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Crossroads weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area:
Mostly fair through Wednesday. Lows tonight
40s. Highs Wednesday mostly in the 70s. Mon-
day's high was 79 and the low was 45.

FAIR



Senate debating benefit-laden tax bill

By JIM LUTHER
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate is putting the finishing touches on a \$2.7 billion tax bill that would dole out special benefits to selected individuals and businesses and set up a "bill of rights" for taxpayers tangling with the Internal Revenue Service.

The tax bill is one of two items standing in the way of final adjournment of the 100th Congress. Leaders of the House and Senate hope to finish the tax bill and approve a battle plan against drug abuse before quitting by the

week's end.

Before a final vote on the tax bill, the Senate faced two dozen amendments that would add new provisions or remove others that the Finance Committee wrote into the voluminous measure. Whatever version finally is approved by the Senate must be reconciled with a larger one approved by the House — and then could face a veto by President Reagan.

One of the thorniest amendments to be considered by the Senate, written by Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, would allow

corporations set up by Alaska natives to keep a special but costly tax benefit that the bill otherwise would repeal. Opponents say the benefit has been abused.

Other amendments would expand the earned-income credit, which benefits low-income working families with children; eliminate a provision calling for a Treasury Department study of how the cigarette tax affects the number of smokers; and impose sanctions against Iraq for using poison gas against its Kurdish minority.

Like any tax bill, this one is used

by senators to promote favorite projects. In a long day of debate on Friday, for example, senators sought to add provisions dealing with abortion, equal pay for jobs of comparable worth, a bigger tax break for some commuters and a requirement that television programs provided to cable systems also be made available to owners of home satellite dishes.

The Senate added one big unrelated amendment that could result in a veto of the entire bill. That would require the federal government to seize 540 acres of land that was the site of the Second

Battle of Manassas in Northern Virginia, in order to block construction of a shopping mall at the site.

The House has approved the same provision but not as part of the tax bill. The Reagan administration wants to protect only 80 acres of the site.

Congress began work on the bill in the summer of 1986, immediately after it passed the landmark overhaul of the tax law. Its main purpose is to correct errors and clear up ambiguities in that new law.

But because the "technical cor-

rections" measure is the only tax bill with a chance of becoming law this year, the Finance Committee attached to it dozens of amendments and the assorted tax increases to pay for them.

The amendments include a "taxpayers' bill of rights," which, among other things, requires the IRS to inform an individual of all rights and obligations any time he or she is questioned or the subject of collections arises.

Under the bill, freelance writers and artists could deduct certain expenses before their works produce income.

Report blasts nuke lab security

By BRYAN BRUMLEY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Lax security at Energy Department nuclear weapons laboratories has allowed agents from the Soviet bloc and other countries to gain access to sensitive research facilities, congressional investigators reported today.

The visits took place at the national laboratories at Los Alamos and Sandia in New Mexico and Livermore in California, where scientists conduct advanced research on nuclear weapons and the Strategic Defense Initiative, known as Star Wars, according to a congressional report.

The foreign visitors included specialists from the Soviet bloc, China and nations believed either to have nuclear weapons or seeking to develop them, including India, Pakistan, Israel, Brazil and Argentina.

Officials at the FBI and CIA declined to discuss possible espionage investigations stemming from the incidents and it was not clear whether any secrets had been lost, according to the report by the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

The Department of Energy "generally does not follow its own requirements and obtain background information on foreign visitors and assignees from communist and other sensitive countries," the GAO report said.

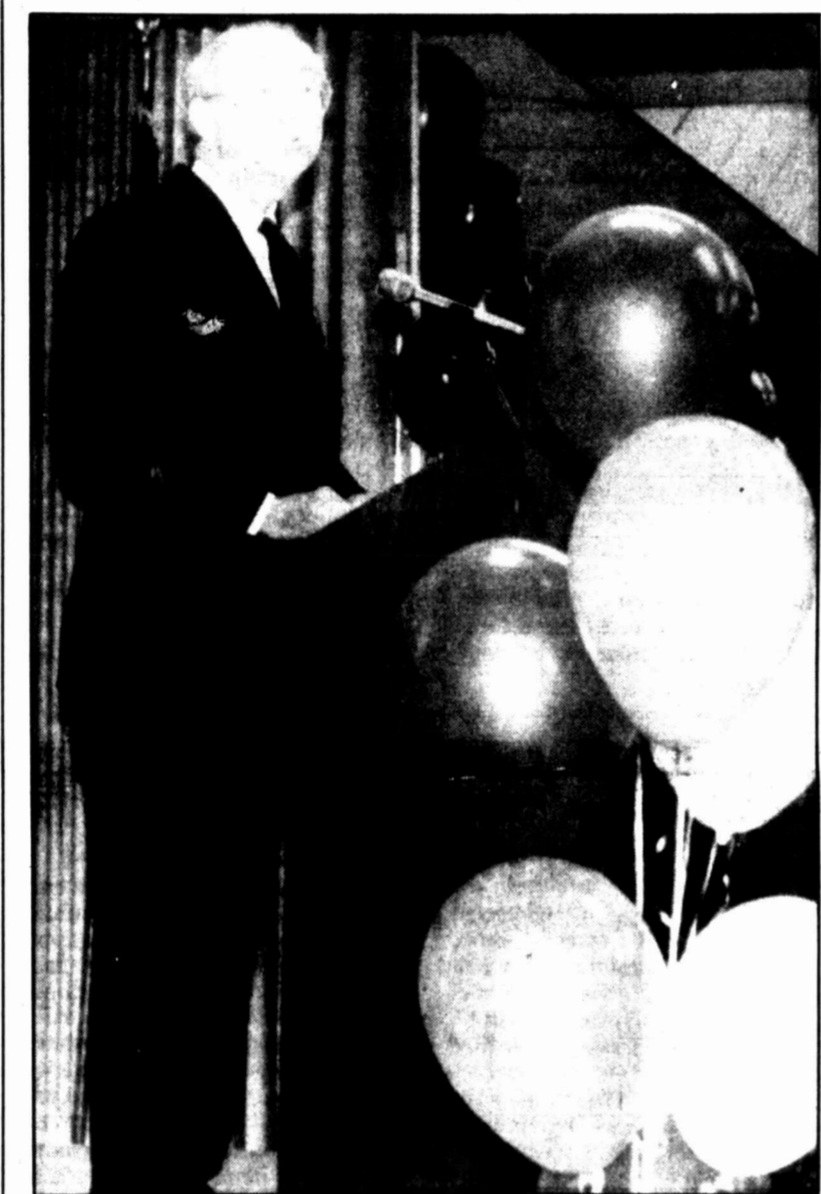
As a result, it said, "suspected foreign agents and individuals from facilities suspected of conducting nuclear weapons activities have obtained access to the laboratories without prior DOE knowledge," the report said.

It found the department "allows foreign nationals from communist and proliferation risk countries into the laboratories to discuss subjects that could assist nuclear weapons programs."

"I can tell you from my point of view, I personally know of no prolonged visit from any foreign national," said Nigel Hey, spokesman for Sandia.

Hey said foreign visitors must make formal application through the Department of Energy "... so actually you can see that the actual procedure that's followed to clear access to Sandia is in the hands of the Department of Energy."

He said further comment would be impossible without first seeing the GAO report.



Predicting a "tough and close" race for the 69th District, Phil Gramm Monday encouraged Troy Fraser support against Johnnie Lou Avery.

Gramm: 69th District race 'tough and close'

By MICHAEL DUFFY
Staff Writer

Predicting that the race for the 69th District state representative's seat will be "tough and close," U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas) urged backers of Troy Fraser Monday afternoon to support him "for exactly the same reasons" they are backing Vice President George Bush.

Gramm's endorsement came before a standing room only audience in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College.

Amid the room filled with red, white and blue balloons, a six-piece Dixieland band played songs ranging from "The Sting" to "Hello Dolly" as supporters waited for Gramm, who arrived 45 minutes late.

"Troy Fraser has been involved with, and a leader in, everything good in Big Spring," Gramm said, citing the candidate's involvement in everything from economic development to the YMCA.

Gramm, elected three times as a Democrat, resigned his seat in 1983 and won it back the same year in a special election after the Democratic caucus ousted him from the House Budget Committee because of his liaison with the Republican White House.

The senator said the "best way to cut the budget deficit is to create new jobs" and blasted the state's workmen's compensation system

as having the lowest benefits and among the highest rates in the United States.

Calling Fraser a "leader of the people in West Texas," Gramm said "Troy understands education because he's got children."

Gramm said he intends to offer an amendment to the recently passed anti-drug bill that calls for mandatory prison sentences without the possibility of parole for "any thug who sells drugs to our children" or uses children to transport them.

He said the amendment will also stipulate that persons convicted of second offenses shall automatically receive life in prison sentences.

"I want to grab the drug pushers by the throat," he said, generating scattered "Amen's" from the audience.

Gramm also asked that control of schools be returned to parents and local boards of education.

"It's vitally important we control our schools," he said.

Gramm said there is something wrong with a candidate who has a "problem" with the Pledge of Allegiance and criticized Democratic presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis for allowing "criminals to walk the street" while he "takes up everybody's guns."

Encouraging the audience to "write a check for Troy," Gramm said he came to Big Spring because

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Hero Soldier discounts his role

ANNISTON, Ala. (AP) — An Army sergeant said he wasn't trying to be a hero when he grabbed a gun from a man holding a busboy hostage in a restaurant where 50 stunned diners were eating.

"I was just there to react in case he did something stupid," said Staff Sgt. Wendell Williams, 29, the son of a Dallas policeman. "It's not my nature to stand there and be quiet."

Williams grabbed the gun away from Darren Smith, 20, of Anniston, in a Shoney's restaurant Friday night. Police said Smith had been holding a busboy at gunpoint in an attempt to see his estranged wife, a restaurant employee who had signed a warrant against Smith for harassment.

Smith was jailed on charges including kidnapping and reckless endangerment, and later he was charged with first-degree arson in a fire set at the city jail. No bond had been set Monday.

Williams returned to the Shoney's for another meal Sunday night, and in an interview with *The Anniston Star*, he said his action "wasn't that dramatic."

"Still, he said, "I thought it was kind of neat. You go to a slow town like this, and you don't expect something like this to happen, especially at Shoney's."

Williams, a Dallas native, is stationed in West Germany but is taking advanced non-commissioned officer training at Fort McClellan near Anniston. When the gunman entered the restaurant, Williams had finished eating and was in the bathroom.

"I heard him saying stuff like he's got a gun and he wanted everyone to stay seated," Williams said.

Williams wanted to call police, but he had no change for the nearby pay phone. He tried to slip out the front door, he said, but it had been locked.

"That's when he saw me and told me, 'Go sit down or I'm going to shoot you,'" Williams said.

Williams didn't go sit down as the gunman paced near the kitchen and continued to hold busboy Billy Wallace at gunpoint. Instead, Williams moved closer to the gunman.

"I was thinking 'How can I get this guy without him shooting the busboy or shooting me or shooting anyone else?'" Williams said.

The soldier ignored the gunman's second order to be seated. "I told him, 'Hey, I'm just standing here,'" Williams said.

By then, police were inside the building, and when the gunman removed the gun from the busboy, Williams grabbed it and police grabbed the suspect.

"What I'd been thinking all along was, I wondered if the gun was really loaded," he said. "I got it and looked at it, and it was. And I thought, 'You dummy, standing up there by a man with a loaded gun.'"

Candidates ply working class appeal

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press Writer

George Bush and Michael Dukakis appealed to working class Americans with pledges to crack down on criminals and help first-time buyers purchase homes as the two White House contenders crammed for their second and final presidential debate.

The Republican presidential nominee, hammering away at his preferred topic — crime — accused his rival of being more concerned about the fate of criminals than their victims and vowed a different approach if elected.

"I'm going to bring an attitude to the White House that has more sympathy for the victims of crime than for the criminals," Bush told an audience Monday at a Knights of Columbus hall in Trenton, N.J.

While the vice president courted votes in Trenton's Italian-American neighborhood, Dukakis traveled to a community built on the premise that affordable housing should be available to post-World War II families.

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"Obviously you do different things under an assassination... I would still say a prayer for myself and the nation — but the first thing you do is you get on the phone and call the head of the CIA and see what he thinks it was," — Sen. Dan Quayle.

The Democratic nominee used a visit to a typical family in Levittown, N.Y., and a speech at the local high school to introduce his plan that would allow first-time buyers to use up to \$10,000 of their IRAs or pension plans for a down payment.

Dukakis was meeting with Vietnam War veterans today in Cambridge, Mass., and delivering an economics speech at Tufts University in nearby Medford, Democratic vice presidential nominee Lloyd Bentsen was campaigning in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, two key electoral states with 16 and 25 votes, respectively.

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on-crime speech — white-collar, that is — to business students at Seattle University.

With the presidential debate on Thursday, barring a rainout in the National League baseball playoff series, the two candidates were flying to California to prepare for their 90-minute, prime-time confrontation.

The nationally broadcast debate will begin at 8 p.m. CDT in the Pauley Pavilion on the University of California at Los Angeles campus.

With Election Day exactly four weeks away, the latest nationwide poll showed the presidential race too close to call.

Bush leads Dukakis 50-47 percent

in the ABC News-Washington Post poll conducted Wednesday through Sunday. The survey of 600 likely voters had a margin of error of plus or minus five percentage points, statistically negating the lead.

A Los Angeles Times poll released Monday found that Republican vice presidential candidate Dan Quayle remains a drag on the GOP ticket. Bush-Quayle leads Dukakis-Bentsen 44-41 percent, but Bush alone leads his Democratic opponent 48-39 percent.

The weekend survey of 893 registered voters had a margin of error of five percentage points.

But the poll also found that Dukakis' negative rating was higher than Quayle — 45 percent to 40 percent.

Quayle, who campaigned in Michigan and Ohio, gave what he described as the "final word" on his answer to last week's debate question of what he would do if he was suddenly propelled into the presidency.

Quayle said he would make a re-

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Local S&L reported in merger plan

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Big Spring's First Federal Savings and Loan and eight other troubled savings and loans are included in a Southwest Plan consolidation that is nearing completion, according to a *Houston Post* report.

Other institutions said to be consolidated with Olney Savings Association in a deal code-named the "Duck" package are: San Angelo Savings, Southwest Savings and Loan in Abilene, Southern Savings and Loan in

Brownwood, and Heart O' Texas Savings of San Saba.

Also included are Security Federal Savings and Loan in Pampa, Sentry Savings in Slaton, and First Federal Savings and Loan in Amarillo, sources told the *Post*.

The nine thrifts have a combined negative regulatory capital totaling \$409 million.

Charles Beil, president and chairman of the board of First Federal Savings in Big Spring, said that officials at the local

thrift have not been informed of a definitive decision concerning the proposed merger.

"All we know is what we've seen in other newspapers," said Beil. "We have no notification of such an action. That's all I have to say right now."

The merger with Olney Savings, a \$1.4 billion-asset thrift, would be the largest asset consolidation under the five-month-old Southwest Plan, the newspaper reported, quoting anonymous sources. The

resulting institution would have about \$3 billion in assets.

The estimated cost to the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. for the proposed deal could exceed \$1.5 billion.

Despite the size of the potential transaction, it could be eclipsed by the \$11 billion-asset institution that First Texas Savings of Dallas and Gibraltar Savings of Houston hope to create from an anticipated merger and consolidation.

Publisher of Herald resigns

Richard White, publisher of the *Big Spring Herald* since April, has resigned effective Oct. 21 to accept a position with the *Midland Reporter-Telegram*.

White has been a member of the *Herald* staff since January 1985, when he was named advertising director.

No decision has been announced on his replacement.

Demos: Texas still up for grabs in presidential race

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Democrats watched in dismay the past several weeks as Republican presidential nominee George Bush pounded rival Michael Dukakis on gun control, crime and the Pledge of Allegiance.

"I was kind of down in the dumps a couple of weeks ago. We were pinned down on the beach for a while. But now we're getting air support and we're going to drive those folks back," said Ed Martin, executive director of the Texas Democratic Party.

The commercials recount the story of a prison inmate who in 1981 raped and murdered a woman while he was staying at a Houston halfway house that Bush — then a Houston congressman — helped start.

The ads are in response to the case of Willie Horton, a convicted felon who brutalized a Maryland couple while he was on a weekend pass from a Massachusetts prison. Republicans, however, suggest that the Democratic ticket has run aground in Texas and is weighing a retreat.

Bentsen campaign is considering withdrawing its forces are just that, according to the Democratic Party. "That's the kind of rumor that comes from Republican campaign managers who must have been snorting something (Panama strongman Manuel Antonio) Noriega sent them," Martin said.

Dukakis state campaign manager Tom Cosgrove said Dukakis has been picking up momentum in Texas since before the first presidential debate.

Briefs

Lawmaker: Drought cost may rise

DALLAS (AP) — The chairman of the House Agriculture Committee says the 1988 drought relief package voted by Congress to help farmers and ranchers could exceed earlier cost estimates of \$3.9 billion.

drought relief costs running as high as \$6 billion, said de la Garza. "Hopefully, it won't go beyond that," he said. "Right now, I don't see it" rising much above the \$3.9 billion or \$4 billion level.

Killing spree ends with arrests

HOUSTON (AP) — A four-day robbery spree that left two men dead and three others wounded ended with the separate arrests of two former convicts from the Texas Department of Corrections, a police spokesman says.

Washington was charged with one count of capital murder, but additional charges may be forthcoming, Collier said. Both were held without bond today.

Emergency landing brightens day

DALLAS (AP) — A California industrialist says he may make a donation to an exclusive girls school where the school's headmistress said his emergency landing on a school playing field "certainly brightened a dull Monday."

Hockaday School or risk a more difficult glide to Addison Airport in the Dallas suburb of Addison. An electrical glitch caused the plane to "become a glider," Ford told the Dallas Morning News.

Police seize half-ton of cocaine

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Federal Judicial Police seized 1,200 pounds of cocaine worth more than \$500 million and arrested three suspects in two drug raids, Deputy Commander Salvador Peralta said Monday.

Peralta was quoted as saying by the Excelsior news service. He identified the two suspects as Sergio Beltran Sarabia and Armando Gomez Cabrera.



Sold! EL PASO — Auctioneer Shelby Bozeman reacts to a bid during auction at the Kermezaar arts and crafts fair at the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center. The fair, now concluded, featured crafts from across the Southwest.

Staff: Boulter debate not in Bentsen plans

DALLAS (AP) — A group calling itself the "United Women of Texas" announced plans for a debate tonight between Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Rep. Beau Boulter — a Republican congressman seeking Bentsen's Senate seat — but Bentsen's staff said their boss won't be there.

A desk clerk at the Harvey Hotel in Dallas said Monday night that the Boulter campaign has an office at the hotel.

In a press release transmitted from Boulter's headquarters by telephone facsimile, the women's organization announced Monday afternoon that the debate would begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Harvey Hotel in Dallas.

Boulter already has accepted his invitation, she said, adding that she was "confident that Senator Bentsen would also appear. We are just sure that since he is a senator and a gentleman and he represents this entire state that we will hear from him."

Group to seek concealed handgun law

DALLAS (AP) — A gun group that twice has failed to win law enforcement support of its quest for legislation that would allow residents with a clean criminal and psychiatric record to carry concealed handguns will try again.

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Fur expected to fly in Humane Society campaign

DALLAS (AP) — Consumers who buy mink, fox and other pelts are the targets of the Humane Society of the United States' toughest campaign ever against the multibillion-dollar fur garment industry.

About 27 million animals are killed each year by the fur industry, either on fur farms or by trapping, the Humane Society estimates.

The Humane Society and other groups have for years criticized the killing of minks, foxes and other animals for their pelts. But a campaign has never been so purposely directed at the consumer.

Volunteers needed by Big Spring Humane Society. Can you volunteer two hours a week to feed the animals? Call 267-5646.

Several protests will likely occur this fall outside Dallas fur shops, said Cile Holloway of Dallas, a member of the advisory board of the Animal Connection of Texas.

Three of the outdoor posters, on major highways in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, show a woman in a fur coat covering her face with her purse, and a small photograph of a raccoon.

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Spring board

How's That?

Exercise

Q. Is it a good idea to take salt tablets before exercising in the heat?

A. No. Most Americans don't drink the huge amounts of water needed to make salt tablet use safe, according to the American Heart Association.

Calendar

Funny

WEDNESDAY

• The Big Spring Toastmasters will host a Humorous Speech and Evaluation Competition at 7:30 p.m. in the chamber of commerce office, back entrance. Contestants include Big Spring, Big Spring Federal Prison Camp and Midland Toastmasters Club members, and the contest is open to the public. Admission is free. For further information contact Dene Sheppard, 267-5845, or Teri Quinones, 263-3811.

THURSDAY

• NARFE will have a meeting at the Kentwood Senior Citizens Center at 10 a.m.
• A phonics workshop will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Howard County Library basement. There will be a complete workshop. Anyone who is interested in helping someone learn to read or would like to teach someone to read is encouraged to attend. It is sponsored by the Howard County Learn to Read Program.

• The Fire Department will be flushing fire hydrants today between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the area east of Birdwell Lane and north of 11th Place; also from Gregg to Nolan streets between Third and 10th streets.

FRIDAY

• The Fire Department will be flushing fire hydrants today between Goliad and State streets, on Third and Fourth streets and one on Fifth Street.

• The regular meeting of the West Texas Republican Women will be at noon at La Pasoda, 206 N.W. Fourth St. Guest speaker will be State Supreme Court Justice Barbara. The public is invited.

• There will be a Senior Citizen's dance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Industrial Park in building 487.

SATURDAY

• Marcy Elementary will host a Fall Festival from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be food, games and fun; schoolboard members to take part in a sponge toss.

Tops on TV

Baseball

National League Playoff Game 6. Los Angeles Dodgers vs. New York Mets at Dodger Stadium — 7 p.m. Ch. 2.

• Matlock — When a hood is murdered, all the evidence points to a Dirty Harry type cop, who turns to his longtime adversary Matlock to defend him. — 7 p.m. Ch. 13.

Sheriff's log

Howard County Sheriff's Department officers report investigating the following incidents as of 8 a.m. today:

• Cherie Mabelle Hitch, 19, Route 2, was released on \$20,000 bond Monday afternoon, Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard confirmed today.

Hitch was one of three persons arrested Sunday night in a drug raid on a Howard County residence about nine miles northeast of the city and charged with aggravated possession of methamphetamines.

Ronald Troy Little, 27, also of Route 2, and Daniel Scott Bennett, 25, HC 61, are being held in Howard County jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond each on aggravated possession of methamphetamine charges.

• Charles Andre Hall, 28, 2600 Barksdale Ave., was released on \$500 bond after being arrested by city police on charges of driving while license suspended.

Bids, personnel matters highlight meeting

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners today reluctantly accepted the resignation of the county's indigent health care nurse, Claudia Turner, who has accepted a full-time nursing job in the private sector, will continue her work for the county on a consultant basis.

Commissioners also voted to advertise for bids for a replacement pickup truck for the county agent's office, pharmacy providers for all prescription medicines, and hired a female guard for the night shift.

Lawyers for 21-year-old Pamela

Newton, accused of capital murder in the April 1 shooting of C. Vance Kimble, had requested posting of a female jailer or guard for Newton between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., according to Howard County Judge Milton Kirby.

The commissioners' court — with Commissioner Paul Allen absent and Commissioner William B. Crooker Jr. leaving early to attend a Fort Stockton seminar on strategic planning — voted unanimously to hire the jailer.

It also approved renewing contracts with Howard College and the City of Big Spring for assessment and collection of taxes, and approv-

ed posting of signs directing voter registration and property tax payment traffic in County Tax Assessor/Collector Kathy Sayles' office in the courthouse annex building.

The commissioners accepted an affidavit of sole-source supply for crushed caliche from county engineer Bill Mims, who advised the court that the sole source for the product in the county is Price Construction.

Commissioners also approved purchasing a carpet cleaning machine, accepted an amended ambulance service contract which will allow Rural/Metro Ambulance

Service to house its fourth vehicle at the company location rather than at a city fire station since the city will not provide drivers, and paid the county's bills.

After several minutes of complicated discussion, the county commissioners also determined not to change the method of payment for indigent health care patients. Such payments will continue to be made on a 30-day care limit basis.

Indigent health care equipment will be transferred to Care West under the direction of County Indigent Health Care consulting nurse Claudia Turner.

A \$1,300-plus bill for cleaning a plumbing drain in the county jail was also being discussed at the court, which approved the minutes of its previous meeting and at press time had not acted on on-call purchase contracts for the road and bridge department or on personnel requests and a treasurer's report from County Treasurer Bonnie Franklin.

Specifications for bidders on the replacement pickup truck will be announced during the next commissioners' court meeting, Kirby said. Specifications for the pharmacy contract will be included in the bid announcement, he said.

Artist receives key to city at christening

By STEVE GEISSEN
Staff Writer

Mayor Cotton Mize presented Coy McAnn with the key to the city Friday in recognition of the local artist's work on the downtown mural "Once Upon a Time."

The mural on the Chamber of Commerce building was dedicated at a reception honoring McAnn, who donated his time and effort to paint the multi-colored mural.

McAnn was also presented with a plaque by Mize, who broke a champagne bottle on the mural to christen it before an audience of about 50 guests.

The mural was well received by those attending the reception, said Teri Quinones, downtown coordinator, adding: "The people at the Chamber are always telling me about the compliments it has gotten."

The Chamber site was chosen for the mural because of the area's high visibility.

"It's located at a major intersection and at the gateway into downtown," she said.

Limited edition lithographs and postcards of the mural are to be made and will be available for sale during the Christmas season, Quinones said.

Quinones said the presentation of the key to McAnn marks only the second time Mize has so honored an individual.

The mural is one phase of a



Artist Coy McAnn, right center, received the "key to the city" from Mayor A.C. "Cotton" Mize during ceremonies Friday at the site of his mural depicting West Texas history.

"The mural is an attractive improvement in one area of downtown," Quinones said, "and we also need to continue the improvements in other areas."

that is scheduled to include the construction of a Railroad Plaza commemorating the city's railroad history.

Family issues addressed at forum

Between 35 and 40 people attended a candidates' information forum held by the citizens for family issues in the Spangenberg Building on Thursday evening, organizer Deede Cauley reported. Candidates from both political parties in most of the races were invited to attend the forum and to address concerns related to family issues.

The format included two minutes of remarks by all of the panelists. Following all speakers, questions were placed on cards by the audience and addressed to the panel by Jeff Harris, she said.

Attending the meeting were representatives for the following candidates: George Bush, president; Kent Hance, railroad commissioner; Beau Boulter, U.S. Senate; Barbara Culver, Texas Supreme Court; and Troy Fraser, 69th District State Representative, all Republican, and Johnnie Lou Avery, 69th District State Representative.

Boulter was represented by his 17th Congressional district chairman, J. Michael Foster, who said he considers Howard County a "top priority" in the district.

During the question and answer period, the panel of speakers was asked questions basically related to

family concerns. Questions concerning education included: local school board control vs. centralized government-controlled education (specifically as it relates to the San Antonio Kirby vs. Edgewood court case, home and private school concerns and positions on childcare legislation, Cauley said.

Other subjects covered during the question and answer time included: Social Security, how the oil industry would be helped by the various candidates, tax credit questions in regard to the family, Strategic Defense Initiative positions, the Equal Rights Amendment, and abortion.

Questions that the candidates' representative did not feel qualified to answer were noted, and individuals were advised that the candidate or a staff member would contact them with a clarifying answer to their concern.

The American Family Association and Concerned Women for America each had a local representative presenting brief introductory information on these two national family organizations.

Tables with promotional material for both political parties, further information on the AFA and the CWA.

Oil briefs

Fina to buy part of Tenneco

HOUSTON (AP) — Tenneco Inc. announced its exodus from the volatile oil and gas business by agreeing to sell its oil and gas operations for an amount expected to exceed \$7.3 billion.

Although negotiations continued for some minor portions, the nation's 10th largest oil company said Monday it had entered into definitive contracts with several buyers.

At least 10 companies — including Fina Oil and Chemical —

said Monday they had agreed to buy part of Tenneco. The company said more information would be released today following a board meeting.

The Houston-based company announced in May its plans to sell Tenneco Oil Co. — which makes up about 22 percent of total revenues — and use the proceeds to help pay its hefty \$8.5 billion debt.

Analysts earlier had predicted the sale would fetch between \$5 billion and \$7 billion.

Prices rebound from two-year lows

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil futures are rebounding up from two-year lows reached last week, but analysts say it is unclear whether the recent downward trend in prices has been reversed or merely interrupted.

Trading was active Monday, analysts said, as Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, reaffirmed it would stick to its production quota if other members of OPEC did.

The statement triggered speculation that other members of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would reduce production in order to help boost prices.

But Nauman Barakat, vice president for energy investment at Prudential-Bache Securities Inc., said he remained skeptical because other OPEC members have "shown no indication they are willing to cut back output."

Deaths

Bobby Gene Johnson

Bobby Gene Johnson, 57, Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 10, 1988, at his home.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Breckenridge Cemetery with Rev. Charles Mangone officiating under the direction of Milton Funeral Home, Breckenridge.

He was born in Breckenridge and was a 1949 graduate of Breckenridge High School. He managed the C.R. Anthony Store in Andrews and was a Lutheran.

Survivors include a sister, Joyce Springer, Andrews; two nieces and two great-nephews.

Violet Morris

Violet Morris, 82, Artesia, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Oct. 9, 1988, in Artesia General Hospital.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. David Robertson, pastor of First United

Candidates

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quest to address the nation and would consult with allies, but other steps would depend on the situation.

"Obviously you do different things under an assassination. The first thing you do in an assassination — I would still say a prayer for myself and the nation — but the first thing you do is you get on the phone and call the head of the CIA and see what he thinks it was," Quayle said during a question-and-answer session after an economics speech in Detroit.

Quayle said he would have "contingency plans under different situations."

The GOP candidate was concentrating on voters in Ohio today with a day-long bus trip through small towns in the western part of the state.

Bush proposed Monday to increase criminal penalties and give victims an expanded role in criminal proceedings.

Police beat

Two people were injured Monday in separate traffic accidents, according to police reports.

At about 7:45 a.m., a car driven by Christopher Lynn Gammons, 17, 1314 Harding St., was westbound in the 2600 block of Albrook Street when it crossed into the eastbound lane and collided with a legally parked car, reports stated.

Gammons was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries, according to reports.

He was cited by police for failure to maintain single lane and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

At about 4:30 p.m., a car driven by Tempie Wedel Holder, 68, Saginaw, Mich., collided with a car driven by Nelta Shannon Howell, 60, Route 2, Box 26G, reports stated.

Holder's car, traveling in the 900 block of South Gregg Street, collided with Howell's car, traveling in the 300 block of West 10th St., according to reports.

Holder was cited by police for disregarding a red light, reports stated.

Big Spring police also reported investigating the following incidents:

• Two juvenile males, age 10 and 13, were arrested on charges of delinquent conduct.

• A man who resides in the 700 block of South Bell Street reported unknown persons took items valued at \$1,240.

• The manager of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf reported unknown persons took \$230 in cash from an office safe.

• A man who resides in the 1300 block of Wood Street reported unknown persons took an English Red Tick hound valued at \$5,000.

Methodist Church, officiating under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born June 17, 1906 in Redkey, Ind., and married W.B. Morris Dec. 26, 1951 in Lovington, N.M.; he died Jan. 29, 1979. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church while residing in Big Spring. She moved to Artesia in June of 1980 and she was a housewife.

Survivors included three sisters: Pearl Carr, Margaret Kessler and Dorothy Foster, all of Artesia, N.M.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers: Basil and William Tigner.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel

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Violet Morris, 82, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 2:00 P.M. Wednesday in Trinity Memorial Park. Baby Boy Resendez died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Gramm

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Fraser "is not an ordinary candidate."

He called Fraser "my friend and a young man who can be a real leader for the people of Texas."

It elected, Fraser said he would propose a constitutional amendment to prevent a proposal for a state income tax from being placed on the ballot. "The people are not going to vote for a state income tax," he said.

Saying that "opportunities for West Texans will come through education," Fraser expressed concern that more attorneys than teachers are graduating from the

state's colleges and universities.

He criticized representatives from larger cities like Houston and Dallas as "protecting their scared cows" and said he would fight for the interests of West Texas.

Fraser also leveled a blast at his Democratic adversary, Johnnie Lou Avery.

"My opponent talks about 'building bridges.' The bridge she is thinking about is actually an overpass right over West Texas and onto Austin," he said.

Fraser also touched upon a new campaign issue — improved rural health care — saying that state funding would have to be redistributed to support it.

Oil/Markets

West Texas light crude oil 13.65 a barrel, up .05, and cotton futures 54.12 cents a pound, down .16 at 11:35 a.m., according to Delta Commodities

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Opinion

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Pinochet first major obstacle

The decisive defeat of Gen. Augusto Pinochet in the Chilean plebiscite brings forth yet another democracy in Latin America...

Before the 1973 military coup by which Gen. Pinochet seized power, Chile had a longer history of uninterrupted democracy than any other country in South America...

The first is the dictator himself. Gen. Pinochet has promised to respect the outcome of the plebiscite, by which nearly 55 percent of the electorate rejected his rule...

Although Gen. Pinochet has a legal claim on the presidency, his refusal to retire before 1990 ignores the overwhelming political reality that his leadership is no longer tenable...

Accelerating the transition to democracy will require amendments to the constitution, which was drafted by the junta and approved in a 1980 plebiscite...

Opposition leaders hope to negotiate with the junta a revised constitution to submit to the voters early in 1989...

The degree to which Gen. Pinochet and his junta may cooperate in adopting democratic reforms hinges in large measure on whether Chile's extreme left, which includes the underground Communist Party...

The paramount challenge now in establishing a civilian government is to create a climate of stability among Chile's tumultuous political parties while at the same time diminishing the military's political control...

During the mid-1970s, Latin America's only major democracies were Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, and Mexico. By the mid-1980s, following a wave of peaceful change...



Sounds of '88: 'Trivial, superficial and inane'

By JONATHAN WOLMAN Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Radio disc jockeys recently went from giving away money to discussing politics...

One of them described the irony of Lloyd Bentsen and Dan Quayle — "these two millionaires," he said derisively...

It was a cynical moment, but the presidential campaigns have invited this sort of contempt. From the moment the conventions ended in August...

George Bush generally gets the blame for touching off the trivia. Budget deficits are enormous, a drug epidemic has hit practically every strata of society...

With all this facing the next president, Bush has been bludgeoning Dukakis over the Pledge of Allegiance and a Massachusetts prison furlough program...

It got so bad that Richard Nixon, of all people, described campaign '88 as "trivial, superficial and inane." Nixon said Bush and Dukakis "have found that the surest way they could make the evening news was to be silly or irresponsible or both..."



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Barry Goldwater, summoned for an Arizona campaign appearance, startled Quayle by telling his fellow Republican: "I hope you'll take this kindly..."

Don't hold your breath. Trivializing is working for Bush: He's come from behind to enjoy a comfy lead in the polls...

Behind in the polls, the Dukakis people figured they better answer in kind. They saw that voters seemed to get off the defensive for a change...

No sooner did the millionaires' debate end than Dukakis hit the air with some anti-Quayle campaign ads. A spot called "Oval Office" features scenes of Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson and Gerald Ford...

Say a little prayer of kindness for President Quayle

By ART BUCHWALD The big question at the vice presidential debate was, "Is Sen. Dan Quayle qualified to be President of the United States?"



Quayle says, "This is awful, but fortunately George Bush picked the most qualified person for the job. Harry Truman was the same age as me when he became President..."

He said that first of all he would say a prayer, then he would meet with Bush's people, whom he had gotten to know on a first-name basis...

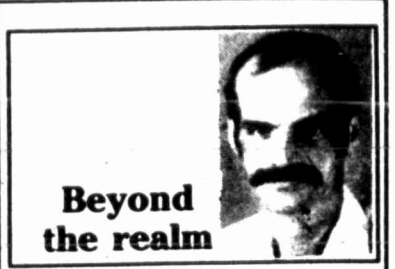
I even fantasized the scene. Bush and Quayle have won the election. As Vice President with nothing to do, Dan Quayle has been persuaded by his father to take a course in remedial law...

"You're no Harry Truman." "That was uncalled for. Well, I better get ready. First, I will say a prayer for myself and the American people..."

"I'm going to relate a story that has prepared me for a moment such as this. I tell it at job training centers and high schools and to the Veterans of Foreign Wars..."

Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information and staff list including Richard White, Robert Wernsman, Bob Rogers, Marae Brooks, Cindy McGuire, and Dale Ferguson.

Quotes section containing various remarks from political figures and public figures, such as "We have the courage to recognize our mistakes and to restore the situation..."



Beyond the realm Birthday concept unravels

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer Oh well, I made it through another one. There are several things in life that are over-rated...

There are several things in life that are over-rated: Perrier and Meryl Streep movies are two examples that come to mind...

As birthdays go, it wasn't so bad. My friends all wished me the best and not one of them was so cruel as to remind me how old I am becoming...

Still, I breathed a sigh of relief when Sunday passed, and made a comment similar to that at the top of this column: "Birthdays," I thought. "Who needs 'em?"

I didn't always hold that opinion. Birthdays used to be wondrous, magical things. The world, it seemed, would stop for one day to celebrate Steve Reagan's entrance into the land of the living...

Family and friends would bestow gifts and best wishes upon yours truly, along with the hope that I would have many, many happy birthdays...

Needless to say, this was as it should be. But that wasn't the nicest thing about my birthday. No, what was grandest about the day was the realization that I was another year older — that much closer to the mystical realm known as adulthood...

Being a grown-up was something I desperately wished for almost daily. Adults were powerful figures, full of fire and authority and the ability to do all sorts of wondrous things — simply because they were older...

As I reached adulthood, it lost some of its glamor. No one warned me when I was six about bills, jobs and the other joyless responsibilities that went with being a grown-up...

Responsibility began rearing its ugly head about the same time I cast my first vote. All of the sudden, it seemed, life began getting complicated. People began expecting things of me because — they kept reminding me — I was now an adult...

They made the word seem so ugly, as if it were some sort of sentence. "Mr. Reagan, the jury has found you guilty of becoming an adult. Before we sentence you, is there anything you would like to say on your behalf?"

"No, sir — gulp! — your honor." "Very well, then. We, the other joyless adults in the world, sentence you to a life of hard labor, bill-paying and cooking your own meals. And if we catch you having fun — just once, mind you — we'll make you wish you were never born, you got that?"

"Yessir (whimper, whimper)." "OK. Bailiff, hand Reagan a job application and send him on his way. And, Reagan..."

"So, here I am — adrift in that dark, humorless world known as adulthood — wondering where I goofed. It's not as if I've never been wrong before, mind you, but this one was a whopper..."

Another dark thought just struck me: Just one more year, and I'll be old enough to be president. That does it — I am getting old!

watch, and we think it's good for children to be choosy in what they watch," said CBS Broadcast Group executive Matthew Margo of an animated public service announcement in which two children become "couch potatoes" while watching TV...

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Nation

Two die in steam tank explosion

SANTA FE SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — An 8,000-pound pressurized lid shot through the roof of an aerospace manufacturing plant Monday in an explosion that killed two people and injured four others, authorities said.

The explosion at Reinhold Industries occurred about 2:30 p.m. when contractors were testing a hydroclave steam-pressure unit used in the production of

aerospace components, said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Wahla.

"It was like being in a war," said city fire Capt. Phil Pepin. "This building just blew up and there were fragments of sheet metal going everywhere."

As pressure was being increased during installation of the machine, the lid blasted loose and shot 25 feet.

Clean-up: Little medical waste

NEW YORK (AP) — A national beach cleanup has removed about 1.5 million pounds of garbage so far from shorelines, but the cleanup's coordinator says the all-volunteer effort found that the country's coasts "aren't awash with medical waste."

Instead, Kathy O'Hara, a marine biologist with the Center for Environmental Education, said Monday that volunteers mostly picked up hundreds of tons of plastic, garbage from foreign countries and traceable debris

from cruise ships.

Data from more than 1,800 miles of beaches in 16 states and Puerto Rico has been collected, she said. Information from eight other states and from Costa Rica remains to be compiled.

"We found medical wastes in most states, but we are not going to see an overwhelming amount of it," O'Hara said, adding that such wastes amount to a "minuscule" percentage of beach debris.

Plutonium production is halted

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The State Department wants U.S. prosecutors to end their fraud investigation of Ferdinand Marcos and offer him a plea bargain that would keep him out of jail but cost him millions of dollars, it was reported today.

Citing a confidential State Department cable, the *Los Angeles Times* said federal officials fear the deposed Philippine president might "seek to involve and embarrass" U.S. and

Philippine officials by alleging improper or illegal conduct, if he is indicted.

Under the plea agreement outlined in the cable, Marcos would have to return hundreds of millions of dollars in assets he allegedly took from his country's treasury.

Sources familiar with the investigation told the *Times* that U.S. officials are worried that Marcos may threaten to reveal politically damaging information

Marcos plea bargain alleged

DENVER (AP) — The shutdown of Rocky Flats' main plutonium processing plant virtually halts production at the nuclear weapons plant and is the nation's second major suspension of such production in two months, an official said.

The building was closed Saturday because of a "minor safety incident," according to the U.S. Energy Department. Three people were tested for "potential health effects" stemming from

last month's incident, officials said.

Rockwell International Corp., which runs the plant, said no radioactive material was released nor was there any threat to the public or the environment.

Rockwell spokesman Ed Heintz said Monday that the shutdown would not affect other areas of the plant, and the building's 575 employees would not be laid off during the shutdown. The plant employs about 5,000.

VA hospital test raises questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Veterans Administration's chief medical officer ordered changes in a study of mortality rates at VA hospitals to avoid "inevitable" criticism of the agency based on the initial findings, according to a published report today.

The *Washington Post* reported that the initial study had found that as many as 12 percent of the VA facilities had excessively high death rates. By using a more rigorous statistical level in the revised study, that rate was dropped to just 3.5 percent, the newspaper said.

Dr. John A. Gronvall acknowledged in an interview with the *Post* that he ordered VA officials to produce a lower percentage out of fear that the VA could not withstand criticism that "inevitably" would result from comparison with mortality rates at private hospitals.

The federal Health Care Financing Agency had found in a separate study that 2.5 percent of the nation's private hospitals had higher-than-expected mortality rates.

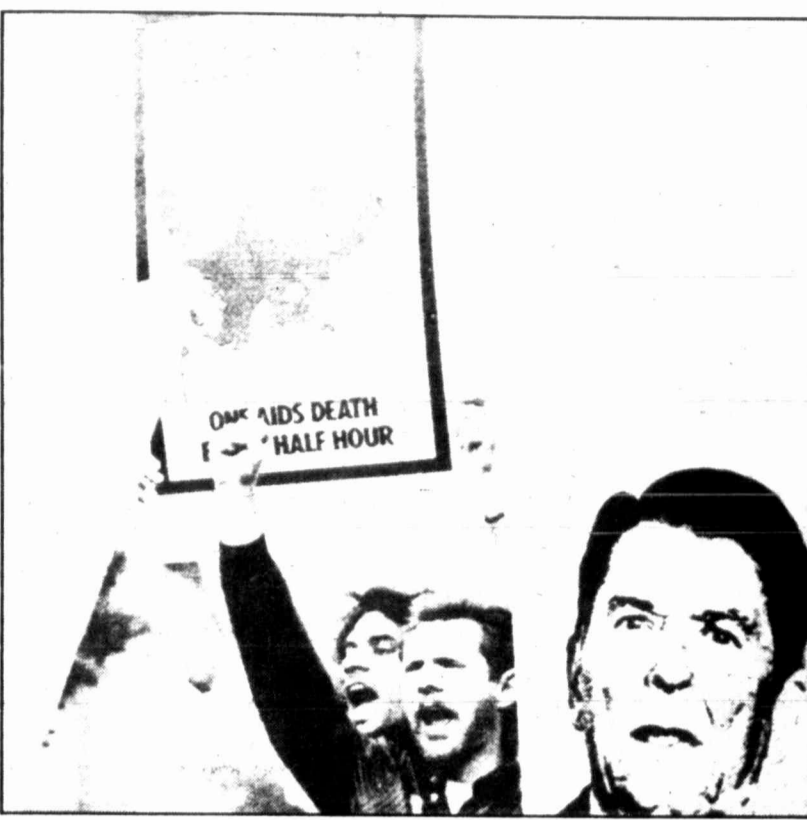
Gronvall's action caused a strong protest from the late Dr. Francis E. Conrad, the VA's director of quality assurance, who said the action might seem "self-serving" and could make the VA "vulnerable to charges of a cover-up."

The *Post* said Conrad, in a memo prepared for a Jan. 29 meeting, wrote that the "PR (public relations) potential for negative reaction is certainly a factor to be considered" from a high mortality rate finding, "but it can be countered and is short lived, in any event."

Gronvall, the VA's senior medical executive, told the *Post* there was no truth to Conrad's belief that he was trying to cover up problems at the VA, which long has been plagued by questions about the quality of medical care at its 172 hospitals.

"That is wholly... outrageous and inappropriate comment," Gronvall said.

Before the meeting between Conrad and Gronvall, Conrad had prepared a statistical model patterned after one used by HCFA in its private hospital study. Like the HCFA study, the *Post* said, Conrad initially planned to test his results at what statisticians call a 95 percent confidence level. That means the mathematical probability is that the results can be duplicated 95 times out of 100.



AIDS drugs sought

WASHINGTON — With the Capitol in the background, Albert Ball of San Diego, right and William Gersten of San Francisco demonstrate at the Department of Human Services in Washington Monday to call for quicker availability of AIDS drugs.

Algiers life resumes after rioting, deaths

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — The Algerian capital appeared to return to normal today as thousands of people went back to work and some shops reopened after a week of bloody riots over rising food prices.

President Chadli Bendjedid, speaking to the nation Monday night, vowed to address economic complaints that caused the rioting in which an estimated 300 people died in battles with troops.

He also hinted he may not run for another term.

His address came hours after troops fired machine guns into a crowd of more than 10,000 in the Algiers district of Bab el Oued. Witnesses estimated that 25 to 30 people were killed. Dozens of others were wounded, some seriously.

One witness said he saw many bodies. "The soldiers were piling them into trucks, one body on top

of another," he said on condition of anonymity.

The government has provided no casualty figures, but reliable reports from police, hospitals and other sources indicate that as many as 300 have died in the week of unrest. The government declared a state of emergency Thursday and authorized troops to fire on demonstrators if necessary to disperse them.

Monday's demonstration was to be a peaceful protest march organized by the Islamic fundamentalist Movement for Algerian Renewal, which has demanded the government resign today. It was not immediately clear how the violence began.

The army remained in control of sensitive points in the capital of Algiers today, including the National Assembly, the main newspaper *El Moudjahid* and critical road junctions.

World

Yugoslavians tighten security

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Thousands of workers ended strikes today in the face of heightened security measures, but other protesters pressed demands for economic and political changes and forced out a regional leader.

The government struggled to defuse the mushrooming protests, fueled by economic turmoil and ethnic Serbian nationalism,

in two of six national republics, Montenegro and Serbia.

Communist Party leaders in two other republics skeptical of the Serbian cause came to the defense of the government.

Authorities imposed unspecified emergency measures Monday in Montenegro, according to the official news agency Tanjug.

Tories gather at bomb blast site

BRIGHTON, England (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher traded defiant words with the IRA as her Conservative Party gathered to open its convention today in the same hotel where the IRA tried to blow her up four years ago.

The convention opened this morning amid tight security. Overflights by civil air traffic were banned, a Royal Navy destroyer patrolled off shore and delegates were forced to line up early outside the conference hall

and endure rigorous security checks.

Without prior announcement and ringed by security men, Mrs. Thatcher arrived late Monday with her husband Denis at Brighton's seafront Grand Hotel. It was badly damaged in the Oct. 12, 1984, bomb blast that killed five people. Mrs. Thatcher narrowly escaped injury.

The four-day convention was the Tories' first there since the bombing.

Czech leader Strougal steps down

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Communist Party chief Milos Jakes has predicted more leadership changes after a shake-up led the nation's premier and his deputy to resign.

Jakes, who took over from President Gustav Husak in December last year, announced Monday that Premier Lubomir Strougal and his deputy Peter Colotka would step down.

Jakes also proposed that the next party congress be moved

forward by one year and take place in 1990.

In predicting the changes, Jakes said they "proceed from the need for a new deployment of leading cadres in the interest of mastering the demanding tasks of economic and social restructuring."

The shake-up in Czechoslovakia follows similar government reorganizations in the Soviet Union, Hungary and Poland, as well as unrest in Yugoslavia.

Philippines bases negotiated

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — U.S. and Filipino officials have reached tentative agreement for Washington to provide compensation worth more than \$550 million a year to use its six bases here, official sources said today.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told reporters that the two sides had nearly finished reviewing an agreement governing the bases, which are the largest U.S. garrison in southeast Asia. An accord

on new compensation terms through 1991 is expected within a week.

Negotiators agreed on a basic, annual compensation package of between \$550 and \$580 million in economic support, military assistance and commodities, mostly wheat, said the sources, who are close to the negotiations.

Filipino negotiators in Washington were bargaining for an additional loan of \$100 million to purchase U.S. Treasury bonds.

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Sports

LA one away from pennant

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — In the end, the reason is Kirk Gibson.

Without his bat, Los Angeles wouldn't have had the offense. Without his fire, the Dodgers wouldn't have had the will.

From the time he stormed out of Holman Stadium before the season's first exhibition game, through his steal of second base in the ninth inning Monday afternoon, Gibson has been the fire that lit up Los Angeles. And thanks to his passion, the Dodgers are within one game of the National League pennant.

His 12th-inning home run early Monday morning gave the Dodgers a 5-4 victory over the New York Mets, tying the National League playoffs at two games apiece. His three-run homer in the fifth inning exactly 13 hours later powered the Dodgers past the Mets 7-4 and into a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series.

But now the Dodgers may have to play without their leader. Gibson's weak left hamstring went "pop" on the ninth-inning steal and he may not play in tonight's Game 6, which matches Tim Lincecum against the Mets' David Cone.

"He's one of my favorite subjects," Los Angeles manager Tommy Lasorda said. "You talk about a competitor, he drives himself to the peak of his ability every day. I've seen him when we win and he goes 0-for-5, and he's jumping up and down. Or when we lose and he's gotten a single, double and a couple of RBI, he's really down."



NEW YORK — Los Angeles Dodger manager Tommy LaSorda, right, hugs relief pitcher Brian Holton (51) after the Dodgers held off the New York Mets, 7-4, to take game five of the National League Championship Series.

Gibson batted .290 during the season with 25 homers and 73 runs batted in. Good numbers, not great. But his spirit turned around

a docile clubhouse.

On March 3, reliever Jesse Orsocco put eye black on the band of Gibson's cap as a joke. It was the

kind of prank pulled in every major league clubhouse.

This time, the joke backfired.

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Crossroads

Chalk Talk

It was a .500 week for Crossroads Country teams as area gridders began their district slate. Four area teams came away winners and four lost.

In a six-man battle of area teams, Grady defeated Sands 32-18. In another six-man action, Klondike downed Dawson and Loop outlasted Borden County.

The Colorado City Wolves edged Merkel 6-0, and Stanton pitched a shutout at Presidio 32-0. The Coahoma Bulldogs went for the winning two-point conversion in the waning seconds, failed, and dropped a 13-12 decision to Clyde. Rounding out the action was Forsan's 17-0 loss to Ozona.

Here is what coaches had to say about Friday's games, and their upcoming opponents.

Jan East, Forsan, on his team's loss to Ozona and this week's game at Wall.

"We played pretty good for three quarters. It was 3-0 at the end of the third quarter. We played pretty good defense. We had a good goal line stand in the third quarter, and stopped them on a couple of scoring drives. They had six penetrations and only scored twice.

"We're getting better. With young kids, the more you play the better you get. I just think time will run out on us before we get there.

"Wall is pretty comparable to us. They're young and 1-5. They have a good tailback and they'll give him the ball. I feel like we can play with them."



Leandro Gonzales, Grady, on his team's win over Sands and this week's game against Loop — "I finally got seven to eight hours of sleep. It's been the first time in three years that Grady has come from behind to win a game. That right there will help us go along through the season. I feel that that game will be the turning point for us.

"The defense really came through and our offense did all right. We are still having problems finding the open receiver.

"Loop is supposed to win the district. But they (Leandro Gonzales) lost their starting quarterback. This is the toughest part of the season for us; playing Sands, Loop and Klondike."

Sam Scott, Garden City, whose team had an open week, and will face undefeated Iron County in the district opener — "The open week was good for us. The kids have been at it hard for two months. We gave them a couple of days off. We had a workout Friday and the kids were zipping around, full of vinegar.

"This will be the battle of unbeaten. We've scouted them (Iron County) and seen film on all but one of their games. We know what they do and they know what we do."

Tom Ramsey, Colorado City, on his team's win over Merkel and this week's game against Clyde — "We had close to 400 yards total offense but we couldn't put it in the end zone. Two times our back, Pat Tillis, was running for touchdowns and the ball just dropped out of his hands, (and) both times they recovered. We had five penetrations and missed two field goals.

"Clyde is 5-1 and probably the team to beat in district. Right now we have the number one offensive team in the district, and they have the number one defense. If we win this one we'll be in good shape."

Dale Ruth, Stanton, on his team's shutout of Presidio, and this week's game against McCamey — "We had 12 fumbles, but most of them were from our second team offense. We had four fumbles just on the snap from center. But we recovered eight of the fumbles.

"Our offense moved the ball well. I think our personnel is better suited for the wishbone. Our main problem is getting the quarterbacks to read the option. The kids are really excited about it.

"McCamey is 2-4 but they have lost to some really tough teams like Greenwood, Kermit and Big Lake. We've got to execute and play good technique football, both offensively and defensively."

Tom Ham, Klondike, on his team's win over Dawson and this week's game with Borden County — "It feels good to win the district opener; of course it feels good to win any game. We played good defense, moved the ball well, but we couldn't punch it in.

"We had over 400 yards offense and nine penetrations. Dawson had us scouted well. They knew what we like to run in goal line situations.

"This week against Borden County, we have to play with more intensity. Borden County is a lot like us — they have played a tough non-district schedule and it will help them."

Randy Roemisch, Sands, on the loss to Grady and this week's game against Dawson — "We made too many mistakes. Those three fumbles gave them three touchdowns. As far as turnovers, that's the worst game we've played all year.

"Dawson is getting better. Coach Adams' (Dawson coach Sam Adams) teams run a tight set. They do things well and are fundamentally sound. They might be 2-4 but records don't mean anything. Grady was 1-3 and they beat us."

Steve Park, Coahoma, on his team's narrow loss to pre-district favorite Clyde and this week's game against Ballinger — "This one was a tough one to lose. The kids played hard; I'm proud of all of them.

"They were ahead in penetrations and first downs, so if it had come down to it, we would have lost anyway. That's why we went for the win. Besides, the kids weren't going to accept a tie. They wanted the win.

"Ballinger is a good rivalry and I'll think we'll be up for them. The schedule is in our favor. We play Ballinger, Colorado City and Wylie at home. We're not out the district race by any means."

John Bond, Borden County, on his team's loss to Loop and a next week's encounter against Klondike — "We had a couple of big plays that hurt us. They led us 14-6 at the end of the first quarter, and we pulled to within 22-14 in the second half.

"They had a penalty on our touchdown and we kicked off from their 35. They returned it all the way for a touchdown. In the fourth quarter we had an apparent safety. We punted, the kid caught it in the end-zone and advanced six steps. But the officials said he didn't try to advance the ball because he ran laterally.

"Klondike has a good ballclub. They're extra quick, aggressive and mix up their plays well. They've got a lot of ways to hurt you."



TOM RAMSEY



TOM HAM



STEVE PARK

Eagle qb zaps Giants, 24-13

By RALPH BERNSTEIN
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Randall Cunningham was a smash as a TV pitch man.

The Philadelphia Eagles quarterback sold himself and his team to the nation's pro football fans Monday night, throwing for 369 yards and three touchdowns in leading the Eagles to a 24-13 victory over the New York Giants.

"I just try to go in and play the best I can," Cunningham said. "If I go into a game thinking I'm one of the best, that just puts a lot of pressure on you.

"I guess it was seen on TV what I could do."

NY Giants	Team Stats	Philadelphia			
22	First downs	23			
100	Yds Rushing	109			
336	Yds Passing	343			
23 of 45	Pass Comp.	31 of 41			
0	Int. by	1			
5-47	Punts	7-36			
2-0	Fum-Lost	2-0			
3-25	Penalties	7-57			
	Score by Quarters				
NY Giants	3	0	3	7	13
Philadelphia	0	14	3	7	24

What the fourth-year pro did in the Eagles' first Monday night appearance since 1981 was complete 31 of 41 passes against one of the NFL's toughest defenses. And he led the Eagles, 3-3, into the thick of the NFC East race. The Eagles are tied with the Giants and Washington Redskins, one game behind the Phoenix Cardinals.

"I think it's the best I've ever played," Cunningham said. "I don't remember when I've thrown so much in a game.

"We haven't beaten the Giants since I've been here. Now we know what we can do. It will boost the confidence of everyone on the team."

The key to snapping a six-game losing streak against the Giants was to attack the defense with short passes.

"The Giants always run a two-deep coverage, and people try to beat them deep," Cunningham said. "You have to get them underneath because you won't get enough time. So we spread the ball around to everyone."

Cunningham threw to six different receivers, with tight end Keith Jackson and running back Keith Byars catching nine each.

Cunningham set the tone of the game in the second period when he made an improbable play.

With the Giants leading 3-0, the Eagles moved to a third down at the New York 5-yard line. Cunningham rolled to his right, appearing to stumble. Then he was hit by linebacker Carl Banks. Cunningham kept his feet, however, and flipped a four-yard touchdown pass to Jimmie Giles.

The Eagles led after that as a sellout crowd of 63,736 roared its appreciation of the 6-foot-4, 203-pound quarterback and his receivers.

"It amazed me," Cunningham said of the ovation. The touchdown play amazed Banks.



PHILADELPHIA — New York Giants' John Washington, right, tries to pull the ball away from Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham during first half action Monday night.

"I thought I made a tackle, but I didn't," he said.

The Giants cut a 17-6 third-period deficit to 17-13 and were driving toward another score when the string ran out. Phil Simms, who passed 324 yards, put a pass on the hands of All-Pro tight end Mark Bavaro, who had already caught nine passes for 148 yards. Bavaro dropped the fourth-down pass at the Eagles' 8-yard line with 2:22 to play and Philadelphia was home free.

"They played well, but we had our chances," Giants coach Bill Parcells said. "Too bad Bavaro dropped that ball. Cunningham played well. We expected that. He made key passes. They made big plays and we didn't."

"It was a great victory over a heck of a team, one we needed very bad," Eagles coach Buddy Ryan said. "Our guys wouldn't be denied."

The Giants took a 3-0 lead 8:32 into the first period on Raul Allegre's 47-yard field goal.

Then came Cunningham's pass to Giles, capping a 12-play, 80-yard drive. Cunningham completed eight passes in the drive.

An intercepted pass by cornerback William Frizzell halted a Giants drive at the Philadelphia 7-yard line and set the Eagles off on a 93-yard touchdown drive.

Cunningham found the end zone 11 plays later, completing seven passes along the way. The payoff went five yards to Byars.

The Eagles made it 17-3 on the first series of the second half on a 37-yard field goal by Luis Zendejas. Cunningham completed passes of 34 and 12 yards passes, and Anthony Toney ran 17 to key the move.

The Giants cut it to 17-6 on Allegre's 22-yard field goal with 4:01 left in the third period. Simms completed passes of 14 and 38 yards to Lionel Manuel to set up the kick.

New York scrapped to within 17-13 on Simms' 38-yard scoring pass to Zeke Mowatt 2:56 into the final quarter. A fourth-and-1 plunge by Joe Morris at the Giants' 46 kept alive the nine-play, 75-yard drive.

Then came Bavaro's drop, and Cunningham's finishing touch, an 80-yard touchdown pass-run play to Carter with 1:48 left.

Sports Slate

VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 11 — Junior varsity Lady Steers vs. Lake View, San Angelo, 6:30 p.m.
Varsity Lady Steers vs. Lake View, San Angelo, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 15 — Runnels A in Snyder tournament.
Runnels B in Snyder tournament.
Freshmen lady Steers in Snyder tournament.
Lady Steers junior varsity vs. Andrews, Steer Gym, 2 p.m.
Lady Steers varsity vs. Andrews, Steer Gym, 4 p.m.
TENNIS
Tuesday, Oct. 11 — BSHS tennis teams in district match against Lake View, San Angelo.
Saturday, Oct. 15 — BSHS tennis teams in district match against Pecos, Figure Seven Tennis Center.
Cross Country
Saturday, Oct. 15 — Big Spring varsity and junior varsity teams in Big Spring 4x1 mile relay meet, old air base golf course.
Local Football
Thursday, Oct. 13 — Steers freshmen vs. Greenwood, Memorial Stadium, 5 p.m.
Steers junior varsity vs. Lake View, Memorial Stadium, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 14 — Varsity Steers vs. Lake View, San Angelo, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 15 — Golliad C vs. Coahoma, Coahoma, 9 a.m.
Runnels C vs. Coahoma, Coahoma, 10:30 a.m.
Little Football League
Saturday, Oct. 15 — Cowboys vs. Bulldogs (Div. II), NL Field, 10 a.m.
Bears vs. Buffaloes (Div. I), NL Field, noon.

Official: Croudpip's death drug related

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) — The Atlanta Falcons say David Croudpip never tested positive in any NFL substance-abuse checks, yet a medical examiner said indications are the defensive back's death was drug-related.

"Nothing I'm telling you is written in stone, but preliminary lab tests do indicate cocaine and possibly some other drug in his system," Dr. Joseph L. Burton said Monday.

Burton, the medical examiner for DeKalb and several other counties in the Metro Atlanta area, performed an autopsy on Croudpip, who was pronounced dead about 3:30 a.m. EDT Monday. The player had been rushed to a hospital in the Atlanta suburb of Duluth after suffering seizures at his home.

"He may have done as much as a gram of cocaine," Burton said. "A gram is a very small amount, about a thimbleful. A single line is enough to cause death, and you could possibly get anywhere from 20 to 50 lines (from one gram), depending on how long they are."

Burton said preliminary tests were conducted at a private lab on Monday, and that he couldn't complete his investigation until receiving a report from the state crime lab. He said it usually takes 10 to 12 weeks to get lab work back, but because of the interest in a prominent athlete, it likely would be back much sooner.

"Taking cocaine is playing Russian roulette," Burton said. "Every single week we probably have one or two people die from drugs in the Atlanta area. It's become the most dangerous drug today all over the nation."

Shortly after Croudpip's death was reported, Gwinnett County coroner Randy Simpson said witnesses reported that the player had ingested cocaine.

"We have been told by witnesses that he had ingested a concoction or cocktail of some sort with cocaine and some liquid," Simpson said.

"We are extremely shocked and startled to hear that his death may have been drug-related," Rankin M. Smith Jr., president of the Falcons, said. Burton was asked during a news conference at his office in Decatur if Croudpip's death was similar to the drug-related deaths of two other athletes in recent years — Len Bias, the former University of Maryland basketball star who died in 1986, and Don Rodgers, the Cleveland Browns defensive back who died in 1987.

"On the surface, there seem to be many similarities," Burton said.

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JEANE DIXON'S Your Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1988

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: You will go far if you recognize your strengths and use them to advance causes that will benefit you financially. Buy or sell real estate in July. Evening hours will usually be the most harmonious time for romance and family life. Close personal relationships flourish. Good health is linked to having a good attitude. Follow doctor's orders. Your love life will be more exciting than ever.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: tenor Luciano Pavarotti, correspondent Chris Wallace, Red Sox star Joe Cronin, comedian Dick Gregory, sportscaster Tony Kubek.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Professional relationships are more harmonious. Business partnerships started this week will be fruitful. Your resourcefulness makes life rewarding. Keep home in better order. Guard important documents.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your problem-solving abilities are in demand. Make sure you are fairly compensated for consultations. A book or chance meeting brings back memories. Get in touch with someone who still cares.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A good month to ask for favors. Greater opportunities exist for love and marriage. Someone teaches you a lesson about money. Decide what you want from a relationship before making demands.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You could be the center of attention at work or a community center today. You make all the right moves at home. Spend some money on sprucing up your wardrobe or beautifying your home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Past relationships come up for review. Your reaction this time around may astound even you. Secrets will be revealed. It would be better to speak out before others do. Choose confidants with care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Knuckle down to work when the going gets tough and solutions will come easier. Being less concerned with money and more concerned with social issues will improve your personal relationships. Show tenderness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): An inheritance ends financial worries. Romantic attractions are plentiful. Make certain you choose the right partner. Be cautious about taking investment advice from friends. Consult an expert.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Higher-ups reward your good work. A bonus or paid vacation will put you in the mood to celebrate. Technical knowledge comes in handy in an unusual setting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Some confusion could complicate the morning. Try to reschedule appointments to accommodate others. Put first things first at work. Profits could result from a romantic alliance. Be discreet about plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Legal documents merit careful handling. Put them in a safe place. Travel enjoys highly favorable influences this month. Be careful what you say to a vulnerable loved one. Show more affection.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Working behind the scenes will be more productive than contacting people directly. You get the benefit of an older person's experiences. Show appreciation. Travel is best postponed until next week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An important report could mean a raise or promotion if it gets out in time. Take a delicate situation one step at a time. A romantic relationship deepens. Tread carefully with sensitive people.

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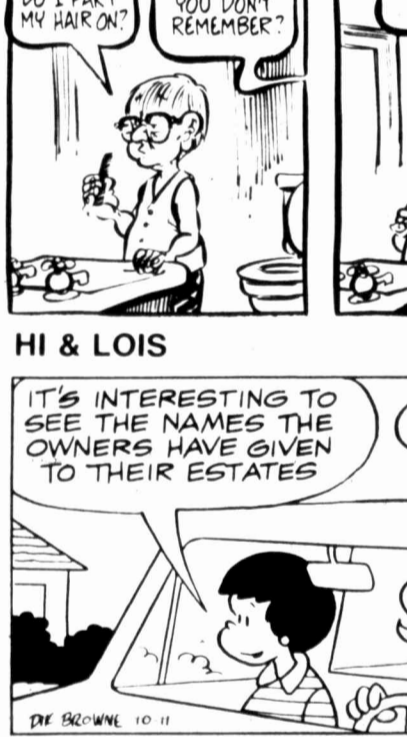
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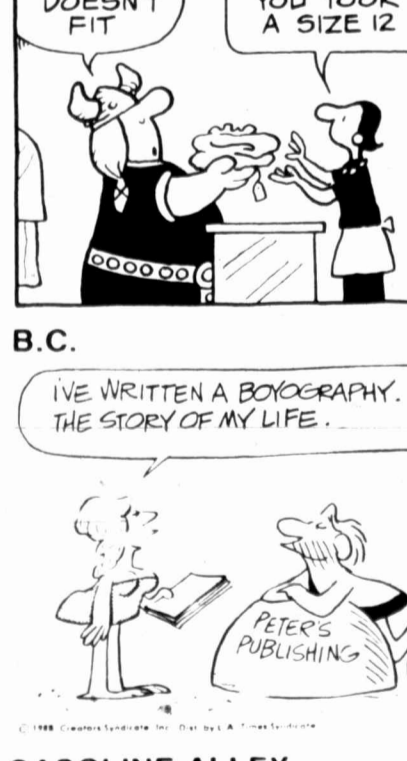
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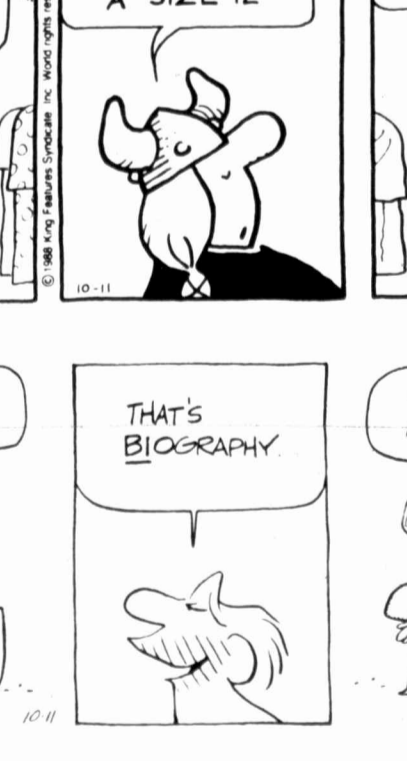
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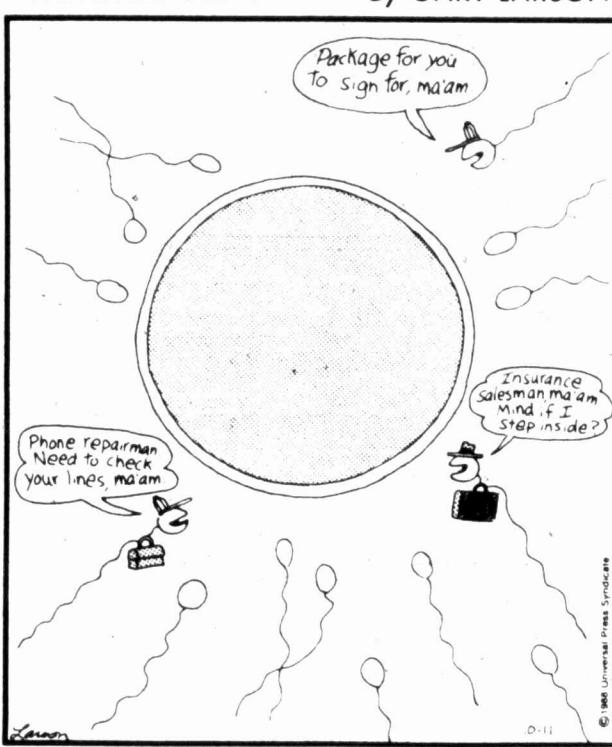
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Part-time role bothers Mom

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

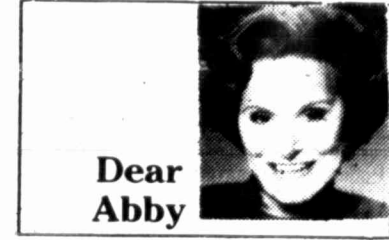
DEAR ABBY: During the past 10 years, I have raised four children. The last two are twins. As the school year begins, I see my babies going off to school full time. What happens now?

We can't wait until our children say their first words, take their first steps, are finally out of diapers, and then — boom, they are off to kindergarten!

I actually looked forward to their being in school all day, but now that it has happened, I am lost. I don't know what to do with myself. I ask myself if I should take up a hobby or get a job. Or perhaps have another baby?

Am I crazy for feeling this way? Are there others out there who have felt this way? — BRENTWOOD, N.Y., MOM

DEAR MOM: You are not crazy, and yes, there are many moms out there who have felt this way. There's even a name for it — the "empty nest syndrome." And the cure is to fill your time with activities that will give you a feeling



Dear Abby

of accomplishment.

If you don't need to seek employment, I recommend volunteering to work with disabled children — or adults. Working with the elderly is also very rewarding. How about working for your church, your political party or one of the new groups organized to help the homeless? Take some classes, join a health club... the list is endless.

DEAR ABBY: I do agree with "Irritated in Colorado" — but the problem actually refers to how ALL women (not just teen-agers) are addressed. To call a young woman "Honey" is tantamount to calling a young man "Sonny Boy," and I don't think you would do that.

Not too long ago, a friend and I, both in our 60s, were greeted by a clerk with, "What can I do for you GIRLS today?" This is patronizing and demeaning. In a doctor's office, I was waiting for my appointment with a man also about 60. The receptionist said to him, "You may go in now, Mr. Smith," but when my turn came, she said, "The doctor will see you now, Marilyn."

I always correct these people gently but firmly. Often they are surprised because they had not even realized that this is a subtle kind of put-down.

— LYN VENABLE, WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.

DEAR MS. VENABLE: I plead "guilty." I have called someone I did not know well "Honey." But regardless of how that person perceives my motives, I assure you it is not intended as a "subtle put-down." Perhaps it is too friendly, in poor taste or presumptuous — but never any kind of a put-down or intention to demean.

Dodgers

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Gibson put on the cap, noticed a smudge on his forehead, retired to the clubhouse and exited the premises.

"Before game time, I get all hyped up and I don't have a sense of humor. That's obvious," said Gibson, who was livid over the episode. "I'm not here for comedy. I did what I had to do to get my point across. Basically, I didn't want to be a part of their comedy act."

His message got through. "I guess we (learned) that you don't mess around with Kirk Gibson — or else," a teammate said.

Gibson had been in a 1-for-16 slump before the Game 4 homer, but the Mets still felt his impact.

"They seem to revolve around him, even if he doesn't get many hits," Wally Backman said. "That home run last night rallied them."

Lasorda can't say enough about Gibson, whom the Dodgers signed as a free agent last winter for \$4.5 million over three years.

"He's a great situation player. He's my MVP of the National League, and that's not to take anything away from (Darryl) Strawberry," Lasorda said. "I believe the Most Valuable Player should go to the guy who's most responsible for the success of his team."

That was Gibson once again on Monday.

Rick Dempsey hit a two-run double off Sid Fernandez in the fourth inning and scored on a double by Alfredo Griffin.

Steve Sax and Mickey Hatcher singled to open the fifth and Gibson lined a fastball midway into the first deck in right. The homer was hit at 1:27 p.m. EDT, 13 hours to the minute after his game-winner.

"It's the same old story," he said. "When you swing for a home run, you usually look like a fool. When you concentrate and try to hit the ball hard someplace, a lot of times good things happen. It was a great moment for me. I don't know why they happen, but I'm glad they do."

The Mets tried to muster their usual rally but fell way short.

Len Dykstra hit a three-run homer off Tim Lincecum in the bottom of the inning but the score remained 6-3 until the eighth when Dykstra doubled leading off. Gregg Jefferies followed with an RBI single to chase Lincecum.

Left-hander Ricky Horton came out of the bullpen to strike out Keith Hernandez, but gave up a single to Strawberry and left in favor of right-hander Brian Holton.

Kevin McReynolds, the first batter to face the Dodgers reliever, tapped a slow roller to short that the speedy Mets outfielder appeared likely to beat out for a hit. But instead of having the bases loaded with one out, the Mets suffered a second out when rookie Gregg Jefferies, running to third base, was hit by the bouncing ball.

The inning, and the Mets' last chance at victory, ended when Gary Carter fled to left.

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