

Lifestyles

Linda Daniel recognized as 'Woman of Year' by chamber

BY BECKY CAMP
Lifestyle Editor

Praised as "a person of ability, dependability and self-assurance, a person to be admired and copied," Linda Daniel was recognized Thursday night as "Woman of the Year" by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division.

Lacy Mueggenborg was installed as the Women's Division president for 1995 during the annual installation banquet, which began at 7 p.m. in the Hereford Community Center.

The theme for the banquet was "Flying High in '95" and was carried out by Linda Daniel as she installed the new officers.

Other officers installed were Julia Laing, president-elect; Sandy Jossierand, vice president; Sheri Jones, secretary-treasurer; Emily Christie and Melinda Whitfill, directors; and Peggie Fox, parliamentarian.

Retiring board members—Christi Hollingsworth, Sonya Torbet and Linda Daniel—will be presented plaques in recognition of their service.

Another highlight of the evening was a special presentation of the scrapbooks from prior years to the

individuals who served as president for each year since 1987. Those receiving scrapbooks were Betty Taylor, Sue Malamen, Donna West, Ruth Newsom, Rita Bell, Linda Daniel and Peggie Fox.

The invocation was given by Peggie Fox and the dinner was catered by Something Special.

Fox expressed her appreciation to all for their participation during her year as president and asked for their continued support of the new president.

Upon accepting the gavel, Mueggenborg said her goals for the year were "to gain and retain members by making the overall community more aware of what the Women's Division does, and make the year full of great accomplishments for all of us."

In her presentation of the Woman of the Year award, Newsom outlined the life and accomplishments of the honoree.

Daniel was born in Deaf Smith County Hospital, attended Hereford schools and graduated in 1965. She attended Lubbock Christian College and West Texas State University.

She married Harley Daniel, manager of the Dimmitt radio station, in 1968. They lived in Abilene, Waco and Roswell before returning to

Hereford in 1981.

She joined the Newcomer's Club and Women's Division. She has served the Women's Division on the executive council in 1985 and 1992, as secretary in 1986 and president in 1993. She has served on numerous committees, but her main efforts have been on behalf of the Miss Hereford Scholarship Pageant Committee.

Daniel is now serving as treasurer of the Miss Top of Texas Scholarship Committee, which is a Miss Texas preliminary pageant.

Her efforts have not been limited to Women's Division. She has been a member of Pilot Club and a HOST volunteer. She has been the director and a teacher in the Primary Department of the Central Church of Christ for many years. She has maintained her interest in Hereford schools and athletic teams even after her sons graduated.

She and her husband Harley own and operate Hereford Claims Service as well as begin involved in the ostrich and exotic bird industry.

The Daniels have three sons, Casey Ray of Lubbock; and Michael Lee and Mark Edward, twins, who are seniors at Texas Tech. Her parents, Eris and Denzil Pulliam, and sisters, Barbara Rule and Sharon Weber, all live in Hereford.



Women's Division 1995 board

The Women's Division of Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce held its annual installation banquet Thursday night at the Community Center. New officers, left to right, are Lacy Mueggenborg, president; Julia Laing, president-elect; Sandy Jossierand, vice president; Sheri Jones, secretary-treasurer; Melinda Whitfill and Emily Christie, directors; and Peggie Fox, parliamentarian.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: A friend sent me something in the mail that stopped me dead in my tracks. I don't know what to make of it. So I'm sending it to you for comment. How much of it was coincidence? The similarities are eerie. I refer to the assassinations of Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy. What follows are documented facts:

Both Lincoln and Kennedy were concerned with civil rights.

Lincoln was elected president in 1860, Kennedy in 1960.

Both were slain on a Friday, in the presence of their wives.

Both were shot from behind and in the head.

They were both succeeded by Southern Democrats named Johnson, who held seats in the U.S. Senate.

Andrew Johnson was born in 1808, Lyndon Johnson in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald was born in 1939.

Booth and Oswald were Southerners favoring unpopular ideas.

Both presidents lost children through death while in the White House.

President Lincoln's secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theater.

Kennedy's secretary, whose name was Lincoln (Evelyn), advised him not to make the trip to Dallas.

John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln in a theater and ran to a warehouse.

Lee Harvey Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and ran to a theater.

The names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain seven letters.

The names Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson each contain 13 letters.

Both Johnsons were opposed for re-election by men whose names start with "G".

Both assassins were killed before they could be brought to trial.

Can all the above be coincidental? It doesn't seem possible. Please let

me know what you think. Thanks, Ann.—A Student of American History in Mexico City

DEAR STUDENT IN MEXICO CITY: The list of rare coincidences you have cited has been floating around for several years. In fact, I have printed it before.

I can offer no explanation. Mighty strange is all I can say.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I'm losing my best friend of 20 years. "Betty" is a warm, funny, interesting woman with whom I've been very close since high school. The problem is that she has two wild, undisciplined children, ages 2 and 4, and she insists on including them whenever we visit.

Ann, we have not had an uninterrupted conversation in four years. Because our homes are such a distance from one another, weekends are the only time we can get together. But Betty works outside the home, and weekends are the only time she has to spend with her children. This means our visits always seem linked with taking the kids to the park, the beach or soccer practice.

I miss my friend's company, but her kids make our visits a nightmare. Is there a nice way to tell her that her children drive me crazy?—Loony in Little Rock

DEAR L.R.: Don't mention the kids. Tell Betty you long for a real visit—just the two of you. Suggest meeting halfway for a quiet supper. I hope for the sake of the friendship that she agrees.

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Bippus FCE holds meet

The Bippus Family Community Education Club met Jan. 11 in the home of Kate Bradley.

Zadie Bettis called the roll and members responded by giving their "greatest expectation for 1995".

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The club still has pecans to sell for \$4.50 per pound. If you need pecans, call Kate Bradley at 289-5997 or Mariellen Homfeld at 289-5918.

Bradley read the correspondence and conducted the members in filling out their 1995 yearbooks.

Alta Mae Higgins was elected as the Bippus FCE Club candidate for Woman of the Year. Her name will be submitted to the Council for consideration along with those from other FCE clubs in the county. The member selected for Woman of the Year will be announced at the Appreciation Luncheon on Feb. 27.

The club enjoyed refreshments served by Hostess Bradley.

Those present were Christine Larson, Sue Thweatt, Bettis, Homfeld, Higgins and Bradley.

The clubs next meeting will be held February 8 in the home of Homfeld.



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Sports

Cowboys' defense wants more respect

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer
IRVING, Texas (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys have the top-ranked defense in the NFL, but they seem almost paranoid about the lack of respect they get.

Only end Charles Haley and safety Darren Woodson were picked on The Associated Press All-Pro first team.

"All we have around here is each other," said safety Darren Woodson. "Everybody just talks about our offense. We play pretty good defense, too."

"This defensive team," Haley said, "has played well as a unit all year. We've had a few downs, but nothing we haven't been able to correct."

There is the perception, backed by some solid performances by Steve Young and wide receiver Jerry Rice, that the San Francisco 49ers offense

is unstoppable.

When San Francisco beat Dallas 21-14 in the regular season, the Cowboys defense forced the 49ers to punt eight times. Handicapped by three interceptions from quarterback Troy Aikman, Dallas permitted three touchdowns.

"I'd take the same kind of performance again," said Dallas coach Barry Switzer. "The offense put the defense in the hole in that game. We're not going to be worried about our defense on Sunday."

Cowboys defensive coordinator Butch Davis said the 49ers are always going to move the ball.

"They are always going to get three, four, five yards with their controlled passing game," Davis said. "The thing you have to guard against is letting Rice catch a 10-yard pass and turning it into a 30-yarder. San Francisco can burn you fast."

Safety James Washington said the Cowboys got caught sitting back against the 49ers earlier in the season.

"We have to attack their offense to be effective," Washington said.

Davis, in his second year as defensive coordinator after Dave Wannstedt left for the Chicago Bears, said the Cowboys will have a simple key to follow against San Francisco.

"We need to remember the game will be won on the scoreboard and not on the stat sheet," he said. "We can't worry about first downs and yardage. The 49ers had over 400 yards against us in the NFC Championship game (two years ago) but we kept them out of the end zone. That's what counts."

The Cowboys beat San Francisco 30-20 in that game and went on to win their first Super Bowl under Jimmy Johnson.

The Dallas defense has frustrated the 49ers receivers. Last year, in the

NFC Championship at Texas Stadium, Rice and cornerback Kevin Smith got into a pushing and shouting match before the game even started.

"I think it threw Rice off his game," Smith said. "I think he was so mad he couldn't concentrate like he usually does."

Dallas won 38-21 as the 49ers again had a big day moving the ball but had trouble scoring points.

Young hurt Dallas in the regular season with a bootleg off a running back fave.

Secondary coach Dave Campo said the Cowboys will be ready for it this time.

"We'll be watching for it,"

Campo said. "This should be something. I think San Francisco has a little swagger about them now. I don't think they can be intimidated any more like we might have done in the past. I noticed when they had a fight against Chicago, Jerry Rice was one of the first to join the fray."

Davis said the defensive players have good vibes about playing in San Francisco as seven-point underdogs on a sloppy field.

"It's the same feel as two years ago," Davis said. "We have an older more confident team this time than we did. We know we've won out there before. We know what we can do."

Herd hits road to face Caprock

The Hereford boys' basketball team will try to stay undefeated in District 1-4A play while the girls will try to even their record when both visit Caprock tonight in Amarillo.

The girls start at 6 p.m. in the Caprock Activity Center, and the boys play at about 7:30.

The Herd boys are 3-0 in district play and 14-6 overall, while the Lady Whitefaces are 2-3 in district and 14-8 overall. Both Caprock teams are struggling. The Longhorns are 1-1 in district, with a one-point win over Dumas, and 3-17 overall. The Caprock girls are 0-4 and 1-20.

Three other Herd teams will play tonight at Caprock: the sophomore boys at 4:30, the junior varsity boys at 6 and the JV girls at 7:30.

The freshmen boys team will host Pampa on Saturday, with the B game starting at 10 a.m. in Whiteface Gym and the A game starting at 11:30, while the Hereford freshman girls will travel to Pampa Saturday for a 10 a.m. tip-off.

49ers' offensive lineman to get help against Haley

By DENNIS GEORGATOS
AP Sports Writer
TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) - This time, Steve Wallace has the rain, the mud and the crowd in his corner in his battle to keep Charles Haley out of Steve Young's face.

The San Francisco 49ers' left tackle has the job of blocking Haley, the Dallas Cowboys' Pro Bowl defensive end and one of the game's most feared pass rushers, in Sunday's NFC championship game at Candlestick Park.

"I've played well against him here. He's played well against me there," Wallace said. "I just feel fortunate that we have this game at Candlestick."

"I know he's looking forward to the challenge and I'm looking forward to the challenge. I know he's going to come with everything he's got, same way I'm going to come."

Haley, traded to Dallas prior to the 1992 season by San Francisco, which viewed him as a divisive locker room presence, has become a devastating part of the Cowboys' top-ranked

defense. He ranked fourth in the NFL this year with 12.5 sacks and led the Cowboys in quarterback pressures (53) forced fumbles (3) and tackles for losses (9).

In the Cowboys' 35-9 playoff win over Green Bay last week, he had nine quarterback pressures to go with six tackles.

But the two-time defending Super Bowl champions advanced to their third straight NFC title game against San Francisco with a victory on Texas Stadium's artificial surface.

Sunday's rematch will be played on San Francisco's home turf - Candlestick Park's wet, sticky grass, which could get even souppier on game day because of heavy rains.

"It should work to my advantage," said Wallace, who declared he loved playing in mud. "Maybe he can't do things like he can on that (artificial) turf."

"His moves here at Candlestick are going to have to be predetermined. He's not going to be able to mess around out there much. He's

just going to have to do whatever he's predetermined."

Wallace, who missed Wednesday's practice with the flu but rejoined the team Thursday for the last of two days of workouts at the Arizona Cardinals' facility in Tempe, struggled against Haley in last year's 38-21 loss at Dallas for the NFC Championship.

Haley had one of the Cowboys' four sacks and put constant pressure on Young in San Francisco's second straight conference title game loss.

Wallace said the crowd noise in Texas Stadium worked to Haley's advantage because he had problems hearing Young's signals and Haley was able to beat him off the ball.

Wallace said he had a much better game against Haley in San Francisco's 21-14 win at Candlestick Park last November, because there no problem with crowd noise and he could get into his pass-protection stance much quicker.

Young also helped take pressure off the offensive line by surprising Dallas with bootlegs and scrambles.

District 1-4A

Basketball standings

Boys		District	Overall
Hereford	3	0	14 6
Pampa	2	1	16 6
Borger	1	1	12 7
Randall	1	1	12 10
Caprock	1	1	3 17
Canyon	1	2	17 4
Dumas	0	3	7 12

Tuesday's games
Hereford 88, Borger 61
Pampa 91, Dumas 44
Randall 65, Canyon 49
Caprock was idle

Girls		District	Overall
Canyon	5	0	19 1
Dumas	4	0	16 8
Randall	3	1	17 4
Hereford	2	3	14 8
Borger	1	3	8 14
Pampa	0	4	4 15
Caprock	0	4	1 20

Tuesday's games
Hereford 62, Borger 57 2OT
Canyon 39, Randall 30
Dumas 61, Pampa 49
Caprock was idle

Friday's doubleheaders
(girls at 6; boys at 7:30)
Hereford at Caprock
Randall at Dumas
Pampa at Borger
Canyon is open

Hockey lockout ends with contract

NEW YORK (AP) - NHL players today ratified a new contract and headed for training camp to prepare for an abbreviated season. After a 103-day lockout, play is expected to begin in another week.

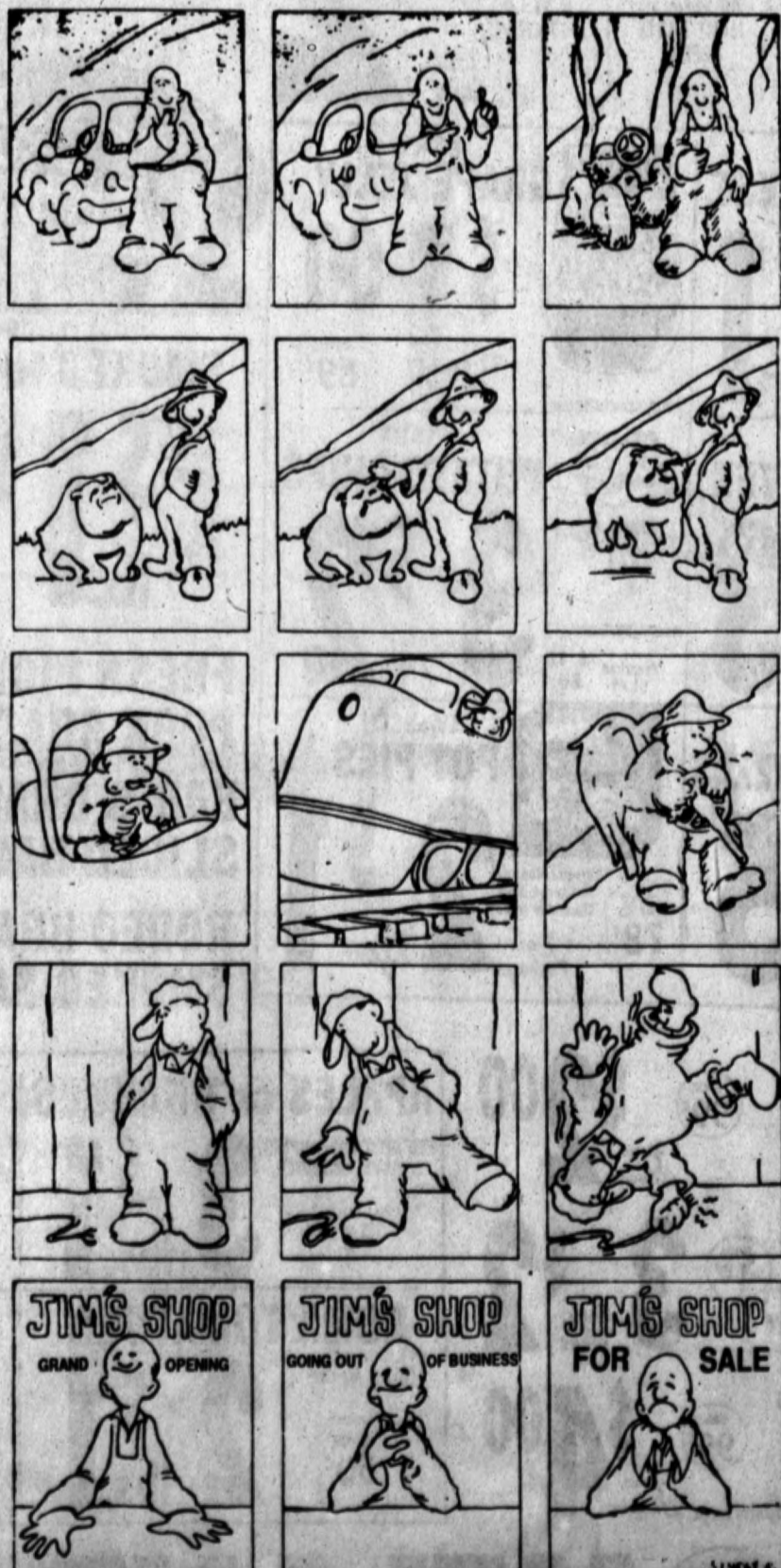
Vote totals were not immediately available.

"It was ratified by a majority of players on every team," said Larry Murphy, player representative of the Pittsburgh Penguins. "I am very happy to be back playing hockey. That's the understatement of the year."

The approval was a signal for owners to open the doors they shut right before the scheduled start of the season on Oct. 1.

The NHL was expected to release the shortened schedule later today or Saturday.

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Backup Brandon leads Cavs to win

By MEL REISNER
AP Sports Writer
PHOENIX (AP) - Terrell Brandon is enjoying the spotlight while it lasts. Stepping in as point guard while All-Star Mark Price recovers from a sprained right foot, Brandon is proving an able floor leader for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"This is Mark Price's team," Brandon said after scoring a career-high 30 points as Cleveland handed the Phoenix Suns just their second home loss this season, 107-96 on Thursday night.

"He is coming back slowly but surely. He is a great competitor and, though we play as a team, this is his team. There is no controversy about that."

Maybe, but Brandon improved his average to 25.3 points while starting the last three games. Against the Suns, Brandon also had two steals, six assists and no turnovers - a big statistic in a game that turned on defense.

In the only other NBA games, it was San Antonio 113, Miami 108, and Denver 94, Dallas 78.

Cleveland's Tyrone Hill, with 19 points and 10 rebounds, invoked the good-defense-East, fast-breaking-

West stereotype and rubbed it in. "We are not really surprised by our offense, because when you come to the West Coast there really isn't too much defense played," Hill said.

The Cavaliers were No. 26 in scoring at 93.2 points; the Suns No. 2 at 112.3.

The Cavs improved to 20-5 when holding an opponent below 100 points and won their sixth straight on the road, snapping a five-game Suns winning streak despite being outrebounded 38-29.

Tony Campbell scored 17 points and Chris Mills 14 for the Cavs. Mills' biggest contribution was three blocked shots during an 8-0 third-quarter run that left the Cavs ahead 75-56 with 4:43 left.

"It was just being the right place at the right time," Mills said. "I got a block from behind. That maybe could have been the key of a start or a run or what. It was a good feeling."

Danny Manning scored a season-high 33 points and Charles Barkley had 15 points and 10 rebounds for Phoenix.

Brandon's steals came in the first quarter, when he made seven of eight shots and scored 18 points, and the Cavs took the lead for good.

Cleveland's defense kept the Suns from getting closer than five points again.

The Cavs were up 53-48 at halftime and 82-65 starting the fourth. It was only the second home loss in 18 games for the Suns, who had the NBA's second-best home record.

"I think they had a game plan that they were not going to let me beat them," Barkley said.

"They were able to double Charles, cover our 3-point shooters and pick up the guy we had cutting to the basket," Suns coach Paul Westphal said.

Phoenix made a fourth-quarter run to close to 82-73 after 3-pointers by Dan Majerle and Barkley, who created the 9-point deficit with a 12-foot turnaround.

But Mills stopped the run with basket and a three-point play with 9:30 remaining. Cleveland was back to an 87-75 lead, and the Suns missed a series of 3-pointers down the stretch.

Spurs 113, Heat 108
Despite the absence of its leading scorer, San Antonio beat Miami for its 13th win in 14 games.
With David Robinson out with a

sore back, Sean Elliott had 32 points and Vinny Del Negro 27 - both season highs. Avery Johnson added 17 points and 10 assists, and Dennis Rodman had 11 points and a season-high 22 rebounds.

Kevin Willis paced the Heat with 30 points before being ejected with 3:49 left after elbowing Rodman while scrambling for a rebound. Miami has lost four straight, all on the road.

Nuggets 94, Mavericks 78
Dikembe Mutombo had 15 points, 12 rebounds and seven blocked shots, providing an intimidating defensive presence as Denver beat cold-shooting Dallas.

The Nuggets also got 16 points from Rodney Rodgers and 13 apiece from Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf and rookie Jalen Rose.

Jim Jackson and Jamal Mashburn led the visiting Mavericks with 15 points each, but the NBA's fourth- and fifth-leading scorers shot just 5-for-14 and 6-for-21 as the Mavs finished at 37 percent.

Doug Smith came off the bench to score 14 for Dallas, which has lost eight of 11 games.

Chargers forced to practice inside

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer
PITTSBURGH (AP) - Maybe the AFC can win the Super Bowl after all.

When it's balmy in Pittsburgh in the middle of January and the weather is so frightful in San Diego that it chases the Chargers indoors, anything can happen.

It could even mean an end to the conference's 10-year slide in the NFL title game, no matter if the Steelers or Chargers get there.

Things really got wacky on Thursday. The Steelers practiced at Three Rivers Stadium in shirt sleeves, enjoying the mild temperatures that reached into the 50s. The Chargers were driven indoors, working out in a hotel ballroom, of all places, when constant rain made the stadium turf too muddy for practice.

The previous day, the Chargers held their workouts earlier than usual when there was a break in the weather.

"We would have preferred to be outdoors, but believe it or not, we got a lot done," Chargers coach Bobby Ross said. "We got some situations we wanted videotaped and we got in about 100 plays."

"I think the team was really focused. The guys really concentrated, there was no horseplay. The crispness was there."

The odd turnaround in the weather just might continue. By gametime Sunday, the temperatures aren't expected to drop out of the 40s, although it might rain. That's hardly fearsome conditions for the Chargers, especially compared to their last AFC championship game appearance, when the wind-chill temperature reached minus-59 in Cincinnati on Jan. 10, 1982.

They lost 27-7.

"We've been accused of being warm-weather boys," Ross said. "That may or may not be true. But there's nothing we can do about it. We've got to play in the

conditions that come. As long as they don't change how long, and wide they make the field, we'll be fine."

The Steelers put no stock in the cold-weather factor, anyway. And since it apparently won't be a factor, they don't have to be bothered with it.

"They had to play in New York near the end of the season on a cold day," Steelers fullback John L. Williams said. "What did they do? They won."

"A good team can win in all conditions."

These are good teams, even if nearly everyone believes the winner of the NFC title game between Dallas and San Francisco will bring that conference its 11th successive Super Bowl crown.

Pittsburgh has the league's best running game and stingiest pass defense. The Chargers have size, strength and big-play artists such as All-Pro linebacker Junior Seau, DE Leslie O'Neal, safety Stanley Richard, 245-pound running back Natrone Means and inventive quarterback Stan Humphries.

"That bugs me, definitely," Means said of the perception the AFC champion will be an also-ran. "If that was the case, they might as well give the trophy out now. I feel we have two good teams here, playing for the right to play in the real Super Bowl."

But Rod Woodson, the Steelers' All-Pro cornerback, understands why that theory is more predictable than the weather that has greeted his team and plagued the Chargers.

"We haven't won one in 10 years," he said of the AFC's Super slump. "So why should they respect us?"

"But I do know the real Super Bowl is played on Jan. 29. And I know that we have to win this game to get there."

The way things are going, whichever team gets to Joe Robbie Stadium is apt to find not only a favored NFC opponent waiting, but a blizzard in Miami.

UMass blasts Rutgers in 2nd half

By The Associated Press
Judging by the halftime scores, it looked like it might be a night of close games in the Top 25.

Halftime scores, however, only tell half the story.

And when Thursday night's five games involving ranked teams were over, the final scores weren't all that close after all.

No. 1 Massachusetts, which led Rutgers by only 3 points after 20 minutes, opened the second half with a decisive run and beat the Scarlet Knights 85-68 to stretch the nation's second-longest home winning streak to 37 games.

"I feel they're a legitimate No. 1," Rutgers coach Bob Wenzel said. "We played pretty well. They just didn't let us do anything."

Rutgers (4-7, 0-2 in the Atlantic 10) made just one basket in the first 8-1/2 minutes of the second half. Massachusetts (10-1, 3-0), sank three 3-pointers in the first 3 1/2 minutes of the half to quickly open a 47-35 lead.

In other games, No. 6 UCLA beat Washington 75-57, Stanford beat No. 12 Arizona State 91-75, No. 13 Arizona beat Cal 99-86 and No. 17

Missouri beat Notre Dame 64-56.

Rutgers, which scored the first basket of the second half, didn't get its next one until 8:34 elapsed, making it 60-42. Donta Bright then sank a 3-pointer, giving the Minutemen their biggest lead, 63-42. The closest Rutgers came after that was 14 points, the last time at 75-61 with 2:56 remaining.

"They wore us down physically," Wenzel said. "They deserve all the credit for taking us out of our game with their defense."

Lou Roe led Massachusetts with 17 points, Mike Williams had 16 points and Marcus Camby scored all 15 of his points in the first half. He was ejected when he picked up his second technical foul with 16:08 left.

Charles Jones led Rutgers with 19 points.

No. 6 UCLA 75, Washington 57
At Los Angeles, the Bruins led just 28-25 at the half.

Charles O'Bannon and Ed O'Bannon then keyed a 16-2 rally early in the second half as UCLA (8-1, 2-1 Pac-10) pulled away.

"It was a game of halves to say the

least," UCLA coach Jim Harrick said. "We were not real sharp in the first half. In the second, we stopped them, ran our offense and had a good effort."

After UCLA's 16-2 run, the Huskies (4-7, 0-3) never got closer than 13 points the rest of the way. They shot 34 percent (22-of-65) for the game, committed 20 turnovers and were outrebounded 47-39.

Stanford 91, No. 12 Arizona State 75
At Stanford, Calif., the Cardinal led 35-29 at the half.

Stanford (11-1, 2-1 Pac-10) opened the second half with a 9-2 run, making it 44-31, and stretched the lead to as many as 17 late in the game.

The Cardinal shot 63 percent from the field and made 31 of 33 free throws (94 percent). Dion Cross scored 22 points, Brein Knight had 21 and David Harbour came off the bench to score 15.

"They did a good job of making their offense and they did a great job of making the big plays," Arizona State (11-3, 1-1) coach Bill Frieder said. "We just didn't get it done."

No. 13 Arizona 99, No. 20 Cal 86
At Berkeley, Calif., the Wildcats led 46-34 at halftime.

Cal then scored the first 8 points of the second half to close to 46-42. The Bears, however, got no closer.

Damon Stoudamire scored 26 points and Arizona (11-3, 1-1) made 10 straight free throws in the final minutes. Stoudamire now has 1,446 career points, giving him one more than Steve Kerr and moving him into ninth place on the Arizona career list.

"There's a reason why he's the premier point guard in the country," Cal coach Todd Bozeman said of Stoudamire. "and he showed why tonight."

Monty Buckley had a career-high 27 points for Cal (8-3, 1-2).

No. 17 Missouri 64, Notre Dame 56
At Columbia, Mo., the Tigers led 34-27 at the half.

Notre Dame (9-5), which had to take a bus down from Chicago due to fog at O'Hare Airport, got the deficit down to 3 in the second half, but couldn't get closer.

Table tennis was not introduced to the Olympics until the 1988 Games in Korea.

The Rev. Robert E. Richards of the United States was two-time gold medalist in Olympic pole-vaulting.

Rockets to face Spurs tonight

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Rockets can still blow fourth-quarter leads, and the San Antonio Spurs have likely noticed.

The third-place Spurs are only a game behind the second-place Rockets in the Midwest Division as the two head for Friday night's clash at The Summit. San Antonio will be looking for the same opportunity Houston gave the Miami Heat on Wednesday night.

The Rockets, with a long history of being unable to put opponents away, led Miami by 16 points with 9:38 to play but barely hung on for

a 108-97 victory. They reeled off eight consecutive free throw after Miami pulled within 100-96.

"I'm concerned that we get our execution down for San Antonio," Rockets forward Robert Horry said.

The Rockets' most famous blown lead was in the Western Conference semifinals last year against Phoenix. Houston lost an 18-point advantage and fell behind 0-2 in that series.

The Rockets rallied from that deficit to win the NBA title, but they retained their bad fourth-quarter habit. As long as they win, some players aren't worried.

"I'm not concerned about losing leads," Horry said. "You have to

expect that. The final outcome is all that matters. Nobody likes to be blown out like that. When you're down by 20, you fight harder. They don't want to be embarrassed."

After Wednesday's game, Heat players told reporters that Houston is known for letting blowouts get close. That irritated Vernon Maxwell.

"I don't care what they say, our record is 21-10 and their is 10-22," he said. "I guess they give up more leads than we do."

The Rockets haven't been too successful against the Spurs recently. San Antonio won the season series 3-2 last year and has won the first game this season.

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Cisneros investigation needs time

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - The Justice Department apparently wants more time to look into payments Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros made to a former mistress.

Justice officials were required by the independent counsel law to tell a three-judge court in secret by the close of business Thursday the results of the inquiry they began last October.

The department had three options: close the case for lack of evidence, ask for up to 60 more days for its inquiry or ask the court to name an independent counsel to conduct a full criminal investigation.

But the law prohibits Justice officials from revealing their decisions, or even whether they have filed papers with the special court, without court permission. Attorney General Janet Reno and spokesmen Carl Stern and John Russell issued "no comments" Thursday.

Cisneros' lawyer, Cono Namorato, said that, based on presentations he made to criminal division attorneys in December and to Assistant Attorney General JoAnn Harris this month, he had thought the criminal division officials were leaning toward closing the case without further inquiry.

But department sources, demanding anonymity, said officials of the deputy attorney general's office were not completely satisfied with the criminal division's work.

The officials said it appeared

likely that more time would be sought for criminal division lawyers to pursue loose ends rather than seeking an independent counsel for a full investigation.

Investigators have been looking at whether Cisneros understated the amount of the payments to Linda Medlar during background interviews with FBI agents before his nomination to be secretary of housing and urban development. They also have looked at what role he may have played in help Medlar received from wealthy San Antonio businessman Morris Jaffe.

Jaffe told the San Antonio Express-News in late December that the FBI had not questioned him.

The inquiry centers on taped conversations between Cisneros and Medlar in which they fretted over whether his nomination would be derailed by the payments.

Medlar sued Cisneros in July, alleging he reneged on a verbal agreement to pay her \$4,000 a month until her teen-age daughter graduated from college. She sought \$256,000 and punitive damages.

Cisneros, a former San Antonio mayor, denied having an agreement

with Medlar, a former political consultant who lives in Lubbock, Texas. He said he gave her money out of compassion because she was unable to find work after he revealed their affair in 1988.

Medlar contends Cisneros paid her about \$200,000, a figure he has not disputed.

Cisneros' wife, Mary Alice, filed for divorce in October 1991, citing cruel treatment and adultery by her husband. But she dropped the action a month later, and the couple reconciled before Cisneros joined the Clinton administration.

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Philly businessman brimming with brine, packed with pickles

EDITOR'S NOTE - William Baker's briny business is brisk. He packs pickles by the peck, barrel and bushel. For the country's only black pickler, it's a busy bonanza. From street people to nuns to patrons of Jewish delis, Philadelphians salivate at the chance to bite off a chunk of a sour, garlicky Baker Pickle.

By **TED ANTHONY**
Associated Press Writer
PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Sometimes, during a particularly hectic day, William Baker would love to stop and smell the pickles. The trouble is, he can't.

It's not that he doesn't like them. Just the opposite: They're his livelihood. But spending up to 10 hours a day in a warehouse filled with pickle brine does something to the nose.

Baker's production plant packs and purveys plenty of pecks of pungent pickles. He considers his operation unique - the only black-owned-and-operated kosher-style pickle maker in the country.

"Every once in a while I eat a pickle, but I can't smell them anymore," says Baker, 60, watching his son's arm disappear up to the elbow into a barrel of pickled green tomatoes. "I try, but I'm immune."

Luckily for him, other Philadelphians are not. Street people, medical students, nuns, patrons of Jewish delis all salivate at the chance to bite off a chunk of a sour, garlicky Baker Pickle.

Baker started "working pickles" at age 15 and worked his way up to being a loose-pickle salesman for Shupak and its corporate successor, Vlasic, which since has been bought by Campbell Soup Co. In 1981, when Vlasic stopped selling loose pickles,

Baker opened his own shop. Today more than 250 clients in the Philadelphia-southern New Jersey area come to him for dills. He delivers them himself and claims to supply pickles to all the region's Jewish and Jewish-style delicatessens.

At The Bonanza deli in central Philadelphia, roughly 1,000 Baker Pickles are given out each week to accompany sandwiches. One Hahnemann University medical student consumes a half-dozen each day.

Manager Mitch Hafel takes home buckets of them for his 4-year-old daughter, too.

"Everybody loves them," Hafel says. "I have a Jamaican guy outside, a street person, he holds a sign up for money. He collects money and he comes in and buys pickles."

In conversations, Baker readily describes himself as "the country's only black pickle maker," but he doesn't play it up in advertising and says it has little effect on business.

Richard Hentschel, executive vice president of Pickle Packers International, an industry group based in St. Charles, Ill., knows of no other black-owned pickle operations.

"I think it's great that anybody can get into the business and be judged on a product and not other considerations," Hentschel says. "As pickle connoisseurs go, they just know a good pickle. They're not concerned about where it's made, how it's made or who made it."

The classic kosher pickle was brought over by eastern European immigrants who arrived in the mid-to late-1800s with their garlic-laced recipes. But the country's first pickled vegetables, Hentschel says, accompanied early explorer Amerigo Vespucci.

"Pickled vegetables played an enormous part in early American history," he says.

Pickles rose in popularity when ethnic foods went mainstream in the 1960s, and today an American consumes an average of 9 pounds of pickles per year - or a total of about 29 billion pickles a year.

Most, though, are cooked and mass-produced - the Heinz and Vlasic varieties. Not Baker's. His require refrigeration, are crunchy instead of flaccid and, when bitten, flood the mouth with lively flavors of garlic, clove, mustard seed and bay leaves - similar to the old Shupak recipe.

The old beer distributorship that houses Baker Pickles churns forth 10,000 bushels of pickles a year, shipped by the hundreds in barrels.

A Baker Pickle starts out as a Kirby cucumber - a small variety with a thinner skin that allows the vat-mixed brine to seep through and cure in big barrels at near-freezing temperatures.

Once soured, the pickles are sorted according to size by Zamier Sheed, whose yellow-gloved hands sort roughly 5,000 pickles daily.

The aromatic factory also churns out pickled tomatoes and a delicacy called sweet cabbage, a hybrid of cole slaw and sauerkraut.

Baker laments that pickles are becoming more of a condiment than a snack. He says that - in Philadelphia at least - business appears to be dwindling.

But he's doing well, and he's apparently not alone.

"Smaller pickle manufacturers have a unique marketing system," Hentschel says. "These are fresh pickles made on a frequent basis in small batches. That's what makes that product work."

Baker remembers the old days on his sales route, and how deli owners once sprinkled pickle brine on the floors in the morning to entice people with the aroma.

And though Baker can't smell his own handiwork, that doesn't mean he can't eat it. His whole family does, actually.

"I stand behind my product 110 percent," he says. "So I kind of have to eat it. I wouldn't give people something I wouldn't eat."

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) - In 27 years of crisscrossing the country for his "On the Road" series, Charles Kuralt wore out a lot of motor homes.

Six to be exact. The last one used by Kuralt before he retired from CBS last year - a 29-foot FMC Motor Coach - will be housed at the Henry Ford Museum near Detroit.

"I think the vehicle is one of those important icons in popular culture," said Judith Endelman, head of historical resources at the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. "It's something that really resonates with people - Charles Kuralt and the stories he told."

Kuralt, whose first report, about the Vermont countryside, aired in 1967, built his reputation on folksy stories about unusual people.

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Senator Hutchison wants Congress to rein in overzealous U.S. agencies

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) Congress must reassert its role in federal rule-making by reining in overzealous regulators and ensuring that common sense prevails in the writing of rules that affect the average American, the heads of a Senate regulatory relief task force said Thursday.

"It's important that Congress understand that it is delegating its authority to regulators," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. "And when regulators take actions that were not intended by Congress it is our responsibility to bring them back in line."

After a task force meeting Thursday, Mrs. Hutchison and Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., outlined for reporters their priorities. The short term goal is passage of a six-month moratorium on the issuance of any new federal regulations unless health and safety are affected.

In the long term, the task force wants to make the government justify new regulations with in-depth

economic and scientific analyses. The senators also plan to target the regulations they consider the most egregious by designating a "worst-first" list.

"Worst-first is going to be hard to contain," Mrs. Hutchison said, citing among her biggest targets endangered species regulations, vehicle emissions testing and air pollution requirements. "There was no shortage of ideas on the worst-first candidates."

Added Bond: "I said to the group that trying to pick out the most burdensome regulations was a challenge akin to that of a mosquito in a nudist colony."

The push for a regulatory moratorium follows GOP lawmakers' unsuccessful appeal to President Clinton last month to impose a voluntary freeze by executive order.

The administration, while stressing its desire to avoid imposing unduly burdensome regulations, contends a moratorium is too harsh a tool.

Critics contend a sweeping rewrite of the federal rule-making process

would render federal agencies toothless and deprive the public of needed health, safety and environmental protections.

Mrs. Hutchison and Bond stressed that they aren't seeking to weaken needed protections... only regulations that are unduly burdensome or aren't justified.

"When we go home and listen to the people we serve they are telling us that regulations in many instances don't make sense," Bond said. "And we are trying to deal on a common-sense basis."

Mrs. Hutchison has placed reform of environmental protection regulations at the top of her list.

Enforcement of the Endangered Species Act has proven controversial in Texas, especially since an aborted attempt last year to designate a critical habitat in Central Texas for the endangered golden-cheeked warbler.

Mrs. Hutchison on Wednesday introduced legislation that would prevent the government from listing any new plant or animal species as

endangered or threatened pending congressional rewriting of the Endangered Species Act.

She and other advocates of a pared-down Endangered Species Act want to limit the number of new listings, beef up protections for private property owners and guarantee them compensation if they lose value or use of their land as a result of government action.

Environmentalists contend that the proposals would gut the 1973 act, reduce protections for vulnerable species, and cost the government untold dollars to compensate affected landowners.

Names in the news

CREVE COEUR, Mo. (AP) - A man suspected of stalking Miss America Heather Whitestone was arrested outside a suburban St. Louis hospital where she was about to give a speech.

The 35-year-old man was jailed Tuesday after he was spotted by a guard who had seen a photograph of him circulated earlier in the week.

He was not immediately charged, and his name was not released.

Miss Whitestone went on to give her speech without incident. The man has telephoned Miss Whitestone and her mother, Daphne Gray, and written them letters in which he called himself a CIA agent and a family friend, police said.

He visited Alabama last month, police said. Whitestone and her mother live in suburban Birmingham, Ala.

"We believe that he believed he was a friend of the Gray family," Hoover, Ala., police Capt. Nick Derzis said. "We talked to him and asked him to stay away from Ms. Gray and Miss Whitestone and not make any contact with them."

LITTLE ROCK (AP) - Sweet, Sweet Connie, the rock 'n' roll groupie immortalized by the group Grand Funk Railroad, was fined \$50 after pleading no contest to exposing herself by wearing a thong bikini in a park.

"I don't feel I've done anything wrong," Connie Hamzy said.

Ms. Hamzy was charged with disorderly conduct in March, and was convicted and fined \$100. But she appealed, contending she didn't expose as much as police claimed. On Tuesday, she pleaded no contest, and a judge lowered the fine.



Freshman class favorites

Julie Rampley and Tate Head were named the freshman class favorites at the Koobracey Assembly held Thursday in the Hereford High School auditorium.

Prosecution recants allegations made during Simpson hearing

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - One day, prosecutors suggest O.J. Simpson once threatened to decapitate his ex-wife's boyfriends.

The next day, they don't. There was no explanation in court Thursday. The allegation was simply "crossed off," in the words of a prosecutor. So were 17 others, from claims that Simpson hit his wife on a New York street corner to an accusation that he beat her and locked her in a wine cellar.

But it wasn't really all the simple, and the judge seemed to know it, pointedly stating for the record that prosecutors were no longer making an allegation that had generated headlines and led newscasts.

In a trial with many strange twists, this dramatic about-face stood out, and sparked a variety of interpretations.

The defense said the prosecution was desperate. Legal analysts couldn't agree whether prosecutors were unprepared, crass publicity seekers or incredibly savvy. And the prosecution tried to present a self-assured front.

"What you heard so far in this case is nothing more than O.J. Simpson's life," Deputy District Attorney Chris Darden said at a news conference. "This is his character. His behavior has come back to haunt him and it's not our fault."

The development came as lawyers wrapped up a hearing on whether prosecutors may introduce evidence of abuse in Simpson's 17-year relationship to Nicole Brown Simpson. The defense contends the issue is irrelevant and should be kept from jurors. The judge said he would rule by Tuesday.

Meanwhile, prosecutors - who spent two days trying to win admissibility of damaging informa-

tion from a person's past - planned to do just the opposite today.

They want to prevent defense attorneys from introducing evidence of alleged past indiscretions by Detective Mark Fuhrman.

Fuhrman testified that he found a bloody glove behind Simpson's estate the morning after the murders that matched a glove found at the crime scene.

Defense attorneys have attempted to impeach the reliability of Fuhrman, suggesting that he is unstable and racist. Among the evidence they seek to introduce is an allegation that Fuhrman uttered a racial epithet some 15 years ago.

Simpson is charged with the savage knifings of his ex-wife and her friend Ronald Goldman outside Ms. Simpson's Brentwood condominium.

On Thursday, the defense announced that it will seek an all-or-nothing verdict, passing up the chance for a conviction on any lesser counts.

"This is a murder case, period," said defense attorney Gerald Uelmen. "The defense will not present heat of passion (as a defense). The defense will not seek an instruction on manslaughter. The jury will have to come back guilty of murder or not guilty of murder."

The prosecution claims Simpson killed Ms. Simpson in a jealous rage and that Goldman was killed because Simpson perceived him as a potential suitor.

To prove this, prosecutors want to introduce evidence of an escalating pattern of abusive behavior by Simpson.

On Wednesday, prosecutors painted a chilling portrait of Simpson as a man who beat, kicked, slapped, degraded and humiliated Ms. Simpson virtually everywhere.

But by Thursday, prosecutors

withdrew, at least temporarily, some of their most explosive allegations, including a statement from actor Eddie Reynolds that Simpson threatened to cut off the head of any of Ms. Simpson's boyfriends who drove one of his cars.

Reynolds made equally inflammatory and unsubstantiated claims against Michael Jackson during a district attorney's probe of child abuse allegations.

"They were aware of Eddie Reynolds and his lack of credibility," said defense lawyer Robert Shapiro. "Yet they come in and make this statement that goes out around the world and then they withdraw it."

Stan Goldman, law professor at Loyola University and a former public defender, called the prosecution move "bizarre."

"Stoppiness is the only thing I can think of other than publicity," he said. Goldman noted, though, that publicity serves little purpose because there's no jury pool to taint anymore; the jury was locked away Wednesday for what could be months of sequestration.

Another analyst, former Los Angeles County District Attorney Ira Reiner, noted that it isn't unusual for prosecutors to try to drown a judge in clearly inadmissible evidence in the hopes that some of the borderline cases could get in.

SPS announces plans for new plant at Borger

AMARILLO—Southwestern Public Service today announced plans to build a new cogeneration facility in Borger. The plant would be built adjacent to the Phillips Petroleum Co. complex.

The natural-gas-fueled facility will produce 200 megawatts of electricity and up to 970,000 pounds of steam per hour. Cogeneration facilities, by definition, produce both electricity and steam, which are used for different purposes.

In this case, the electricity would be used by SPS in its electrical grid, while the steam and some of the electricity would be used by Phillips in its plant processes throughout the complex. The cogeneration facility would be owned and operated by SPS.

Assuming all regulatory approvals are secured, SPS could begin construction in early 1997, with commercial operation starting in mid-1998. The plant is estimated to cost \$121 million.

Gary Gibson, SPS vice president of marketing, said that working with an industrial customer such as Phillips on this cogeneration plant will strengthen the economic base of the region.

In a December 1994 rate survey

from the Public Utility Commission of Texas, SPS had the lowest residential electric rates in the state for customers using 500 kilowatt hours a month. "Good planning of cogeneration facilities has allowed SPS to offer low rates for years," Gibson said. "By working with Phillips, we feel we can continue that record."

SPS is a regional electric utility that primarily provides service to about one million people in a 52,000-square-mile area comprising eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas.

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The area manager for the Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages has said another company has been contacting Hereford businesses in the name of Swbyp's.

Low Bradshaw said the company is not in any way affiliated with Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages Inc., which has five representatives in Hereford between now and Feb. 10 to solicit for Yellow Pages ads.

Someone, he said, has been calling local businesses and saying they are with Swbyp's.

"I'd like to stress that we are in no way connected with that sales effort," Bradshaw said. "All of our sales calls in Hereford will be made in person."

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