Colbert leads masters AUGUSTA, Ga. - Jim Colbert took the lead on the strength of a five-under-par 67 in the first round of the Masters Golf Tournament Thursday, but Jack Nicklaus, that familiar, menacing figure, was looming just two strokes back.

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A trio of scramblers, Hale Irwin, Hubert Green and longshot Don Iverson matched 68s and shared second place in this an- this week and all are doing quite well. nual spring rite that ranks among

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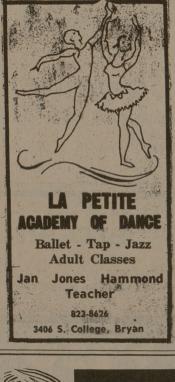
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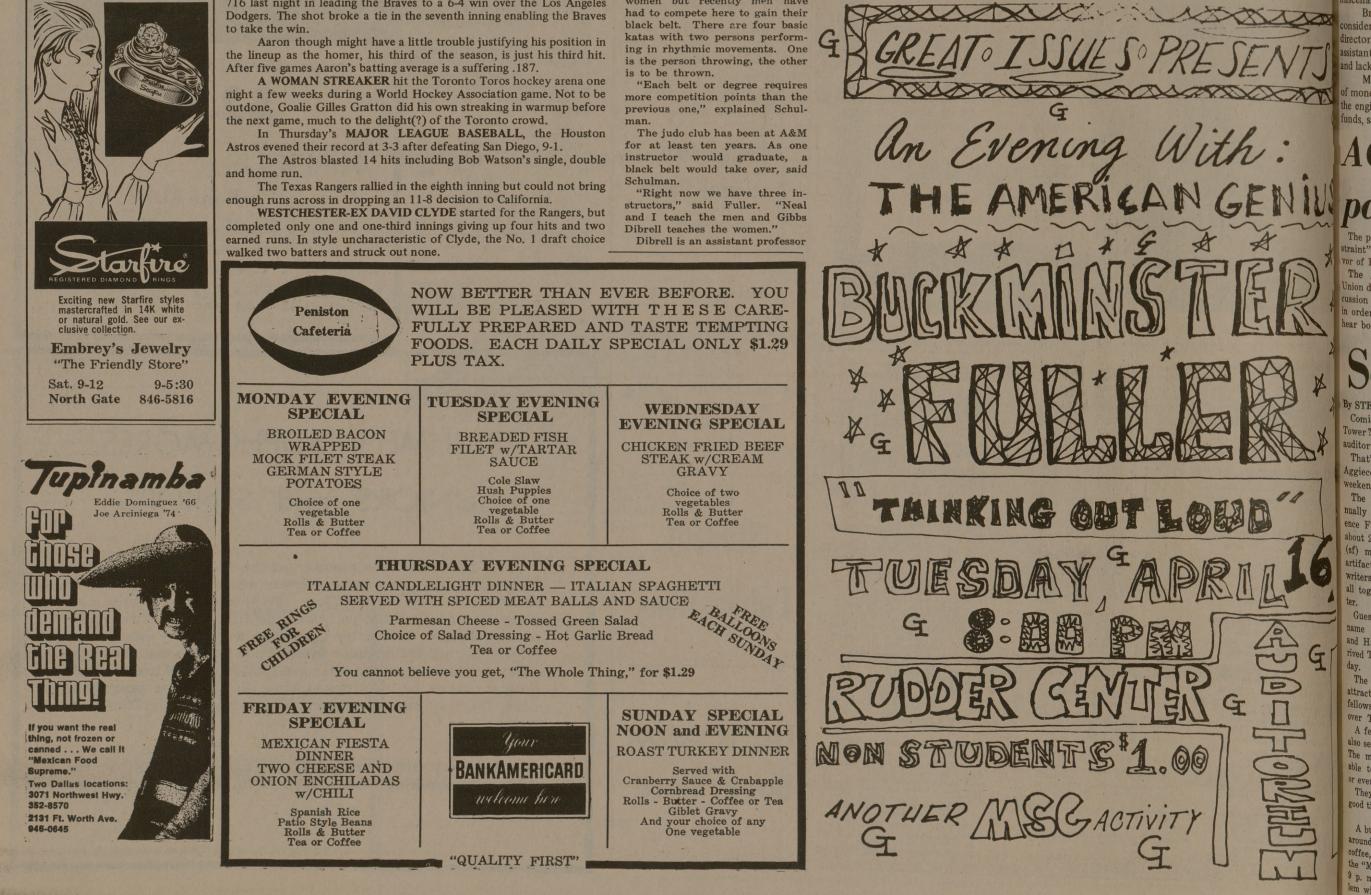
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THREE TEXAS PROFESSIONAL TEAMS are in the playoffs

THE SAN ANTONIO SPURS, formerly the Dallas Chaparrals, the world's premier sports events. romped to a 102-86 win over the Indiana Pacers in the sixth game of a best of seven series. The win evened the series at three-all.

The seventh game will be played in Indiana to give the Pacers the home-court advantage

THE DALLAS BLACK HAWKS of the Central Hockey League beat favored Omaha, 4-1, on Sunday to lead the series 3-1.

The Hawks played in Omaha on Thursday and a win could take the series for Dallas. THE HOUSTON AEROS have beaten Bobby Hull and the

Winnipeg Jets in the first two games of the series, 5-2 and 3-2. Both of those games were played in Winnipeg. The third and fourth games will be played in Houston.

The Aeros boast a strengthening lineup with several injured players returning to workouts. One of those players is the WHA's most valuable player, Gordie Howe.

SEVERAL AGGIE LETTERMEN have been contacted by Pro teams. Larry Ellis has been contacted by the Washington entry in the WFL. The WFL's Houston Texans have notified Bud Trammell and Mike Bruton that their services are desired.

Word is that AGGIE SPRINTER CHARLES DAWSON is in line for a split end job. Dawson will attempt to take over Carl Roaches spot in the A&M lineup.

Where will Roaches go? Well, it looks like he'll be moving to the middle to try his skill at darting betwixt linebackers as a running back.

Last month the HOUSTON SPORTSWRITERS AND SPORTSCASTERS ASSOCIATION held their annual banquet and toast and roast with guest of honor Bobby Riggs in the spotlight.

The nimble fingered Riggs was being honored for his great contribution to women's athletics.

One of the honored guests in the form of John Hadl, quarterback of the Los Angeles Rams, gave Riggs a real rundown during his portion of the roast.

Said Hadl, "Bobby Riggs is a part-time athlete, but a full-time duck. He has been honored at Forest Hills, Wimbledon and College Station, where he has been made the centerfold of the Aggie Joke Book. Maybe that's why he walks like a duck?"

SIGNING DAY for basketball and spring sports comes Wednesday with things looking good for the Aggies.

In basketball, rumor has it that A&M will see two centers next year that are 6-11 or maybe taller. Also look for two All-Americans, one a Texas schoolboy and the other a Juco transfer from out of state.

ALVIN CRENSHAW OF DALLAS ROOSEVELT is currently leading the state in the 440-yard dash (47.5), the 880-yard dash (1:51.9), and runs the anchor on the state's top mile relay team (3:14.4). Crenshaw might be doing his thing in maroon and white next year

BILL BLESSING OF DALLAS HILLCREST could also be looking toward College Station. Blessing recently set a national record in the 330-yard hurdles with a 35.9. His time also leads the state by 1.4 seconds

THE DALLAS TORNADO of the North American Soccer League opens their season on April 27 against St. Louis at Texas Stadium. The Tornado will be sporting Superstars champion Kyle Rote, Jr. at striker.

THE A&M SOCCER TEAM has scheduled a spring game against Baylor for April 25. The game will be played in Waco.

JOE ARCINIEGA said he wanted some ink, so here it is!

HAMMERIN' HANK continues to pound 'em out, blasting No. 716 last night in leading the Braves to a 6-4 win over the Los Angeles

Judo not just for young enthusiasts

By FRAN FORD

"Judo is good for anyone from 6 years old to 60 years old," explained Joe Fuller, president of the Texas A&M Judo Club.

Students and their spouses have the opportunity to learn judo and advance in it through the A&M Judo Club.

The club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week for an hour and a half to learn the skills of judo.

"There are two sections to the club-men and women," explained Neal Schulman, vice president of the club. "We do have some women who are in competition that work out with the men how-

ever." Judo, one of the martial arts, uses off-balance to gain an advantage. It is a contact sport where karate, its opponent in martial arts, would kill if contact were involved.

"The first thing you learn is how to fall," said Schulman, an instructor in the club. "No one is thrown until they learn to fall."

There are three belts that a person can earn with different degrees in each belt.

The first belt is white. There are three degrees within it. It takes about three months to earn

the first degree, said Fuller. Following the white belt are the brown belt with three degrees, and the black belt with 12 degrees.

"A person with skill, incentive and the right instructor can achieve his black belt in three to four years," said Fuller.

"Very few get over the tenth degree black belt," added Schulman who is a second degree black belt.

To move up in the belts, a person is given a written and an oral examination that is approved by the U.S. Judo Association (USJA).

Along with these tests, the person must compile a certain number of competition points, explained Fuller.

One style of competition is the tournament. These tournaments are held all over the United States and the judo club takes their traveling team to these events, said Fuller.

The other style of competition is the kata, or form throwing. This style was originally for women but recently men have

in mathematics and holds a third degree black belt. He also teaches the self-defense course at the Free University.

The club is being considered for an intramural sport standing. The university has given some aid to the club that went towards uniforms for new members of the traveling team.

The traveling team consists of five to ten members depending on the tournament. Just recently the team went to State Championships where they took a fourth and a fifth place in two divisions.

Each year the club sponsors a dual meet with the University of Texas Judo Club. The reward from this meet is the possession of a plaque, said Schulman.

"The club hopes to get enough interest so that we can sponsor some larger meets next year," said Schulman.

Activities that the judo club is involved with for this month include the fourth degree black belt, Unesku, from Japan. She is to instruct in forms of the kata on April 17, 19 and 20.

"Few persons interested in joining the club should come by G. Rollie White Coliseum on Tuesday or Thursday night at 6:30," said Fuller.

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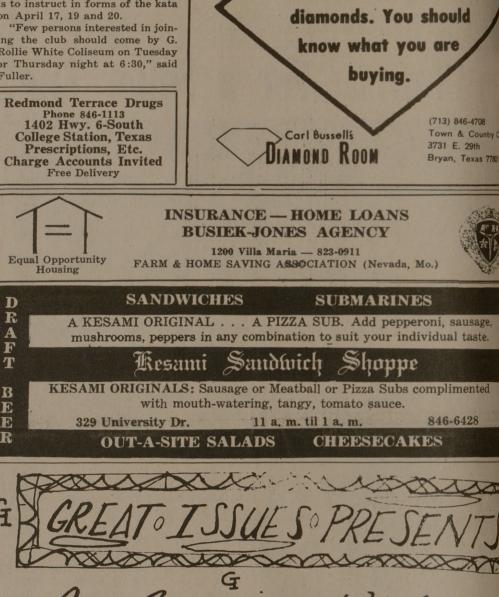
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