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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area:
Sunny through Friday. Mostly
clear tonight. Low tonight mid
30s, high Friday mid 40s. Wednes-
day's high was 70; the low was 42.



Beals Creek study ends; results soon

By MICHAEL DUFFY
Staff Writer

Test results on samples of aquatic life in Beals Creek last fall have been completed by Texas Water Commission biologists, although it will be about two weeks before they can be released, officials said.

Texas Water Commission District Manager (Odessa) Bill Lockey said today that all the test results were completed Friday.

Commission Biologist Terry James and staff members gathered aquatic samples from Beals Creek on Sept. 6, 7 and 8, Lockey said.

Tests were conducted on bacteria found inside the intestines of aquatic life to detect the presence of disease and a chemical analysis was conducted on the phosphate and chloride levels, Lockey said.

Numerous other intricate tests were also conducted, he noted.

Public Works Director Tom Decell said this morning that he is very interested in reviewing the final report, although the city of Big Spring has contracted with GSW & Associates whose engineers are conducting independent test studies on Beals Creek.

"What we are trying to determine is whether the water is safe for fish and humans to swim in," he said.

Increasingly stringent guidelines mandated by annual amendments to the Safe Water Drinking Act have made municipalities acutely aware of water quality guidelines, Decell said.

"The EPA has issued mandates that have made municipalities aware that new standards will be enforced each year. They have put us on notice," he explained.

Decell described Beals Creek as a main watershed that originates on the west side of Big Spring and runs through the city to the east 60 miles, where it connects with the Colorado River.

The Colorado River supplies the drinking water needs for residents in several communities, Decell said.

"The EPA-mandated guidelines for water are undergoing a constantly-changing process and

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

First baby

JoAnne Silguero holds her daughter, Ashley, the first baby born in 1989 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and believed to be the first born in Howard County this year. Ashley, born at 7:10 a.m. Sunday, is 20½ inches long and weighed in at 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

Board reduces appraiser field

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

Howard County's Consolidated Tax Appraisal District trustees have narrowed the field of candidates for a chief appraiser to six.

According to board president Lee George — who, along with vice president Harold Pearce and secretary D.D. Johnston, was re-elected as a board officer by acclamation Wednesday — there were 16 to 18 applications from which to choose a successor to F.E. "Gene" Pereira, who resigned in December.

Although he said he did not believe any board member was surprised by Pereira's resignation, George expressed disappointment with its timing after the board meeting Wednesday.

"I think we're disappointed in the fact that, resigning as he did, we do not have the luxury of overlapping" chief appraisers, George explained.

He said such an overlap would ease the transition from Pereira to the new chief appraiser, in his opinion, allowing office operations to continue smoothly.

All six finalists will be notified, as will the applicants not selected. George said the board plans to complete interviews of the six finalists, "hopefully within the next two weeks," and has not set a timetable for selecting the new chief appraiser.

"I do not foresee any problems" with operations during the interim, he said, noting that Ruth Mitchell is currently overseeing the office

and lead appraiser Weldon Peebles is now overseeing field work for the appraisal district. Both have been asked to continue to do so until the new chief appraiser is hired, George said.

"We as a board have ultimate confidence in our staff — that's one reason we don't feel like we have to panic" and rush selection of Pereira's successor, he said Wednesday.

The board will have its regular monthly meeting Wednesday. Board members also selected Jack Shaffer to serve on the board.

Although Pereira has declined public comment on reasons for his resignation, it has been reportedly linked to cuts in the appraisal district budget that led last year to the firing of an appraiser and to a reduction in Pereira's salary.

Pereira's salary had been reduced by \$4,000 during September budgeting, Mitchell said Wednesday. Appraisal office records stated Pereira's salary the previous year was \$44,815. Under the reduced budget, his salary was set at \$40,815.

One appraiser's salary was cut from the budget by the board in 1988, forcing Pereira to reduce his staff, after County Attorney Harvey Hooser advised the board that they could not directly fire an appraiser.

Peebles has served the district for nine years, beginning in Jan. 1980; Mitchell has been in the office for 11 years, she said Wednesday, but has been in the business for more than 25 years.

Christmas in April fund nears \$20,000; plans underway

By STEVE GEISSEN
Staff Writer

Christmas in April Inc. has nearly \$20,000 of the estimated \$35,000 necessary to carry out its anticipated work for 1989, officials announced Wednesday.

The volunteer group's board of directors met Wednesday afternoon to discuss plans for its spring housing repair projects.

Christmas in April is a non-profit, volunteer group that repairs

houses for local elderly and handicapped residents.

The organization was formed in May 1987, and in April 1988 it completed repairs on 15 local houses.

Seventeen of the group's directors were present at Wednesday's meeting, during which it was announced that the organization has funds totaling \$19,038.

The group received a donation of \$10,000 from the Dora Roberts Foundation in December.

Asked how much money the organization will require to meet the demand for repairs this year, Bob Noyes, president, estimated the group will need at least \$35,000.

However, Noyes said he could not specify an exact dollar amount because the organization is still accepting applications for repairs, and does not yet know how many volunteers will be available to perform the repairs.

Last year, Christmas in April

received 54 applications, from which it selected 35 that qualified based on the organization's guidelines, Noyes said.

The 20 houses that were not repaired last year are on the organization's repair list this year, Noyes said. The group is identifying additional qualified applicants.

To qualify for the housing repairs, which are performed free of charge, an applicant must be: 60 years of age or older; own their

home or be in the process of buying it; and be financially unable to afford repairs. In addition, disabled residents may also qualify for the program.

Local residents can apply for housing repairs by contacting Christmas in April personnel at 267-6095.

Applicants will be visited by group members, who will assess needed repairs. The Christmas in April board will then determine

whether the applicant qualifies for the program based on the established guidelines.

Christmas in April also performs emergency repairs.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this year's project is urged to contact Don Riley, workforce committee chairman, at 263-7661, ext. 331.

Skilled repairmen as well as people who can perform general labor are needed, Riley said.

U.S. officials: Photos show Libya is lying about intent Cruise may be used

By NORMAN BLACK
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON — The United States today accused Libya of lying to the world community and said it had photographic evidence that the two MiG jet fighters shot down Wednesday were armed and approaching Navy jets with hostile intent.

A Navy intelligence review of videotape shot by one of the F-14 Tomcat jets "tells me that the Libyan ambassador to the U.N. is a liar. That's the first thing it tells me," said Dan Howard, the Pentagon's chief spokesman.

"They've gone out yesterday and said repeatedly that those were unarmed reconnaissance aircraft. Well, we have the pictures now that they were not unarmed aircraft," Howard told a news briefing.

"They were obviously armed aircraft with obvious hostile intent. We believe that our aircraft commanders behaved in a prudent manner in defending themselves, in defending their aircraft and in defending their ship," he said.

Howard said one of the Navy jets' two-man air crews had been flown to Washington overnight and brought the video footage shot by the jet's target camera.

Debriefing of the two officers and a review of the video footage shows the MiG-23 Flogger aircraft ignored evasive maneuvers by the Navy jets five times and kept turning toward the Americans, Howard said.

Even after the lead F-14 had fired two Sparrow missiles, the

By NORMAN BLACK
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration has made no final decision about whether to attack a Libyan plant it claims is producing chemical weapons, but Pentagon contingency plans suggest the first-ever use of cruise missiles, sources say.

Such a strike would use a land-attack variant of the Navy's Tomahawk cruise missile, equipped with a non-nuclear warhead, that was first declared fit for use in war in March 1986.

Use of the unmanned Tomahawk is "a preferred contingency" because of the missile's accuracy and the fact that no pilots would be endangered in bombing runs, the sources added.

The sources, who insisted on anonymity, agreed to discuss the Libyan situation after two Navy F-14 Tomcat jets shot down two Libyan jet fighters Wednesday in a

confrontation over the Mediterranean Sea.

Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci, in discussing the conflict at a Pentagon briefing, flatly dismissed suggestions the F-14s were airborne as part of U.S. preparation for mounting an attack on the suspected chemical weapons plant. Libya says the plant makes pharmaceuticals, not chemical weapons.

President Reagan said last month his advisers were considering such a military strike.

The Washington Post reported in today's editions that Reagan now opposes a U.S. military strike against the plant because it would cause an international furor that might harm other U.S. interests. The Post cited an unnamed senior administration official who said Reagan was heeding the advice of European allies, particularly British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

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two MiGs did not break off their approach, he said, but turned and tried to jump on the second F-14, the spokesman said.

The first two Sparrows apparently did not strike their target. But a third Sparrow fired by the second F-14 claimed one of the MiGs, and the lead F-14 pounced on the rear of the other MiG and downed it with a heat-seeking Sidewinder missile, Howard said.

By the time the confrontation was over, the planes had come as close as 1.5 miles of each other, he said.

The American pilots did not have any indication that the Libyans had turned on their attack radars, he said. But intercepted radio communications show the Libyans had some type of radar on their planes operating and searching for targets.

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

'Tis not the season

City of Big Spring employee Jackie Johnson prepares to remove one of the Christmas decorations that was hanging on a light pole this morning. Work on removing the decorations began Tuesday and was to be completed today.

City saw manager shuffle

Editor's note: This is another in a series on major local events during 1988.

By MICHAEL DUFFY
Staff Writer

At this time one year ago an attorney representing Citizen's State Bank and Trust Company in Panama filed a \$39,306.40 civil lawsuit against former City Manager Mack Wofford.

The filing of the lawsuit was the beginning of the end for Wofford as city manager.

The suit alleged that Wofford had defaulted on payment of a promissory note made renewable and payable to the bank in August 1987.

During a January 1988 interview, Wofford called the civil lawsuit a "very complex matter involving a partnership and land agreement," but maintained it would have no effect on his duties as Big Spring city manager.

When foreclosure proceedings were initiated against Wofford on Feb. 18, 1988 in connection with his default on a \$52,000 loan from Citizens Federal Credit Union city council members became publicly concerned.

Notice of foreclosure on Wofford's home at 4047 Vicky St. was filed at the Howard County Court Clerk's office, according to published reports.

Thereafter a third filing was made public concerning a loan with State National Bank for \$10,058.83 secured by a contract with the city of Wheeler, which Wheeler officials

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Midland opera is planned

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The Petroleum Museum in Midland is making preparations for its first major benefit — a one-time performance of the Peking Opera scheduled for Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. in the Midland Lee High School auditorium.

Peking Opera, often referred to as "action opera," is the most influential and representative of all Chinese performing arts. Characterized by glorious costumes, stylized acting, and incredible make-up and masks, the Peking Opera encompasses all aspects of performance from song and dance to juggling, sword throwing, martial arts, mime, and the renowned Chinese acrobatics.

Proceeds from the performance will benefit the Petroleum

Museum's operating fund.

The Peking Opera will be the climax of several temporary exhibitions focusing on the people of China.

The People of Dongying: Midland's Sister City is the current feature exhibition and will be on display through Feb. 26.

Dongying, China, like Midland is a city dependent on the oil industry; it is a newly established city organized almost 100 years after Midland was settled.

Developed by the Petroleum Museum in cooperation with the Dongying Foreign Affairs Department, The People of Dongying highlights the work, life, local conditions and customs of Dongying people.



Associated Press photo

Cash departs hospital

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Country music legend Johnny Cash leaves Baptist Hospital in Nashville Tuesday morning following heart-bypass surgery two weeks ago. He is accompanied by his wife June Carter Cash.

TV station's 'Dixie' sign-off 'offensive'

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Calling the song "offensive to blacks," outgoing Shreveport NAACP President Larry English is urging a local television station to stop playing "Dixie" in its nightly sign-off.

"I personally would like to see them stop playing it," English said of the song usually identified as the Confederate battle hymn. "With tensions in the community as they have been during the last six months, it would be the responsible thing to do."

KTBS General Manager Bill Wray said Wednesday the station has no plans to stop playing the song, which was written by Daniel D. Emmett, a white entertainer in black face. KTBS plays "Dixie" at the end of the day's broadcast as part of "An American Trilogy," a medley of three songs that also includes "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "All My Trials," Wray said.

"That balances nicely, don't you think?" Wray said. "I am no expert in these matters but if the artist intended a political theme for this piece, it wasn't racism."

Wray said the station has received few complaints about the song in the 10 years that the station has played it at the end of its broadcast.

"We try to be very sensitive to the needs of the community," Wray said. "The sole purpose of the sign-off is to give viewers something pleasant to end the day with. Viewed in its entirety with no parts taken out of context, I believe it accomplishes this simple purpose."

English said the station shouldn't require "1,000 letters or a protest to bring about a change."

"What Channel 3 has to consider is that a large segment of its viewing audience finds 'Dixie' offensive," he said.

English said the song and the Confederate flag that hangs in front of the Caddo Parish Courthouse are two symbols that further divide a city hit last September by a racially-sparked riot.

Viewer Zenobia Hikes of Bossier City, assistant director of Admissions and Recruitment for Louisiana State University-Shreveport, said each time she hears the sign-off she is appalled and offended.

In a recent letter to the station, Hikes wrote, "Black people do not wish they were in the land of cotton. For blacks they were times of oppression, demoralization and heinous acts against humanity. Your station's constant reminder of that oppression is not only insensitive, but also racist."

Wray said Hikes' letter bothers him somewhat. "Here is a person who took it out of context. She heard just a small part of it," he said.

Shreveport City Councilman Joe Shyne said he feels the station should consider another song that is patriotic on a national level. "'Dixie' exemplifies the old southern tradition - of blacks being segregated."

Dr. Rosetta Reed, a member of the Shreveport Biracial Commission, said she feels some may be putting too much emphasis on the song's content.

Movies

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The following movies will be showing at local theatres this weekend:

"Oliver and Company," rated G; "Tequila Sunrise," rated R; "Twins," rated PG, and "Naked Gun," rated PG-13, will be playing at Movies 4.

"Oliver and Company," a Disney production, tells the story of Oliver, an orphaned cat in the streets of New York City, who is saved by Dodger, a hip mutt with "street savoir faire." Based on the novel, "Oliver Twist," this animated musical features many well-known voices, including Bette Midler and Billy Joel.

"Tequila Sunrise," starring Michelle Pfeiffer, Mel Gibson and Kurt Russell, features a love triangle involving former high school friends. The plot is further complicated by their professions — one is a cop (Russell) and the other is a drug dealer (Gibson) desperate to get out.

"The Naked Gun" is a production from the creators of "Airplane," and "Ruthless People." The movie, inspired by the TV series "Police Squad," tells the story of a visit to Southern California by the Queen of England and a Los Angeles businessman (Ricardo Montalban) who is hired to assassinate her.

"Twins," stars Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito who play not too friendly siblings. Years earlier the twins were part of a backfired genetic operation — one brother got the looks, strength and intelligence; the other, fed up with second place, decides to rid himself of the comparison.

"Land Before Time," rated G, and "Scrooged," rated R, will be showing at the Ritz.

"Land Before Time," from executive producers George Lucas and Stephen Spielberg, is an animated film set in pre-historic times. It tells the story of four young dinosaurs.

"Scrooged," starring Bill Murray and Karen Allen, tells the story of a ruthless TV executive whose idea of Christmas week is showing films like "The Santa Slayer." When he plans a cynical remake of Dicken's "A Christmas Carol," with Buddy Hackett playing Scrooge and Mary Lou Retton as Tiny Tim, he is confronted by his own past in a series of outrageous

adventures.

"Cocoon II, The Return," rated PG, and "Hell Raiser II," rated R, will be playing at the Cinema in College Park.

"Cocoon II, The Return" tells the story of the group of senior citizens who return to earth from the planet Antarea where they went to live at the conclusion of the original movie. While here on a rescue mission, the group has a chance to examine their decision to leave Earth.

"Hell Raiser II," features a young woman who is led to Hell by sadomasochistic demons in this sequel to the 1987 shocker that told of her mother's attempt to bring her lover back to life with an infusion of fresh blood.

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	The Naked Gun (Bargain Restricted)	4.50	7:05-9:15

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Here's a reminder from Social Security. In 1989, your children age 5 and over must have Social Security numbers before you can claim them on your Federal Tax Returns. You can apply for a Social Security number for your child at any Social Security Office. When you do, you'll need to furnish your child's birth records, proof of citizenship, and identity for you and the child. You'll receive your child's Social Security card by mail, usually within 2-3 weeks. You can get a form from any Social Security Office.

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How's that? Orchestra

Q. When will the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra play in Big Spring again?

A. The Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra will perform Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets will be \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens.

Calendar Open House

TODAY

• Forsan schools will have open house from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria for grades 6 through 12.

FRIDAY

• Fire hydrants will be flushed in the Greenbelt area from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• There will be a senior citizens dance at 8 p.m. in the Airpark in Building 487.

Tops on TV Knightwatch

A gang of Skinheads find easy prey in a group of homeless old people. The gang sets a deadly trap for the Knights when they try to end the attacks. — 7 p.m. Ch. 2.

Copper thefts lead to arrest

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Howard County Sheriff's Department officers have arrested a Midland man in connection with a series of thefts of copper wire from Union Pacific Railroad Company property.

Charges of theft over \$750 were filed against Samuel Joe Osborn, 39, Midland, according to a complaint filed with Howard County Justice of the Peace William (Bill) Shankles, who arraigned Osborn and set bond at \$5,000 on the felony theft charges. Shankles said the charges were based on theft of copper wire, valued by the railroad, from its right of way. Osborn, arrested at approximately 11 a.m. today, is being held in Howard County jail.

"One arrest has been made and we are seeking yet another, possibly more than one," Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard said. He added that one vehicle has been impounded in connection with the thefts, and 12 spools of stolen wire have been recovered.

The arrest resulted from cooperation between the Union Pacific Railroad investigators, Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol officers, sheriff's deputies, and up to seven other county sheriff's departments, Standard said.

"Over a period of two months there have been three incidents (in Howard County) that I'm aware of," Standard said, explaining that he price of salvage copper wire has recently "skyrocketed." The increased price makes the wire more appealing to thieves, he said. Standard credits the department's field officers, particularly "Ben Lockhart and the night shift deputies," for progress in the investigation.

Thefts of wire have been reported in Rattlesnake Gap, in the Alam area, and west of the city of Big Spring in the UP right of way, he said.

Union Pacific Special Agent David Green also had worked with the department, but a UP employee said Green was out of the office at prestime.

Lockhart said he arrested Osborn in the sheriff's office today after Osborn, who had reported his pickup stolen, came in to check on the vehicle. The pickup was impounded after being abandoned in Howard County resident's yard following a chase by sheriff's deputies and highway patrol officers, Lockhart said.

He said Osborn telephoned a relative from a house "about 250 yards from where the pickup eventually went" on the night of the chase and later reported the vehicle stolen.

Chamber solicits information from leading firms

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is conducting a survey of nearly 100 firms to determine their outlook on 1989, according to major employers' committee chairman Ken Dunwoody.

The forms are being mailed to "right at a hundred" of the area's largest employers, and request specific information about the firms which Dunwoody said the chamber needs to update "to help us wrap up 1988 and focus our sights on 1989."

He said the survey is the committee's first step in "evaluating our goals as the major employers committee and to some degree as the chamber of commerce."

"We're looking for ways we can help the major employers share information, and how we can collectively help each other grow and expand," Dunwoody said Wednesday.

Information supplied in the forms can be kept in confidential files, if the firms request that, he said. The information will be used

to compute averages for the area and help make projections about the needs and economic situation employers foresee, he said.

"We just want the businesses in their own words to tell us how they view 1988-90," Dunwoody said. "Are they in a growth mode, or a maintain mode?"

"Are there special services or products they need that are not available in Big Spring? For instance, if we have businesses tell us, 'We need gadgets, but we have to go to Midland to get them,'

maybe we can use that information to help attract a gadget dealer to Big Spring."

He said the committee is not setting a deadline for return of the completed forms this year. "We have tried that in the past and it doesn't seem to help. There are businesses that will return them, and businesses that won't."

Among the questions on the forms are changes expected; 1988 status questions including increased sales, increased employment, expansion, decreased sales and

decreased employment.

The questionnaire also asks for 1989 projections in terms of sales, employment and expansion, and seeks information concerning factors in Big Spring affecting each company, whether positive or negative, and what the company needs in 1989 from the community.

Financial limitations and suppliers information is also solicited in the forms, as are general comments and possible opportunities such as goods/services needed in Big Spring.

Beals Creek

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cities must conform," he noted.

In order to meet the EPA guidelines, municipalities are forced to expend increasingly higher funding, according to the public works director.

Decell advised the city council about two months ago that when the city attempts to obtain a permit in 1991 for the wastewater treatment plant it will be facing a new set of water quality requirements mandated by the EPA.

He also warned the council that it will cost the city between \$750,000 and \$1 million to meet the requirements and obtain a permit issued by the Texas Water Commission.

"They (council) are acutely aware of it," Decell assured.

If the city fails to meet EPA guidelines on water quality and is denied a permit, it could be fined up to \$10,000 per day, he noted.

In a related development, Decell said the Corps of Engineers is expected to release a report in September on methods that could be implemented to prevent flooding along Beals Creek.

Decell said he is reasonably confident the test results on Beals Creek will prove the city is meeting EPA guidelines.

Lockey said American Petro Fina Inc. officials have also requested a copy of the Beals Creek study.

Decell said the oil company is required to meet an even more strict set of EPA guidelines than the city.

Manager

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denied existed.

Wofford offered his resignation on March 23 "because we kept questioning and the answers weren't satisfactory," a former city councilman stated.

The resignation became effective May 21.

Wofford — former city manager in Pampa — assumed the duties of Big Spring city manager on July 15, 1986 at an annual salary of \$47,500. He was selected from more than 100 candidates and replaced Don Davis whose resignation became effective 4½ earlier.

Wofford resigned as city manager of Pampa in 1984 and went into business as a self-employed contract service consultant for marketing, land acquisition and contract management.

When asked in June 1986 why he wanted to re-enter city manage-

1988 In review

ment, Wofford said:

"Local government is what I have the most experience in and have been most successful in. I see this position (Big Spring city manager) as one that's challenging."

Hal Boyd — airport manager since July 1981 — was named acting city manager following Wofford's resignation and brought a steady hand to the office while serving in the interim position for six months.

Being selected to right things amid controversy and confusion was something Boyd had ex-

perienced previously, however.

When Davis resigned amid controversy in February 1986, Boyd served as interim city manager for a five-month period.

Boyd said he became accustomed to handling responsibility under Davis' tenure, when he was given the authority to handle "any kind of responsibility when he was away."

Boyd was appointed by the city council Aug. 23 to fill a two-year term. He earns an annual salary of \$50,000 while serving as city manager and airport manager.

His salary is funded through the following entities:

- Federal Emergency Management — \$5,000.
- Howard County — \$2,500.
- Airport — \$16,000.
- The remainder of his salary, including health and retirement benefits, are being paid through the city's general fund.



Associated Press photo

Saving their own

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Rochester firefighters rescue one of their own from a smoke-filled attic while fighting a house fire Wednesday. Firefighter Ross Falzone was lifted from an attic window where he had been trapped for about four minutes. He was listed in satisfactory condition suffering from smoke inhalation.

Chemical

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Thatcher, that a military response would be unhelpful.

The British government said Wednesday night, meanwhile, that it has confirmed beyond doubt that the plant in dispute was built to produce chemical weapons.

"We have been in contact with a number of countries to make the point that we have independent information on the Libyan chemical warfare programs," said a British Foreign Ministry spokesman who spoke on condition of anonymity. "This information shows that the plant is very large and that there is no doubt it is intended for chemical warfare production."

Meanwhile, *The Los Angeles Times* reported today that Libya had initiated secret overtures to the United States in recent months in hopes of avoiding an armed confrontation. The *Times*, quoting unidentified officials, said the overtures were rejected because they failed to address U.S. complaints that Gadhafi's regime supports terrorism.

The *Times* sources said the most recent Libyan contact came less than 24 hours before the American F-14s shot down Libya's Soviet-built fighters Wednesday over the Mediterranean.

Carlucci said the F-14s were on a routine training flight, more than 600 miles from the Libyan plant and 70 miles off Libya's coast, when they were approached "in a hostile manner" and fired in self defense.

"What he didn't say was that if

orders came to attack that plant, we probably wouldn't use airplanes," said one defense official. "We can use the Tomahawk now."

The United States wants to prevent Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi from starting large-scale production of chemical weapons, particularly given Libya's past support of terrorist organizations, the sources said.

The administration is now trying to isolate Libya diplomatically and gain the cooperation of allies in denying Libya access to Western supplies and technology said to be needed for the plant. Secretary of State George P. Shultz plans to address the issue during an international conference on chemical weapons that opens Saturday in Paris.

"There won't be any military action before then," said one official.

"But the contingency planning no longer focuses on bombing runs," said another source. "The Tomahawk is mission-capable and we have the digitized navigation data (for the missile) needed to fly a strike."

The new plant is situated about 35 miles inland from the coastal capital of Tripoli. The conventional land-attack model of the Tomahawk has a range of 700-plus miles, meaning cruise missiles could easily be launched by either submarine or surface ship against the Libyan facility.

Sheriff's log

Howard County Sheriff's Department officers report the following incidents as of 9 a.m. today:

Three persons have been sentenced to the Texas Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to felony charges in 118th District Court Wednesday.

• Lionso Lee Jimenez Jr., 29, Route 2, was sentenced to three years, less 35 days credit, after pleading guilty to possession of a controlled substance.

• Rodney Bernard Lang, 19, 1609 E. Sixth St., was sentenced to 10 years, less 43 days credit after pleading guilty to two counts of robbery.

• Terry Dewese Spears, 21, 709 Lorilla St., was sentenced to five years less 27 days credit after pleading guilty to revocation of probation for burglary.

• A woman who lives in the 800 block of East 14th Street reported unknown persons damaged her 1980 Ford Fairmont station wagon by breaking out the windshield while it was parked at the Brass Nail club.

• A woman who lives on Hilltop Road reported someone she knows assaulted her in her residence by striking her jaw with a fist.

• Grant Wilbert Jr., 27, 310 N. Scurry St., was released on \$10,000 bond after being arrested by city police on charges of robbery.

• Dennis Edward Ausbie, 28, 1608 Harding St., was released on \$3,000 bond after being arrested by city police on charges of burglary.

Police beat

Big Spring police reported investigating the following incidents:

• Wilbert Grant, 27, 310 N. Scurry St., was arrested on a warrant charging him with robbery. He was released after posting \$10,000 bond.

• Dennis Ausbie, 28, 1002 N. Main St., No. 53, was arrested on a warrant charging him with burglary of habitation.

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Deaths

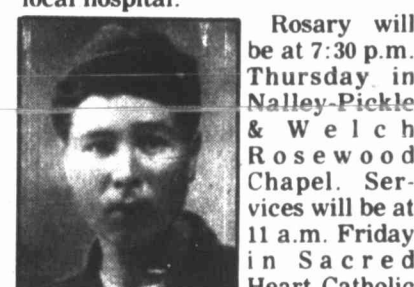
Bertha Brown

Bertha Brown, 80, Fresno, Calif., mother of Ben Brown, Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 2, 1989 at her home.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Page Funeral Chapel, Selma, Calif.

Juan C. Parras

Juan C. Parras, 66, Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1989 in a local hospital.



Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Delaney officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 24, 1922 in Toyah. He married Francisca Hernandez April 23, 1949 in Big Spring. He came to Big Spring in 1924 from Toyah and was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. He was a World War II Army veteran, and worked as a nurse's aide at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring until retiring in 1981.

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301 E. 24th St., Big Spring

Ira Minchew

Ira Minchew, 84, Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1989 in a local hospital.

Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Kenneth Patrick officiating, under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 10, 1904 in Henderson County and married Emily Fay Swope May 10, 1925 in Big Spring. She died Oct. 26, 1986. He came to Big Spring in 1919 when he was 15 and farmed north of Coahoma until 1948. He then worked at Kimble Grain Elevator retiring in 1969.

Survivors include two daughters, Ruby King, Beeville; Delma Fay Jenny, Orlando, Fla.; two sons, Jim and Charles, both of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Jimmie Schooler

Jimmie E. Schooler, 62, Eli, Nev., father of a Big Spring resident, died Monday in his home after a brief illness.

Services were at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell with the Rev. Earnest Waggoner officiating. Burial will be in O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home, O'Donnell.

He was born Sept. 20, 1926 in O'Donnell and was a water well driller.

Survivors include two sons, Bruce, Big Spring, and Ronny, Fort Stockton; one daughter, Sherry McCormick, Seminole; mother, Nettie Schooler, O'Donnell; one sister, JoAnn Miller, O'Donnell; one brother, Stewart Jr., Powderly; and nine grandchildren.

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Opinion

"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire

Views of other Texas papers

East also has racial tensions

One of the points on which Marxist nations have long delighted in excoriating the United States has been this nation's uneven record in the area of racial and ethnic relations. America's failings in this regard, the line goes, demonstrate one of the uglier flaws built into the capitalist system.

Certainly there is abundant justification for criticism on this score — but developments in recent months serve as a reminder that it isn't just the decadent West that needs to set its house in order.

For sheer, seething inter-ethnic hostility, you'd be hard-pressed to find a hotter spot than the border between predominantly Christian Armenia and predominantly Moslem Azerbaijan in the Soviet Union.

And now comes a tale of racial confrontation from China, where clashes have broken out between Chinese students and black African students.

Certainly none of this can excuse in any way the survival of racist beliefs and practices in this country. However, it is perhaps not out of place to suggest that those who criticize America's record might do well to inspect their own credentials.

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

Soft money calls for regulating

One byproduct of Watergate was the passage in 1974 of campaign laws regulating campaign contributions and spending in federal elections.

Those laws were acknowledged to have worked satisfactorily until the growing use of what has been called soft money has circumvented the process.

While these contributions are purportedly to be used only in non-federal elections, in fact, they are being spent in ways that do influence federal elections.

This is clearly illegal, but the Federal Election Commission has failed to act.

We call upon the commission to adopt regulations that will make clear that the use of soft money in federal campaigns is illegal and will not be tolerated.

—San Antonio Light

Nukes: Rampant misinformation

Perhaps no other issue of public policy is as distorted by misinformation and sheer emotionalism as nuclear defense. Consider the recent finding of a poll commissioned by a pro-defense group: Some 86 percent of Americans believe that the country's nuclear arsenal has remained level or grown in recent decades. In fact, the United States has 8,000 fewer nuclear weapons today than 20 years ago.

The poll's most striking discovery is that the citizens most likely to be misinformed are those who have spent the most years in college and graduate school. But with so many campuses now forums for anti-defense propaganda, this isn't surprising.

—Dallas Morning News

Hasie: Push academic excellence

Gov. Bill Clements has made an interesting and somewhat surprising choice for chairman of the State Board of Education. Monte Hasie — a newly elected member of the state board, a Lubbock stockbroker and former head of the Lubbock school board — was selected over more seasoned members.

Of greatest interest is the fact that Mr. Hasie made H. Ross Perot the central issue in his campaign, and generally was critical of recent changes that forced local districts to make reforms they cannot afford.

Those who know Mr. Hasie well assert that he will be a strong but open-minded leader and an activist. He is hailed as a man of integrity who will put the interests of schoolchildren above all others. Austin sources say these are exactly the qualities that led the governor to make the pick.

On the topic of funding, Mr. Hasie is on target. It does no one any good to mandate all manner of changes, then provide no money to implement those changes. It has been especially unfair to poor districts with featherweight property tax bases. If Mr. Hasie will fight for more money, and not for retrenching the requirement — more power to him.

On other topics, Mr. Hasie should stand firm on the no-pass, no-play rule that is working fine. Texas must go forward. What Texas needs is an even greater restructuring, an even greater commitment to academics, and even more money.

Lubbock, the home of Texas Tech, is a city that knows the value of education in maintaining economic vitality in regions whose original foundation was in the declining oil and agriculture industries. Mr. Hasie has the opportunity to lead Texas into the 21st century by providing leadership to construct an education system looking forward, not backward. If he succeeds, West Texas will have made a great contribution to all Texans.

—The Dallas Morning News

Football: Deal with the cheaters

Something is terribly wrong when University of Oklahoma officials seem to be more concerned with carping at the NCAA over the severity of penalties against the school's football program than with taking action against the persons responsible for the cheating that brought about the sanctions.

The University of Houston, Texas A&M and University of Oklahoma are the programs most recently punished by the NCAA, with Oklahoma State University expected to be dealt with shortly. It should come as no surprise to football fans in these parts that people outside Texas and Oklahoma consider our heroes cheaters more than champions.

The cheating has become counter-productive, if, in fact, it was ever productive at all. The time has come for officials in Oklahoma City and Austin to repudiate the excesses and take steps to assure the infractions do not recur.

Television and bowl game revenues are the minor losses in this mess. The big losses are to our pride and honor, which are diminished by the win-at-all-costs mentality. Those responsible should be dealt with severely.

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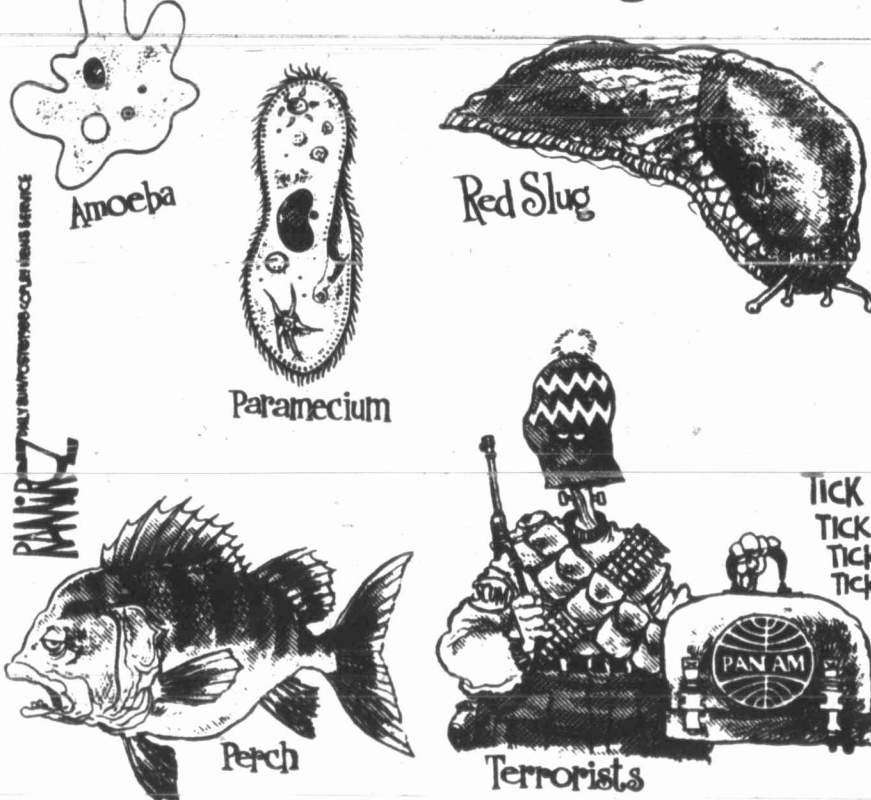
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Lower Life Forms



Winners are within sight: Lady Steers

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The ultimate insult that can be cast upon a sportswriter is for the person to be described as a "homer." The cad so named is often characterized by shameless boosterism of the team he is covering, and a noted lack of impartiality.

I have strived not to be so labeled. My reasoning is that the Herald's readers depend on me to give them an accurate account of how a game transpired. And how can I do that if I am constantly looking for the bright side of the home team's performance?

If, for example, Big Spring plays well, my readers should trust me to say so in my article. However, if the Steers play lousy, I also reserve the right to level said judgment on the home folks.

It might not always be pretty, but it's the truth — and that's a reporter's stock in trade.

Now, having said all that, I will now run the risk of being called a homer by stating publicly that the thin crowds attending Big Spring Lady Steer basketball games is a disgrace.

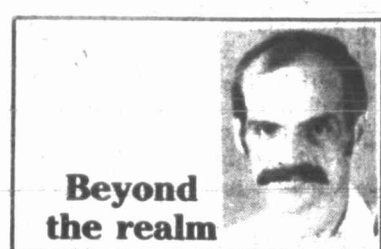
As a native Big Springer, I am only too aware of the constant harping by people that there are too few bright spots in this town; that if only there was something worth supporting, they'd be behind it all the way.

Well, folks, there's a jewel right under your nose — and you're missing it.

The Lady Steers are the closest thing to a dynasty that Big Spring's ever had. They have won the district championship the past two years, and are currently on track to make it three in a row.

They are consistently ranked in the top 20 in state 4A polls, and are respected and well-known in basketball circles around Texas. During the past 2½ seasons, their record of 68-9 translates into an 88 percent winning average.

In short, the Lady Steers don't just win — they dominate.



Beyond the realm

featuring a team that wins 88 percent of their games — not to mention an undefeated home streak dating to 1986 — would be the hottest one in town.

But on game nights, Steer Gym is anything but packed. Indeed, if not for the cheerleaders, the place would resemble nap-time at kindergarten for all the noise that's generated.

Why is this so?

I realize that this is West Texas, where football reigns supreme, but grid season has ended. It is also true that basketball, particularly girls' basketball, is not likely to breathe fire into the soul of the casual sports fan.

But readers have constantly written pleas to support this team or another. Time and time again, I have been approached by people to urge local support at home games.

This town — with the depressed economy and all — is desperate for a bright spot; something it can point at with pride. Well, folks, you need go no farther than Steer Gym.

Readers of this column will perhaps remember my campaign to change the name of the Big Spring mascot. Several times during that ill-fated effort, I asked the question: Just what the heck is a Lady Steer?

One of the few faithful Big Spring fans answered that question very succinctly the other night. "A Lady Steer," he said, "is a winner."

Touche. They are winners — and for a city supposedly starving for winners, they seem just what the doctor ordered.

And that's all I'm going to say on the subject. If that makes me a homer, so be it.



Mailbag

Holiday appreciation

To the editor:

The St. Vincent De Paul Society would like very much to thank everybody who donated cans of food and money this holiday season especially thanks to the CCE, the Youth Group, the Forsan Jr. High School Students and to Mark Reeh for their time and effort and kindness.

Also to the people who gave all year long. Because of this special group of people, the St. Vincent De Paul Society was able to help the poor have a better Christmas — all because of you. Thanks again.

Keep the Christmas spirit all year by sharing your bounty.

AUGUSTA CLARK
& Staff
St. Vincent de Paul
I.H.M. Catholic Church

The review was wrong

To the editor:

In reference to your 1988 review in the Jan. 1 paper, someone did not review very well. At the

residence of Arthur Clay McIntire on Jan. 9, 1988, my son Randal Wade Crawford was not participating in a marijuana-smoking party, as you stated. At the trial they brought this out. Randal was not trying to drive that night either, as you stated. He was trying to help stop another boy from driving. Do you realize how many people you hurt by not looking into the subject before you write a story?

Randal was a victim; he was shot dead with a 30-06, he will not get a reprieve, he will not be back. So please give Randal Crawford the respect he deserves and tell it the way it was. All the kid did, was die.

GINNY CRAWFORD
P.O. Box 773

Proper research is in order

To the editor:

If the author who wrote the article of the 1988 slayings had done the proper research, she would have known that Randal Crawford had not been smoking marijuana, and was trying to stop another person from driving; not himself. Not even the date of the slaying is correct.

If the Herald cannot write a more concise article, then it should not try to do so.

Your paper has brought back many painful memories to the family members and friends of

Randal Crawford.

You can not imagine the many people you have hurt, by printing that article. Not only to the Crawfords, but other names also mentioned in that article.

I believe you should leave the past behind, and let the deceased rest in peace.

NELDA WILLIAMS
HC 61 Box 127

Get the facts straight

To the editor:

Why can't ya'll seem to get anything right? If you don't know the facts in my brother's (Randal Crawford) murder don't write about it. You're stabbing us in the back each time. My little brother was trying to save a life and was cold-bloodedly killed. It came out in court Randal wasn't smoking pot at the party, I think you owe us an apology, a front page apology. You have done nothing but screw up all year. What is this, a gossip paper or a fact?

DAWN PRIVETT
Gail Route, Box 236

Editor's note: The date of death and placement of individuals was incorrect, as noted in the Jan. 4 page 3 correction. The Herald apologizes for those errors. The article did not state Crawford was smoking marijuana.

Quotes

"If America has prevailed because it is a superpower in the air and the sea, it will inevitably be defeated in Libya. We, as well as the fish, are awaiting them." — Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi on the skirmish Wednesday over the Mediterranean in which U.S. Navy jet fighters shot down two Libyan MiG-23 planes.

"This is not some emotional commitment to help 'the poor little birdies.' It's more a matter of: 'We made the mess and let's clean it up and develop a technology for heading this off.'" — Alice Berkner, a Vancouver, Wash., bird expert, who heads the "Dirty Bird Hospital" in Ocean Shores, Wash., where thousands of sea birds were taken for cleaning following one of the Pacific Northwest's worst oil spills.

"Everybody still loves me and still cares about me. When you do something good for the world, you do something good for yourself and it all turns out wowie, oh wow, wow — so good!" — Larry Harmon, aka Bozo the Clown, on the character's 30th birthday today.

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AG charges cops beat violator

BOSTON (AP) — Police officers stamped on a handcuffed suspect for 10 minutes while he lay screaming on the ground, then told him to wash his face before booking him, Massachusetts' attorney general has charged.

In a civil rights complaint filed Wednesday in Superior Court, Attorney General James Shannon said 13 officers either allowed or took part in the beating. The man was accused of running a red light and trying to elude police.

Shannon accused the officers of

using excessive force, conspiring to keep the incident quiet and depriving the man of his civil rights.

"This case is particularly disturbing because of the number of officers involved and the failure even to conduct an investigation," the attorney general said.

The suit asks the court to bar the 13 officers from further violations and prohibit them from handling arrests until they take a court-approved course in the use of force.

Group warns of radon readings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Radon detectors are becoming popular items in hardware stores, but a consumer group says they're only as good as the laboratory that analyzes them — and too often that's not any good at all.

The group, Public Citizen, maintained Wednesday that nearly half of the 34 radon testing laboratories it evaluated had quality control problems. The group sent test samples to seven of the largest labs and found dramatically false results in some cases.

"While millions of Americans are testing their homes for radon gas, some may be using do-it-yourself kits that provide dangerously misleading results,"

Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen, told a news conference.

Ms. Claybrook said Public Citizen purchased test kits and sent them in for analysis at the seven laboratories after filling them with radon-contaminated air obtained at two Energy Department laboratories. The results at three of the labs were wide of the mark by 67 percent in one case.

Executives from some of the laboratories, however, challenged the findings and suggested that Public Citizen, an advocacy group founded by Ralph Nader, had its own procedural and quality control shortcomings when testing the testers.

Coal miners killed in roof fall

MIDDLESBORO, Ky. (AP) — A cave-in nearly a half mile inside a coal mine killed three miners in the nation's worst such accident in 2½ years, authorities said. A fourth miner escaped unharmed.

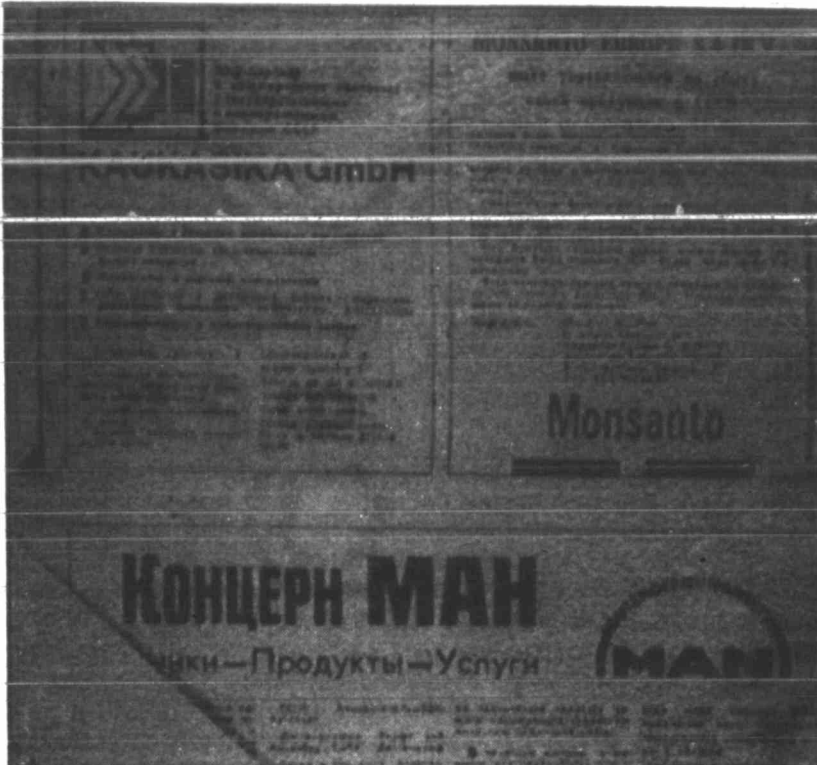
The cave-in occurred as the men were removing coal about 2,400 feet into the mine near this southwest Kentucky city Wednesday afternoon, said Willard Stanley, commissioner of the state Department of Mines and Minerals.

Rescue teams began digging toward the men within 20 minutes of the collapse, said Ronnie McDowell, an instructor with the department in Harlan.

By midday today, the last of the bodies had been pulled from the Cumberland Valley Contractors No. 2 mine. A fourth miner escaped unharmed after the collapse, Stanley said.



MINER'S VIGIL



Associated Press photo

Open for business

MOSCOW — Izvestia, the Soviet government daily, began Tuesday to print advertisements by foreign firms. It said the ads would help Western businessmen enter into "direct dialogue" with future Soviet partners.

Newsman attempt to smuggle 'bombs'

NEW YORK (AP) — Alert TWA employees led to the arrest of two French TV newsmen charged with trying to smuggle fake bombs onto three airlines to test security, but Dutch television reported a similar attempt overseas succeeded.

In the incident at Kennedy International Airport on Wednesday, three packages containing bogus bombs were left for shipment at the cargo areas of three international airlines: TWA, Pan Am and Air France, police said.

The packages also contained a typed message that read in part: "Congratulations! You have found our phony bomb! (made with molding clay, one alarm clock and wires)," said Armando Arrastia, spokesman for the Port Authority, which operates the airport.

The message was written on the letterhead of the French station TF1 and signed by the station's New York bureau chief, Alain Chaillou, Arrastia said.

Chaillou and producer Bruce Frankel were arrested Wednesday night and charged with violating federal explosives law, said FBI agent Mary Frances Lilly.

The two were testing the airlines' security, said Lt. Frank Tabert of

Port Authority police.

They were being held at the Metropolitan Correctional Center and were to appear today before a U.S. magistrate.

In Amsterdam, the TV station Veronica reported Wednesday that it had smuggled a fake bomb onto a London-bound KLM flight to demonstrate that terrorists can pass security checks with relative ease.

Reporter Gert Berg was filmed by his station carrying a briefcase containing the imitation bomb through security checkpoints and onto the aircraft at Schiphol Airport, considered one of Western Europe's safest.

KLM spokesman Nico Harmsen today accused the station of "immature... marginal journalism."

"They've shown themselves to be really stupid. Bombers don't have to be real terrorists, but this will always give some crazy people new ideas," he said. He refused to say whether security was tightened after the incident.

"This kind of reporting is not in the interest of aviation and will harm its security," said Dutch National Police spokesman Rick Hirs.

World

Residents paint over death threats

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Soldiers today forced residents to paint over graffiti threatening the life of Mayor Elias Freij, whose proposal for a U.N.-sponsored truce in the Palestinian uprising was rejected by the PLO.

Freij, meanwhile, denied reports he was in hiding after PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said Monday that anyone trying to stop the uprising "exposes himself to the bullets of our people."

Also today, Palestinians in the West Bank town of Jericho said a 25-year-old resident gunned down

near his house Wednesday was suspected of being a collaborator with Israeli authorities.

Army officials confirmed the death of Bassam Barahmeh, who was seriously wounded in the attack and succumbed to his injuries at Mukassas Hospital in Jerusalem. They had no information on his activities.

Leaders of the uprising have repeatedly threatened Palestinians who cooperate with the Israelis, and more than a dozen alleged collaborators have been killed since it began in December 1987.

U.S. to participate in conference

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Reagan, acknowledging recent human rights reforms in the Soviet Union, agreed Wednesday to U.S. participation in a 1991 human rights conference in Moscow.

The meeting was part of a three-conference schedule in Europe approved by Reagan.

"The president decided to agree to this schedule, including the Moscow conference, as a means of encouraging continuation of the significant progress in human rights that has taken place in the Soviet Union over the past three years," deputy press

secretary Roman Popadiuk told a briefing as Regan vacationed in California.

Britain quickly announced its concurrence in approving the 1991 Moscow conference, paving the way for new East-West negotiations to reduce conventional forces in Europe.

Britain and the United States had taken the toughest line on Moscow's ambition to host a human rights conference, and Wednesday's announcement opened the way to wrapping up 35-nation talks between East and West in Vienna, due to end this month.

Lockerbie buries one of its own

LOCKERBIE, Scotland (AP) — More than two weeks after the crash of Pan Am Flight 103, Lockerbie today buried one of its own, a 10-year-old girl whose parents are still among the missing.

The Requiem Mass for Joanne Flannigan at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church was the first funeral for any of Lockerbie's 11 dead, eight of whom are still missing.

The 11 died along with all 259 people on board the Boeing 747 jet when a bomb exploded in its cargo hold on Dec. 21.

Rev. Patrick Keegans told a congregation of several hundred mourners that death is harsh and bitter "even in normal circumstances."

"In these circumstances it is almost unbearable and unbelievable," he said.

Miss Flannigan's service was even simpler than a memorial service held Wednesday for all the victims.



LOCKERBIE BURIAL

Jews welcome change in word's definition

By MARCUS ELIASON

Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — The Concise Oxford Dictionary has offered a compromise in its long-running quarrel with Jewish groups over its inclusion of the word "Jew" as a racial slur.

The Jewish campaigners say they welcome the change but believe it's not enough.

The disputed entry defines "Jew" as "1. person of Hebrew descent; person whose religion is Judaism... 2. (derog., colloq.; R) person who drives hard bargains, usurer."

And as a verb: "(derog., colloq.; R) cheat, bargain with (person) to lower his price."

"Derog., colloq.; R" stands for "derogatory, colloquial, racially offensive."

According to a letter from S.J. Tulloch, senior assistant editor of the dictionary, to the Council of Christians and Jews, the next edition will add: "The stereotype, which is now deeply offensive, arose from historical associations of Jews as money-lenders in medieval England."

The aim, Mrs. Tulloch wrote, is to put things into context.

But council director Canon Jim Richardson said he wished the dictionary simply would drop all the pejorative definitions.

Mrs. Tulloch wrote that dictionaries had to record, not to pass judgment, and that "Jew" pejoratively "is still current both as a noun and as a verb."

Richardson, an Anglican clergyman whose organization fosters Christian-Jewish understanding, disagreed. "She

said it was in common practice. We actually doubt that and ask: Is it really in use? Couldn't it be left out?"

"The Jewish community is very sensitive about the definition of 'Jew' in the Oxford Dictionary," he said in an interview. "The definition of 'Jew' as a usurer, as a person who strikes a hard bargain, promotes an anti-Jewish attitude."

He said the lexicographers' latest step was "very much a move in the right direction, but we won't be satisfied until it (the definition) is scrapped, because it is dangerous."

Mrs. Tulloch wrote: "The meaning of Jew that you mention is certainly offensive, but that is not grounds for omitting it from the dictionary, nor does our inclusion of it imply that we condone its use in this sense. Instead, it should be carefully labeled, so that the reader understands the context in which it exists."

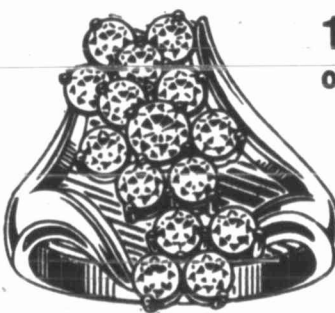
Shimon Cohen, a spokesman for Lord Jakobovitz, the chief rabbi of Britain, said he was "somewhat pleased" with the proposed change, but also wanted the pejorative definitions removed.

Other British dictionaries also include pejorative definitions of "Jew." Chambers 20th Century Dictionary, published in Scotland, defines the word as "usurer, miser." The Longman Dictionary of the English Language attributes its origin to "the alleged sharpness of Jews in business dealings."

Chambers, Longman and Oxford also list the meanings of "kike," "sheeny," "wog," "nigger" and "chink" with notations that they are offensive slang.

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Consent form upsets women

DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter from "Wondering in Waco," the woman who had planned to have her tubes tied and was told she needed her husband's consent, I would like to add my own experience along the same line:

As a widow, planning to marry, I wanted to have my tubes tied. As I sat in the hospital, wrapped in a sheet awaiting my turn for the surgery, a nurse came in and asked if my husband was available to sign the "consent form."

I informed the nurse that I had no husband, and if I did have one, I'd be aghast at the idea that I would need his consent to have my tubes tied.

This requirement may not be "on the books," but it is a widespread practice. — ALSO APPALLED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR APPALLED: As I previously pointed out: "It's possible that the physician asked the woman to obtain her husband's consent in a way that gave the impression that it was required by law."

The moral to this story: If you are asked to do something that "feels" unfair, unjust or inappropriate, don't assume that it's a law — ask for proof.

DEAR ABBY: I hate writing letters, but I couldn't resist a comment to "Wondering in Waco," who was upset when her doctor told her she needed her husband's consent to have her tubes tied.

I'm the mother of six lovely children and was on the pill for 10 years when some negative reports started coming out about it.

This worried my husband, so he decided to have a vasectomy. We made an appointment with the surgeon, and I took my husband to the doctor's office. I sat in the waiting room. The nurse came to get me, saying the doctor wanted to see me, too. When I went into his office, he handed me a form to read and sign.

Dear Abby



It said: "I agree to allow my husband to have this surgery, and I will not sue the doctor for tampering with my personal property."

Of course I signed it, and my honey and I had many laughs over this for a long time afterward. So you see, it all depends on the doctor's rules. — R.K. IN BILOXI, MISS.

DEAR ABBY: The letter about the girl who worked in a fast-food place that required her to wear short-shorts so "people could look at her legs" reminded me of an experience our niece had a few years ago. (She was a beautiful girl and looked like Judy Garland.)

While attending nursing school and living with us, this niece took a job as a waitress in a local steak house. After a week or two, her boss told her that he wanted her to wear high heels, mesh tights, hot pants, a short black dinner jacket and a white, sleeveless, turtleneck sweater. He told her it would help business, and she would get bigger tips.

He was right. Nobody sat at the bar anymore. Her tips doubled, but after one week in those spike heels, she decided that the propositions from drunks and the pawing wasn't worth it, so she told her boss that she wanted to go back to wearing a skirt. He refused, so she quit her job and filed with the California Fair Employment Practices Commission. She won four weeks' pay, plus an offer of re-employment from her erstwhile boss (which she refused!). — KARIN AND BOB, ELK GROVE, CALIF.

DEAR KARIN AND BOB: Hooray for your niece. She's not only a credit to womanhood, she chose a noble profession that desperately needs to increase its numbers.

DEAR ABBY: The Holy Family School in Redmond, Wash., presented a drug-alcohol educational program, after which each student was asked to write an evaluation of the program.

I am enclosing one written by a 10-year-old student. His thinking is much better than his spelling. I wish more parents thought the way this boy thinks.

I hope you can find space for it in your column, Abby. — FLORENCE C.

DEAR FLORENCE: Find space? I'll make space:

"My evaluation of the Drug-Alcohol Education program: I don't think that I learned anything new. The way I think the program should work is that you should learn from your parents. After all, there the ones you go home to every night. There the ones that put the roof over your head and besides if somebody has a drug problem, it is the family who is in charge of it."

"The whole school isn't your family physically, is it? No! If you have a problem, you would usually go to your parents, right? Yes!"

"And I am pretty mad that you have to learn it from your teacher rather than from your parents." — NATHAN

DEAR ABBY: "How to Have a Lovely Wedding" is a revised, up-to-date guide for formal church weddings, home weddings, second-time-around weddings. To order, send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Abby's Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Military

Army Private Maria L. Garcia, daughter of Pauline Trevino, Lamesa, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

She is a 1986 graduate of Lamesa High School.

Cadet John A. Meyer, son of Joam Meyer, Big Spring, has been promoted to the rank of cadet sergeant in the Marion Military Institute Corps of Cadets.

The college sophomore is serving in Company H for the school year 1988-89.

Marion Military Institute is an independent, non-profit institution consisting of a co-educational high school and two-year college.

The school also offers a Service Academy Preparation program in addition to the two-year Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps commissioning program.

More than 200 generals and admirals began their military training at the 147-year-old school which has been designated by the Department of the Army as "Honor Military School of Distinction."



Associated Press photo

Marie Antoinette

LONDON — Actress Jane Seymour with husband, David Flynn, and children, Sean, 3, Jennifer, 8, left, and Katie, 6. Seymour is to star as Queen Marie Antoinette in a new \$48 million movie being filmed to mark the bicentennial of the French Revolution. Katie will join her mother in the film, "The French Revolution," playing the queen's daughter, Princess Madame Royale. Sean will play the French dauphin.

Area briefs

Re-Creation to perform

Re-Creation, America's premier road show, will perform at the Veterans Administration Medical Center Jan. 19, according to Conrad Alexander, medical center director.

Re-Creation Inc., represents the organization which provides a national program of live entertainment in the nation's 172 VA Medical Centers.

In addition to the VA, two national organizations support this program: The Bowlers of America Charity for hospitalized veterans, and The Howard Johnson Company.

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GFWC Study Club hosts Christmas meeting

The GFWC Forsan Study Club met for a Christmas meeting Dec. 12 at the home of Sue Holguin.

Each member brought a salad to share and a gift to exchange. Before reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas," Kathy Pickett noted the poem's background.

Linda Light and Donna Parker lead the club in singing Christmas carols.

Members each shared a Christmas memory, and gifts were exchanged following a game of Left-to-Right.

Virginia Lujan and Sue Holguin served as hostesses.

Lornas Simmons visited as Eunice Thixton's guest.

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Bealls

Area players garner more football honors

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

Area football players are still raking in the awards. The *San Angelo Standard Times* recently released its All-West Texas Football teams, and several Crossroads Country athletes made the elite group.

Making the Class A team were a host of Garden City Bearkats. In fact, the Bearkats placed seven members on the team — the most of any school.

Offensively, quarterback Codie Scott, running back Tony Ramirez, wide receiver Jodie Scott and lineman Jimmy Braden made the squad. Defensively, the Bearkats placed linemen Eleazar Madrid, linebacker Weldon Hillger and defensive back Juan Morales on the team.

The Stanton Buffalos placed two players on the 2A squad; offensive lineman Matt Myrick and defensive lineman George Reyna.

The Colorado City Wolves led the 3-A team with seven members. They were linebackers Vic Luera and Jerry Hulme; defensive back Mark Russell and punter Beau Rees. Offensively the Wolves placed Russell at wide receiver, Rees at running back, and offensive lineman Hal Morren.

The Coahoma Bulldogs had three players named to the squad — offensive lineman Casey Webb, defensive lineman Terry Hall and defensive back Rusty Ginnett.

Two Wolves made the All-Super Team, consisting of players from all classifications. They were Morren on the offensive line and Russell in the secondary.

Russell, who was named the Crossroads Country Honor Roll's Defensive Most Valuable Player, was also named the defensive MVP on the *Abilene Reporter News* All-Area Team.

Also making the squad was running back Rees.

The Big Spring Sports Booster Club will be sponsoring a chili supper Friday, Jan. 13 at the Big Spring High School cafeteria from 5-7 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 per person and this includes chili, beans, crackers, salad, fruit cobbler, tea and coffee. The chili supper will be before the Steers-Andrews basketball game at Steer Gym at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the high school office, Big Spring Athletics, or at the door.

For more information call Linda Davis at 267-4010.

Speaking of chili suppers...

The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will be sponsoring a chili supper Friday, Jan. 27 prior to the Steers-Fort Stockton basketball game.

The chili supper will be from 4:30-7 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. The basketball game at Steer Gym begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 per person, and can be purchased from any Evening Lions Club member or at the door.

The Big Spring Boxing Club, coached by J.V. Martinez, will be hosting a West Texas Boxing Association tournament in Odessa this Saturday and Sunday at the Target Enterprise building.

Action begins at 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Big Spring will have three boxers competing. They are Rene Villa in the 147-pound division; Angel Villa in the 139-pound division and Henry Enrique in the 100-pound division.

The winners of the tournament qualify for regional competition in El Paso. The winners from El Paso advance to national competition in Kentucky.

The boxers are prepping for area Golden Gloves competition Feb. 9-11 in Odessa.

Big Spring Steers basketball coach Boyce Paxton has been included in *Who's Who of American High School Basketball Coaches*.

Rick Gunter, the magazine's Editor-in-Chief, said that "We feel that Boyce Paxton has successfully demonstrated a high standard of dedication to the youth of the United States of America as both an educator and coach. These coaches are well-deserving of public recognition in our national coaches guide and by the local sports media."

The most recent boys 4-4A basketball stats are out and Steer guard Abner Shellman is the league's fourth leading scorer, averaging 23 points per game. Fort Stockton's Armando Trevino is the leader, averaging 34 points per game.

Steer reserve forward Chris Cole is third in field goal percentage, making 57 percent of his shots. Shellman is fourth in three-point percentage, making 39 percent of his shots.

While on the subject of basketball, the Borden County Lady Coyotes had a real cliffhanger with Jayton Tuesday night.

Borden County won the game 84-82 in triple overtime. Borden County sent the game into overtime when Kate Phinizy hit a three-pointer at the buzzer. In the first overtime, a Jayton player nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into the second OT.

It almost happened again in the second overtime. Borden County's Lesha Sternadel nailed a basket from midcourt, but the buzzer sounded just before she shot the ball.

Borden County iced the game in the third overtime thanks to free throws by Randi Woodard and Amy Lewis.

Borden County coach Bill May summed it up best — "It was a great game for the fans, but a coach's nightmare."

HC teams back in action

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It's time for the Howard College Hawks and Hawk-Queens to shake off the rust from a month-long layoff as they prepare for the second half of the 1988-89 basketball season.

The Queens, 8-7 for the season and 0-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, will be the first to return to action when they take the court tonight at 5 p.m. against Trinity Valley Junior College in the first round of the Odessa College Tournament in Odessa.

Coach Steve Green's Hawks, sporting a 10-7 and 2-1 record, will wait until Monday to begin second-half play, when they host Lubbock Christian College's junior varsity at 7:30 p.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

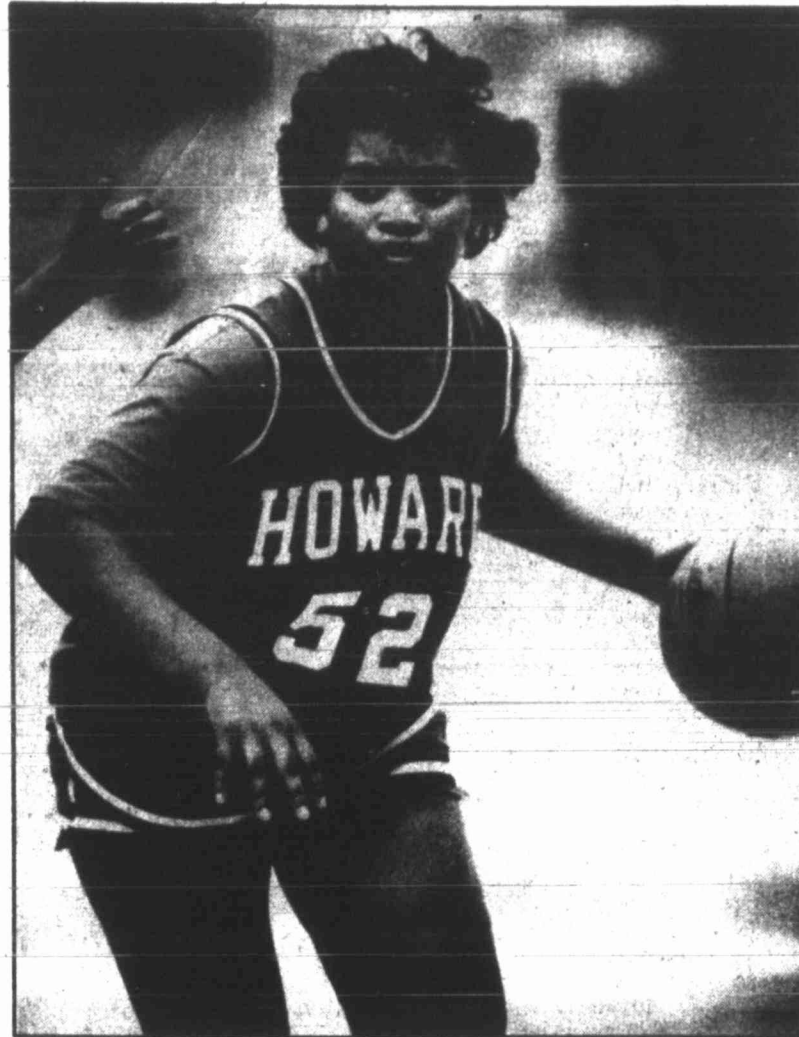
The Queens, who began second-half practice Monday evening, return all their players except starting guard Tesha Hood, who withdrew from school for personal reasons, coach Don Stevens said.

"We've got a lot of good guards, so I'm not too worried," Stevens said of Hood's absence.

Stevens' women will face a tough test out of the blocks in Trinity Valley, currently ranked third in the nation. But, Stevens said such a challenge is nothing new for the Queens.

"We've played the number one, three, six, seven and eight teams in the nation, and we've lost seven games," he said. "We've played a real tough schedule with a bunch of freshmen. I'm just real proud of them."

Stevens said he will probably go with a double-post, three-guard lineup consisting of centers Shannon Lawson and Allana Cummings



The Howard College Hawk-Queens will play the remainder of the season without guard Tesha Hood of Tahoka. Hood, who was a starter on the team, left school for personal reasons.

and guards Cindy Johnson, Linda Waters and Monique Cook.

Other teams involved in the tournament are Odessa College,

Ranger Junior College, Central Arizona, Eastern Oklahoma and Western Oklahoma.

"In Trinity, we're going to be

facing a team with two outstanding post players," Stevens said. "The key to the game will be how well we play defense against them."

After the Odessa tournament, the Queens will return to WJAC action Jan. 13 against the OC Lady Wranglers in Odessa. Stevens said he is keeping with his pre-season prediction of a close conference race.

"My opinion of the conference hasn't changed one iota," he said. "Every team can win it... it'll be a dogfight." Stevens did say, however, that South Plains College — led by former Big Spring Lady Steer Teresa Pruitt — is probably "the most solid" team with four sophomore starters.

As for how the Queens perform in conference action, the coach said much depends on the play of his reserves.

"I'm still looking (for some answers)," Stevens said. "Some players are not getting the playing time that they want or I want. If they can contribute like I think they can, we'll be in good shape."

On the men's side of the fence, Green said he is optimistic of his team's chances in WJAC play.

"We're 2-1 in league play and in a position to do something," he said.

"That's a lot better than being 0-3. We've played perhaps the three toughest teams in the conference and we're 2-1 against them, so I'm optimistic about that."

"We were playing a little better at the break offensively," he said of the Hawks' first-half play. "The guys are beginning to fit in some roles... They're running the ball well, and getting some easy transition baskets."

The Hawks, who return all their

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Who will be the Bears starting QB?

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — Joe Montana and Keith Van Horne have added their two cents worth to the Chicago Bears' quarterback sweepstakes.

As the Bears prepare to face Montana's San Francisco 49ers in the NFC title game on Sunday, Van Horne told reporters on Wednesday he "doesn't understand" how Jim McMahon lost his starting quarterback job to Mike Tomczak when McMahon returned from a knee injury last month.

"My own personal opinion is that I don't know why someone, once you get hurt and you're able to come back... why you should lose your job," the Bears tackle said.

"That's the way it's usually been. If you're able to come back and play — and you're a starter — you should have your job back. That's what I'd expect if it was me."

Van Horne insisted he wasn't trying to second-guess Coach Mike Ditka's decision to go with Tomczak in the playoffs.

"We've been winning and that's all that matters. I'm not trying to create any controversy, I'm just trying to tell you what I think," the lineman said.

Montana, who was involved in a quarterback flap in the San Francisco media when he played behind Steve Young earlier this season, said it is important for a head coach to make a quick decision on a starter.

"The longer he waits, the tougher it gets on both guys," Montana said via a telephone hookup from San Jose, Calif., where the 49ers are practicing for Sunday's game.

Worried about Tomczak's bruised left shoulder, Ditka had delayed until today a decision on who will be his starting quarterback against the 49ers. On Wednesday's injury report, Tomczak was listed as probable, meaning there is a 75 percent chance he would be able to play.

Montana didn't know if the McMahon-Tomczak question would adversely affect the Bears on Sunday.

Bengals hope to shuffle way into Super Bowl

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ickey Woods wants to shuffle his way into the Super Bowl. The Buffalo Bills don't want to give him a reason to kick up his heels in the AFC Championship game.

Woods, the Cincinnati Bengals' rookie running back, has captured fans' imagination with his touchdown shuffle, a dance that celebrates his scores. His coach and teammates will be looking for it Sunday as a sign they're headed to Miami for the NFL's final dance.

"I'd like to see it often," Coach Sam Wyche said.

The Bills already have seen it far too much. Woods rushed for 129 yards and a season-high three touchdowns in the Bengals' 35-21 victory over Buffalo in the regular season. He could have danced all night, if the officials hadn't penalized him five yards for doing his

post-touchdown shuffle.

As far as the Bills are concerned, Woods' little sidestep is dirty dancing.

"I'm not too high on his dancing," nose tackle Fred Smerles said. "Most people aren't too high on people that rub it in your face when they do something."

Woods, the running back, is another matter. The Bills came away with admiration after their game the 13th week of the regular season, as the Bengals ground out 232 yards against the top-ranked defense in the AFC.

While his running has made the Bengals a big threat on the ground, Woods' dancing has made him a local celebrity.

Woods has refined his touchdown shuffle during the season. He sways from side to side, hopping on each foot, before ending the routine

with some one-legged jumps and a spike of the ball. He started doing it in the end zone after a score, but took the routine to the sideline when officials started penalizing him in the Buffalo game for excessive celebration.

The second-round draft choice from Nevada-Las Vegas invented the hop for the NFL, and it's caught on. Several records have been recorded locally in tribute, and Paul Brown — the team's usually low-key founder — was seen giving Woods tips on the shuffle in the locker room before the Bills' game.

Woods also does the dance in a local television commercial with his mother, who gave him the nickname "Ickey" and originally disliked the shuffle.

"When I showed it to her, she told me I'd better not do it after scoring a touchdown," Woods said. "But

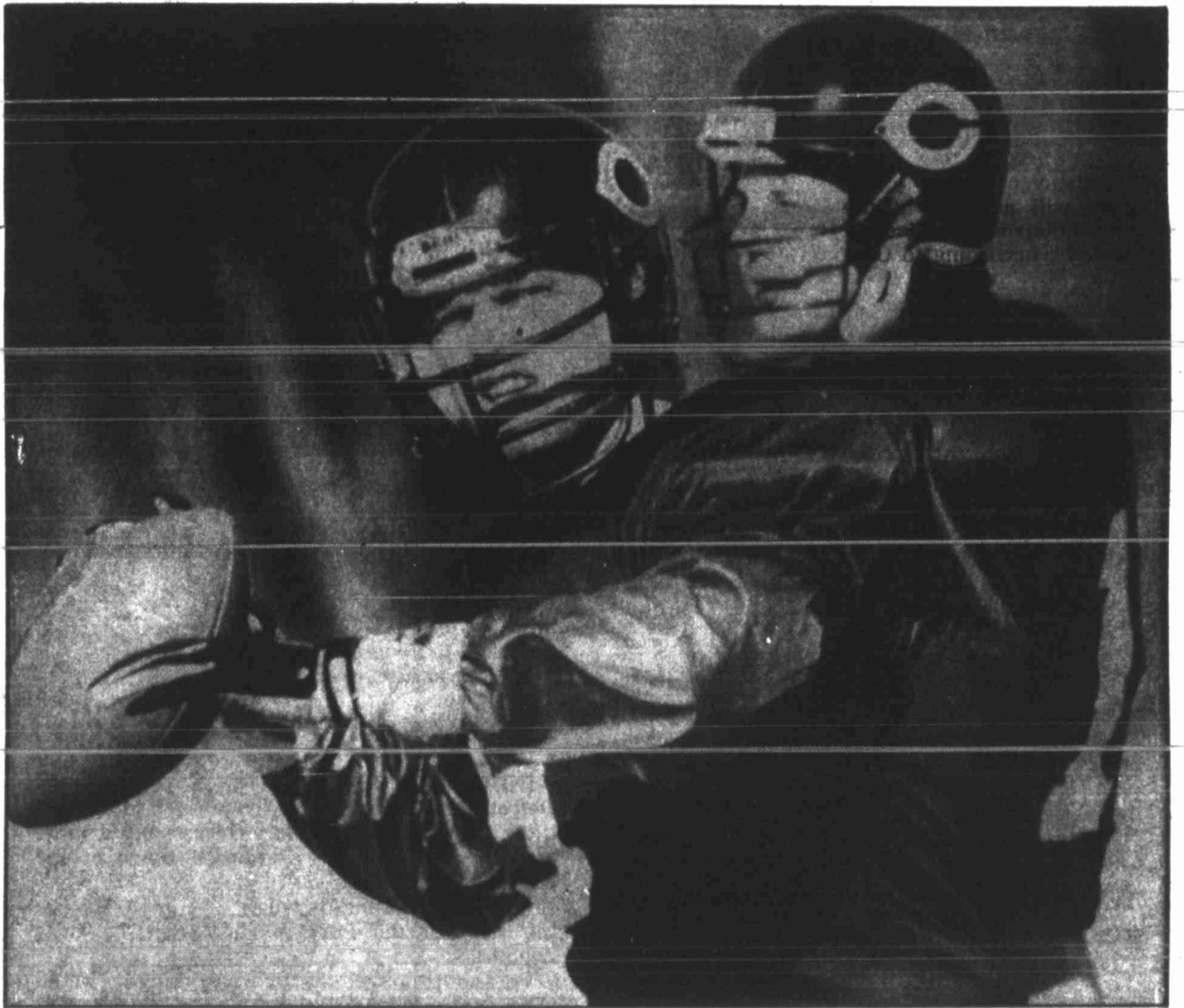
the Soldier Field crowd was noisy on Oct. 24 when the Bears beat the 49ers 10-9."

"Once we jumped offside on an audible because of the noise and we decided not to call any more audibles," he said.

Van Horne thinks Chicago's weather, if cold enough, could be a plus for the Bears because the 49ers play most of their games in warmer places.

"I just hope it's cold, that's all," he said.

"Ickey and our fans have grown accustomed to him coming to the sideline where it's not going to taunt anyone, it's not going to delay the game. The fans get what they want."



SUWANEE, Ga. — Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon (left) and Mike Tomczak warm up in a passing drill Wednesday at the Atlanta

Falcons training camp. The Bears play the 49ers Sunday in Chicago.

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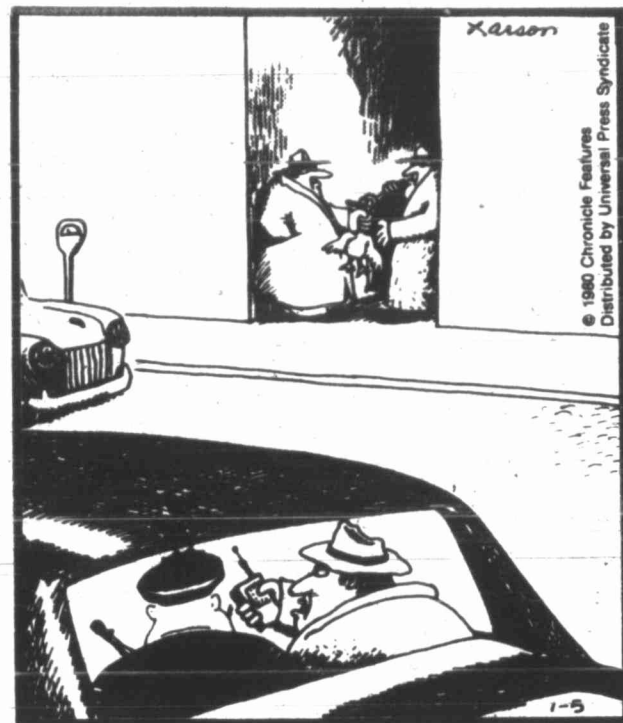
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Business Opportunities

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230

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FULLER BRUSH. Household care sales and delivery. Earn 25% to 50%. 263-6175 or 1-800-848-2309.

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Help Wanted

270

THE CITY of Big Spring will be testing for the position of non-certified police officer at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 1989 in the city council room of city hall, 4th and Nolan. Interested applicants must meet the following qualifications: At least 21 years of age, valid Texas operators license. Applications must be in by Wednesday, January 11, 1989. For more information contact: City Hall Personnel, P.O. Box 390 Big Spring, Texas 79721 or call (915) 263-8311 ext. 101 EOE.

MAINTENANCE MAN for apartment complex in Big Spring. Painting, carpentry, plumbing. Experience required. Must prefer age 35 to 50. \$16,500. Call 267-5410.

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THE HAIR Clinic well known salon is looking for an experienced hair stylist. 267-1444.

NEED SOMEONE to come to our house, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 to 5:00 to babysit and light housework. 267-2627.

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NEED MAINTENANCE man. Plumbing, electrical, carpentry. Experienced. Required. Apply in person, Great Western Motel, 2900 East 120.

Jobs Wanted

299

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430

ROUND BALES for sale: Red Top can and Gold Maker. Two locations. Phone 267-1180.

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Arts & Crafts

504

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505

WANTED IF you have something to sell one piece or household. Call us, we buy! Also consignment auction every other Tuesday. We do all types of auctions. Action Auction Company, North Hwy 87, 267-1551, 267-8436, Eddie Mann Txs-098 008188; Judy Mann Txs-098-008189.

Auctions

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7:00 p.m.

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Engine stand, skill saws, chain saws, hand tools, pipe dies, welding torch with hose, (1) Forney Electric Welder, (1) Airco Electric welder with leads, small tires and wheels, trailer axle small air tank, vice, paint guns, highlift jack, hydraulic jack, sofas, chairs, toys, jewelry, portable washer, refrigerator, tables, chairs, TV's, stereos, antique push plow, heaters, lamps, new western boots (approx. 20 pair)

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514

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515

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ANN'S POODLE Grooming: We do different breed of dogs. Monday thru Friday. Call 263-0670 or 263-2815.

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516

FEMALE-BASSET, found 500 block of Washington, 263-4389 after 4:00.

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LOOKING FOR a dark gray alley cat on the block of 1600 and 1700 Settles. Very important! Contact Jack or Sharon Birdwell, 1207 East 16th, 267-4844.

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Big Spring Herald, Thursday, January 5, 1989

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Lots For Sale 602

LOT FOR Sale at the Village by the Spring. Purchase price \$26,000. Will sell for \$20,000. Will consider trade for equipment or commercial property. Call 263-8456, 263-7961.

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1982 SUNVILLA MOBILE home, 14x80. Two bedroom, two bath, like new. Masonite siding - camp roof, refrigerated air - washer - dryer - dishwasher - range - refrigerator. To be moved. 915-353-4801.

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BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED 2 bedroom. Mature adults. No children. No pets. References required. \$300 month, plus utilities - deposit. 263-6944; 263-2341.

ONE BEDROOM nicely furnished. Carpeted and draped, no children and no pets. \$150 month, \$50 deposit. Inquire 602 Andree.

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CLEAN, TWO bedroom. Garage, central heat and air, drapes, nice furniture. 263-3350 or 263-2602.

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Weather

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

Showers lingered over the Southwest today after a storm that left Phoenix cleaning up from a tornado that briefly touched down, while subzero temperatures prevailed in New England and parts of the Midwest.

The tornado touched down briefly Wednesday and did minor damage to some buildings. No injuries were reported.

In the Pacific Northwest, a cold front produced rain and snow in the mountains. A low-pressure system over the Southwest left snow over parts of the Rocky Mountains.

Snow advisories were posted for the southern Cascade and Siskiyou mountains of Oregon, California's

REGIONAL WEATHER

Accu-Weather® forecast for Friday

Daytime Conditions and High Temperatures



Sierra Nevada, parts of Nevada and New Mexico.

The nation's high Wednesday was 86 degrees at Harlingen,

Texas.

Today's forecast called for rain in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee; rain showers and occasional thunderstorms in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, the lower Mississippi Valley and Missouri. Rain showers with snow was predicted at higher elevations. Snow was also forecast in sections of the upper Missouri Valley, the Rockies, Wyoming and the Pacific Northwest.

High temperatures were predicted in the 60s and 70s in Florida, the Gulf Coast, the lower Mississippi Valley, Texas, Arizona and California; and 40s and 50s in the rest of the nation.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I WISH HE'D CLOSE THAT HOOD. HE'S MAKIN' ME YAWN!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I like shaking hands with dogs cause they never squeeze."

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1989

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A new companion may be clouding your view of an important family matter. Express yourself without going overboard. Diversify your interests and investments. Promote yourself and you will get that raise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It is time to clean house at both the office and home. Throw some things out; donate others to charity. The evening and weekend are for socializing and romance. Build lasting relationships.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You put your finger on the customer's pulse and get a chance to leap over the competition. Make sure tax funds are untouched. Hold off on negotiating a settlement until you get expert advice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): No one is likely to refuse you today. Ask favors. Others fall in with your plans this evening. Be careful

not to stir up old resentments when you go home. Concentrate on your career goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Doubts begin to fade as the week winds down. Love relationships take a happy turn. Unresolved conflicts with a child or parent may be holding you back. Others want to please you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Socialize with people in other professions and you will learn more about your own. An older person shares his expertise, enabling you to make the right decision in business. Show your appreciation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep a closer eye on your money. You gain widespread support by winning a difficult person over to your views. Member of opposite sex has designs on you. Do not reveal too much too soon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Face up to your responsibilities and you will move up the ladder of success more quickly. Mate or partner is helpful and supportive. Enjoy a platonic relationship without trying to change it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Getting together with the right people will boost your career. Be honest with mate and romance will blossom anew. A stock market tip merits further investigation. Romance begins to sizzle!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Major financial decisions are best postponed. Once you know your priorities, you can churn out lots of work. Consult experts to save time and money. Put romance on hold for a while.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Last-minute news could upset your work schedule. Postpone a business trip until you have more facts and figures. Your feelings about a project could change. Be more careful when discussing your plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A co-worker reveals a fascinating secret. Resist the temptation to share this information with others. Polish skills that will boost your earning power. Romance flourishes in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

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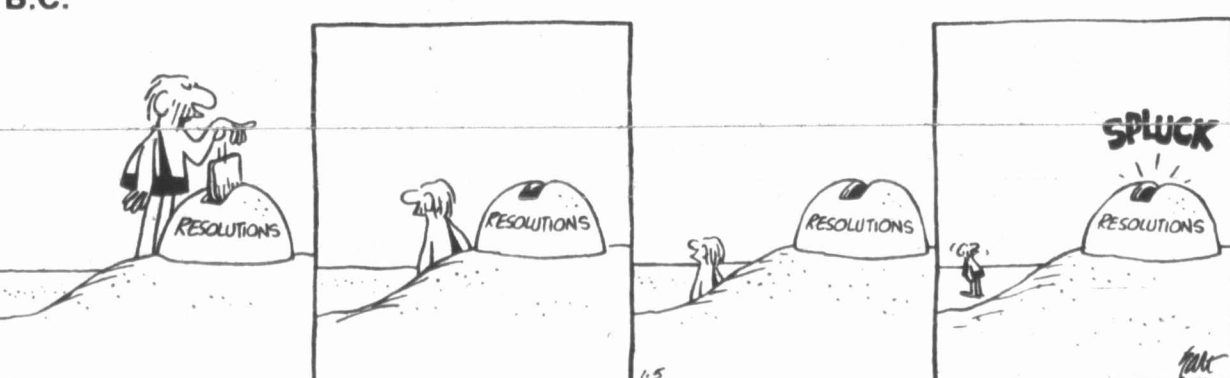
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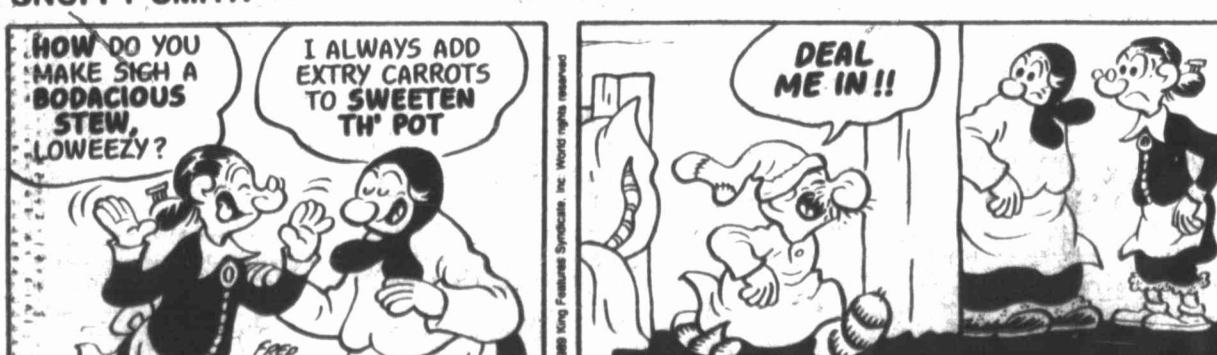
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BROWNSVILLE — Thelma Johnson, 60, from the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua, stands in front of a makeshift tent she is sharing with other refugees. The Central Americans are living

across the street from Casa Oscar Romero, a shelter for refugees that is currently filled to capacity.

UN official visits refugee camps

HARLINGEN (AP) — A United Nations refugee expert says her visit to the state's southernmost county was prompted by the large number of Central American asylum-seekers flooding the area, not the federal government's new policy keeping them there.

Susan Timberlake, a legal officer with the Washington, D.C., office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees today was to conclude a three-day visit to the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

"When I go back, I'll discuss what I've seen with my office and with my headquarters in Geneva, and we'll sit down with the (U.S.) government and discuss it," Ms. Timberlake said.

More than 30,000 Central Americans have crossed the Rio Grande illegally near Brownsville and sought political asylum since the end of May, when the INS started keeping count of the growing flood of "other than Mexican" immigrants.

The concentration of Central Americans in the Valley has increased sharply since Dec. 16, when the INS started requiring asylum-seekers in the area to submit applications at the INS Harlingen office and to receive word of approval or denial here.

City and county officials have complained that the new INS procedure is overloading an already poverty-stricken area with displaced people.

Ms. Timberlake said the UNHCR was not drawn to visit Cameron County by the new INS procedure, "but by the fact that there are large numbers of asylum-seekers here, and that's

what the UN is interested in."

She met with the mayors of Harlingen and McAllen Wednesday morning, and with INS officials Tuesday afternoon.

Ms. Timberlake said she visited crowded, dilapidated motels and makeshift campsites that have been home to hundreds of Central Americans, some of them living in the South Texas brush under discarded sheets of plastic.

"Clearly these people are experiencing difficulty and hardship, and this is one thing I wanted to come down and see about," Ms. Timberlake said Wednesday.

More than 100 countries have subscribed to the UNHCR's 1951 convention and its 1967 protocol relating to the status of refugees, which define refugees and acceptable procedures for handling them. UN language was incorporated into U.S. law with the 1980 Refugee Act, generally defining refugees as people outside of their countries due to well founded fear of persecution.

"I have no idea if the government will change its policy because of anything I do, but I know that the government is taking measures to deal with what they perceive is a crisis, and that the (Dec. 16) change of policy in that regard has been to meet that problem," Ms. Timberlake said.

Mark Schneider, an attorney with Harlingen-based Proyecto Libertad, which provides legal aid for Central Americans, said he hoped the INS again would allow the asylum-seekers to travel on to their destinations to apply, where many have relatives to help them.

"We hope the INS will respond

to international and local pressure and stop using the Valley as a detention center," Schneider said.

Asylum-seekers previously were allowed to travel to their destination cities, usually Miami or Los Angeles. A huge backlog of asylum cases in those cities and a large number of unwarranted asylum claims prompted the INS to adopt the new procedure, officials said.

INS officials have said most of the applicants are seeking economic betterment, not fleeing persecution, and therefore do not qualify for asylum.

A shanty town of plastic roofs continues to grow near the Catholic Church-sponsored Casa Oscar Romero shelter for Central Americans southeast of Brownsville. Immigrants have begun camping in fields near Casa Romero in hope of eventually obtaining space inside the shelter, which is limited to a capacity of 200 by court order.

Ms. Timberlake said she had visited the camp site dotted with human feces, where 250 people stayed in the brush Tuesday night with no regular supply of food and no place to bathe.

"I think she was impressed with what she saw," said Sister Juliana Garcia, Casa Romero's director.

Al De Leon, the INS' assistant district director for examinations, said the UN official did not bring to his attention any apparent violations of the UNHCR protocol.

"Basically she was down here to observe and learn about the situation," De Leon said.

Texas considers new Canadian trade office

AUSTIN (AP) — Because a new U.S.-Canada free trade agreement is expected to increase Texas-Canada trade, which in 1987 reached \$3 billion, the state should establish a trade office in Canada, a state representative said.

Texas now has an office in Mexico City which promotes economic ties between the state and Mexico, its largest export customer.

"I think that it only makes sense that the second-largest trading partner for Texas also have a trade office," said state Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, during a Capitol news conference Wednesday.

"That office would promote trade and would promote tourism, and it would be good for all of us," Cuellar said.

Texas exported \$2 billion worth of goods to Canada in 1987 and imported \$1 billion to give the state a \$1 billion trade surplus, Cuellar said. He said that profit could grow under the trade agreement that took effect Jan. 1.

The U.S.-Canada agreement, called "unprecedented in its scope," will phase out tariffs and ease other barriers on both sides over the next 10 years. The agreement also includes a guarantee against Canadian oil import restrictions.

"We've got some way to go to take advantage of the free trade agreement," said Carl E. Rufelds, Canadian consul-general based in Dallas. "Texas is exporting twice as much to Canada as Canada is to Texas. We will be working very actively in this regard. We'd like to think we could balance that trade."

Business

"Texas is a natural powerhouse when it comes to international trade," and is second only to California among the states, said Cuellar, who heads the state Committee on International Trade Between Texas and Mexico.

"The free trade agreement is going to have a big impact not only on Canada and the United States, but also on Texas," Cuellar said.

Among Texas commodities and services purchased by Canada are plastics, computers, chemicals, petroleum and coal products, and aircraft and auto engines and parts. Texas imports from Canada include chemicals, newsprint, lumber, iron, steel and aluminum.

Canada is the United States' largest trade partner, and the countries traded more than \$166 billion in 1987, said William H. Cavitt, director of the U.S. Department of Commerce Office of Canada.

Cavitt said the free trade agreement is "the most comprehensive trade agreement ever negotiated," and called it "a good deal for both countries."

Texas exports to Canada increased \$500 million between 1986 and 1987, while Texas imports of Canadian goods remained the same, Cavitt said.

"That is a remarkable achievement, and it is also impressive that the export increases have come principally from manufactured products," Cavitt said.

Inmate cleared in developer's jail death

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County Jail inmate who admitted helping real estate developer J.R. McConnell commit suicide while both were jailed last July was cleared of murder charges in McConnell's death.

Thomas DeMase, 41, who was jailed for probation violation at the time, said McConnell talked him into helping him commit suicide after an earlier attempt had failed.

"He's not guilty of murder. He's guilty of aiding suicide and I think he was manipulated into helping this man kill himself. When he no longer had the means to do it, he found somebody who could help him do it and they did it," DeMase's attorney Philip Scardino said Wednesday after jurors in State District Judge William T. Harmon's court acquitted DeMase.

McConnell's wife, Mary, was pleased with the jury's verdict.

"I don't think he's guilty of murdering my husband and I have always thought the charge was ridiculous. I think it's fair for him. I think justice served itself today," she said.

Mrs. McConnell said her husband was depressed and never got the psychological help he needed during his eight months in jail.

DeMase, a decorated Vietnam veteran, was charged with murder for helping McConnell commit suicide by plugging an electrical cord in the room where both were staying at the jail last July 4.

McConnell, who became an active real estate developer and investor during the boom of the mid-1980s, had been jailed since his arrest.

Judge finds lack of evidence for injunction against FBI

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that some Hispanic FBI agents did not offer enough evidence to prove their claims that the bureau retaliated against them after they won a class-action racial discrimination suit against the agency.

U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton declined Tuesday to order the FBI to stop retaliating against about six Hispanic agents who said they had been harassed after Bunton ruled in October that the FBI was guilty of racial discrimination. Bunton said the retaliation

allegations were not proved.

"We're pleased with the decision," El Paso FBI spokesman Terry Kincaid said Wednesday. "Hopefully, we laid to rest the retaliation issue, finally. It reinforces our initial sentiment that retaliation did not occur and will not occur — that it will not be tolerated."

Bunton's denial of the request to issue an injunction does not change his finding that the FBI retaliated against lead plaintiff Bernardo Perez after he filed the suit but before it was heard.

After a two-week, non-jury trial in August, Bunton ruled in October that the FBI had discriminated against the 311 plaintiffs in job assignments, promotions and working conditions.

After that decision, Bunton heard two days of testimony in Midland in which the plaintiffs accused the FBI of retaliating against Perez between the time Perez filed the suit and the time it went to trial.

The issue of damages in the discrimination case has yet to be decided.

Deputy killed by her own gun

DALLAS (AP) — Usually only one Dallas County Sheriff's deputy is armed in the lobby of the 5,200-inmate Lew Sterrett Justice Center, Sheriff Jim Bowles says.

"It's a universal rule of detention that no weapons are allowed in a secure area," Bowles said.

Deputy Suzanne Kays, in only her second day on the job, carried a gun Wednesday morning. A short time into her shift, Kays was killed with her own gun by a prisoner who had returned to the jail only hours after being released, authorities said.

Kays, 33, allegedly was pistol-whipped, then shot five times at point-blank range by a man with a history of mental illness.

Alfonzo Seward has been charged with capital murder and is being held without bail. He also is being held for investigation of attempted capital murder and attempted murder.

Seward was in serious condition late Wednesday night in a Dallas hospital with gunshot wounds to his legs and groin. He had fired a shot down a long corridor where Kays was killed and then was shot by Dallas police after refusing to surrender.

The tragic incident was further clouded late Wednesday afternoon when Dallas City Manager Richard Knight said Seward had been released from the facility 24 hours early.

In a memorandum to the Dallas City Council, Knight said a routine investigation by the city's court services revealed Seward had been released early due to a clerical error. The memo also said that the employee involved has been placed



DEPUTY SUZANNE KAYS



ALFONZO SEWARD

on paid administrative leave, effective immediately, pending further investigation.

After being released from the jail about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Seward reportedly returned to the jail several times and pestered visitors for cigarettes and other information.

He returned again about 1 a.m. Wednesday and the altercation ensued with Kays as Seward entered a secure area away from the front lobby, Bowles said.

The sheriff said the suspect knocked the deputy to the ground, seized her gun, and used it to hit her in the head as many as six times before shooting her five times at point-blank range.

Seward, 37, of Forrest City, Ark.,

had been committed to mental institutions five times since 1984 and was suffering from chronic paranoid schizophrenia, according to relatives and court records. Since November he had been arrested five times for misdemeanor theft. Most recently he had been arrested last Monday for failing to pay a restaurant bill.

Since 1984, Alfonzo Seward has been committed to a mental institution twice on request of his brother, twice on that of authorities, and once on request of a neighbor whose windows he had allegedly broken, St. Francis County Court records show. Seward usually was released after several months and told to take a tranquilizing medication, which he refused to do, James Seward said.

Galveston freezes homeport escrow funds

GALVESTON (AP) — Galveston County froze a bank account holding its contribution toward a Navy homeport project targeted for cancellation just as the federal government tried to draw more than \$600,000 for work already complete, officials said.

County commissioners said Wednesday that if the island can't have the Navy's homeport, the Navy can't have the island's money.

"It's unbelievable that the federal government can refuse to honor its contract for construction of the Navy homeport and expect the local taxpayers to pay their share of the project," Commissioner Eddie Barr said.

"The Commissioners Court has no intention of expending local funds on this project until the matter is resolved favorably in Washington or in a court of law if necessary," Barr said.

As part of the deal to attract a homeport facility to Galveston, county officials agreed to spend up to \$8 million of state highway department funds for a road and other improvements on the \$40 million base.

The \$8 million has been sitting in an escrow at a local bank for the federal government to draw on as construction proceeded. But after last week's announcement that a government committee recommended canceling the project, commissioners decided not to spend money on a project that Barr calls a "federal blunder."

Barr said the federal government billed the escrow account \$683,000, the first request for payment on work already done at the base, which is about 12 percent complete.

A spokeswoman for the Naval facilities engineering division in Charleston, S.C., said she could not discuss the effects of the county action.

"But I'm positive that the construction companies will continue to be paid," said spokeswoman Sue Lawley. "The defense secretary and Congress still have to approve the cancellations before they become official."

School funding was a major issue in Texas

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In review

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A state appeals court decision in December overturning a ruling that declared the state's system of public school financing unconstitutional marked a major turning point in the Edgewood vs. Kirby lawsuit.

The Austin-based 3rd Court of Appeals reversed the 1987 decision of State District Judge Harley Clark, who had ruled the Texas school finance system violated the state constitution by failing to give all school districts equal access to funding.

In a 2-1 decision, the 3rd Court said that while the current system is not necessarily fair or desirable it is nonetheless constitutional.

The plaintiffs in the suit originated against the state by the Edgewood Independent School District said they will appeal the decision to the Texas Supreme Court.

Local and state officials responded to the ruling by saying that the appeals court decision does not excuse lawmakers from acting on the issue, but rather allows them additional time to devise a more equitable system of funding public schools.

Troy Fraser, newly elected District 69 state representative, hailed the ruling, saying: "The decision takes the pressure off (the Legislature), and accomplishes what you want to do in that you get the courts out of the decision."

But Fraser added, "This still doesn't remedy the fact that there is a problem with the system."

Despite the ruling, Fraser said school financing will be "very much a high priority in the Legislature."

"This is not something that is going to go away," he said. "This is something we're going to have to look at."

Fraser acknowledged that the

current school financing system is not equitable, but said he would not support a "Robin Hood plan where you take from the rich districts and give to the poor."

Once the Legislature begins debating school financing, a recently formed coalition of West Texas lawmakers will likely work together to protect the interests of West Texas districts, said Fraser.

J.F. Poyner, Forsan Independent School District superintendent, said he was "pleasantly surprised" by the appeals court ruling, adding that the "prevalent attitude is that the decision will probably be upheld (in the Supreme Court) with some modifications."

Poyner said school officials, almost without exception, agree the state's school financing system is not equitable.

"I don't think anyone will disagree that poor districts need more help from the state if — and this is a big if — they make a strong local tax effort."

Gary Rotan, Coahoma Independent School District superintendent, said he "would be surprised if (the Supreme Court) does not agree with the appellate court. But I believe the legislature will still look at the inequity of funding."

Since the Coahoma district is below the state average in district wealth, Rotan said he is "optimistic we will receive additional state funding for our district, which will relieve some of the burden on our local taxpayers."

The appeals court ruling, he said, "will allow the Legislature to look at the issue more carefully and not throw together a hodgepodge plan just to meet a court's order."

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