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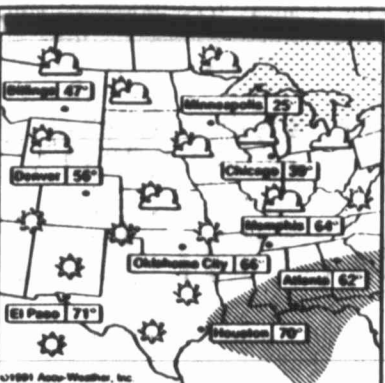
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Weather

Fair through Saturday with warm afternoons. Low tonight in the 30s; high tomorrow in the low to mid 70s.

Thursday's high temperature.....	57
Thursday's low temperature.....	31
Average high.....	46
Average low.....	33
Record high.....	86 in 1972
Record low.....	14 in 1953
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Rainfall Thursday.....	0.00
Month to date.....	0.05
Normal for Month.....	0.47
Year to date.....	0.79
Normal for year.....	0.15

College offers Dental Health Fair

Howard College Dental Hygiene Department is offering a free Dental Health Fair for children three to 12 years of age from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, in the dental clinic at the Horace Garrett building.

The theme this year is "Catch a Magic Smile." Dental hygiene students will offer instruction in oral hygiene, proper brushing and flossing techniques, and will explain tooth decay.

The fair will include games, prizes, a puppet show and will feature characters from the movie "The Little Mermaid". For more information, call 264-5075.

Band performs for Spirit Lift donations

There will be a benefit for Operation Spirit Lift Sunday afternoon in the parking lot of Don's Fiesta grocery store, 611 Lamesa Highway.

Local band Sangre Tejana will perform from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and donations will be accepted to aid the non-profit organization. Operation Spirit Lift will record and send cassette tapes of local music and humor to troops in Saudi Arabia.

Sangre Tejana member Tomas Olague said his band plans to record some songs for the tape.

College trustees to consider budget

The Howard County Junior College District board of trustees will consider a revised 1990-91 budget when it meets at noon Monday.

Revised budgets for both Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will be presented for acceptance by the board.

Among other business, trustees will hear a presentation by Big Spring Main Street Inc. concerning the Settles Hotel and a request from the Howard County Tax Appraisal District.

The board will consider the hiring of a personnel director at Howard College, and consider bids for computer upgrades, communication system and cafeteria tables.

Suspect to undergo psychiatric tests

The man accused of stabbing a Big Spring VA Medical Center employee will undergo psychiatric evaluation in Lubbock, a federal magistrate determined Thursday.

Bose Oliver Jones, 73, will be examined by a psychiatrist to be selected jointly by the prosecution and defense attorneys.

U.S. Attorney's Office prosecutors had filed an order asking that Jones be transported to Springfield, Mo., for the examination, but the order was set aside in a hearing requested by the defense.

Bush gives Saddam 24 hours

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today delivered a point-blank ultimatum to Iraq, giving Saddam Hussein until noon Saturday, Eastern Standard Time, to "begin his immediate and unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait" or face a decisive ground assault.

Speaking on behalf the Desert Storm coalition, Bush said diplomatic initiatives still being discussed in Moscow must come with no strings attached. At the same time, he said the White House would release a list of coalition demands upon Iraq that would accompany any cease fire.

Saddam must signal "publicly and authoritatively" his acceptance of the withdrawal terms, Bush said.

More 700,000 allied troops are



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"Desert Storm continues to swirl on, regardless. We have our plan and we continue to follow it. Round-the-clock air attacks continue."

Pentagon official

deployed against Iraq in the sands of Saudi Arabia, and officials said all is in readiness for an overwhelming assault by air, land and sea against Iraqi forces entrenched in Kuwait.

"High noon" would be marked by clocks at the United Nations, EST, officials said and any Iraqi withdrawal must be accompanied

by full acceptance of U.N. resolutions.

It was Bush's first public response to a Soviet-brokered peace plan — an effort the president said he appreciated, even while he declared that it attached unacceptable conditions on an Iraqi withdrawal. The president and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev

spoke by telephone on Friday night.

Bush spoke in the Rose Garden on a springlike day. But he grimly said that Saddam had "launched a scorched earth policy against Kuwait" in recent hours and fired a fresh missile attack even as his foreign minister was discussing peace plans in Moscow.



BUSH

"They are destroying the entire oil production system of Kuwait," the president said of the occupying Iraqi forces.

Bush said he had consulted with Desert Storm coalition leaders and they had agreed to publicly describe their terms for Iraq to withdraw.

"The time has come to make public with specificity just exactly what is required of Iraq if a ground war is to be avoided," Bush said.

He said the international coalition arrayed against Iraq "will give Saddam Hussein until noon Saturday "to do what he must do to begin his immediate and unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait."

Bush said Saddam "risks subjecting the Iraqi people to further

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No letup by allies despite peace plan

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Allied forces pushed ahead today with preparations for a ground offensive despite the new Iraqi peace offer, raining bombs and artillery shells on Iraqi positions along the northern desert front.

A senior U.S. military spokesman denied an Iraqi military statement on Baghdad radio today that the ground war had already begun.

"I have no knowledge of a ground war starting at this time, and I would know if one had started," said Navy Capt. Ronald E. Wildermuth, chief of information for U.S. Central Command headquarters.

In Washington, President Bush accused Iraq of launching a "scorched earth" campaign to destroy Iraqi oilfields. American military officials in Saudi Arabia said they had evidence to back up the president's remark.

American casualties mounted, meanwhile, with the loss of seven soldiers in the crash of a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter on a medical

evacuation mission. The aircraft went down during bad weather in western Saudi Arabia on Thursday.

It was the deadliest non-combat air mishap of Operation Desert Storm, and raised to 22 the number of airmen killed in non-combat incidents since the war began on Jan. 17.

Two other helicopters and an F-16 warplane also were lost. Two Americans were killed in the crash of one of the helicopters, an OH-58 scout returning from combat operations.

In addition, one U.S. ground soldier was killed and five were wounded in skirmishing along the Saudi border today, according to Marine Brig. Gen. Richard I. Neal.

Twenty Americans are listed as killed in action and 30 as missing. Nine are confirmed prisoners of war.

The U.S. command said warplanes launched 1,000 sorties in the 24 hours ending this afternoon against targets in southern Iraq

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Herald photo by Marsha Sturdivant

Healthy heros have happy hearts

The classes of Eloise Wynn, Betty Birdwell and Barbara Herrera at Anderson Kindergarten Center presented a program for students and parents Wednesday to encourage nutrition and exercise for healthy living. The children sang "It's

a Heart; The Heart is the Part that Goes Kee-Thunk; Exercise Song; Good Food; and Smoke is No Joke. The children said, "We kindergarten kids are here to say: Keep your heart healthy and stay that way."

Public support plentiful now

By DEBBIE LINCEUM Staff Writer

Public support for Operation Desert Storm looks like a "180-degree turn" from the attitude toward those who fought in the Vietnam War, area veterans said.

When Big Spring Don Boling returned from his tour with the Marine Corps in Vietnam, protesters spat upon him at the airport in California.

"The first questions people asked, when they cared enough to ask, were, 'Did you kill anyone?' and 'How many?'" Boling said. "Mostly they didn't want to hear about it."

People thought of vets as "drug-crazed psychopaths," he said.

"You could see people looking at you, thinking, 'When's he going to have a flashback?'"

Support for the troops in Saudi Arabia is "most important" to the success of the war, Boling said.

"No one hates war more than the people who have to fight it," he said.

He said he's proud to see the support, but "part of me wonders where it was when I needed it. It's good to realize and know that as a nation, we've grown up enough to realize the most important thing is that troops know they have your support."

Charlie Lewis, a Big Spring businessman and president of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee, said he wants to leave the past where it is.

"What happened 20 years ago happened, it's over," he said. "But it does my heart good to drive around and see yellow ribbons and flags in support of the troops."

The war, he said, will probably continue to go well, "as long as politicians stay out of it."

Vietnam veteran Pat Carnahan agreed. He said he thinks politicians lost the Vietnam war.

"The military never lost a major engagement," he said. "But people didn't see it that way."

All the support now, he added, makes him "wish it was 20 years ago." When he came back, others treated him "like a criminal."

"I was opening up a major

business here, working with a guy interviewing people. He said if he found out he was talking to a Vietnam veteran, he would stop the interview right then and there."

because the guy might go crazy and start shooting up the place."

With similar attitudes prevalent, it is not surprising that some Vietnam veterans have had a difficult adjustment, Carnahan said.

"If they tell you on a daily basis that you're a grouch, you're going to end up with a grouch sooner or later," he said.

Carnahan, now an interviewer at the Texas Employment Commission, and Boling, a speech therapist, remember facing subtle and overt discrimination while looking for jobs after they returned.

"You can bet the Saudi vets are going to have first crack at a job when they come home," Carnahan said. "And they deserve it."

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Citizens urged to adopt a local spot

By DEBBIE LINCEUM Staff Writer

You can adopt a child, a pet, even a cop. The city of Big Spring hopes you will adopt a spot.

The Clean Big Spring committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce supervises the program, which allows local organizations, businesses and even concerned citizens to "adopt" a small area of public land and keep it looking clean and neat.

Clean Committee chair Joyce Crocker said spots to be adopted include any section of public property.

"Pick one of those areas you drive by every day and think, 'That needs to be cleaned,'" Crocker advised.

The program has been in place for two years, but it was recently revamped with the appointment of Steve Smith as chairman of a special sub-committee. He and his group — Janice Byrd, co-chair; Sandra Waggoner, Diane Moses, Betty Wrinkle, Steve Jones and Hazel Duggan — will contact all current spot-adopters and recruit new ones. Together, they will

monitor the spots and maintain contact with program participants.

At present, about 30 spots have been adopted.

"We'll want to see if (current adopters) are interested in keeping their spots," Smith said. "If they aren't, then we'll see if we can find someone who will keep it."

Once a spot is adopted, the city will place a sign there stating who has taken responsibility for the place's appearance.

Caring for a spot means picking up litter, moving as needed and monitoring the area periodically to maintain it.

To adopt a spot, call the chamber (263-7641) or Crocker (263-2566) for more details. Adopters are asked to sign a "contract," agreeing to clean and care for the spot. Adopted spots will be monitored monthly.

Crocker suggested "be on the lookout when choosing the spot."

The city of Big Spring works department reclaimed four Municipal Auditorium, the Cornacche Trail Amphitheatre and rose garden and the Spring.

Highway 87 among roads approved for upgrading

By GARY SHANKS Staff Writer

Driving across Texas should be easier in the latter half of the decade as state and local highways are upgraded.

The Texas Highway Trunk System received final approval at the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission's November meeting. This approval gave a "green light" to the expansion of Highway 87 south, and the project is now in its initial planning stages.

Arnold Oliver, an

Engineer/Director with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, writes, "The trunk system will be a rural roadway network that will eventually be developed to four-lane divided highway standards, and will serve as the principal connectors of Texas cities."

The Trunk System, which includes and augments existing interstate highways, will provide direct access to every Texas city with a population of over 20,000.

Part of this project includes the expansion and upgrading of

Highway 87 south to four-lane divided highway status. Mike Chetty, an engineer with the local Highway Department, said, "We are working with the counties now to obtain the needed rights-of-way."

"The expansion is going to start at the Garden City Highway past where we have already expanded," Chetty explained. "We have a tentative date of spring 1994 before the project goes into letting," he added.

The Trunk System, including the Interstate Highways, will cover approximately 10,500 miles of

highway. About half of that span will need to be upgraded at an estimated cost of \$8 billion. Responding to questions regarding the funding of this project, Oliver said, "The odds are that it will be similar to the funding of past projects in that it will be a joint federal and state venture."

When asked whether these new highways (and specifically Highway 87) would qualify for the higher rural interstate speed limit, Oliver said, "That may be a possibility. There are very specific road standards that qualify for the

higher speed limit, and there may be parts of the new construction that would be built to those standards."

Following months of hearings and lobbying, the Texas Highway Department in Austin decided to expand Highway 87 south to Sterling City. There was considerable debate as to whether Highway 87 should be left out of the plan in favor of Highway 158 out of Midland. The southern expansion of 87 should ensure that in the future, Big Spring will remain the "Cross Roads of West Texas."

Sidelines

Hussein dummy gets the boot

HOUSTON (AP) — The bulls at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo won't have Saddam Hussein to butt around anymore.

Rodeo officials booted a life-size dummy of the Iraqi leader out of the rodeo before Thursday's performance.

Rodeo clowns had tried to provoke bulls into goring the effigy during the bull-riding events. The clowns and their dummies are used to keep bulls away from riders who are thrown from the bulls.

"Our job is to give these people entertainment at a fair price and not to express political views," Leroy Shafer, assistant general manager of the show, said.

Show officials said they ordered veteran rodeo clown Ed Dobbs to stop using the Saddam look-alike because of concerns about offending Arab-Americans or provoking violence from extremists. He said no complaints had been received.

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Texans skeptical of Soviet peace proposal

(AP) Political analysts in Texas said they don't think President Bush will accept a Soviet proposal to end the Persian Gulf War, but they called Iraq's offer to withdraw from Kuwait "a major concession."

Joseph Noguee, a political science professor from the University of Houston, said Thursday he doubted the plan would be acceptable to U.S. officials.

Noguee called the plan "a major concession on the Iraqi part. It shows Iraq is on the ropes and they understand that."

But he said the Bush administration "won't accept it because it's a very conditioned plan and it's very clear that they want an unconditional plan."

He said the administration will have to react to the plan diplomatically to avoid appearing warlike.

"What Saddam is proposing would have been acceptable before the war began," Noguee said. "Once the war begins, the whole situation changes very dramatically."

Iraq accepted a Soviet peace plan that calls for an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait and an end to the Persian Gulf War, a Kremlin spokesman said Thursday.

The Soviet spokesman, Vitaly Ignatenko, announced the agreement following more than two hours of talks between President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and Iraq's foreign

minister, Tariq Aziz, on the terms of a Soviet peace plan proposed earlier this week.

In Washington, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said President Bush had no immediate response Thursday night, and would be studying the plan. However, Fitzwater said the United States had concerns about aspects of the agreement.

Sam Freeman, an associate professor at the University of Texas-Pan American, said there was little hope that Bush would consider the Soviet plan.

"I don't hold out much hope at all, because Bush was clearly displeased with the Soviet initiative," Freeman said. "I would be very surprised — extremely pleased — if the president is seriously considering accepting this proposal."

"I don't think that our government, unfortunately, is interested in serious negotiations. I think Bush wants to prosecute the war," said Freeman.

"What Saddam is proposing would have been acceptable before the war began. Once the war begins, the whole situation changes very dramatically."

Joseph Noguee



Survives crash

Bill Brice, left, and his sister, Julie Brice Lally, owners of I Can't Believe It's Yogurt, pose at their Carrollton store recently. Lally and her husband were among tourists aboard a chartered

airliner that crashed in Chile Wednesday. Lally survived the crash, but her husband was one of 19 people killed.

Associated Press photo

Governor pushes bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumer organizations hailed legislation that Gov. Ann Richards says will reform the insurance business in Texas.

Industry officials said they were still reviewing the massive bill, but that insurers support at least some of its objectives.

Seeking to make good on a major campaign promise, Richards on Thursday joined Democratic lawmakers in unveiling the bill they said would make pro-consumer changes.

"When it comes to insurance, Texans do not believe that they are in good hands," Richards said.

The legislation, if adopted, would stabilize rates, prevent fraud, reduce insolvencies in the industry and protect consumers, Richards said.

"If there is one message that comes through loud and clear wherever I go in Texas, it is the concern that Texans feel about insurance," she said.

John Hildreth, director of the Consumers' Union regional office, said the bill was "the best opportunity in decades for consumers to get equal treatment in the insurance regulatory process."

Rick Gentry, regional vice president of the Insurance Information Institute, said, "If it reduces policyholder and industry expenses, makes it tough on fraudulent operators while restoring public confidence, then it's a giant step in the right direction."

"On the other hand, if it's punitive in nature to the vast majority of companies — the ones who obey the law and pay their taxes and have invested heavily in the future of this state — then consumers and companies will both suffer," Gentry said.

Richards contended that some Texans spend as much as 20 percent of their incomes on insurance. "They spend more on insurance than anything but food and housing," she said.

Gentry disputed that estimate, saying, "A recent nationwide study found that the combined premiums for all types of insurance — life, health, auto, disability, renters and homeowners — account for 5.2 percent of a household's budget."

"Households spend less on insurance in general than they do for transportation, clothing, retirement, housing or food," he said.

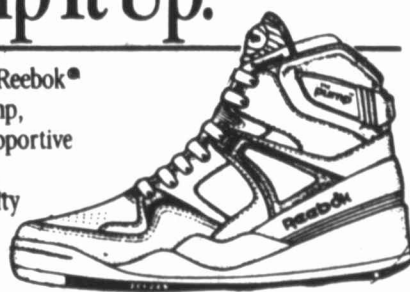
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Tiltrotor aircraft has civilian uses

WASHINGTON (AP) — A tiltrotor aircraft being developed for the military has potential civilian uses that range from shuttling commuters between cities to rescue operations and drug interdiction, a federal study says.

A commercial version of the military's prototype V-22 Osprey is both technically feasible and economically competitive, said the report by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The tiltrotor takes off vertically like a helicopter. But once aloft, its engines tilt forward and the aircraft is flown like a fixed-

wing airplane.

A commercial tiltrotor could divert short-haul travelers from congested airports, freeing runways and approach slots for longer flights by larger jets, the study said. That has the potential of postponing or eliminating expensive and environmentally difficult airport expansions.

For half of \$4 billion to \$6 billion cost of a single new airport, a network of 12 urban vertiports, including the cost of 165 40-seat tiltrotor aircraft, could be installed in the congested corridor between Boston and Washington, serving 12 million passengers a year, the study said.

Biggest spenders may still lose

WASHINGTON (AP) — Money is a big advantage in politics, but it proved no guarantee of success in the 1990 elections.

A report made public Thursday by the Federal Election Commission showed that the top spender among House candidates lost and the one ranking second got the scare of his political life.

Among Senate candidates, three of the top 10 spenders were losers and a fourth was nearly the biggest upset victim of the year.

The FEC reported that campaign spending for 1990 House and Senate races totaled \$445

million, a decline of 3 percent from the 1988 total. It was the first such drop since the FEC began keeping records 12 years ago.

The 1978 elections were the first for which the FEC compiled spending figures for all candidates for the House and Senate. The total that year was \$195 million. It climbed steadily through the 1988 elections, when candidates spent \$459 million.

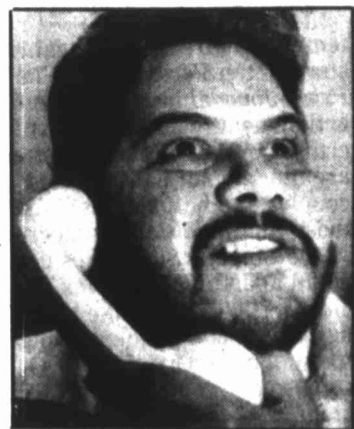
The FEC also reported that the growth in contributions from political action committees for the 1990 elections was only 2 percent.

Sentence reduced, re-trial denied

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The state's attorney general refused to seek a new trial for a former death-row inmate whose life Gov. L. Douglas Wilder spared.

Joseph M. Giarratano, supported by a range of celebrities who question his guilt, faces at least 13 more years in jail if his convictions aren't overturned in the 1979 murders of a Norfolk woman and her 15-year-old daughter.

Giarratano, who has written about death row for *The Yale Law Journal*, had been scheduled to die in the electric chair Friday. But Wilder commuted the sentence to life in prison on Tuesday and made him eligible for



JOSEPH M. GIARRATANO

parole in 13 years.



Associated Press photo

Most stolen automobile

CHICAGO — The most-often stolen car of 1990 was the 1986 Chevrolet Camaro, according to CCC Information Services Inc. of Chicago, an insurance industry valuation service. This model leads the list for the fourth year in a row.

Groups criticize plan to offer new oil leases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department's plans to offer millions of acres of offshore oil leases in the 1990s, including vast tracts off Alaska, the central East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico, is prompting quick criticism from environmentalists and some lawmakers.

The department on Thursday announced details of proposed oil and gas lease sales on the Outer Continental Shelf as part of its five-year offshore oil development program.

The leasing plans are expected to meet resistance in Congress, where some members predict that attempts will be made to block sales in areas such as the central California coast.

Congress for years has blocked oil lease sales along vast stretches of coastline by prohibiting sales as part of the Interior Department's budget.

The leasing announcement came as President Bush's national energy plan, which relies heavily on new oil and gas development on the Outer Continental Shelf and in Alaska, received an icy reception on Capitol Hill because of its limited focus on energy conservation.

Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., said it was "good news" that the administration would continue to exclude some coastal areas — including much of southern and northern California — that were declared off-limits to oil companies by Bush last year.

"The bad news is he (Bush) is also sticking to his plan to lease half a million acres off southern and central California in 1996 and to lease other sensitive areas around the country," Panetta said.

The Interior Department's five-year leasing plan calls for opening 87 tracts, nearly 500,000 acres, along a stretch of California's coast.

In all, the government plans to sell 23 leases in 12 areas, covering 250 million acres, between 1992 and 1997. Some of the leases are as close as three miles from shore.

The department proposed the most aggressive lease sales off Alaska, where opposition to oil development has not been as intense. They include four leases covering a total of 55 million acres in the northernmost Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea.

An additional 1,000 blocks, covering nearly 6 million acres off the East Coast, would be opened for sale along a stretch from central New Jersey to Georgia in 1994 and 1997.

World

Chinese official fired, denounced

BEIJING (AP) — The highest-ranking official to flee China since the crackdown on the pro-democracy movement has been ousted from the national legislature and denounced as a traitor, an official report said today.

The report confirmed for the first time that Xu Jiatun, China's top representative in Hong Kong, fled to California last year without official authorization.

Hong Kong newspapers reported at the time he feared punishment for his sympathy toward the 1989 pro-democracy movement.

His flight embarrassed the government and added to Hong

Kong residents' fears about coming under Chinese rule in 1997.

Xu "has betrayed the people, caused extremely bad consequences both at home and abroad, and betrayed the basic conditions expected of a deputy" to the National People's Congress, the Guangdong Provincial People's Congress declared in dismissing Xu.

Xu, 74, was one of the provincial congress' delegates to the national legislature. He served on the national legislature's decision-making Standing Committee.

The Guangdong congress' decision was announced by the official Xinhua News Agency.

Sweden may keep fathers at home

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — If more fathers don't take paid time off with their kids, the government may consider force, according to a bill in Parliament.

In the interest of sexual equality, the government said in the bill it presented Thursday that it wants to see up to two-thirds of fathers take the parental leave.

Sweden gives parents of newborns 12 months paid time off work at 90 percent of their salary. Up to now, parents have had the option of how to divide the time

between them. But most don't divide it equally.

The Social Democratic government says only 46 percent of fathers take paid parental leave, compared with 97 percent of mothers.

The national news agency TT said the bill calls for campaigns over the next two years to persuade fathers to stay home. After 1993 the bill authorizes force, the TT report said. A system of quotas was among measures being discussed, it said.

Georgians fire on Kremlin forces

MOSCOW (AP) — Fighting has flared anew in pro-independence Soviet Georgia, where gunmen fired on Kremlin forces, Tass said.

The violence Thursday came two days before a deadline set by the Supreme Soviet legislature, which demands that Georgia move to end a separatist conflict within the republic or face imposition of a state of emergency by the Kremlin.

No one was reported injured in Thursday's fighting. However, the clash and other reported incidents appeared to mark a new escalation of the confrontation in Georgia's South Ossetian enclave.

Georgia's non-communist government has adopted a pro-

gram of gradual independence from the Soviet Union, despite objections by Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev. In December, ethnic Ossetians declared independence from Georgia and allegiance to the Soviet government.

South Ossetian leaders have appealed to the Kremlin to impose a state of emergency so Soviet troops would control the area.

At least 20 people have died in the Ossetian fighting, the latest chapter in an ethnic dispute that goes back centuries in Georgia, which flanks the Caucasus Mountains and the Black Sea.

In the face of the South Ossetian revolt, Georgian police and paramilitary groups have blockaded the region's capital.

Co-founder of MADD takes new partner

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than a decade after helping found MADD, Cindi Lamb is joining with a new partner in her crusade against drunk driving: the beer industry.

Is she going over to the enemy? No. She says she's just using another medium — beer industry-funded public service announcements — to get her message across to the driving public.

"I know I'll probably be criticized for this," says Lamb, who lives in Baltimore. "But I feel very strong about what I'm doing. I feel this way: Any help is good help."

Lamb, a co-founder of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, began work this month as a paid "adviser on alcohol education programs" for the National Beer Wholesalers' Association and will appear in several public service ads.

She also is developing a community-based program against drunken driving that can be implemented by local beer distributors.

She believes it's wrong to take a head-in-the-sand approach to drinking.

"We can't just say no and expect it to all go away. Beer is not going away. Alcohol is not going away," Lamb, 36, said in an interview this week.

Contrary to the approach taken by MADD, beer wholesalers contend that people can drink moderately and still drive safely.

Lamb agrees, to a point. She says her message is moderation and responsibility — "if you can't just say no, you have to say, no, I've had enough."

In one of her spots for the beer industry, she says "I helped launch Mothers Against Drunk Driving but I'm no Carry Nation."

Lamb has not worked actively with MADD for about seven years. She dropped out to "get on with her life" and spend more time with her daughter, Laura, who was paralyzed as an infant because of a 1979 car accident involving a drunken driver.

It was that head-on collision, which confined Lamb to a wheelchair for six months, that caused her to join with Candy Lightner of Fair Oaks, Calif., to form MADD in 1980.

Laura died in 1986, and Lamb returned to school. She hopes to receive a degree in health science education at the end of this year.

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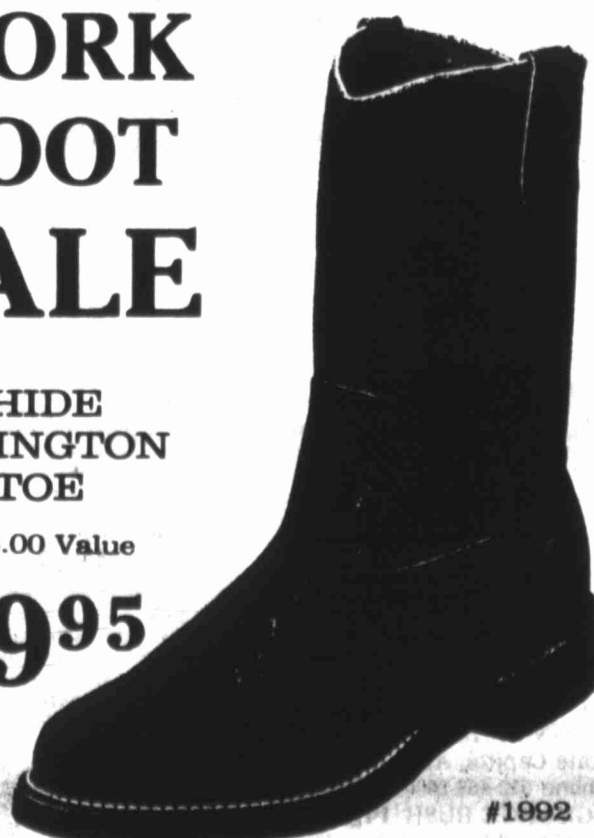
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Make work a better option

When people talk about eliminating the welfare problem, they usually mean getting people off the dole and into the work force. Making that happen isn't as easy as it sounds.

This isn't entirely the fault of welfare receivers. Many of them don't fit the stereotype of the lazy welfare mom, collecting her government checks so that she can watch the soaps all day. They would go to work, given the opportunity.

But what incentive do they have when the government throws obstacles on their path to independence?

California, for instance, has had rules in effect since 1982 that actually penalize welfare recipients for working. A single parent on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), who has been working for five months, can keep only \$30 of earned income without suffering a cut in the monthly welfare grant. And with the exception of a few deductions for work-related expenses, the grants are reduced dollar for dollar.

That creates an absurd Catch-22 for those on AFDC. If they increase their earned income from \$800 a month to, say, \$1,200 a month, they will be worse off. The rules impose nearly a 100 percent tax on the earnings of many low-income welfare recipients struggling to get a toehold in the job market.

If welfare administrators had tried, they could not have found a more effective way to increase the welfare caseload, encourage cheating and reduce the amount of income earned by AFDC recipients. A recent report from the state legislative analyst's office confirms that is exactly what happened during the '80s. The state's AFDC bill has doubled since 1981, when it was \$2.1 billion.

Clearly, reform is in order for an Alice-in-Wonderland welfare system that says people should work, then does everything possible to discourage them from doing it. Congress should purge the job disincentives from the federal law. The rules should give the state the power to make work a better option than welfare.

Damage estimates err on conservative side

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — U.S. military officials and intelligence sources have confided that the biggest secret of the air campaign in the Persian Gulf war is the extraordinary extent of the damage inflicted on the Iraqi army and the elite Republican Guards.

"The damage is much greater than we're willing to admit," one top military official said. Other sources agreed that the damage estimates given in official briefings are "extremely conservative."

In a wide-ranging interview with us, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf hinted at this, saying that the kinds of damage reports taken for fact in Vietnam would not fly here. The military learned lessons about credibility in the last war.

"I would tell you that we are now and we are going to continue to be deliberately conservative in what we tell you and the American people. We don't want a credibility gap to generate. We don't ever want to lead the American people to believe something is going on that isn't going on. And therefore, we are very, very deliberately making sure that what we provide you is something we can back up if ever challenged."

Another hint that the destruction exceeds the published statistics is the increasing number of planes returning to allied bases in Saudi Arabia with full bomb racks because they could not find a target that hadn't already been hit.

One knowledgeable military intelligence source here said that key units of the Republican Guards have lost as much as half of their troops and equipment. He cautioned, though, that a few units have not been touched at all.

The Republican Guards, numbering from 108,000 to 110,000, are the best fed, best trained and most highly motivated units in Saddam Hussein's army. Classified military maps show Saddam has spread them far back

Jack Anderson



from the front — most in a crescent along the Iraq-Kuwait border. Some are in southern Iraq along the border with Saudi Arabia and others are guarding Saddam in Baghdad.

Schwarzkopf said he has targeted not just the troops, but their supply lines and communications. "The Republican Guard is having the same (resupply) problems everybody else is. They are having it in a greater degree because we have been hitting them harder than everyone else, with quite accurate bombardment. If secondary explosions are any indication, then we have been destroying a lot of things."

Aside from the destruction of the Republican Guards, involving thousands of deaths, the air strikes have been more effective than acknowledged against Iraq's estimated 4,000 tanks, 2,700 artillery pieces and 2,500 armored fighting vehicles.

While acknowledging that the damage estimates are on the conservative side, Gen. Schwarzkopf is careful not to underestimate his enemy. "There has been a lot of speculation that 'cracks are starting to appear' in the Republican Guard. OK, and that's probably the case. But I would hate to define how big the cracks are, how critical the cracks are, what the result of the cracks are, etcetera."

"I just think that when someone says, 'Cracks are beginning to appear,' everybody says, 'Hey, golly, that's great.' They expect that subsequently a major fissure will come up and the whole thing will fall down around itself. I say we are only (several) weeks into a very, very major military enterprise (and would) caution against false enthusiasm."

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Ads that offer free Ali videos

I've been watching a lot of television in an effort to keep up with the war. I probably watched more television the first week of the war than I had watched all the previous years.

To be honest about it, however, I haven't learned a lot about the war by watching television.

Military censorship, of course, has a lot to do with that. And this war, so far, has been mostly air attacks at night, and if the Iraqis can't see the planes how can I expect to see them 8,000 miles away on my television?

What I have learned, however, is if I have to watch a *Sports Illustrated* commercial giving away the Muhammad Ali videotape much longer, I'll be punch drunk and loop-legged myself.

If you've watched television at all lately, you've seen that *SI* commercial.

It's had more air time than *Bernie Shaw*.

Here's the pitch:

It's an alleged bargain. You start a subscription to *Sports Illustrated* and you get a videotape of Muhammad Ali's big fights free!

The commercial was shot in Las Vegas. "Fight capital of the world."

So what else you have is all these people in the streets of Vegas talking about the tape. These people are all incredibly excited about it. "Free! How can this be free?" one guy gushes. And he's trying to win at the tables?

"It's not free, you ninny," I say to my television. "You've got to pay for your subscription, the videotape didn't cost *Sports Illustrated* very much in the first place, and Time-Life stands to make a lot of money here."

Where does *Sports Illustrated* find these people? Remember the sneaker phone commercial? It preceded the Ali spot. You subscribe to *Sports Illustrated* and you get a telephone shaped like a sneaker. free!

"It's a phone?" some dingbat asks. "This is great! Fantastic!" Aren't these people a little too old to get that fired up over a telephone shaped like a shoe?

I saw a phone shaped like a beer can once. I didn't get fired up about it, however. In fact, I thought it was stupid.

Don't get me wrong, I like *Sports Illustrated*. I even worked for *Sports Illustrated* once.

The photography is wonderful. The writing and editing are superb. But just because I like to read about Joe Montana or digest a thoughtful piece about what's wrong with college football, it doesn't mean I'm some sort of juvenile who'd want a telephone shaped like what Michael Jordan wears on his feet to work.

Advertising can turn a consumer off. I don't buy anything that is supposed to be "new and improved."

Why didn't they get it right the first time?

I'd never buy a car from a car dealer who does his own commercials, go to a lawyer who has to go on television to get clients, and isn't one laxative about like all the others?

Now I click the button on my remote the moment the Ali ad appears on my screen, which is about 18 times a night. I've just about worn out my clicker trigger finger trying to escape it.

"Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee." Not a Patriot knocking out a Scud. Ali decking Sonny Liston again. Enough is enough.

I may drop my subscription to *Sports Illustrated* and use the money to buy an airline. Talk about a bargain.

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The writer's art

Friday borders, Monday parole

As any city editor will tell you, the time angle of a story is important. Readers want to know the who, what, where, why and how of a given event, but they rightfully ask: When did it happen? The time element gives writers a great deal of trouble.

From *The Asheville (N.C.) Citizen*: "The Byelorussian republic that borders Lithuania on Friday declared its laws take precedence over Soviet law."

From *The Associated Press*: "A convicted sex abuser was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole on Monday."

From *the Monterey (Va.) Recorder*: "A Highland County man was sentenced to 12 months in the county jail for the sale and distribution of marijuana in Highland County Circuit Court last Thursday."

From *The Bradford (Pa.) Era*: "The public hearing for a Johnsonburg high school teacher allegedly involved in a barroom brawl that was scheduled for Thursday was canceled."

From *the Bellevue (Wash.) Journal-American*: "The Kirkland Planning Commission is to hold a public hearing on a proposal to expand Overlake Christian Church at 7 tonight at Kirkland City Hall."

From *the Canton (Ohio) Free Press*: "The Grief Support and Education Center is sponsoring a series of meetings for persons who have experienced the death of a loved one on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m."

Had enough? In each instance the time angle went awry. Byelorussia borders Lithuania not on Fridays only, but probably on Wednesdays and Thursdays also. The sex abuser will not be eligible for parole on Tuesday. The fellow in Highland County was sentenced

James J. Kilpatrick



last Thursday.

In Pennsylvania, it was the hearing, not the brawl, that was scheduled for Thursday. Similarly, in Washington, it was the hearing and not the church that would expand tonight at City Hall. The North Canton Center counsels those whose loved ones die at any time. All that is required to tidy such sentences is to read them before they get into print.

The time element gives surprises in other ways. Headline in *The Indianapolis Star*: "Ex-female ump files discrimination suit." Item from Mississippi in the *Eugene (Ore.) Register-Guard*: "A U.S. district judge has ordered the state to pay \$4.7 million to about 760 former black and female clients of the employment service's Cleveland office."

From the AP, in Indiana: "Two of Indiana's five former living governors don't think much of the state's lottery." From *The Denver Post*: "Colorado wildlife officers are investigating the second death of a bull moose this fall."

For the record: The suit in Indiana was filed by a female ump. Those 760 claimants in Mississippi presumably are still black and female. The AP's item invites a question: What do the former dead governors think of the lottery? And when did that moose die for the first time? Last spring?

Ah, well. The story of the ex-

female umpire brings to mind a story in the *Vero Beach (Fla.) Press-Journal* in November. The article dealt with Christmas cruises: "Passenger lists often are made up of half married couples and half singles." Ah, those fun-filled Caribbean cruises!

The *Chicago Sun-Times* described an apartment complex for oldsters: "The average age of the new building's residents ranges from 73 to 75. One third are couples and the occupants living alone are half men and half women." And in the evening they have adult entertainment.

The mail brings a few citations of splendidly dangling participles. From a letter to the *San Antonio Express-News*: "While walking between the Hyatt Hotel and the Visitor Information Center, my wallet fell out of my purse." From a column in *The Washington Post*: "Cleaning out the garage over the weekend, a headline in an old newspaper caught my attention." Some wallet, some headline.

The *New York Times* provided a story last May about an adultery trial in Wisconsin. The reporter recalled the Hawthorne novel in which Hester Prynne "was required to wear the letter 'A' embroidered on her bosom." And then there was a story in the *Carlisle (Pa.) Sentinel* about a runaway girl: "She is 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs 110 pounds, is white and has blue eyes with a birthmark on the calf of her right rear leg." With that description, the 12-year-old should be found right away.

Moral of all the foregoing: Read your copy! Read it again! Read it once more!

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Doctor's staff needs a lesson in manners

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from the woman who was insulted because she was addressed by her first name at her doctor's office while the men were called "Mister," I wish to relate the following incident:

After being kept waiting for more than 30 minutes in my doctor's examining room (I was there for a breast examination following my second mammogram within four months), I heard the nurse say to the doctor, "The 'ear' is in room nine, and the 'boobs' are in here!"

I could write pages on how that made me feel in an already stressful situation. I addressed her remark the minute the nurse and doctor entered the room. From the nurse, who first denied saying it, I got a mumbled, "Sorry." From my doctor I received, "I'm sure she didn't mean anything by it."

I'm not a prude, Abby, and I'm not naive. But to be referred to as a body part — in a crude slang term — does not elicit a lot of faith in that group of so-called professionals. I am finding it difficult to go back there, although our insurance dictates whom we see.

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DEAR FUMING: The nurse was insensitive and unprofessional, and the doctor was no bargain either. Contact your insurance company and ask if there is another physician's group you may consult for a "second opinion." With nine examination rooms, a 30-minute backlog, and a nurse with the hide of a rhinoceros and a limited medical vocabulary, your physician already has more problems than he can handle.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I purchased a home in a rural community. Our house in the city has not yet sold. We borrowed money from both our parents to purchase our new home, promising to repay

Dear Abby



them when our old house sells.

Last Christmas, my husband's parents presented us with our gift — a note that showed our loan status to the penny, of which they deducted \$1,000. Other family members who did not owe them money received \$1,000 per family.

We are grateful for the reduction of our loan, but after receiving the note, we didn't feel much like celebrating.

What do you think of this kind of present? So far, my parents have never reminded us of how much we owe. — I.O.U. IN IOWA

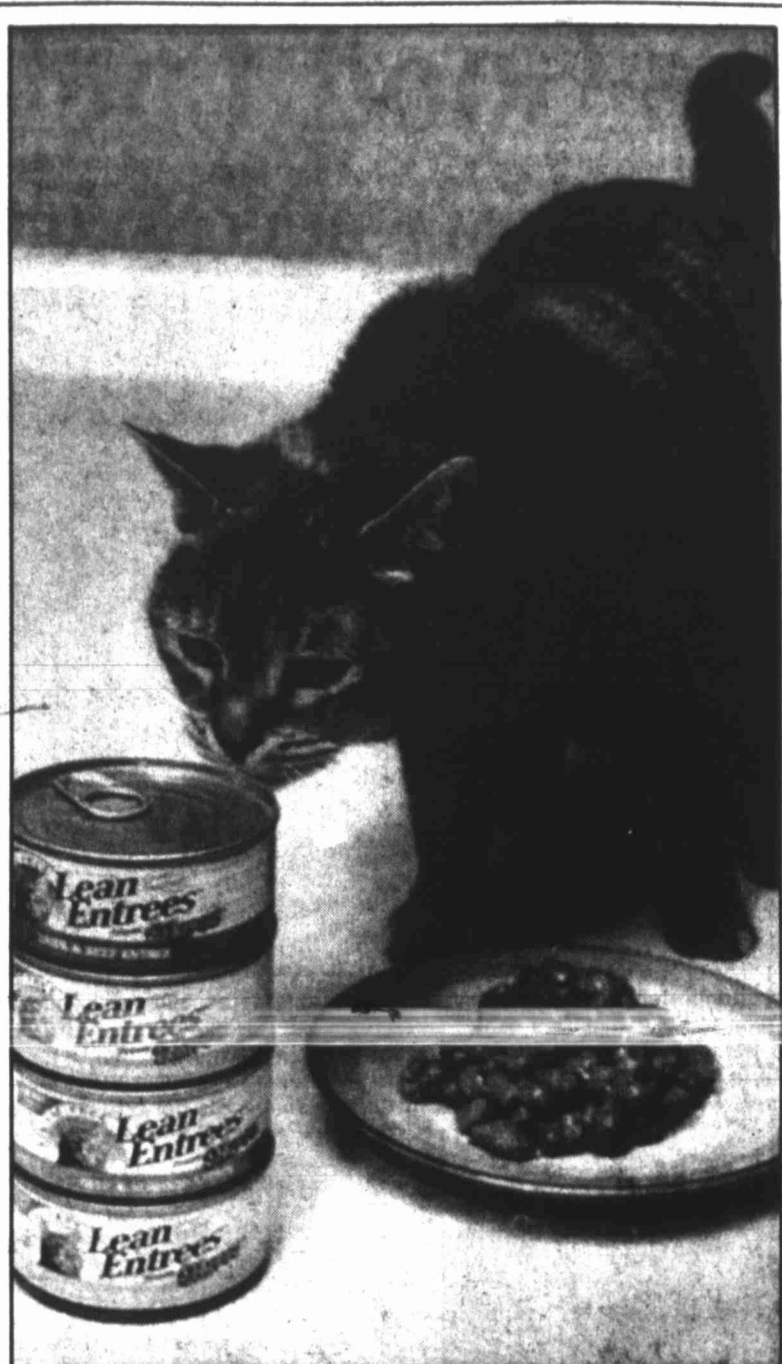
DEAR I.O.U.: No matter how you look at it, you received a gift worth \$1,000, so as I see it, you have no reason to complain.

DEAR ABBY: Our family is hoping that you can settle a dispute. Our teen-age and "20s" kids insist that the message on a postcard is private and should not be read by anyone other than the addressee.

I maintain that any postcard that comes to my house, no matter to whom it is addressed, is fair game for me, or anyone else, to read. What do you say, Abby? — NOSY OR NOT NOSY MOM

DEAR NOSY: Anyone who writes anything of a confidential nature on a postcard and assumes that it will be read only by the addressee knows very little about curiosity, temptation and the human animal.

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Low-fat cat food

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — A cat approaches a stack of "Lean Entrees" by Heinz. The Pittsburgh-based H.J. Heinz Co. has released a diet cat food for flabby felines, hoping to compete with the special lean cat foods offered by pet stores and veterinarians.

Associated Press photo

Thomas tells history of blue and gold stars

The American Gold Star Mothers met Thursday for their monthly meeting at the home of Kathryn Thomas.

The Chapter Charter was draped in memory of Rudelle Rogers, who passed away Jan. 28, 1991, by Chapter Chaplain Odell Turner.

The hospital representative reported 26 patients and six visitors were served coffee and doughnuts Jan. 16 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center by Odell Turner and Josephine Garcia.

Chapter Treasurer Lora Bell Tom reported that the chapter has 15 paid members. Mothers who have lost a son or daughter in military action are eligible for membership.

Mothers present were given love valentines as they enjoyed coffee time.

Delegates elected to go the Texas convention, to be in El Paso April 5 and 6, were Kathryn Thomas and Odell Turner.

A history of the service stars was the program presented by Kathryn Thomas. She told the group that the Blue Star was used to represent each person, man or woman, who served in the military in World War I.

Later as the war progressed and some were killed in combat, others were wounded and died of their wounds or diseases, the idea of a gold star gained popularity. The gold star, approved by President Woodrow Wilson in 1918, conveys the respect felt for those who made the supreme sacrifice for his or her country.

In 1928, a group of 25 mothers who had lost sons or daughters in WW I, joined together to form a na-



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tional organization, which was later to become known as the American Gold Star Mothers Inc.

This non-political, non-profit organization was open to all mothers who had lost a loved one in action in all wars while serving their country.

During the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, when the veterans returned home, they were often ignored and treated with hostility, and veterans frequently suffered wounds as deep as those experienced in actual combat. At home no blue star of hope and pride hung in any windows. No support was shown for loved ones who had come home and for the ones that had died.

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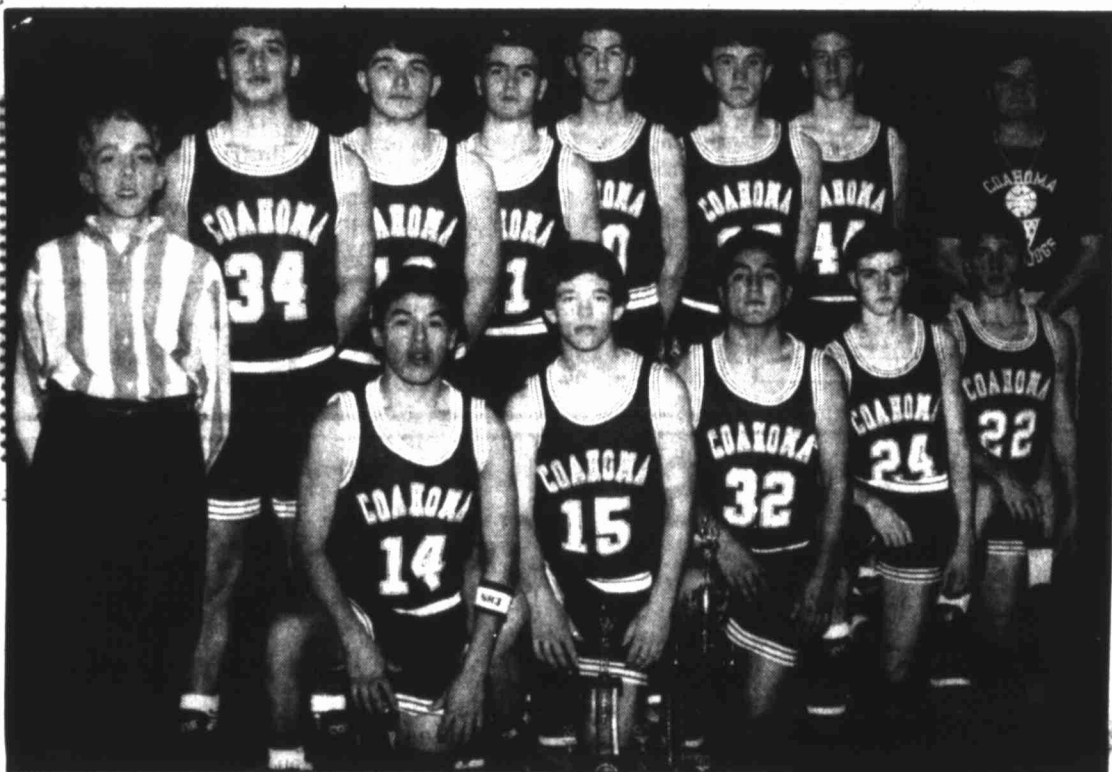
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Valentine's exciting for those attending Baptist Church Temple.

"Love is the theme of the New First Baptist Church program was all kinds of fun by the BYW and white sacks along huge heart and lights Couples' picture seated under with red cre and greener rose trees stood close by sacks provide light.

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Coahoma

By Clara Justi 394-4562

The Coahoma concert Sunday at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

The sixth-grade middle school selections, in to honor the armed forces overseas, at home.

Band Director the band have month. On Feb. 10 and Jeff Ma Coahoma Band Honor Band Sandra play and Jeff play of the honor from Class A in District 2 in Simms January.

The Honor fied all day performance at Abilene. Other high s who gave ex tryouts incl flute; David Ame Granad Junior high gave forth tryouts inclu Carol Garcia wards, Krys Soper, clarinet, Sean and Michael Shaun Marri

On Saturday members pa Solo and En Wells receiv trumpet and state solo an Austin in Ma Joni Rodri division in cl who perform Gent, flute; clarinet; Sa and Jeff Ma mitt, tuba.

Valentine's day a good day for parties in Colorado City

Valentine's Day (Thursday) was exciting for everyone, especially those attending the parties at First Baptist Church and Christian Temple.

"Love is the Theme" was the theme of the banquet held at the New First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The banquet and program was designed for "loves" of all kinds. The gym was decorated by the BYW group, who used red and white balloons and illuminary sacks along the tables. A beautiful huge heart created out of balloons and lights hung on the wall. Couples' pictures were taken while seated under an arch decorated with red crepe paper roses, lights and greenery. Red crepe paper rose trees made by Betty Shawn stood close by while the illuminary sacks provided a soft romantic light.

A program was provided for everyone in which a game entitled "Heart to Heart, Facts About our Friends" was found. As those in attendance enjoyed ham with all the trimmings, furnished by Gas & Grub, they were to decide who each question was about. This was later discussed openly as a fun way to learn interesting facts about those you worship with and thought you knew well.

A skit about the different kinds of love was put on by several members of the congregation. They were: Lane and Debbie King, husband and wife; Richard Chambers and Randy Chambers, brotherly love; Walt Staats speaking about his mother-in-law; Christine Cooley and Connie Penland, mother and daughter; Jim Dockrey and Lori Dockrey, father and daughter; Kay Fite and Virginia Dearen, friendship; Ira Edwards and Kamie and Kaylee Stubblefield, grandfather and granddaughters.

Before the evening came to a close, everyone enjoyed the Christian sounds of a trio from Sweetwater called Serendipity.

The Christian Temple fellowship hall resembled a cafe out of the 50s, as that was the theme of their Valentine's Party. Surrounding school pennants were hung on the walls along with several pictures of famous 50's personalities such as Fabian, Elvis, the Four Platters and others. Old 45 records were hung from the ceiling and a homemade jukebox (made by Tim Lelek) was found rocking out many oldies like Blue Suede Shoes and

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Rock Around the Clock. Everyone was taken to the past with the scenery, music and a dinner of cheeseburgers, fries, onion rings and a coke float for dessert.

Many of the couples delighted in dressing for the occasion with poodle skirts, ponytails, rolled blue jeans and slicked back-hair. Jim Baum gave an interesting and funny talk about his life in the 50s and other 50s facts that many of those in attendance might remember. A lip sync skit was performed afterwards in which everyone got a good laugh. Those "singing" were Dana and Bobby Moody, Teresa and Bobby Matlock and Barbie and Tim Lelek.

Awards presented

Valentine's Day was in the air Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church where their annual Valentine's Party was held. The Family Life Center was smartly decorated in black and white, with balloons and crepe paper used everywhere. The tables were decorated with top hats, dollies and roses. Several awards were presented during the evening. The lucky recipients were: Woman of the Year, Nannie Lou Miles; Man of the Year, T.J. Geiger; Longest Married, T.L. and Ruth Holman, 67 years; Newlyweds, Stephen and Kay Lynn Light, 3 years; and the Just Because We Love You Award went to Rev. Travis and Pam Monday. A fitting theme for the evening was "The Magic of Valentine's" as Rev. Leon Green, pastor of Plainview Baptist Church and "part-time" magician brought an amazing assortment of tricks with a Christian flair. The entertainment also included two specials sung by Sonja Girvin.

Auto club has party

The weekend also held Valentine wishes as the Big Spring Regional AACA (Antique Auto Club of America) held its party at the Lone

Wolf Medallion Room. Antique cars from Lamesa, Big Spring, Snyder, Colorado City and elsewhere were there to be shown off while their owners enjoyed the meal and entertainment inside.

Jim Baum, a member of the club was busy again as he brought a talk about the history of Colorado City. Jim Baum always proves to be very entertaining whenever asked to speak. The cars involved in the AACA range in age from the teens through the 1960s, and most are in excellent condition.

Blood drive

The Colorado City Lioness Club once again sponsored a Blood Drive on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Civic Center. As of the time of printing no word was received on how successful the drive was. This Blood Drive was also to help the soldiers wounded in the Gulf Crisis as blood supplies could become short during this time. The drive was conducted by United Blood Services of San Angelo.

Football banquet

The annual CHS Football Ban-

quet was held at the Colorado Middle School Cafeteria on Thursday, Jan. 31. Jeff Gossett, punter for the Los Angeles Raiders was guest speaker for the evening. Gossett has played for such impressive pro teams as the New York Mets (baseball), the Dallas Cowboys, San Diego Chargers, Kansas City Chiefs, Cleveland Browns and the Houston Oilers. Two high points of his mostly testimonial speech were to set your goals very high and to remember how very frail the human body is.

Kitten Arthur, cheerleader sponsor, said she was surprised and delighted to know that in all of Gossett's professional career he never saw cocaine.

Many awards were presented to deserving athletes throughout the evening. Tammie Blair was selected by the Wolves Football team as the Sweetheart, and Avan Ceballos was chosen for the Wolverine Beau. Coach Rick Robinson revealed George Ramsey to receive the KVMC Fighting Heart Award. Ramsey suffered an appendectomy toward the end of the 1990 season but returned to play in the last two games. Rene Rivera and Jason Lawson were both honored with the Colorado Record "E" Award, as they both showed powerful effort during the season. Coach Chuck Claxton gave the award. Three awards remained to be given: Sportsmanship, Jeremy Strain; Hustlingest Wolf, Avan Ceballos; and Outstanding Wolf, Robbie Smith. In addition to the awards, many others were honored

and recognized, such as the senior Wolverines, senior football players and the cheerleaders.

The cafeteria was smartly decorated by the Wolverines and cheerleaders to the theme of "1990 - A Shining Season". A wolf howling at a big star, along with many smaller stars on green paper, served as background for the head table which was decorated with white mums. The podium was flanked with silk ficus trees complete with twinkling lights. The other tables were graced with silk flowers tied with yellow ribbons to commemorate our forces overseas.

As the evening came to a close the crowd was led in the school song by the cheerleaders.

New physician

Hooray! Hooray! Colorado City is to get a new doctor. Dr. Dee Roach does a tremendous job here but this town definitely needs at least two physicians. Dr. Royce McNally and his family moved to Colorado City and will be ready to see patients soon. Dr. McNally will be practicing family medicine and obstetrics. His office is located at the Medical Clinic at 505 Chestnut. Welcome.

Club wants cans

If you find yourself with an overabundance of aluminum cans with nowhere to take them, try donating them to the CHS Tennis Club. February is the month set aside for the teens in tennis to push

for cans, cans and more cans, as this is a fundraising event. Any and all cans may be delivered and dumped into the cotton trailer located at Fort Wood.

Student seminar

Nine young people and five sponsors piled into the First Baptist Church van and traveled north Friday, Feb. 1, to attend a youth seminar in Lubbock. The seminar, entitled "Searching for Significance", was held at the Lubbock Municipal Civic Center Friday evening and all day Saturday. Dawson McAllister, country-wide known youth counselor, author and host of the TV special "Kids in Crisis," was the speaker of the seminar. He was joined by the Contemporary Christian vocalists, Al Denison, who currently holds the number two religious album on the charts.

Upon registration each youth received a manual to refer to and take notes in as the seminar progressed. McAllister spoke primarily on "Building Self Esteem" and "Recognizing Self-worth."

The churches in attendance numbered 198 from every denomination, with over 3800 people in attendance. Those going from First Baptist included Mike Burger, Richard Mayberry, Jeffrey Stockton, Doug Flippo, Diane Flippo, Shelly Bryant, Tracy Henderson, Renee Lindsey, and Lori Dockrey. The sponsors were Janet Mayo, Tracey McPhaul, Jim Dockrey, and Lane and Debbie King.

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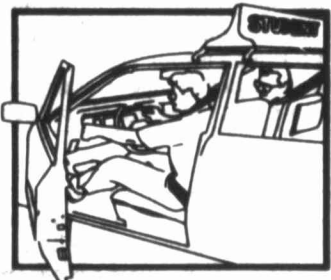
Coahoma bands to perform

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Buckle Up!

The Coahoma bands will present a concert Sunday at the high school auditorium. The concert will begin at 3 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

The sixth-grade beginning band, the middle school band, and the high school band will play various selections, including concert pieces to honor the men and women in our armed forces, those serving overseas, and those serving at home.

Band Director Mike Porras and the band have been very busy this month. On Feb. 2, Sandra Spindler and Jeff Marnien represented the Coahoma Band at the District 2 Honor Band Concert in Abilene. Sandra played the bass clarinet and Jeff played the tuba. Members of the honor band were selected from Class A, AA, and AAA schools in District 2 at tryouts held at Hardin Simmons University in January.

The Honor Band members practiced all day and gave an excellent performance in Cullen Auditorium at Abilene Christian University. Other high school band members who gave excellent efforts at the tryouts included Elizabeth Gent, flute; David Scott, trumpet; and Ame Granado, French horn.

Junior high band members who gave forth extra efforts at the tryouts included Laura Wyatt and Carol Garcia, flute; Shannon Edwards, Krystal Coates and Marion Soper, clarinet; Gerardo Armendariz, Sean Scott, Aaron Authur and Michael Lopez, cornet; and Shaun Marnien, snare drum.

On Saturday, Feb. 16, seven band members participated in the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest. Cody Wells received a first division on trumpet and will advance to the state solo and ensemble contest in Austin in May.

Joni Rodriguez received a first division in clarinet. Other students who performed well are Elizabeth Gent, flute; Sandra Spindler, bass clarinet; Sara Moron, trumpet; and Jeff Marnien and Mark Grummitt, tuba.

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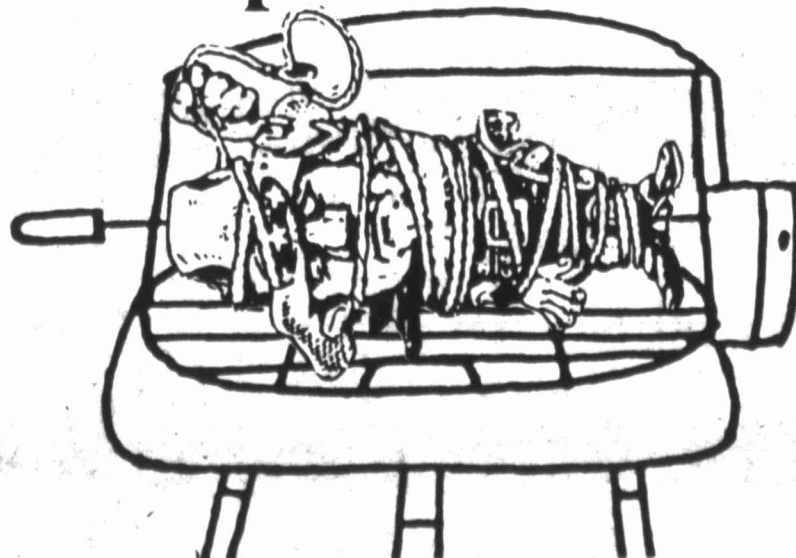
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Why are gasoline prices higher in Big Spring? A visual check of gas prices along I-20 from Big Spring to Abilene indicated that the average for unleaded was \$1.16, and \$1.23 for super unleaded. The most expensive was Colorado City at \$1.25, and the cheapest was in Tye at \$0.99. For the most part Big Spring prices fall within this same range.

Calendar

TODAY

The Howard County Democrats are sponsoring a cornbread, bean, and barbecue dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center at Old Cosden Lake. Free!

SATURDAY

The Cub Scout annual Blue and Gold Banquet will be 6 p.m. in the east room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Dinner will be followed by the Lakota Indian Dancers, then by birthday cake and ice cream. Open to public, \$5 per person. Order in advance by calling 263-0619 or 263-1606.

The Sand Springs Lions Club is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat chili supper from 5 to 8 p.m. at the club's community center on Scout Hut Road. Tickets are \$3.50 in advance, or \$4 at the door. Children under 12 free with an adult. Call 263-4295.

The NAACP is sponsoring a Black Heritage Month Celebration at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Community Center. A community choir made up from area churches will perform. Free admission.

There will be a Clean-up Day starting at 9 a.m. for the Howard County Youth Horseman's Club at the HCYHC's arena on the Garden City Highway.

Tops on TV

World's Greatest Stunts II. A car travels a ski jump; two men share one parachute; a man rides a parachute-equipped bike off a waterfall. 8 p.m. Ch. 3.

Veterans

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That's the way it should be. But that's not the way it was for us," Vaughn Martin said he is pleased by the local and national support the troops have received. "The less the media would show of the protesters, the better," he said. "They're such a minority."

Martin, who served one year with the Air Force in Vietnam, said he did not feel the lack of support suffered by many who fought in the war, but he said he thinks support would have made a difference in the outcome of the war. Carnahan said he blames the media for much of the negative emphasis. He said once movies with semi-realistic portrayals of the war were released, much of the attitude changed.

The dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial also helped focus public support, although "better late than never," vets said.

The dedication brought out so many veterans to share their feelings, Boling said. "They had kept it hidden for so long."

With a son in the current war, Boling said his memories are often brought to the surface.

"I remember one of the commanders in an initial briefing told the soldiers now, 'When this is over, and you come back home, you're going to be different. This is going to change you forever,'" Boling related.

He was exactly right."

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents:

A 19-year-old man was arrested at a bus stop Wednesday night on a warrant for burglary of a vehicle.

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

The burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. Tools valued at \$616 were reported taken.

A car hit a post at a business in the 300 block of East Second Street shortly before 5 p.m. Thursday. Brake failure was cited as the cause; no citations were issued.

The burglary of a home was reported in the 200 block of West 12th St. A TV set worth \$400 was reported taken.

Board decides not to renew contracts

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Coahoma Independent School Board members announced the decision not to renew contracts for high school principal Dennis Ward or elementary principal Mike Turner at the school board meeting Monday night, according to school superintendent Gary Rotan.

"Two contracts were not extended," said Rotan, declining to comment further on the board members' decision. He said both principals have one year left on their two-year contracts. This is the fourth year in the district for Ward and Turner, he said.

Marvin Keenan, vice-president for the board, said, "Five years ago, we were the first school district in Texas threatened with bankruptcy. We've come a long way in five years, and this is the first controversy we've had."

"The school board made this decision because we feel it's best for the school district and the community. The past has been an accumulation of problems and at this time it's best for the school district and schools not to extend their contracts. Both men have done a fine, commendable job," said Keenan, adding that the vote concerning Turner's contract was unanimous and two members, Guy White and Ricky Stone, abstained from the vote on Ward's contract.

Guy White, school board member, said the decision not to renew the two contracts was based on the superintendent's recommendation.

Dennis Ward gave no comment to the board member's decision, and Mike Turner also gave no comment.

In an executive session that lasted several hours, the board members extended the contracts of Al Phillips, junior high school principal; David Nelson, counselor; Marcia Williams, educational diagnostician and supervisor; Steve Park, athletic director; and Mike Porras, band director. Curriculum Director Jane Begy resigned, effective at the end of the school year, Rotan said.

"We appreciate the job she's done and wish her the very best," Rotan said.

The school district has three at-large board member positions expiring this term. Ronnie Wood, Marvin Keenan and Ricky Stone's terms are ending, and applications for the positions are available at the superintendent's office.

Rotan said the basic requirements for board members are: sound mind, live within the district and 18 years of age or older. The position is unpaid. He said Ronnie Wood has filed for his position.

In other business, the board members:

- Received a grant from the Federal Vocational Fund for \$2,639 for the four programs offered at Coahoma schools.

- Gave their approval for the Lions Club to provide a pancake supper on March 7 prior to the Open House scheduled in observance of National School Week. The supper begins at 5 p.m., and will be followed by a variety show.

- Granted permission for the Spanish Club to travel to San Antonio April 12 through April 14. The students will visit the Alamo, Sea World, the Institute of Cultures and the River Walk. Rotan said, "They have a lengthy itinerary."

- Agreed to submit an application to the state to purchase two new school buses.

- Granted Grady Walker in Big Spring the contract for fuel.

- Granted City Janitorial Supply Co. in Sweetwater the contract for custodial supplies.

- Listened to a presentation from the Dress Code Committee. The committee will meet several more times before bringing recommendations before the board members, Rotan said.

- Reported student enrollment down slightly from last year's first semester end. Rotan said there would have been a loss of 17 students from last year, but the district enrollment now includes the new pre-kindergarten class of 11 for 1990-91, making six the total enrollment loss.

War

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hardship unless the Iraqi government complies fully with the demands.

At the Pentagon, a senior military official said the diplomatic activity was not derailing the allied war plans.

"Desert Storm continues to swirl on, regardless," the official said. "We have our plan and we continue to follow it. Round-the-clock air attacks continue."

Bush made his comments as members of the allied coalition arrayed against Iraq and lawmakers were offering their own assessments.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet

Kurtcebe Alptemecin, told reporters before meeting with Bush at the White House that "we should not allow him (Saddam) to withdraw heavy weapons, especially chemical weapons." He conceded that imposing such a condition on any settlement "will be very difficult."

In London, British Prime Minister John Major said the proposal was "not good enough," but still an improvement worth studying. France said the plan "represents a step in the right direction."

The plan appeared to be a major step from Iraq's heavily conditioned peace offer of a week ago.

Court docket

Victoria Cevallos, Howard County, was awarded \$200,000 by a 118th Judicial District Court jury Wednesday in connection with injuries suffered in an automobile accident Oct. 17, 1988, at Highway 350 and Farm Road 669.

The driver of the vehicle, Ricardo Juarez, was found at fault. Bob Brock Ford Inc., listed as another defendant in the suit because defective brakes were named as a cause of the accident, was found not at fault.

The automobile dealership and Cevallos maintained that Juarez had consumed alcohol prior to the accident and was driving at an unreasonable speed at the time of the accident.

Cevallos' award covers physical and mental pain, medical costs, any disfigurement and loss of earning capacity.

Filings in Howard County courts indicate the following:

- Richard Talavera, aka Jose Enrique Guadalupe, 24, 1513 Sunset and 508 State, pleaded guilty in District Court to possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to 10 years probation and fined \$3,000.

- Daniel Jesse Lemon, 22, 104 N.W. Fifth, pleaded guilty in District Court to aggravated assault on a peace officer. He was sentenced to four years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

- Harold Eugene Nehuing, 44, 2510

W. 15th, pleaded guilty in Howard County Court to a second offense of driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to four days in jail.

- Mario Granadas Gomez Jr., 21, 1511 Bluebird, was charged in County Court with failure to maintain vehicle insurance.

- Lupe Hernandez, 36, Golden West Motel, charged in County Court with possession of marijuana between two and four ounces.

- Wilmar Cobb, 40, Midland, charged in County Court with theft between \$200 and \$750.

- Willie Bustillos, 47, Midland, charged in County Court with theft between \$200 and \$750.

- Bobby Palmer, 54, Odessa, charged in County Court with theft between \$200 and \$750.

- Clyde Eugene Johnson, 43, Sterling City, charged in County Court with driving while intoxicated.

- James Thomas O'Neal, 29, Midland, charged in County Court with driving while license suspended.

- Patricia Labelle Morrow, 28, PO Box 454, charged in County Court with DWI.

- Atanasio Gutierrez Jr., 46, 4107 West Highway 80, number 1, charged in County Court with driving while license suspended.

- Vicent Edward McVea, 20, charged twice in County Court with failure to maintain vehicle insurance.

- Jesus R. Rosa, 23, Rio Grande City, charged in County Court with failure to maintain vehicle insurance and driving while license suspended.

Oil/markets

April crude oil \$11.13, down 27, and March cotton futures \$6.40 cents a pound, up 1.50; cash hog today was 75 cents lower at 52 cents even; slaughter steers 50 cents lower at 79.50; April live hog futures \$0.75, up 15; April live cattle futures 79.07, down 5 at 11:30 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Future office site

This building, the former site of Big Spring Carpet, will be combined with the neighboring Big Spring Inc. and the Big Spring Area chamber of commerce office, 215 W. Third Street, in construction starting Monday. The structure will house both Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber office renovations begin

By DEBBIE LINCEUM
Staff Writer

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce employees are lifting boxes and shifting furniture today in preparation for renovations to their office building, set to begin Monday.

The west side of the building, the former site of Big Spring Carpet, is planned to house Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., the economic development corporation. The two organizations will share some office machines as well as a reception area, but will operate separately, officials say.

During the estimated 60-75 days of construction, the chamber will operate primarily out of the organization's conference room, said Executive Vice President Adolph Janca.

Public access to the chamber office will be through the rear entrance. Local groups that normally use the chamber office for meetings will have to find another location until about May 1, Janca explained.

"We ask the public's patience during this inconvenience," he said.

Ted St. Clair, executive director of Moore Development, said the two organizations have worked out what will likely be a five-year contract for lease of the newly-renovated office space.

Until the building is ready, Moore Development will continue to lease two offices in the Sparenburg Building.

The existing chamber office and the former carpet store will be combined by the elimination of several walls. A joint reception

area will be constructed in the front part of the two buildings, facing the Third Street entrance.

A receptionist will work for both organizations, as will a janitor.

The organizations will share a conference room, restrooms and storage areas. Offices of the chamber will occupy the east half of the building, with the development corporation in the west half.

Moore Development directors appointed a committee to search for office space before deciding to accept the chamber renovation-lease proposal. They voted at a Feb. 14 meeting to enter into a contract with the chamber; cost of rent, renovations and services will be \$2,500 per month.

Lee George Construction Company will be responsible for the renovations.

Technique treats strokes as they occur

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A new treatment in which drugs are injected into the brain while a stroke occurs has prevented serious disability in 70 percent of patients tested, researchers say.

The treatment is one of several new techniques that allow researchers to insert medical instruments into the brain to treat ailing blood vessels, said Dr. Jacques Theron, who conducted the study.

He has treated 54 patients with clot-dissolving drugs to eliminate blockages that deprive parts of the brain of blood, causing strokes, he said Thursday at the American Heart Association's annual stroke meeting.

Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the United States and the leading cause of disability, the heart association says.

Theron, a radiologist at the University of Caen in France, is moving soon to the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

The clot-dissolving drugs are delivered through a narrow tube called a catheter, inserted into the groin and threaded through blood vessels to the brain, he said.

His 70 percent success rate opens a new field of research, said Dr. Linda Sternau, a neurosurgeon at the University of Miami.

Bombing

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and Kuwait. An additional 1,700 sorties were conducted elsewhere in Iraq.

Neal said the United States has evidence that Iraq has set more than 140 oil wells on fire in Kuwait in the previous 24 hours and that "other facilities are being systematically destroyed."

"I think, to add substance to the president's announcement... it looks like a commencement of a scorched-earth policy by the Iraqi forces," he said at the military's daily briefing in Riyadh.

Associated Press correspondents reported from different sectors along the northern front that big allied artillery guns relentlessly hammered targets in Iraq in one of the heaviest shelling since the war began.

More than 70 British artillery pieces, batteries of U.S. rocket launchers and helicopter gunships bombarded Iraqi guns and armored vehicles.

Iraq, meanwhile, retaliated with its own artillery barrages and fired

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Neurosurgeon

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"We've been able to get inside the brain only very recently," within the past four years, said Dr. L. Nick Hopkins, a neurosurgeon at the State University of New York in Buffalo.

"Until recently the only thing we could do was open the head in a major operative procedure," he said.

The new techniques reduce the risk and the complications associated with trying to treat blood vessel disorders in the brain, he said.

Hopkins has used a catheter to treat malformed brain blood vessels that can suddenly burst, producing a stroke.

He injects clot-forming substances into the malformations to try to seal them off, so blood cannot escape.

In tests with 50 patients, 47 have shown significant improvement, simplifying surgery and reducing the risk of surgical complications, he said.

Three patients improved to the point where they no longer required surgery, he said.

About 500,000 Americans suffer from strokes each year, the heart association says, and 150,000 die. Of the 3 million Americans who have survived strokes, 31 percent are so disabled they cannot care for themselves without help, the heart association says.

Hopkins has also begun using catheters and clot-forming agents to treat people with aneurysms, weakened areas in blood vessel walls that are the leading cause of strokes in young people, he said.

The technique holds promise for preventing many of those strokes, but the procedure has so far been used on only a few patients, he said.

two Scud missiles into north-central Saudi Arabia on Thursday and three in the direction of Bahrain before dawn today.

Col. Jim Gass, a U.S. Army artillery commander, said Iraq's return of artillery fire has been sporadic and inaccurate.

It was not clear if today's missiles had been meant for Saudi Arabia and went off course. Iraq has fired dozens of Scuds into Israel and Saudi Arabia since the start of the war, but has not acknowledged targeting Bahrain to date.

All the latest missiles were intercepted by U.S. Patriot rockets, Western military officials said.

U.S. helicopters returned Thursday to a smashed Iraqi bunker complex where American forces captured more than 400 prisoners a day earlier. Fourteen more Iraqis surrendered.

A 17,000-man Marine amphibious force was poised in the Persian Gulf ready for action should the allies go ahead with a ground offensive, an AP correspondent reported from its command ship, the USS Nassau.

Other American ground forces crossed into Iraq and Kuwait on reconnaissance patrols, according to Neal, the chief U.S. command spokesman.

"U.S. and coalition forces have on occasion crossed the border, and it's a continuation of our active campaign of aggressively patrolling, reconnaissance and counter-reconnaissance effort," Neal said.

In another sign of preparation for an offensive, coalition troops punched holes in the series of towering sand barriers, called berms, forming Iraq's outer defenses just north of the Saudi border.

But the blinding sandstorms of the desert's "shamal" season began swirling around troops this week and military officials said they could slow any offensive against Iraqi forces.

Neal said the Desert Storm forces are "ready to go right now — or then can go in two weeks."

Deaths

Cruz Sanchez, 65, Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 22, 1991, at a

local hospital. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

MYERS & SMITH
Funeral Home and Chapel
267-8288
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Nalley-Pickie & Welch
Funeral Home
and Remembrance Chapel
906-0900
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Sidelines

Lady Hawks tied for second place

The Howard College Lady Hawks are tied for second place in Western Junior College Conference play by virtue of Odessa College's 74-66 win over South Plains Thursday night in Levelland.

Odessa College wins the conference with a 11-1 record. South Plains and Howard are 9-2. They will conclude regular season play Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tonight the Lady Hawks play Kilgore in non-conference action in Weatherford.

WOMEN	
Odessa	11-1, 24-1
Howard	9-2, 26-2
South Plains	9-2, 22-3
Frank Phillips	4-4, 12-7
Western Texas	2-8, 9-19
NMJC	2-9, 12-17
Clarendon	1-10, 4-15

Thursday
Odessa College 74, South Plains 66;
Frank Phillips 70, Clarendon 50.

Monday
Frank Phillips at Western Texas;
South Plains at Howard College.

MEN	
South Plains	15-0, 29-0
Howard	12-1, 27-1
Odessa	9-5, 22-8
Midland	7-7, 16-11
NMJC	6-7, 16-11
Frank Phillips	6-8, 14-11
Western Texas	4-10, 14-13
NMJC	2-12, 8-18
Clarendon	1-13, 6-17

Thursday
Midland College 105, Western Texas 87;
Frank Phillips 61, Clarendon 67;
South Plains 75, Odessa College 61;
NMJC 95, NMJC 91.

Monday
Midland College at New Mexico Junior College;
Frank Phillips at Western Texas;
New Mexico Military Institute at Odessa College;
South Plains at Howard College.

Steers in baseball action Saturday

The Big Spring Steers will play their second baseball game of the season when they host the Lamesa Tornados Saturday at 1 p.m. The game is the first part of a doubleheader. The junior varsity teams will play right after the varsity game.

The Steers are coming off a 10-5 win over Snyder in the season-opener.

HC hosting Paris in doubleheader

The unbeaten Howard College Hawks will be in baseball action Saturday when they host Paris Junior College in a doubleheader at Jack Barber Field. The two teams will square off again in a doubleheader Sunday.

The Hawks, 8-0 for the season, recently swept a four game series from Hill Junior College. Howard is batting .425 as a team, averaging 12 runs a game.

National Little League to meet

The National Little League will have a organizational meeting Sunday at 2 p.m. at the National Little League Field.

Returning managers and coaches and anyone else interested in helping need to be present. Team coaching assignments will be made at the meeting.

For more information call Bill Mims at 267-6669.

Softball meeting scheduled Feb. 28

Anyone interested in entering a team in the Big Spring Industrial Softball League is urged to attend a meeting Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Coors meeting room.

Coors is located on South service road of Interstate-20, west of north Highway 87. For more information call Rodney Young at 267-4806.

Scramble tourney set for Feb. 24

Operation Spirit Lift, a benefit golf tournament, will be Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is \$100 per team. There will be different flights with prizes being awarded to the top finisher in each flight. Some of the proceeds will be used to send music cassette tapes to the troops in the Persian Gulf.

For more information call Al Patterson at 263-7271.

Everyone's ready for spring training

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Only pitchers and catchers were supposed to show up, and then just to check in. But after last year's 32-day lockout, everyone was ready to break out the bats and balls.

Spring training started right on schedule Thursday. Eric Davis, Barry Larkin and a bunch of the World Series champion Cincinnati Reds worked out in Florida. Lance Parrish was an early arrival in Arizona and fans were everywhere — even though real practices didn't

begin until this morning.

Baseball is back. So is Steve Howe and so might Jim Palmer. Bo Jackson, however, is out for now. Howe, suspended six times for drug and alcohol abuse, was invited to the New York Yankees' camp. Palmer, trying to extend his Hall of Fame career at age 45, will be at Baltimore's camp today.

"I know that no Hall of Fame pitcher has ever tried a comeback, but that's not the reason," Palmer said. "I've been throwing since Dec. 17 and my arm feels terrific."

I've spent two months doing something and it would be real difficult not to do it."

Jackson, injured in an NFL playoff game, will be on crutches for four weeks with a hip problem. Jackson will report to Kansas City's camp in Haines City, Fla., with the other position players. He will undergo therapy and do exercises, but is likely to miss the first part of the exhibition schedule.

"He was pretty upbeat, not real down," Royals manager John Wathan said after a telephone con-

versation with Jackson. "I guess

disappointed is the right word."

There were a few other glitches, too, although no one seemed too upset as 15 camps opened for business. The Minnesota Twins, who moved their training site from Orlando to Fort Myers, Fla., this year, aren't quite ready to move in yet. The major league clubhouse and batting cages at the Lee County Sports Complex are not finished, so all players will be crammed into the minor league headquarters for

about 10 days.

Newly acquired Jack Morris and Steve Bedrosian, plus Kirby Puckett and Kent Hrbek, were among the Twins at the new location on Thursday. Though, Minnesota plays its home games during the regular season on artificial turf at the Metrodome, the Twins' spring stadium has grass.

"AstroTurf is a bad idea for spring training," Twins general manager Andy MacPhail said.

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Bulldogs tame Wildcats in bi-district play, 73-61

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

PECOS — It was only fitting that the Coahoma-Anthony game ended with Anthony missing a free throw and Coahoma making two.

The Bulldogs made the most of their chances and Anthony didn't. The end result was a 73-61 Coahoma victory in bi-district basketball play here Thursday night. Coahoma, winner of District 6-2A, advances to area play against Bangs, a 67-62 winner over Hawley Thursday night. Coahoma is 25-8 for the season. Anthony, runnerup in 7-2A, finishes with a 12-8 mark.

The Bulldogs shot a respectable 46 percent from the floor and made 24 of 33 free throws. Anthony shot 33 percent from the floor and made eight of 25 free throw attempts.

Coahoma never trailed, holding a 17-11 lead after the first quarter, and taking control of the game in the second quarter, outscoring Anthony 26-16. The rest of the game consisted of Anthony playing catch-up while Coahoma coach Kim Nichols emptied his bench.

Nichols said his squad lost its intensity in the second half. "We got up and relaxed, we lost our intensity and never got it back," said Nichols. "They were very quick and we got sluggish. In the first half we ran the ball well but we got away from it in the second half. I'm proud of the kids, they got to play an extra game and that's going to be good for our young players."

Anthony coach John Chaires, whose squad was whittled for two technicals, was very unhappy with the officiating. "The referees didn't call a good game, they weren't consistent," he said. "We stunk at the line. We don't usually shoot free throws that bad. We got



Coahoma Bulldogs junior guard Mark Arguello (14) was a main factor in the Bulldogs win over Anthony Thursday night. Arguello scored 17 points.

behind and we started to come back, then some crazy stuff would happen."

Coahoma jumped to a 4-0 lead on a Rusty Ginnett three-pointer and free throw. Angel Lerma and Kevin Fuller countered with baskets for Anthony, tying the game at the 5:17 mark. Coahoma answered with a Mark Arguello three-pointer and baskets by Brent Elmore and Mike Hernandez to take a 11-4 lead.

Junior post player Matt Coates was a force in the quarter, grabbing four rebounds and blocking two shots. He concluded a strong defense.

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Willis in action

Big Spring Lady Steers' Brandi Willis hits a backhand to an opponent during opening round action of the First Annual Big Spring Tennis

Boosters tournament Friday morning at Figure Seven Tennis Center. Eight teams are competing in the two-day tournament.

'Greek' files suit against CBS

NEW YORK (AP) — Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder, the 73-year-old sports handicapper, claims CBS used his comments

about black athletes as an excuse to fire him because he's getting old. Snyder has filed two \$10 million legal actions within the past month against CBS, said a spokesman for his attorney, Raoul Felder.

One is an age discrimination suit, the spokesman, Larry Weinberg, said Wednesday. The other legal action, a request for arbitration, seeks damages for

defamation and breach of contract, among other claims. The arbitration request names CBS, several network executives and Brent Musburger, the ex-CBS commentator now with ABC.

Court papers filed in conjunction with the arbitration petition said the firing aggravated Snyder's health problems and prevented him from finding a new job.

"We consider that the actions are completely without merit and don't merit a response beyond that," said Susan Kerr, director of communications for CBS Sports.

Snyder, a regular on the "NFL Today" show, was fired Jan. 16, 1988, after 12 years with CBS.

He was let go because of remarks he made to a reporter at WRC-TV — an NBC-owned and -operated station in Washington — who was getting comment from people in a bar about Martin Luther King Jr.'s

birthday.

In the interview, Snyder said black people had been bred to be better athletes since the Civil War when "the slave owner would breed his big black with his big woman so that he would have a big black kid."

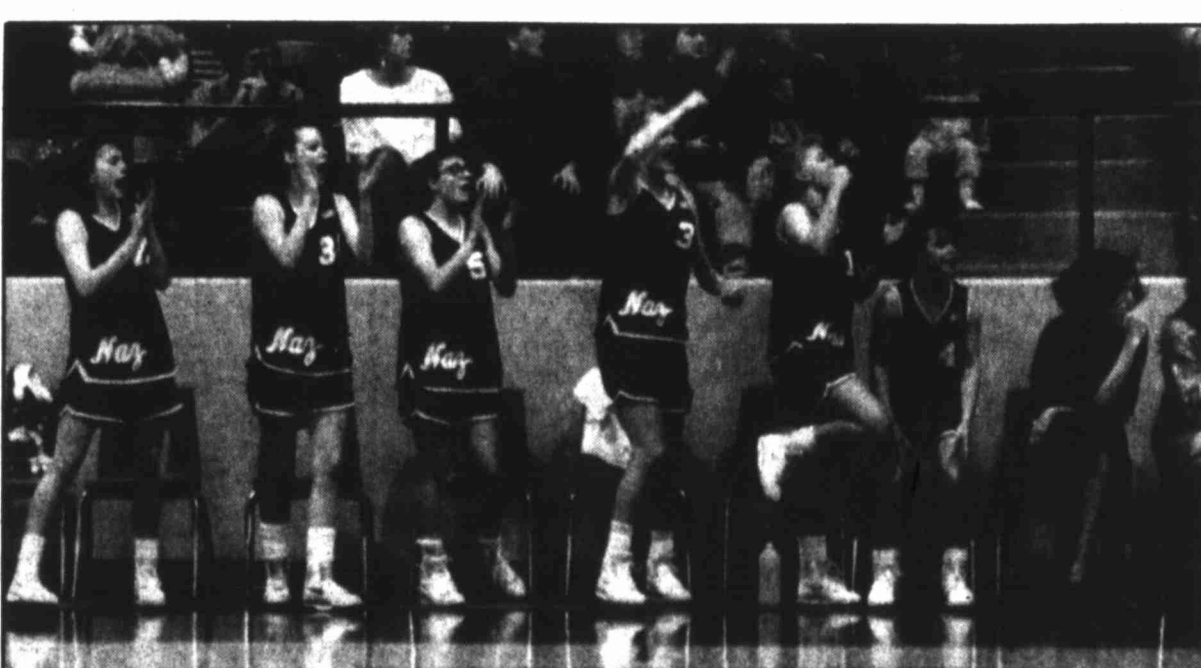
He said that if blacks "take over coaching jobs like everybody wants them to, there's not going to be anything left for the white people. I mean all the players are blacks. The only things that the whites control is the coaching jobs."

Snyder also said, "Black talent is beautiful, it's great, it's out there."

He later issued an apology, as did CBS Sports, which called Snyder's comments "reprehensible."

"By firing and repudiating Mr. Snyder, CBS quashed his dream, his dignity and his spirit."

Sizzling Swiftettes seeking another title



NAZARETH — The Nazareth High School girls basketball team is shown here in a recent district playoff game. The Swiftettes are shooting for their

fourth straight state title, and 12th in the last 15 years.

regional tournament in Levelland, they will be in Austin next Saturday competing for the trophy that even Nazareth can find a place for.

And where the team goes, so goes the town.

"I have had people around the state tell me, 'I hope they don't

have a fire in Nazareth during the state tournament because there wouldn't be anyone around to put it out,'" said Jimmy Pegram, the principal at Nazareth for the past 18 years.

"But it's true. The folks here will get in their cars and drive to

Austin, even the folks without kids in school."

If "Hoosiers" is the story of a small-town boys high school basketball team in Indiana that makes good at the state tournament, then Nazareth's story could easily be dubbed "Hoosierettes."

There's a basketball hoop in every driveway.

A marquee at one of the town's liquor stores has all the Swiftettes' state championship years posted with a wish of good luck.

And ask most any resident about a Naz girls' game in the past 10 years and they'll likely tell you the outcome and the leading scorer.

The community also supports other activities at the high school, including the boys' team, which won the 1986 Class 1A state title. "Everyone talks about the girls," said Marcus Brockman, a student at Nazareth. "But the boys are good too."

But nothing parallels the success of the Naz girls.

"There's not a whole heckuva lot to do in a town this size," said Lydia Schacher, the manager of the 19th Hole cafe in Nazareth. "Everyone thinks about the high school. And since most everyone in town is related, there is a great deal of interest in the activities there."

When Nazareth's 152-game district winning streak dating back to 1973 was broken Jan. 29 in a heart-wrenching 28-26 loss at home to Happy High School, tears were shed.

Nazareth was knocked from its No. 1 ranking in Class 1A for the

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It's been a very long season for Crum's Cardinals

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville is finding out all good things must come to an end.

For an NCAA-record 46 consecutive seasons, Louisville has put winning basketball teams on the floor. Thirty-one of those squads won 20 or more games. Two were national champions.

But that string of winning seasons is about to come to a crashing halt unless coach Denny Crum has several miracles up his sleeve in the season's final weeks.

The Cardinals are 9-14 with four regular-season games remaining.

Three of those are at home, but that's hardly an advantage since they have lost a season-record six games in Freedom Hall.

If Louisville manages to end the regular season with a string of victories to finish 13-14, it would then have to win at least three games in the Metro Conference tournament to keep the streak alive.

And that appears unlikely because the Cardinals are last in the league at 2-10. They would be matched against No. 11 Southern Mississippi in the first round, a

team that already owns two victories over them.

"We are just going to try and do the best we can," center Troy Smith said. "We can make a few things happen in the tournament. We know what we want to do — get on a little streak and make things happen."

February has traditionally been a month when Crum's teams crank it up in a run for postseason play. And they still haven't given up hope despite a 2-4 mark this month.

"They keep working hard and

they know, based on past history, our teams have gotten better, and that's what they're trying to do," Crum said after the Cardinals beat Southwestern Louisiana 104-77 Wednesday night.

"They don't want to be remembered as a bad team. They are working hard as they can work and I'm proud of them."

Eight of Louisville's losses have come against teams ranked in the Top 25 — to Indiana, Kentucky, UCLA, UNLV and twice each to Southern Mississippi and South Carolina.

In addition, the Cardinals have lost twice to Memphis State and Virginia Tech. Earlier this season, Louisville lost six games in a row, its longest losing streak in 47 years. It also had a five-game skid in late January and early February.

Morale hasn't been a problem. "We've not had any trouble with any of our guys in terms of negative thought," said Crum. "These kids after a big loss come out and work their tails off. They practice hard."

Sidelines

Monterey beats Central, 77-69

The Lubbock Monterey Plainsmen ended the San Angelo Central Bobcats' season, downing the Bobcats 77-69 in bi-district play Thursday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The big quarter for Monterey was the third when it outscored Central 19-12. DeMont Thomas led Monterey with 22 points. Mike Thierry and Brad Rush scored 17 and 15. Central was led by Dewayne Lofton with 25 points. Corey Grays added 14. Monterey advances with a 20-7 record while Central finishes at 28-6.

Former Tigers owner dead at 89

DETROIT (AP) — John Fetzer, former Detroit Tigers owner and broadcast pioneer, died in Honolulu. He was 89.

In 1956, he led a syndicate that bought the Tigers from the Briggs family for \$5.5 million. He sold the club in 1983 to Domino's Pizza Inc. owner Tom Monaghan for a reported \$51 million.

Tark warns team about 'Fixer'

LAS VEGAS (AP) — UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian says he has warned his players not to associate with Richard "The Fixer" Perry, who has been convicted of fixing sports events and has been attending UNLV basketball games.

Las Vegas Review-Journal columnist John Smith and KVBC-TV reporter Dan Burns raised the issue earlier this week, with KVBC airing a shot of Perry sitting next to attorney David Chesnoff, who used to represent former New York City prep star Lloyd Daniels. Tarkanian said he read Smith's column Sunday, and met with the players on Monday.

Grady, Nelson first round leaders

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Wayne Grady of Australia and Larry Nelson, both winners of the PGA Championship, matched 65s to share the first-round lead in the Los Angeles Open.

Grady, who won the PGA title last year, and Nelson, who won it in both 1981 and 1987, each trimmed six shots off par at Riviera Country Club to move to the top of a closely bunched field.

Included in a group at 66 were Craig Stadler, Steve Pate and Jeff Sluman.

Fred Couples, who won the tournament last year with an 18-under-par 266, was in a group another shot back at 67.

Also at 4-under-par were Gil Morgan, a two-time LA Open champion who finished second to Couples by three shots a year ago; and Hale Irwin and Chip Beck, also former winners of the event.

Canadian leading Hawaiian Open

HONOLULU (AP) — Jennifer Wyatt of Canada shot a 6-under-par 66 for a two-stroke lead in the first round of the Hawaiian Ladies Open.

Patty Sheehan was at 68, while Beth Daniel and Ok-Hee Ku of South Korea were another shot back.

Rape charge dropped against Wingate

ELLCOTT CITY, Md. (AP) — A teen-ager who claims she was raped by former San Antonio Spurs guard David Wingate, says she wants the charges dropped to avoid the pain and embarrassment of a trial.

The young woman testified before Howard County Circuit Judge Raymond Kane Jr. Thursday that she and her father met with prosecutors before the hearing and asked them to drop the charges.

She testified that there had been a "misunderstanding" between her and Wingate when they had sexual intercourse at his apartment last Sept. 16.

The girl's father also took the stand to say he did not want his daughter to go through ridicule brought on by a trial.

State's Attorney William Hynes will decide whether to dismiss charges against Wingate. He said he must consider how the girl would be affected by a forced trial and what impact dropping the charges would have on public safety.

Lakers convince Mavs' coach

By The Associated Press

Portland's 3½-game lead in the race for the NBA's best record doesn't jazz Timberline coach Richie Adubato. He's convinced the Los Angeles Lakers are now the best team in the NBA.

The Lakers held Adubato's Mavericks to a club record-low 29 points in the first half on Thursday night and went on to win 106-92 at Reunion Arena, their 18th victory in 20 games. The loss was the third straight for Dallas, leg weary after seven games in 10 days.

"We got beat by the best team in the NBA in my opinion," Adubato said. "They were very sharp, on top of their game. And too many games in too many days caught up with us."

Magic Johnson had 21 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds for Los Angeles, which focused on the Mavericks' two victories over the Lakers this season.

"We shut them down with our defense in the first half," Johnson said. "They were the only team we hadn't beaten this year. They had our number and we wanted to stop that."

"We wanted to play tough, nose-to-nose defense," the Lakers' Byron Scott said. "We were very focused. Previous losses were on our minds."

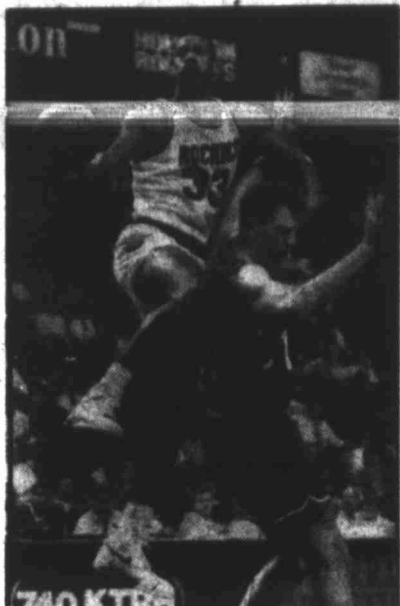
The Lakers routed Dallas 52-29 in the first half as the Mavericks scored two points less than their previous low halftime low of 31 against Houston in 1981.

Dallas shot 26 percent from the field and missed its last 12 shots of the first quarter, falling behind 33-13. The Lakers forced Dallas into 11 turnovers in the first-half runaway.

Los Angeles extended the margin to 66-41 midway through the third quarter before Dallas closed to 75-63 at the end of the period.

Derek Harper, who led Dallas with 24 points, hit consecutive 3-pointers to help close the gap to 95-86 down the stretch, but they could get no closer.

Scott, A.C. Green and Vlade Divac each had 20 points for the Lakers, who played without for-



Houston — Houston Rockets' Otis Thorpe (33) goes to the basket against Milwaukee Bucks' Dan Schayes in Thursday night NBA action.

ward Sam Perkins, placed on the injured list Thursday with a broken toe.

Trail Blazers 122, Nuggets 111

Portland snapped a three-game road losing streak and handed Denver its seventh consecutive loss behind Kevin Duckworth's 25 points and 14 rebounds.

It was the fourth victory of the season for the Trail Blazers over the Nuggets.

record to 43-10 despite making only 43 percent of their 107 shots.

Orlando Woolridge led the Nuggets with 20 points and 13 rebounds. Michael Adams, back in uniform after missing five games with a pulled hamstring, was 4-for-14 from the field and scored 12 points, 13 under his average.

Denver trailed just 27-26 early in the second quarter, but a 29-18 spurt put Portland ahead 56-44 at halftime.

The Trail Blazers started the second half with a 10-4 run for a 66-48 advantage, their largest of the game.

Rockets 92, Bucks 90

Houston was the only home team to win in five NBA games as Otis Thorpe had 28 points and 19 rebounds and Vernon Maxwell scored the game-winning basket with 40 seconds to play against Milwaukee.

Thorpe's four straight baskets early in the fourth quarter helped the Rockets — who got 21 rebounds from Larry Smith — take an 89-83 lead with 4:28 to play.

The Bucks, who were led by Frank Brickowski with 18 points, responded with seven consecutive points, aided by three Rockets turnovers, for a 90-89 lead with 1:29 remaining.

Maxwell's layup off a fast break gave Houston a 91-90 lead. Jack Sikma missed the Bucks' final shot with one second remaining.

SuperSonics 120, Knicks 101

Seattle dropped New York's record at Madison Square Garden to 11-17 — the worst home mark in the NBA — behind Shawn Kemp 24 points, including seven dunks.

The Sonics, who never trailed, snapped a three-game losing streak despite playing without leading scorer Derrick McKey, out with an injury, and newly acquired center Benoit Benjamin, who hasn't reported to the team.

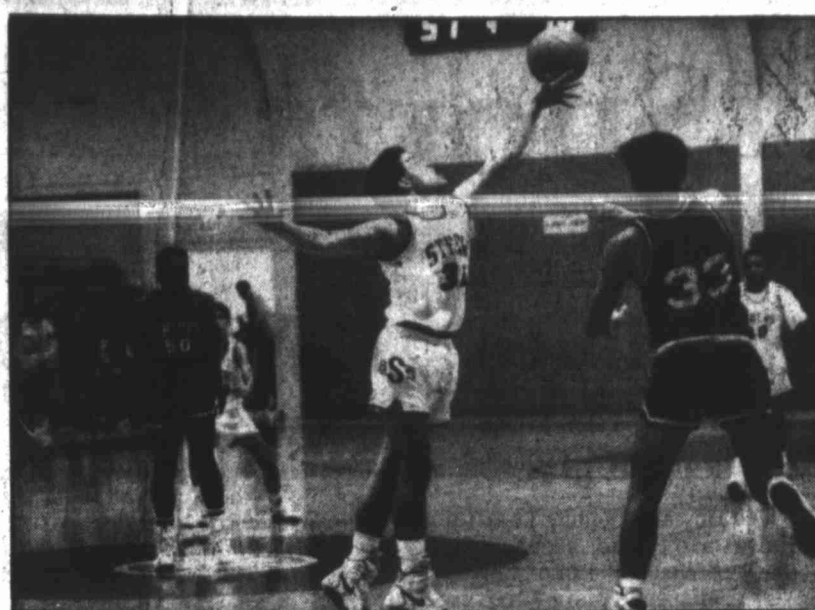
Seattle's Ricky Pierce led all scorers with 26 points, 14 in the fourth quarter. Mark Jackson had 20 points and Patrick Ewing 19 points and 16 rebounds for the Knicks, who turned the ball over 24 times compared to eight turnovers for the Sonics.

Heat 104, Bullets 90

Miami improved its road record to 5-21 as Glen Rice scored 27 points, Rony Seikaly 24 and Sherman Douglas 20 against Washington.

Rice scored 12 points in the third quarter to give the Heat the lead, then scored seven in the final 5:08 to help Miami hold off a Bullets' comeback.

Pervis Ellison led the Bullets with 17 points. Bernard King had 15 points, 14 under his average. He made only four of 16 field-goal attempts and did not score a basket in the final 39:12.



Herald photo by J. Fierro

Steer pressure

SWEETWATER — Big Spring Steers' Abel Hilario (34) pressures a San Angelo Lake View Chiefs player during action Tuesday night. Tonight the Steers will play Lamesa in area play at 7:30 at the Odessa Permian High School gym.

Witness lies on Perry

DENVER (AP) — A witness whose testimony helped acquit Denver Broncos offensive lineman Gerald Perry in an assault trial last November has told a Denver newspaper he lied about the player's involvement in the assault.

The Rocky Mountain News in a copyright story today said Jonathan "Joe" Bell recanted his version of the incident during an interview.

Bell had testified that Perry was not involved in the beating last April 13 of bar patron Patrick Powell. But he told the News that he and Perry both punched Powell. Bell said he had accepted full blame because he and Perry feared the incident would violate Perry's probation for soliciting a prostitute.

Bell also told the News his testimony that Perry was drinking only "tomato juice and ginger ale" the night of the incident was a fabrication. In truth, Bell said, he and Perry had split a 12-pack of

beer late in the afternoon and Perry had consumed about "eight or nine beers from 7 o'clock until the time of the incident (around midnight)."

Bell filed assault-and-battery charges against Perry in December over another incident. That trial has been tentatively set for March 12.

Perry, 26, has had numerous scrapes with the law, including acquittal on a rape charge. All of them apparently are alcohol-related. On Nov. 14, he was given an indefinite leave of absence by the Broncos after he was charged with the third-degree sexual assault of the fiancée of a teammate. He since has said he doesn't want to continue playing in Denver, and the Broncos have said they will try to accommodate him via a trade.

Bell said Perry promised him he would pay Bell's legal fees if Bell were to be charged in the assault. Assault charges haven't been filed.

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first time in over three years.

Residents recall the loss as if someone had died.

"This town was in mourning," said Ramona Schulte, a graduate of Nazareth who played on the team from 1983-86. "No one could believe (the streak) was over."

"But the town came right back that next Friday and supported them — probably even more so."

Folks associated with the Nazareth girls' team attribute its success to the work ethic instilled in the town's children and a string of determined coaches.

Joe Lombard, who coached Nazareth from 1979-85 and led the team to two undefeated seasons and six state championships, said the girls want to win as much as the coaches do.

"People in Nazareth are extremely hard working people," Lombard said. "Kids are brought up doing chores and working in the fields. And it's a lot easier to coach kids with that work ethic than a kid who has never worked or doesn't understand what it means to sweat a little."

Lombard, who is now the coach of the girls team at Canyon High School, said the Naz girls' faith in each other and in God is one of the team's greatest strengths.

"Every year we went to the state tournament, we went as a team to a little Catholic church on Guadalupe Street in Austin for mass on Saturday night," Lombard said. "The girls wouldn't have it any other way."

Playing for Naz is a goal instilled

in local girls before they reach knee-high.

"I wanted to be a Swiftette ever since I can remember," said Janay Johnson, a senior guard for Naz. "My mom played for Nazareth. And a lot of players have relatives, either their mom or cousins, who played before them."

"I think every girl wants to be a Swiftette at some time in their life," Johnson said. "There is so much tradition."

Opposing teams feel the tradition as soon as the walk into the Nazareth gym.

Huge plaques in the shape of Texas with the years and names of players from previous state championship teams line the walls.

A sign over the girls' locker room says: "Through these doors walk

the best players in the state of Texas."

"It's not just a sign," said Denise Skinner, first-year coach of the Swiftettes. "They believe it."

Nazareth, which this year got off to its worst start (0-6) in over a decade, still retained its No. 1 ranking in Class 1A through the early season because the losses came against Class 4A and 5A schools.

But the streak-ending loss to Happy, which dropped Naz into the role of district co-champions, has made the girls work even harder in the playoffs.

"We can't walk out on the court and expect the other team to freeze

up just because they are playing Naz," said Noel Johnson, the leading scorer and rebounder for the Swiftettes who has signed a letter of intent to play for Texas Tech next year. "We have to work for what we want."

But even if Naz, which is ranked No. 3 behind Avinger and Happy, doesn't repeat as state champions this year, they will be back with a well of talent that seemingly never runs dry.

"I want to be a Swiftette," said Tracy Mauer, a Nazareth sixth-grader. "And all my friends want to be one too."

Bulldogs

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sive game with nine rebounds and four blocked shots.

The second quarter was Elmore's show. The junior guard pumped in 14 points to ignite the Bulldogs. Elmore sunk two foul shots and Jody Carper scored inside, giving Coahoma a 39-18 lead with 2:39 left in the half. Anthony then reeled off seven straight points, but Ginnetti finished the quarter with two baskets and Coahoma led 43-27 at the half.

Elmore played a good all-around game, hitting six of 11 field goals, including two three-pointers, finishing the game with 24 points and nine rebounds. Fellow guard Arguello followed him with 17 points. Both shot well from the foul

line: Arguello was seven-of-eight and Elmore was 10-of-13.

The second half Nichols played his reserves at will as Anthony gamely fought back. The Wildcats got as close as 43-31 early in the third quarter and cut the deficit to 67-58 with 1:40 left in the game. But the Bulldogs methodically put away their bi-district win.

Point guard Cesar Lucero led Anthony with 20 points and eight rebounds. Forward Jorge Esparza, who fouled out midway through the fourth quarter, added 14 points and 13 rebounds.

COAHOMA (73) — Brent Elmore 4-11, 10-13 24; Rex Denton 1-4, 3-5 5; Mark Arguello 4-10, 7-8 17; Rusty Ginnetti 3-10, 2-2 9; Matt Coates 2-3, 0-0 4; Jody Carper

2-3, 4-4 8; Hildebrand 0-0, 0-0 0; Taylor 0-0, 0-0 0; Mike Mendez 0-1, 0-0 0; Mike Hernandez 2-2, 0-0 4; Kenny Lowery 2-3, 0-1 4; John Ed Ezell 1-1, 0-0 2; totals 21-45, 24-33, 73.

ANTHONY (61) — Cesar Lucero 8-29, 2-4 20; Alex Delgado 2-8, 0-2 4; Kevin Fuller 4-15, 1-1 9; Jorge Esparza 4-12, 2-9 14; Alado Lara 0-0, 3-5, 3; totals 25-75, 8-25 61.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Coahoma	17	26	11	19	73
Anthony	11	16	14	20	61

Fouled Out — Anthony (Esparza, Delgado); Technicals — Anthony (Assf. coach Royball; Lucero); Turnovers — Coahoma 14, Anthony 12; Rebounds — Coahoma 43 (Elmore 9, Coates 9, Denton 8, Carper 6); Anthony 41 (Esparza 13, Lerna 11, Lucero 8); Steals — Coahoma (Arguello 2); Anthony — (Lucero 4, Lerna 3, Fuller 2); Assists — Coahoma (Elmore 3, Arguello 3, Ginnetti 3); Anthony — (Lucero 3, Delgado 3, Lerna 3); Blocked Shots — Coahoma (Coates 4, Elmore 1); Anthony — (Lerna 2, Lara 1).

Spring

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"It's too hot and it's bad on your legs. You don't want to wear your players down."

In Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Yankees pitchers and catchers were supposed to report. But Pascual Perez was absent, and again the reason was that catch-all trouble — visa problems.

Howe, though, was present. He's getting a second chance, although for him it amounts to a seventh chance.

Howe, the National League rookie of the year in 1980, has been suspended six times because of drug and alcohol use. He has not pitched in the majors since 1987 with Texas, but after a two-day tryout got invited to the Yankees' camp.

"I feel there have been a lot worse things in baseball than bringing Steve Howe back," Yankees general manager Gene Michael said. "If he was my son or your son, you'd want somebody to bring him back. It's a good business deal and a nice opportunity for this young man."

It also made sense for the Yankees — they've needed a left-handed, short reliever ever since

Dave Righetti signed a free-agent contract with San Francisco.

Guillermo Hernandez, the American League's MVP in 1984, got an invitation from Philadelphia. He last pitched in the majors in 1989 for Detroit.

In Bradenton, Fla., Bobby Bonilla stopped by Pittsburgh's camp to pick up a huge stack of mail.

Davis, Larkin, Rob Dibble and Tom Browning were among more than a dozen regulars from the Reds on the fields in Plant City, Fla. Manager Lou Piniella met with his coaches in anticipation of Friday's first formal workout. Davis, recovering from a kidney injury in Game 4 of the sweep over Oakland and off-season knee surgery, will take it slow for awhile.

The New York Mets, meanwhile, were off and running.

"There seems to be a lot of anxiety to get going," Mets manager Bud Harrelson said in Port St. Lucie, Fla., where about 100 fans watched David Cone, Sid Fernandez and some others jog through the outfield.

The San Diego Padres were the last team to start spring training.

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Religion

Middle East war not considered the final battle

Hal Lindsey, the most popular among the various interpreters of biblical prophecy, says the present Middle East war is definitely not the start of a final great battle of Armageddon.

The current conflict seems to be "setting the stage" for that last, climactic war, a kind of "dress rehearsal" for it, he said. But this is not it.

"To say this is Armageddon is wrong," he said, adding various factors specified as marks of that biblically pictured, conclusive encounter are missing in this case.

In a lengthy telephone interview from his ministries center in Los Angeles, Lindsey said he disagrees with some of the current books and articles suggesting the showdown battle has begun.

"I lament this, this rushing to get books out, capitalizing on the moment as if we're in the period of Armageddon," he said. "If they're clarifying, that's one thing, but some seem to be kind of exploitative."

Lindsey's immensely popular books and lectures have put him in the forefront of biblical prophecy, beginning with his 1970 book, "The Late Great Planet Earth," which he said has sold 28 million copies and still is in big demand.

He has written 10 big sellers since, including "The Terminal Generation," "Countdown to Armageddon" and "Road to Holocaust," and publishes a monthly journal of end-time clues, "Countdown."

Lindsey, who also pastors a non-denominational church, "Teletestai," Greek for "It is finished," (Christ's last words on the cross) said of the current war: "I believe the most important thing to come out of it is that the world is going to say we can't let a war like this happen again. Then

"I lament this, this rushing to get books out, capitalizing on the moment as if we're in the period of Armageddon. If they're clarifying, that's one thing, but some seem to be kind of exploitative."

Hal Lindsey

we will go for peace, which I call a pseudopeace. ...

"The world will be in a state of euphoria, so much so that it will be willing to submit to a kind of world federation. This will be ruptured in the future when the combined Arab armies unite again and attack Israel."

"This time they will be joined by the Soviet Union. That will be the beginning of the first battle of Armageddon."

He lays out this sequence, quoting various Scriptures, particularly the books of Zechariah, Daniel, Ezekiel and Revelation, but unlike looser expositors of biblical prophecy, he declines to specify when it will happen.

"I just don't know the time frame," he said. "On a personal level, I would not be surprised if this war breaks out before the end of the century, but this is not said on the basis of prophecy."

"It's said on the basis of speculation on the rate of speed into which events are fitting."

In any case, Lindsey said prophecy makes clear that the final war will begin 3½ years after a dominant leader (termed the "anti-Christ") of a new Western confederacy signs a treaty guaranteeing Israel's security.

"It will then be exactly 3½ years before the war of Armageddon begins," Lindsey said, and that war itself will last 3½ years, with Russia allied with Arab nations against Israel, the Western federation and China.

He said "this worst period of history," will put Israel "almost on the verge of annihilation" when the Messiah, Christ, comes to save Israel and set up his peaceful kingdom.

"The Lord is going to have to completely regenerate the ecology after that war," Lindsey said.

Although much modern Bible scholarship rejects applying ancient prophetic formulations to modern events, such diagnosis flourishes in some evangelical circles with varied results.

Lindsey, 60, a carefully practiced veteran of it, said the Middle East is "God's hourglass" and "whenever you see things happening there involving Israel, it's always important from a prophetic standpoint."

Now working on another book, "Abraham to Armageddon," Lindsey sees the current war as simply one of the developments that is going to "shift power to radical Muslims and add more impetus for them to attack Israel."

He said the current Soviet alliance with the United States might appear to make unlikely future Soviet-Arab action against Israel and the West, but he added: "Russia will remain a maverick military power that will throw in with the Muslims completely and join in an all-out assault against Israel in the future."

"Russia already is trying to find a way to save face and make amends to get back in the good graces of the Arab world and get some kind of peace to save their client, Saddam Hussein."

Lindsey said Bible prophecies convince him that Russia "is going to have to really commit itself to being on the Arab side. One of the victims is going to be (Soviet President) Gorbachev."

"The KGB and the army already are saying they won't tolerate alienating their Arab allies anymore. It's happening."



Quinceanera

WACO — Martita Romo, with her parents, kneels at the altar of St. Francis Catholic Church during her Quinceanera. The ceremony, which has all the trappings of a wedding, is in honor of her 15th birthday.

Associated Press photo

Chinese admitted to council

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — The Chinese government-approved, Chinese Christian Council has been admitted to membership in the World Council of Churches, which includes most major Protestant and Orthodox denominations around the earth.

Overwhelming approval from delegates to the World Council's policy-making assembly came on recommendation of its executive committee after two weeks of negotiations.

Seeking to allay some delegates' concerns, he said membership in the World Council would not "im-pair the integrity or independence of any church outside mainland China."

Churches in Hong Kong and Taiwan have worried the Chinese body would absorb Christian churches there in any future unification.

Ting said the CCC operated according to principles of the Three Self Movement set down by the Chinese Communist Party — self-governing, self-supporting and self-propagating. He said this has made the council acceptable as a Chinese church and not a Western church.

The CCC, a transdenominational church, was formed in 1980 out of the four Protestant churches — Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian — left in China after the victory of the Chinese Communist Party in 1949.

Faith flourishing in war zone

A longtime religious axiom has it that times of peril and anxiety unleash latent springs of faith. That seems to be what's happening among many of the troops in the Persian Gulf.

Military chaplains there report an extraordinary amount of involvement in religious services, teaching and counseling.

"They say they're working longer hours and with more people than at any other time in their experience as chaplains," said Lt. Col. Joseph Allred, U.S. Army spokesman in Washington.

"They're seeing more individuals participate in church services. They've had to work harder, but they enjoy it. They feel their ministry is doing more to serve."

That assessment corresponded with comments of chaplains in Saudi Arabia, where about 680 of

them are serving, and with reports of large demands for pocket-size Bibles and kindred materials.

Much of the early uneasiness has receded about functioning of Jewish and Christian chaplains in a country where Islam is the only legal religion, but some restraints still are exercised.

The U.S. Defense Department has prohibited flying of the usual chaplain's flag, a black pennant with a cross or Jewish tablet on it, outside chaplain's quarters in buildings or tents in Saudi.

"We want to be very discreet so we don't place those administering their services at any risk," Allred said. "It's a very volatile part of the world, and we don't want to highlight anything a soldier's doing that might cause unintentional offense to the host nation."

He said the Defense Department

in January abandoned an earlier precaution of designating chaplains serving in gulf areas as "moral officers."

Army Chaplain J. Cliff Christopher, a United Methodist pastor in Memphis Tenn., before he was called to duty with a field hospital unit in Saudi in mid-January, writes to his home congregation:

"I'm holding services almost every night and getting huge crowds. I can say I have never worked so hard to choose the right Scriptures and say the right thing."

Col. Charles T. Clanton, Army Forces Command Staff chaplain at Georgia's Fort McPherson, said field reports from chaplains in Saudi indicate "real spiritual revival" is going on among troops there.

Group wants peace prayers

NEW YORK (AP) — Earth Day founder John A. McConnell has urged broadcasters around the world to observe "Minutes for Peace" three times daily for prayers for peace in the Persian Gulf.

"These universal minutes can link people in heart and mind around the world each time people hear them announced and result in thoughts, prayers and decisions for a better future," he said.

He said the regular, brief interludes also "will discourage prayers 'for our side to win' and inspire prayers for all sides to win — by a new commitment to responsible trusteeship of planet Earth."

Churches urge more tolerance

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (AP) — Among several similar appeals by church leaders, a Baptist official has urged Americans to "resist threats to the civil liberties and well-being" of American Arabs and Muslims in the Gulf War atmosphere.

The Rev. Daniel Weiss, general secretary of American Baptist Churches, also called for renewed "commitment to interfaith dialogue."

In New York, six top officials of the United Methodist Church urged Americans to avoid "demagoguery, manipulation and image-making which seeks to label Arabs and Muslims in a negative way."

In Sacramento, Calif., the National Japanese-American United Methodist caucus deplored recent reported security measures targeting Americans of Arab ancestry.

As Japanese-Americans, many of whose families were interned in World War II, they said "we know only too well the damaging consequences that come from being unfairly labeled and singled out as a threat to our nation during a time of wartime hysteria fueled by racism."



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War missionary

HOUSTON — The family of Southern Baptist Missionary, Don Littlejohn, await his return from the Middle East. He works in Bahrain as a missionary and hospital lab technologist. Pictured are his daughter Katie, left, wife Peggy and son Spencer.

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Briefs

Church has annual sausage festival

The 21st St. Joseph Catholic Church German Sausage Festival will be Sunday in Slaton at the church hall.

Prices for the dinner will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 10. Take-out orders will be \$6.

Sausage will be available by the pound. The price will be \$3. Proceeds will benefit St. Joseph school.

For more information contact St. Joseph Catholic School at (806) 828-6761.

First Baptist hosts youth retreat

On March 1, 2, and 3, the First Baptist Church will be hosting

the fourth annual Disciple Now. This retreat for seventh-grade through college-age young people is held throughout Big Spring. The participants stay in the home for the weekend with a leader who guides them through the Bible study activities. This, combined with recreation, food and friends, makes for a great time together.

The cost is \$25 and includes a T-shirt, food and all materials for the weekend.

For more information, call the Youth Ministry Hotline at 253-LINE, or First Baptist Church, 267-8223, and ask for Jimmy.

Everett Reese in concert

The First Assembly of God Church, Fourth and Lancaster, will be featuring in concert the Everett Reese family.

Everett is the former piano player for Jr. Blackwood Brothers. The concert will be

Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Canadian minister to conduct services

The Gospel Tabernacle, 1905 Scurry, has announced Gilbert Price will be guest minister at the 10 a.m. Sunday service until the end of March.

He and his wife, Esther, are from Cranbrook, British Columbia, Canada.

Baker's Chapel to honor founder

Baker's Chapel A.M.E., 911 N. Lancaster, will celebrate Founder's Day Sunday. There will be an old-fashioned service with participants dressed in period clothing at 3 p.m. The Rev. C.O. Eppes, San Angelo, is guest speaker.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church was established in 1787 in Philadelphia when black worshippers were denied permission to go to the altar to

pray in a white church. Richard Allen, then 27, led black worshippers from the church. He went on to found the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which now has members around the world.

Jews sending Bibles to soldiers

NEW YORK (AP) — The Union for Traditional Judaism has launched a "Shield of David" operation to send Bibles, Sabbath candles and yarmulkes to American Jews serving in the Gulf War. A traditional prayer before battle is being included.

Group supports military magazine

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Leaders of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission have endorsed the development of a military magazine designed to meet the spiritual and personal needs of military personnel.

Bible gives message of hope and promise

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: I am writing this letter from a prison cell. I have lost everything — my family, my friends, my money, and even my health because of what I have done. I am due to get out of here in a few weeks, but I don't see how I can face the world. Can you give me any hope? — T.O.

DEAR T.O.: The Bible is a message of hope, and it is my prayer you will discover the hope which God promises.

You see, the central message of the Bible is that God cares for us. He created us, and in spite of what we have done, He still loves us and is concerned about us. More than that, God can help us, if we will let Him. For Christians, hope for the future is not based on a vague optimism or hope that somehow things will work out for the better, or that we can figure out the answers to our own problems. Instead, our hope is in God, who cares for us and our needs. And that makes all the difference. Because Christ loves us, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19).

Turn to Christ and commit your life to Him. Then ask Him to help you make the adjustments you face. Yes, they are real and they will not be easy. But God has promised, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6). In addition, I encourage you to become part of a group of Christians where you can grow spiritually and be encouraged and supported.

Yes, your past has been difficult. But Christ wants to forgive the past and put you on a new path. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). Open your heart to Christ today.

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: I never thought things would turn out the way they have. My boyfriend said he loved me and promised me the moon, and I moved in with him thinking we would be happy forever. But now he has left me for someone else, and I am having a terrible time getting over it. I feel betrayed and used and rejected. Where'd I go wrong? — K.F.

DEAR K.F.: To be honest, you went wrong when you assumed that this kind of relationship would bring you lasting happiness and security. But it could not, nor will any other similar relationship.

The reason is because this kind of relationship lacks one essential ingredient: commitment. When a man and woman get married, they take a vow — both before other people and ultimately before God. They vow to be faithful to each other and to love each other until death parts them — and if they take that vow seriously (as they should), they have a depth of commitment to each other which will see them through the strains and problems of life. But when two people simply decide to live together, there is no lasting commitment — no matter what they may say or

Billy Graham



feel at first. Love is more than a feeling — it is a commitment. "Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:8).

But there is another missing ingredient in your life that is even more important — and that is God. God loves us and knows what is best for us — which is one reason He has given us rules about sex and marriage. The Bible says, "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral" (Hebrews 13:4).

I urge you to give your life to Christ. You need His forgiveness, and you need His guidance in the future to avoid the pitfalls of life. Only Christ can give you the peace and security you are seeking. Commit your life to Him today.

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: Do you think we are ever going to be able build a world of justice and good will among people? War is such a terrible thing, and I don't see why people and nations can't get along. I have always believed we could, but sometimes I wonder, particularly with the recent headlines. — M.W.

DEAR M.W.: The Bible stresses that we should do all we can to promote peace and justice in our world; Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9).

At the same time, however, the Bible also warns us that the world will never know full and lasting peace until Christ comes again to establish His perfect Kingdom. In fact, the Bible indicates that before Christ returns "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. . . Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom" (Matthew 24:6-7). Some historians say more people have been killed by war during the 20th century than during all the other centuries combined.

Why is this the case? The real problem is not just social or economic injustice. Those are real, but they are symptoms of a deeper problem — the problem of the human heart. The Bible says, "What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight" (James 4:1-2).

Only God can change the human heart. Only Christ can replace hatred and greed with love and selfless compassion. That is why our greatest need is to turn to Him and ask Him to cleanse and change our hearts. Have you given your heart to Christ? "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit" (James 3:17).

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1401 Main Street
CHURCH OF GOD
College Park Church of God
603 Tulane Avenue
10:30 a.m.
First Church of God
2009 Main-10:45 am
South Side Church of God
1210 E. 19th St.
10:30 a.m.
Church of God of Prophecy
15th & Dixie

EPISCOPAL
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
1005 Goliad

CHRISTIAN (Disciples)
First Christian Church
911 Goliad-10:50 a.m.

CHRISTIAN
College Heights
Christian Church
400 East 21st
10:45 a.m.

FULL GOSPEL
Spring Tabernacle
1209 Wright St.
Living Water
1008 Birdwell-10 a.m.

LUTHERAN
St. Paul Lutheran
810 Scurry

METHODIST
First United Methodist
400 Scurry-10:50 am
Coahoma United Methodist Church
Main at Central

North Birdwell Lane United
North Birdwell & Wills
Wesley United Methodist
1206 Owens
Iglesia Metodista Unida Northside
507 N.E. 6th
Bakers Chapel A.M.E.
911 North Lancaster-11 a.m.

First Baptist
Knott-11 a.m.
Birdwell Lane Baptist
1512 Birdwell Lane
Calvary Baptist
1200 West 4th
Central Baptist
Elbow Community
College Baptist
1105 Birdwell Lane
Crestview Baptist
Gatesville Street
East 4th Baptist
401 East 4th
Salem Baptist
4 Miles NW Coahoma

First Baptist
702 Marcy Drive
First Mexican Baptist
701 NW 5th
Forsan Baptist Church
10:55 am
Liberty Baptist Church
1209 Gregg
Hillcrest Baptist
2000 FM 700
Iglesia Bautista Central
22nd & Lancaster
Midway Baptist Church
East Highway
Morning Star Baptist
403 Trades
Mt. Bethel Baptist
630 N.W. 4th
East Side Baptist Church
1108 E. 6th
Phillips Memorial Baptist
408 State Street
11 a.m.
Primitive Baptist Church
713 Wills-10:30 am
Sand Springs Baptist
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Trinity Baptist
810 11th Place
Iglesia Bautista Le Fe
204 N.W. 10th

CATHOLIC
Immaculate Heart of Mary
1009 Hearn
Sacred Heart
509 North Aylford
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605 North Main

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Anderson & Green
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2301 Carl Street
Cedar Ridge
2110 Birdwell
Coahoma Church of Christ
311 N. 2nd
Oasis Church of Christ
N. FM 700 & Anderson

PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian
701 Runnels

OTHER CHURCHES
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Industrial Park
Power House of God in Christ
711 Cherry
Big Spring Seventh Day Adventist
4319 Parkway
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1803 Wasson Drive
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500 Donley

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Horses 445

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Auctions 505

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TV & Stereos 533

21" CONSOLE COLOR TV. See at 2808 Stonehaven in Highland. \$100.

Garage Sale 535

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Garage Sale 535

BACK PORCH sale, Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. 2311 Mishler.

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WASHINGTON PLACE, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, central air/ heat. Small house in rear. Call 263-1504. Serious inquiries call collect after 6:00 p.m. 806-872-6143.

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611 BUCKNELL, BRICK excellent neighborhood. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, double car garage. \$45,000. Call 263-6682.

1108 RUNNELS. Wonderful, spacious home. Assume low payment with down payment. 2 or 3, 1, with apartment. Giant kitchen with lots of cabinets. Only \$28,000. Call E.R.A. Reeder Realtors, 267-8266 or Marva, 267-8747.

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3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, attractive, spacious, and economical. With appliances. 263-2679.

Acreage For Sale 605

THREE BEDROOM, two bath country home on 40 acres, 9 miles north on Gail Road, Hollis Puckett, 399-4751.

80 ACRES OIL and gas minerals SW/ 4 of section 3, block 32, T-2-N, T & P RR Company Survey, Howard County, \$400 per acre. If interested, Hollis Puckett, 399-4751.

15 ACRES. GOOD well water. Angela Road in Tubbs Addition. Priced to sell. Call after 5:30 p.m. 263-8997.

5 ACRES FOR sale, Wilson Road. Sand Springs Area. 393-5980.

Farms & Ranches 607

120 ACRES OR 160 acres. Austin Stone Home, 3,000 sq. ft. with 40 acres or 160 acres. 24 hour recorded information (512) 329-2806. Touch-Tone 6. Owner / agent (512) 261-4497.

Out of Town Property 610

STANTON. TWO-story, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage with opener, heat pump, 1 year old. 756-2933.

Mobile Home Spaces 613

2 LOTS FOR sale. Owner will finance. All mobile home hook-ups. In Forsan District. 263-5467.

Cemetery Lots For Sale 620

SPACES 3 & 4. LOT #181. Garden of Sharon, Trinity Memorial. \$600 for both. 915-758-3504.

Misc. Real Estate 626

WANT to lease pasture for 50-70 animal units. Long term. Call 263-0184.

Furnished Apartments 651

\$99 MOVE IN plus deposit. Electric, water paid. Nice 1, 2, 3, bedrooms. Some furnished. HUD approved. 263-7811.

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Unfurnished Houses 659

3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath, fireplace, den, freshly painted, carpeted, fenced back yard. Call 263-8594.

2 BEDROOM AND den, Carport and storage. \$200 per month, \$100 deposit. Call 267-8754.

2 BEDROOM HOUSE for rent. \$150 per month. Call 263-0326.

RENT-TO-OWN, no down, 2 BR. Northside, \$150 month including taxes. 10 year deed. 267-0159.

SMALL, BUT nice mobile home. Washer & dryer, stove, icebox. After 5:00 call 394-4863 or 8-5 at 394-4866.

2 BEDROOM HOUSE for rent: stove and fridge furnished. 263-4932, 263-4410.

FOR SALE or rent: 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, \$250 deposit, \$525 per month. Big back yard. 2513 Larry. Kentwood area. 264-7503.

2 BEDROOM, CARPET, carport and storage. Utility with washer/dryer connection. Call 267-7650.

Business Buildings 678

FOR LEASE: warehouse with offices 5600 sq. ft. on 2 acres of fenced land. Excellent location for truck terminal. Snyder Hwy. \$700 month plus deposit. 263-5000.

FOR LEASE: Building at 907 E. 4th, 9:00 5:00. 263-4319; after 5:00, 267-8657.

BUILDING 30'x100'. Excellent for retail & office space, central heating & air; off street parking. 907 Johnson, 263-7436.

Office Space 680

12 ROOM OFFICE building with large shop and fenced acre on US-87 South. Call 267-7900.

ONE OFFICE and 2 room office, utilities paid. Professional suite with 4 private offices. Phone system. 1510-1512 Scurry. 263-2318.

Announcements 685

UNBELIEVEABLE! LOUISE Sneed will be 80! All friends and former students of Morgan & Center Point come help us celebrate. Sunday, February 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at North Birdwell Lane Methodist Church.

BASEBALL CARD show, Sunday February 24, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Big Spring Mall, Big Spring Texas.

Lodges 686

STATED MEETING. Big Spring Lodge #1340, AF & A.M. 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., 2102 Lancaster, Chris Christopher, W.M., Richard Knous, Sec.

STATED MEETING Staked Plains Lodge, No. 598 Call Meeting Friday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. Work in EA degree.

Special Notices 688

IMPORTANT NOTICE For Your Information

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Too Late To Classify 800

2 PROpane SYSTEMS for sale. Complete with tanks. One \$400, one \$350. Call 267-4504.

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\$795, 1973 Torino 4 door. New tires, runs good. 620 State.

1203 MESA, GARAGE SALE. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Ceramics, microwave, air conditioner, furniture, stove, other miscellaneous.

Too Late To Classify 800

1986 NISSAN 300ZX silver-blue, loaded, digital, leather, clean, dependable, high mileage. \$5650. 267-4504.

PRETTY, PRIVATE, peaceful, expensive 3 bedroom, 2 bath rambler has 2 living areas and a sequestered master suite that looks out onto a fantastic covered patio and beautiful back yard in a secluded and prestigious neighborhood! You will fall in love at first sight—this is a Must See house! Call Marjorie Dodson, South Mountain Agency, 263-8419, or home, 267-7760.

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REDECORATING! 2521 "Gunter. 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Lots of miscellaneous items. Clothing, decorating, etc.

SHARP 1987 RANGER XLT Supercab. Automatic, air, chrome, rails. \$5,750. 905 W. 4th, 263-7648.

1987 CHEVY SILVERADO short wide bed. Loaded with all extras, clean. \$6,950. 905 W. 4th, 263-7648.

HOUSES/APARTMENTS/Duplexes. 1-2-3 and 4 bedroom. Furnished, unfurnished. Call Ventura Company, 267-2655.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will accept sealed bids for the purchase of: 1. Fan-Coil Units and Unit Ventilators, 2. Floor Tile/Supplies, 3. Fire Alarm Panels/Supplies, 4. Paving at the Bus Barn/Warehouse, 5. Evaporative Coolers/Supplies, 6. Storage Buildings.

Sealed bids must be received by 2:15 p.m. 3:30 p.m. on March 7, 1991, at the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Bids will then be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the stated time will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

All bids shall be submitted in an envelope clearly marked in the lower left corner as specified in bids, along with the time and date of opening.

The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, and to waive formalities.

Specifications and bid forms are available from the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Big Spring Independent School District, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Bids shall be presented to the Board of Trustees during their regular meeting at 5:15 p.m., March 19, 1991, for their consideration.

The bid proposal forms are requesting bids on equipment only. Please utilize the specifications and quotation form provided to complete your bid. Also, indicate the delivery date on which you anticipate the equipment shall be delivered.

7126 February 22 and 25, 1991

NBA Standings

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	27	13	.750	—
Philadelphia	22	21	.512	1 1/2
New York	22	22	.500	1 1/2
Washington	17	25	.405	5 1/2
New Jersey	14	26	.345	8 1/2
Miami	13	27	.326	9 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	37	14	.725	—
Detroit	37	17	.685	1 1/2
Milwaukee	33	21	.611	5 1/2
Atlanta	28	24	.538	9 1/2
Indiana	23	28	.451	14
Cleveland	19	34	.358	19
Charlotte	15	34	.294	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	33	16	.673	—
Utah	34	17	.667	—
Houston	30	23	.566	5
Dallas	20	31	.392	14
Minnesota	17	34	.333	17
Orlando	15	36	.294	19
Denver	14	37	.275	20

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland	43	10	.811	—
LA Lakers	39	13	.750	3 1/2
Phoenix	34	17	.667	8
Golden State	29	23	.558	13
Seattle	24	27	.471	18
LA Clippers	16	35	.314	24
Sacramento	15	35	.300	24 1/2

Thursday's Games

Seattle 120, Washington 101
Miami 104, Dallas 92
Houston 92, Milwaukee 90
Portland 122, Denver 111

Friday's Games

New Jersey vs. Boston at Hartford, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Boston at Indiana, 1 p.m.
LA Lakers at Detroit, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
New York at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

Denver at LA Clippers, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 10 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BOSTON RED SOX—Extended the contract of Lou Gorman, general manager, through 1996. Agreed to terms with Danny Wadsworth, infielder-outfielder, on a minor league contract.

CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Agreed to terms with Matt Keough, pitcher, on a minor league contract.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with Scott Erickson, pitcher, on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with Bob McDonald and Frank Wills, pitchers; William Suero, infielder; Randy Knorr, catcher, and Mark Whiten, outfielder, on one-year contracts.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with Eric Anthony, outfielder, on a one-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with Tony Gwynn, outfielder, on a three-year contract extension through 1995.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with Mike Hartley, Mike James, Dan Opperman and Zak Shoen, pitchers, and Eric Karros, infielder, on one-year contracts.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with Jason Grimsley and Amalio Carrero, pitchers, and Red Booker, infielder, on one-year contracts.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Placed Sarunas Marciulionis, guard, on the injured list.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Placed Sam Perkins, forward, on the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
PHOENIX CARDINALS—Signed Greg Davis, kicker.

HOCKEY

Canada Cup
TEAM CANADA—Named Mike Keenan coach and general manager.

TEAM USA—Named Craig Patrick and Bob Pulford co-managers.

SOCCER

Major Soccer League
KANSAS CITY COMETS—Announced the retirement of Tom Kain, defender.

Signed Tony Glavin and Kevin Koelters, midfielders, and Scott Galtier, forward and assigned Koelters and Galtier to the developmental roster.

COLLEGE

CENTRAL COLLEGIATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION—Suspended Rob Mason, Michigan State coach, and Red Berenson, Michigan coach, for one game after their

teams were involved in a brawl during a game last weekend.

ARMY—Named Greg Gregory assistant football coach; Danny Dornbusch defensive coordinator; and Ed Warriner defensive line coach.

BALL STATE—Named Eric Campbell running backs coach.

GRAND VALLEY STATE—Announced the resignation of Tom Beck, football coach.

NORTHEASTERN—Named Mike Borich wide receivers coach.

URSINUS—Announced the resignation of Al Apples, men's basketball coach.

NHL Standings

All Times EST

WALE CONFERENCE

Patrick Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GP	GB
NY Rangers	31	21	10	72	223	195
Pittsburgh	32	24	3	67	247	229
Philadelphia	29	27	7	65	268	197
New Jersey	25	25	11	61	212	202
Washington	27	31	3	57	195	218
NY Islanders	21	33	8	50	181	229

Adams Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GP	GB
x-Boston	34	19	8	80	236	206
x-Montreal	32	24	7	71	215	195
Hartford	30	27	6	62	188	198
Buffalo	22	35	14	58	210	251
Quebec	12	39	11	35	172	274

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GP	GB
x-St. Louis	37	17	7	81	242	193
x-Chicago	37	20	5	79	265	168
Detroit	26	29	7	59	217	232
Minnesota	21	32	10	52	200	216
Toronto	17	39	4	40	181	259

Smythe Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GP	GB
Los Angeles	34	20	7	75	255	195
Calgary	33	21	7	73	255	199
Edmonton	29	29	3	61	208	204
Winnipeg	22	31	11	55	213	223
Vancouver	21	36	7	49	193	251

x-clinched playoff berth

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Detroit at Vancouver, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:35 p.m.
Boston at St. Louis, 8:35 p.m.

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Names in the news

Pitcher step closer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Former Baltimore Orioles pitching ace Jim Palmer is a step closer to becoming the first Hall of Famer to return to the major leagues.

The Orioles confirmed Wednesday that they've invited Palmer, 45, to pitch spring training.

Palmer, a three-time Cy Young winner during his 19 years as an Oriole, always resented that the Orioles let him go in 1984. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame last summer on the first ballot.

He is mulling an offer for a contract should he make the grade. His agent, Ron Shapiro, didn't



JIM PALMER JIMMY CARTER
return phone calls Wednesday on the status of the contract offer. Palmer is expected to make a decision on the contract offer within a day.

Carter urges for help

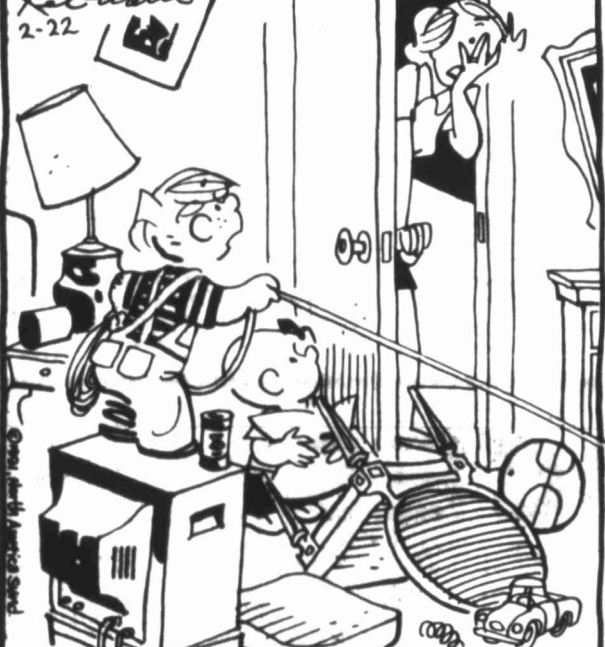
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President Carter urged nursing students and faculty at Emory University to help Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere.

Speaking Wednesday at an international nursing symposium at Emory's School of Nursing, Carter spoke proudly of changes in Haiti, where he helped supervise the nation's first free elections in December.

"Haiti has never had a single leader both competent and benevolent — and honest," Carter said. But he said he has "high hopes" for President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

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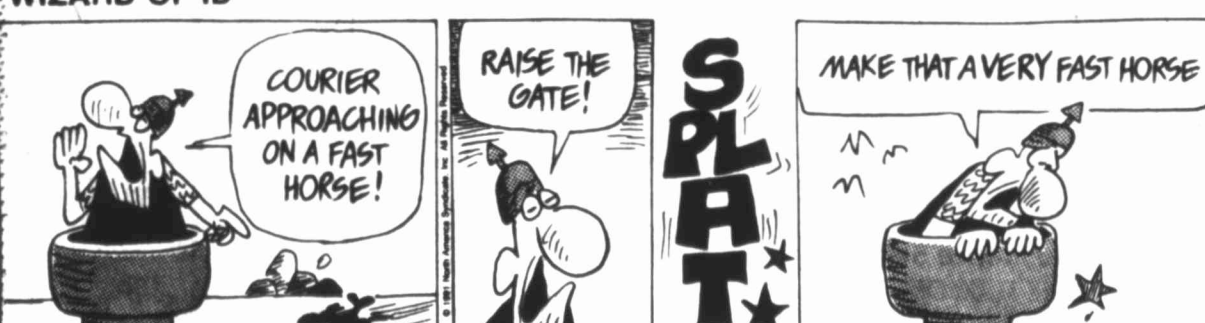


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Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Those in a position to go into business for themselves should do so. All signs point to particularly favorable results if you act within the next six months. New investments are favored in September. Good health should be a top priority at all times. Host a family reunion during the winter holidays. Introducing a potential spouse to your relatives gives you an entirely new perspective.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Self-discipline is a tremendous asset now. A weekend job helps pay the bills but cuts into time spent with your family. Mate is unusually supportive. Reading a good book helps you relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Focus on household chores and shopping during morning hours. Humor an older person who seems troubled. Bringing cheer to others will boost your own spirits as well.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A good day to begin gathering your tax materials together. Even a small renovation project will boost the market price of your home. An older person makes helpful suggestions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do not feel guilty if you sleep in today! Spend part of the afternoon outdoors getting some exercise. Puzzles, board games or home videos will keep the small fry amused.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A change of scenery may be your top priority today. Doing your own thing will restore your energy and enthusiasm. Write overdue letters and pay bills. Romance needs more time to develop.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your attitude toward romance may be changing. An infatuation could turn out to be the real thing! An afternoon phone call sheds new light on an old problem. Be true to your values.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This could be an expensive day if friends or neighbors expect you to pick up the tab. Do not let a difference of opinion lead to a quarrel between you and a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A good day to tie up loose ends. Be open to trying new things. Talk over your plans with mate before coming to a final decision. Children deserve to have their say, too.

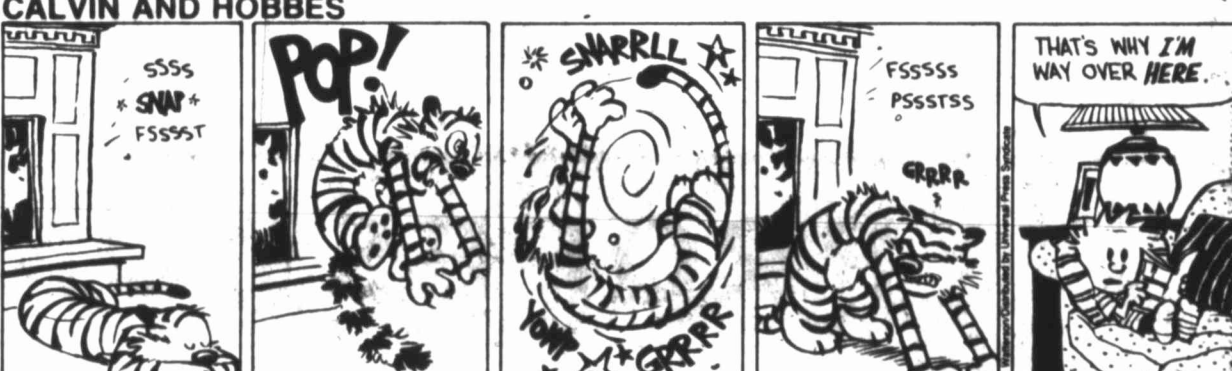
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Try to fit in some light exercise today. Your afternoon plans are subject to last-minute revision. Choose your companions more carefully. Romance beckons from afar.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Other people could try to impose certain restrictions on you. A rocky relationship requires "kid glove" treatment. Postpone making a major commitment until sure of your feelings.

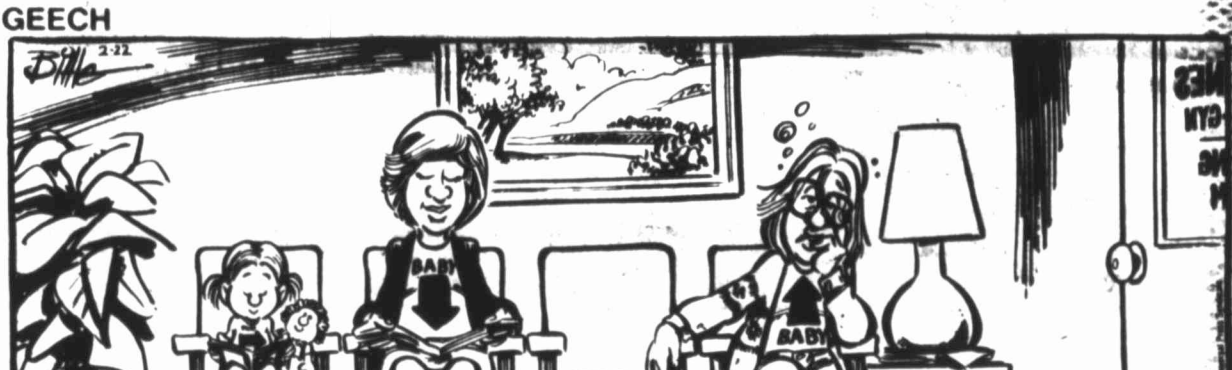
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your family may be very enthusiastic about an outing. Be a good sport. Someone who overindulges could suffer discomfort. Try not to say, "I told you so." Romance is a source of delight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Financial pressures subside, allowing you to indulge in minor luxuries. You can shop without pangs of guilt! Avoid bringing up controversial subjects at a family gathering.

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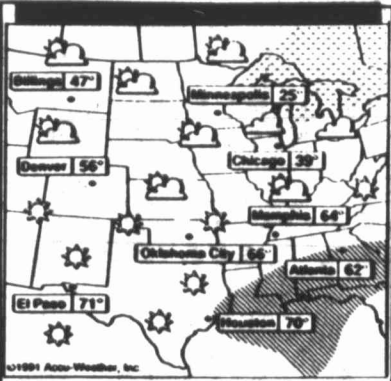
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Weather

Fair through Saturday with warm afternoons. Low tonight in the 30s; high tomorrow in the low to mid-70s.

Thursday's high temperature	57
Thursday's low temperature	31
Average high	40
Average low	33
Record high	86 in 1972
Record low	14 in 1953
Rainfall Thursday	0.00
Month to date	0.05
Normal for Month	0.67
Year to date	01.79
Normal for year	01.15

Cap Rock site of fundraiser

The First United Methodist Church will sponsor a fundraiser dinner and musical Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in Cap Rock Auditorium to support the Spirit Wind Choir.

Area members of the choir are Stacy Tollison, Kari Ruth and Casey Reid. They will tour with the group the first three weeks in June.

Tickets are \$4 for adults; children under five are admitted free with their parents. "The audience will be entertained with a musical and the fellowship with friends. It will be great fun and we're hoping everyone will join us," said Ricky Fleckenstein, youth/education director said.

Circus set for March 2-3

ODESSA — The Odessa Shriners will sponsor the 37th Annual Odessa Shrine Circus March 2-3, starting at 10:30 a.m. the first day and 2 p.m. on Sunday, at the Ector County Coliseum, according to Steve Harry, advertising and promotional chairman.

"Our local Shrine Club has spent just under \$109,000 in the past five years transporting crippled and burned children from the Permian Basin area to the Shriners Hospitals and Burns Institutes. The major fundraiser for our transportation fund is our annual Shrine Circus," Harry stated.

For more information contact 337-2781 or the coliseum box office.

Officer relieved of command

WITH THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION IN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — The commander of a battalion of Apache helicopters has been relieved of his post after he mistakenly fired on two U.S. armored vehicles, killing two American soldiers, it was reported Thursday.

Officers in the division said Army Lt. Col. Ralph Hayles, of Corpus Christi, Texas, had violated division guidelines that commanding officers were not to personally engage enemy forces.

Hayles had been flying the Apache with the same crewmen for 15 months. He had been involved in aviation modernization for 12 years in the Army.

The two American soldiers were killed Sunday while a division task force was conducting screening operations just inside the Iraqi border and was attacked by an armored column. U.S. troops returned fire with TOW missiles and artillery, then called in the Apaches for closer support.

Two Iraqi tanks were reported destroyed. There were no American casualties at the hands of the Iraqis. Six soldiers were wounded.

Bush sets 'high noon' deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, speaking for the coalition that is poised for a ground assault against Iraq, said today that Saddam Hussein has until noon on Saturday to "begin his immediate and unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait."

"We must hear publicly and authoritatively his acceptance of these terms," Bush said. He said of a Moscow peace plan: "Any conditions would be unacceptable to the international coalition."

In a Rose Garden appearance to make public his ultimatum, Bush said that Saddam had "launched a scorched earth policy against Kuwait," even while his foreign

minister was discussing peace plans in Moscow.

"They are destroying the entire oil production system of Kuwait," the president said of the occupying Iraqi forces.

Bush said he had consulted with Desert Storm coalition leaders and they had agreed to describe their terms for Iraq to withdraw. A ground assault to force this withdrawal is thought otherwise to

be imminent.

A Pentagon official said in the meantime that the Persian Gulf War continued unabated. The president said he appreciated the Soviet peace ini-



PRESIDENT BUSH

itiative, but said the statement issued from Moscow had attached conditions to what it said was an unconditional offer of troop withdrawal.

"The time has come to make public with specificity just exactly what is required of Iraq if a ground war is to be avoided," Bush said.

He said the international coalition arrayed against Iraq "will give Saddam Hussein until noon Saturday 'to do what he must do to begin his immediate and unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait.'"

Bush said that while Iraq's Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz was in Moscow "talking peace," Saddam

No letup seen in military operations

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Allied forces pushed ahead today with preparations for a ground offensive despite the new Iraqi peace offer, raining bombs and artillery shells on Iraqi positions along the northern desert front.

A senior U.S. military spokesman denied an Iraqi military statement on Baghdad radio today that the ground war had already begun.

"I have no knowledge of a ground war starting at this time, and I would know if one had started," said Navy Capt. Ronald E. Wildermuth, chief of information for U.S. Central Command headquarters.

American casualties mounted, meanwhile, with the loss of seven soldiers in the crash of a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter on a medical evacuation mission. The aircraft went down during bad weather in western Saudi Arabia on Thursday.

It was the deadliest non-combat air mishap of Operation Desert Storm, and raised to 22 the number of airmen killed in non-combat incidents since the war began on Jan. 17.

Two other helicopters and an F-16 warplane also were lost. Two Americans were killed in the crash of one of the helicopters, an OH-58 scout returning from combat operations. Nineteen Americans are listed as killed in action and 30 as missing. Nine are confirmed prisoners of war.

The U.S. command said warplanes launched 1,000 sorties Thursday against targets in southern Iraq and Kuwait.

Associated Press correspondents reported from different sectors along the northern front that big allied artillery guns relentlessly hammered targets in Iraq in one of the heaviest shellings since the war began.

More than 70 British artillery pieces, batteries of U.S. rocket launchers and helicopter gunships bombarded Iraqi guns and armored vehicles.

Col. Jim Gass, a U.S. Army artillery commander, said Iraq's return of artillery fire has been sporadic and inaccurate.

The commander of a battalion of Apache helicopters was relieved of his post for mistakenly firing on



SAUDI ARABIA — U.S. Marine Sgt. Steve Lammers of Green Bay, Wis. digs a foxhole in the Saudi desert Tuesday under a flag depicting the Marine's historic flag-raising on Iwo Jima during World War II.

two U.S. armored vehicles Sunday, killing two American soldiers and wounding six.

Officers in the 1st Infantry Division said Army Lt. Col. Ralph Hayles, of Corpus Christi, Texas, had violated military guidelines prohibiting commanding officers from personally engaging enemy forces.

Iraq, meanwhile, retaliated with its own artillery barrages and fired two Scud missiles into northern Saudi Arabia on Thursday and three in the direction of Bahrain before dawn today.

It was not clear if today's missiles had been meant for Saudi

Arabia and went off course. Iraq has fired dozens of Scuds into Israel and Saudi Arabia since the start of the war, but has not acknowledged targeting Bahrain to date.

All the latest missiles were intercepted by U.S. Patriot rockets, Western military officials said.

U.S. helicopters returned Thursday to a smashed Iraqi bunker complex where American forces captured more than 400 prisoners a day earlier. Fourteen more Iraqis surrendered.

A 17,000-man Marine amphibious force was poised in the Persian Gulf ready for action should the

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allies go ahead with a ground offensive, an AP correspondent reported from its command ship, the USS Nassau.

Maj. Gen. Henry Jenkins, commander of the force, said he would try to avoid a direct attack on Iraqi defenses on Kuwaiti beaches. He said many Iraqi troops have been moved in to defend the Kuwaiti coast.

Jenkins outlined options for the amphibious force that included a full-scale landing, limited operations or even a decoy assault or feint to tie down Iraqi troops on the coast while allied forces strike inland.

He said he expected heavy resistance. "The Iraqi Army is not down and out," he said. "They're hurting, no doubt about that. But I would not count them out."

Other American ground forces crossed into Iraq and Kuwait on reconnaissance patrols, said Marine Brig. Gen. Richard Neal, the chief U.S. command spokesman.

In another sign of preparation for an offensive, coalition troops punched holes in the series of towering sand barriers, called berms, forming Iraq's outer defenses just north of the Saudi border.

But the blinding sandstorms of the desert's "shamal" season began swirling around troops this week and military officials said they could slow any offensive against Iraqi forces.

Neal said the Desert Storm forces are "ready to go right now — or then can go in two weeks."

Bufs tackle 'Horns

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ Staff Writer

The Stanton Buffalos, runners-up of District 6-2A, will travel to Monahans to take on the District 5-2A champions Marfa Shorthorns in bi-district basketball action tonight.

The Buffs will be at full strength with the re-acquisition of 6-foot-4 junior John Eric Wyckoff. Wyckoff was sidelined for the past six weeks for academic reasons.

"We get our other big boy... and we can go full strength for the first time since we played Coahoma at home," Stanton coach Key Allred said. "But they (Marfa) have some tall men on their team, too. They have a 6-foot-4 post, and they have a kid name Rubio that can score, so they're going to be tough."

Without Wyckoff, Stanton has been 4-5 in district play, while going 8-0 in league play before he was sidelined. Jeremy Stallings and Kenny McCalister have been carrying the scoring load for the Buffs.

Allan Carby, Chris Barnhill, Jim Bob Kelly and Joe Cazares have also contributed the past few games. Robin Barnes was moved up from the junior varsity and has contributed as well, Allred said.

Grant Woodfin has been playing with a hurt ankle since early in the season and injured his other ankle against Ozona three weeks ago.

"This is a tough team and we have played through some tough times. We started to get some team play, then we lost John (Wyckoff). We began to play well without John, then Grant got hurt. Now, we're back full tilt and I don't think anyone can stop us," Allred said.

If the Buffs win tonight, they

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Convent foundation slates clean-up day

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The Martin County Convent Foundation met Thursday night at the courthouse to set the date for a clean-up day around the convent yard. Foundation President Ricky Fleckenstein opened the meeting and the group approved the minutes.

The treasurer's report was given by Secretary-Treasurer Jeanne McGilvray. She reported that \$10,270 was in the foundation account. The fund included a donation of \$5,000 from Grace Jones toward restoration of the convent.

Clean-up days have been tentatively set for April 6 and 13, weather permitting. According to the foundation, all trees and mesquites will be cleared away except for cedar and china berry trees.

"We have to keep the china berry trees because they are the first trees to be photographed in the only old pictures that we have of the convent," foundation member

Kathryn Burch said.

The group also discussed and approved holding a barbecue supper, but further details were tabled until the next meeting, scheduled for March 21.

The board of directors agreed to bring two items that would be sold during an auction the day of the supper. Other antique items will be sought by the foundation for the auction and anyone willing donate items for the auction should contact a convent member. Mary Prudie Brown and Burch are in charge of the project.

On the grant committee report, Burch briefed members on the process of acquiring a grant. The University of Texas at the Permian Basin has books that guides an applicant through the process.

Stanton was featured in the March 1991 Texas Highway magazine, according to Fleckenstein.



The Martin County Convent Foundation has tentatively scheduled April 6 and 13 as clean-up days at the historical convent, shown in this file photo. An auction and barbecue supper are planned as fundraisers for the restoration project.

Spring board

How's that?

Q Why are gasoline prices higher in Big Spring?
A A visual check of gas prices along I-20 from Big Spring to Abilene indicated the average for unleaded was \$1.16, and \$1.23 for super unleaded. The most expensive was Colorado City at \$1.25, and the cheapest was Tye at \$0.99. For the most part Big Spring prices fall within this same range.

Calendar

Meeting

SATURDAY
• Spirit Wind dinner and musical fundraiser from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Cap Rock auditorium.

Farmers say credit tight this spring

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Glenn English says his investigation of the nation's farm credit system may wind up "making some people very uncomfortable."
"Yet in light of the priorities outlined by the administration and reflected in the budget cuts imposed on agriculture last year, disastrous consequences loom on the horizon of American agriculture," English, D-Okla., said Thursday as he opened a series of hearings on farm credit.
Farmers told English, chairman of the House Agriculture subcommittee on conservation, credit and rural development, that credit appears to be drying up around the country.

"We now face the most critical situation in credit availability for agriculture in our area that I have seen," said Don Kimbrell, a Panhandle farmer from Happy and the president of the American Agriculture Movement of Texas Inc.

Rep. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., said his office has received several phone calls regarding producers' ability to get credit as they plan for this spring's planting.

"There are some frantic pleas for help that I hope won't go unheeded by my colleagues or the lenders that we will hear from next week," Johnson said.

Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Mission, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said in an interview that farmers may be having trouble getting credit.

"I know it's tight. Private sector banks are not as ready to make farm loans nationwide," de la Garza said.

At the same time, "there are very few farmers who have the resources (to operate without loans). They have to borrow."

Private sector banks, however, want assurances that their loans are backed with crop insurance or disaster payments, de la Garza said — tougher requirements now than when they only required that a farmer mortgage the crop.

"This is business, but somehow it seems unfair," de la Garza said.

The problem is not only with commercial lenders, said William Hodgson Arens of Sundown, president of the Texas Farm Foundation.

Arens said the Farmers Home Administration, lender of last resort, has already obligated 40 percent of its loan money for 1991 in Texas. And the FmHA has considerably less money this year than last to lend. It had \$91 million available for direct loans in Texas last year; this year it has just \$53 million, Arens said.

At the same time, FmHA is moving away from direct loans to guaranteeing bank loans, "but the banks in West Texas will not take these guaranteed loans."

Bufs

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will play either Winters or Ranger in the second round of the playoffs. The Winters-Ranger clash will be at Clyde tonight at 7 p.m. SHS officials are talking to Sweetwater and Colorado City about hosting the area playoff game sometime next week.

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Fruit fly could complicate free-trade accord

WASHINGTON (AP) — The proposed free-trade agreement with Mexico has stirred up support and opposition from diverse interests. And the Mexican fruit fly is providing buzz words of its own.

An Agriculture Department report calls the fly "a pesky problem that can't be brushed away" by U.S. and Mexican negotiators.

"From Mexico's point of view, in fact, the fly may be the mightiest menace to the expansion of its farm exports under a free-trade agreement," the report said.

John Link of the department's Economic Research Service said the Mexican fruit fly "is the most serious pest limiting the importation of fresh fruits from Mexico."

The Bush administration hopes to begin formal talks with Mexico on free trade this spring and to conclude them by the end of the year.

Earlier this month, battle lines were drawn at a Senate hearing on the agreement. Organized labor complained that Mexico's cheap labor and lax pollution controls

Farm scene

would cost tens of thousands of U.S. jobs.

But the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Business Roundtable and U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills said the elimination of trade barriers would expand business opportunities.

Hills acknowledged that the fruit and vegetable and glass industries could suffer, but she said "we don't see a tidal wave of harm coming to any of our industries."

U.S. fruit and vegetable producers fear larger imports of produce from Mexico would result under the agreement.

In the USDA report, economist Link said the Mexican fruit fly "has the potential to adversely impact the fruit producers in California, Arizona, Texas and Florida."

The flies eat into a fruit, leaving it blemished and unmarketable.

For many years, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has worked with Mexican officials to contain and suppress the threat.

"Two areas of progress have been the development of commodity treatments for several fruits and the establishment of a zone free of fruit flies in the Mexican state of Sonora," Link said. "Due to these efforts, Mexico has been able to ship otherwise prohibited products to the United States under a pre-clearance program."

Mexican apples, grapefruit, oranges, peaches and tangerines exported from a specific area of Sonora can enter the United States without quarantine treatment.

But Link said the program depends on "continual surveillance" for flies, strict quarantine inspection at major points of entry and a rapid emergency response by the industry and the two governments.

Other Mexican produce items require specific treatments or in-

spections before entering the United States, he said.

Overall, the Mexican fruit fly has been the most serious pest in Mexico's agriculture since the Mediterranean fruit fly was found in Mexico in 1977, Link said. It took 13 years to contain the Medfly's northward movement, eradicate it from Mexico and push it further south into Central America.

Water outlook bleakens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The outlook for summer water supplies continues to deteriorate in much of the West, the Agriculture Department says in its latest outlook.

Water supplies less than 70 percent of normal are expected in California, Nevada, most of Utah and Oregon, southern Idaho, southwestern and southeastern Montana, eastern Wyoming, northwestern Colorado and northwestern and central Arizona.

Officials said the latest outlook

was based on surveys by the department's Soil Conservation Service and the National Weather Service in the Commerce Department.

William Richards, chief of the USDA agency, said "low precipitation totals and deteriorating snowpack conditions" are to blame for the forecasts of streamflow shortfalls this spring and summer. But he said some areas can still look forward to adequate water supplies.

Streamflows are expected to be near to well above average in the northwestern United States, southwestern Canada and the area near the Colorado-New Mexico line.

Also, Richards said, near average to well above average runoff is forecast for Washington, southeastern British Columbia, northern Idaho, northwestern Montana, southern Colorado, most of New Mexico, and small areas of central Wyoming and east-central Arizona.

Bush

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Hussein "was launching Scud missiles."

He said Saddam "risks subjecting the Iraqi people to further hardship unless the Iraqi government complies fully" with the demands.

The White House was releasing a formal statement that Bush said "would go into considerable detail" on coalition demands of Iraq.

At the Pentagon, a senior military official said the diplomatic activity was not derailing the allied war plans.

"Desert Storm continues to swirl on, regardless," the official said. "We have our plan and we continue to follow it. Round-the-clock air attacks continue."

Bush's comments were his first since the peace initiative was unveiled, and came as members of the allied coalition arrayed against Iraq and lawmakers were offering their own assessments.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Kurbane Altinok, told reporters before meeting with Bush at the White House that "we should not allow him (Saddam) to withdraw heavy weapons, especially chemical weapons." He conceded that imposing such a condition on any settlement "will be very difficult."

In London, British Prime Minister John Major said the proposal was "not good enough," but still an improvement worth studying. France said the plan "represents a step in the right direction."

Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, a leading Republican, said the Soviet-sponsored talks with Iraq are "not in our best interest at all."

"We are attempting, I suppose, to retain some good humor with Mikhail Gorbachev. But the plans which have come forward this week are almost as difficult to fathom as the ones last Friday," Lugar said on NBC's "Today" show.

"Clearly we ought to continue to

prosecute the war. We ought to continue to push Iraq out of Kuwait unconditionally," he said.

Rep. Lee Hamilton, interviewed on the same program, said the proposed peace plan had "very positive aspects" but also "plenty of things wrong with it," chiefly the call for lifting sanctions on Iraq.

"The problem here is that we are poised on the brink, I think, of a decisive military victory," said Hamilton, an Indiana Democrat. "You do not want to undercut that with an ambiguous political settlement. And so it does put the president in a difficult spot."

Baghdad radio reported today that the allied ground offensive had begun, with Iraqi troops beating back an attack led by a British armored division. American officials scoffed at the claim.

"If the Iraqis are leaping to the conclusion that the ground battle has begun on the basis of a single division shooting artillery fire," the Pentagon official said, "then they really don't comprehend the strength of the firepower of the coalition."

The Soviet-Iraqi peace plan followed days of diplomacy between Moscow and Baghdad. Shortly after it was announced, the White House expressed serious reservations but carefully avoided rejecting the plan outright.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev telephoned Bush to outline the proposal, which a Soviet official said had drawn a positive response from Iraq, and the superpower leaders talked for 33 minutes.

Fitzwater said that in his talk with Gorbachev, Bush "did state the concerns that he felt the coalition would have on this matter." He said the president thanked Gorbachev for his efforts.

The plan fell short of Bush's full war aims, yet it seemed to offer a way to gain Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait without the massive and potentially bloody land assault that the United States has been pointing toward for days.

Leasing plans concern activists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department's plans to offer millions of acres of offshore oil leases in the 1990s, including vast tracts off Alaska, the central East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico, is prompting quick criticism from environmentalists and some lawmakers.

The department on Thursday announced details of proposed oil and gas lease sales on the Outer Continental Shelf as part of its five-year offshore oil development program.

The leasing plans are expected to meet resistance in Congress, where some members predict that attempts will be made to block sales in areas such as the central California coast.

Congress for years has blocked oil lease sales along vast stretches of coastline by prohibiting sales as part of the Interior Department's budget.

The leasing announcement came as President Bush's national energy plan, which relies heavily on new oil and gas development on the Outer Continental Shelf and in Alaska, received an icy reception on Capitol Hill because of its limited focus on energy conservation.

Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., said it was "good news" that the administration would continue to exclude some coastal areas — including much of southern and northern California — that were declared off-limits to oil companies by Bush last year.

"The bad news is he (Bush) is also sticking to his plan to lease half a million acres off southern and central California in 1996 and

to lease other sensitive areas around the country," Panetta said in a statement.

The Interior Department's five-year leasing plan calls for opening 87 tracts, nearly 500,000 acres, along a stretch of California's coast from Santa Barbara to San Luis Obispo.

In all, the government plans to sell 23 leases in 12 areas, covering 250 million acres, between 1992 and 1997. Some of the leases are as close as three miles from shore.

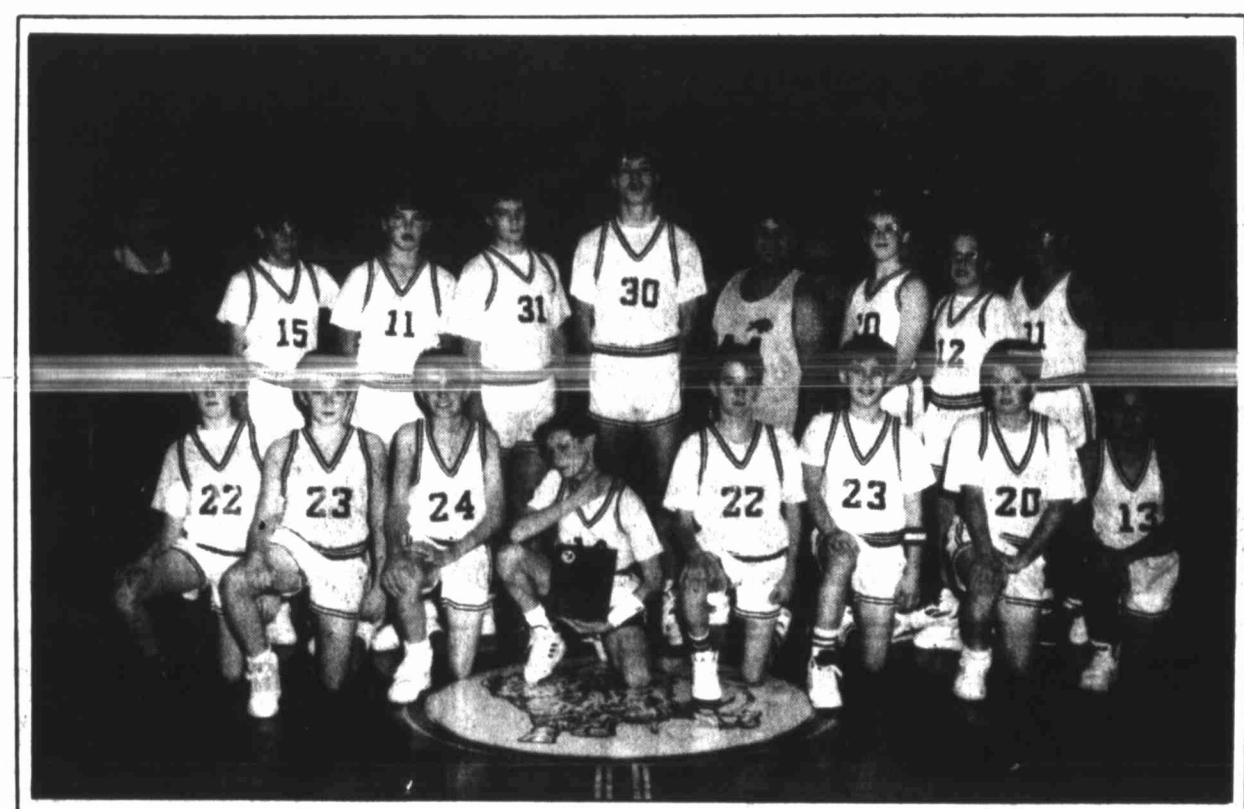
The department proposed the most aggressive lease sales off Alaska, where opposition to oil development has not been as intense. They include four leases covering a total of 55 million acres in the northernmost Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea.

An additional 1,000 blocks, covering nearly 6 million acres off the East Coast, would be opened for sale along a stretch from central New Jersey to Georgia in 1994 and 1997. Oil companies are primarily interested in this area because of the potential for natural gas.

Although the administration has put waters off southern Florida off-limits, the department plans to sell leases off the Florida Panhandle in 1994 and 1997.

Lease sales totaling more than 80 million acres also are earmarked for the central and western Gulf of Mexico, where 99 percent of the nation's offshore oil platforms are located now.

In an attempt to blunt opposition to the lease sales, the Interior Department attempted to define more narrowly what offshore areas will be opened to the oil companies.



Seventh-grade Bufs

Members of the Stanton Junior High seventh-grade boys basketball team are: front row, left to right, Shandal Clay, Kris Ryan, Jory Johnson, Nicholas Hull, Jerrod Stallings, Taylor Looney,

Stacey Cole and Gerald Ruiz; second row, left to right, Brian Heidelberg, Jason Hopper, Nathan Cook, George Cox, Andy Hinojosa, Eric Cash, Jeremy Beddingfield and David Cazares.

Center's aim to cut red tape

FORT HOOD (AP) — Tucked away among the drab buildings of Fort Hood is a pastel room where the Army shows its gentle side: a center dedicated to helping families cope if their loved ones become casualties of the Persian Gulf War.

"The Army is a lean, mean, fighting machine, but there is a soft side, too," said Maj. Mike Bryan, a 22-year military veteran. "We're there to take care of our own."

The Casualty Assistance Center at the central Texas post is one of four in the state and 34 nationwide created to deal with the families left behind.

The Army has turned a gymnasium into a giant living room, where family members can gather in private to get almost any help they may need if their loved ones are killed, wounded or missing in action. The center will deal with everything from filing for Social Security benefits to making travel arrangements to getting help finding lost insurance policies.

The hardwood floor has been covered in gray-blue carpet. Soft peach and blue sofas and chairs are arranged in conversation groups. Soothing paintings hang on the walls, and plants sit near pastel lamps.

"I want to create an environment where it is certain to everyone who comes here that we care about our

"The Army is a lean, mean, fighting machine, but there is a soft side, too. 'We're there to take care of our own.'"
Maj. Mike Bryan

families and we are committed to caring for our soldiers' families that may lose their lives in defense of our country," said director Col. Joseph Gross.

Gross said the center was intended to let the families more easily handle all necessary practical matters away from the curiosity of the rest of the base and community.

The center also coordinates the notification of relatives of casualties.

Some 4,000 soldiers have been trained to serve as notifiers or casualty assistance officers for the families of 25,000 soldiers Fort Hood has sent to the Gulf.

"I will tell you there's not a tougher job that I've ever been given," said Gross, a 30-year veteran who said he was sent to Vietnam three times.

"It's the same thing as if you had to go tell your mother your brother was dead. That's why it's so dif-

ficult. You're dealing in human life and death of a loved one," he said.

There are 110 soldiers and 35 civilians assigned to the center, which is ready to operate round-the-clock.

Gross said no estimates have been made as to how many casualties the center will handle.

"It was not numbers that drove us to this, it was compassion and concern for our soldiers," he said. "What is a significant number of soldiers killed? One. That's significant," he said.

Lt. Col. Carl Thompson, a Presbyterian chaplain, said the setup "shows the people that the military really does care for their own."

"If this wasn't here, a family member would get the runaround all over this post," Thompson said. "What they can do here in a few hours would take them a day if they had to wander from building to building."

Finances will be the immediate concern of a widowed spouse, says Master Sgt. Kenneth Godfrey, who will act as a middleman between survivors and merchants, creditors and life insurance companies.

"It may not hit them right away, but they'll have to think about it, particularly young families," Godfrey said.



Grim news

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — Glum-faced Saudis listen to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's speech via live TV Thursday night at a press

center in Dahran. The Iraqi leader sounded a defiant tone during the speech, broadcast live on CNN.

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