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Haunted cafeteria



(Staff Photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Students going to lunch Monday at Travis Elementary School received a Halloween treat — or was it a trick? Ghostly Rose Jones, right, adds a bit of haunting to the

lunchtime fare in the serving line. Also treating the students are, from left, California "raisins" Debbie Middleton and Margaret Hall.

Experts: Soviet budget's deficit more than U.S.

By BRYAN BRUMLEY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. experts say the Soviet budget deficit that Moscow has finally acknowledged is comparatively larger than that of America and could jeopardize the reform program of Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev.

The Soviets likely will try to ease the deficit by printing more money, raising prices and reducing subsidies on such goods as housing and food, according to the Central Intelligence Agency and two non-government economists, Marshall Goldman of Harvard University and Jan Vanous.

But those steps could anger consumers as well as key interest groups such as the military, Goldman and Vanous said Monday in telephone interviews.

The Soviet finance minister, Boris Gostev, said during a session of parliament last week that the Kremlin expected to run a deficit of 34 billion rubles (\$55 billion) on a budget of 493 billion rubles (\$795 billion) in 1989.

The Soviet government budget makes up the bulk of the socialist country's economy, in which nearly all enterprises are owned by the state.

Gostev did not disclose the deficit for 1988 or previous years.

A CIA report issued in September before Gostev spoke estimated that the Soviet deficit had grown from 11 billion rubles or 1.4 percent of gross national product in 1984 to 64 billion rubles or 7.4 percent of GNP in 1987.

By contrast, the U.S. government deficit peaked as a percentage of GNP at 3.5 percent in 1986 — \$148 billion.

Vanous estimated the Soviet deficit for 1987 and 1988 at 65-75 billion rubles per year.

"The actual deficit is much higher" than the Soviet figure, said Vanous, who develops economic models of the Soviet economy for PlanEcon, a Washington firm. "What they have released to the public is a distortion."

The CIA analysis said Gorbachev "needs to come to grips with the budget deficit. Most of the options open to him, however, impinge on the welfare of the population or key interest groups, such as the military, just at a time when he needs as much political support as he can garner."

"If the budget deficit is not brought down, it could lead to inflation much worse than the Soviets have experienced in the postwar era," the CIA said.

Goldman said that Gostev's budget figures were "probably meant as a warning signal to the population ... that prices will be going up and that subsidies will be going down."

"The whole thing is so bizarre because they say now that the previous budgets were incorrect," said Goldman, the associate director of the Russian Research Center at Harvard.

"Glasnost (greater openness) has been in effect for three years and this is the first we have heard of the deficit. So we don't know what is right," he said.

The deficit began to rise in 1985 the year Gorbachev became Communist Party general secretary, and "it really took off in 1987-88," said Vanous.

Vanous attributed the jump to two factors: a 30 billion ruble revenue shortfall resulting from decreased sales of state-produced alcohol and a 40 billion decrease in oil export and related earnings due to lower world petroleum prices.

Soviet economists, and Goldman, have said that the budget was also caused by new methods of accounting introduced under Gorbachev to give a more accurate picture of the economy.

Supreme Court to review secrecy law

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court agreed Monday to consider reviving an attempt by Congress to limit the president's authority to withhold classified information from the nation's legislative branch.

The court said it will review a ruling that invalidated a law aimed at giving Congress more access to national security information.

The justices are expected to announce their decision in 1989.

A federal judge had ruled the law violates the required separation of legislative and executive powers.

The clash between Congress and the president over classified information is a long-standing one. But the case acted on Monday

has more recent origins in a national security directive adopted by President Reagan in 1983.

The directive requires federal officials, before they are allowed access to classified information, to sign an agreement that they will not disclose the information.

The directive also established a standard form for officials to sign, promising they never will divulge classified or "classifiable" information without written permission from proper authorities.

Some members of Congress bridled at the directive, particularly the use of the word "classifiable."

They said the presidential order restricts the free-speech rights of federal employees

and "allows after-the-fact classification of information in order to punish whistleblowers for making disclosures that embarrass their superiors."

Opponents of the presidential directive said the secrecy agreement that federal employees were forced to sign would bar them for life from revealing information to Congress which it is entitled to receive.

Congress then enacted legislation prohibiting use of funds during the 1987-88 fiscal year to implement the standard forms Reagan had authorized.

The legislation, attached to a general government spending bill, was aimed at blocking the executive branch from withholding "classifiable" information.

Leading index declines again

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government said today that its main forecasting gauge of future economic activity edged down 0.1 percent in September, its second decline in the last three months.

The Commerce Department's Index of Leading Indicators rose 0.5 percent in August and 1.5 percent in June but fell 0.7 percent in July.

Economists believe this roller-coaster performance is a signal that the economy, which was expanding at a robust pace in the first six months of 1988, is slowing down.

Indeed, overall economic growth as measured by the gross national product dropped to an annual rate of 2.2 percent from July through September and many analysts believe that this modest pace will continue in the current quarter.

David Wyss, an economist with Data Resources Inc., said that

the leading index was signalling a welcome slowdown, which would give the economy breathing room and lower inflationary pressures built up by heavy demand and tight labor markets.

The 0.1 percent decline in the leading index was a bit weaker than expected. Many private forecasters were calling for a 0.2 percent rise. The August index, however, was revised upward to show a 0.5 percent gain instead of the originally reported 0.4 percent increase.

The index, by focusing on forward-pointing business statistics, is designed to foretell economic activity six to nine months into the future.

Many economists, who had at one time been fearful that the next president would face a recession in his first year in office, have revised that view and now believe the next downturn will not come until 1990.

But the leading index is signalling slower growth. For the last 12 months, it has risen just 0.7 percent, compared to an increase of 6.7 percent in the previous 12-month period.

For October, the biggest factor holding the index back was a drop in plant and equipment orders, followed by a fall in building permits. Other factors depressing the index were a decline in raw materials prices and slower growth in the money supply. Falling prices are viewed negatively as a sign of lower demand.

In all, five of the available nine indicators made positive contributions. The biggest positive force came from an increase in the average workweek.

Other positive factors were a fall in initial unemployment claims, a rise in stock prices, a slowdown in filling orders and a rise in orders for consumer goods.

Halloween accident



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Halloween trick-or-treaters watch as emergency personnel respond to an accident in the 200 block of North Starkweather at approximately 6 p.m. Monday. A 1984 Oldsmobile driven by Lenice Shewmaker, 225 N. Sumner, allegedly ran a stop sign and col-

lided with a 1979 Mercury driven by Hazel C. Poston, 509 Magnolia. Both women were treated and released at Coronado Hospital. Shewmaker was cited for failure to yield right of way.

Chisum, Christian seeking vacated state representative post

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

The race for the 84th District state representative seat in the Texas Legislature has primarily been a low-keyed contest between two country gentlemen who are trying to earn the place being vacated by Foster Whaley.

The major issue that has really separated Tom Christian, R-Claude, and Warren Chisum, D-Pampa, has been Christian's acceptance of political action committee money. Chisum has accepted the endorsements of PACs but not the funds.

"I guess you could say this has been a boring campaign because it hasn't been negative," Chisum said. "The basic difference is that I don't accept PAC funds, so I'm in a better position to serve all the people."

Christian defends the use of PAC money as a bi-partisan reality of funding a race in the 1980s.

"The PAC funds started in the late '60s. They were set up for the

purpose of counterbalancing organized labor funds. I've run campaigns without PAC funds, but they are one of the only ways most businesses have of making their voice heard," Christian said.

He added that most PAC funds run between \$500-\$1,000.

"I don't think you can buy and vote for that. I have made it clear that I will listen to everybody but make my own decisions," Christian said. "I already told one group that has supported me that I will not support their position."

Chisum points out that he is following the example of Whaley by being a conservative Democrat who does not accept PAC money. He also recognizes that Whaley's refusal to budge on many issues hurt his ability to be named as chairman of key legislative committees.

"I am aware of the frustrations. But people in this district were pleased with Foster and they will be pleased with me,"

he said. Christian said that experience is the real issue that separates the two men.

"I've been in the Legislature before and had a lot of public involvement in the last 20 years. I've had school as well as medical experience. I spent 18 years as regent, school board member and teacher. I first got involved in the rural health situation in 1964 and have served on the Armstrong County Hospital Board for 23 years," Christian said.

He is an advocate of legislation that returns control of school districts to the local level as well as a push to increase tourism dollars in the Panhandle and across the state.

Chisum said that because he comes from Pampa, the largest city in the 84th District, he has had time to get to know a vast number of his constituents and their desires that would benefit them if he were state representative.

He agrees with Christian that

public schools are one of the big issues of the campaign.

"Under Judge Clark's ruling, school funding has not been equal. Under equal funding of districts, almost every district in this area will get an increase," Chisum said.

Both men have numerous endorsements. However, the endorsement of Chisum by the Texas Farm Bureau has been the most controversial. Recently the president of the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau disclaimed the endorsement as not necessarily representing the sentiments of local FB members.

Among the endorsements the two candidates have collected are:

Christian: Texas Cattlefeeders Association, Texas Hospital Association, Lone Star Steel, Dow Chemical PAC, Texas State Employees Association, Texas-American Bancshares, Panhandle Chapter of CPAs, Texas Chemical Council and Automobile

Dealers PACs. Chisum: Texas Farm Bureau, Coronado Nursing Center, Texas

Chem-PAC (Hoechst Celanese PAC) and the Combined Law Enforcement Agencies of Texas

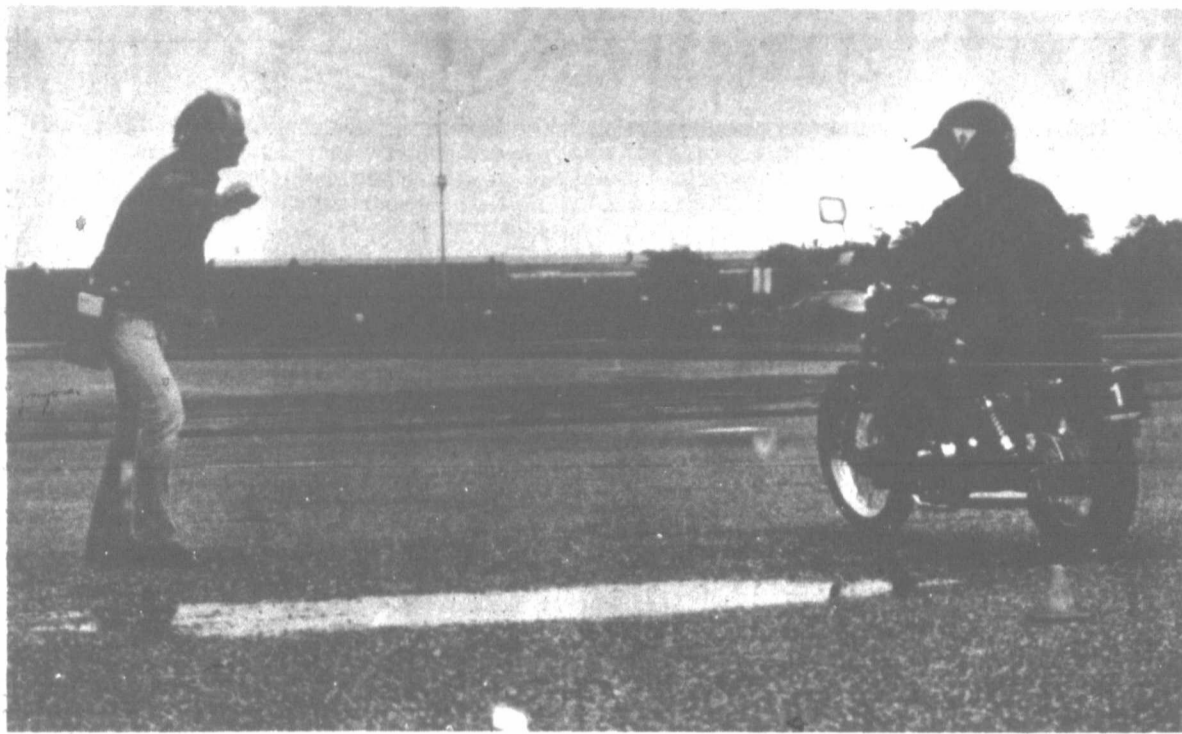


Chisum



Christian

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(DPS Photo)

An instructor coaches a student in throttle use. The DPS will be giving motorcycle training in Pampa this weekend.

DPS to offer training course in motorcycle skills in Pampa

The Texas Department of Public Safety is bringing its mobile motorcycle training course to Pampa this weekend.

The course, "Riding and Street Skills," is designed to teach the mental and physical skills needed to ride a motorcycle in traffic, including strategies for street survival, accident avoidance, and advanced turning and braking techniques. Developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, the course is an 18-hour curriculum that includes both classroom and on-cycle training, according to Lefors Municipal Court Judge Linda Daniels.

The course will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Pampa, with classroom instruction at the Pampa Optimist Club building and the cycle-training at the parking lot west of Harvester Stadium at Pampa High School.

Motorcycles, helmets and insurance coverage are provided for students who do not own a motorcycle but want to learn how to ride, Daniels said.

Daniels said research has shown that the average student will gain the equivalent skill level of three years experience on a motorcycle following the course.

The course comes to Pampa in a trailer that transports the motorcycles and can also serve as a portable classroom. It is taught by professional motorcycle training instructors from Texas State Technical Institute of Waco.

Participants of the course have included both teenagers and adults of all ages who either want to learn how to ride or who are experienced riders wanting to learn the latest riding techniques.

Graduates receive a certificate, decal and patch and are eligible for insurance discounts.

Pre-registration and prepayment for the course is required. Space is limited. The fee, which includes materials and use of the equipment, is \$25.

For more information or to register, contact Daniels at 835-2398 after 5 p.m.

Texas law requires 15 to 17 year old applicants for a motorcycle license to complete a DPS approved motorcycle rider course.

Gray County has been designated as one of the target counties in the state for the establishment of the mobile training program, according to Linda Aronovsky, program specialist and mobile program coordinator in the DPS Motorcycle Operator Training Section.

The selection of Gray County was made on the basis of the severity of the motorcycle accident problem. Aronovsky noted that the county ranks 54th and the city of Pampa 61st in the state on the indices measuring rates of motorcycle accidents.

"Our goal is to reduce the number of motorcycle accidents in the state," she said.

"The figures are alarming. Motorcyclists accounted for nearly 10 percent of all fatal vehicle accidents in 1986, yet only comprise 1.3 percent of the total motor vehicle population," Aronovsky said.

In 1986, more than 400 motorcyclists were killed in accidents in Texas.

"One way to reduce the fatality and accident rate is to improve operator skill levels and develop practical street survival and accident avoidance strategies," she added. "That is exactly what this program does."

Texas Marine to be discharged on captivity emotional problems

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP)—A Texas Marine with emotional troubles caused by nearly 15 months of Iranian captivity will be discharged within three weeks despite his desire to remain in the service, Marine Corps officials said.

Staff Sgt. John D. McKeel Jr., 35, who contends his problems are manageable, will be honorably discharged with a 10 percent medical disability, according to a statement released Monday by the Marine Corps press office in Washington.

"Following the determination by the Department of the Navy's Central Physical Evaluation Board that McKeel ... was physically unfit to perform the duties (required of him) on active duty, the commandant of the Marine Corps has directed that he be honorably discharged within the next 20 days," the statement said.

McKeel, a Dallas native who is stationed at Camp Pendleton, was a Marine guard at the U.S. embassy in Tehran when it was stormed by Moslem radicals on

Nov. 3, 1979, during the revolution which toppled the Shah and brought the Ayatollah Khomeini to power.

He was among nine Marines and 42 civilians held hostage 444 days before being released Jan. 19, 1981.

A Marine for nearly 13 years, McKeel has said civilian doctors diagnosed him in 1985 as suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome. The federal Privacy Act of 1974 prohibits the release of details of McKeel's career and military doctors' diagnoses of his medical condition.

"Due to the nature of his disability and the length of his service, Staff Sgt. McKeel will be entitled to two years of his base pay (about \$34,000) as a severance payment," the Marine Corps statement said.

"The commandant of the Marine Corps, due to the special circumstances involved, conducted an in-depth review of Staff Sgt. McKeel's case to ensure that every available option had been considered."

Telephone calls to McKeel's home in San Marcos, 35 miles north of San Diego, went unanswered Monday evening.

McKeel has said he won't fight the discharge because his enlistment is up in March and he has no legal right to re-enlist because he has less than 18 years in the service.

However, he doesn't believe the Marines have treated him fairly or exhausted all efforts to find a job which his condition will allow him to handle.

"I'm perfectly capable of doing a good job. They just won't give me (one)," McKeel said last month.

"If you put your life on the line for your country, they ought to repay you some other way than saying, 'Hit the road.' After the awards and the honors you get, they do this to you."

McKeel said the civilian doctors who diagnosed him wanted to place him in a treatment program designed for former prisoners of war, but the Marines wouldn't approve it.

Plano seniors high on drugs

PLANO (AP)—More high school seniors in this Dallas suburb drink alcohol and use cocaine than the national average, according to a survey commissioned by the Plano Independent School District.

The survey of 1,128 students in the eighth, 10th and 12th grades showed that 96 percent of the seniors said they had used alcohol.

In 1986, a U.S. Department of Education survey showed that 91 percent of graduating seniors had used alcohol.

The Plano students also exceeded the national average for use of alcohol and cocaine in the previous month, but trailed the national average for marijuana, the survey indicated.

About 75 percent of the Plano seniors had used alcohol during the past 30 days, compared with 65.3 percent in the national survey. And 12 percent of the Plano seniors, twice the 6 percent in the

national survey, had used cocaine in the past 30 days.

Only 19 percent of the seniors surveyed had used marijuana in the past 30 days, compared with 23.9 percent of seniors nationally.

The survey also indicated that one-fourth of the seniors had reported long-term use of amphetamines, and 9 percent of the seniors reported using amphetamines in the month before the survey.

Larry Guinn, director of student services for the school system, said the survey was a random sampling of students and had a 3 percentage-point margin of error.

Some drug abuse officials said the higher average of drug use might be blamed on availability while others mentioned stress and a growing acceptance of drug and alcohol use.

"It is an epidemic," said Rick Hooker, coordinator of the school's drug and alcohol education program. "The drug culture,

music, money and the area are contributing factors. Central Texas is a prime location for amphetamine labs."

The area's affluent teens are stressed just as poorer students are, said Janell Myers, drug abuse therapist at HCA Willow Park Hospital in Plano.

"The only difference is that since they have money, their drug of choice might be different," Myers said. "Instead of beer or wine, they might drink Jack Daniels and margaritas."

Guinn said the survey was taken because school officials have long been aware there was a serious drug problem in the district.

"We are hoping this survey will give us some direction," Guinn said.

Guinn said the district's programs aimed at reducing drug and alcohol use include hour-long classroom lectures and tutoring for students returning from drug and alcohol treatment programs.

Taiwan company reveals plans for \$1.3 billion plant in Texas

PORT LAVACA (AP)—Formosa Plastics Group will make the largest one-time investment by a petrochemical manufacturer in the state when it begins construction of a \$1.3 billion facility next year, officials said.

The Taiwan-based company already has a plant at nearby Point Comfort that employs 166 workers, but announced Monday that groundbreaking for a new expanded facility is expected to begin early next year.

Formosa will provide up to 4,000 jobs during its three-year construction phase and will employ up to 1,700 new workers with an annual payroll of \$85 million, Formosa Chairman Y.C. Wang said.

Wang praised Gov. Bill Clements and Sen. Phil Gramm for leading an effort that helped him decide to locate the new facility on the Texas Gulf Coast.

The unemployment rate in Calhoun County once was 26 percent, but has dropped to about 10 percent and officials hope that by this time next year that rate will be cut in half.

"Their support moved me a great deal and I am extremely grateful," Wang said through an interpreter Monday. "There were many other states that would like to have the project in

their state and we had deep consideration (of their proposals), but we were moved by the sincerity of your people."

"I feel very happy and at the same time I am very, very scared. I must exert every effort in order that you won't be disappointed," Wang said.

Clements said the new Formosa plant would be the largest one-time investment by a petrochemical manufacturer in the state's history and thanked Wang for his decision.

"He is the private entrepreneur that we all talk about," Clements said.

Clements, Gramm, state and area officials said the economic impact could include 7,800 indirect jobs, \$2.3 million annual increase in personal income and another \$1.1 billion annual increase in the State Gross Product.

"This means more jobs, more growth, more opportunity for our people. This is the beginning of a development of a new major industry in Texas and America," Gramm said. "This is a good, red-letter day for the state of Texas."

Gramm said 70 percent of the plastics products will be sent overseas, but the remaining 30

percent will be available to process in the United States and could develop to as many as 100,000 new jobs in the United States.

"If you want to set it in a context of things that we've all heard about ... it's roughly equivalent to terms of the economic impact to a new Homeport in Corpus Christi," Gramm said.

"If we go through the full vertical integration, this will become the largest, private industry in Texas and will be roughly equal in terms of economic impact of getting the new superconducting supercollider. So we are talking about a megaeconomic event," Gramm said.

Texas officials offered tax incentives, help with infrastructure and road construction and aid in deepening the Gulf Coast channel so products could be shipped out more easily.

Formosa, which started in 1954 with a \$670,000 from the U.S. government, now has 14 plants in the United States and most of the products are exported.

The Formosa facility will include eight major plants that will be spread over 600 acres of a 1,500-acre tract and will include an electric plant using gas-fueled turbines.

Officials pay Roloff's farm taxes

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP)—Officials of the church founded by the late Lester Roloff have paid the back taxes owed to a school district in time to avoid an auction of a 550-acre spread where the controversial evangelist operated unlicensed homes for youths.

Officials of the People's Baptist Church paid the \$75,250 owed to the West Osio Independent School District Monday in order to avoid the auction that was to be held today.

Roloff's successor had earlier criticized a Texas Supreme Court ruling that agreed that the school district had the right to tax the property despite the church's contention that it was exempt from taxes.

"The church does not belong to Caesar," the Rev. Wiley B. Cameron said. "Should we render money to Caesar, or (render) redeemed people now able to walk uprightly and not be a burden to the state?"

The Supreme Court ruled that the church had nullified its tax-exempt status by allowing a for-

profit business to operate on the property.

Roloff, a dynamic radio preacher whose sermons were broadcast throughout the nation, died in 1982 when his private plane crashed.

Roloff called the property, located just outside the Texas coastal city of Corpus Christi on Farm-to-Market 665, "The Farm."

The auction was to have been held at the Nueces County Courthouse.

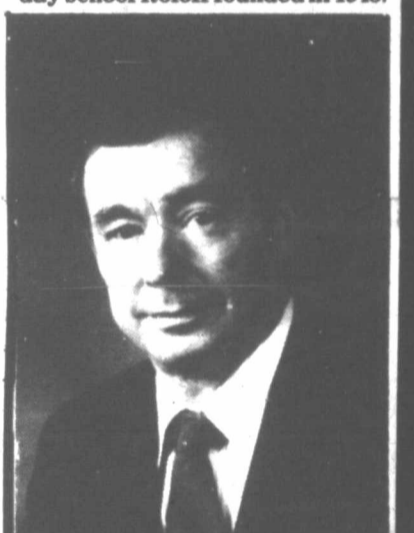
Roloff's 72-year-old widow, Marie, lives on the farm in the two-story home she once shared with the evangelist, but is reclusive.

About 450 troubled youths and drug and alcohol abusers lived in five homes located on the farm, but today only 150 remain in three homes.

Roloff's homes for troubled youths are empty after years of legal battles, and two years of "exile" in Missouri and Louisiana, because Roloff and his successor refused to have the homes licensed by the state.

The youths of the Anchor Home for Boys and Rebekah School for Girls were moved to Calvary Bible College in Liberty, Mo., in late 1985. A sign over the Rebekah School for Girls declares, "Closed By State Religion."

The homes for adult drug users and alcoholics are still open. And the church continues to operate a day school Roloff founded in 1948.



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Opinion

Soviet assistance is just cynical act

The Soviet Union has announced it will send 400 million rubles in food and other aid to Afghanistan to repair damage incurred during the almost nine years (and counting) of the Afghan war. That's nice of them. It's as if Hitler, in 1944, had pledged 400 million reichsmarks to help Jewish families destroyed by the Holocaust.

Whom are the Soviets kidding? They have spent almost nine years conducting a genocidal war against the Afghan people, murdering more than 1 million Afghans and sending at least 3 million into exile in Pakistan and Iran.

If the Soviets really want to help, they should: (1) pull out all their troops now, not by the February deadline they have set, and may not meet; (2) profusely apologize for their crimes; (3) punish officials who have perpetrated and continued this immense crime; (4) pledge several billion dollars (not rubles), to be distributed by some neutral third party, for repairing the damage done to Afghanistan.

Even the 400 million rubles the Soviets are offering is an exaggerated figure. The United Nations is seeking \$1.1 billion from around the world to help rebuild Afghanistan. At the official exchange rate of \$1.60 to one ruble, the 400 million rubles comes to \$640 million. But as any traveler to Moscow can tell you, the ruble is worth much less, perhaps as little as 10 cents. So the Soviet offer of Afghan aid may amount to only \$40 million.

The Soviet aid is promised mostly as food and other material goods, not hard cash. What are such items worth? Not much even in the Soviet Union itself. Soviet goods are so shoddy that almost nothing is exported except such raw materials as gold and oil and luxury items such as caviar and vodka.

The Kremlin says its new offer of 400 million rubles in goods would be given to the UN relief program. But Aleksandr Belongov, Soviet chief representative at the United Nations, says that the Kremlin will also increase its direct assistance to the Soviet puppet government in Kabul to \$720 million from \$680 million last year. It's not clear how much this means in rubles, or what exchange-rate figure was used. Nor is it known in what form this "aid" will come, inasmuch as the Soviets continue to arm the Kabul puppets.

To add insult to injury, the Red Army recently halted its scheduled withdrawal from Afghanistan, meaning the Soviet war against the Afghan people will continue. Could anything be more cynical?

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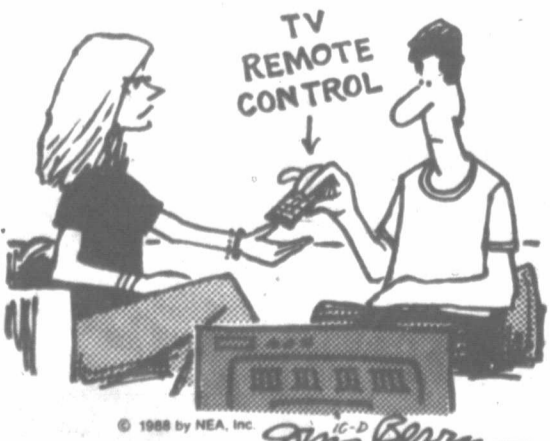
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Dirty Harry blanches at NFL

"As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth," said the Psalmist. "For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone." And, he might have added, that goes double for NFL quarterbacks.

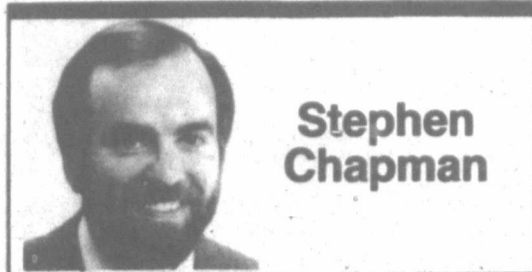
With the professional football season less than half over, the casualty lists look like reports from Guadalcanal. There are 28 franchises in the league, and so far 25 quarterbacks have missed playing time due to injuries. At this rate, some teams will finish the year with wide receivers taking snaps.

Actually, some teams could be doing that next Sunday. The Cleveland Browns are on their fourth starter this year, and his emergency backup is a guy whose normal job is to catch passes, not throw them. The Minnesota Vikings have had three quarterbacks injured. Lacking a healthy one, they've had to play the one who is least damaged. Triage, NFL-style.

It's not surprising that when a young man the size of a tax lawyer is compressed by a couple of 300-pounders travelling at a high rate of velocity, his frame sometimes collapses. What is surprising is that despite all the advances in training, rules, equipment and medicine, so little progress has been made in making football less destructive.

The league says not to worry, injuries aren't really more common this year — though it doesn't bother to add them up until the season's over. A normal year, this is. Of course normality is in the eye of the beholder. So widespread is the wreckage, year in and year out, that the league publishes a voluminous weekly injury report. Fans and players have learned to accept a scale of carnage that would make Dirty Harry blanch.

Experts shrug and say, in effect: Football



Stephen Chapman

without injuries is as absurd as war without death. Maybe so. But if Americans ever grow sick of the weekly toll in knees, shoulders and spines, there are ways to make football safer without changing its character. Here, a non-expert's immodest list:

- Impose weight limits. The bigger players get, the harder they hit. The harder they hit, the more likely that the unlucky target will disintegrate on impact. Football was a good game before linemen the size of Godzilla became the norm, and it would remain so if a maximum of 250 pounds were set. Let the mammoths join the circus or become professional wrestlers.

- The change would also minimize the lethal mismatches between willowy quarterbacks and defensive giants. Boxing, the most violent of sports, doesn't allow small men to go up against guys who outweigh diesel locomotives. Why should football?

- Get rid of hard-shell helmets and shoulder pads. Don Cooper, the football team physician at Oklahoma State, calls the helmet "the damndest, meanest tool on the face of the earth." But it doesn't have to be.

The conventional headgear endangers the wearer by encouraging use of his head as a weapon in tackling, which is a smart practice if

you aspire to a wheelchair. It also endangers the player tackled, a fact you can verify by laying on the ground and having someone drop a bowling ball on your stomach. Ditto for shoulder pads.

The remedy is simple: Coat helmets and shoulder pads with soft material to cushion blows. Cooper notes that rules require other equipment — thigh pads, knee pads, elbow pads — to be soft on the outside. "But the thing that does all the damage is hard as a rock," he says.

Lots of college teams used to practice in padded helmets to prevent injuries, but no one makes them anymore. In fact, due to the liability risk, most helmet manufacturers have fled the business entirely. In the name of safety, the sport is deprived of innovations that would enhance safety. Congress could fix the problem if it wanted to.

- Tear out the carpets. Several studies have documented what players claim, that grass fields are gentler to bodies than artificial turf, but most pro teams use plastic because it's cheaper. The Chicago Bears are an exception, having replaced their rug with sod this year in an effort to keep players out of the hospital.

The league says meekly that it can't do anything about artificial turf, since stadium owners have the right to use whatever they prefer. Such deference. If the NFL threatened to abandon any stadium without grass, you can be sure that stadium owners would change their minds pronto.

Hidebound traditionalists will snort and say these changes would turn the football game into a game fit only for girls. But they delude themselves. The truth is football hasn't been a sport for real men since they outlawed clipping and the flying wedge.

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Hosea's a fine piece of work

I'm not certain exactly how many Hosea Williams columns I have written over the years, but there have been many. Atlanta city councilman and old war horse of the civil rights movement, Hosea can make news with the best of them.

There's Hosea's horrendous driving record, of course, and then there was the time he went to the Reagan White House and pilfered an ashtray as a souvenir.

He's marched more miles than a career infantryman, seen the insides of more Southern jails than a train robber and even got caught recently packing a gun at the Atlanta airport.

But now Hosea has topped himself. He's gone and done the unbelievable.

In case you missed it, he announced the other day he is dropping out of a lawsuit against members of the Ku Klux Klan who threw rocks at him and other marchers during the ugly Forsythe County, Ga., counterdemonstration of a year ago.

The reason: The defendants, Hosea said, "have nothing but their homes, their cars and their paychecks. I would not disrupt their families."

Councilman Williams cited the teachings of



Lewis Grizzard

both Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesus Christ as his reasons for getting out of the \$1.5 million suit.

Hosea even shook hands with the defendants, David Holland, grand dragon, Southern White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and Edward Stephens, former grand dragon of The Invisible Empire.

Other black leaders went into shock, said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Council, founded by Dr. King.

"He's got to understand that if he led a march in Forsyth County tomorrow, the same people who were shaking his hand in that courtroom would be out there throwing rocks and shouting

"nigger." I'm assuming Hosea is on the up-and-up here, and what I want to say is I am damned proud of him.

You never are going to turn Klansmen colorblind by holding marches and suing them. That simply gives them an opportunity to show their hatred in public.

But I've got to believe even the hardened hearts of two grand dragons had to feel something when Hosea Williams said, "I don't want to hurt you or your families," and then stuck out his hand in forgiveness.

The Rev. Lowery, of course, was upset. He's the same bird who was on network television the other day defending Tawana Brawley, whose cry of rape was found to be a hoax.

How many blacks who might suffer real racial attacks in the future are going to suffer because of the Brawley circus?

And, as long as I'm on the subject, ever notice how much that preacher-advisor, or whatever of hers, looks like Fats Domino?

Don't let him get to you, Hosea. What you did took some courage. It took a big man. You are one remarkable piece of work.

Let them face Just Regular Folks panel

By SARAH OVERSTREET

It's been the practice of the newspaper in our medium-sized Midwestern city to gather a cross-section of "undecided" voters, put them in a room together, have them watch the presidential and vice-presidential debates, and then note their comments afterwards.

One woman summed up the last presidential debate perhaps more succinctly than any of the professional analysts I've heard: She said she had the feeling, "they're not telling me everything. Does that make sense?"

Indeed, the candidates don't seem to be telling us what they've wanted us to hear, not what many of us listening wanted them to tell us. But, yes, I think what the woman said does make sense, when you analyze the dynamics of the debates:

First, the debate format doesn't force the candidates to answer the

questions. One panelist asks a question, one candidate answers, and the other candidate rebuts. That system allows the candidates to give small nods of recognition to the question, perhaps a modicum of lip service, and then sail off into whatever uncharted seas they prefer.

No one calls a candidate on it if he doesn't answer the question, unless one of the other panelists brings it up again during his or her turn. And although we did see that happen on a couple of occasions, that's the exception rather than the rule, because the questioners are members of the press. They have their own exotic, esoteric questions to ask, ones they've labored over at length for just this moment.

Normally, you only hear a journalist/panelist repeat someone else's question when it will allow the reporter to demonstrate (a) he or she is shrewd enough to notice and point out the candidate didn't answer the question, or (b) he or she is tenacious enough not to let the candidate get away with it.

There were some excellent questions asked during the debate. But there were some that did nothing more than exhibit the journalist's ability to ferret out details more complex and little-known than those found by fellow panelists. And there were some that just plain wasted the voters' time: "Do you think a president has to be likable to be an effective leader?" or, "Is there anything nice you can say about (your opponent), anything you find admirable?"

So it looks like if normal voters — that's most of the rest of us — want our questions answered before we step into voting booths, the only way is to ask them ourselves. Unfortunately, we don't get a chance to do that.

That's why I'm proposing, next election, we deep-six the press panelists and substitute a panel of Just Regular Folks — normal voters who can ask the questions all the rest of us wanted answered.

We could screen out the nuts who'd use the opportunity of being on TV to

speak out for some goofy platform by having legitimate, recognized organizations choose one of their trustworthy members to ask the questions: unions, professional organizations, and so on.

We wouldn't have to leave the press out altogether: They could coordinate collecting the groups' applications, selecting the panelists and their questions, and putting on the whole shebang. It would be the finest way they could ensure the public's right to know what the public needs to know to make an informed decision.

I also propose extending the limits of the "answer-rebut" format to allow the panelist to ask the question at least one more time if the candidate has tap-danced all around it. We might go over the hour-and-a-half time limit, but I think it's the least the networks could do for the American people.

After all, they do it for football games.

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Nation

'Paper Chase' actor John Houseman dies

By JOHN HORN
Associated Press Writer

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — John Houseman was remembered upon his death at age 86 as a gentleman actor-producer who taught young actors, not the autocratic law professor in *The Paper Chase*, for which he won an Oscar.

Houseman brought a magnetic eloquence to the role of the curmudgeon as Professor Charles W. Kingsfield Jr.

He parlayed his fame from *The Paper Chase* movie and television series and his distinctive speaking style into a lucrative series of commercial endorsements, including advertisements for the investment firm Smith, Barney in which he growled, "They make money the old-fashioned way — they EARN it."

"Behind that austere public posture was the warmest, most generous man in the world — with his time, his remarkable intelligence, his insight," said writer David Rintels, who collaborated with Houseman on the movie *Gideon's Trumpet* and the play *Clarence Darrow*.

Houseman died at his seaside home before dawn Monday, said Ivan Goff, a family friend and scriptwriter.

Margo Harley, a longtime friend and colleague, said he had spinal cancer.

Houseman's most significant contribution

was his role advancing the work of young actors, Harley said. They included Kevin Kline, Robin Williams, Christopher Reeve, Patti LuPone and David Ogden Stiers, with whom Houseman appears in the new Woody Allen movie, *Another Woman*.

"He was really the last of the Renaissance men," she said. "He was somebody who has been responsible, probably, for more people's careers in American theater than any single person."

Robert Ginty, an actor who worked with Houseman in *The Paper Chase* television series, agreed.

"He was without question the No. 1 creative influence on my life," he said.

"He was a gentleman of the old school, polite and courtly," said Kirk Douglas, who starred in the Houseman-produced movie *Two Weeks in Another Town*.

While best known for his work on screen, Houseman was a reluctant actor. His strongest affections were reserved for theater and opera production, book writing and the teaching of acting.

Houseman achieved what he told friends was his ultimate goal: the establishment of the Acting Company, a touring ensemble of the nation's brightest theatrical talents.

Born Jacques Haussmann in Bucharest, Romania, to an Alsatian father and a British mother, he began his career in 1934 as the director of a Broadway production of the Ger-

trude Stein-Virgil Thomson opera *Four Saints in Three Acts*. He founded New York's Mercury Theatre with Orson Welles in 1937.

Houseman produced the *War of the Worlds* radio broadcast for Welles, a panic-inducing account of an imagined Martian invasion of Groves Mill, N.J., broadcast 50 years ago last Sunday. Though uncredited, Houseman was instrumental in making Welles' legendary film *Citizen Kane* in 1941.

As an actor, Houseman played small roles in Welles' never-completed 1938 film *Too Much Johnson* and the 1964 film *Seven Days in May* before emerging as a strong film character in the 1973 *The Paper Chase*. He won a best supporting actor Oscar for his portrayal of Kingsfield.

His subsequent acting credits included *Three Days of the Condor*, *The Cheap Detective*, *St. Ives*, *Old Boyfriends*, *The Fog* and *Bright Lights, Big City*.

He also starred in the 1978-79 CBS-TV series based on the movie *The Paper Chase*.

Houseman was featured in the ABC miniseries *The Winds of War* as Dr. Aaron Jastrow, a Jewish scholar in Europe at the start of World War II. During World War II in real life, Houseman was head of the Voice of America.

Survivors include his wife, Joan, and two sons. There will be no funeral, but a memorial service was being planned, said publicist Judi Davidson.



John Houseman

(AP Laserphoto)

Judge: \$5 million bail before Imelda can leave New York

By JOHN M. DOYLE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Wearing a regal gown, former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos was fingerprinted, photographed and ordered to remain here until she can come up with \$5 million bail to face a racketeering trial.

"I'm not going to let the lady go back to the Hawaiian Islands until I'm certain the bail is set," U.S. District Judge John F. Keenan said after Mrs. Marcos pleaded innocent at an arraignment Monday.

Mrs. Marcos, who lives in exile in Honolulu with her husband, former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, brushed away tears.

Keenan ordered her to return to court Thursday with her attorneys if the lawyers have not worked out a bail agreement with prosecutors by then.

Mrs. Marcos, 59, was then fingerprinted and had her mug shot taken by federal marshals before being released temporarily with-

out bail. Keenan instructed her not to leave the New York area.

She blew a kiss to a crowd outside the federal courthouse before departing for her midtown Manhattan hotel.

The Marcoses were indicted Oct. 21 on charges they plundered the Philippine treasury of \$103 million, spirited the money out of their country and into foreign bank accounts, and used it to buy prime Manhattan real estate and art.

Mrs. Marcos' arrival at the courthouse for her arraignment was dramatic. A seven-car caravan, including two stretch limousines, pulled up to the courthouse.

The waiting crowd was momentarily stunned when the former first lady stepped out of her limo. She wore a bright aquamarine, chiffon gown with traditional Filipino butterfly sleeves and pearl earrings.

Mrs. Marcos, who gained notoriety for the thousands of pairs of shoes found in the pres-



Imelda Marcos is mobbed by supporters and protesters in New York.

(AP Laserphoto)

idential palace after her husband's ouster in February 1986, wore simple black, high-heeled pumps.

"She doesn't look like she's going to court, she looks like she's going to a dance ball," said Ziyad

Barq, a designer who stopped at the courthouse to see what all the fuss was about.

At least a dozen protesters greeted Mrs. Marcos and her entourage of at least a dozen people, chanting "Justice, justice must

prevail! Send the Marcoses to jail!"

A woman wearing a black cape and vampire fangs held up a sign reading, "Imelda, bloodsucker of the Filipino people."

Detractors' shouts drowned out those of supporters, who occasionally called out, "We love you, Imelda."

Mrs. Marcos, clasping rosary beads, made her way up the courthouse steps through a gauntlet of hundreds of reporters and photographers.

Inside, she spoke aloud only twice during the 45-minute hearing, once to waive a reading of the six-count indictment and once to answer "not guilty" when asked her plea.

Most of the hearing, in a court packed with 200 artists, reporters and spectators, was taken up with lawyers arguing over the amount of bail.

Mrs. Marcos' attorneys originally wanted her released without any bond, but had agreed to a package in which the couple

would put up \$1.2 million in Philippine pesos and jewelry they brought to Hawaii in 1986.

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles LaBella balked, noting that the jewelry is subject to subpoena in a grand jury investigation and that the current Philippine government has laid claim to the Marcoses' Philippine currency.

"There are conflicting claims to the property brought by the Marcoses to the United States," conceded the Marcos' attorney, John S. Bartko.

Keenan finally ordered bail secured by real estate, cash and personal possessions "amounting to a reasonable market value of \$5 million" and gave the lawyers until Thursday to work out details.

Marcos remained in Hawaii. Defense lawyers claimed last week that he was too frail to make the 10-hour plane trip. Keenan postponed Marcos' arraignment pending an examination by a government physician.

Reagan disputes Anderson's claims on hostage bargaining

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Reagan disputes hostage-Terry Anderson's videotaped statement that the administration bargained with terrorists, but says he still doesn't know what happened in the Iran-Contra affair.

Reagan commented Monday on the videotape of Anderson that was released in Beirut by pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem kidnappers.

"I don't think that was Terry speaking," the president said after a bill-signing ceremony in a hotel ballroom. "I think he had a script that was given to him."

"When I was given a script, I always read the lines," the former movie actor said to laughter in the room sprinkled with film luminaries.

Hollywood executives and such stars as Charlton Heston and Cyd Charisse had come to watch Reagan sign a copyright bill affecting the entertainment industry.

Reporters, however, zeroed in on Anderson's taped statements that the administration thwarted efforts for the release of the hostages and that Vice President George Bush had bargained with terrorists during the Iran-Contra affair and the 1985 hijacking of a TWA airliner on a Middle East flight.

"There's never been any interference, nor have we ever been negotiating any more than we would with any other kind of kidnapper on a ransom type of basis," the president said.

Asked specifically whether Bush, now the Republican candidate for president, was involved in the TWA talks, the president said, "George has been a part of everything that we've accomplished... but in a constructive way, and that's why he's my choice in the coming election."

When asked if this meant Bush was involved in

all his decisions on the Iran-Contra affair "which wound up in a scandal," the president replied:

"Well, there was no scandal. That scandal... I'm afraid has been artificially created by a media that I cannot understand..."

The president completed the sentence by saying that his administration sought to find out the facts "the minute the news broke and the operation was exposed."

"And I am still asking, after 10 months of a congressional investigation — I still don't know who delivered the weapons and where the money came from," Reagan said.

Bush, asked during an interview with NBC anchor Tom Brokaw about Anderson's statement, said: "I had no role that you are aware of or are not aware of, absolutely. So I don't know what he's, what that refers to."

Anderson, 41, the chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was kidnapped by the Islamic Jihad on March 16, 1985. He is the longest-held of the 14 foreign hostages in Lebanon. Nine are Americans.

Copies of the 2-minute, 35-second tape were delivered to two Western news agencies in Beirut four days after Anderson marked his fourth birthday in captivity.

"I have been very close to being released several times over the past three years, but each time it seems that the U.S. government uses its influence to stop any agreement and I don't understand this," Anderson said on the tape.

"I am not asking Reagan to deal with terrorists, although Mr. Bush did so in the Iran-Contra affair and TWA hijacking," he said.

Reagan said "any information" Anderson has must come from his captors.

TV film depicts family's AIDS crisis

Tonight CBS Network will broadcast a made-for-television movie, *Go Toward the Light*, based on the real-life story of the parents of three hemophiliac sons whose oldest son is diagnosed with AIDS.

The movie will air at 8 p.m. today on KFDA-TV, Channel 10, from Amarillo.

The story concerns Grant and Chris Oyler, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. With three children and expecting a fourth child, their tranquil life is upended when 7-year-old Ben is diagnosed with having AIDS from an infected blood transfusion.

The family is suddenly faced with all the consequences implied by that dreaded disease.

Starring Richard Thomas and Linda Hamilton, the film is not a sullen tale about AIDS. It is, rather, about how this LDS family comes to cope with the stark

reality of the situation, how it prepares a young son to face his own impending death, how parents and grandparents prepare themselves and the other children, and how they grow together through the ordeal.

Go Toward the Light, the book on which the movie is based, is condensed in the November 1988 issue of *Reader's Digest*.

"He had lived only a short 94 months," his mother, Chris Oyler, recalled recently in *Church News*, an LDS weekly publication. "He had never driven a car. Never gone to a prom. Never held his own child."

Ben died July 4, 1986.

The movie and book are based on a journal his mother kept during the 13-month experience.

Ben was one of the first children in California to contract AIDS. Subsequent events, such as the local school board barring him from attending school, drew worldwide attention in the media, though the youth's name was never reported.

After his death, the parents were contacted for interviews, and movie deals. They at first rejected the offers, but later felt an obligation to tell their story, they told *The Church News* — "the way we wanted to tell it."

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Sears to sell tallest building

CHICAGO (AP) — Sears, Roebuck and Co., the nation's largest retailer, is selling the world's largest building and a real estate unit, shuffling jobs and buying its stock in a move seen by some as a defense against a possible takeover.

Edward A. Brennan, chairman of the 102-year-old company, said the plan is designed to enhance stock value and put its resources on consumer-oriented businesses — retailing, insurance, real estate and financial services.

Brennan said the timing of the announcement may have been affected by the recent wave of takeovers.

"Sears has not been untouched by the rumor and speculation that thrives in these conditions," he said.

"But make no mistake," he added, "this strategy is not solely a reaction to that environment."

The announcement was greeted wearily on Wall Street, as Sears stock slid \$1.875 Monday to close at \$41.75 on the New York Stock Exchange.

"The market's perception seems to be that they labored mightily and brought forth a mouse," William N. Smith, a retail analyst with Smith Barney, Harris Upham & Co., told *The New York Times*.

Sears had been expected to take some action to improve the value of its stock after announcing last week that third-quarter profits fell 16 percent — the third consecutive period Sears' income has declined.

Net income for the quarter was \$344.2 million, or 90 cents per share, for the three months that ended Sept. 30, compared with \$409 million, or \$1.08 a share, for third-quarter 1987.

"This makes a takeover more

difficult in the near term. It doesn't make it impossible," said Monroe Greenstein, an analyst with Bear, Stearns & Co. "This will satisfy the pressure (on Sears) for the short term."

The Sears Tower, a stunning black skyscraper that rises 110 stories — 1,450 feet — from the downtown Loop business district was built in 1974 and has been valued at \$1.8 billion.

Besides selling the building Sears said it would:

- Buy back 10 percent of its stock.
- Sell the commercial real estate division of its Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group, a move that analyst Walter F. Loeb of Morgan Stanley & Co. said would raise \$500 million.



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World

Israel holds its national elections today

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's voters, protected by massive security forces, cast ballots today in national elections dominated by violence and a search for peace in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The major issue is the future of the occupied territories, where more than 300 Arabs and 10 Jews have been killed since a Palestinian uprising against 21 years of Israeli rule began Dec. 8.

As its citizens voted, Israel staged its 20th air raid of the year on Arab guerrilla targets in Lebanon.

In Arab east Jerusalem, assailants threw a firebomb at a car, injuring three people, police said. Witnesses said the car was plastered with stickers for the right-wing Likud bloc and was being used to transport voters.

On Sunday, a rabbi's daughter and her three children were killed in a firebomb attack by Palestinians in the West Bank. Political observers predicted the violence would tilt undecided voters to the right.

But supporters of the center-left Labor Party said they did not believe the slayings

would markedly affect the balloting.

"It will influence a few people who vote for the smaller parties. But for Labor supporters, voting is like a religion. You don't suddenly change and become Orthodox," said Dalia Steiner, a 38-year-old television producer.

Labor, led by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, has been running on a platform of offering to give up some occupied territory in exchange for peace. Likud, led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, opposes any such withdrawal.

Neither Labor or Likud has succeeded in gaining a majority in the 120-member Parliament since the Jewish state was established in 1948. Polls indicated they would fail again.

The situation has forced Labor and Likud to form alliances with minor parties that have gained influence beyond their numbers. Twenty-seven parties were entered in this year's election.

Likud and Labor formed a fractious coalition after the last elections in 1984, when neither party could even arrange a majority with the small parties.

The army sealed off the occupied territories for 48 hours, beginning at 11 p.m. Monday,

and imposed curfews on refugee camps in Gaza. Journalists were barred without army permission and escort from entering the territories, where a Palestinian general strike was under way.

Rahamim Fadikler, a bank employee, voted today in a working class Jerusalem neighborhood.

"My family and I vote for Likud," he said. "The people here don't want to return the territories. We suffered the shelling in 1967 and we don't want to see it again."

He was referring to shelling of settlements along the border before Israel captured the territories from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East War.

Shamir favors the strengthening of Jewish settlement in the occupied lands, which 70,000 settlers share uneasily with 1.5 million Palestinians.

In the election, 2.9 million voters were eligible to cast ballots.

"Danger!!!" said one put out by a support group for Labor. "An Arab majority means the end of the Jewish state ... The decision is yours!" Advocates of a partial pullout from the occupied lands note that the Palestinian population is growing faster than the Israeli.



Prime Minister Shamir casts his ballot this morning in Tel Aviv as national elections get under way in Israel.

Soviets jail two dissidents after protests

MOSCOW (AP) — Two Moscow dissidents were jailed for their part in protests demanding freedom for hundreds of people they say are political prisoners, a dissident source said Monday.

Yuri Mityunov said police arrested Valeriya Novodvorskaya and Dmitri Starikov on Sunday and they were given 15-day jail sentences. Mityunov is a spokesman for the Democratic Union, a group that bills itself as an alternative to the Communist Party.

At least 50 people were arrested as hundreds of demonstrators marked an imprisoned poet's death by protests demanding the release of hundreds they

say are political prisoners, Mityunov said.

About 40 people were arrested in Leningrad, 14 in Moscow, and four in Novosibirsk, Mityunov said.

A few thousand people gathered separately in Minsk, capital of the Byelorussian Republic, to commemorate the victims of Hitler and Stalin. Fourteen people were arrested there, Mityunov said.

Novodvorskaya was arrested on her way to a planned demonstration on Moscow's Pushkin Square along with several other Democratic Union leaders.

A crowd of several hundred people gathered on the square in

the cold and snow Sunday evening, but no protest took place. Starikov was arrested when he raised a banner demanding freedom for political prisoners after most of the crowd left, Mityunov said.

Earlier Sunday, five members of another group were arrested on the square for their brief protest.

Mityunov said 200-300 people gathered to read poetry and hold candles along Leningrad's Nevsky Prospekt near Kazan Cathedral. At least 40 of them were arrested, he said.

A crowd of several thousand gathered near the police station where they were taken, shouting

angry slogans, he said.

A Leningrad dissident source said all but 10 of those arrested were freed by Monday.

Sunday was the 16th anniversary of the death in a labor camp of Yuri Galanskov, a poet and pacifist who was an editor of the dissident journal Phoenix 66. He was sentenced to seven years in a labor camp in 1968.

Sunday's protests came just days after Soviet officials reportedly promised West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl that they would release within 10 weeks all those regarded by the West as political prisoners.

Rangers battle rhino poachers in Kenya

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Park rangers shot it out with poachers who gunned down at least five white rhinoceroses and made off with the animals' valuable horns, killing off the species in Kenya's public lands, authorities said.

A newspaper reported today that two rangers were seriously wounded in the battle Sunday night with about 30 poachers at Meru National Park, 140 miles northeast of the capital Nairobi.

The poachers escaped after hacking off the rhinos' horns, which can sell for up to \$24,000 each in the Far East, where they

are used to make traditional medicines. In the Middle East, the horns are fashioned into ornamental dagger handles.

"People watched over them day and night," a Kenyan wildlife source said of the rhinos. "The rangers were wounded trying to defend them."

According to today's English-language newspaper *The Standard*, two rangers were seriously injured in what it described as a 45 minute attack.

Five rhinos were killed, said George Muhoho, minister of tourism and wildlife. Several wildlife

experts, who spoke on condition of anonymity, put the number at six.

Thirteen elephants also were gunned down in the last week in different areas, the wildlife sources said.

The killings came despite increased anti-poaching efforts by the government since August, when Muhoho revealed the slaughter of 92 elephants in the previous three months and the government launched a highly publicized campaign to stop the killing.

The white rhinos, which unlike

the black rhino are not indigenous to Kenya, were imported from South Africa about 20 years ago to start a colony and lived under guard in a special reserve in the park. There still are an estimated 30 to 40 white rhino on private ranches in Kenya.

The white rhino's numbers have not been reduced as sharply as have those of the black rhino, which were thought to number more than 60,000 in the early 1970s. Today the black rhino, numbering about 800 throughout Africa, is considered an endangered species.

Most of Africa's white rhinos live in South Africa, where experts estimate the herd at about 3,000 strong. Twenty-five to 30 of the animals live in a private park in Solio Ranch, near the equator-southeast of Mount Kenya, according to the *Daily Nation* newspaper.

South Africa may OK Namibia plan

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Leading newspapers reported today that the government has agreed to the gist of a U.S. proposal for granting South-West Africa independence before a Cuban pullout from Angola.

South Africa, which has ruled South-West Africa for 73 years, previously has linked the territory's independence date to the departure of the estimated 50,000 Cuban troops supporting neighboring Angola's Marxist government.

But *The Citizen*, a pro-government newspaper, and *Business Day*, the country's leading financial daily, said South

Africa would allow about half the Cuban forces to remain in northern Angola for a year following elections for a sovereign government of South-West Africa, also known as Namibia.

The Citizen, citing unidentified government sources, said South Africa agreed to the main elements of the proposal and was "flexible" to the overall plan. *Business Day*, citing unidentified diplomatic sources, said South Africa "responded favorably" to the U.S. proposal.

The U.S. State Department was expected to officially announce the proposal and the positions of the various parties in Washington

today.

Officials in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs could not immediately be reached for comment by *The Associated Press*.

The newspapers said Cuba and Angola have not responded to the U.S. plan, although they were requested to do so by Oct. 12 following talks in New York last month.

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Locusts invade city in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The southern city of Basra, devastated by the 8-year-old Iran-Iraq war, now has been invaded by swarms of desert locusts, the Ministry of Irrigation and Agriculture says.

helicopters to bring the situation under control.

No further details were immediately available.

Locusts can eat twice their body weight every day, so the swarms are sprayed with insecticides to keep them from reaching agricultural areas.

Locusts from Sudan and Ethiopia have swept across the Arabian peninsula in the past two weeks.

A report on state-run television Monday said six separate clouds of the crop-devouring insects were in the city, but that the ministry was using

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Delta pilot hesitated after snap

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The pilot of Delta Flight 1141 told investigators he wishes he had applied full power immediately after the first sign of trouble and not 23 seconds later as his Boeing 727 was about to crash, documents revealed today.

The crash Aug. 31 at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport claimed 14 lives. There were 108 people aboard the jet, bound for Salt Lake City.

A transcript of the cockpit voice recorder tape, among the eight sets of documents released by the National Transportation Safety Board, showed a routine takeoff down the runway with the plane gaining proper speed and climbing power.

Seconds after liftoff, however, there was the sound of a "snap" and then the jet's control column began to shake, an advance warning that the aircraft was about to stall.

"Something's wrong," Capt. Larry Davis, who was at the controls, was believed to have said. His exact words were not clear.

Then followed the sounds of what is believed to be five compressor stalls in the engines and the co-pilot announcing an "engine failure." Investigators have said they have found no evidence of a mechanical malfunction in any of the three engines.

"We're not gonna make it," Davis said nearly 15 seconds after the first "snap" was heard.

But it was eight seconds more before he called for "full power," according to the transcript. Less than a second later came the sound of the first impact.

Davis said in interviews with NTSB investigators that "in retrospect I should have pushed up full power immediately," according to a separate document made public Monday by the NTSB.

During the interview, Davis also said that he was aware his aircraft had an unusually high nose-up position as it struggled to gain lift, but that he was afraid to

Davis said he thought ... 'we were going to make it, but then we got more bangs.'

lower the nose, the normal maneuver in an attempt to fly out of a stall, because he thought impact with the ground was imminent.

Davis said that in the seconds after liftoff the Boeing 727 began to "roll violently." He told investigators, "It was all I could do to control the airplane."

He said at one point he thought "we were going to make it, but then we got more bangs."

Investigators have closely examined the three engines of the jetliner and concluded that there was no mechanical failure. The bangs have been widely interpreted as the compressor stalls caused by an interruption of air flow, possibly because of an unusual angle of the aircraft.

The NTSB previously has said that there is evidence the plane's flaps might not have been extended properly for takeoff, which would have inhibited the plane's ability to gain lift.

The flaps were found in a retracted position in the wreckage, as was the cockpit lever controlling the flaps.

But the transcript of the cockpit voice recorder tape released Monday indicates, as has been disclosed previously, that the flight crew followed a pre-takeoff checklist that included specific reference to the flap setting.

"Flaps," the flight engineer, Steven Judd, was heard to say.

"Fifteen, fifteen, green light," responded the co-pilot, Carey Kirkland.

The numbers were a reference to the degree of extension for the flaps on the left and right wings. "Green light" referred to an indicator light denoting the position of the wing slats, which also must be extended in a takeoff.

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Bush moving uneasily toward electoral triumph

By DAVID ESPO
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — George Bush is the overwhelming yet uneasy leader in the race for the White House as the presidential campaign enters its final week, with Michael Dukakis making late gains that have Democrats dreaming of a comeback, according to an Associated Press survey of the 50 states.

The survey shows Bush leading in states with 359 electoral votes, even though he has not yet locked up the 270 that would assure him of victory. Dukakis' total is far smaller — 78 votes. Nine states with 101 electoral votes are tossups, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin among them.

The AP survey indicates Bush has maintained Republican strength in the South and Rocky Mountain West, while Dukakis has failed to accomplish the same in the industrial states.

The survey was based on polls as well as interviews with politicians and political analysts around the country.

"We're spending all our time in states that should be his (Dukakis') base ... and he's spending none of his time in states that should be our base," says top Bush strategist Lee Atwater. "That's a campaign manager's dream."

Yet Democrats said a late-campaign surge has brought Dukakis to within striking distance in states such as California, Ohio and Texas, and said he has gained elsewhere, as well.

"Dukakis is clearly behind. But I think he's closing the gap," said Michigan Sen. Don Riegle. "There's still a lot of

people who haven't made up their minds." Riegle is expected to win an easy reelection himself, and says, "I think the Democrats can still win nationally."

The candidates will spend much of the final eight days in states such as California, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ohio, and Atwater claimed, "If we win any one of them, George Bush will be elected."

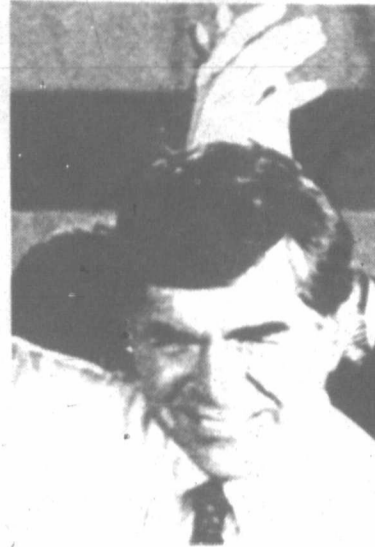
That assumes Bush holds Texas, where Democratic vice presidential nominee Lloyd Bentsen is camping out in hopes of a home-state upset.

Democrats in several key states say Dukakis' more aggressive late-campaign style presents opportunities for a turnaround, and has given lifelong Democrats a reason to take a second look at the race. "There's a lot of movement out there," said Francis O'Brien, an adviser to the Massachusetts governor.

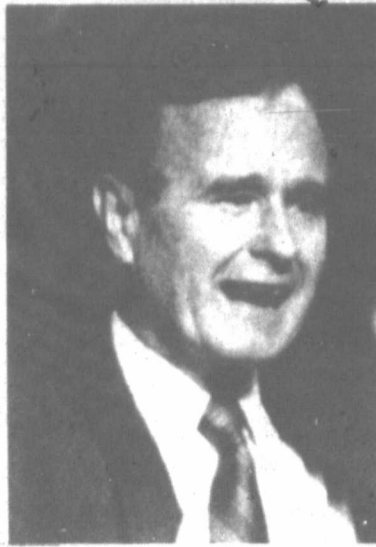
Republicans and Democrats alike say Bush forged his lead on his ability to depict Dukakis as an unreconstructed liberal. Dukakis' recent improvement is attested to by private polling in both parties, and laid in part to Dukakis' recent populist campaigning and perhaps a process of loyal Democrats "coming home" as the Nov. 8 election approaches.

In television interviews last week, Dukakis attempted to portray his views and his values while lambasting Bush and the Republicans for distorting his record as governor of Massachusetts. Bush confidently turned down network interview requests before agreeing to appear on morning talk shows this week.

"What Michael Dukakis



Dukakis



Bush

failed to do after the (Democratic) convention was defined who he is and what he was going to do," said Pat Shea, co-chairman of the Democratic campaign in Utah.

"The thing I fear most is complacency," said Keith McNamara, Bush's chairman in Ohio, a key state where Republicans have poured resources and staked Bush to a lead.

Several nationwide polls, including recent private soundings for both campaigns, give Bush a national advantage in the range of eight to 10 points. But when translated to the Electoral College, Bush's advantage grows.

The AP survey showed that Bush has built a solid core of support in the customarily Republican regions of the South and Rocky Mountain West. His lead in states such as Arizona, Florida and Nevada could be as high as 20 to 30 points.

Bush also leads in several

key battleground states — including Ohio, Texas, California, New Jersey and Michigan — but party surveys over the past several days suggest nationwide gains for Dukakis.

Other key states are tossups, including Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Vermont, Oregon, Washington and Montana.

Among more traditionally Democratic states, Maryland is tilting in Bush's favor. Dukakis appears to have a solid lead in home-state Massachusetts, although his campaign has decided to air radio advertisements to firm up his support. He also is rated the narrow favorite in Democratic New York and in Republican Iowa.

Despite the improvement, the AP survey indicated that Dukakis has failed to establish anything resembling a solid Democratic core of support, and state after state that appeared strong for him dur-

ing the summer and early fall has moved into or closer to Bush's column.

"I know Bush has got the inside track right now and I don't know if we can turn that around or not," said Kentucky House Speaker Don Blundford.

Bush is running extremely strong in the South.


"It's well over," University of Virginia political analyst Larry Sabato said in words describing his own state but which also apply to the region.

"The Reagan Democrats have become Bush Democrats," said Louisiana pollster Susan Howell. "Unless Dukakis and the Louisiana Democrats can call the Bush Democrats home in the last week Louisiana will be won for the Republicans by white Democrats voting for George Bush."

By region: Bush has been leading in California, the nation's biggest state with 47 electoral votes, although there as elsewhere Democrats claim late gains and a formidable organization designed to maximize their vote.

Oregon and Washington are tossups while the remainder of the West is in Bush's column according to the survey. However, Bush visited Montana and South Dakota last week in a bid to protect them from the Democrats, and Dukakis appears to have closed the gap in Colorado.

In the Midwest, Iowa and Minnesota are leaning in Dukakis' direction, but are far from secure, while the Democrat has lost his edge in Wisconsin, now a tossup. Bush is highly favored in the remainder of the farm belt.



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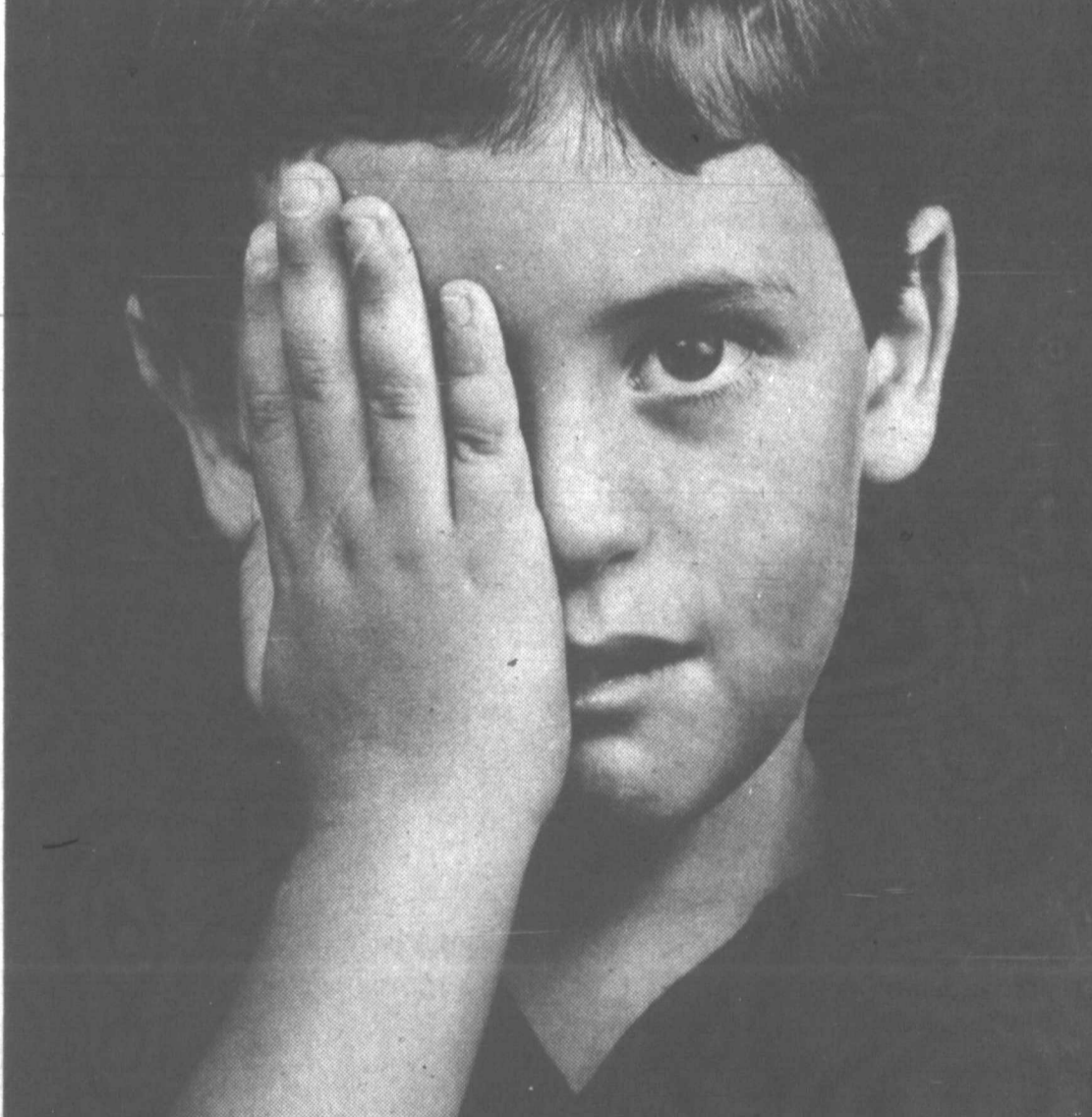
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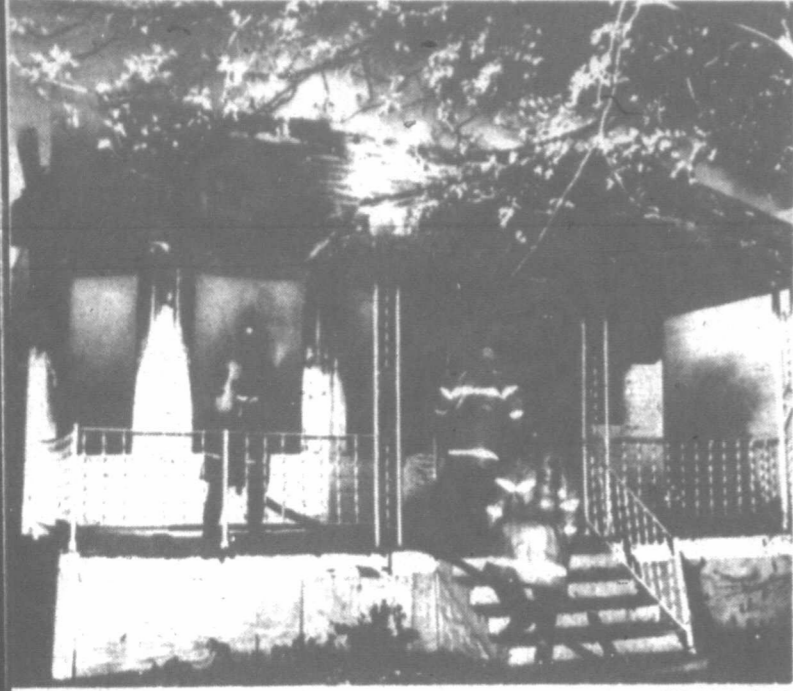
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Detroit firefighters work on charred house early Monday morning.

Detroit's Devil's Night tradition may be fading

By JUSTIN BURKE
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) — The tradition of arson in the days before Halloween appears to be fading, but Devil's Night will burn brightly for some time in the mind of Mamie Lee King, whose home was threatened by a burning house next door.

King watched as flames consumed a neighboring house and threatened her own home early Monday.

She fought to hold back tears as firefighters doubled her roof to keep the fire from spreading.

"It started in a garage and spread to the two houses next to mine," King said. "Somebody had to have set it. ... There's just no excuse for it."

Firefighters saved King's house but the two other dwellings were gutted, leaving at least three people homeless, including a 77-year-old invalid.

Devil's Night, traditionally a night of pranks in Detroit, grew into a night of arson, peaking in 1984 with 810 fires that killed one person and left dozens homeless.

Last year, the number dropped to 290 fires over a two-day holiday weekend.

Firefighters questioned Sunday night said the downward trend appears to be continuing this year.

"It seems to be going down every year," said one firefighter, who declined to give his name. "Maybe people are getting tired of it (Devil's Night)."

The number of arson fires during this Devil's Night weekend won't be available until today or Wednesday, said Robert Berg, a spokesman for Mayor Coleman Young.

About 20,000 citizen volunteers joined city employees in patrolling the streets.

Officer Fred Zaharoff, a police spokesman, said no arson-related arrests were reported Sunday.

A 6 p.m.-6 a.m. curfew for youths under 18 took effect Saturday night and will continue through Tuesday night. Police picked up 119 youngsters Sunday night and 278 on Saturday night for violating the curfew, Zaharoff said.

Non-profit hospital has \$35 million for profits

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's largest non-profit hospital is again under the scrutiny of the attorney general's office for the amount of charity care it provides as compared to its profit.

During the last five years, Methodist Hospital averaged \$35 million a year, but provided less than \$350,000 a year in free medical care for the poor, the *Houston Post* reported in a copyright story.

The Texas attorney general's office began an investigation of Methodist Hospital in late 1985 after news reports first compared its level of charity care with its profits, but the investigation has since been in limbo.

In July, the attorney general's office formed a 64-member task force to study the issue of charity care provided by tax-exempt hospitals in Texas.

"The main purpose of the task force is to come up with a workable definition of charity care," said Rose Ann Reeser, head of the charitable trust division of the attorney general's office.

She declined to comment on the details of Methodist Hospital's charity care, but the former head of the charitable trust division, Austin attorney John Vasquez, described the percentage as "pretty poor."

"It doesn't speak well of how our non-profits are serving the public," said Vasquez, now a consultant to the state auditor's office.

Methodist officials, who turned over the Houston hospital's financial documents to the attorney general several months ago, say their institution actually spends much more on charity care than lists on federal reports.

Methodist, which offers such perks as valet parking, reported that it spent \$231,222 to provide free care to patients who met the

federal poverty guidelines in 1985, the last year listed on the report submitted by Methodist, the *Post* reported.

Methodist released figures to the newspaper Saturday that show it spent \$424,161 in 1986 and \$245,864 in 1987 for medical care to the poor.

The Hill-Burton report shows free care provided to people who meet poverty guidelines, an annual income of about \$11,000 for a family of four.

The hospital received 39 requests for free care in 1985 and rejected two, according to its federal report. In 1980, when Methodist reported spending \$254,339 for free care, the hospital rejected 37 out of 40 charity case requests.

Methodist officials say they provided \$52 million in "uncompensated care" in 1987, about 15.7 percent of its gross patient revenues of \$332 million. But Vasquez said little of the \$52 million can be considered charity.

Vasquez and others said charity care is defined as "medical treatment a hospital provides to a poor patient with the understanding the patient will not pay for it."

The largest category of uncompensated care provided by the hospital is for care provided at less than the retail price to people in certain programs, such as Medicare.

In 1987, the difference between the hospital's retail charges for these services and the amount it was reimbursed totaled \$35.6 million. However, the hospital does not report whether it lost money on those patients, or whether the payments were enough to cover the costs.

It is unclear from Methodist's financial records what was done with the \$177.8 million in profits it made in the five years ending in 1987, the newspaper reported.

Woman developing acid-eating microbes

By PAIGE St. JOHN
Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A former high school science teacher is growing microbes that could revolutionize mining by neutralizing the acid drainage that costs companies and the government millions for cleanup.

Jo Davison has convinced Peabody Coal Co., the nation's largest producer, to let her "bugs" eat the poisonous runoff from a West Virginia mine.

Acid drainage oozes its telltale red water anywhere mine operators cut into earth and stone containing pyrites.

The global problem plagues miners not only of coal, but also gold, silver and other natural resources. It starts with the breaking of the soil and lasts long after the mine has been shut down.

"Anywhere there are pyrites, there is acidic drainage," said West Virginia University researcher Jeff Skousen.

Pyrites are metal sulfides that in the presence of air and water produce sulfuric acid.

Anywhere there is acid drainage, miners face expensive chemical treatments to remove heavy metals and neutralize the water, and the chemicals used to treat the drainage themselves often are toxic.

Coal industry officials have pegged the water treatment costs at \$1 million a day in the United States. West Virginia has paid more than \$1 million in three years to treat abandoned sites in just two counties.

Metals from mine drainage poison 20 percent of West Virginia's streams, and 13 percent are too acid from the drainage or too alkaline from overzealous treatment, according to a state report in September.

Davison's work parallels wetlands research at West Virginia

University, where she was completing a master's degree in science education in the 1950s.

When a dam holding runoff broke and flooded a pristine bog in German Valley, researcher Joe Lange discovered that water leaving the bog was clear.

Mine reclamation researchers launched the concept of building wetlands of acid-tolerant cattails and sphagnum mosses to somehow trap and negate the heavy metals that leach from mines.

Scientists don't understand fully how wetlands work, but they do work, and the industry slowly is adopting the process.

More than 100 artificial wetlands were created in Pennsylvania last year.

The plants themselves absorb only a minute amount of the heavy metals. Indications are that most of the action is at the microscopic level. Once the heavy metals are removed, acidity is easily lowered with a wash of limestone.

Davison has bred microbes that attack specific metals. One oxidizes iron, others do the same to aluminum, sulfur or man-

ganese. They chelate, or bond with, the metals so they can oxidize and drop out of the water.

Davison's process is called an Immobilized Microbial Pollution Purification System and she says only she has it. She and nine employees isolate and breed the bugs in a basement laboratory in Columbus, Ohio, grow them in

'Everyone has laughed at the wetlands and laughed at our microbes. They say you can never get that many bugs together to treat so much runoff... We can engineer any site in order to handle the drainage.'

vats in Dayton and, from an office in Morgantown, plot their release.

Patents are pending on the microbes, their mixes, and the growing mediums that allow the organisms to live in acid water in the first place.

State Energy Department spokesman Roger Hall said Davison's results have been amazing in the laboratory, but less impressive in the field.

"They haven't reached the point where they've totally eliminated the problem. They need to do some work on it," Hall said.

"Everyone has laughed at the wetlands and laughed at our microbes. They say you can never get that many bugs together to treat so much runoff... We can engineer any site in order to handle the drainage," Davison replied.

At Peabody Coal's Robinhood mine in Boone County, for instance, Davison's company will treat 50 to 100 gallons a minute of acid runoff with a solid bed of microbe-seeded dirt beneath a pond of microbe-seeded water.

Lambda has successfully treated acid drainage at a handful of sites in Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland, but Peabody's applied technology program is its first major industrial contract.

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- 30 Firearm
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- 32 Feel one's way
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- 4 Blockade
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- 6 Partridge in a — tree

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- 8 Swiss city
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- 10 Roman emperor
- 11 Actress — Rowlands
- 19 Hockey gp.
- 20 Injured with horns
- 22 Thatch palm
- 23 Annoying insect
- 24 — Major (constellation)
- 25 Young girl
- 26 Patron
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- 31 Earns (constellation)
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GEECH

By Jerry Bittle

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE WHAT I DREAMED LAST NIGHT. WHAT?

I DREAMED THIS WAS A FULL-SERVICE STATION. IT IS.

I KNOW. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

WHO ARE THOSE FOR?

NOBODY... I THOUGHT SOME FLOWERS MIGHT BRIGHTEN UP THE ROOM.

IF YOU WANT TO BRIGHTEN UP THE ROOM, TAKE DOWN YOUR MOTHER'S PICTURE.

EK & MEK

By Howie Schneider

I'VE BEEN READING THIS BOOK ABOUT THE UNIVERSE...

NOBODY REALLY KNOWS WHEN IT ALL STARTED...

IT STARTED ON A MONDAY AFTERNOON IN PHILADELPHIA.

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

AS FORMER MAYOR OF THIS FAIR COMMUNE, I HAD AN EXCELLENT TRACK RECORD!

THEY RAN YOU OUT OF TOWN ON A RAIL!

A TRACK IS A TRACK!

ARE YOU KIDDING?

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

THE FIRST HORROR MOVIE I RENTED IS ALL ABOUT THIS HIGH SCHOOL NERD.

ALL THE OTHER KIDS LAUGH AND TEASE HIM UNTIL ONE DAY HE GOES BONKERS AND ATTACKS THEM WITH HIS POCKET PENCIL HOLDER!

WHAT'S THE NAME OF IT?

"EUGENE'S REVENGE"

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

LOTTA! WHAT IS HAPPENING? I AM SINKING!

SO AM I! I CANNOT MOVE!

QUICKSAND! YOU LED 'EM RIGHT INTO TH' QUICKSAND!

EXACTLY, PET!

JEANA! GET A TREE SO WE CAN PULL OURSELVES OUT OF THIS MORASS!

AT ONCE, MISTRESS!

NO!!

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

"I missed. We might get another shot if we drive fast enough!"

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane

"Just don't flaunt them. Daddy's on a diet."

THE BORN LOSER

By Art Sanson

GLADYS

PIERRE

EOUCHA!

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schultz

SORRY, SNOOPY... YOU CAN'T GO WITH US...

DOGS AREN'T ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL BUS...

WOOF!

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"No, you can't get a drink of water yet!"

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

MY UNCLE HARLEY THE MAGICIAN MADE A BIG CHANGE IN HIS ACT.

FOR HIS BIG FINALE, HE MAKES HIMSELF DISAPPEAR.

HE SAYS THE ONLY PROBLEM IS HE KEEPS FORGETTING TO GO BACK AND PICK UP HIS PAYCHECK.

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

DAD TOLD ME TO GO OUTSIDE, SO I'M DIGGING A HOLE TO CHINA.

IF DAD'S GOING TO BE SUCH A GROUCH, I FIGURE I'LL JUST GO LIVE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLANET.

YOU CAN COME TOO, IF YOU WANT. THERE'S ANOTHER SHOVEL IN THE GARAGE.

YOU DON'T THINK YOUR DAD WILL GET MAD ABOUT US DIGGING UP THE DRIVEWAY?

OH, YOU KNOW DAD. HE'LL GET MAD NO MATTER WHERE WE DIG.

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

ANYONE WHO BELIEVES THE WORLD IS FLAT HAS NEVER RIDDEN IN A COMPACT CAR.

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

I KNEW A DOG WHO WAS SO STUPID, HE CHASED BONES AND BURIED CARS!

MEOW!

BARK!

WHO BOOKED ME INTO THIS JOINT ANYWAY?

DOG POUND

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

Don't be timid about setting lofty goals for yourself in the year ahead. They can be attained if you are determined. Aim high and don't settle for second place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Objectives can be achieved today, provided you are enterprising and tenacious. Establish your targets and don't lose sight of the bull's eyes. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) As of today, harmony should begin to prevail in an area that has been turbulent. The change should be obvious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone with whom you have dealings may have some personal information he/she prefers to keep secret. No need to probe, because you'll be told what is pertinent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Areas where you and your mate previously disagreed are reconcilable today if each is prepared to make some compromises and concessions. Be the one who sets the example.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This can be an extremely productive day, so be sure to get an early start. Channels should open in areas where you recently experienced obstacles.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you're planning something social with friends today, avoid the run-of-the-mill. Select companions to go along who appreciate variety and change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions that are conducive to your material well-being continue to look favorable. Be sure you are doing everything possible to take advantage of this fortunate trend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Later in the day something might develop that could cause you to radically alter your plans. Don't be concerned, because this shift will ultimately be for the better.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's to your advantage to bargain if you get involved in a commercial situation today. You won't lose anything and you could save a few dollars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have leadership qualities today that will come to the fore in challenging developments. Once you are aroused, your competitors may regret it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your first thoughts are likely to be your best today, especially in matters that are meaningful financially. Have the courage of your convictions and proceed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Friends will play important roles in your affairs today, yet their input might not be all that obvious. Later, you'll be able to evaluate their efforts on your behalf.

 QUARTERED SHURFINE MARGARINE 16 OZ. BOXES 3 99¢ FOR	 SHURFINE FROZEN ORANGE JUICE 12 OZ. CAN 79¢	 SHURFINE REG. DRIP-ELEC. PERK SHURFINE COFFEE 1 LB. CAN \$1 69	 ALL PURPOSE SHURFINE FLOUR 25 LB. BAG \$2 99	 GRANULATED SHURFINE SUGAR 5 LB. BAG \$1 59	 SHURFINE FANCY CUT GREEN BEANS 16 OZ. CAN 3 99¢ FOR	 FANCY GOLDEN C.S./W.K. SHURFINE CORN 16 OZ. CANS 3 99¢ FOR	 SHURFINE TOMATO SAUCE 8 OZ. CANS 6 99¢ FOR	 FANCY SHURFINE PUMPKIN 16 OZ. CAN 2 79¢ FOR
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SHURFINE BRAND ELECTION SALE

 SHURFINE JELLIED-WHOLE CRANBERRY SAUCE 16 OZ. CAN 59¢	 SHURFINE BATHROOM TISSUE 8 ROLL PKG. \$1 59	 SHURFINE PAPER TOWELS JUMBO ROLL 2 89¢ FOR
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SHURFINE LARGE PITTED RIPE OLIVES 6 OZ. CAN \$1 09	SHURFINE PLAIN OR IODIZED SALT 28 OZ. BOXES 49¢	SHURFINE MARASCHINO RED OR GREEN CHERRIES 6 OZ. JAR 79¢	GROCE
SHURFINE STUFFED SPANISH OLIVES 5 1/2 OZ. JAR 99¢	SHURFINE PELLETS WATER SOFTENER 40 LB. BAG \$2 99	SHURFINE SWEET RELISH OR WHOLE SWEET PICKLES 16 OZ. JAR 99¢	SHURFINE MINIATURE REG. MARSHMALLOWS 2 10 OZ. PKGS. 99¢
SHURFINE PLAIN WAVES/BBO POTATO CHIPS 7 OZ. BAG 69¢	SHURFINE ASSORTED CAT FOOD 4 6 OZ. CANS 99¢	SHURFINE KETCHUP 32 OZ. BTL. 79¢	SHURFINE BAKING SODA 16 OZ. PKG. 39¢
SHURFINE CORNBREAD/CHICKEN STUFFIN' MIX 8 OZ. PKG. 59¢	SHURFINE COFFEE FILTERS 2 100 CT. PKG. 89¢	SHURFINE CHOCOLATE BRIDGE SHURFINE MIX 5 OZ. PKG. 99¢	SHURFINE HEAVY DUTY 18" WIDE ALUMINUM FOIL 37 1/2 FT. ROLL \$1 09
SHURFINE TALL KITCHEN BAGS 30 CT. PKG. \$1 99	SHURFINE TEA BAGS 100 CT. BOX \$1 99	SHURFINE "REAL" SHURFINE CHOCOLATE 5 OZ. PKG. 99¢	SHURFINE EVAPORATED MILK 2 12 OZ. CANS 89¢
SHURFINE SNAP & SEAL QUART SIZE STORAGE BAGS 50 CT. PKG. \$1 99	SHURFINE COFFEE CREAMER 16 OZ. JAR 99¢	SHURFINE "REAL" CHOCOLATE CHIPS 12 OZ. PKG. 99¢	SHURFINE ALL PURPOSE FLOUR 5 LB. BAG 69¢
SHURFINE PRESTO TURKEY 19" x 24" COOKING BAGS 2 CT. PKG. 89¢	SHURFINE RAISIN BRAN 26 OZ. BOX \$1 39	SHURFINE MARSHMALLOW CREME SHURFINE-SQUEEZE BOTTLE 7 OZ. JAR 57¢	SHURFINE MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS 7 1/2 OZ. BOXES 5 99¢ FOR
SHURFINE LIQUID GREEN OR LEMON DISH DETERGENT 32 OZ. BTL. 99¢	SHURFINE MANDARIN ORANGES 11 OZ. SIZE 63¢	SHURFINE CHOCOLATE SYRUP 24 OZ. BTL. \$1 19	
SHURFINE RINSE PLASTIC BOTTLE FABRIC SOFTENER 1 GAL. JUG \$1 29	SHURFINE CRYSTAL LIGHT CORN SYRUP 32 OZ. BTL. 89¢	SHURFINE FANCY FLAKE COCONUT 14 OZ. BAG 99¢	

HEAVY GRAIN FED-BEEF-BONELESS CHUCK ROAST
\$1 38
LB.

HEAVY GRAIN FED BEEF BONELESS CENTER CUT CHUCK STEAK
\$1 68
LB.

SHURFINE HICKORY SMOKED SLICED BACON
1 LB. PKG.
\$1 19

SHURFINE TURKEYS
10 TO 14 LB. AVG.
68¢
LB.

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SHURFINE ASSORTED OLD FASHION ICE CREAM 1/2 GAL. RND. CTN. **\$1 89**

SHURFINE LARGE GRADE "A" EGGS DOZ. **69¢**

SHURFINE SANDWICH ICE CREAM 8 PAK 99¢	BUTTERMILK OR HOMESTYLE SHURFINE BISCUITS 6 10 CT. CANS 99¢
SHURFINE WHIPPED TOPPING 2 CT. PKG. 69¢	SHURFINE CREAM CHEESE 8 OZ. PKG. 79¢
SHURFINE GREEN PEAS OR WHOLE KERNEL SHURFINE CORN 16 OZ. PKG. 79¢	SHURFINE BUTTER 1 LB. PKG. \$1 79
SHURFINE CUT BROCCOLI APPLE OR GRAPE SHURFINE JUICE 12 OZ. CAN 69¢	SHURFINE CINNAMON ROLLS 9 1/2 OZ. CAN 99¢
	HALFMOON COLBY OR CHEDDAR SHURFINE CHEESE 10 OZ. PKG. \$1 39

WASHINGTON RED OR GOLDEN DELICIOUS APPLES 3 LB. BAG **\$1 29**

TEXAS RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT 3 FOR **\$1**

NEW CROP D'ANJOU PEARS LB. 69¢	OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRIES 12 OZ. BAG 99¢
RED RIPE SALAD TOMATOES LB. 59¢	YELLOW ONIONS 4 LBS. \$1 00
POTATOES 5 LB. BAG 89¢	

SALTINE SHURFINE CRACKERS 16 OZ. BOXES 2 99¢ FOR	ASSORTED SHURFINE SODA POP 2 LTR. BTL. 69¢	PURE VEGETABLE SHURFINE OIL 48 OZ. BTL. \$1 89	ALL VEGETABLE SHURFINE SHORTENING 3 LB. CAN \$1 79	PLASTIC BOTTLE SHURFINE BLEACH GALLON 69¢	POWDERED OR BROWN SHURFINE SUGAR 2 LB. POLY BAG \$1 19	SHURFINE ASSORTED PINEAPPLE 'N JUICE 20 OZ. CAN 79¢
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ULTRA DIAPERS ELASTIC LEG 48 MED./32 LGE PKG. \$6 99	SHURFINE CRAN-APPLE/RASPBERRY DRINK 48 OZ. BTL. \$1 59	SHURFINE CRISPY RICE 12 OZ. BOX \$1 39
SHURFINE DIAPERS N. CROWAVE PLAIN OR BUTTERY PKG. \$5 99	SHURFINE PINEAPPLE JUICE 48 OZ. CAN \$1 19	WESTERN FAMILY CH./REG. NIGHTTIME COLD MEDICINE 8 OZ. BTL. \$1 99
SHURFINE POPCORN N. CROWAVE PLAIN OR BUTTERY 3 PAK \$1 39	SHURFINE TOMATO JUICE 48 OZ. CAN 79¢	WESTERN FAMILY MINT-TARTAR CON. TOOTH PASTE 6.4 OZ. TUBE 99¢
SHURFINE PEANUTS DRY ROASTED REG. OR UNSALTED 16 OZ. \$1 99	SHURFINE MUFFIN MIX 12 OZ. BOX 99¢	WESTERN FAMILY X-HOLD OR REG. HAIR SPRAY 8 OZ. PUMP \$1 69
SHURFINE PEANUTS HONEY R. ASTED 12 OZ. CAN \$1 99	SHURFINE SWEET POTATOES 23 OZ. CAN 79¢	WESTERN FAMILY FOR CHILDREN NON-ASPIRIN LIQUID 4 OZ. BTL. \$2 99
SHURFINE MIXED NUTS 12 OZ. CAN \$2 89	SHURFINE SHURFINE BEEF OR CHICKEN BOUILLON CUBES 25 CT. JAR 89¢	WESTERN FAMILY BABY OIL 16 OZ. BTL. \$1 49
SHURFINE LONG SPAGHETTI SHURFINE ELBO MACARONI OR SHURFINE REGULAR OR NATURAL APPLESAUCE 25 OZ. JAR 73¢	SHURFINE SHURFINE HONEY 16 OZ. JAR \$1 29	WESTERN FAMILY BABY POWDER 14 OZ. SIZE \$1 49
SHURFINE FRUIT COCKTAIL 18 OZ. CAN 69¢	SHURFINE PANCAKE MIX 32 OZ. BOX 89¢	WESTERN FAMILY BABY SHAMPOO 16 OZ. BTL. \$1 49
SHURFINE PEACHES HALVES-BARTLETT 18 OZ. CAN 69¢	SHURFINE WAFFLE SYRUP 24 OZ. BTL. 89¢	WESTERN FAMILY ANTI-PLAQUE MOUTH RINSE 16 OZ. BTL. \$1 79
SHURFINE PEARS HALVES-BARTLETT 16 OZ. CAN 69¢	SHURFINE SHURFINE SMOOTH OR CRUNCHY PEANUT BUTTER 18 OZ. JAR \$1 29	
SHURFINE CIDER OR JUICE 64 OZ. BTL. \$1 39		

GRAVY OR CHUNK SHURFINE DOG FOOD 25 LB. BAG \$4 49	ASSORTED READY TO SPREAD SHURFINE FROSTING 16 OZ. CAN \$1 19	SHURFINE ASSORTED CAKE MIX 18 1/2 OZ. BOX 59¢
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