

## Sheriff refuses to stop abortion clinic protesters

**The Battalion** 

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Nueces County Sheriff James T. Hickey kept his promise not to stop protesters from blocking abortion clinics ---in fact, he joined a picket and refused to help clear the way so patients could enter.

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Hickey, who drew praise and protest last week for hanging seven posters in his department depicting a dismembered fetus, refused a plea by Reproductive Services administrator Rachel Vargas to clear a path so her patients could enter the clinic Saturday.

"We're asking you," Vargas said during a brief heated exchange with the sheriff. "We're begging you.

Hickey, who attended the protest in a unoffi-cial capacity along with his wife, Jan, told Vargas that Corpus Christi police were present for that purpose and accused her of baiting him.

"You don't really need my help, and you know you don't," Hickey said. "The fact of the matter is you're killing babies in there.

Two people were arrested during the fivehour demonstration.

On Jan. 15, the sheriff said he "would be aid-ing and abetting murder" by stopping protesters from blocking abortion clinics.

He dismissed criticism from pro-choice supporters and law experts who said he was renegng on his oath to protect all citizens, saying he had "to really answer to a higher law."

Hickey told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that he had expected Vargas to confront him.

"It gave me an opportunity to tell her no to her face and that made me feel good," he said. A 16-year-old girl professing to be a patient

and her male companion were carried out of the facility by police and arrested on charges of criminal trespass. The girl was released to here and later returned to the protest.

The demonstration by Body of Christ **Vol.8** included an estimated 200 protesters. The couple who was arrested walked in a dozen patients who were led through prote

by police. She had an appointment, Vargas

Once inside, the couple watched a film: abortion, then the man, Jesus Rodriguerøl pus Christi, began displaying photograph aborted fetuses to other patients, Vargas sat The couple left the room, then sat on the in the hallway, arms locked, until police ca them away, she said.

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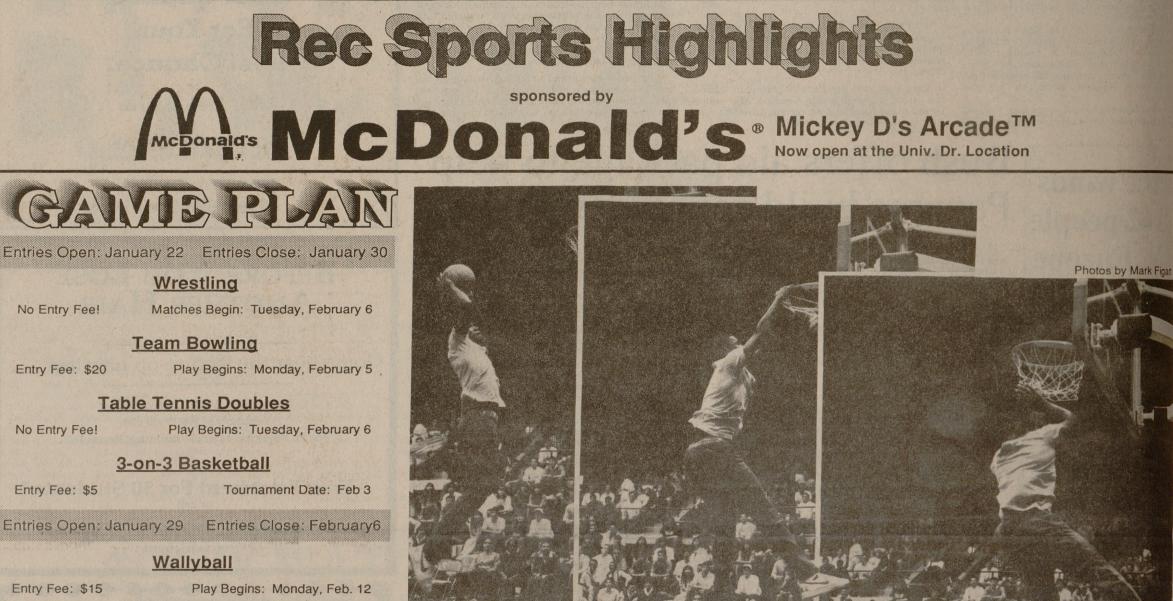
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Twenty off-duty officers policed the protes Hickey, meanwhile, said he will remove posters from his department's offices on M bases, in day. He said the posters had "served there ending of pose



**3 Point Shootout** 

Round #1 Begins: Wednesday, Feb 7

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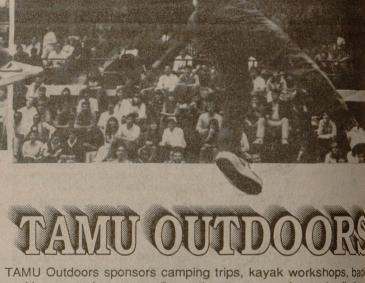
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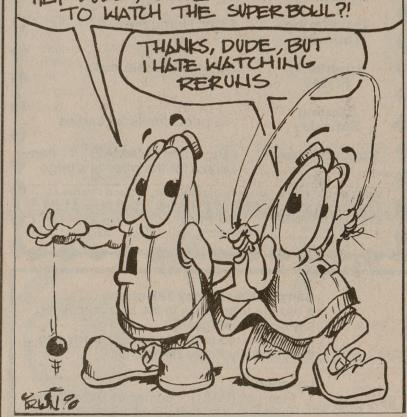
Play Begins: Tuesday, Feb. 13 HEY DUDE, COME OVER SUNDAY

Entries for the Rec Sports Slam Dunk competition open Feb. 5! Pictured above is Percy Waddle, a finalist in 1987's competion.

Need a part-time job? The Intramural Basketball be-Recreational Sports Depart- gins tonight! Teams that ment will be having a meet- have not picked up their ing for individuals interested in officiating Intramural Wallyball tonight, January 29, 6 p.m. in 164 Read. For more information, come by the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Building, or call 845-7826.



Monday, January 29,1



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packing excursions, as well as other programs for rock climber scuba divers, and general outdoor enthusiasts. All programs and conducted by experienced personnel, and offer participants anoppu tunity for personal growth through challenge and group fellowship.

Registration opens February 5th for:

	Date	Rating*	Fee
Rock Climbing Clinic	Feb. 24	В	\$15/\$18
Mountain Bike Day Trip	Feb. 25	B/I	\$6
Rock Climbing, Hueco Tanks	March 10- 18	B/I	TBA
River Rafting	March 10-18	B/I	TBA

\*B=Beginner, I= Intermediate

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Dennis Corrington's prediction for the Superbowl? Why, the Denver Broncos, of course!

## REC SPORTS WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY January 29	TUESDAY January 30	WEDNESDAY January 31	THURSDAY February 1	FRIDAY February 2	SATURDAY February 3	SUNDAY February 4
Entries Open: Wallyball 3 Point Shootout Handball Doubles	Entries Close: Wrestling Team Bowling Table Tennis Doubles 3-on-3 Basketball		Team Bowling Team Captains' Meeting 6 pm, 164 Read	Table Tennis Doubles Brackets Posted, 1 pm	3-on-3 Basketball Tournament 9 am, 351 GRW	
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