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Court considers ambulance question

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

With the Big Spring City Council's recent awarding of the city's ambulance contract to the Big Spring Fire Department, the question almost certain to be asked was asked Monday morning: What will Howard County do when the Big Spring Fire Department tas over the city's ambulance service?

The question came up when the fire department presented a proposal to the court during its regular meeting Monday.

The county has a separate contract with American Medical Transport to provide emergency medical services to citizens outside of the city of Big Spring.

The county could contract with AMT to handle county EMS needs or it could go along with the city's current plans and turn EMS services over to the FD as well.

Commissioner Sonny Choate asked AMT Supervisor Stephen Stephens if AMT would be available to serve the county when the FD takes over the city's ambulance service in October.

Stephens said, "If you like, we can discuss that."

Commissioners were presented with the FD's ambulance service proposal by ad hoc committee chairman Lanny Hamby and Big Spring Fire Chief Frank Anderson.

Hamby explained the committee's decision to recommend the ambulance contract be given to the FD by saying, "It was our conclusion that the city would be better served by accepting the proposal submitted by the FD. It is our hope that the county will see fit to join the city."

He added the committee's thinking was that the FD would offer a better service and be more responsive to the citizens of Big Spring. One area pointed to by Hamby was the need for subsidizing the ambulance service, which the FD says it would eliminate within about five years.

Currently the city pays AMT $77,196 a year as a subsidy to AMT, and the county pays $50,916 a year.

Hamby said, "We feel like the proposal made by the FD would

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Ambulance petition to be presented tonight to council

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A petition with about 3,000 signatures will be presented to the Big Spring City Council at tonight's council meeting in hopes of getting the council to reconsider its decision to award the city's ambulance contract to the Big Spring Fire Department.

The signatures have been gathered during the last two weeks by AMT employees and a few Big Spring residents concerned about the city's decision.

According to City Councilman John Paul Anderson, the council has made its decision and he sees the council sticking by it.

He said, "After all the name calling, after all the allegations, and after the smoke clears, our city is still faced with the problems of emergency medical service. The City Council's view remains centered on the care for the citizens of the area."

Several issues continue to be at the center of the ambulance contract debate including the need for two 24-hour ambulances, response times, subsidies to the ambulance service, Medicare and Medicaid assignments, and product delivery.

Though the capability to serve county emergency medical needs exists, Big Spring Fire Chief Frank Anderson said it should not be assumed that the county will be included in all services. He said that would be up to Howard County Commissioners, and if commissioners follow the city's

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QUILTING AWAY



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Christina Batterton, a member of the Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, works on a quilt that will be raffled away May 6. Members of the guild were working on the quilt at the Big Spring Mall Saturday.

IN SEARCH OF ..... FOOD!



Herald photo by Tim Appel

A prairie dog, its mouth full of grasses, digs with its paws in search of more as it was looking for lunch in the prairie dog town at the Big Spring State Park recently.

Continuance granted in Edmondson trial

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

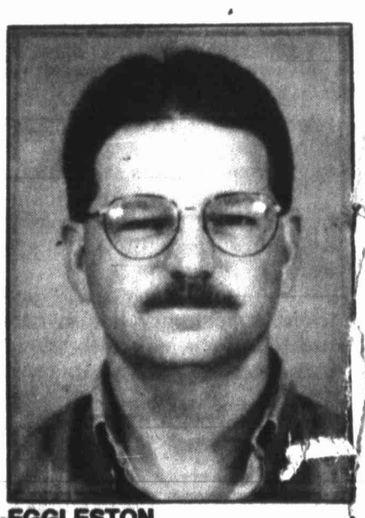
State District Judge Robert Moore said he has not set a specific time to rule on new motions filed by Defense attorney Angel Nunez, on behalf of Levy Lee Edmondson, but the May 8 capital murder trial date has been continued and a new date will not be set until after July 1.

Defense attorney Angel Nunez filed three new motions on

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Eggleston seeks seat on Forsan school board

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer



EGGLESTON

Mike Eggleston is one of three candidates vying for two positions on the Forsan Independent School District board of trustees.

He is facing incumbents Cynthia Breyman and Debbie Burt in the May 6 election.

Eggleston has lived in Howard County all his life and has been serving on the site-based campus committee at Elbow Elementary during this school year.

"I feel being on the school

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Winning some, losing some in the health battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Halfway through a national campaign to make people more healthy, federal officials say Americans are smoking less, driving more safely and avoiding fatty foods, but there are still too many couch potatoes, pregnant teen-agers and homicides.

A U.S. Public Health Service program called Healthy People 2000 was begun five years ago to promote, through education of the public and physicians, programs that work toward some 300 specific health goals. It set 10-year healthy lifestyle goals for all Americans. After five years, federal officials say some trends are on target while other categories are getting worse.

"The variable results, especially among certain populations, for Healthy People 2000 goals and objectives at mid-decade suggest the need for a number of course corrections," Dr. J. Michael McGinnis and Dr. Philip R. Lee of the health service report in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association.

A review of program progress was being released today at a news conference.

The program was created to achieve three primary goals: Increase the span of healthy life for Americans; reduce the differences in health trends among various American populations; and provide access to disease prevention services to all Americans.

Based upon surveys, the health service said it found that most programs were moving toward the objectives. But some programs had shown no gains, and still others were trending in the wrong direction, or getting worse.

Among the improvements:

—Life expectancy for Americans at a record 75.8 years.

—Fewer heart attack and stroke deaths, better control of high blood pressure and a lowering of blood cholesterol levels.

—Decreases in cancer deaths and increases in screening for breast and cervical cancer. The percentage of women over 50 getting mammograms has increased from 25 percent in 1987 to 55 percent.

—Among black Americans, improvements in prenatal care, infant deaths and deaths from accidental injuries, heart disease, stroke and liver disease.

—Among Hispanics, more women being screened for breast and cervical cancers. Also, there are fewer infant deaths and teen pregnancies and less cigarette smoking.

—More children getting shots against childhood diseases and the number of cases has generally declined, with the exception of whooping cough, which has increased.

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Texas Trivia

Mansfield-born actress Ella Mae Morse is best remembered for what 1942 song?

"Cow-Cow Boogie"

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Nation: A private ambulance rests atop an automobile after colliding in New York with several vehicles in Brooklyn. Several people were reported seriously injured. See page 4.

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Good example

With hundreds of Taylor residents looking on, a Texas National Guard bulldozer crashed into a former drug house Monday, and Gov. George W. Bush hailed it as an example for communities across the state. See page 3.

Welfare reform to Senate

Legislation that would overhaul the state's welfare system and establish alimony in Texas is headed to the Senate. See page 3.

Heavy rains expected

Heavy rains were expected to batter much of Texas today. See page 3.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight

CLEAR

Wednesday

SUNNY

73 ▲ Highs / Lows ▼ 35

Fair night

Tonight, clear, low mid 30s, northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, warmer, high mid 70s, northwest winds 50 to 15 mph, becoming south by afternoon; clear night, low mid 30s.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 70, south winds.

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OBITUARIES

William Leugoud-Lewis


LEUGOUD-LEWIS

William J. Leugoud-Lewis, 48, passed away March 25, 1995, in Houston. He was an alumnus of Berkeley, U.T. and S.M.U. He was a former president of the Numismatic League of New York and an Aficionado of art, rare coins and literature.

He is survived by his mother: Betty Sielaff; a sister: Elaine Piekarski; one nephew; one niece; and numerous friends.

George Ludecke

George Ludecke, 61, O'Donnell, died on Monday, April 10, 1995, in a local hospital. No services are planned. His body was donated to the Texas Tech Medical School in Lubbock. Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born on June 7, 1933, in Hamlin. He had served in the U.S. Air Force and had lived in Big Spring for the past year.

Survivors include one brother: Bill Ludecke, O'Donnell; two sisters: Ida Faye Owens, Anson, and Annie Mae Mann, Big Foot; and several nieces and nephews.

Homer Tuder

Services for Homer Lester Tuder will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 1995, at Merriman Baptist Church in Ranger. Burial will follow in Merriman Cemetery in Eastland County with the Rev. Jerry Speer officiating. Local arrangements were under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Tuder died Monday, April 10.

He was born Aug. 1, 1910, in Thurber to Henry and Ada Wooten Tuder. He grew up in the Ranger area. He married Billie Pruett on Nov. 15, 1928. She preceded him in death on July 28, 1980, in Hamlin. Mr. Tuder worked for Sam Brimberry Trucking Company in Ranger. He transferred to Odessa in 1938. He went to work for T&P Coal & Oil Company in 1941 and moved to McCamey. He was then transferred to Hamlin in 1952. He had also been a bus driver for the Hamlin School District from 1961 to 1974, when he retired from both jobs. After he retired, he had a mechanic shop at his home. Mr. Tuder was a member of the Sunset Baptist Church and was ordained as a Deacon in 1961. He later changed his membership to Calvary Baptist Church in Hamlin.

Survivors include three daughters: Katherine Styles, Fort Worth, Mildred Marie "Kitty" Riter, Wichita Falls, and Norma Ledbetter, Big Spring; one sister: Clara Mae Yarbro, Lovington, N.M.; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by one daughter, Loretta Shook, and his twin son and daughter, Bobby Lee and Barbara Fay Tuder.

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Homer L. Tuder, 84, died Monday. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Merriman Baptist Church in Ranger, Texas. The body has been transferred to Edwards Funeral Home in Ranger. Burial to follow service at Merriman Cemetery.

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

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Petition

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lead, the county can expect the same quality service given to the city.

While the Howard County Commissioners' Court studies the city's proposal offered at Monday's Commissioners' Court meeting (and possibly a proposal by AMT at a later date), the FD is preparing to begin paramedic training Thursday morning. Charla Lewis of Howard College will oversee the training program and County Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan will be the EMS instructor.

Despite reservations by some AMT employees that the FD can have paramedics ready to hit the street by Oct. 1, Anderson said the department will have fully trained and certified paramedics ready to provide the city of Big Spring with a good, quality ambulance service when it takes over.

As for the petition drive by AMT employees, Mayor Tim Blackshear has said the council would be glad to listen to anything people have to say, but this was a bid award and not a rash decision.

Blackshear said, "This issue should have been cut and dried. It was a bid award made in the best interest of the people of Big Spring. As far as I'm concerned the decision will stand."

He added he has received some calls on the matter, but only two, so far, have been negative.

According to City Secretary Tom Ferguson's office, there is no local or state law that says the council has to recognize a petition and change a decision.

Ferguson said, "We know of no laws, local or state, that says the council has to call an election because of a petition."

County

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be in the best interest of the county also for three reasons because: 1) two ambulances would be in operation 24 hours a day, with a third on standby; 2) the subsidies currently being paid by both the city and county would eventually be done away with; and 3) the FD proposal involves a less expensive service to citizens outside the city of Big Spring."

The same proposal made to the city was made to the county, but Anderson did say the FD is drawing up an entrance exam to offer AMT employees interested in applying to the FD.

Anderson said, "We would be more than happy to have any experienced personnel join us."

Commissioner Emma Brown had asked the question as to whether the FD would be hiring any AMT personnel.

She added, "I hate to see those 27 people lose their jobs, and as far as I'm concerned, AMT has given us very good service. That's how I feel."

Commissioners were told that for the remainder of fiscal 1994-95 (April 1, 1995 through Sept. 30, 1995) pre-startup costs for the ambulance service would total $274,184.

Paramedic training for the FD will begin Thursday morning at Howard College.

According to Anderson and Fire Marshall Burr Lea Settles, putting the service together will include hiring and training 15 paramedics at an approximate cost of $26,349 per year each, adding $3,500 in salary for the billing clerk (the salary differential from Clerk Typist to Secretary II), and adding five ambulances ($70,000 each) on a five-year lease/purchase plan. Expenditures for the five ambulances would be $70,000 per year.

The FD proposal, as presented to commissioners, also includes an estimate of 3.5 emergency runs per day or 5 runs per day if the service is extended to the county. This could result in estimates yearly revenues of $414,882.

The proposal also anticipates a 10 percent fee increase per year and a five percent salary increase per year.

The subsidy the FD wants to eventually do away with would be in place for the first few years of the FD run service and if both city and county residents are served, the same subsidies, $6,433 times 12 months or $77,196 per year from the city, and $4,243 times 12 months or $50,916 per year from the county, would remain in place. The total subsidy for the current service is $128,112 per year.

Anderson told commissioners that the two 24-hour Mobile Intensive Care Units (MICUs) the FD plans to operate would be stationed at the 11th & Birdwell Fire Station and the Wasson Road Fire Station, with the third unit on standby at the 18th & Main Fire Station.

Commissioners will take time to study the FD proposal and according to County Judge Ben Lockhart, AMT is welcomed to present a proposal to the Commissioners' Court as well.

Trial

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behalf of Edmondson, who is facing capital murder charges in connection with the Dec. 30 shooting of Department of Public Safety Trooper Troy Hogue.

Edmondson, who allegedly shot Hogue at close range as he was questioning him after a one-vehicle accident, is being held in the Howard County jail without bond.

The motions filed by Nunez include a continuance of the scheduled May 8 trial date, a motion for bail, and a motion for a court appointed attorney for Edmondson.

Last week, State District Judge Robert Moore denied a change of venue motion in the case following a day of testimony on the matter.

Howard County District Attorney Rick Hamby has already decided to seek the death penalty in the case and as far as he's concerned the new motions filed by Nunez are not a surprise and will not change the way his office approaches the case.

Eggleston

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board would further allow me the opportunity to serve and give back to the district from which I graduated. I feel serving on the board would give me a chance to be more actively involved in children's education," Eggleston said.

He added he is the branch manager at Trico Industries and this experience would help the board when it comes to finances and budget.

"I have strong business management skills and budget planning to help the board continue to make quality decisions for the district," he explained.

Eggleston and his wife, Connie, have two children. One child is in third grade and the other in kindergarten at Elbow Elementary.

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Big Spring ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•**JUAN SEGURA JR.**, 18, no known address was arrested for **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY** and released on bond.

•**BURGLAR/FIRE ALARM** in the 1800 block of E. Marcy.

•**DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** in the 1000 block of N. Main.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 2600 block of Lynn.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 700 block of Anna.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 1200 block of Mesa.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 2600 block of E. 15th.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 2900 block of W. 80.

SHERIFF

Monday's temp.	67
Monday's low	33
Average high	77
Average low	47
Record high	96 in 1948
Record low	30 in 1932
Rainfall Monday	0.00
Month to date	1.86
Month's normal	0.31
Year to date	3.33
Normal for year	2.40

**Statistics not available.

IN BRIEF

Commodities to be distributed Thursday

West Texas Opportunities, Inc. will distribute commodities at the Evening Lions Club, 1607 East Third Street, in their East parking lot in the small white building on Thursday, April 13, 1995, from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. All recipients must have their certification cards with them in order to receive their food. For more information contact West Texas Opportunities, Inc. at 267-9536.

Health

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—Fewer sexually transmitted diseases.

—Fewer people smoking and young people are less likely to start the habit.

—Less use of alcohol and marijuana among the young.

—Fewer deaths in auto accidents. This is attributed to less drunk driving, 55-mile-per-hour speed limits, wider use of seat belts and child safety seats, and air bags.

—In mental health measures, fewer suicides and fewer stress-related disorders.

—Injuries at work claiming fewer lives, although the number of injuries has gone up.

—In environmental health, fewer children with high blood lead levels and more people living in clean air.

—Fewer older people losing all their teeth.

—Fewer cases of salmonella, a type of food poisoning.

—More people following lower-fat diets and more people exercising regularly.

There has been no proportional change in the total number of people who never exercise, nor in diabetes-related deaths. Also, the average expected length of life free of health problems for Americans remains at 64.

The seven-year gap in life expectancy between black Americans, at 69.6 years, and white Americans, 76.5 years, is unchanged. For black males, life expectancy has increased by 1.2 years since 1980 and for white males, by 2.5 years.

Among the national trends getting worse:

—More people are overweight.

—Among black Americans, more hospitalizations for asthma, more cases of AIDS and more homicides.

—Among Hispanics, less access to primary health care due to a lack of health insurance coverage, and an increase in AIDS cases, homicides, tuberculosis and excess weight among women.

—More teen-age pregnancies, particularly among blacks.

—More homicides and assault injuries.

—More babies born at low weight.

—More people disabled by chronic conditions.

—More people dying of pneumonia and influenza.

—And more people not receiving clinical disease prevention services because of financial barriers.

DID YOU WIN? PICK 3: 8, 0, 1

MARKETS

May cotton futures 108.22 cents a pound, up 200 points; May crude oil 19.87 up 28 points; cash hog steady at 38 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 70 cents even; April live hog futures 38.55, down 17 points; April live cattle futures 68.85, down 57 points; according to Delta Commodities.

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Atmos	17¾ nc
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Chrysler	39½ +⅜
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Unocal Corp.	28⅜ -⅛
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Amcap	12.51- 13.27
Euro Pacific	21.14- 22.43
I.C.A.	18.98- 20.14
New Economy	14.26- 15.13
New Perspective	15.07- 15.99

Van Kampen	14.26- 14.97
Gold	389.70- 390.20
Silver	5.28- 5.31

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TODAY

•"Single-Minded," unmarried/singles group, 8 p.m., Elks Lodge, FM 700. Call 263-8868.

•Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m. Weigh-in, 6 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

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

•Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center. Call 267-6764.

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

•Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Call Clarance Hartfield, 267-1806.

•Texas Association for Stolen Children will present a Child Safety Seminar, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Big Spring High School auditorium.

•New Voice Club, a support group for larnygectomies, 6:30 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

TUESDAY

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.

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Panhandle, west Texas bracing for late snow

Heavy rains were expected to batter much of Texas today while the Panhandle and the mountains of far West Texas braced for sub-freezing temperatures and the possibility of snow.

High winds created dust storms in the Permian Basin area Monday, and residents in some portions of the Panhandle were sloshing through as much as an inch of snow.

The National Weather Service warned that temperatures early today could hit 20 and below in portions of the Panhandle. Temperatures in the 20s also were expected in mountainous far West Texas.

Snowfall as late as mid-April isn't unheard of in the Panhandle, according to Amarillo-based meteorologist Rob Slattery.

"It's hard to get middle-of-the-road weather conditions down here," he said. "We had a few flurries. The Panhandle is known for extremes."

Slattery said the low pressure center sitting in Oklahoma could continue to affect weather in East Texas today.

At least two tornadoes were reported Monday, but of major concern were many areas where torrents of rain fell on ground already saturated from prior storms.

Many streams in Southeast Texas already are running above normal, and the weather service said new rains likely would cause widespread flooding.

U.S. 287 west of Corrigan, about 100 miles northeast of Houston, was reported to be covered with water early today. Flooding also was reported along Texas 150 near Evergreen.

Runoff from the heavy rains was accumulating rapidly, increasing the probability of flooding today, officials said.

The Thunderstorms carrying heavy rain were widespread over East Texas, Southeast Texas and the Texas coast.

The Associated Press



Associated Press photo

A bulldozer, driven by a member of the Texas National Guard, sits atop the remains of a former reputed crack house in Taylor Monday. The demolition of the house ended a rally for "Turn Around Taylor," a citizens action group. Gov. George Bush said the program is a model for other communities.

Sending a message

Crack house demolished as residents take back city

TAYLOR (AP) — With hundreds of Taylor residents looking on, a Texas National Guard bulldozer crashed into a former drug house Monday, and Gov. George W. Bush hailed it as an example for communities across the state.

Bush joined residents in a parade through town and watched as the giant bulldozer quickly turned the house into a pile of rubble, one of 25 condemned drug sites in the city being destroyed this week.

Bush's office said other cities are interested in duplicating the "Turn Around Taylor" program, which has seen volunteers armed only with hard hats and T-shirts march through a drug-infested neighborhood to chase dealers and customers away.

The year-old program has helped clean up an area called "The Line," which Williamson County District Attorney Ken Anderson once called an open-air drug bazaar.

"I wish I knew how much money we could spend in the state of Texas to make people put on a hard hat ... and march in front of a crack house on a nightly basis chanting, 'Get out of my community,'" Bush said.

Bush walked with Taylor residents as they chanted — "We're taking back our neighborhood" and "No more drugs, no more pain, we don't want your crack cocaine."

"It is more than just celebrating Taylor's victory," the governor said. "It is using Taylor's success to encourage other cities around the state to participate."

Attorney General Dan Morales, who also joined the parade, said that since the Turn Around Taylor program began last year, violent crime in the town has dropped 80 percent.

"The citizens of Taylor showed us and are now going to show the rest of the people of Texas, that a small group of citizens, a little bit of money, a bulldozer and a bunch of hard hats can really make a difference for our state," Morales said.

With the Taylor program as a guide, the governor's criminal justice division is launching a "Turn Around Texas" program.

"The program trains local people to work with law enforcement and the Texas National Guard to send a clear message to criminals that they're not wanted in our communities," Bush said.

He said about 175 people from some 60 communities are taking part in a two-day training seminar in Taylor. Six cities then will be chosen by the governor's office for the first year of the state program.

Bill establishing alimony, overhaul of welfare system moves to Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation that would overhaul the state's welfare system and establish alimony in Texas is headed to the Senate.

The House gave final approval to the bill Monday, forwarding it to the Senate, which is writing its own version of welfare reform, a top priority of Gov. George W. Bush. A final plan is expected to be worked out later in a House-Senate conference committee.

"We've got a bill that for the first time creates time limits, requires responsibility in work and also restricts ... having children out of wedlock while on welfare," said Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, the measure's author.

State Comptroller John Sharp, whose office worked with legislators to develop the reform package, said it would "free Texas taxpayers from the upward spiral of public assistance costs and needy Texans from the downward cycle of dependency."

"It's a common-sense approach that is good not just for the taxpayers but for the people on the system as well," Sharp said. "Everybody's going to benefit."

But opponents of the bill said it would do nothing to encourage welfare recipients to become independent.

"Substantively, we didn't make any real changes," said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston. "We debated welfare, but we didn't really reform it."

The House plan would cap cash benefits paid under Aid to Families with Dependent Children, impose time limits on receiving those benefits and require welfare recipients to work.

It also would establish alimony in Texas, the only state in the country without it.

Testimony resumes in bank robbery trial

WACO (AP) — A Houston teen-ager who participated in last summer's robbery of the Normangee State Bank testified that her partners considered robbing a store and killing everybody inside before going through with the bank heist.

Jeralene Valverde, 19, told the jury on Monday that she started "hanging out" and smoking marijuana with many of the 11 other people charged in the $170,000 robbery after she lost her job at a fast-food restaurant.

Ms. Valverde said she got $8,000 as her share of the Aug. 23, 1994, robbery.

She and eight others pleaded guilty in February to bank robbery charges. Three others, including alleged ring leader Julius "The Brain" Sephus, are on trial in federal court.

A jury was seated by mid-morning Monday in the court of U.S. District Judge Walter Smith and testimony began later in the day.

Testimony was to resume today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Johnston said he would call about 30 witnesses.

Sephus is charged with bank robbery, two weapons charges, murder during the commission of a bank robbery, and carjacking resulting in death. Hashim Esteban Thomas and Steven Lee Thomas III are charged with bank robbery and one weapons charge each.

Sephus faces two life prison terms, a 25-year term and two five-year sentences if convicted.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Compulsory unification of opinion achieves only the unanimity of the graveyard."

Robert H. Jackson, Supreme Court justice, 1943

Know what you're buying

Last Monday's hail storm has left many residents looking for someone to take care of damage resulting from golf ball-sized hail.

Everyone wants the damage taken care of as fast as possible but take care to make sure you are getting what you paid for.

The city of Big Spring requires the posting of a $10,000 bond and proof of financial responsibility from any roofer working in the city. A city permit is also required.

Local roofing companies are not required to post the bond if they have been in business locally for five years and can give five references to the city permit office.

Before buying, check out the company you are doing business with. It is a sound principle whether working with a local person or with an out-of-town business.

It's never fun cleaning up after a storm. Don't compound the problem by not knowing what you are getting.

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Charles C. Williams, Publisher — DD Turner, Managing Editor



■ Letters to the Editor

'Imagine there's no' sexual assault

Editor:

Gov. George W. Bush has proclaimed the month of April Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Texas. To increase public awareness about the problem of sexual assault and to encourage citizen involvement, the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and the Texas Department of Health, Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program have adopted the theme: "Imagine...a world without sexual assault."

The 1995 theme was chosen to reflect the efforts of Rape Crisis/Victim Services to create a new expectation in Howard County - that our citizens, especially our children, be able to experience life without the emotional damage of sexual assault or the loss of personal freedom resulting from the threat of sexual violence.

Sexual assault has long been held a secret...in our families, in our churches, in our schools, and in our community. Yet most of us probably know someone who has been sexually abused or assaulted. The wounds of sexual assault - emotional and psychological in nature - are usually not apparent to the outside observer, but may have a pronounced impact on close friends and family of those victims.

Rape Crisis/Victim Services sees not only the damage done to survivors of sexual assault, but to those who care about them, as well. Sexual assault is a community problem, not simply the problem of those to whom it happens. As a community we have a responsibility to ask ourselves: "How can we work together to reduce the incidence of sexual violence in our community, and how can we respond to the survivors of this violence in a manner which enables them to heal and regain control over their lives?

"Imagine...a world without sexual assault" means overcoming the tendency to believe that sexual violence is inevitable in our society. "Imagine...a world without sexual assault" means understanding the root causes of sexual assault, including sexism and rape mythology, and taking a personal stand against them.

It is time to take a strong stand in our community against sexual violence and the scars it has left on so many. We encourage you to join us in April in our efforts to reach out to survivors to share their secrets and we encourage every member of our community to become educated about sexual assault and its effects on all of us.

Sincerely,

Gwen Hoggard
Executive Director
Big Spring

Hospital provided excellent care

Editor:

Three weeks ago, I had major surgery to remove a complex ovarian cyst. I chose Dr. Deborah Hajovsky as my surgeon. Dr. Melvin Porter assisted. I also chose to go to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. I was placed on the OB/GYN floor.

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My anesthetist and recovery room nurse checked on me after my surgery. I appreciated this personal touch.

One of the nurses, Lorina Ontiveros, even brought my pillows and eggcrate mattress to me after I got home.

I was very pleased with all the OB/GYN nurses and I feel I have made new friends.

I heartily recommend our hometown doctors, nurses and hospital!

Sincerely,

Phyllis Graumann
Big Spring

Who's really the paranoid?

Editor:

In response to the editorial of Guns and Paranoia. First, the definition of the word paranoia. Paranoia - a tendency on the part of an individual or group toward excessive or irrational suspiciousness and distrustfulness of others. (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary). After reading the Editorial I have come to the conclusion the paranoid people, are the editorial staff of this paper and other anti-gun groups.

Thinking that law-abiding citizens with legally registered concealed guns are suddenly going to be gunning down people at the drop of a hat, is paranoia. If you believe that wanting to carry a gun to defend oneself or family from the criminal element is paranoia; then you must also feel that locking your doors at night, staying out of the "wrong" side of town at night, or not picking up strangers on the highway is also paranoia.

Now, if you believe that there is no crime, no people out to inflict harm on innocent people, or no reason to be suspicious of strangers; then you are not only a fool but perhaps a possible next victim. People should feel free to go out or do things without the "paranoia" of the criminal element.

Look at other states which have the conceal weapon carry laws. There is no wild shoot outs by paranoid gun toting fanatics. Only law abiding gun owners tired of what society has become; and have decided to deal with it. I have seen statistics which shows crime in states with conceal laws have not risen where areas that have strict gun laws have risen. I think that the editorial staff of this paper should leave the gun issue alone and stick to issues they understand.

As for law enforcement testimony on the conceal issue. While there may be many opposing the law there are also many who applaud this effort to protect the innocent people in society. The only guns on the streets that should scare a sane person are the guns already being carried now by the criminals. And finally; cars may be licensed, the driver may be licensed, but; this does not make them good drivers or kill less people in accidents. Besides, owning a gun is not a privilege it is a right guaranteed under the Second Amendment of the Constitution, unlike the owning of a car.

Nathan Grogan
Big Spring

NATION

Spring storms in over central U.S.

A spring storm slammed the central states Monday — dumping snow that was measured in feet, toppling power lines and making a mess for travelers. At least two storm-related fatalities were reported.

By noon Monday, parts of east-central South Dakota had received more than a foot of snow. Scores of school districts called off classes Monday.

Snowplows couldn't keep up.

"We're plowing, but it's drifting in right behind us," said Ted Eggebraaten, highway superintendent in Brookings County, S.D.

Ice and snow caused scattered power outages across Sioux Falls, S.D., a Northern States Power spokesman said.

High winds and sleet knocked down hundreds of power lines across Nebraska, leaving people in Bloomfield and Hartington without electricity for more than four hours, said Wayne Jacobsen, spokesman for Nebraska Public Power District.

In Nebraska, the storm was blamed for two deaths, one of them a 5-year-old boy who was struck by a car when he and his family got out of their stopped car alongside Interstate 80 near Aurora.

A man died in a traffic accident on an icy highway near Wood River, Neb., state troopers said.

By Monday night in Nebraska, there was 7 inches of fresh snow at Mullen and at Valentine.

The spring storm shut down Interstate 70's westbound lanes in Kansas from Colby to the Colorado line. A messy mix of sleet, freezing rain and blowing snow caused numerous fender-benders along I-70. In Goodland, Kan., it was the second time in three weeks that schools were shut by a wintry storm.

Conditions got worse as the day went on: By midafternoon, an additional 37-mile westbound stretch of I-70 was shut down.

The Kansas National Guard opened armories for stranded travelers at Goodland and Colby. About 150 people were expected at the Goodland armory, and about 50 at Colby.

Parts of Goodland reported up to 7 inches of snow by noon Monday, and forecasters said up the 12 inches could fall by Tuesday. Winds gusted to 35 mph.

Ahead of the wintry blast, heavy rain pounded parts of central Kansas with pea- to marble-size hail, the National Weather Service said.

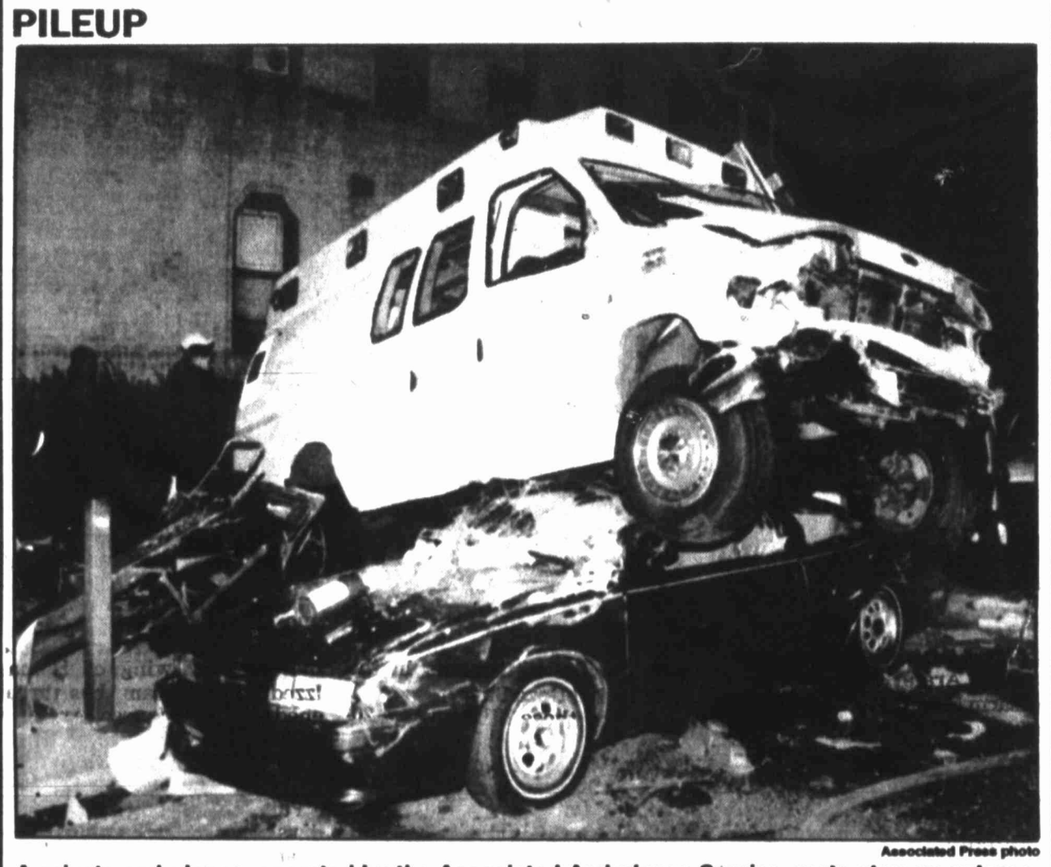
Much of Missouri also got pelted with small hail. Storms prompted flash-flood watches and a 5-year-old boy was struck by lightning. He was hospitalized in good condition with burns.

More freezing rain and light snow was in the forecast for South Dakota overnight.

"I don't like it, but there's nothing we can do about it," William Koepp, 71, said with a chuckle as he cleared snow off of a Sioux Falls sidewalk with a snowblower.

The Associated Press

PILEUP



Associated Press photo

A private ambulance, operated by the Associated Ambulance Service, rests atop an automobile after colliding in New York with several vehicles at the intersection of West Sixth Street and Avenue P in Brooklyn Monday. Several people were reported seriously injured.

Philly's transist strike ends; alternative routes abandoned by citizens

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Car pools thrived, new bicyclists took to the streets and drivers got used to the expressway at rush hour during a 14-day strike that crippled public transit.

Now most of those alternate routes are being abandoned as subways, trolleys, light rails and buses return to full service today in Philadelphia and its suburbs.

Union negotiators reached a tentative agreement Monday on a three-year contract with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, ending a walkout that had inconvenienced 400,000 riders in five counties and idled 5,800 union workers.

"You cannot make any money being on strike," said Clarence Thompson Jr., who has driven a bus for 29 years. "And then it hurt a lot of people in the street, especially the poor people."

Sporadic service resumed Monday afternoon in the nation's fourth-largest public transit system. Louise Jones immediately returned the rental car she had used to get to her job in the suburbs and sat down at a bus stop.

She said she couldn't afford a prolonged walkout. "We're all poor. We all need to get to work."

Others promised to stay off public transit because they resented the union for making their lives difficult during the strike. "I'll find another way," said shoe salesman Darryl Goodwin, who used to take the bus to church. "I'll save my $1.60."

After the first week of the strike, SEPTA predicted it would permanently lose at least 2 percent of its ridership, or $4.5 million a year.

The union's rank-and-file members — drivers, mechanics, track and signal operators and clerical workers — are to vote Friday on the settlement, which was unanimously approved by the executive board of Transport Workers Union Local 234.

The agreement gives members a 3 percent wage increase each year of the contract.

Georgia Demo switches to GOP

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (AP) — The results are in on U.S. Rep. Nathan Deal's 100-day test of the Republican and Democratic parties.

Deal has become the third Democratic congressman to switch parties since Republicans seized control of both chambers in the Nov. 8 election. The others are Sens. Richard Shelby of Alabama and Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado.

Deal was one of the House's most conservative Democrats and often voted with Republicans. He said in an interview Monday that he had spent several frustrating months watching Democratic leaders oppose the GOP's "Contract With America," even though he and other Democrats supported it.

"To me, that indicated that they were very reluctant to making transitions back to the middle that they needed to make," said Deal, a former state senator who was re-elected to a second term in November.

Three months ago, Deal promised to step down if he changed parties in midterm.

Navajo healing ceremony ends in tragedy

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. (AP) — A Navajo healing ceremony turned deadly when carbon monoxide filled a tightly sealed mud-and-wood hut, killing three of six people inside.

The gas was produced by a cedar fire built inside the eight-sided domed hut, called a hogan, said Navajo police Capt. Francis Bradley.

Prayer ceremonies are believed to grant relief to people suffering from illness, uneasiness or job problems by bringing them back into harmony with nature. Fire is part of the ceremony.

The new hogan was virtually airtight, Bradley said.

The ceremony began Thursday night, and the six participants laid down on the hogan's earthen floor to sleep around 4 a.m. Friday. One woman, Edna Scott, left the hut complaining of headaches, then returned two hours later and tried unsuccessfully to wake her husband and the others.

Raymond Scott was released from a hospital Monday. Edna Scott was treated and released. The medicine man who had been conducting the ceremony, Paul Whitney, was in fair condition Monday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix.

Killed were Whitney's wife, Grace, 62; Garnett D. Yazzie, 51; and Christine DeGroate, 62.

Diplomat reports conditions difficult for Americans in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A Polish diplomat today visited the two Americans imprisoned in Iraq for illegally crossing the border and said they were being held in difficult conditions.

"They are well. They're better than before. However, their conditions are difficult," Ryszard Krystosik told reporters after returning to Baghdad. He declined to elaborate.

The two prisoners — David Daliberti, 41, of Jacksonville, Fla., and William Barloon, 39, of New Hampton, Iowa — were sentenced March 25 to eight-year terms for illegally crossing into Iraq March 13.

Krystosik, who looks after U.S. interests here in the absence of direct diplomatic relations between Washington and Baghdad, met with Khaled Jarjees, the pair's Iraqi lawyer, Monday before going to the prison in Baghdad's outskirts.

Neither he nor the attorney would comment on an appeal of the conviction, which is scheduled to be filed some time this week.

Iraq has banned journalists from meeting or calling attorney Jarjees.

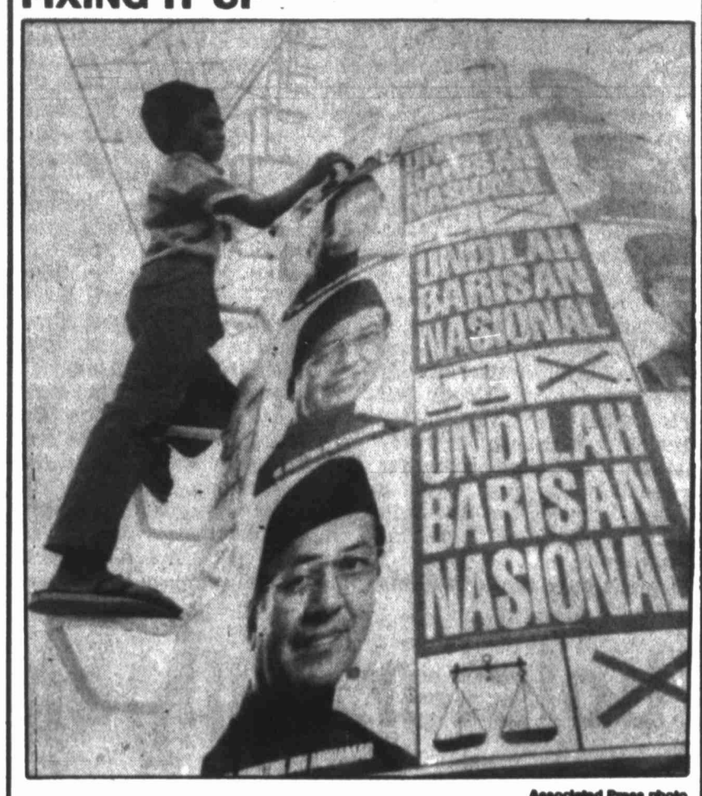
The two Americans also were visited today by CNN correspondent Brent Sadler, who said the men appear to be "more determined," but that Daliberti is increasingly concerned about heart and eye problems. Daliberti was visited by two heart doctors and two eye doctors today, he said.

According to Sadler, the men said they are being held in a small cell that is part of a cellblock with about 200 to 300 prisoners. There are just three holes in the floor for toilet facilities, Sadler said the men told him.

The Information Ministry has banned Baghdad-based reporters and other personnel working for Western news media from attending the court proceedings when the appeal is heard.

Iraqi officials have suggested that the American pair entered with sinister motives tied to U.S. efforts to prolong the oil and trade embargo imposed after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

FIXING IT UP



Associated Press photo

A boy pastes down a torn campaign poster of Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad on a advertising board pole in Kuala Lumpur Tuesday. Malaysia holds general elections on April 25. The posters read: "Vote for National Front Party."

Muslim rebels continue looting villages as military pursues

IPIL, Philippines (AP) — Hundreds of terrified villagers fled their mountain homes today as Muslim gunmen continued robbing and taking hostages in advance of pursuing troops, officials said.

Fighting raged on two fronts for a seventh day as government forces hunted gunmen from the Abu Sayyaf group who killed 53 people in a pillaging raid on the predominantly Christian town of Ipil last Tuesday.

At least 28 Abu Sayyaf gunmen have reportedly been killed since troops began chasing them through the jungles of Mindanao island, about 450 miles south of Manila.

One gunman was killed and two were wounded in a brief jungle firefight this morning, Col. Narciso Abaya, commander of the 102nd army brigade, told reporters.

Abaya said the firefight erupted when 20 Abu Sayyaf militants, hungry and weak after seven days on the run, were scrounging for food when they encountered a unit of government militiamen.

Another clash was reported in the afternoon in nearby Bungco village, but no details were available. Army troops were guided by hostages who escaped Monday, the military said.

The fighting has forced more than 425 residents to flee Candis village near Siocon, a town 30 miles west of Ipil, relief workers said.

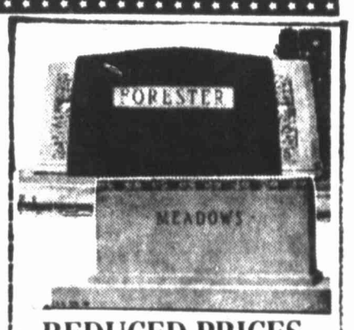
Some 2,700 persons are being housed in public buildings and parish centers in the nearby town of R.T. Lim, said social welfare officer Paquito Bayawa.

Officials said the residents are fleeing their homes for fear of being robbed and used as "human shields" by the gunmen.

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Decision made to disarm Muslim militants

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Broadening a crackdown, Yasser Arafat decided today to disarm Muslim militants. Police stormed a Gaza City home and arrested suspected Islamic militants after a gun battle wounded one officer.

In all, more than 40 suspected militants were rounded up today, bringing the total in the two-day sweep to 150.

"There is a decision to confiscate all illegal arms," Palestinian Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein told The Associated Press.

"I think we are entering a critical stage. People are shooting whenever they wish and this is unacceptable. We will not allow it."

Abu Medein said the decision grew out of a meeting between Arafat and his security chiefs which lasted until dawn.

The United States and Israel have demanded that Arafat disarm the militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which have carried out a series of attacks to derail the Israel-PLO peace process.

Arafat's new military tribunal, meanwhile, convened for its second all-night session and sentenced a senior figure in Islamic Jihad to life in prison "for inciting civil strife," said a Palestinian official.

Arafat ordered the measures after followers of Islamic Jihad and Hamas killed eight people and wounded more than 40 Sunday in suicide bombings outside two Jewish settlements in the PLO-ruled Gaza Strip.

Among those killed was a 20-year-old American student at a Jerusalem seminary, Alisa Flatow of West Orange, N.J. A roommate, Chavi Levine, also from New Jersey, was not seriously injured.

Arafat's military intelligence chief, Brig. Gen. Moussa Arafat, said today that he was the target of an assassination attempt.

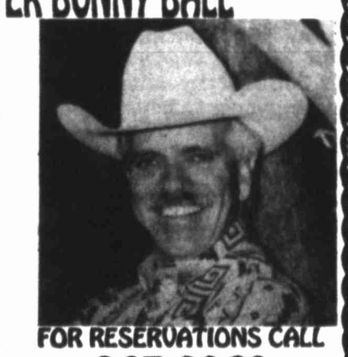
"On Sunday, as I was going back home after the explosion, unidentified gunmen opened fire at my car as I was getting out of the car," he said. He wasn't hurt, but one of his bodyguards was slightly wounded.

In leaflets distributed in Gaza, the military wing of Hamas, Izzedine al-Qassam, has threatened to kill Moussa Arafat if arrests of activists continued. Arafat is not related to the PLO chief.

Palestinian police commanders have said Hamas and Islamic Jihad only have about 150 armed fighters who could easily be disarmed by Arafat's 9,000 troops.

Yasser Arafat told his security chiefs that he had accurate information that the two opposition groups planned more attacks on Israelis. Arafat said he would deal with Hamas and Islamic Jihad with "an iron fist," a Palestinian official said.

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It's official - Sands' star signs with HC



Herald photo by Steve Reagan

Above, seated, is Mandy Hodnett - the Sands High School basketball player who signed Monday to play for Howard College next season. Standing are Hodnett's parents and coaches - from left, Freddie Hodnett, Sands coach Leland Bearden, Sandra Hodnett and Howard coach Terry Gray.

■ Hodnett fitted for Lady Hawk uniform

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

ACKERLY – Sands standout Mandy Hodnett became the newest Howard College Lady Hawk when she signed a letter of intent Monday to play basketball at Howard.

Hodnett had verbally committed to attend Howard in February, but Monday's signing made her commitment binding.

Howard women's coach Terry Gray foresees the 5-foot-5 Hodnett playing the shooting guard position for the Lady Hawks.

"Her ability to score from the perimeter is certainly one of her strengths, and an area we needed help on on next year's team," Gray said. "Mandy will be a good addition to the team."

During the just-completed season, Hodnett led the Lady Mustangs to a 28-5 record and regional semifinalist finish. She averaged more than 20 points a game, led the team in assists and steals and was second on the squad in rebounds.

She was the most valuable player of District 14-1A, a first-team selection on the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association all-state team, third-team Texas Association of Basketball Coaches all-state selection and a Texas Girls Coaches Association all-star alternate. In addition, she was named Most Valuable Player on the Herald's Crossroads Country Honor Roll girls' team.

Hodnett, who played every position at one time or another for the Lady Mustangs, sounded almost relieved that she will play a diminished role for Howard next year.

"I won't have to do anything but shoot," she joked. "I won't have the pressure of playing point guard ... I feel much better (having signed). I'm excited about the whole thing."

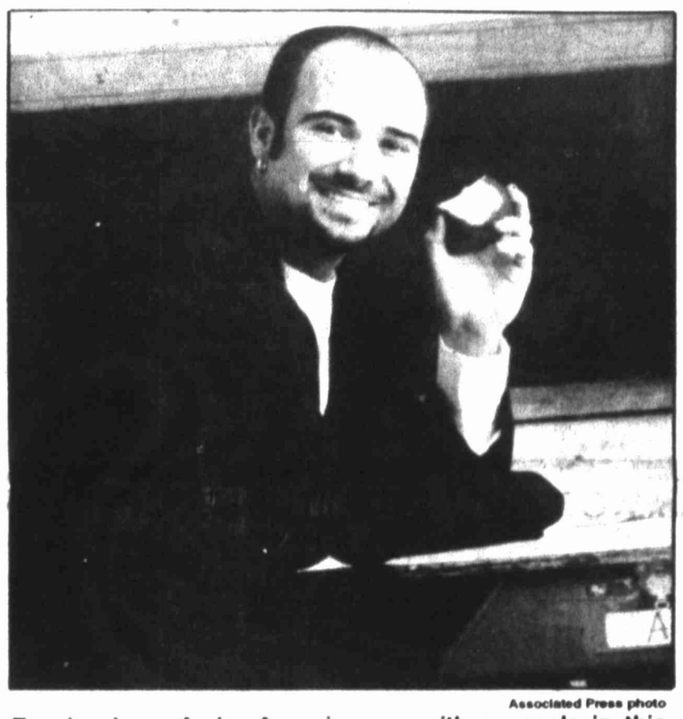
Her high school coach, Leland Bearden, believes Hodnett won't have much trouble adjusting to college basketball.

"She'll adjust very easy," Bearden said. "She's played every position on the floor, so wherever (Gray) sticks her, she's been there."

Her biggest adjustment, Gray said, will be defense.

"Coach Bearden did a good job with her on defense this year," Gray said. "But I think the major area Mandy and the rest of our freshmen will need the most work on is in defense. Once she learns what we want on the defensive end of the floor, she'll become a complete player at the college level."

Agassi reaches No. 1



Associated Press photo

Tennis player Andre Agassi poses with an apple in this recent undated photo appearing in May's Esquire Magazine. Agassi just passed Pete Sampras to become the No. 1 player in the world.

Andre Agassi's push to the top began last July at the Canadian Open when he was stuck at No. 20, an imposing 4,061 points behind leader Pete Sampas.

In those days, Agassi was viewed as a tennis novelty, a ponytailed showman who had only occasionally delivered on his promise. It was an image that was about to change drastically.

Agassi won that tournament, touching off a sensational stretch during which he won six more events in the next eight months, including two Grand Slams — the U.S. Open and Australian Open.

On Monday, his ponytail long gone, Agassi got the payoff, moving past Sampras to claim the No. 1 ranking on the ATP computer for the first time in his career. He becomes just the 12th player in the 22-year history of men's computer rankings to hold No. 1 and ends Sampras' 82-week grip on the top spot. Sampras held it for 101 of the last 104 weeks, his string interrupted only by Jim Courier for three weeks from Aug. 23-Sept. 13, 1993..

During his march to the top, Agassi, 24, had a 55-6 match record, including 26-2 this season. He piled up points against the best players in tennis, going 17-3 against opponents in the Top 10 since winning the Canadian.

Over the same period, Sampras, 23, went 34-9 with three titles and two second-place finishes. He won the year-end World Championship in Frankfurt, beating Agassi in the semifinals, and finished the year with a Tour-high 10 titles.

The lead is a mere 187 points as the rivals go to work this week in separate tournaments — Agassi in Tokyo and Sampras in Spain. Both were well aware of the change at the top and its significance.

"It's important for me to be the best that I can and I believe that is No. 1," Agassi said after his victory over Sampras in the finals of the Lipton Championships positioned him to take over the top spot.

"Taking over No. 1 won't have the impact that it is going to have a few years from now when I look back and know that I have maintained it."

The Lipton final was the 15th meeting between the two Americans and left Sampras with an 8-7 lead. Earlier this year, Sampras won at Indian Wells but Agassi prevailed in the Australian.

Their rivalry could be the spark tennis has been seeking. Certainly, Sampras thinks so. "It is a great high, two heavyweights going at it," he said of his confrontations with Agassi. "It is something that is great for the game."

Agassi agrees. "The intensity against Pete is above and beyond anything I can feel with anybody at this time," he said. "This is a great stage for tennis."

The two are entered in seven events over the rest of this year, including the three remaining Grand Slams.

Sampras sees his rivalry with Agassi in NBA terms. "I would be the more conservative Larry Bird and he is the more flamboyant Magic Johnson," he said.

To which Agassi might point out, the conservative Bird won three NBA titles and the flamboyant Johnson won five.

By the Associated Press

Rangers bolster bullpen

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers addressed their bullpen problems on Monday by signing reliever Roger McDowell to a $500,000, one-year contract.

The 34-year-old righthander, who made $1.25 million with the Dodgers last season, has been a closer in the past but likely will be one of several relievers relied on by manager Johnny Oates.

"We're just looking for depth," Oates said. "We're not going to have just one closer. We'll just see how he throws the ball. But he's a guy with veteran experience who you can fill comfortable giving the ball to."

Tom Henke was the closer last year, but he's gone to St. Louis. Lefthander Darren Oliver is being groomed to eventually take his place, although he, Matt Whiteside and McDowell will likely share the job this season.

McDowell, who can earn another $100,000 in performance bonuses, was 0-3 with a 5.23 ERA in 32 games with the Los Angeles Dodgers last year.



McDOWELL

Although McDowell is considered a sinker-slider pitcher, he got away from throwing his slider last season, apparently at the Dodgers' request.

"Our scouts said the stuff was still there," Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said. "He should have been better than he was with the Dodgers."

McDowell has a 62-65 record with a 3.17 ERA and 151 saves in 618 games with the New York Mets (1985-89), Philadelphia Phillies (1989-91) and Dodgers (1991-94).

In 905 2/3 innings, McDowell has allowed 38 home runs — an average of 0.38 per nine innings, the best ratio among active pitchers.

The move means the Rangers are unlikely to pursue another free-agent starting pitcher, Melvin said. They signed Bob Tewksbury on Saturday to go with Kenny Rogers, Kevin Gross and Roger Pavlik, but the fifth starter likely will come from within the organization.

The Rangers made the offer to McDowell after deciding they couldn't wait any longer for left-hander starter Zane Smith, whom they wanted as their fifth starter.

McDowell will be in camp Tuesday, and that apparently was a sticking point in negotiations with Smith.

Free agents signing for smaller salaries

The careers of Teddy Higuera, Danny Darwin, Paul Assenmacher, Roger McDowell and Rob Murphy will continue. The big bucks, however, will not.

Those pitchers, plus Chris Sabo, became the latest players to take big pay cuts Monday as free agents again paid the price for finding jobs.

Sabo, 33, signed a 1-year contract for $550,000 after making $2 million last season with Baltimore. He had been working out in Homestead, Fla., at a special spring training camp.

Sabo hit .256 with 11 home runs and 42 RBIs for the Orioles. The White Sox, who lost Julio Franco to Japan, got Sabo to be a designated hitter.

Darwin, 39, signed a 1-year contract with the Toronto Blue Jays for $300,000. He made $2.4 million last season while going 7-5 with a 6.30 ERA for Boston.

Higuera, 36, agreed to a minor league contract with the San Diego Padres that would pay him $275,000 if he makes the major league team. He was paid $3.25 million last year in going 1-5 with a 7.06 ERA for Milwaukee.

Assenmacher, 34, signed with Cleveland. He got one year at $700,000 after making $2.25 million while going 2-1 with one save and a 3.55 ERA for the White Sox.

Murphy, 34, signed a minor league deal with Los Angeles for $250,000. He made $950,000 last year with the New York Yankees.

Mike Perez, who had 12 saves for St. Louis last year, signed with the Chicago Cubs, and Mike Maddux joined Pittsburgh after pitching last season for the New York Mets.

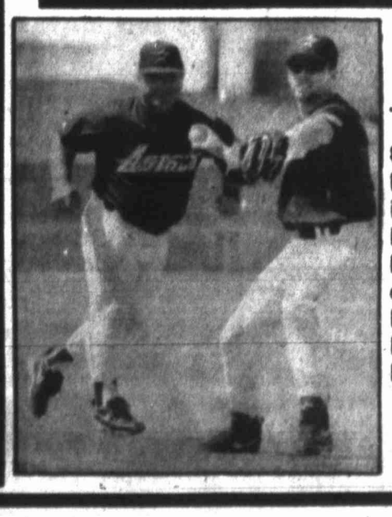


Associated Press photo

Florida Marlin manager Rene Lachemann dresses as an umpire during an intrasquad game Monday in Melbourne, Fla. The major-league exhibition season starts Thursday. Opening Day is April 25.

BOTTOM of the ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY



The belated sights of spring
Houston Astro infielder Jeff Bagwell works on his fielding while coach Matt Galante, left, runs the bases Monday in Kissimmee, Fla.

TEXAS SPORTS

Rocket stars still suffering

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon and Vernon Maxwell continue to suffer the effects of the iron-deficiency anemia that has sidelined them since March 28, and their status is day-to-day.

It was uncertain whether they would join the Rockets for tonight's home game against the Dallas Mavericks, team Dr. James Muntz said. Both practiced on Monday. Blood tests that were returned late Monday afternoon indicated that neither Olajuwon or Maxwell has recovered. Olajuwon also has been suffering from primary hypothyroidism.

"Any athlete that plays at this level of competition would still feel adverse affects from the anemia at this state and would not have the endurance and stamina that Vernon and Hakeem both usually are recognized for," Muntz said.

NATION/WORLD

Former Twins star dies

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Bob Allison, a 1959 Rookie of the Year who became one of the early stars of the Minnesota Twins, died Sunday. He was 60. Doctors believe Allison may have died from aspiration in the lungs related to ataxia, a neurodegenerative disorder, or from a massive heart attack.

Piston coaches will be fired

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Detroit Pistons coach Don Chaney and assistants K.C. Jones and Brendan Malone will be fired after this season, the Detroit Free Press reported.

The newspaper, citing unidentified sources, said the Pistons also will not renew the contract of Billy McKinney, vice president of basketball operations.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

NBA
Phoenix at Seattle, 8 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).

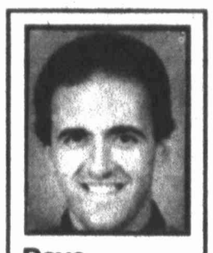
Golf

International Match Play Championships, 7:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

Yachting

America's Cup, 3 p.m., ESPN.

You're not impressed? Try wrestling a steer



Dave Hargrave
Sports Editor

It's funny Herald sportswriter Steve Reagan would write a column Friday about his admiration for track and field athletes.

The same day I was thinking the same thing.

About the rodeo.

Did you see any of the Howard College Rodeo this weekend? Those athletes ride bulls, rope calves, flip steers and race around barrels like they've been doing it their entire life.

They have. Meanwhile, I don't know how to wear a cowboy hat.

That's where my admiration comes in - seeing something I not only can't do, but can't imagine how one could do it or what it would feel like to get it done. Did that make sense? Maybe not, and that's the beauty of it. When listening for the scores in the rough-stock events, I guess them before they're announced and sometimes come close - after a little practice. How are they scored?

You tell me. My job at the rodeo is to report the scores; it would take me plenty more rodeos before I could explain them.

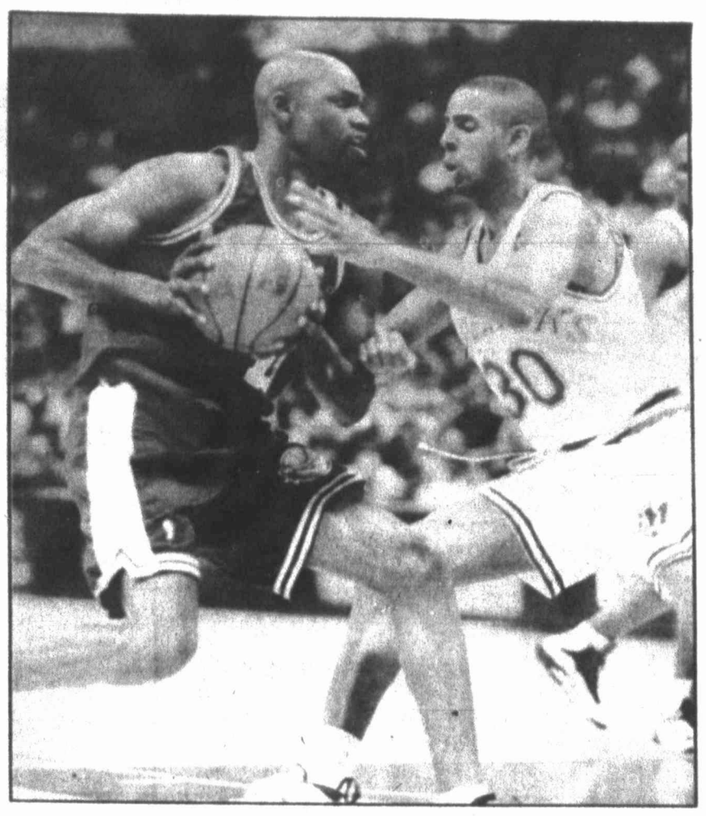
Rodeo never will be my favorite sport, because I'm a baseball man (that *strikes* you as scary, eh?).

At a baseball game, my mind is working always - playing like I'm the manager and soaking in every detail I can find. Telling my friends about what to watch for, which pinch-hitter will be used and which players are the best might make me a bore, but it adds to the experience.

At a rodeo there's little to analyze, no strategy to plan. You just sit back and enjoy, leaving strenuous mind games for those in the arena. I don't risk annoying people saying, "Well, he should have done this." How would I know?

With that in mind, maybe it's best for me the Rodeo Bowl isn't used much more than three weekends a year - the pro rodeo, the college rodeo and the youth rodeo. If I saw it more often than that, I might start trying to understand it.

That would take all the fun out of it!



Associated Press photo
Golden State Warrior Latrell Sprewell (15) runs into Dallas Mav Lucious Harris (30) Monday. The Warriors won 123-112.

Warriors dent Dallas playoff hopes

DALLAS (AP) — Latrell Sprewell scored 30 points and Chris Mullin added 26, half of them in the third quarter, as the Golden State Warriors hurt the Dallas Mavericks' playoff chances with a 123-112 decision Monday night.

Dallas fell 2 1/2 games behind the Denver Nuggets in the race for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot. Denver took sole possession of eighth place with a 114-107 victory over Minnesota.

Jamal Mashburn had 29 points and Popeye Jones added 21 to pace the Mavericks, who won eight of their previous 11 and five of their last six at home to move into playoff contention. Dallas' Lorenzo Williams contributed 14 points and a career-high 19 re bounds.

Which is it? Los Angeles Rams, or St. Louis Rams

The Rams and the NFL owners are at it again.

A month after the league voted down the Rams' move from Anaheim to St. Louis, owners are set to revisit the topic tonight and Wednesday in Dallas. Whether there will be another vote, or any action at all, is unclear.

Los Angeles attorney Maxwell Blecher, who would represent the Rams if they end up taking the matter to court, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch there had been significant progress in negotiations.

"I think we're getting there," Blecher said. "I think you're going to get a football team on Wednesday, that's what I think. The talks are getting hot and heavy."

Others weren't so optimistic.

"I wouldn't hazard a guess," Rams spokesman Rick Smith said. "Honest to goodness, I don't know what to expect."

The NFL certainly didn't shed any light on the situation.

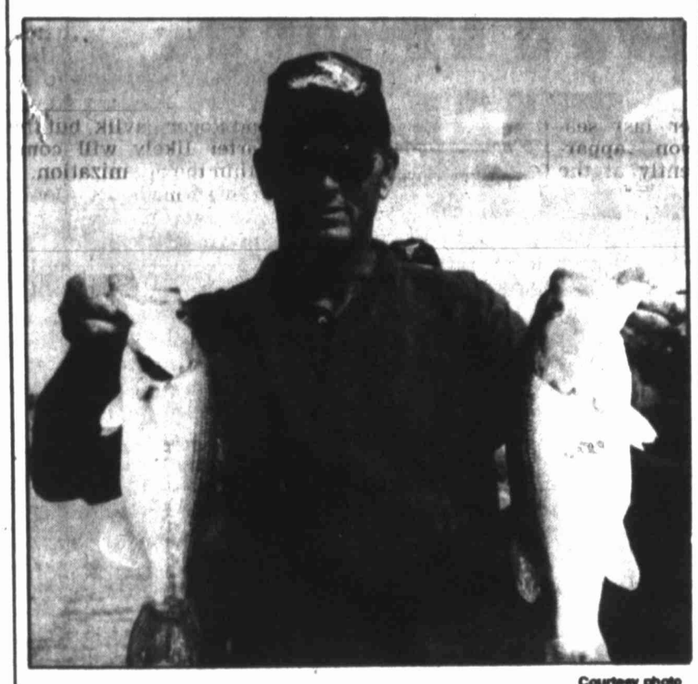
"Nothing has changed from our previous statement that we have a long way to go," league spokesman Greg Aiello said. "I don't want to guess on what may happen. We do not know at this point whether there will be a resolution this week."

It's believed that Rams president John Shaw has increased his offer from $25.5 million to $40 million, with more than half up front and the remainder to be paid over 10 years. It's also believed the NFL has come down from its initial demand of $70 million.

The Rams' initial offer made at the owners' meetings in Phoenix gave the league a one-third share of the proceeds from $74 million in personal seat license money raised in St. Louis.

After the no vote, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the Rams also were being asked to compensate the league for potential TV money lost in a rebate to the Fox network for leaving the nation's No. 2 market for the 18th. They also are being asked to contribute to a fund to build a new stadium in southern California.

WELL DONE!



Courtesy photo
Johnny Mills shows off his prize catch at the Big Spring Bass Club's April points tournament at Lake Fort Phantom Hill. Mills hauled in a 6.87-pound stringer to take first-place honors.

Graf returns to No. 1 spot

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Steffi Graf regained the No. 1 spot in the WTA Tour rankings, ending Arantxa Sanchez Vicario's six-week hold on the position.

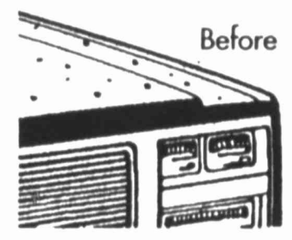
Graf had 298.8213 points in Monday's computer listing, to 296.7202 for Spain's Sanchez Vicario.

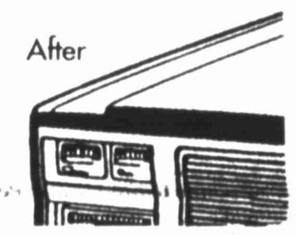
The German star lost the top position Feb. 6 after she missed the Australian Open because of a thigh injury, and then regained it for a week on Feb. 20.

Mary Pierce is third with 235.3692 points, followed by Conchita Martinez with 203.7555 and Jana Novotna with 174.9729.

Graf, who is to play Wednesday in the Women's Tennis Championships, has won three tournaments this year — the Open Gaz de France in Paris, the Winter Championships in Delray Beach, Fla., and the Lipton Championships in Key Biscayne, Fla.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Goliad ends track season undefeated

ANDREWS – The Goliad Middle School boys' track team ended its season undefeated with the team title at last weekend's Andrews track meet.

Goliad first-place finishers were: Tim Arview in the shot put and discus; Robert Evans in the long jump and high jump; Jimmy Hawkins in the 100 and 200-meter runs; Orlando Ladesma in the 1,600; Rolando Ladesma in the 800; Chris Jackson in the 300 hurdles; and the 1,600 relay team of Jackson, Evans, Rolando Ladesma and Arthur Gonzales, who set a school record of 3:57.

Runnels girls second in track season finale

ANDREWS – The Runnels Junior High School girls' track team came oh-so-close to winning their season finale, barely losing to Lamesa at the Andrews junior high track meet last weekend.

Going into the final event, the 1,600 relay, the two schools were tied for firste. Lamesa won the event and took the team title over Runnels, which finished second in the relay.

First-place finishers for Runnels were: Jaclyn Owusu in the long jump and 200; Zelma Evans in the 300 hurdles; Sunny Scarbrough in the shot put; the 400 relay team of Owusu, Evans, Leslie McLellan and Susan Poston; and the 800 relay team of Owusu, Stephanie Wright, Shawnte Terry and Juanita Valdez.

Big Spring JV falls to Andrews

Andrews defeated the Big Spring JV baseball team 12-7 Monday at Steer Park.

Luis Lopez (1-3) was the losing pitcher. Richie Neefe was the big bat for the Steers (2-7) - he was 2 for 3 with four RBIs.

The Steers play their final games April 22 in a doubleheader at Greenwood.

Softball tournament comes to Stanton

A men's softball tournament will be played in Stanton April 21-22. There is a $100 entry fee per team. For more information, call Freddy Hernandez at 756-2326.

YMCA offers volleyball clinic

The Big Spring Family YMCA invites students to participate in a volleyball clinic.

The clinic will be May 13 - 9 a.m. - noon for grades 6-8; noon - 3 p.m. for high school students. The clinic will emphasize serving, service reception, spiking, setting and blocking.

For more information, call the Y at 267-8234.

Bass tournament offers cash prizes

Colorado City is hosting the Fisherman Appreciation Black Bass Open Tournament, where a guaranteed $2,000 first-place award is up for grabs.

The tournament is April 22. Prizes range from $2,000 for the champion to $35 for 20th place (based on 150 entries).

A free barbecue with all the trimmings will be 6-9 p.m. at the tournament headquarters. The tournament will be at Lake Champion and/or Lake Colorado City.

For more information, call 1-728-8436.

SPORTSEXTRA

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

National Basketball Association
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Orlando	54	21	.720	—
x-New York	49	25	.662	4 1/2
Boston	32	44	.421	22 1/2
Miami	29	46	.387	25
New Jersey	28	47	.373	26
Philadelphia	21	54	.280	33
Washington	18	57	.240	36
Central Division				
x-Indiana	49	27	.645	—
x-Charlotte	46	29	.613	2 1/2
x-Chicago	41	34	.547	7 1/2
x-Cleveland	40	35	.533	8 1/2
Atlanta	37	38	.493	11 1/2
Milwaukee	30	45	.400	18 1/2
Detroit	27	47	.365	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-San Antonio	**56**	**18**	**.757**	**—**
x-Utah	53	22	.707	3 1/2
x-Houston	**44**	**31**	**.587**	**12 1/2**
Denver	36	39	.480	20 1/2
Dallas	**33**	**41**	**.446**	**23**
Minnesota	20	55	.267	36 1/2
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	53	21	.716	—
x-Phoenix	53	22	.707	1/2
x-L.A. Lakers	47	28	.627	6 1/2
Portland	39	35	.527	14
Sacramento	35	39	.473	18
Golden State	24	51	.320	29 1/2
L.A. Clippers	16	59	.213	37 1/2

x-clinched playoff berth

Monday's Games
Charlotte 119, Boston 95
Denver 114, Minnesota 107
Golden State 123, Dallas 112

Tuesday's Games
Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
New Jersey at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL Standings

National Hockey League
All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	20	13	4	44	121	106
New Jersey	17	14	7	41	106	98
Washington	16	13	7	39	95	87
N.Y. Rangers	15	19	3	33	98	99
Florida	14	17	5	33	88	98
Tampa Bay	14	20	3	31	93	105
N.Y. Islanders	11	20	5	27	91	119
Northeast Division						
Quebec	25	9	4	54	155	109
Pittsburgh	24	11	2	50	145	122
Boston	19	14	3	41	110	89
Buffalo	16	14	6	38	100	89
Hartford	15	17	5	35	100	107
Montreal	15	17	5	35	97	120
Ottawa	4	27	5	13	79	132

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Detroit	26	7	3	55	138	81
St. Louis	21	11	3	45	130	95
Chicago	19	14	3	41	126	91
Toronto	16	15	7	39	107	113
Dallas	**14**	**17**	**6**	**34**	**106**	**96**
Winnipeg	11	19	6	28	113	136
Pacific Division						
Calgary	19	14	5	43	131	109
Vancouver	13	14	9	35	113	115
Los Angeles	13	17	7	33	124	144
San Jose	14	20	2	30	98	130
Anaheim	12	20	4	28	94	129
Edmonton	12	22	3	27	99	140

x-clinched playoff berth

Monday's Games
Pittsburgh 4, Ottawa 3
Montreal 2, New Jersey 1
Calgary 8, San Jose 3

Tuesday's Games
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Ottawa at Hartford, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Quebec at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

Texas League

Texas League
First Half
Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas (Cards)	4	0	1.000	—
Shreveport (Giants)	2	2	.500	2
Tulsa (Rangers)	2	2	.500	2
Jackson (Astros)	0	4	.000	4
Western Division				
El Paso(Brewers)	3	1	.750	—
S. Antonio(Dodgers)	3	2	.600	1/2
Midland (Angels)	**2**	**3**	**.4001**	**1/2**
Wichita (Royals)	1	3	.250	2

Monday's Games
Midland 5, San Antonio 3
El Paso at Wichita, ppd., rain
Jackson at Arkansas, ppd., rain
Shreveport at Tulsa, ppd., rain

Tuesday's Games
San Antonio at El Paso
Midland at Wichita
Jackson at Shreveport
Tulsa at Arkansas

Wednesday's Games
San Antonio at El Paso
Midland at Wichita
Jackson at Shreveport
Tulsa at Arkansas

TENNIS

Women's Tennis Championships

HOUSTON (AP) — Results Monday of the Houston Women's Tennis Championships at the Westside Tennis Club (seedings in parentheses):

Singles
Qualifying Matches
Maria Strandlund, Sweden, def. Meilen Tu, Porter Ranch, Calif., 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.
Nino Louarsabishvili, Republic of Georgia, def. Marlene Weingartner, Germany, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Virginia Ruano-Pascual, Spain, def. Renee Simpson, Canada, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.
Erika DeLone, Lincoln, Mass., def. Wiltrud Probst, Germany, 6-0, 6-4.
First Round
Joannette Kruger, South Africa, def. Shaun Stafford, Gainesville, Fla., 6-3, 6-2.
Tami Whitlinger Jones, Neenah, Wis., def. Natarzyna Nowak, Poland, 7-5, 6-3.
Asa Carlsson, Sweden, def. Bettina Fulco-Villella, Argentina, 6-1, 6-3.
Ann Grossman (6), Grove City, Ohio, leading Alexandra Fusai, France, 6-2, 4-5 when play stopped by rain.

Doubles
First Round
Erika DeLone, Lincoln, Mass., and Nicole Pratt, Australia, def. Wiltrud Probst, Germany, and Renee Simpson, Canada, 6-3, 6-4.

TRANSACTIONS

Monday

BASEBALL
American League
CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Agreed to terms with J.T. Snow, first baseman, Kevin Flora, outfielder, and Mike James, pitcher, on one-year contracts.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with Chris Sabo, third baseman, on a one-year contract.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with Paul Assenmacher, pitcher, on a one-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with Jose Alberro, Ritchie Moody, Roger McDowell and Francisco Saneaux, pitchers, and Guillermo Mercedes, shortstop, on one-year contracts.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with Danny Darwin, Jose Silva and Paul Spoljaric, pitchers, and Lonell Roberts, outfielder, on one-year contracts.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with Mike Perez, pitcher, on a minor-league contract and invited him to spring training as a non-roster player.
CINCINNATI REDS—Obtained Marcus Moore, pitcher, from the Colorado Rockies for Chris Sexton, infielder.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with Juan Acevedo, Garvin Alston, Ivan Arteaga, Roger Bailey, John Burke, Ryan Hawblitzel, Curtis Leskanic, Mark Thompson and Mark Voisard, pitchers; Pedro Castellano, Vinny Castilla, Craig Counsell and Tom Schmidt, infielders; and Quinton McCracken, outfielder, on one-year contracts.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with Rob Murphy, pitcher, on a minor-league contract.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with Ricky Otero, outfielder, to a one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with Tyler Green and Andy Carter, pitchers, and Rob Butler, outfielder, on one-year contracts.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with Mike Maddux, pitcher, on a minor-league contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with Ted Higuera, pitcher, on a minor-league contract and invited him to spring training as a non-roster player. Agreed to terms with Jeff Tabaka and Tim Worrell, pitchers; Roberto Petagine, infielder, and Brian Johnson, catcher, on one-year contracts.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed Charles Jordan, wide receiver.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Named Frank Warren trainee in football operations.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed Charles Wilson, wide receiver, to a two-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
EDMONTON OILERS—Recalled Tyler Wright, Peter White, Ralph Intranuovo and Dennis Bonvie, forwards; Nick Stajduhar and Greg DeVries, defensemen, and Joaquin Gage and Steve Passmore, goaltenders, from Cape Breton of the AHL. Loaned Iain Fraser, forward, to Denver of the IHL. Reassigned Marc Laforge, defenseman, to Syracuse of the AHL. Announced that Miroslav Satan, forward, has left Cape Breton to play for the Slovak National Team, and that Zdeno Ciger, forward, will rejoin Edmonton after playing for Slovak in the World B championships.
HARTFORD WHALERS—Recalled Jason McBain and Jim Storm, left wings; Michael Stewart and Marek Malik, defensemen; and Manny Legace, goaltender, from Springfield of the AHL. Announced that Robert Petrovicky, center, will play for the Slovak National Team in the World B championships.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Sent Joby Messier, defenseman, and Darren Langdon, left wing, to Binghamton of the AHL.
QUEBEC NORDIQUES—Sent Rene Corbet, left wing, to Cornwall of the AHL.

BOWLING

Local Leagues

MEN'S CAPROCK
RESULTS - Chili Peppers over The Banana Bunch, 8-0; K-Bam over No Fear, 8-0; Burgess Automative over Tough As Nails, 8-0; Just Piddlin over Fred's Construction, 6-2; Albert's Upholstery over Strike Four, 8-0; Budweiser over Twilight Zone, 5-3; hi sc. game Jim Nipp, 284; hi sc. series Jeff Dukett, 665; hi hdcp game Jim Nipp, 293; hi hdcp series Bill Gossett, 694; hi sc. team game and series Burgess Automotive, 831 and 2411; hi hdcp team game and series K-Bam, 890 and 2586.

STANDINGS - Budweiser, 75-21; Burgess Automotive, 66-30; K-Bam, 60-36; Just Piddlin, 59-37; Chili Peppers, 53-43; No Fear, 48-48; Tough As Nails, 46-50; Fred's Construction, 44-52; Twilight Zone, 41-55; The Banana Bunch, 32-64; Strike Four, 30-66; Albert's Upholstery, 22-74.

PINPOPPERS
RESULTS - Health Food Center over Steve Smith Agency, 6-2; Yates Cattle Co. over Petty Farms, 6-2; D & S Installations over Tret-O-Lite, 6-2; Kuykendall Inc. over A & B Farms, 6-2; Calverts Liquor over Casual Shoppe, 6-2; hi sc. game Millie Weems, 218; hi sc. series Betty Gibson, 516; hi sc. team game and series Yates Cattle Co., 681 and 1846; hi hdcp game Millie Weems, 265; hi hdcp series Jack Glaze, 658; hi hdcp team game and series Yates Cattle Co. 876 and 2431.

STANDINGS - Tret-O-Lite, 168-80; Health Food Center, 138-110; Kuykendall Inc., 136-112; Petty Farms, 127-121; Casual Shoppe, 116-142; Yates Cattle Co., 116-132; Steve Smith Agency, 114-134; A & B Farms, 114-134; Calverts Liquor, 113-135; D & S Installation, 96-152.

VA COUPLES
RESULTS - TeLam 3 over Team 11, 5-3; Team 10 over Team 2, 8-0; Team 6 over Team 8, 8-0; Team 7 over Team 5, 6-2; Team 4 tied Team 12, 4-4; Team 9 over Team 1, 6-2; hi sc. team game and series Team 6, 737 and 2088; hi sc. game (men) Manuel Gutierrez, 225; hi sc. series (men) B.J. Watkins,656; hi sc. game and series (women) Karen Albano, 211 and 527; hi hdcp team game and series Team 6, 898 and 2571; hi hdcp game and series (men) B.J. Watkins, 255 and 746; hi hdcp game (women) Denise Richard, 250; hi hdcp series (women) Lana Burton, 635.

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Trouble's on rehearsal dinner menu

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Alice," is being married in six weeks. Four family members are coming from out of town to attend and will be staying with me. They are my parents and two of my closest sisters.



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

The groom's parents, "Mildred" and "Alfred," are hosting the rehearsal dinner. Alice advised Mildred that her grandparents and aunts would be coming to the dinner. Mildred said "No." I then offered to pay for their dinners, but she still refused. Alice and her fiance tried to reason with Mildred, explaining that they could not tell the relatives they were uninvited, but she still said "NO!"

I see no logical reason for this decision, but there has been a continuous struggle with Mildred from the start. I have read a few etiquette books, and they all say that out-of-town guests should be invited.

My husband and I are extremely upset, to say the least. My first reaction was to tell Alice that either we would bow out of the dinner, or we'd make our own reservations, invite my family and be responsible for our own expenses. Our daughter became very upset and begged us not to make a scene. She wants us to just attend and say nothing.

How should this be handled, Abby? I don't want to hurt my daughter, my future son-in-law or my family. --FRUSTRATED BRIDE'S MOTHER

DEAR BRIDE'S MOTHER: In the interest of family harmony, abide by your daughter's wishes and attend the rehearsal dinner. If you refuse, you will only increase the tension and unhappiness, which is no way for the young couple to start a marriage.

So that the grandparents and your sisters won't feel left out, consider having a dinner party for them and the happy couple on the evening before the rehearsal dinner (or a luncheon for them on the day of the rehearsal). This will give them some special time with the bride and groom, and give everyone a chance to catch up on family news.

And that evening, you might ask a close friend to invite them over (or out) since you will not be available to entertain them. They may have a better time that night than you!

DEAR ABBY: I am expecting my second child in two months, and I'd like to know why people feel free to ask a pregnant woman personal questions. The most common: "Was this baby planned?" If I say "No," they feel bad that I will be saddled with an unwanted child.

If I say "Yes," I am asked follow-up questions, such as, "How long did you have to try?" Or, "Why did you pick this time of year?" Another nosy question: "Are you planning to breast-feed?"

Abby, why would anyone care whether I'm going to breast-feed or not? How should I respond to such questions? -- SICK OF STUPID QUESTIONS, NASHUA, N.H.

DEAR SICK: First, you are not obligated to respond to a jackass just because it brays. Use a one-size-fits-all noncommittal response:

1. "Why do you want to know?"

2. "That's a very personal question; if you'll forgive me for not answering, I'll forgive you for asking."

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1995

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You have plenty of reason to grumble. However, your attempts to find new information and better solutions will work. Fatigue and depression are big issues. Focus on one item at a time, and call it an early day if necessary. Recognize your limits right now. Tonight: Do for yourself.**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A friendship may be pressured now. You are not sure what you want to do or what your choices are concerning a situation. Stay on top of a problem. A family member has an unusual solution worth hearing. Let yourself be amused. Tonight: Take in a friend's advice.**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be careful about a touchy work-related situation. Focus is on being centered, making strong choices and getting ahead. Do not push another away. You might have trouble balancing the demands of your personal life and work. Tonight: Listen to your instincts.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Communications run amok. Your strong suit is your energy. Be willing to put out the extra oomph you need to succeed. Today is a good day to buy a gift, card or token of affection for a friend. News is changeable; what you think is OK may not be. Tonight: Go home early.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Curb spending. You must stick to your budget. There are some things you cannot continue doing. Limit your costs, and focus on what's important. Priorities call. Reevaluate a situation. An upbeat attitude goes far. Tonight: Don't let a partner rain on your parade.**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It will take all you have to maintain your cool. Instinctive action around a boss works for you. Your career is highlighted, but partners and loved ones may be cantankerous. Understand your limits; discuss what you can and cannot do. Tonight: Do you own thing happily.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The good news is that there are better days ahead. You will do well because you handle matters well and because you are open to suggestions. You will want to focus on potential change. Listen carefully to what another offers. Follow your instincts. Tonight: Cocoon.*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on achieving success and getting what you want. A child or loved one throws jealous tantrums because of your involvement with others. Your strong sense of enterprise pays off. Your high vitality at works makes a big difference to a boss. Tonight: Join friends.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Curb a tendency to be overly pushy, especially with a boss or someone in the know. News from a distance is exciting. Detach, gain further information and investigate to find a solution to a problem. There are answers, and you will find them. Tonight: Off to the movies.**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be creative in your approach to problem solving. After discussion, a partner appreciates your vulnerability and surprises you with unusual solutions. The more open you are to change, the better the results will be. Tonight: Spend time with a favorite person.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A partner is truly there for you. Listen to this person's advice. Understand another's sense of right and wrong. Communications flow because of your ability to resolve a problem. Focus on long-term objectives and you will succeed. Tonight: Say thank you to a partner.**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be easygoing with others. You might be more critical than you think. Lighten up about your potential. Discuss problems; be open to possibilities. Fatigue could be an issue. Bosses eye you favorably. Go where the grass is green. Tonight: Say yes to a difficult playmate.***

IF APRIL 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your emphasis will be on work this year, yet your strong suit will be communications.

THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

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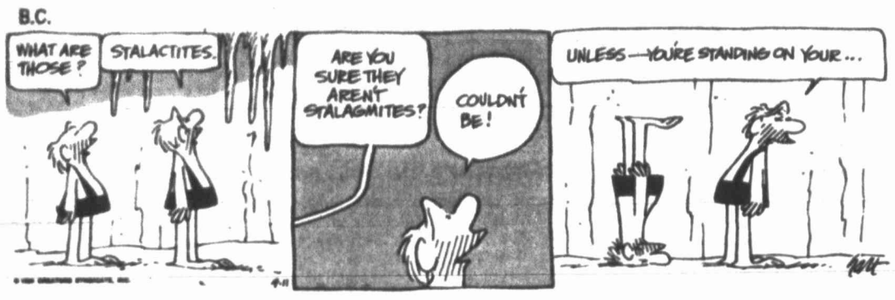
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6	:PM :30	News Wh. Fortune	Full House Simpsons	C. Sandiego Science Guy	Waltons (612850)	News (5324) Ent. Tonight	News Wh. Fortune	News (9782) Coach	Who's Boss? Major League	Agujetas Rosa	Pound Puppies-Big	American Sky News	(:05) Movie: Poltergeist	August (39541904)	(CC) (174140)	Prime Time Praise	Rockford Files	Beyond 2000 Next Step	In the Heat of the Night	NBA Action Press Box	Sportscenter Up Close	Unguarded Moment	Happen. Now Sanford
7	:PM :30	Full House Thunder Alley	Movie: Hero (CC) (11985)	Nova (CC) (44053)	Jesus of Nazareth	Under One Roof	Full House Thunder Alley	Wings Newsradio	Baseball: San Diego	Maria Jose (58625)	Paw Haggadah	Cowboy Jubilee	(64755508)	What's Love Got to Do	Naked Gun 33 1/3: The	(627121) BJ Robinson	Biography (184492)	Terra X Treasure	In the Heat of the Night	Sportstalk Boxing:	Special Golf: World	(:05) Movie: Suddenly	Roc Comicview
8	:PM :30	Home Improvement		Frontline (CC) (64817)	(CC) (973508)	Movie: Murder of	Home Improvement	Frasier Pride & Joy	Padres at Atlanta	Prisionera de Amor	Grand Canyon	Music City Tonight-	Look Who's Talking Too	With It (CC) (344072)	Final Insult Comedy Hour	John Hagee (71121)	Movie: The Dead of	Vanishing Worlds	NBA Basket-ball: Phoenix	Toughman Comp.	Champion-ship -- First	(31187879) Movie: The	Video Soul (187140)
9	:PM :30	NYPD Blue (CC) (6256)	Star Trek: Next Gener.		700 Club (275343)	Innocence (CC) (16643)	Prime Time Texas	Dateline (CC) (35701)	Braves (:35) Movie:	Primer Im-pacto Noc.	Cary Grant: A Celebration	(254546) Club Dance	Doctor	Movie: Under-cover Blues	(:40) Movie:	Praise the Lord	Jericho (104256)	Ocean Planet (195508)	Suns at Seattle Super-	Olympic Odyssey	Round Baseball	Towering Inferno	
10	:PM :30	News Cheers	Fresh Prince in the Heat of	MacNeil-Lehrer	Father Dowling	News Late Show	News Nightline	News (61275) Tonight Show	The Star Chamber	Noticiero Uni. P. Impacto	The Old Curiosity	(358782) News	Mordrid (:40) Dark	(365409) Boxing	Sniper (CC) (90756966)	(689362)	Law & Order (116091)	Terra X Treasure	Sonics Movie: Neon	(85362)	Sportscenter	(371508)	Roc Jazz Central
11	:PM :30	Roseanne Nightline	the Night Northern	To Be Announced	Bonanza	Married...	Ent. Tonight (:35) Rolonda	(CC) (67275) Late Night	(74691091)	La Danza que Suena la	Shop (:40) Movie:	Cowboy Jubilee	Universe (35328188)	Movie: Dark Tide	(:25) Movie:		Biography (704430)	Vanishing Worlds	City (922695)	Women's Pro Beach	Baseball Auto Racing	Movie:	(734940)
12	:AM :30	Rush L. Dennis P.	Exposure Hunter	(194459)	Paid Program Paid Program	Jon Stewart	(6029362) News	(82053) Extra	(11:50) Movie: 2010	Tortuga (362817)	Good Neighbor	Music City Tonight	(12:05) Dino-saur Island	(7964169) (:40) Movie:	Every Breath (2377072)	R.Bonnke Prime Time	Movie: The Dead of	Ocean Planet (719791)	Movie:	Volleyball Paid Program	Motorcycle Racing	Suddenly (303966)	Comicview

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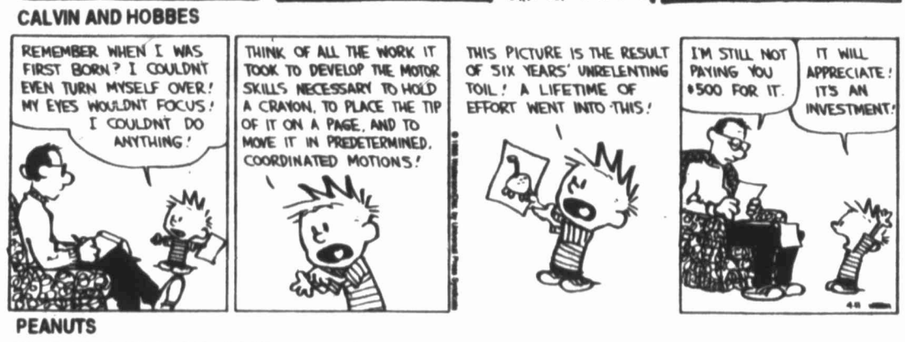




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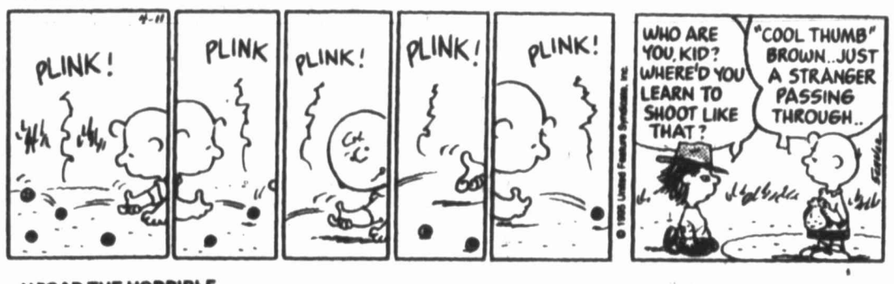




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"I may be a 'good-looking boy' or a 'handsome lad' ... but I'm NOT a 'beautiful child'!"

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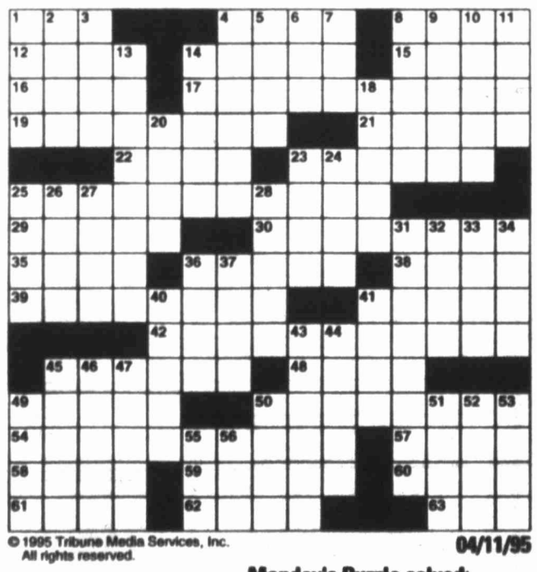
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Dumb and Dumber* PG
6:50 9:10
Tall Tale PG
7:10 9:20
Major Payne PG-13
7:00 9:00
All shows before 6 pm "2" Tuesday Night all Seats "2"

Movies 4
263-2479
Big Spring Mall
BAD BOYS R
4:30-7:20
TOMMY BOY
PG-13 4:10-7:10
MAN OF THE HOUSE
PG 4:20-7:30
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THE Daily Crossword by Richard Thomas



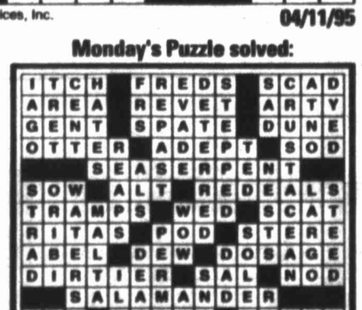
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ACROSS
1 UN rep.
4 Humane org.
8 Pierce
12 Knowledge handed down
14 Drives away
15 Car kind
16 Barrel
17 Crusher of the Enterprise
19 Artillery piece of a kind
21 Lunar valley
22 Fortitude
23 Jolson tune
25 "Dillinger" star
29 Tracts
30 Salad dish
35 Off-key
36 Sandy elevation in water
38 Catamount
39 Author C.S.
41 Rock-ribbed
42 Chopin, in "A Song to Remember"
45 Rub
48 Bucket
49 Before way or well
50 Poor pay
54 Streisand, in "Funny Girl"
57 Needle
58 Stop up
59 Texas university
60 Brink
61 Consults
62 Wild duck
63 D.C. VIP

DOWN
1 "Hawkeye"
2 Daybreak
3 Very dry
4 Asian religion
5 After Tyler
6 Intimidate
7 Timber tree
8 Done in
9 Ownership
10 Soap plant
11 Kind of china
13 Go for good
14 Lover
18 Obliterate
20 Very, in Vichy
23 Ancient Greek covered walk
24 Skillfully
25 Puff of air
26 Singer Guthrie
27 Nurture and train
28 Squash kind
31 Orchard loss
32 Respite
33 In the center
34 Make one's way arduously
36 Arrest
37 At this place
40 Alarming
41 Loretta of TV
43 Majestic
44 Subsequently
45 Overdone
46 Dugout
47 "The Lord of the —"
49 Some NCOs
50 Kind of cotton
51 Indicates assent
52 Actor Nicolas
53 Utopia
55 Sandwich initials
56 "Norma —"

Monday's Puzzle solved:



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This date in history

Today is Tuesday, April 11, the 101st day of 1995. There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's Highligh tin History:

Fifty years ago, on April 11, 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the notorious Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

On this date:

In 1689, William III and Mary II were crowned as joint sovereigns of Britain.

In 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as emperor of France and was banished to the island of Elba.

In 1898, President McKinley asked Congress for a declaration of war against Spain.

In 1899, the treaty ending the Spanish-American War was declared in effect.

In 1921, Iowa became the first state to impose a cigarette tax.

In 1947, Jackie Robinson made his major-league debut, playing in an exhibition between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees.

In 1951, President Truman relieved Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his commands in the Far East.

In 1953, Oveta Culp Hobby became the first Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

In 1970, 25 years ago, Apollo 13 blasted off on a mission to the moon that was disrupted when an explosion crippled the spacecraft; the astronauts managed to return safely.

In 1979, Idi Amin was deposed as president of Uganda as rebels and exiles backed by Tanzanian forces seized control.

In 1980, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission issued regulations specifically prohibiting sexual harassment of workers by supervisors.

In 1981, President Reagan returned to the White House from the hospital, 12 days after he was wounded in an assassination attempt.

Ten years ago: Controversy erupted when President Reagan announced plans to lay a wreath at a cemetery in Bitburg, West Germany, where Nazi SS soldiers were buried.

Five years ago: Funeral services were held in Indianapolis for AIDS patient Ryan White, who had died three days earlier at age 18. Among the 1,500 mourners were first lady Barbara Bush and singers Elton John and Michael Jackson.

One year ago: The White House disclosed that President and Mrs. Clinton had failed to report $6,498 dollars in income that the first lady made in commodities trading in 1980; the couple wrote checks totaling $14,615 in back taxes and interest.

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Francine gets a singing sonogram.