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Moore, Signal clear hurdles, have signed contract

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Officials of Moore Development for Big Spring and Signal Homes executed a contract shortly before noon today that will result in Signal's locating of a manufactured housing facility in the former Wright Fibers building.

The contract was signed after officials of Signal, First Bank of West Texas and Security State Bank were able to negotiate an agreement on a \$750,000 start-up loan.

Thursday's planned contract signing between Moore and Signal was just a formality but things didn't go as planned.

In fact, before the hour-long meeting ended, there was almost no contract to be signed.

Last month, Moore and Signal agreed on an incentives package that would have brought the manufactured housing firm to Big Spring and created up to 130 jobs.

At the outset, there seemed to be basic agreement on the contract with the only hitch being that Signal attorneys Ben Bancroft and Drew Mouton were out of town and had not reviewed the contract.

Despite several weeks of negotiations to get the mobile home manufacturing facility to Big Spring, it became apparent during the meeting that there was a disagreement concerning who

would guarantee a \$750,000 loan so that Signal could begin operations.

Board vice president Eddie Cole told Signal chairman John Davis and his management team that it was his understanding the Moore Development would not be involved with Signal getting the loan.

Davis said it was his understanding that when negotiations began, his group was looking at a free lease and \$750,000 being put into the Eleventh Place Manufacturing Facility (the former Wright Fibers building).

"We considered Big Spring because Moore had the ability and incentives necessary for us to get started," Davis said.

According to Cole, if Moore was to guarantee a loan of \$750,000, it would, in effect, have close to \$1.75 million invested in the project.

Including incentives and benefits, Moore has almost \$1 million invested in the project and Cole made it clear that he thinks Moore Development should not guarantee the loan, but rather that Signal negotiate a loan with a bank.

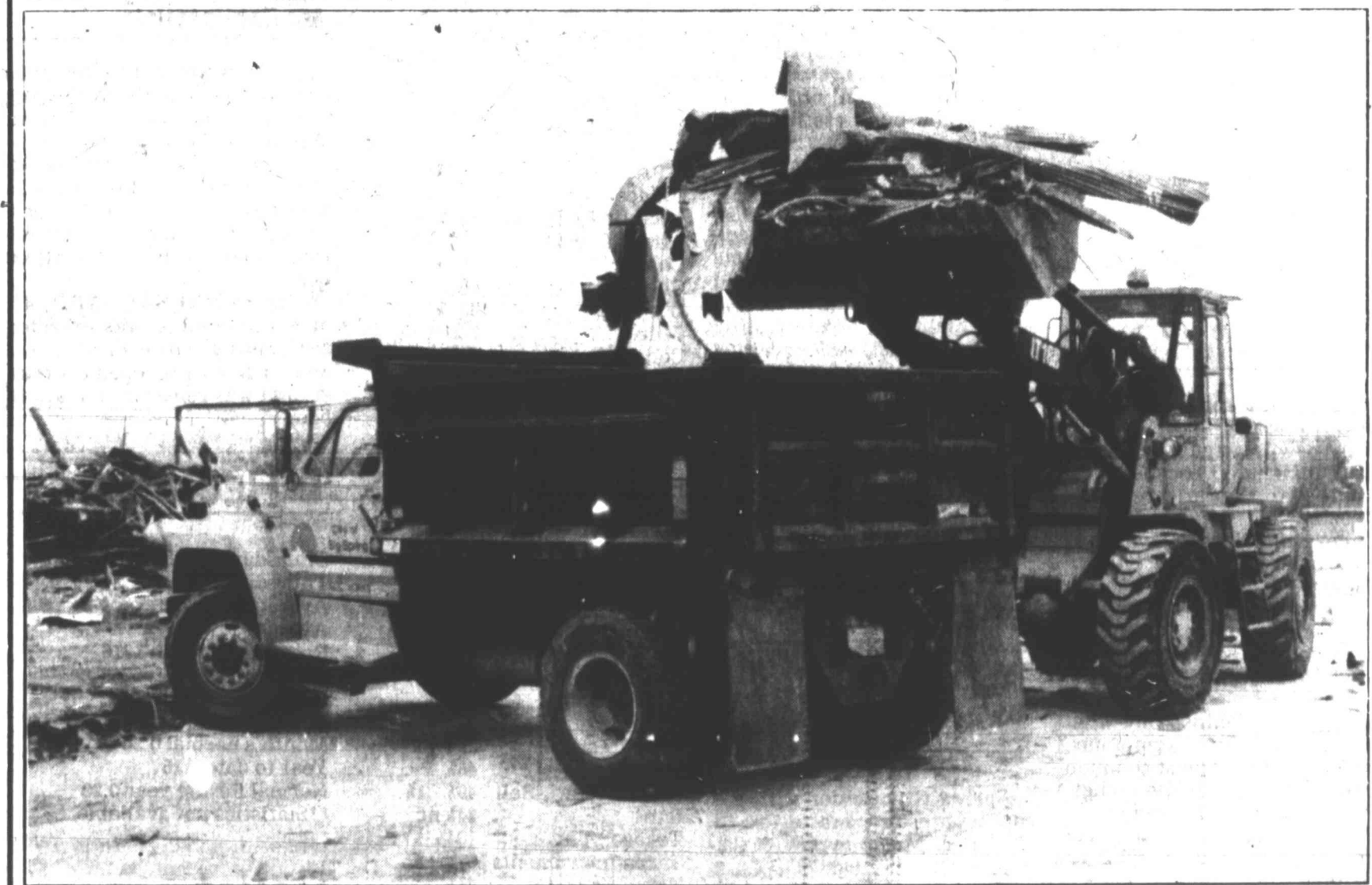
A problem in that area is that according to Moore executive director Danette Toone said Davis recently met with members of the Big Spring banking community and that no acceptable agreement could be reached in regards to structuring the loan.

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Signal Homes Inc. Chairman John Davis (second from right) turns to investor Donnie Russell, as he expresses concern over who should guarantee a \$750,000 loan Signal needs to complete its start up in Big Spring. Other members of Signal's management team include investor Ken Haines, and Sales Manager Bud Ledingham.

CITY HAVING TO DO IT



HERALD photo/John H. Walker

Crews from the city Public Works Department clean up the rubble at the site of the former Broughton Implement on North Gregg. The building was torn down last summer to make way for a proposed Holiday Inn Express to be owned and operated by Dr. P.V. Patel. According to City Engineer Ralph Truskowski, city crews began cleaning the property Thursday after Patel failed to respond to notices from the city that the rubble must be cleared away. Truskowski said the property owner would be billed for the cost of the clean-up.

Furr's reopening in Big Spring draws nearer

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

As the anticipation grows among local residents, Furr's/Bishop's is a step closer to reopening a new prototype Furr's Cafeteria in Big Spring, which is being billed "the cafeteria of the 21st Century."

On Tuesday and Wednesday, members of the Big Spring management of Furr's Cafeterias, conducted interviews for the positions of cashiers/checkers.

Tim Alexander, carry-out manager; Rodney Jones, general manager; and Carl Mock, kitchen manager of the new facility, were at the Dora Roberts Community Center during the two-day interviewing process.

Once hiring is complete for the new facility,



TIM ALEXANDER RODNEY JONES CARL MOCK

employees will participate in three to four weeks of on-the-job training in Odessa.

The opening of the new cafeteria will most likely be later this month or sometime in early February, according to Danny Meisenheimer, Furr's vice president of marketing.

Furr's/Bishop's has 100 cafeterias in 13 states with annual revenues of more than \$200 million, and the 325-seat, 9,000 square-foot Big Spring facility will represent a change in the way Furr's normally approaches the cafeteria business.

The Big Spring cafeteria also represents the first new store Furr's has built in more than 10 years.

During its previous stay in Big Spring, local residents enjoyed the cafeteria atmosphere for 27 1/2 years. Furr's left the Big Spring area in February 1994, and will officially reopen almost three years to the day it left.

Two 60-foot signs 20 feet in diameter let local residents know they are approaching the facility. The signs are clearly visible up

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Big Spring hosting other communities in TML fete tonight

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Representatives of 15 West Texas communities will be in Big Spring tonight for a Region IV Texas Municipal League meeting at the Big Spring Country Club.

Brenda Arnett, executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce, will be the featured speaker at the dinner meeting. State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) will introduce Arnett.

Mayor Tim Blackshear has served as Region IV president for the past 12 months and will relinquish that position to Kermit Wickett, mayor of Westmoreland at tonight's meeting.

"We're proud to host the TML

Region IV meeting," Arnett said. "I think we are extremely fortunate to have Big Spring as our guest city for this year's services and program provided by the Department of Commerce, and having the opportunity to host in Big Spring will certainly be beneficial to our community."

Activities will get underway with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by the dinner at 7 p.m.

More than 1,000 citizens will be invited to the event through the efforts of members of the Texas Municipal League, whose members offer services to cities that would be unavailable because of money or personnel shortages.

Representative Andrews, Rep. Keith Granthall, Kermit Wickett, Midland, Monday, Rankin, Stanton, Wickett, Wickett, Wickett are expected to speak at the meeting. Officials in attendance include



BLACKSHEAR

Health officials preparing for the worst of flu season

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

One of the most common complaints people lodge is that a flu shot is that they don't get sick until they get the shot.

According to Maria Leannah, immunization nurse at the Big Spring office of the Texas Department of Health, that is partially true, but the flu shot does not cause the flu.

"The flu shot itself is what's considered a dead shot. The body can develop flu-like symptoms such as aches and pains," Leannah said.

Leannah added the flu shot covers three different strains each year, as determined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta. This year the shot vaccinates against A/Texas, A/Nanchang or H3N2 and B/Harbin strains.

CDC determines which strains should be vaccinated against each flu season by counting the number of cases of the seven strains from the previous season, according to Leannah.

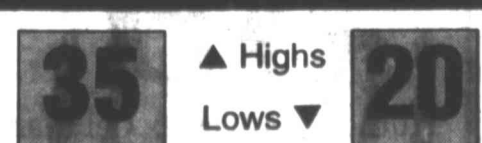
Despite the number of shots local health departments are

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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Becoming cloudy and cooler. High in the upper 30s. Low around 20.
Saturday: Cloudy and cold with snow possible. High in the 20s. Lows in the lower teens.
Extended outlook: Sunday through Tuesday, temperatures well below average with light snow possible each day. Lows in the upper teens. Highs in the 20s.

Gospel Opry, chili cook-off, library dedication in spotlight

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Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures. To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big

WEEKEND TICKET

- Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.
- If you wish, you may fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.
- Big Spring Gospel Opry, tonight, 7 p.m., Howard College Auditorium. Admission is free.
- Spring City Senior Center dance, tonight, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center.

- County Library dedication, 6 p.m. Saturday, 500 Scurry Street. The new library is dedicated in honor of Dora Roberts during the week prior to Monday's opening to the public.
- The Eighth Annual Dog HOG Chili Cook-off, Saturday, 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., judging scheduled for 1 p.m., The Harley Davidson Shop, 908 W. Third St. Entry fees are set at \$15. All-you-can-eat chili bowls are \$5 per person.
- High school basketball, 7 p.m. Saturday, Howard College Auditorium.

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Drilling site could be Dallas County's first gas well

DALLAS — Evoking memories of Southfork Ranch, a wildcat drilling rig is rising just northwest of the Dallas skyline.

Contrary to what out-of-state viewers of the longrunning prime-time soap may think, oil and gas wells aren't fixtures of Dallas County. But wildcat oilman Sanford Dvorin's venture in the suburb of Coppell could be the county's first commercially productive find.

"My husband and I were driving by and he said, 'What's that? Is that an oil well?'" said a resident, Ann McDonald. "We couldn't believe it; you can see it from the road."

The \$1.7 million project rising 115 feet above half-million-dollar homes and a planned shopping mall is the brainchild of Dvorin, a New Jersey native who says he has almost 30 years of experience putting together drilling deals for himself and others.

Dallas school board promotes acting superintendent

DALLAS — New Dallas school superintendent Yvonne Gonzalez says she'll work hard for children of the nation's 10th-largest school district.

Some grownups in the district wish she were making the pledge somewhere else.

The Dallas school board selected Gonzalez, who had been acting superintendent since August, to succeed Chad Woolery as permanent superintendent of the 142,000-student school system.

Gonzalez was one of five finalists for the position announced last month. She has served as the school system's acting superintendent since the August resignation of Chad Woolery.

Doctors, nurses describe Routier's demeanor

KERRVILLE — Medical professionals who took care of Darlie Routier after her two sons were fatally stabbed say she appeared unusually calm and volunteered that she'd handled the murder knife.

Two doctors and a nurse at Baylor University Medical Center testified Thursday that although they were not questioning her about the crime, Routier told them she might have obscured the killer's fingerprints by picking up the weapon.

Nurses Jody Pitts and Christopher Wielgosz also testified that Routier repeatedly asked, "Why did he kill my boys?"

Wielgosz said he saw Routier occasionally shed a tear but that she spoke in a monotone when she spoke about the dead boys.

The Rowlett homemaker is accused of fatally stabbing her sons Damon, 5, and Devon, 6, as they slept June 6.

Committee chairman, members chide lottery over ads

AUSTIN — Texas lottery advertising shouldn't mislead Texans into believing they'll become millionaires by spending \$1, several legislators warned Thursday.

Lottery officials appeared before the Senate Finance Committee to request continued state funding.

Under state law, the agency can use up to 10 percent of ticket sales for administration. The state's proposed budget would give the lottery 7 percent in the next two budget years.

But lawmakers appeared more interested in discussing recent controversies at the lottery and how the agency coaxes Texans to play its numbers games.

Val Verde election challenge comes under scrutiny

Texas Rural Legal Aid's \$3.4 million federal grant to provide legal representation to poor Texans in South and West Texas is coming under scrutiny following a flurry of complaints by congressional Republicans.

The Legal Services Corp., which funds 80 percent of Texas Rural Legal Aid, dashed off a letter this week saying the Texas agency's intervention in a West Texas voting case could constitute a "substantial violation" of the terms of its grant.

The letter marks "the first step toward terminating a grant," Legal Services Corp. spokeswoman Niki Mitchell said Thursday.

Teamsters protest NAFTA provisions

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of the Teamsters Union protested in front of the Governor's Mansion in response to a December letter signed by Gov. George W. Bush that asks President Clinton to lift a delay of the NAFTA trucking provisions.

"We are here today to send a very simple message to all Texans. Don't let Governor George Bush and his big business friends destroy highway safety and good Texas jobs," John Riojas, Teamsters International vice president at large, said Thursday.

"The list of differences between U.S. and Mexican safety standards is very long but Gov. Bush wants us to believe he can wave a magic wand and these trucks will become safe when they drive on Texas high-

ways. He is dead wrong," Riojas said.

About 50 teamsters joined in a rally at the Texas AFL-CIO offices before marching one block to the Governor's Mansion chanting "No more NAFTA."

At issue is a provision of the North American Free Trade Agreement that allows Mexican trucks to haul goods anywhere in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and California. Under the agreement, the trucks were to be allowed in the border states beginning in December 1995 and anywhere in the United States after 2000.

Implementation was delayed in December 1995 by the Transportation Department amid concerns that the trucks didn't meet safety and weight requirements. Under the delay,

Pilots threaten strike against American

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines pilots say they won't hesitate to strike if the airline doesn't agree to several concessions not included in a deal the pilots' union overwhelmingly rejected this week.

A day after the Allied Pilots Association, which represents some 9,300 American pilots, said members had rejected a proposed contract, union board members gathered Thursday in Fort Worth to decide their next step.

Union spokesman Wally Pitts said the 18-member board hoped to finish a final draft of demands by Friday.

"This is really it," Pitts said. "The pilots have spoken and overwhelmingly have said that we want several changes or we will strike."

The union's five-member negotiating committee, which

worked out the deal pilots rejected, resigned on Thursday, and a new committee was nominated.

Sixty-one percent of American pilots rejected the proposed contract, while only 39 percent favored the deal.

The APA and American Airlines struck the four-year deal, which offered modest pay increases and stock options, last September after 27 months of negotiations. The union board approved the deal Nov. 28.

The next step might be up to the National Mediation Board, which has overseen the dispute.

Pitts said the panel could order American and the APA back to the negotiating table or declare an impasse in talks and offer the two sides binding arbitration.

If either side rejects binding arbitration, a 30-day cooling-off

period could be followed by a strike or lockout, or American could impose terms of the rejected deal, according to federal labor rules.

The APA has already decided to reject arbitration, Pitts said. "The board believes that arbitration will probably mean giving up some of our major goals and that's not something we're interested in," he said.

American spokesman John Hotard declined to say whether the carrier would accept arbitration.

"We're now waiting to see what the National Mediation Board chooses to do," Hotard said.

NMB mediator Harry Bickford said Thursday that the panel hadn't yet been formally notified of the pilots' rejection, and he can't act until that notification arrives.

The issue that most pilots agree is at the core of the dispute is a provision giving American the right to assign new flights to regional jets operated by its American Eagle commuter affiliate.

Pilots fear that allowing the commuter to use faster, larger planes on short-haul routes will encroach on their domain.

Andy Sizemore, spokesman for a group called APA Pilots for Defense of the Profession, said American Eagle pilots are on a lower pay scale and require less training.

"It's saving them (American) money to take advantage of other pilots who don't have our leverage," Sizemore said. "Only American pilots should be flying for American ... It's really ridiculous that they think we wouldn't strike over something like this."

Barnes stepping aside from lottery lobbyist job

DALLAS (AP) — Former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes has resigned his job as a lobbyist for lottery operating company GTECH Holdings Corp. in a reshuffling of the company's lobbying team, according to a published report.

GTECH spokesman Bob Rendine said Barnes and partner Ricky Knox will remain on the company's payroll in other capacities, and their contracts are being revised.

The move comes amid questions about Barnes' contract with GTECH.

In addition to a \$25,000 salary, Barnes' company, Entrecorp, gets four percent of GTECH's gross revenues in Texas. The

multi-million-dollar deal was signed before GTECH even won the right to run the state's numbers game.

Both GTECH and Barnes say the contract was legal. But lottery officials have said they are concerned the arrangement could have violated state law that prohibits lobbying fees contingent on approval of legislation.

Rendine said GTECH's decision to change lobbyists resulted from fears that adversaries and the media are trying to sully the company by focusing on work performed by Barnes.

"He is being used as a lightning rod," Rendine told the

newspaper.

That, he said, "has led us to believe it's probably in everybody's best interest that he not lobby."

Rendine denied that the company was acting out of fear that the Lottery Commission will rebid its contract, a possibility if any wrongdoing is found.

"It indicates that there is a lot of disinformation and sensationalization, particularly in the media and certain of our adversaries, that needs to be corrected and we want to make sure that we have adequate resources to set the record straight," Rendine told the newspaper.

Rendine did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press late Thursday. Barnes, reached at his home, declined comment.

The change is the latest development involving the Texas lottery.

The Lottery Commission on Tuesday fired executive director Nora Linares after questions about how her friend ended up with a GTECH contract that earned him \$30,000.

The Dallas Morning News reported that GTECH is trying to hire a pair of Austin lobbyists with strong Republican ties. The Legislature convenes for its regular session on Tuesday.

Beaumont cop killer loses appeal in 5th Circuit Court

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer Michael Lee Lockhart, who faces execution in Texas and two other states and who once claimed to have murdered as many as 27 people, has lost his case before a federal appeals court.

The decision by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans also lifted a reprieve Lockhart won from the same court last September.

That action, which had been opposed by the Texas attorney general's office, halted Lockhart's scheduled lethal

injection for killing a Beaumont police officer in 1988.

The New Orleans court rejected three claims from Lockhart, including arguments he was denied a fair trial because he was ordered shackled and handcuffed during his trial. The restraints were ordered after Lockhart tried to escape the courthouse by diving through a third-floor closed window. He earlier had shouted obscenities and threatened deputies.

"The Supreme Court has expressly held that the use of such visible restraints is appro-

priate under certain circumstances," the court wrote.

Lockhart also unsuccessfully contended the trial court erred when it granted his request to leave the courtroom during a portion of jury questioning.

"The trial court permitted Lockhart to leave the courtroom only after an insistent request by Lockhart to do so," the court noted.

The third issue rejected was a claim that his attorney had a conflict of interest because he was representing the trial judge at the same time in an unrelat-

ed civil matter. But the appeals court said Lockhart showed no evidence that a relationship between the attorney and the judge tainted his defense.

Lockhart, 31, a drifter from Toledo, Ohio, was convicted of the March 22, 1988 shooting death of Beaumont police officer Paul Hulsey Jr.

Hulsey became the first Beaumont officer to die in the line of duty since 1920 when he was fatally shot while questioning Lockhart at a Beaumont motel about the Corvette he was driving.

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Ethics committee in turmoil as GOP postpones Gingrich hearings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Partisan jockeying has plunged the House ethics committee into confusion just a week and a half before Speaker Newt Gingrich is to be punished for his admitted ethical wrongdoing.

Meanwhile, The New York Times reported in today's editions that — after promising the House ethics subcommittee he would not orchestrate a Republican counterattack to its charges against him — Newt Gingrich was overheard on tape discussing how to do just that.

The Times published excerpts from a Dec. 21 telephone conversation among Gingrich, his lawyers and House GOP leaders on how to deal with the subcommittee findings.

As part of an agreement with the panel, Gingrich promised not to coordinate a Republican counterattack. But in the telephone call, he endorsed a suggestion by attorney Ed Bethune that Republicans hold their response until after the speaker's chief adversary, House Democratic Whip David Bonior of Michigan, commented on the panel's action.

"Newt cannot be party to crafting any such or orchestrating, but as I said earlier, a member of Congress having received those documents is entitled to say whatever they want to about them," Bethune is heard saying on the tape.

"That would give us an opportunity to then go back and

refute what he (Bonior) has said, and we have not jumped the gun on opening and we have simply responded," Bethune said.

Gingrich calls Bethune "very clever" in the taped conversation.

The phone call took place hours before the ethics subcommittee voted on the charges against Gingrich. The Times said it obtained a tape recording of the call from an unidentified Democratic congressman. The call was taped by people in North Florida from a police scanner that picked it up from cellular phone transmissions from one of the participants, the newspaper said.

As for the partisan wrangling

over airing the charges against Gingrich, Democrats may have overplayed their hand Thursday by demanding postponement of a committee vote on punishing the speaker. The demand gave Republicans an opening to back out of an agreement for a week of scheduled televised hearings that was causing heartburn for the GOP leadership.

Each party blamed the other for the turmoil, and it was unclear how the committee would get back on track in order to wrap up the two-year Gingrich case by Jan. 21 with a punishment vote.

"I was really shocked" at Democratic demands for postponing the vote, said one committee Republican, David

Hobson of Ohio, explaining the postponement of public hearings at which the committee's special counsel, James M. Cole, was to lay out his case against Gingrich.

Democrats countered that Republicans were feigning anger to carry out a scheme by the GOP leadership to get rid of the five days of public hearings that were have to begun Monday.

The committee's ranking Democrat, Rep. Jim McDermott, said Chairwoman Nancy Johnson was "personally throwing herself on a hand grenade for the speaker."

Based upon an agreement thrashed out at 1:45 a.m. Thursday, the week of televised

hearings was to have been followed by the Jan. 21 punishment vote and a report from Cole by Feb. 4.

At an afternoon news conference Thursday, the committee's five Democrats demanded postponement of the vote, saying lawmakers could not make an informed judgment on punishment until after Cole's report was finished.

But the Democrats may have provided the Republicans an excuse to void the hearing schedule. At their own news conference several hours later, infuriated Republicans said that if Cole's report was so important to Democrats, the counsel should concentrate on the report rather than the hearing.

Israel tightens security after twin blasts

JERUSALEM (AP) — Thousands of Israeli police patrolled near Jerusalem mosques today, searching Arab-owned cars and closing streets a day after two bombs in Tel Aviv wounded 13 Israelis.

Israeli security forces traditionally go on alert for possible attacks during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which began today, as devout Muslims flock to mosques and fast from sunrise to sundown.

Some 70,000 worshippers, including women in white head scarves and men in knitted prayer caps, turned out at the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's walled Old City for noon prayers today.

In his sermon, broadcast live to Muslims around the world, Sheik Hamed Beitawi, a leading figure in the Hamas militant group, sharply attacked Israel. "Israel is beating the drums of war and aggression against Muslims and Islam," he said.

U.S.-brokered talks between

Israel and the Palestinians on a troop pullback from Hebron and a timetable for an Israeli withdrawal from West Bank rural areas remained deadlocked today.

The Palestinians rejected a U.S. compromise offer under which the withdrawal from most of the West Bank would be completed toward the end of 1998, said chief negotiator Saeb Erakat.

Under the original peace agreements, the pullback was to be completed by September 1997. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has told the Palestinians he doesn't want to conclude the withdrawal before May 1999.

Palestinian negotiators were to meet later today with Mideast envoy, Dennis Ross.

Also today, Hamas was to hold a memorial rally for its chief bomb maker, Yehiya Ayyash, in the West Bank town of Nablius. Ayyash was killed Jan. 5, 1996, by a rigged mobile phone, an

operation widely blamed on Israel.

Avenging Ayyash, Hamas carried out four suicide bombings in February and March 1996, killing 63 people. Hamas has threatened fresh attacks to mark the anniversary of Ayyash's death.

In Jerusalem, some 3,000 police and paramilitary border police were deployed in and around the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, the third holiest site of Islam. Police frisked young Palestinians and asked worshippers from the West Bank to leave their identity cards in boxes at the gates until the end of prayers.

Outside the compound, police closed streets to traffic, stopped Arab motorists to search cars and set up additional checkpoints.

Troops also enforced a long-standing security closure that bars most of the 2 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip from entering

Israel. The closure kept many Muslims from the Jerusalem holy sites.

The first of the Tel Aviv blasts went off at 8:20 p.m. Thursday, followed eight minutes later by a second explosion. Ten people remained hospitalized today. The two pipe bombs packed with nails were placed in trash cans in a slum area of south Tel Aviv.

Police detained three people for questioning, but later released them. The minister for public security, Avigdor Kahalani, said police had no suspects.

No group has claimed responsibility.

Palestinian police told their Israeli counterparts the bombs were probably planted by members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical PLO faction that opposes the peace agreements with Israel. The PFLP has carried out a number of attacks against Israel.

Castro's grip firm; group urges U.S. policy change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fidel Castro's grip on Cuba remains as tight as ever, even though younger leaders are gingerly exercising new power, says a group of U.S. officials whose visit to the island convinced them that U.S. policy toward Cuba needs to be changed.

Castro, who seized control in 1959, likely will remain Cuba's leader until he dies, said a report released Thursday by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress.

The visiting Americans led the trip last month led them to conclude that the United States should re-evaluate its policy toward Cuba — including its 36-year economic embargo — and increase cultural exchanges between the two countries.

"As Cuba no longer exports

subversion or fronts for a hostile superpower, the basis now exists for a major policy reassessment," the report said. They also said U.S. officials should try more to understand "the Cuban mindset."

They urged Cuban leaders to immediately free all political prisoners. Their continued detention is standing in the way of improvement in U.S.-Cuba relations, the report said.

A delegation of the group visited Cuba Dec. 9-14. Former Florida Rep. Louis Frey, a Republican, led the group, which also included former Reps. James Symington, D-Mo., and Michael Barnes, D-Md., and just-retired Rep. Toby Roth, R-Wis.; Rep. Jon Christensen, R-Neb.; former Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz.; Walter

Raymond Jr., a former presidential adviser on national security; and Timothy Towall, former U.S. ambassador to Paraguay.

A grant from the Ford Foundation paid for the trip. During their visit, the delegation met with Cuban ministers, bureaucrats, farmers, political dissidents, church leaders, students and others, the report said.

"Cuba remains a tightly controlled police state," the delegation's report said. "The government has initiated some limited and tentative measures to decontrol small sectors of its economy. The economic situation remains poor and the people are forced to tolerate a very meager limited diet."

During Castro's rule, howev-

er, "Cuba has withstood — with some sense of pride — the more than 35 years of a U.S. embargo, the severe loss of an annual subsidy from the former USSR and the initial repudiation of the Helms-Burton Act," a U.S. law enacted to deter foreign investment in Cuba.

"There is some residual support for aspects of the Revolution and a sense of pride and awareness that the Cubans, although clearly within America's sphere of influence, is not dependent upon the United States for its survival," the report said.

Castro is allowing young Cuban officials "to experiment with economic reform and their success or failure may reflect directly on their future in a post-Castro era," the group said.

Turkey says its forces are prepared to attack Cyprus

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey says it is prepared to attack Cyprus to block the deployment of new missiles, but the United States is warning the Turkish government against making threats.

"There is no way that we'll allow these missiles to be placed in Cyprus," Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller said today. "If they are deployed, Turkey is ready to do everything to protect the security of Turkish Cypriots, including striking their sites."

Tensions between NATO allies Turkey and Greece rose over the Greek Cypriot government's purchase of 8-900 surface-to-air missiles capable of reaching the Turkish coast. Cyprus bought the missiles from Russia.

Ciller said Turkey would formally protest to Moscow about the sale.

In Athens, Greek Premier Costas Simitis brushed off similar remarks Thursday by Turkey's defense minister, Turan Tayan, saying: "We don't need to worry. We are not before a giant crisis."

Cyprus has been divided since 1974, when Turkey sent in troops to protect the island's Turkish minority after a short-lived coup by Cypriots seeking to unify with Greece. Only Turkey recognizes the Turkish Cypriot state that was created in the north.

Tayan compared the current situation to the U.S. blockade of Cuba to stop the installation of

Soviet missiles in the early 1960s, saying Turkey would use "all the power in our hands to prevent the deployment of these missiles in Cyprus."

The defense minister spoke during a visit to a factory on the outskirts of Ankara that manufactures F-16 fighter jets under U.S. license.

A U.S. State Department spokesman urged Turkey to remain calm.

"We hope it doesn't reflect the views of the Turkish government," Nicholas Burns said Thursday in Washington. "There can be no question that Turkey must not threaten Cyprus."

The United States had opposed the missile deal.

A spokesman for the Russian government defended the sale, saying critics like the United States and Britain simply don't

want to see Russia profit.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Tarasov repeated Russia's insistence that the missiles are purely defensive. He said the anti-aircraft system would help redress a military imbalance on Cyprus, where Turkish troops and weapons outnumber Greek Cypriot forces.

But Turkey says the missiles remain a threat.

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Jimmy Carter's views on the Christian Right and religion Denton

Scraps Howard News Service

In the beginning there was candidate Jimmy Carter, facing waves of reporters demanding an answer to the urgent question: What exactly is a "born-again Christian?"

Most political insiders were shocked to learn millions of evangelicals, fundamentalists, Pentecostals, charismatics and even some people in historic-church pews fit under this theological umbrella. Most of these folks even planned to vote.

There were more plot twists ahead. The born-again crowd wasn't well organized — yet. Also, many evangelicals didn't want this particular Southern Baptist in the White House, while others cheered him on. It was all very complex and most

journalists acted as if the Martians had landed. The earth moved.

"When I ran in 1976 ... the Moral Majority, so called, Jerry Falwell and them, were not even known. I mean, it was a tiny little movement," said Carter. "Somebody told me, once when I was on the campaign trail, there was a fellow named Jerry Falwell who was criticizing my Christian beliefs. I didn't know who he was."

Soon, Falwell was on the cover of Time and the media had discovered evangelical conservatives. Meanwhile, many on the left asked how Carter could mix evangelicalism and politics. Many on the right said his faith wasn't influencing his politics enough.

While Carter remains a strong supporter of church-state separation, he said he never has understood how anyone can expect politicians to make this kind of division at the personal level. This issue is at the heart of "Living Faith," the former president's intro-

spective new book.

"You can't separate one's own religious faith from your experiences if you're a classroom teacher, or if you're a medical doctor, or if you're a lawyer, or if you have a job in a grocery store," he said. "I never have found any serious disharmony between my own religious faith, which has fluctuated during my lifetime in its sincerity or fervency, ... (and) with my responsibilities as a state senator, or governor or president."

Nevertheless, Carter's 11th book contains many references to the religious tensions that shaped his years in the White House and afterwards — from his chat with Playboy about sexual temptation to theological lessons learned in Middle East diplomacy. He also discusses his agonizing internal debates over abortion, his military career and other issues of life and death.

It will surprise no one that "Living Faith" includes many criticisms of the Religious Right. Obviously, Carter said

he doesn't mind that Christians have become more politically active. But he does worry that some evangelical superstars appear to have become more interested in government policies than in asking people to repent of their sins. For example, many act as if homosexuality is the single greatest problem facing America, while avoiding sins that — statistically — affect many more people in church pews.

For example, writes Carter, "almost all Protestants, including those allied with the Christian Right, will now acknowledge divorce as an acceptable choice for unhappy couples, and they rarely speak out against 'fornication' or adultery, although Jesus repeatedly condemned these acts." He notes the church has fallen silent on other lifestyle issues that threaten millions, such as "smoking, improper diet, lack of exercise, sexual promiscuity, carelessness with firearms and driving while intoxicated."

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ed from high school there in 1969. Denton was also in the Air Force and when he got out he continued to work for them as a civilian. While based at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, N.M.; his mother-in-law called him and told Denton about the prison that was being built and about the job opportunities. He said he came down to the employment office, filled out an application, had an interview and physical and was hired before there were any inmates put at the facility.

He's not ready to completely retire. Denton will be working as a plumber for a business in

Odessa. He and his family moved from Coahoma to Midland several years ago when his wife, Linda, got a job working for the school district there.

In case you recognize the face but not the name, Denton said a while back he had his name legally changed from Denton Steven Dick to Dick Steven Denton and goes by Steve Denton. "It was hard on my family with the last name and so I had my surname legally changed. It has really made a difference in our lives," Denton added. Linda's maiden name is Pherigo and she also grew up in Coahoma.

Church

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Tonna Will of Lubbock, and Sharon Killam and New Home Singer of Odessa for our out of town talent.

Our local talent line-up will be: Addie Byrd, the Big Spring Gospel Opry Quartet, and the Grace Victors, Inc. (recording artist) hosting the concert, and others. Be sure to attend this special event. Free giveaways: drawing for several door prizes. The public is encouraged to attend for an evening of inspiration, laughter, and fellowship for the whole family. Concessions will be available and admission to the concert is free.

Friends Of Unity

Unity Church of Odessa is inviting everyone to a personal growth workshop led by Burt Hotchkiss, international lecturer and author of *Your Owner's Manual*. The workshop on healing relationships will cover beliefs and perception, forgiveness and acceptance, and creating wholeness.

Burt Hotchkiss has been a certified flight instructor, a reserve Los Angeles policeman, a control tower operator, a minister and a radio announcer. He has presented workshops and lectures throughout the world. He has spoken to groups in nearly every state and nine foreign countries.

The Unity Church is located at 210 East Tenth Street in Odessa. The workshop begins at 7 p.m. Jan. 16. Dan Kalenak can be reached at (915) 332-5890 for more information.

This week's best sellers

Scraps Howard News Service

1. Airframe, Michael Crichton.
2. Drums of Autumn, Diana Gabaldon.
3. The Clinic, Jonathan Kellerman.
4. The Deep End of the Ocean, Jacquelyn Mitchard.
5. Executive Orders, Tom Clancy, Putnam.
6. The Laws of Our Fathers, Scott Turow.
7. The Fallen Man, Tony Hillerman.
8. The Christmas Box, Richard Paul Evans.
9. The Notebook, Nicholas Sparks.
10. Blood and Honor, W.E.B. Griffin.

First Church of the Nazarene

This Sunday morning the First Church of the Nazarene is excited to welcome the Paul Fox Family to Big Spring for a concert. This family of gifted musicians began singing together in Florida in 1983.

Paul Fox, a successful chiropractic physician for 17 years, gave up his practice in 1984 so the family could devote all their time to ministering in music around the country. They moved to Nashville, Tennessee, at that time, then gave up their Tennessee home in 1986 to spend all their time on the road in two customized buses.

Three generations of Foxes are on the road, sharing their vocal and instrumental gifts in civic centers, auditoriums, resorts and churches all across the nation. Richly blessed by God, they produce a sound that defies categorization. They call it "God's music" and they are in great demand, last year traveling more than 100,000 miles and appearing in more than 300 concerts.

The community is cordially invited to join the congregation for this musical treat Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at 1400 Lancaster.

First United Methodist Church

"Jesus, A Boy with Vision" (Luke 2:42-52) will be Dr. Ed Williamson's message Sunday, Jan. 12, at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message will be about the

life of Jesus as a young man and how God was influencing His life even then. This Sunday, Dr. Williamson is beginning a continuing series of children's sermons for the little ones. Join us in church at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

On the third Sunday of each month, there will be a 6 p.m. "Evening Star Worship Service" in the Pardee Building. This is a contemporary service and everyone is invited for the songs and praise Jan. 19.

Living Water Ministries

An Apostolic Conference is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at Living Water Ministries, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Guest speakers are Bob Terrell and Sam Soleyn. Saturday's conference is at 7 p.m. and at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Soleyn has a law degree and graduated from seminary at Oklahoma Christian College. He started preaching at the age of 15 and has established Church of Christ churches. He's been a past director of Christian Legal Aide and currently provides apostolic oversight to many groups in the West Texas area. He also speaks on the Prime Time Television network. Terrell is president of Foundation Ministries in Azle and currently gives apostolic oversight in varying degrees to more than 30 churches in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America and Africa.

Contact the church office at 267-7047 for more information and everyone is invited to attend the meetings.

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- 1. "Un-Break My Heart," Toni Braxton
2. "Don't Let Go (Love)," En Vogue
3. "I Believe I Can Fly," R. Kelly
4. "Nobody," Keith Sweat featuring Athena Cage
5. "I Believe In You and Me," Whitney Houston
6. "No Diggity," Blackstreet featuring Dr. Dre
7. "Mouth," Merril Bainbridge
8. "I'm Still in Love With You," New Edition
9. "It's All Coming Back to Me Now," Celine Dion
10. "Fly Like an Eagle," Seal

TOP ALBUMS

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- 1. "Tragic Kingdom," No Doubt
2. "Romeo & Juliet" Soundtrack
3. "Falling Into You," Celine Dion
4. "The Preacher's Wife" Soundtrack
5. "Space Jam" Soundtrack
6. "Razorblade Suitcase," Bush
7. "Secrets," Toni Braxton
8. "Blue," Leann Rimes
9. "Jagged Little Pill," Alanis Morissette
10. "Did I Shave My Legs For This?" Deana Carter

COUNTRY SINGLES

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- 1. "Nobody Knows," Kevin Sharp
2. "Friends," John Michael Montgomery
3. "Big Love," Tracy Byrd
4. "Maybe We Should Just Sleep On It," Tim McGraw
5. "One Way Ticket (Because I Can)," Leann Rimes
6. "Is That a Tear," Tracy Lawrence
7. "Her Man," Gary Allan
8. "Everybody Knows," Trisha Yearwood
9. "It's a Little Too Late," Mark Chesnut
10. "Pretty Little Adriana," Vince Gill

CLUB NEWS

Club news is due Wednesdays by noon for Friday publication.

Elbow Family and Community Education Club

Elbow Family and Community Education Club met on Thursday, Jan. 2, in the home of President Myrl Soles. The devotional was presented by President Soles and the thought for the day was given by Olnee Menges.

Roll was called by acting Secretary Lou Vincent with six members answering by telling of a birthday party they remember. Winifred Millwee then gave the financial report on the club's personal service.

Business was conducted with installation of officers, by-laws were read, amended and approved by the membership. The calendar of coming events were discussed with plans made for activities and guest speakers in the coming weeks and months. It was announced the District Meeting will be in April. It was voted that Olnee Menges and Winifred Millwee will be delegates for this meeting representing the club.

Members of the public are invited to attend the Elbow FCE Club that meets bimonthly for family and community education. For information call 267-5067 or 263-6819.

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Howard holds off Hill College

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It was a tale of two Hawks Thursday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

One one hand, there were the Howard College Hawks who played the first half of their game with Hill Junior College with seeming ease, scoring at will and running to a 20-point halftime lead.

On the other hand, there were the Hawks of the second half, who fought and scratched for every basket while watching the Rebels cut their deficit in half.

Fortunately for the locals, Hill could only halfway complete its rally, and the Hawks were able to hang on for a 79-68 victory in Howard's final pre-conference tune-up of the season.

The Hawks, who have won 10 of their last 11 games to improve to 12-5 for the season, looked very ready to begin Western Junior College Athletic Conference play in the first half Thursday. They scored the game's first 11 points and held Hill scoreless for the first five minutes en route to a 44-24 lead at intermission.

After that, however, Howard looked like the young team it is — nine of the 10 players on the roster are in their first year under head coach Tommy Collins.

It took Hill very little time to shrink Howard's advantage. Behind Tawaski Lawton, who finished with 19 points, and inside players Hamm McCoy and Cedric Holmes, who scored 16 and 15 points, respectively, the Rebels sliced their deficit to 10 points with 12 minutes remaining in the game.

"It was just a lack of effort on our part," Howard guard Jack

Owens said. "It wasn't really anything they did, it was just lack of concentration on our part."

But that 10-point margin became a barrier the Rebels could not cross. The Hawks regained their sense of urgency — not to mention their offense — and were able to, in effect, trade baskets with Hill the rest of the way.

The Rebels closed to within 72-65 on a Lawton three-pointer with 2:42 remaining, but Owens answered with a trey on the Hawks' end of the floor to push the lead back to 10, snuffing out Hill's rally.

Clifton Cook scored 17 points and Nathan Clover added 11 to lead the Hawks, who begin WJCAC play Monday at Hobbs, N.M. against New Mexico Junior College.

Owens said his teammates realize that their efforts are going to have to increase if they're going to have success in the coming conference wars.

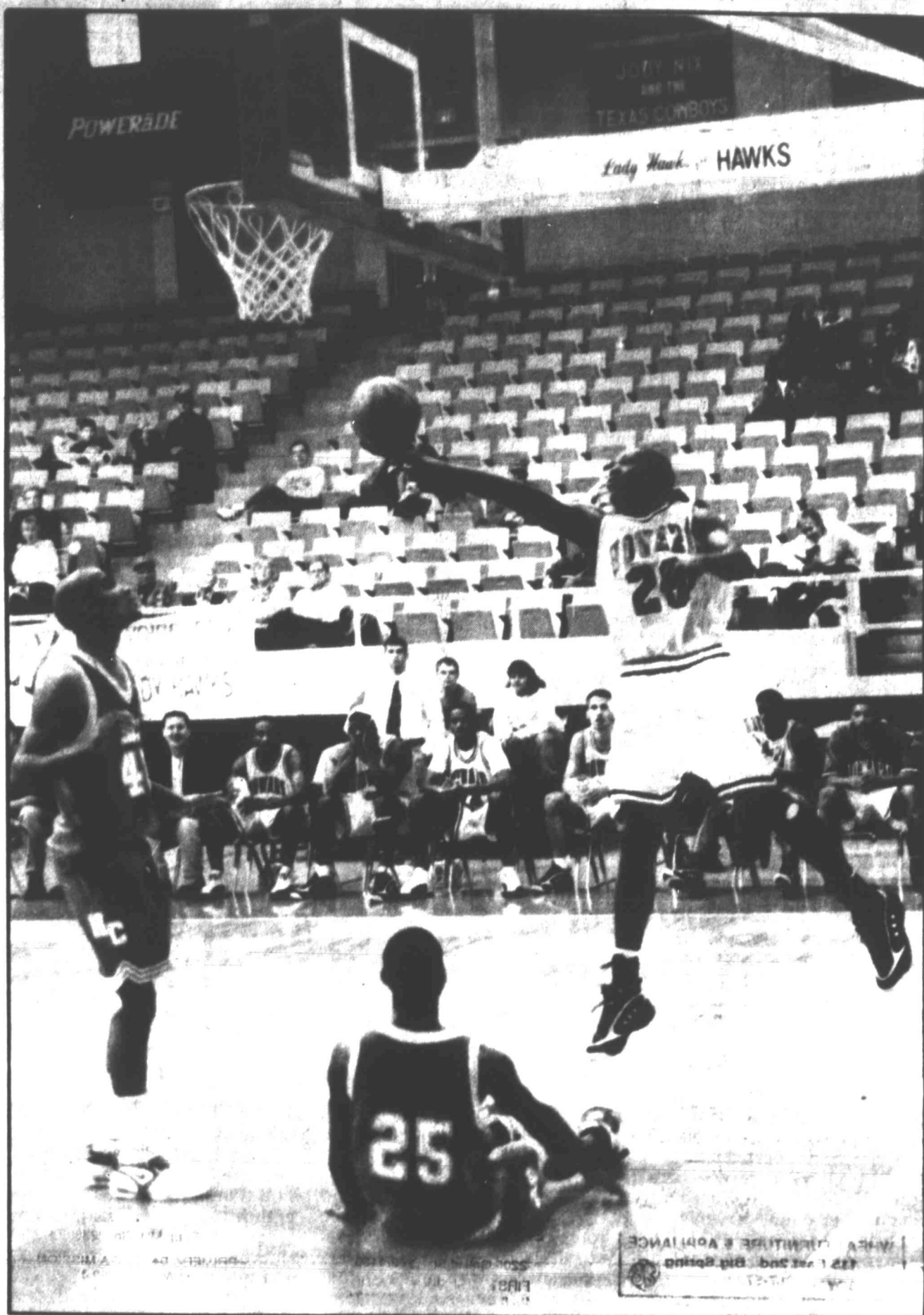
"As far as our defensive intensity goes, we're going to have to step it up, especially in conference games," he said. "The intensity in conference games goes up about 400 percent."

"They don't really understand what it's all about yet. They haven't been through the conference wars, and they don't know about the intensity of conference games," Collins said. "We're in for some adventures, that's for sure."

HILL (68) — Chambers 1 0-0 2; Lawton 7 3-4 19; Holmes 6 3-6 15; Thomas 2 0-0 4; Brackens 2 0-0 4; Daniels 3 2-5 8; McCoy 7 2-2 16; totals 28 10-17 68.

HOWARD (79) — Martinez 1 2-4 4; Cook 6 3-4 17; Owens 3 0-0 7; Brown 4 0-0 8; Reedy 3 3-5 9; Wingate 2 0-0 4; Jones 3 1-2 8; Maroney 2 2-2 7; Clover 5 1-1 11; Lewis 2 0-2 4; totals 31 12-20 79.

Halftime — Howard 44, Hill 24; Three-point goals — Hill (Lawton 2), Howard (Cook 2, Owens, Jones, Maroney); Total fouls — Hill 17, Howard 17; Fouled out — Holmes, Brown.



Howard College's Marcus Reedy (23) attempts a shot during the Hawks' game with Hill College Thursday in Garrett Coliseum. Also in on the play is Hill's Jason Brackens (25).

So she's having a baby

She was billed as the Michael Jordan of women's basketball and anybody who has seen her game knows why.

Sheryl Swoopes can flat-out play. She has a great jump shot, an NCAA championship trophy, an Olympic gold medal, a winning smile and a way of gliding to the hoop that recalls you know who. She's also the kind of competitor who will knock you down and make it look like an accident when she steps on your windpipe running back upcourt. She even has her own Nike shoe.



Jim Litke
AP Columnist

Later this year the former Texas Tech stars will give birth to her first child — something not even Jordan can do. The only drawback is that it will take place about the same time she is supposed to help launch the inaugural women's NBA season.

Some people will hear that news and ask: After all the campaigning and millions of dollars that were raised to get women a pro game of their own, isn't it dumb for the marquee player to get pregnant and miss almost the entire season? But only truly dumb people would think of it as an inconvenience before anything else. Getting pregnant isn't like

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Panthers a study in perseverance

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Frank Winters, the Green Bay Packers center, would have made a perfect Carolina Panther.

"I can feel for those guys," says Winters, who between 1988 and 1992 bounced from Cleveland to New York to Kansas City as a long snapper before finding a home and a starting job in Green Bay.

"When you're a low draft choice or a free agent, you have to keep scrambling for jobs, hoping to catch a break."

In fact, Sunday's NFC title game is a showcase for players who owe their jobs to perseverance. That's particularly true for the Panthers, an expansion team that often had to settle for rejects and managed to mold them into championship caliber players.

The most graphic example is Sam Mills, who changed the way many league personnel people thought about measurements and college careers.

As a 5-foot-9 linebacker at a position where 6-feet is the absolute minimum, Mills went undrafted. It didn't help that he played in college at Montclair State.

Signed as a free agent by Cleveland, he was cut.

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League's Toronto Argonauts, he was cut.

Back to Cleveland, cut again. So when the USFL was formed, he was teaching high school photography in New Jersey. He got himself a tryout with the Philadelphia Stars, almost got cut because of his height but ended up being one of the league's top defensive players.

He followed coach Jim Mora to New Orleans and became a Pro Bowler. This season, at 37, he made All-Pro with the Panthers and was the defensive star of last Sunday's 26-17 win over Dallas that put them in Sunday's title game at Lambeau Field.

"Sam Mills is an inspiration to all of us," says Anthony Johnson, Carolina's top running back.

A second-round pick of Indianapolis in 1980 after playing at Notre Dame, Johnson gained a total of 1,169 yards in six seasons with the Colts, Jets and Bears. Cut by the Jets in 1994 and the Bears last season, he ended up with Carolina, and when Tshimonga Biakabutuka, the Panthers' top rusher, injured a knee, Johnson took over and gained 1,120 yards, or

just 49 fewer than in his first six years.

"It's systems," says Johnson. "I'm not fast, I can't get outside, but I can find holes. In this system that's what they want me to do, and when the line does its job, I can do mine."

It's also labels. Johnson was cast as a third-down back, just as Winters was cast as a long snapper.

But Winters had an advantage that made him money — Plan B, the old system of free agency in which only the top 37 players on a roster were protected. Winters was usually at the bottom and was free to move.

So in 1989, Winters went from the Browns to the Giants, getting a signing bonus of more than \$100,000; in 1990, he left the Giants for the Chiefs the same way, and in 1992 landed in Green Bay — "the King of Plan B," some people called him.

"People always want long snappers, so I was in demand for that," he says. "But I was labeled as a special teams player, nothing more. Then people started getting hurt, they had to play me and it turned out I could do the job."

Patriots, Jaguars both streaking

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — When they were 0-2 or 3-3, or even when they were 7-4 after a lopsided home loss to Denver, there was little evidence the New England Patriots would be playing for the AFC Championship.

There was no evidence that their opponent would be Jacksonville.

Yet here they are, preparing for Sunday's title game and a shot at the Super Bowl.

What both teams have done is simply get hot at the right time. The Patriots easily could have folded after the Broncos routed them 34-8. Instead, they rebounded, winning four of their last five and playing well in a loss at Dallas.

"We've showed people we've got a little heart, a little character," quarterback Drew Bledsoe said.

One of the more annoying traits about the Patriots was their inconsistency, which betrayed a lack of maturity. They fell far behind against such inferior teams as the Jets and Giants. They blew a 22-0 lead against Jacksonville in the fourth week of the season, then won in overtime.

But as they've gone through those tests — and responded

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positively — the Patriots have grown up.

"It's just everyone believing and executing and attention to detail," said veteran Keith Byars. "Around the league there's not much difference from a 6-10 team and a 10-6 team. ... What is the fine line between the two? It's just small things, attention to detail, and that's something that starts from the top."

"For example, last week when we were getting ready for Pittsburgh, we took aside one period just for situations. What happens in this situation? What are you going to do in this situation? We do little things like that that keep you on your toes and ready to play."

The Jaguars needed to win each of their final six games just to make the playoffs. They did just that, then won two road playoff games.

"This team is very confident right now," said Jaguars quarterback Mark Brunell, a major reason for that confidence with his performance down the stretch and in the playoffs. "We feel good about ourselves and

about what we've done, how we came from a 3-6 record. That makes it sweeter."

It's especially sweet for defensive end Clyde Simmons, now in his 11th pro season and closer than ever to the Super Bowl. Simmons was cut by Arizona last summer and immediately signed by the Jaguars. He led the team in sacks and has been a force in the playoffs.

"This team has matured a lot since I've been here," Simmons said. "We're growing up to be the team I thought we could be when I came here. The young guys are learning how to be professionals and they have responded well to everything."

"This is a young team, but there are enough guys with experience in the situation we're in and they've helped us be relaxed and made us focus even better."

The Jaguars have handled the publicity explosion well. Until they beat the Bills, they were best known for Camp Coughlin — the rugged training camp run by coach Tom Coughlin — and for squeezing into the playoffs when place-kicking great Morten Andersen missed a 30-yard field goal on the final play in the season finale.

Shula, former Steelers top candidates for induction in football Hall of Fame

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Three members of the Pittsburgh Steelers' Super Bowl-winning teams and Don Shula, who coached two Super Bowl champions, head the list of 15 candidates for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Center Mike Webster and wide receivers John Stallworth and Lynn Swann, mainstays of the Steelers' championship teams, were among the candidates announced Thursday.

Shula, who won more NFL games than any other coach, was the only one to qualify in his first year of eligibility. With 347 career victories, Shula

coached the Miami Dolphins to Super Bowl titles in 1972 and 1973. One of his players with the Dolphins, center Dwight Stephenson, also is a finalist.

Also on the list are defensive ends Carl Eller and Jack Youngblood, punter Ray Guy, cornerback Mike Haynes, safety Paul Krause, guard Tom Mack, tight end Ozzie Newsome, tackle Ron Yary, seniors nominee Jerry Kramer and New York Giants president Wellington Mara.

A 36-member board of selectors will meet in New Orleans Jan. 25, the day before the Super Bowl, to elect the class of

1997. Stephenson and Haynes qualified because they finished among the final six in the 1996 voting.

Mack is in his 14th year of eligibility, while Krause and Eller have both been eligible for 13 years.

For the third straight year, no running backs made the field of finalists, and for the second time in three years, there were no quarterbacks.

Webster played every game for 10 straight seasons with the Steelers, then ended his career with two seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs. Stallworth,

who played from 1974-87 with the Steelers, had 537 career catches for 8,723 yards and 63 touchdowns. Swann was the MVP of Pittsburgh's 1976 Super Bowl championship.

Shula coached the Baltimore Colts from 1963-69 and the Dolphins from 1970-95, posting a record of 347-173-6. He guided the Dolphins to Super Bowl titles in 1972 and 1973, and lost in four other Super Bowls, including the 1969 Super Bowl.

Nine of the nominees spent their careers with only one team.

Stephenson was All-Pro five straight years while with the

Dolphins from 1980-87. Youngblood (Los Angeles Rams, 1971-84) played in a franchise-record 201 games and missed only one game in 14 years. Guy (Oakland-Los Angeles Raiders, 1973-86) led the NFL in punting three times and had only three of his 1,049 attempts blocked.

Mack (Rams, 1966-78) never missed a game due to injuries in 13 seasons. Newsome (Cleveland Browns, 1978-90) played in eight Pro Bowls. Kramer (Green Bay, 1958-68) started for the Packers in four NFL championship games.

Mara (New York Giants, 1966-present), the son of charter Hall

of Fame member Tim Mara, could make it the first father-son team inducted.

Eller, who played for the Minnesota Vikings from 1964-78 and Seattle Seahawks in 1979, had 44 sacks during one three-season period. Haynes was selected All-Pro twice each with the New England Patriots and the Raiders. Krause, who spent 1964-67 with the Washington Redskins and 1968-79 with the Vikings, had an NFL-record 81 interceptions during his career.

Yary started for the Vikings in four Super Bowl losses and finished his career with the Rams in 1982.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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The Big Spring Bass Club will hold its first tournament of the year Jan. 25 at Twin Buttes Reservoir in San Angelo.

Roscoe player dies
Shasta Stovall, the second-leading scorer for the Roscoe girls' basketball team, died Thursday morning from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Unser furious over charges
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Auto racing legend Bobby Unser, still recovering from a near-fatal ordeal in the snow, could face a six-month jail term for snowmobiling in a federally protected wilderness, the Forest Service says.

NHL urging victims of abuse to step forward, press charges
CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — The National Hockey League has asked a number of players to come forward and press charges against convicted sex offender Graham James, The Calgary Sun reported today.

SPORTS EXTRA

FOOTBALL

NFL playoffs

Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 28
Jacksonville 30, Buffalo 27
Dallas 40, Minnesota 15
Sunday, Dec. 29
Pittsburgh 42, Indianapolis 14
San Francisco 14, Philadelphia 0

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Saturday's Games
Green Bay 35, San Francisco 14
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College scores
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Fairleigh Dickinson 91, St. Francis, Pa. 72
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making an appointment for a haircut. There are things in this life that can't be planned for and the truth is Swoopes and husband Eric Jackson didn't plan this. It happened.

For all the differences between men and women highlighted by an episode like this one, it also illustrates what they have in common as athletes. Only a true jock of either sex would compare pregnancy to a separated shoulder or an ACL tear — that is, think of it as a period of down time followed by a period of rehab, like a stretch on injured reserve.

Rinaldi, one of only three or four women among the top-ranked 1,000 players with children still active, plans to play 18- to 20 tournaments this year. "It's a balancing act, all right. I know now if I have a late match, I'm still going to have to wake up early. But I'll tell you what," Rinaldi said, "there are a lot of working women out there and I'm one of the really

fortunate ones because I've been able to structure things the way I have."
Only a handful of women have become pregnant during their athletic careers and continued to play or returned to competition after a child's birth. But those who have, did so with grace and a quiet acceptance that should make their male counterparts blush.

Some golfers threaten to withdraw from any tournament if the blow dryer in the locker room isn't working. But two years ago, Dawn Coe-Jones trudged up and down the hills of the tough Broadmoor Course in Colorado Springs, Colo., through four days of heat and humidity, and nearly stole the U.S. Open. She was 7 1/2 months pregnant at the time.

"You aren't going to be able to persuade the Neanderthals that this is a good thing," LPGA commissioner Jim Ritts said. "Any individual that doesn't see the pregnancy as something worth celebrating, as an opportunity to bring a new life into the world, as a good thing, because it denies the chance to see Sheryl play basketball for six months, has their priorities way, way out of whack."

Golf isn't basketball, obviously. The physical demands of Swoopes' game will make it impossible for her to fulfill the complete commitment she made. But just like Jordan when he went off to try his hand at baseball, she is already counting the days until her return.

"There are days when I get lazy. That's where the hard part comes in. I have to be more disciplined from now on," she said. "I know I have a goal of being back on the court five to six weeks after having the baby."

NHL urging victims of abuse to step forward, press charges

lot of innuendo and some NHL players names are surfacing. If an abused player wants to come forward in this case, that's his decision to do. Our concern is for the player and helping him deal with the problem."
Meanwhile, the Toronto Globe and Mail said Thursday that a former WHL executive complained to then-league president Ed Chynoweth about a team owner who made sexual advances toward players, but nobody acted on the complaints.

Several former players have accused the late Portland Winter Hawks owner Ed Shaw of making sexual advances. Shaw died in 1993.
"I don't know how many times I said to Chynoweth, 'Why don't we discuss this issue?' He would say 'Why do you keep raising this?' And I said, 'Because it's an issue,'" said the former executive, who requested anonymity.

Edmonton Oilers of the World Hockey Association and junior teams in Edmonton; Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and St. Catharines, Ontario.
Former Winter Hawks players Peter Fry and Gord Walker said Shaw invited them to live with him, grabbed at them and often watched them in the shower.

"I can unequivocally say I had no recollection of (a complaint)," Chynoweth said. "There were rumors and innuendo, but it wasn't exactly like you could prove something. If I had proof he molested a player, I certainly like to think I would have stepped in and gotten more information."
Chynoweth, the WHL's president until 1995, told the Victoria Times-Colonist that he talked to the league lawyers about Shaw, but was told that without specific accusations the league could face a lawsuit.

Shaw also coached the

WHL president Dex Dey said Thursday that the league plans to screen all team personnel in a bid to identify anyone with a criminal record.

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

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1995 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - Berry w/graphite, leather, all power, local one owner w/43,000 miles. \$28,995
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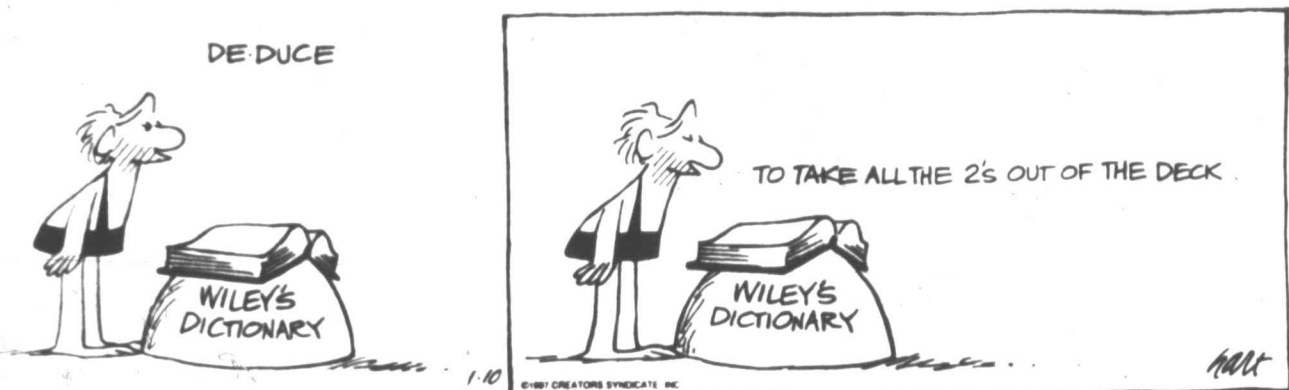
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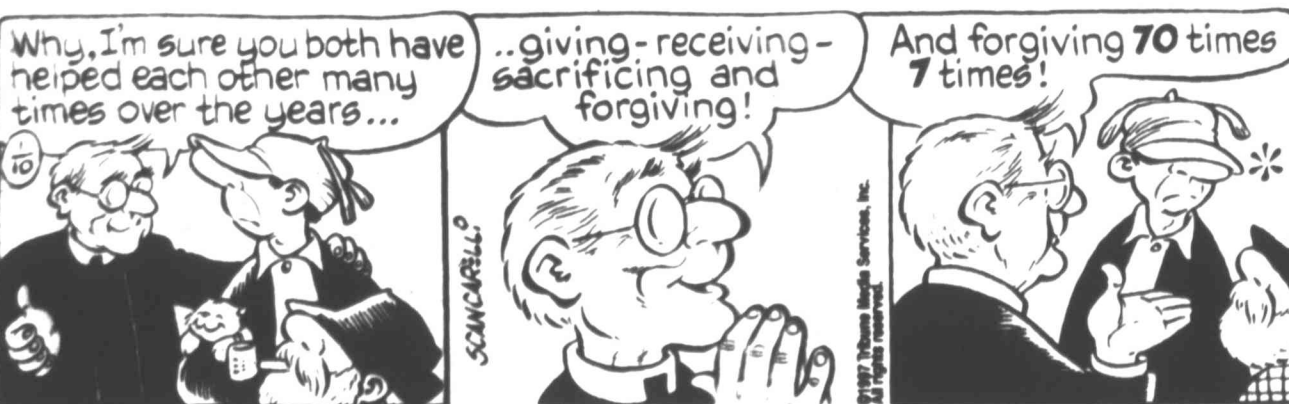
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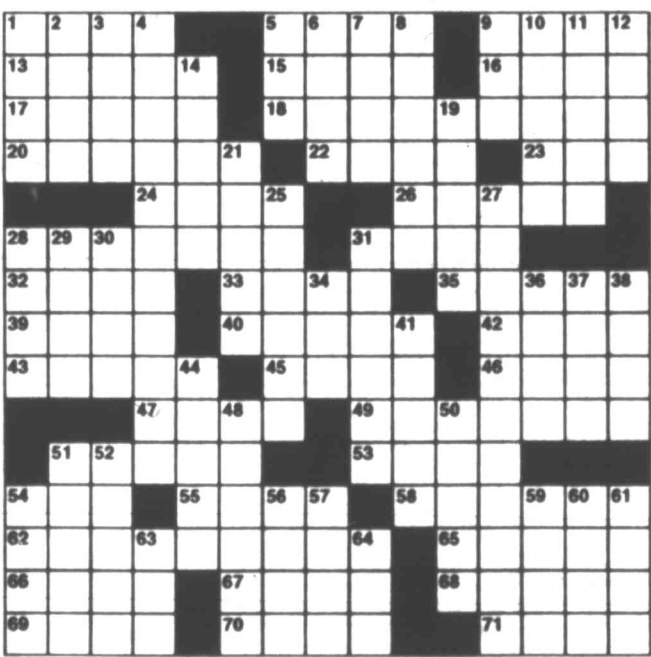


THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Jan. 10, the 10th day of 1997. There are 355 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

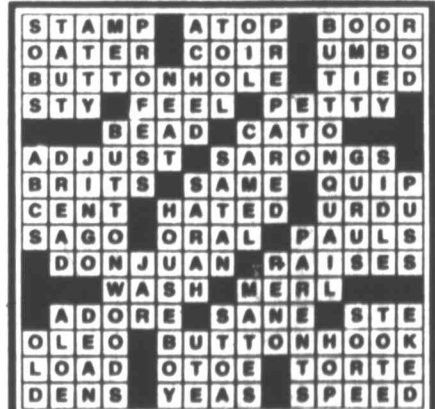
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by Roger Coburn 01/10/97

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense." In calling for American independence from England, Paine wrote, "Everything that is right or reasonable pleads for separation." On this date: In 1861, Florida seceded from the Union. In 1863, London's Metropolitan, the world's first underground passenger railway, opened to the public. In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil. In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect. In 1928, the Soviet Union ordered the exile of Leon Trotsky. In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London. In 1947, 50 years ago, the musical fantasy "Finian's Rainbow," with music by Burton Lane and lyrics by E.Y. Harburg, opened on Broadway. In 1957, Harold Macmillan became prime minister of Britain, following the resignation of Anthony Eden. In 1967, Massachusetts Republican Edward W. Brooke, the first black elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, took his seat. In 1967, National Educational Television (forerunner of the Public Broadcasting Service) operated as a true network for the first time as it carried President Johnson's State of the Union address. Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Max Roach is 72. Singer Gisele MacKenzie is 70.

Thursday's Puzzle solved:



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CINEMA 1 advertisement listing showtimes and prices for movies like 'MICHAEL (PG)', 'JERRY MAGUIRE (R)', 'THE PREACHER'S WIFE (PG)', and 'THE RELIC (R)'.

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