegotiate as a result. Tonight: Take a night off from everything.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Focus on what you want and what is needed. Venture out, and question what is possible. Touch base with a partner who is full of great ideas. The two of you make an almost unstoppable duo. Concentrate on what you want. Tonight: Have a good time.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your image may be important to you. If you don't like it, change it. You might not want to keep behaving as you have been. Work plays a significant role in your decisions. Go with the spontaneous and the unexpected. Realize your limitations. Tonight: Work late.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Reach out to someone. Understand that your point of view may not be the only one. Gain perspective, see the big

picture and lighten up. You are a creative well of ideas. Don't let anyone stop you. Use your imagination. Tonight: Follow your wild side.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You build a new closeness. You see someone in a different way when you work as a team. Cuddling results naturally, if you are willing to reveal your true feelings. Tonight: Entertain at your castle.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Defer to someone. Come to an understanding so you can feel relaxed. Have a serious discussion, instead of being at someone else's mercy. Your sense of humor plays a big role in what happens. Demonstrate your ability to understand. Tonight: Talk over dinner.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) One-to-one relating comes easily. You can reach your long-term needs through hard work. Listen to your inner voice. Your finances need attention and discipline. You are in charge of change and new possibilities. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Use your creativity. You'll be a lot happier with someone if you let your imagination rule. If you are artistic or in love, serious decisions come your way. Be more in touch with what you need. Commit to getting what you want. Tonight: Take a midweek break.***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31, 1996: This a banner year with many positive ramifications. You are looking at positive changes in regard to the people in your life. Touch base with your long-term needs this year before you take key actions. Money is unusually important as you deal with others and make decisions. If you are single, romance is important. However, maintain a steady, easy course. If attached, you need to feel more secure with loved ones. **CANCER** helps you with work.

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Husband who pumps iron is draining marriage dry

DEAR ABBY: For more than half of our 20-year marriage, my husband, "Chris," has been involved in weightlifting. The first six years, he worked out in our basement three hours a night, three nights a week,



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

ignoring me and our two daughters. Then I bought him a gym membership, thinking it would cut down on the time it took. It didn't work out that way.
Six years later, Chris still goes to the gym on work every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I eat supper alone on those nights. (My daughters are away at college.) My husband arrives home at 10 o'clock and has supper waiting for him. By the time he checks his mail, showers and changes clothes, it's after 11 p.m.
He's never asked me to join him at the gym, or to just sit and talk. I've told him how lonely I am; he won't listen and refuses to consider finding a less time-consuming sport. I have told him that our marriage is dying.
The other nights of the week Chris gets home around 7, unless he has errands to run or visits his elderly father. He's cold and unaffectionate, and blames me because I crab about the time he spends at the gym. On weekends, he does yard work, car maintenance and runs errands.
I'm sick and tired of being alone so much and handing my

paycheck over to someone who cares so little for me. I've considered divorce many times, but I don't want to jeopardize my daughters' educations.

I have friends at work, but really no others to socialize with. Am I asking too much to want my husband to spend less time at the gym? I feel cheated and lonely. Don't suggest counseling. We've tried it, and it was useless.

I'm 47 years old. I'm afraid I'll be jumping out of the frying pan and into the fire if I start divorce proceedings. What do you think? — ALL ALONE IN ARLINGTON

DEAR ALL ALONE: Before giving up on your marriage, give counseling one more try. Perhaps the counselor you chose was not the best one to help you and your husband. (Sometimes one must consult several counselors in order to establish sufficient rapport for the sessions to be productive.)
Perhaps you could also join the gym. It might help you to understand why your husband enjoys it so much, and enable you to work out beside your husband so you won't feel so left out.

It would also be helpful to develop some interests of your own. Enroll in classes, get involved in special-interest groups, etc. If you find activities to fill the lonely hours, you will be less lonely and more fulfilled.

If none of this succeeds, then I would advise some counseling to guide you in making a wise decision about the future of this marriage. I wish you the best of luck.

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