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Ruling on parole law may jeopardize sentences

DALLAS (AP) — An appellate court's ruling could force thousands of felony prison sentences in Texas to be overturned, prosecutors said.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in November struck down a 1985 law that ordered judges to tell juries about early release provisions for convicts, which allow the inmates to be released after serving as little as a third of their sentences.

The court said the law violated the state constitution by allowing juries to interfere with the powers of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Some attorneys say the change could

bring virtually every felony sentence handed down between Sept. 1, 1985, and November 1987 into question.

"There isn't any relation any more between the sentence given by a jury and what the defendant actually serves," appellate lawyer Tim Taft, of the Harris County district attorney's office, told the Dallas Times-Herald.

"The social cost of this is going to be enormous," said Ed Mallett, president of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. "Dangerous people are going to be freed."

Since the ruling, three Dallas County murder and armed-robbery cases have been reversed, and more than 200 other

such cases statewide are pending before the Austin-based Court of Criminal Appeals. Hundreds more cases may be waiting in lower appeals courts, prosecutors say.

At issue is whether jurors should be told, before they decide on a sentence, the minimum amount of time a given sentence would keep a prisoner behind bars.

"Wouldn't it be nice if jurors knew the truth?" said Patricia Noble, an assistant Dallas County district attorney. Ms. Noble is preparing a challenge for the appellate ruling by Dallas County District Attorney John Vance.

Prosecutors say the law is needed be-

cause the state is releasing inmates too early to comply with a federal judge's order to reduce prison crowding, and that information about parole is vital to a jury's task.

"I talk to people, crime victims, all the time and I constantly have to remind them not to take the law into their own hands," Taft said. "At the same time, I don't blame them. How can you tell them to stick with the system when the system is impotent to achieve justice."

In one recent example, a man sentenced to five years in prison for shooting at a Houston police officer was paroled after eight months. Released in

August, Vincent Edward Cooks, 23, has since been charged with the February slaying of Dallas police officer Gary McCarthy.

But Kerry FitzGerald, the Dallas defense attorney handling the case, said the Court of Criminal Appeals ruling should stand. The law, he said, prompts jurors to drastically increase sentences, unfairly condemning defendants who may not be approved for parole.

The law he said was an attempt to quell public anger about early inmate releases, but he said the issue should be addressed by changing parole board regulations.



(AP Laserphoto)

Houston defense attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes sits next to his client, Jane Ada Callaway, during her capital murder trial.

Testimony opens in murder-for-hire trial

AMARILLO (AP) — The murder-for-hire trial of a Houston secretary accused of plotting the death of her boss' wife opened with testimony about money, sex and expensive cars.

Monday, the first witness, Michael Saragusa told of a short-lived sexual affair with defendant Jane Ada Callaway, his former secretary.

Saragusa was the husband of Judy Saragusa, whose shooting death Ms. Callaway is charged with masterminding. He testified that he told his wife about the affair and ended it two months before his wife was killed Sept. 2, 1987.

Saragusa was to continue under cross-examination by defense attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes today. More than 10 years ago, Haynes won a spectacular acquittal in Amarillo for Fort Worth millionaire Cullen Davis, accused of killing his stepdaughter, Andrea Wilborn.

Haynes questioned Saragusa, co-owner of a Houston wholesale liquor business about his financial affairs, including the use of a pair of Jaguar automobiles. Haynes maintained that Saragusa gave Ms. Callaway the use of a car after their affair had ostensibly ended.

Saragusa testified that Ms. Callaway was leasing the car from a company he owned, Mrs. Saragusa also drove a Jaguar at the time of her death, he said.

In opening arguments, Haynes said that others had motives for killing Mrs. Saragusa, saying that his client was "the perfect sitting duck" involved with her unhappily married boss who was sinking deep into debt.

"This lawsuit may develop a lot more questions than are answered," he said.

Prosecutor Chuck Rosenthal said Ms. Callaway wanted Mrs. Saragusa dead "because she was covetous of her possessions and covetous of her social position in Houston." She wanted the wealth and status associated with being the wife of a wealthy co-owner of the Saragusa's lucrative business, he said.

Under cross-examination, Saragusa testified that before Ms. Callaway came to work for him, he had received letters threatening him and his wife that authorities believed were from disgruntled employees. After firing Ms. Callaway's predecessor, Saragusa said he received hang-up telephone calls.

The well-dressed defendant pleaded innocent in a clear voice and scribbled notes throughout the proceedings.

Her capital murder case was moved here from Houston on a change of venue — the same circumstances that brought Haynes to Amarillo from Fort Worth to defend Davis in 1977.

Two ministers are jailed for non-payment of child support

DALLAS (AP) — Two ministers who owed a total of more than \$30,000 in back child-support payments have been jailed as part of a new program that puts some muscle into Attorney General Jim Mattox's battle against non-payers.

Glen Robinson, 33, minister of Hill Avenue Baptist Church, and Raymond Herford, 45, associate minister of Trinity Temple Full Gospel Church, were indicted last week by a Dallas County grand jury on Class A misdemeanor charges of criminal non-support. The maximum punishment is two years in jail and a \$2,000 fine. Subsequent offense is a third-degree felony.

Robinson owes \$13,354 in back payments, and Herford, \$17,174, according to court records.

Herford was arrested Friday. He posted a \$1,500 cash bond and was released from Lew Sterrett Justice Center. Robinson was arrested Monday and remained in custody late Monday.

In February, Mattox named a six-member enforcement team in February to combat non-payment of child support.

Russell Wilson, Dallas-Fort Worth special enforcement agent, said that if the team brings in even 5 percent of the child-support payments owed, the statewide total will reach \$1.1 million a month.

Wilson said 22 percent of parents pay court-

ordered child support, another 50 percent pay sporadically and the remainder do not pay at all. The enforcement team seeks those who do not pay even though they have the financial means.

"We're the attention-getters," Wilson said.

He said the Dallas arrests are part of a second swoop by the enforcement team. Other arrests were made in March in Houston, San Antonio, Abilene, Brownsville and Fort Worth, where Albert Brewer awaits a court hearing on \$11,000 in overdue payments.

Wilson said in-house investigators in the attorney general's office previously worked non-payment cases by telephone, contacting offenders about overdue payments but not working in the field to bring them in. Too often, he noted, those who owe money either ignored court documents or could not be found to be served with court papers.

Enforcers now put offenders under surveillance and hand-deliver information on their whereabouts to the sheriff's department. Non-payers who do not have personal property that can be seized and sold to make restitution are arrested.

Arrest is a last resort meant for those who consistently refuse to adhere to the rules, Wilson said. "The people we pick on are people who have been able to dodge us," he said.

Some federal prisoners end hunger strike

SEGUIN (AP) — Guadalupe County Sheriff Melvin Harborth says federal prisoners at the county jail were apparently swayed more by their stomachs than by the urgings of the leader of a hunger strike.

Harborth says more than half of the 27 federal prisoners who had refused food for two meals accepted an evening meal Monday.

"I guess they were hungry," the sheriff told the San Antonio Light.

The protest, which began Monday morning when the prisoners skipped breakfast, was initiated by admitted San Antonio bank robber Robert Chavez,

Harborth said. One of Chavez's chief demands was for more food and greater access to the jail's commissary to purchase candy and sodas.

Chavez, 29, pleaded guilty May 9 to robbing a branch of San Antonio Savings Association. He is awaiting sentencing set for July 14.

A self-proclaimed gang member, Chavez once asked Mayor Henry Cisneros for better treatment for gangs.

"He says he's not getting enough food," Harborth said. "He's requesting bigger portions."

Governor: Agriculture panel could stimulate state growth

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas is first among the states in the value of farm assets and in the production of cotton and other goods, but the state isn't reaping the full benefit of its bounty, Gov. Bill Clements says.

"Texas leads America's agribusiness, but some of our growers and producers are having severe financial problems; food-processing plants have shut down; and many people are leaving rural Texas to search for jobs elsewhere," Clements told his Task Force on Agricultural Development at its first meeting Monday.

The task force is charged with developing recommendations for state and federal review.

The state's farm assets are nearly \$73.1 billion, Clements noted, and Texas is the No. 1 producer of cattle, sheep, goats, wool, mohair and cotton.

But farm cash receipts dropped by 17 percent from 1979 to 1986, he said. In the same period, farm debt rose by 18 percent, translating into a 35 percent reduction in available assets for farmers and ranchers.

"Our challenge today — the challenge of this task force — is to reverse that trend," Clements said. "As we work to strengthen our economy, it is

imperative that we include the industry that not only helped build our state, but is our number-one renewable economic resource."

Among possible initiatives is the encouragement of in-state processing of raw goods produced here, he said.

Clements said it is important for Texas to process its raw food and fiber to take advantage of the value that is added to products that way. He noted that some task force members are great examples with such businesses as poultry plants.

The state should be "moving out of the mode of constantly sending our food and fiber raw products out of the state to be processed," Clements said. "The multiplying factor is tremendous when you do this (process goods)."

Peter Myers, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, agreed that processing is very important.

"I think it's a way to employ more people — not ship these things overseas and let them process it over there if we can keep from it," Myers said.

It is generally more profitable to ship finished wood products instead of logs, for example, he said, or chicken nuggets instead of whole chickens.

State board to vote on relaxing medicaid rules, expand coverage

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal to expand Medicaid coverage that is being considered this week by the Texas Department of Human Services board could result in healthier babies and financial savings, state officials say.

The board Thursday will look at a rule to allow pregnant women and young children to qualify for medical benefits through Medicaid if their income falls below federal poverty guidelines, the Austin American-Statesman reported Monday.

Under existing Texas rules, only the poorest people qualify for Medicaid benefits. They are eligible if their income is no more than 34 percent of the poverty guidelines.

About 70,000 more pregnant women and young children would qualify for benefits if the board votes to liberalize eligibility requirements. The expansion would mean healthier babies because their mothers would get prenatal care, and that would save Texas taxpayers millions of dollars in indigent health care costs, officials said.

Currently, a family of four must have a monthly income of \$226, after subtracting \$75 for work-related expenses such as bus fare or gasoline, to qualify for the federal assistance program in Texas.

Under the proposed rule, that family could earn \$706 a month after deducting work expenses and qualify for Medicaid benefits.

Three tortured by drug dealers over missing crack

DALLAS (AP) — Three Dallas residents were stabbed and tortured by two suspected drug dealers who were attempting to recover \$90 worth of missing drugs, police say.

Officers said one of the victims was cut and stabbed in the chest and legs more than 80 times Sunday with a survival knife and was doused with boiling water before the assailants poured salt into his wounds.

The man, 28, was in fair condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital late Monday with multiple knife wounds and second-degree burns on his back and buttocks, a hospital spokesman said.

The man's wife, 27, suffered welts on her wrists and back when she was bound and whipped. A third person, 17, was treated at Parkland Memorial Hospital for second-degree burns from boiling water.

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Peres meets with Reagan, Shultz on peace plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A planned meeting today between President Reagan and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres aims at breathing life into a stymied U.S. plan for peace talks between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Reagan, who has warned Israel and Jordan against rejecting the peace plan, is expected to stress his view that the U.S. blueprint is the only solution to the five-month rebellion in which 180 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli troops.

But neither side held out much hope that Reagan would be able to budge the plan initiated earlier this year by Secretary of State George Shultz.

"There are several new ideas, but

they're minor and we don't expect great progress," said a senior Israeli official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. He declined to discuss the ideas, saying they were not meaningful in the short run "but incremental in the big plan."

Peres explored these ideas with Shultz at a meeting Monday and was to continue discussions with him at two sessions today. Shultz will bring Peres' ideas to Jordan and Egypt when he visits the region on his fourth peace shuttle of the year starting June 3.

Peres supports the Shultz plan, which calls for Arab-Israeli peace talks to be held under the auspices of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the United States, Soviet

Union, China, England and France.

But his rival in Israel's fractious governing coalition, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, has rejected the formula out of concern that the five powers would pressure Israel into relinquishing lands it captured from the Arabs in the 1967 Mideast war.

General elections scheduled in Israel for November are expected to serve as a referendum on the plan.

Underscoring support for his stand, leading administration officials attended a luncheon in Peres' honor hosted by Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arad. The guest list included Shultz — who toasted Peres' "creativity" in searching for peace formulas — as well

as Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci, White House chief of staff Howard Baker and Senate leaders.

Peres aides say he is counting on this show of support for his election campaign.

But at a speech Monday night to some 2,000 pro-Israel supporters, Peres sought to underscore the unity in his country rather than the divisiveness, saying Israelis are united in their rejection of a Palestinian state.

"We shall not support a Palestinian state equipped with Russian weapons and Russian advisers," he told the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the major pro-Israel lobbying group in the

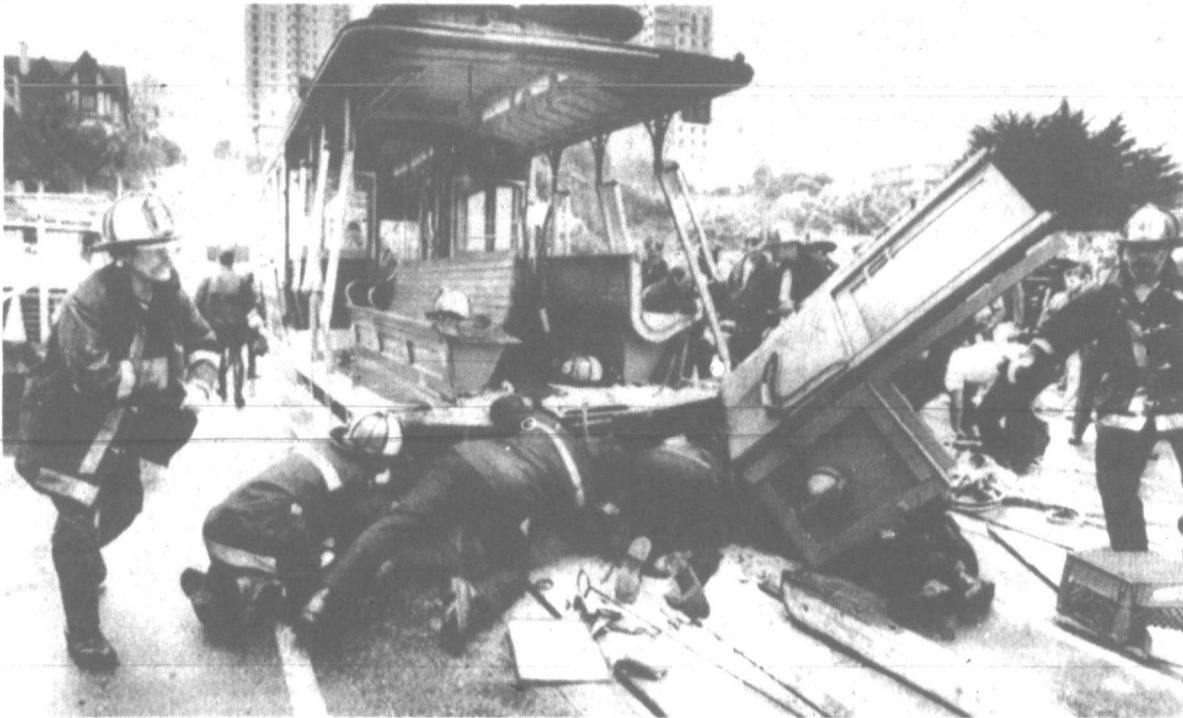
United States.

Peres said the "best solution" for Palestinian self-determination is within a confederation with Jordan, which already has a Palestinian majority.

His view reflects a plan put forth by Reagan in September 1982 and rejected at the time by Shamir's predecessor.

Peres also said Israelis would never return to Israel's 1967 borders, thereby rejecting the main Arab demand that Israel cede the territories it captured from Jordan, Syria and Egypt.

Peres' Labor Party favors giving back some lands but keeping enough to ensure defensible borders, while Shamir's Likud bloc rejects any land concessions.



(AP Laserphoto)

Firemen work to free an unidentified man pinned under a Hyde Street cable car in San Francisco Monday after it collided with a truck.

Brakes worked in cable car

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The brakes of a cable car that careened out of control down one of the city's steepest streets were not defective, officials said, leaving them puzzled about the cause of the accident that injured 31 people.

"Everything worked the way it was supposed to," said George Newkirk, spokesman for the San Francisco Municipal Railway, operators of the historic open-air, cable-pulled trolleys.

The cable car was jammed with tourists Monday morning when witnesses said it barreled down rain-slick tracks on Hyde Street, a hill with a 21-degree angle, and slammed into the rear of a large repair truck.

"If the truck had not been there in the intersection, we would not have had the accident. The truck was on the tracks. The cable car was going 9 mph. There just

wasn't time to stop it," Newkirk said.

One man, whose name was not available, was pinned under the wheels of car No. 13, and other victims were strewn across the intersection at Hyde and Bay streets, just above Fisherman's Wharf.

The front of the car was ripped off and the rear of the truck was crushed.

Police and witnesses said the truck was stopped for a red light when hit by the six-ton cable car, which normally travels at 9 mph.

"By the time we got to the bottom of the hill, we were going 30 or 40 miles per hour when we hit," said tourist Jed Porter of Kansas City, Mo., who was wrapped in a blanket after the crash.

Gripman Gerald Bolden has been with Muni since 1981 and has a clean record, Newkirk said.

However, Oakland television

station KTVU reported Monday night that Bolden had been a cable car gripman for just two weeks, after receiving a month of training for the position.

Twenty-nine people were taken to 10 hospitals, and two people were treated at the scene. Injuries ranged from cuts and bruises to fractures. Five people were admitted to hospitals with fractures, but no one was seriously injured, said San Francisco General Hospital spokeswoman Gloria Rodriguez.

Meese seeks outside PR help

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Edwin Meese III is turning to an outside public relations consultant to improve his image after firing the Justice Department's chief spokesman, prompting accusations by conservatives that he wants "blind loyalty."

Despite the department's annual \$1.7 million public affairs budget, it is negotiating a contract with an employee of the public relations firm Hill & Knowlton to help depict Meese as a tough drug-buster.

Word of the planned outside public relations contract surfaced Monday along with the news that Meese had fired department spokesman Terry Eastland.

At a news conference, Eastland said that with Meese under criminal investigation since May 1987, "it would be difficult for me to be as aggressive as he might like" in defending the attorney general.

Meese said he simply thought it was time for "new leadership" and denied that Eastland's dismissal had anything to do with his own legal problems.

But department sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Eastland was fired Friday for refusing to provide unconditional support to Meese in the face of the criminal investigation.

In a letter to Meese, Eastland said that "you have expressed to me your desire to have as director of public affairs someone willing to aggressively defend you against, in effect, any and all criticism. ... You have concluded that my efforts have not sufficed."

As soon as Eastland's firing was disclosed, the head of Meese's speech-writing unit, William Schambra, abruptly quit, saying he was "perplexed and deeply disturbed by the attorney general's decision."

AIDS hearing marked by protests

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Civil Rights Commission hearing on AIDS turned surreal when gay protesters in clown masks hummed "America the Beautiful," shouted insults at witnesses and commissioners and held up wristwatches to denote that "time is running out" for AIDS victims.

Monday's hearing became so heated that one witness said he would rather die "in the street" than in the hospice run by another, and a third said gay pressure groups are thwarting public health efforts.

The hearing also featured feuding commission members denouncing each other's remarks and tangling with witnesses over racism, "sexual addiction" and other issues with little direct relation to the subject at hand — AIDS and discrimination.

At one point, the 65 gay protesters in clown masks turned their backs on the proceedings to show their disdain for the commission and its efforts.

"This is a waste of time," said Duncan Osborne, one of the protesters. Osborne said the money would be better spent testing new drugs or educating people on how to avoid getting AIDS.

The commission proposed its hearings, part of a larger study, in a memo that discussed state sodomy laws in the same footnote as Biblical denunciations of homosexuality.

Osborne and others said the commission could play a legitimate role investigating employment, housing, health care and insurance discrimination against AIDS victims. But they said the panel has no business reopening debate on how AIDS is transmitted or hearing inflammatory testimony from witnesses who are not medical or public health experts.

Jim Johnson, executive director of a religious hospice in Long Beach, Calif., called Beyond Rejection, said homosexual activists had bombed his hospice and threatened him because he had left behind "the narcissism and contempt of my earlier life" as a homosexual.

Jeffrey Levi, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, noted the prevailing medical belief that a homosexual orientation cannot be changed.

"If I had to make the choice between dying in the street and dying in his hospice, I'd choose dying in the street," Levi said.

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Soviet media finds victory in retreat

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet news media found a diplomatic victory in the retreat from Afghanistan, portraying the Soviet pullout as a triumphant end to eight years of aid to a neighbor in need.

The state-run press, while conceding that military victory proved elusive, nevertheless put a positive spin on the withdrawal that began Sunday.

"Homeward!" the Communist Party daily Pravda declared on its front page Monday, showing a smiling Afghan officer chatting with a Soviet major just before the major's departure for home.

"We were heading for this for a long time and with difficulty," Pravda wrote. "But life, with its imperious hand, moves aside the most sincere strivings and spoils the best-laid plans."

Pravda depicted the withdrawal as a diplomatic triumph over countries that supported the anti-communist guerrillas in their battle against President Najib's Moscow-backed government.

The party daily claimed that the April 14 Geneva accord that set the timetable for withdrawal was the result of opposition forces finally realizing that the war could not be won by military force alone.

"We never laid claim to a military victory in Afghanistan," Pravda said, adding: "If we speak of defeats and victories, then there is a

victory, too ... The return of our sons is a victory for perestroika."

Perestroika refers to Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev's reform program aimed at rebuilding society.

Television news coverage, such as reports by the nightly news program Vremya, have focused on the ceremonial send-offs given the Soviet soldiers by the Afghan government.

Afghan soldiers and citizens were lined up on the streets of Jalalabad when the Soviets pulled out of their base there Sunday and in Kabul, where about 1,300 troops marched out on Monday, the first contingent to leave the country under the Geneva accord.

But while the ceremonies took place, gunfire could be heard in the distance, a reminder that the war continues. Guerrilla factions have vowed to continue their fight to topple the Marxist government.

The Jalalabad departure and a message from the Communist Party leadership congratulating the troops topped Vremya news-cast Sunday night, but the ceremonies from Kabul were carried late in Monday's broadcast.

Soviet media also have looked at the human side of the war, noting the relief felt by families of soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

Notably absent from the coverage, however, has been any emotional display or questioning of the wisdom of having entered the

war in the first place.

No interviews with anxious parents have taken place, and even the departing soldiers depicted have been restrained in their enthusiasm over leaving the civil war behind.

The party message delivered to the soldiers on Sunday thanked them for "fulfilling their internationalist duty" to the Afghan government, whose power remains threatened by guerrilla groups armed and trained by Pakistan and the United States.

Soviet officers also have told Western reporters in Afghanistan that they consider the Afghan army capable of defending itself now.

The attention lavished on such comments has created the impression that withdrawing the 115,000 Soviet troops is a logical step in assisting Afghanistan toward military independence.

A Tass news agency commentary on Monday contended the Soviet departure could have been arranged much earlier "if the other parties to the Geneva agreement had acknowledged their errors earlier."

The agreement that called for the Soviet withdrawal to start Sunday was signed by Afghanistan and Pakistan, with the United States and the Soviet Union agreeing to act as guarantors.

Half the Soviet troops are expected to be back on home ground by Aug. 15.

Greeks postpone military exercise

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece postponed a military exercise in the Aegean Sea region in response to a Turkish request, the Defense Ministry said.

"Following a request from the Turkish side and as a gesture of good will due to the feast of Bairam, the Defense Ministry has agreed to postpone the second stage of the exercise until

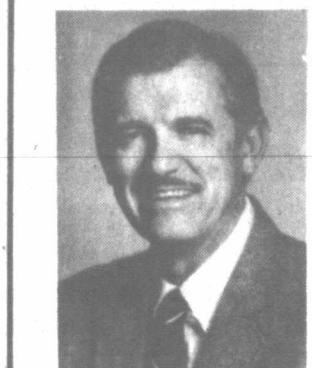
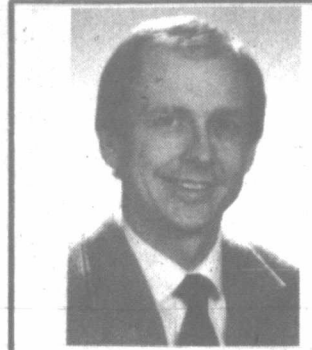
after May 19," the ministry said Monday.

The postponement came one week before two high-level Greek and Turkish committees are to open talks on ways of improving bilateral relations.

Bairam, celebrated from May 17 to 19, is a Moslem religious festival that follows the fast of Ramadan.

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Pope lectures Stroessner on human rights

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP) — Pope John Paul II, in one of his sternest lectures to a head of state, told President Alfredo Stroessner that respect for human rights "is not a question of political convenience."

The pontiff made the remarks in an address Monday night in the presidential palace to top government aides, foreign diplomats and Stroessner, 75, who has ruled Paraguay since a coup in 1954.

John Paul flew from Peru to Paraguay, the last stop on his four-nation South American tour, and met privately with Stroessner for 30 minutes before delivering his speech.

Stroessner responded by declaring his government was democratically elected and saying, "Here we don't suffer the scourge of terrorism, hunger or drugs." He described Paraguay as a country "without social or political crises, tumult, street violence, political prisoners or hate."

Relations between the Stroessner government and the Vatican were strained last week when Paraguayan authorities canceled a meeting between the pope and a Church-sponsored civic group that includes opposition figures. After talks with the Church, the government lifted the ban, but members of Stroessner's governing Colorado Party were expected to boycott the meeting today.

The pontiff arrived in Paraguay on Monday afternoon. Minutes later, police picked up a Roman Catholic priest, the Rev. Donald Bahlinger of Baton Rouge, La., and three Paraguayan labor and peasant activists as they left a downtown church in Asuncion, the capital. People had gathered in the church for a fast and prayer service protesting Stroessner's authoritarian rule.

Radio Caritas, Asuncion's Catholic-run station, later said Bahlinger had been released but

there was no word on the whereabouts of the Paraguayans.

In his speech at the presidential palace, the pontiff said:

"It is the duty and obligation of political power to create and make possible those social conditions that favor the real and complete good of the person ... respecting the legitimate freedom of individuals, families and intermediate groups."

He defended the church's role in social causes, saying, "You can't corner the church in its temples."

Speaking in Spanish, the multi-lingual pope said: "Respect for human rights ... is not a question of political convenience but stems from the dignity of the person by virtue of his condition as a creature of God."

"We live in democracy in Paraguay," Stroessner responded. He said the last presidential election in February occurred "in an atmosphere of order and civic maturity, without spilling a drop

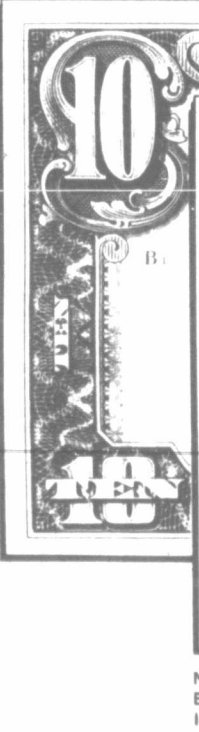


of blood."

Stroessner was elected to an eighth consecutive term with 88.6 percent of the vote. Opposition leaders claimed the balloting was rigged.

Paraguay is the last stop on the 12-day papal tour that included Uruguay, Bolivia and Peru. The pope leaves on Wednesday, his 68th birthday, for Rome.

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Lifestyles

Speech, theatre camp planned

CANYON — West Texas State University will host a summer speech and theatre camp for junior and senior high school students July 24-Aug. 6. The intense two-week session, which annually attracts more than 150 students from across the country, will provide specialized training in debate, public speaking, oral interpretation and drama.

According to Guy Yates, camp director and WTSU forensics director, campers will receive specialized instruction from many of the top professionals in the Southwest.

Summer camp personnel and their instructional assignments include Shawn Crain of El Paso Eastwood High School, extemporaneous speaking and oratory; Mike Harrison from Houston Klein and Ann Shofner of Amarillo Tascosa, oral interpretation; Debbie Dehlinger, San Antonio Jefferson, Lincoln-Douglas debate; Sandy Sage of Hobbs High School, Joy Morton of Friona High School and Kerry Moore of Muleshoe High School, cross examination debate; and Ron Dodson, Austin West-

lake, and Paul Crump, Alief Hastings, drama. WT student Connie Whitmore McKee will serve as assistant camp director, and James D. Kemmerling, WTSU's scenic and light designer/technical director, will be the camp's director of theatre.

In addition to a rigorous instructional schedule, campers may enjoy a dance, picnics and attendance at the musical drama "TEXAS" in Palo Duro Canyon.

The two-week session will conclude with a speech tournament and an evening of one-act plays.

Cost of the camp is \$165 for day campers and \$390 for overnight campers. A \$100 deposit is required by July 1. The balance is due at registration, scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, July 24 in the WTSU Fine Arts Building.

For more information, write Yates at West Texas State University, Box 207, Canyon 79016, or call 656-2816.

Nurse shares confidential hospital stories with mate

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, someone complained about a nurse who had broken the code of confidentiality by talking too much. My wife is an RN who never discusses her patients with others, but she has shared with me numerous fascinating cases knowing that I would never repeat anything she told me.

Recently, a male patient in her section was hospitalized for pneumonia. One of the nurses who was caring for him let the word out that he was impotent and had been fitted with some kind of prosthesis. When my wife told me of the ribald remarks being bandied about around the nurses' station concerning this man and his prosthesis, I resolved that should I ever become impotent I would never go to a local physician.

Abby, medical records, be they in a hospital or a doctor's office, are accessible not only to nurses, but to all of the office help. The only way one can be absolutely sure of confidentiality is to take his or her business to another town, or clear across town if you live in a large city.

My definition of a secret is something that is known only by one person. The moment it is revealed to a second person, it becomes public knowledge. Sign me ...

SEALED LIPS



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR SEALED LIPS: Your wife broke the code of confidentiality when she shared with you "numerous fascinating cases." I refer to the final paragraph of your letter.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow who has just started to date again after several years. If I date someone who is desirable, I feel insecure about the correct formalities — especially when he takes me home at night.

Is it all right to say good-night at the elevator downstairs? Or would this throw a wet blanket on future dates? If I let him take me to my door, wouldn't it be awkward if I didn't invite him in for a few minutes? (I am assuming that he is the "right" one for me — I know

what to do about the others.) I don't mind losing someone who isn't worth keeping, but I don't want to lose a desirable man through ignorance.

UNCERTAIN

DEAR UNCERTAIN: A gentleman should see his date safely to her door — women have been mugged in elevators and halls. If you like him well enough to want to see him again, and consider him the "right" one, invite him in for coffee, tea or conversation.

DEAR ABBY: Re men wearing wedding rings: As our wedding date approached, the issue of wedding rings came up.

My fiance asked, "Do you want me to wear a wedding ring?"

I answered, "If you don't want to wear one, then neither will I."

The idea of his bride not wearing a wedding ring was shocking!

We had a double-ring wedding ceremony. I put a ring on his finger, and he has never taken it off.

BEATRICE IN WACO



(Special Photo)

PEWS officers for 1988-89 are, from left, Leda Lyon, vice president; Marguerite Wright, vice president; Sue Ingram, secretary; Sherry Hauser, treasurer; Joan Jackson, parliamentarian; Mary Butler, president; and Deborah Tully, installing officer.

Club News

Petroleum Engineers Wives Society

Petroleum Engineers Wives Society held their monthly meeting April 12 at Pampa Country Club.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Butler, vice president. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Virginia Parker, and Leda Lyon gave the treasurer's report.

New by-laws were proposed and passed, and the nomination of officers for the upcoming year were announced and approved by members.

Ken Rheams of Rheams Diamond Shop presented a program on grading, color and value of diamonds.

Hostesses for the meeting were Georgiana Orgon and Peggy Paronto, with Butler and Peggy

Soukup assisting.

On May 10, PEWS met at Borger Country Club for a luncheon followed by the monthly meeting, which was called to order by Joan Jackson, president.

The minutes and treasurer's report were read by Leda Lyon, treasurer.

Vice President Deborah Tully of Borger installed new officers and gave each new officer a herb plant and its history and quality it represents. New officers are Mary Butler, Pampa, president; Leda Lyon, Pampa, vice president; Marguerite Wright, Borger, vice president; Sue Ingram, Borger, secretary; Sherry Haus-

er, Pampa, treasurer; Joan Jackson, Borger, parliamentarian; Wenda Eckerdt, Pampa, membership and publicity chairman; Juanel Arthur, Borger, membership; Bonnie Scropp, Borger, publicity; Diane Closterman and Evon Imgarten, Pampa, and Marie Hunt and Elaine Anderson, Borger, Telephone Committee; and Amelia Casas, Borger, yearbook.

Thirty-two members played crazy bridge. Eckerdt received a pink hydrangea plant for highest score and Pat Leech won a deck of cards for low score.

Hostesses for the meeting were Marilyn Pearce and Marguerite Wright of Borger.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

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- 8 Exclamation of relief
- 12 Entertainer—Sumac
- 13 First-rate (2 wds.)
- 14 Military assistant
- 15 Narrow inlet
- 16 Showing new life
- 18 Gantry
- 20 Mrs. in Madrid
- 21 "—Kapital"
- 22 Scold repeatedly
- 24 Calif. airline destination
- 26 Regal
- 30 Studly
- 34 Navy ship prefix (abbr.)
- 35 Sesame
- 37 Step —
- 38 Straight —
- 40 Of the sea (abbr.)
- 42 Army bed
- 43 Celtic priest
- 45 Crazy
- 47 Grazing land and downs
- 50 Law (Lat.)
- 53 Vestment
- 55 "Dallas" family
- 59 Acts of blundering
- 62 Constellation
- 63 Seaweed product
- 64 Pay one's share
- 65 Lower limb
- 66 Auto racer A.J.

DOWN

- 1 Early stringed instrument
- 2 Biographer Ludwig
- 3 Yes, —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 5 Hand implement
- 6 Hotels
- 7 Cogwheels
- 8 Woman in U.S. Army (abbr.)
- 9 Hurried
- 10 Author Ferber
- 11 Antiprohibitionists
- 17 Free from danger
- 19 Chemical suffix
- 23 Secluded valley
- 25 Ear (comb. form)
- 26 Campus area
- 27 Soviet Union (abbr.)
- 28 Jacob's twin
- 29 Slangy affirmative
- 31 Hooklike parts
- 32 Fashion-name
- 33 Diminutive suffix
- 36 Hawaiian feast
- 39 Nothing
- 41 Prepare for printing
- 44 College official
- 46 Compass point far north
- 48 Highway-to-the layer
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You will develop several new interests in the year ahead that will expand your horizons socially as well as in the commercial world. Each will produce its own type of benefits.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually you take time to think things through, but today, you may rush to judgment and arrive at conclusions that are neither practical nor helpful. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't put yourself in a financial position where your lifestyle is governed by excessive obligations. Live within your means.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Things that are of critical importance to you today might not be considered top priorities by your companions or associates. Operate independently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's important that you keep pace with your duties and responsibilities at this time. If you start letting things pile up, you'll have a mess on your hands later.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't let dissenting factions within your peer group draw you into their petty politics today. Whatever side you take could turn out to be the wrong one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In order to be successful today, your objective must be clearly defined, and you must have the fortitude to regroup your forces if you suffer initial setbacks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today, you may waste a lot of valuable time and emotional energy rehashing a problem instead of seeking a feasible solution. Focus on results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone to whom you are indebted in some manner is beginning to lose patience with you because you have not cleared up this obligation. Do it today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) People with whom you have dealings today could lose respect for you if you are too indecisive or wishy-washy. Take a firm position and proceed from there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This will not be a very productive day for you if you postpone tasks you should attend to early in the day. Don't drag your feet.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't try to impress acquaintances with liberal spending today. All it will gain you is a thinner wallet, because no one will really take notice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Unless you are very methodical and disciplined today, you are not likely to complete assignments or projects you begin. Be consistent and persistent.

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Sports

Bliss going after UNM coaching job

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Southern Methodist basketball coach Dave Bliss said he'll discuss taking the University of New Mexico's coaching job now that his former mentor, Indiana's Bobby Knight, has turned it down.

"I'm going to go to Albuquerque tomorrow, for sure," Bliss said Monday. "I have no idea whether they will offer me the job."

And, Bliss said, he doesn't know that he'll take it if it is offered. "I would not know that until the time comes," he said.

Bliss spoke with SMU Athletic Director Doug Single and school president Kenneth Pye about the position Monday.

"I told them I'm very happy with the program here, but I'm professionally interested in going to Albuquerque," Bliss said, adding that both men were encouraging.

Sources have said Bliss is con-

sidered the top contender for the job.

But Single said New Mexico's extended infatuation with Knight may affect the Western Athletic Conference school's chances of luring Bliss.

"What New Mexico needs to know is that they put him on the back burner for the past two weeks," Single said of Bliss. "The fact remains — whether he's still interested remains to be seen."

Single said Bliss may be in-

"He's outgrown the Bobby Knight protege image."

— Paul Ridings
SMU SID

terested in the move to Albuquerque because his wife's parents live in the state.

But Single said New Mexico may have trouble matching Bliss' salary.

"He's (Bliss) the highest-paid

basketball coach in the Southwest Conference already by a bunch," Single said, declining to say how much Bliss earns. "If he decides to make the move, it won't be a financial decision."

"They have to prove to him that it is a good professional move. New Mexico will have a hard time matching his salary."

"His No. 1 strength is that he's not stuck in one system. He's very good at adapting his system to his players," said Paul Ridings, sports information director

at SMU.

"In 1985 we were very strong inside and used a zone defense. This year, when we had really good outside shooters, we developed a run-and-gun type game," he said.

Bliss, 44, is stepping out of the shadows of Knight, his former boss and mentor, Ridings said. "He's outgrown the Bobby Knight-protege image."

Knight turned down the Lobos' offer Monday, and New Mexico apparently is turning to Bliss.

Astros down Pirates

HOUSTON (AP) — Lefthander Jim Deshaies says it's a challenge to be part of the starting pitching rotation for the Houston Astros.

Deshaies, 27, beginning his third season as a starter, met the challenge Monday night as he allowed only five hits in eight innings as the Astros defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates, 9-2. He improved his record to 3-2.

"There's so much talk about us having one of the best staffs in the league, there's competition in the sense that everyone wants to go out and hold up his end," Deshaies said.

Major League Standings

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	25	12	.676	—
Cleveland	22	15	.593	3½
Detroit	21	15	.583	3½
Boston	19	15	.559	4½
Milwaukee	20	16	.556	4½
Toronto	16	21	.432	9
Baltimore	5	31	.139	19½

West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Oakland	27	10	.730	—
Chicago	18	17	.514	8
Texas	18	18	.500	8½
Kansas City	17	19	.472	9½
Minnesota	15	19	.441	10½
Seattle	16	23	.410	12
California	14	23	.378	13

Monday's Games

New York 3, Seattle 1
Oakland 3, Boston 0
Toronto 5, Chicago 1
Milwaukee 3, Detroit 1
Kansas City 7, Texas 6
Only games scheduled

Today's Games

Seattle (Swift 2-1) at New York (Dotson 5-0), 6:30 p.m.
California (With 1-4) at Baltimore (Bautista 0-2), 6:35 p.m.
Oakland (Ontiveros 1-1) at Boston (Ellsworth 1-4), 6:35 p.m.
Chicago (McDowell 2-3) at Cleveland (Yeff 2-2), 6:35 p.m.
Texas (Guzman 4-2) at Toronto (Flanagan 4-2), 6:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Power 1-1) at Minnesota (Bivle 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Robinson 4-2) at Milwaukee (Nieves 4-2), 7:35 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Detroit at Milwaukee, 1:35 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 6:30 p.m.
California at Baltimore, 6:35 p.m.
Oakland at Boston, 6:35 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 6:35 p.m.
Texas at Toronto, 6:35 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 7:05 p.m.



Adam Clark of Holmes singles to center in Minor League Bambino play last night. Holmes defeated Keyes 23-13.

Jackson sparks Royals' win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The maturation process of Bo Jackson, baseball player, continues at a pace that should concern his football employer, Al Davis of the Los Angeles Raiders.

The Kansas City left-fielder belted a two-run homer in the sixth and went 3-for-4 with a stolen base Monday night, keying the Royals' 7-6 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Jackson is still weighing his options regarding a permanent decision between the two sports. Meanwhile his baseball ability continues to gain on his football skills almost daily.

"I wish I could look into the future and see 3-for-4 every night but I know that's not going to happen," said the former Heisman Trophy winner. "But I'll take it every once in a while."

"As with anybody in their second season, I'm learning the pitchers and getting more

comfortable. In the outfield I have a clearer mind."

Jackson sat out Sunday afternoon's game with back spasms and Royals manager John Wathan said the rest may have done Jackson good.

"He sure seemed strong tonight," Wathan said. "He loves a challenge."

"Bo Jackson proves he belongs here," said teammate George Brett. "He still has a lot to learn but he learns every time he goes out there."

The Royals cruised into the ninth with a 7-2 lead on the strength of a 12-hit attack and starter Floyd Bannister's 5-hit pitching. Bannister, 6-2, felt he could have gone longer but agreed with Wathan that reliever Bud Black needed some confidence-building work with a big lead.

The first six Ranger batters in the ninth got hits off Black and Dan Quisenberry, including Pete Incaviglia's two-run homer off Black.

Wathan summoned Steve Farr with runners on first and second and one out. Farr struck out pinch-hitter James Steels and got Scott Fletcher on an game-ending groundout, giving the Royals a split of the four-game series.

"After dropping the first two, I feel lucky to get out of here with the split," Wathan said.

Kansas City got its first out of the inning when Jerry Browne's hard bunt was fielded by first-baseman Steve Balboni, who fired to third for the force-out.

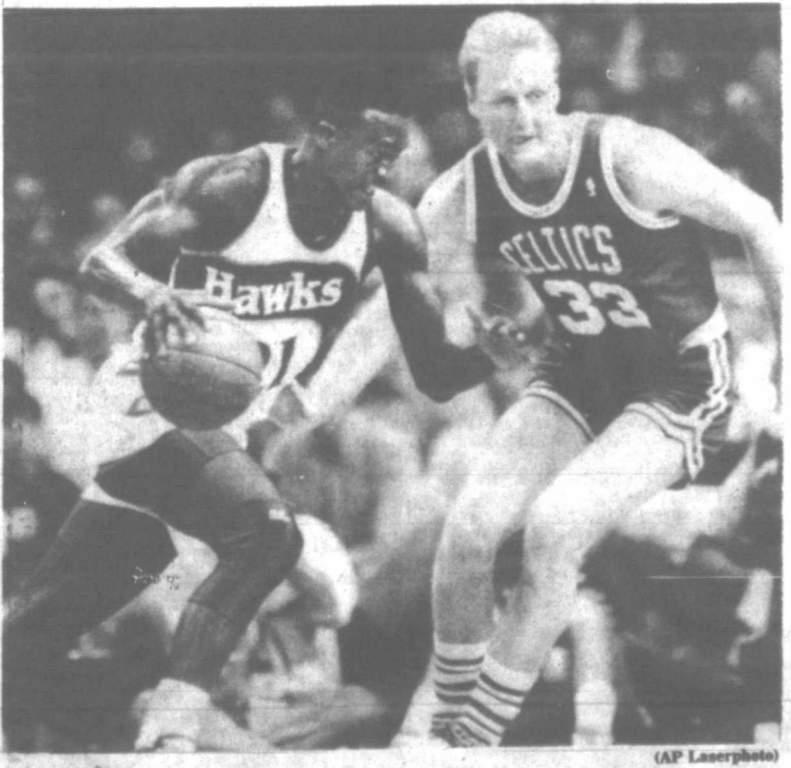
"The key play was Balboni getting the ball to third," Wathan said. "Jerry bunted too hard at Balboni." Rangers manager Bobby Valentine said. "He bunts it soft and Balboni doesn't make the play. We made it exciting and we battled 'em."

Bannister improved his record to 18-4 since the 1987 All-Star game.

Groom schedules sports banquet

Groom High School will hold its annual Sports Awards Banquet tonight in the Groom Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

The Banquet is sponsored by the athletes, the Groom Athletic Department, and the senior mothers. Tickets are \$4.00.



Dominique Wilkens has 40-point night against Celtics.

Hawks square series with Celtics 118-109

By ED SHEARER
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks knew it wasn't going to be as easy as a 19-point third-quarter lead might make it appear.

They were right.

The Boston Celtics cut that deficit to 101-99 with 7:31 remaining before Dominique Wilkins keyed an 8-0 burst with six points as the Hawks regained control and went on to post a 118-109 victory Monday night that squared the best-of-seven NBA Eastern Conference semifinal playoff series at 2-2.

"The key was we didn't let them tie us," Atlanta's Randy Wittman said. "Psychologically that's a big thing. They didn't quite get there."

"We didn't want to panic, we didn't want to get nervous," Wilkins said of the Boston rally. "When you panic, you make more mistakes."

The series moves back to the Boston Garden on Wednesday night, an arena where the Hawks have lost 14 games in a row, including the first two in this series last week.

Game 6 will be played in Atlanta on Friday night and Game 7, if needed, will be back in Boston on Sunday. The winner will move to the conference final against either Detroit or

Chicago. Detroit leads that series 3-1.

The game was the only one played Monday night. Tonight, Utah is at the Los Angeles Lakers and Dallas at Denver. Those series also are tied at 2-2.

In the only other game Wednesday night, Chicago will try to stave off elimination against Detroit, which holds a 3-1 lead.

"We've got to go to the Garden and play recklessly and not get down by 40 points in the first quarter," said Atlanta's Glenn "Doc" Rivers, who tied an NBA playoff record with 15 first-half assists and finished the game with 22, two shy of the playoff mark held by Magic Johnson of the Lakers.

Wilkins, mired in a shooting slump in the first three games, hit 15 of 29 shots and scored 40 points.

Larry Bird scored 30 points to lead the Celtics, who bolted to a 38-28 lead in the final minute of the opening quarter, before Atlanta went on an 11-0 run sparked by Spud Webb's six points to take a 39-38 lead.

Danny Ainge's basket put the Celtics back on top with 9:04 left in the half before Wilkins hit two free throws and a basket and Antoine Carr scored on a tip-in to give the Hawks a 45-40 advantage. The Hawks led the rest of the way, with Boston cutting the lead to 52-51 four minutes before halftime and then falling

behind 88-69 late in the third before staging the late rally that fell two points shy of a tie.

Jazz-Lakers

Los Angeles center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who made only six of his 27 field goal attempts in Games 2 and 3, came to life Sunday and had 20 points and 11 rebounds as the Lakers evened the series with a 113-100 victory.

The 41-year-old Abdul-Jabbar, the NBA's all-time leading scorer, gave an indication of things to come when he made a skyhook and thrust his fist into the air on the Lakers' first possession of the game.

"He looked like he was (again) the 18-year-old kid from New York," Utah coach Frank Layden said of Abdul-Jabbar.

Mavericks-Nuggets

Denver's Doug Moe, named Monday as Coach of the Year, is hoping for more intensity than his team showed in its 124-103 loss Sunday.

"We could have had (Larry) Bird, Magic (Johnson) and (Michael) Jordan and it wouldn't have made any difference," Moe said.

Lafayette Lever, sidelined with a strained right knee but given a 50-50 chance to play tonight, refused to blame the loss on the injuries.

side, and Monica was right in front."

But McEntire regained the second position on the home stretch when Hoots was unable to sustain the momentum she had found in passing. The last 100 meters became an all-out sprint for the tape.

Vigil's determination got her across the finish line first in 2:15.7, with McEntire hot on her heels 0.1 second later, followed by Hoots and another 0.1 second. This one was so close, there were a couple of people at the finish line who were unsure who had won.

Vigil knew, however. She held the lead from start to finish, and the smile on her face after the race said it all. Saturday's time marked a career-best for the White Deer senior.

The state meet was Vigil's final high-school performance, and she hopes to run college track if the right offer comes along. She is tentatively considering attending Texas Tech University in the fall.

McEntire, a junior, appeared disappointed following her second-place finish. This was her third state track appearance, and she has a gold and two silver medals to show for her efforts, an enviable collection by anyone's standards. Her time of 2:15.8 meant a new career-best for McEntire, and being a junior, you can bet she'll be in Austin again next year.

Congratulations to two winners.

Soviets are suddenly defensive again about Chernobyl

CHERNOBYL, U.S.S.R. (AP)—Public fear of nuclear power and unexpected criticism from the press suddenly have made Soviet officials strikingly defensive about their efforts to deal with the effects of the Chernobyl disaster.

Comments by some officials during a conference on the medical effects of the accident and a tour of the mammoth Chernobyl nuclear power plant last week suggested they are worried that public opposition could halt development of nuclear power in the Soviet Union.

The April 26, 1986, explosion and fire at the Chernobyl plant's No. 4 reactor killed at least 31 people and released a cloud of radioactive material that eventually circled the globe.

The Soviets were severely criticized in the West for not immediately reporting the accident. Since then, they have opened an international media center at Chernobyl, given more than 180 tours of the plant and made other efforts to provide information about their efforts to clean up after the accident.

But even before getting down to the main work of their three-day conference in Kiev, officials several times cited evidence of what they called "radiophobia, e-run organization that oversees the Chernobyl plant and the 18-mile exclusion zone around it, said "the public conception of the accident was not less important than the technical problems."

Soviet specialists acknowledged that rumors of radioactive leaks at Chernobyl still sweep Kiev, the capital of the Soviet Ukraine, 80 miles south of the plant.

They said some people are afraid to have children because they fear birth defects induced by radiation. Stress and stress-related medical problems linked to the disaster are on the rise.

Leonid Ilyin, head of the Soviet Institute of Biophysics, described "radiophobia" as a psychological and political problem that could damage the future of nuclear power. Rejection of nuclear power is a "lack of understanding of the reality of today, when there is no alternative," he said.

The Soviet media have reported that public opposition has halted construction of nuclear power plants near the southern Ukrainian city of Odessa, the Byelorussian capital of Minsk and the southern Russian city of Krasnodar.

Such action is extremely rare in a country where the only protests for years have been conducted only by small bands of dissenters.

Despite the Chernobyl accident, the Soviet Union has committed itself to an ambitious nuclear power program. Last April, Andranik Petrosyants, head of the Soviet Atomic Energy Commission, said the country planned to double the amount of electricity produced by nuclear power between 1985 and 1990.

The Soviets stressed that except for those who were treated for radiation sickness immediately after the Chernobyl accident, they have found no medical effects of the fire.

They criticized American doctor Robert Gale and others who publicize estimates of the possible number of cancer deaths from the Chernobyl accident.

Gale retorted that with the lack of such information provided by Soviet scientists, "Many people in Kiev worry about what will happen to them."

Cancers caused by exposure to radiation from the plant could take decades to form, doctors said.

Kovalenko and Chernobyl plant manager Mikhail Umanets also were stung by sharp criticism from an unexpected source, the official Soviet media.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda on April 24 complained of shoddy work, drunkenness and nepotism at the Chernobyl plant.

Umanets said in a meeting with reporters at the Chernobyl plant that some of the criticisms were justified of Kombinat in general, but not of workers at the Chernobyl plant.

Supreme Court rules garbage not private

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court ruled Monday that Americans have no right of privacy to their garbage once it's put out for collection.

By a 6-2 vote, the justices reinstated drug-dealing charges against two California residents. Police discovered evidence of narcotics in their garbage.

"The police cannot reasonably be expected to avert their eyes from evidence of criminal activity that could have been observed by any member of the public," said Justice Byron R. White for the court.

"It is common knowledge that plastic garbage bags left on or at the side of a public street are readily accessible to animals, children, scavengers, snoopers and other members of the public," White said. The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution generally requires police to obtain search warrants from a judge before conducting searches.

But White said the constitutional protection does not apply to discarded trash because people have no "expectation of privacy" for their garbage.

In a dissenting opinion, Justice William J. Brennan said, "Scrutiny of another's trash is contrary to commonly accepted notions of civilized behavior. I suspect, therefore, that members of our society will be shocked to learn that the court, the ultimate guarantor of liberty, deems unreasonable our expectation that the aspects of our private lives that are concealed safely in a trash bag will not become public."

He was joined by Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Joining White were Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices John Paul Stevens, Harry A. Blackmun, Sandra Day O'Connor and Antonin Scalia.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, the newest member of the court, did not take part in deciding the case.

Monday's ruling overturned decisions by California courts that said police officers must obtain warrants before searching discarded garbage.

Police sifted through garbage collected from outside the home of Billy Greenwood

in Laguna, Calif., on April 6 and May 4, 1984.

They found drug paraphernalia and drug residue and then obtained a warrant to search Greenwood's house.

There they seized marijuana, hashish and cocaine and charged Greenwood and Dyanne Van Houten, who was also present, with narcotics possession.

State courts threw out the charges after ruling that police violated the rights of Greenwood and Ms. Van Houten.

In other action, the court: ■ Let stand a ruling that pregnant prison inmates have the right to free abortions if they cannot afford them.

The justices, without comment, refused to hear arguments by prison officials in Monmouth County, N.J., that no such right exists if an abortion is unnecessary to preserve an inmate's life or health.

■ Upheld a \$1.8 million judgment against an insurance company ordered to pay the money to an injured Mississippi man whose \$20,000 claim it wrongfully rejected.

But in one of the most closely watched cases of the year, the justices declined to decide the constitutionality of such enormous punitive damage awards in personal injury cases.

The court, in a ruling based on procedural grounds, said the issue was not properly presented in the case.

■ Agreed, in an important case for state treasuries, whether New Jersey unfairly is forcing 13 major oil companies to pay millions of dollars in taxes.

The court said it will review a ruling that allows New Jersey officials to deny state tax deductions for what the companies pay in federal windfall profits taxes.

■ Let stand the espionage conviction of a U.S. spy agency employee who sold surveillance secrets to Soviet agents.

The justices, without comment, turned away arguments that Ronald W. Pelton was denied a fair trial when convicted of selling classified information about his agency's electronic eavesdropping programs.

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