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Area Weather: Fair through Wednesday. Low tonight in the mid 40s. High Wednesday in the mid 80s. The high yesterday was 100, the low was 72.

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On the side

Accidental death ruling will stand

ODESSA — Ector County Judge J.E. Presley announced Monday that the death of Gloria Castillo was an accident.

Presley said today that he released the official decision even though he still believes the death was a homicide. The accidental death ruling will stand pending further investigation, he said.

The body of eight-year-old Gloria was found in a field near her Odessa home April 21. A grand jury indicted the parents and a friend for abuse of a corpse and giving false information to authorities.

It was reported that the three were believed to have moved the body after death.

BSHS presents 'The Revue'

BIG SPRING — The Big Spring High School Theatre Department presents its final event of the 1989-90 season, "The Revue," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the school's auditorium. "The Revue" features a contemporary collection of pop music, dance, a little Shakespeare and a lot of fun. Tickets (\$2 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens and students) are available at the door.

Schoolchild hit by car at Marcy

BIG SPRING — An 8-year-old girl narrowly avoided serious injury Monday afternoon after the driver of a car ignored the flashing red lights of a school bus and struck the child.

According to a Big Spring Police Department report, the girl had entered a Marcy school zone crosswalk on Connally in front of the bus. The driver of the car failed to stop for the flashing red lights of the bus, the report said, but attempted to stop at the crosswalk. The child stuck out a hand and pushed herself away from the car, which left the scene, the report said.

The girl was taken by private vehicle to Malone Hogan Clinic with slight injuries. The driver of the car, Ronald Lee Simonek, 35, Big Spring, was cited for failure to stop for a school bus unloading passengers and failure to stop and render aid.

Suspect to take polygraph test

BIG SPRING — The sheriff's office will run a polygraph test on a Cuban-speaking suspect in the Jeane and Lloyd Davidson murder case Wednesday or Thursday, Sheriff A.N. Standard confirmed.

The county commissioners' court authorized bringing in the private polygraph specialist from Killeen. He speaks a Castilian dialect of Spanish. "In fairness to the suspect, we had to have someone he could understand," Standard said.

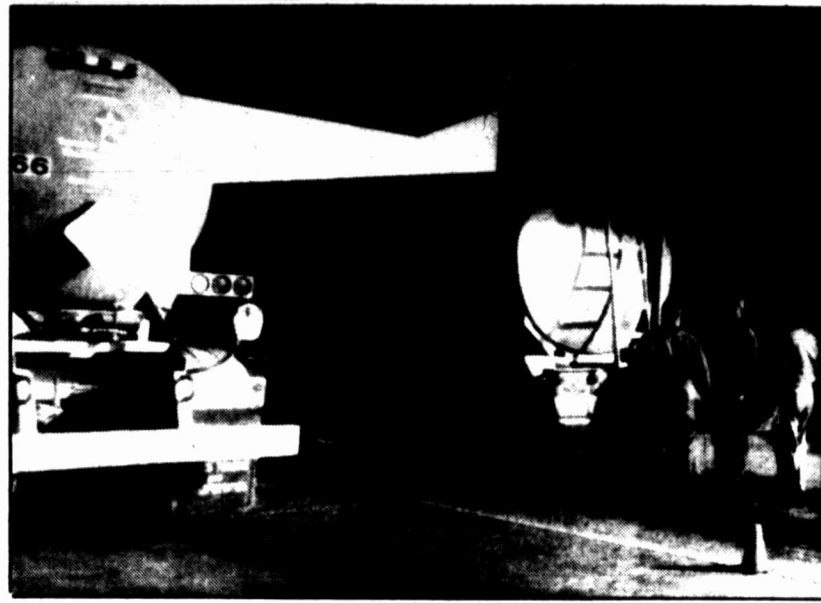
The sheriff said his office would run polygraphs on two other suspects this week as part of the ongoing investigation.

"We're expanding into other areas," Standard said. "We recovered an instrument that might have been used in the stabbings or similar to it in the ballpark vicinity of the trailer." Standard said the investigation team would send the object to the lab for investigation.

The team is also waiting for the Department of Public Safety's Crime Analysis Department to complete a psychological profile of the type of person who could have killed the Davidsons. The analysis is based on details of the case the sheriff's office sent to Austin last week.

"This will give us a personality type to reflect on," Standard said.

Big Spring site of massive safety check



BIG SPRING — Some trucks that were travelling along the interstate were briefly detained at the DPS hangar at the Airpark this morning as part of a 72-hour check. The crackdown, which will last until Thursday, is designed to make sure the trucks are safe to travel on the road and that drivers have had enough rest or are not intoxicated.

By ERIN BLAIR
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — It's a trial by fire, or perhaps by diesel exhaust. The new Department of Public Safety hangar at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark is playing host to hundreds of commercial trucks in the next 72 hours as part of the largest coordinated truck safety check effort ever held.

The hangar, which has been occupied by the DPS Division of Licenses and Weights since mid-April, is the only site in Texas for the truck inspections.

Trooper Erwin Ballarta said the Big Spring hangar was ideal for the project. "It's a large enough site, perfect for the coordinated effort. Any other location wouldn't be nearly as good," he said.

Beside the fact that the hangar can comfortably hold three big trucks at one time, it's also useful for its location just off Interstate 20, a major thruway for truck traffic.

Trooper Marvin Keenan said 16 DPS officers and eight people from

the Department of Transportation would fan out from Big Spring to look for unsafe, out-of-compliance trucks on area roads, including the interstate and Highway 87.

"We'll check all roads going into Big Spring," Keenan said. "It's a transportation center and a hub for Texas."

Troopers are pulling over trucks weighing more than 26,000 pounds and all trucks carrying hazardous materials in random inspections that started at 7 this morning and continue through Thursday. Trucks with serious safety violations that could cause breakdowns or accidents will be removed from highways and not allowed to proceed until the defects are repaired.

Drivers will also be taken out of commission if they are unqualified or their logs indicate that they have driven too many hours. Keenan said drivers would be subjected to alcohol tests if they appeared intoxicated.

Texas is one of 49 states (all but South Dakota), 12 Canadian pro-

vinces and territories, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia to participate in the safety check, coordinated by the Federal Highway Administration and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance. Approximately 1,600 troopers will work at the 275 inspection sites throughout the U.S. and Canada. Mexico will be observing the check this year and may participate in next year's sweep.

In 1989, 31,715 commercial vehicles were inspected and 10,134 trucks were pulled off the roads, roughly one-third of those checked, Ballarta said. In addition, 1,908 drivers were suspended. The safety project began in 1986.

Keenan said he thought the 72-hour check would be as successful as last year's. He added that he and fellow Big Spring trooper Bill Jennings have participated in a similar project, the ongoing Texas Motor Carrier Safety Program, since October 1989.

"We've seen a noticeable improvement in the quality of trucks," he said.

Add local building to state flood sites

By DEBBIE LINCEUM
Staff Writer

Employees arriving at the Permian Building this morning were greeted by soaked carpets, dripping ceilings and puddles on the stairs.

During the night, the second and more serious of two water line breaks in two days sent water running from the roof down the building's six floors. Flooding was mainly confined to the entry halls, stairs and elevator shaft.

The building's maintenance worker said it was not as serious as it looks; employees of one business in the building said they are frustrated by lack of response from the owners.

Flato Realty of San Antonio owns the building at 113 W. Second in Big Spring. It is managed by Johnnie Lou Avery of Avery Realty, located in the building.

"It looks awful when you have water just pouring down like this," Avery said. "We will have to deal with them (the owners) and see what they want to do."

Maintenance worker Earl Permenter said police called him about 4:30 a.m. His answering machine, he said, took the call. When he arrived at work about 7 a.m., Permenter said, he was surprised.

"When you hear 'flood,' you think it will be bad, but I hated to see just how bad it was," Permenter said he will work today to repair the pipe and mop up the water. Air conditioning, turned off this morning, will probably be back on this afternoon, he said.

Some business owners sent their employees home for the day, but many remained. Buckets and trash cans on the stairs collected a steady stream of water, while the overflow created a potentially dangerous situation on the slick surface. The elevator, Permenter said, needed to be operated by hand.

Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission workers said they were frustrated. Virginia Belew said the building has been experiencing problems "off and on" for the year and a half she's been working there.

Permenter said in the two years he has worked there, there have been similar problems, but not more than usual. "It's an old building, so you expect to have certain problems."

Avery and Permenter were on the phone this morning trying to reach the president of Flato Realty. Avery said safety inspectors were at work about 10 a.m.

"We may need to vacate the building because it is unsafe," Avery said she had spoken with the vice president who assured her the company would handle the problem.

Attempts by the Herald to contact the president of Flato Realty this morning were unsuccessful.

Lawmakers picking sides on flag issue



WASHINGTON — A woman points a finger and yells at Andy Anderson as he waves a U.S. flag during demonstrations outside the Supreme Court Monday. The court was hearing arguments on the Flag Protection Act of 1989 inside.

By MERRILL HARTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Joseph Biden says he'll have a flag-protection constitutional amendment ready if the Supreme Court strikes down a law Congress passed last year.

But Rep. Don Edwards, head of the House constitutional rights subcommittee, vowed just as fiercely to resist House passage of such an amendment. "Let's say no to weakening the Bill of Rights," he said Monday.

These divergent views from two key Democratic players on judicial issues set the stage for what lawmakers in both parties agreed could be a divisive new election-year battle over Old Glory.

The Supreme Court holds the key to whether there will be a 1990 flag fight on Capitol Hill. It is expected to rule in late June or early July on whether to uphold the Flag Protection Amendment of 1989. That's the law Congress passed — and President Bush signed — in the wake of the high court's decision in a Texas case that flag desecration is protected by the First Amendment.

Inside the marble-columned court, the administration's top courtroom lawyer, Solicitor General Kenneth Starr, argued Monday that the flag protection law does not violate free speech.

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Texans jittery about river water releases

By LEANNE WAXMAN
Associated Press Writer

River managers today released near-record amounts of water from a dam to unburden the foaming, bloated Trinity River, forcing thousands of Texans from their homes downstream. Farmers vented their anger with threatening calls.

Sirens blared Monday each time dam operators opened huge steel gates to increase the flow of water into Lake Livingston, about 60 miles northeast of Houston. Below the dam, an estimated 7,000 people were urged to evacuate.

"What's scary is what we know is coming," said Alanna Shaver, whose family left its Hardin home in favor of a trailer next to a Red Cross shelter.

As the water has risen, so have the tempers of those in the way of the water. The Trinity River Authority said it has fielded numerous threats.

"We're very security conscious and we obviously have some unhappy campers out there," the authority's John Jadrosich said. "They're not satisfied that we've released too much water or not enough."

The dam today approached record releases of water as torrential rain two weeks ago hundreds of miles to the north finally reached Lake Livingston.

"There's not a whole lot that can be done at this point. It's a giant flood — a Texas-size flood," Jadrosich said.

Flooding since April 15 has



GARLAND CITY, Ark. — Arkansas inmates from the Texarkana regional prison, their pants stained with mud, carry sandbags as they help reinforce the Red River levee Monday near Garland City, Ark. Floodwaters were seeping through the levee and coming up through a road that runs parallel to the levee.

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Inside Texas

Bust costly to county

PITTSBURG, Texas (AP) — It's going to cost Camp County officials \$45 per prisoner per day to jail 27 people arrested in a series of drug busts.

Officials said the 27 people will be housed in the Upshur County Jail because it would be a violation of Texas Commission on Jail Standards restrictions on jail overcrowding to keep them in the Camp County Jail.

The 27 people were arrested Monday in a sweep across the county. More arrests were expected, authorities said.

The arrests were made after a four-month undercover narcotics investigation that resulted in 51 indictments being returned against 39 people, according to Pittsburg Police Chief Weldon T. Reynolds.

Most of the those arrested were charged with sale and delivery of a controlled substance, Reynolds said. Most charges involved crack cocaine and marijuana, he said.

The chief said the investigation was launched Jan. 12 by Pittsburg officers, Camp County deputies and the Ark-La-Tex Narcotics Task Force.

Seven life terms and a lecture

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge sentenced a convicted drug dealer he described as a "third-rate punk" to seven life sentences for his conviction on 14 drug charges.

U.S. District Judge Lynn N. Hughes gave Tommy Alexander a stern lecture after sentencing him to seven life terms despite Alexander's claim that he was the victim of a conspiracy concocted by federal law enforcement officials "to show the public what they could do to an individual."

Alexander, 40, who has a lengthy criminal record claimed he was innocent.

Hughes, recalling one taped conversation during which Alexander described himself as a "mastermind dope dealer," scoffed at Alexander's claims and berated the Louisiana native for his arrogance.

"Essentially, Mr. Alexander, you are a third-rate punk who has prospered as a parasite on your community," the judge said.

"You are being sent away for the rest of your life, not because you are a mastermind, not because you are a big crook," Hughes said. "It is because you are a very dangerous, very persistent punk. You are a continuing threat to everyone in our community."

Grand jury closes probe

EDINBURG (AP) — A grand jury in Hidalgo County has ended its probe into allegations of lawyer misconduct in the wake of the state's worst school bus accident.

The grand jury last month issued indictments against four lawyers and a law firm secretary on misdemeanor charges of barratry, the illegal solicitation of lawsuits.

State law prohibits lawyers or their employees from soliciting litigation.

District Attorney Rene Guerra said Monday there was not enough evidence for further indictments.

The grand jury Monday voted not to indict three lawyers under investigation in the probe, Guerra said. Another attorney was no-billed last month.

The investigation began after authorities received allegations that lawyers were promoting litigation against Valley Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Inc. A truck owned by the McAllen-based soft drink company collided with a school bus in the South Texas town of Alton last Sept. 21.

Four slain in lounge shootout

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police were searching a stolen automobile today that was believed to have been driven by the bandits who shot four people to death and wounded three others in a police-style raid on a cafe where a high-stakes dice game was under way.

Officers said they recovered the automobile 5-6 miles from the shooting site. They said they recovered items in the car that linked it to the shooting, but they declined to reveal what they found. The car had been reported stolen, police said.

Police said the men left thousands of dollars behind, but still managed to scoop up "quite a lot of money."

One of the victims had \$60,000 in cash in his pockets and was wearing a bullet-proof vest, police said. The man died of a gunshot wound to the head.

There were estimates by police that there had been as much as \$400,000 involved in the dice game.

The men wore ski masks and camouflage clothing when they broke into the game at the Glass Key Cafe, shouting, "Task force!" early Monday.

Three people were wounded in the attack, one critically.

Capt. Randy Ely said the robbers fled without taking some cash on the gaming table, and investigators found other money in the pockets of some of the victims.

"This all happened rather quickly," he said. "We're still certain they got away with quite a lot of money."

Police gave no estimate of the



FORT WORTH — Ambulance personnel and firefighters perform CPR on one of seven victims that were injured when two armed men wearing

amount taken.

Police Chief Thomas Windham said as many as 15 people were inside. Some scrambled into a back room and others ran outside to escape the gunfire.

"It appears to have been a robbery of a gambling game," Windham said. "We have information

that it was an extremely high-dollar gambling game with tens of thousands of dollars involved."

On Oct. 2, several men hid inside the cafe and opened fire during a gambling game, Ely said. One man was killed. No arrests have been made and police said they could not say for certain that the latest at-

tack is related.

"Essentially, you've got three blacks wearing ski masks that raid a dice game. That's the similarity at this point," Ely said. "At this point in time, we just don't have more to go on than a generalized description."



Record release

LIVINGSTON — Water rumbles through the gates of Lake Livingston Dam Monday as the Trinity River Water Authority tried to deal with a record

amount of flood water from the river. Water being released at the rate of 71,500 cubic feet per second and increasing.

School reform: still stymied

AUSTIN (AP) — After lawmakers and Gov. Bill Clements failed to reach a compromise on overhauling the school finance system, legislative leaders said they would try to override the governor's promised veto of their reform plan.

"We will make the effort (to override). We're going to let everybody be counted," House Speaker Gib Lewis said Monday, after weekend-long negotiations with the governor's office fell apart.

The House and Senate this afternoon were scheduled to take up the school finance reform package opposed by Clements. The plan was endorsed 7-3 by a conference committee, with members divided along party lines.

A two-thirds vote is needed in the Legislature to enact a bill over the governor's objections.

The continued stalemate brings Texas closer to having a court-written reform plan that could divert state funds from relatively wealthy districts to poor ones, Lewis said.

"I'd say we're one step closer," said Lewis, D-Fort Worth.

If by June 1 lawmakers and Clements don't come up with a school finance reform plan as ordered by the state Supreme Court, court master William Kilgarlin will propose one.

The Supreme Court told the state to devise a finance system that makes more money available to property-poor school districts.

Kilgarlin has said he doesn't have the power to increase state

"(Texas lawmakers) have not made any concessions, and they have come in with the same old palaver, which I will never agree to," — Gov. Bill Clements.

taxes for education, so his plan would have to divert current state aid from relatively wealthy to poorer districts.

In criticizing the conference committee bill, Clements asserted it would require an income tax and higher property taxes in future years.

"They have not made any concessions, and they have come in with the same old palaver, which I will never agree to," he said.

Democratic lawmakers said their bill includes many provisions requested by the Republican governor.

They said a plan he supports would force local property tax increases by pumping an inadequate amount of state aid into reforming the school system, which relies on state, local and federal money.

Legislative negotiators said they went at least halfway — for example, by reducing the five-year cost of the bill from a maximum \$8 billion to a maximum \$6 billion — but that the governor's staff kept making new demands.

Clements said he wanted to work

with lawmakers, but some were skeptical about his role in negotiations.

"I don't see the governor's office moving a hell of a lot," said Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin.

But Rep. Terral Smith, R-Austin, said, "I think he (Clements) came to the table with some chips and didn't get anything."

Smith said among other items, Clements' staff indicated he was willing to support an increase in so-called sin taxes — levies on alcoholic beverages or tobacco — to pay for a bill he'd support. The governor wouldn't say whether such a commitment was made.

Funding options include budget cuts, higher state fees and an increase in sin taxes or the state sales tax, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said.

The bill is meant to use \$555 million in new funding next school year; without additional revenue, money could be shifted from richer to poorer school districts.

Although senators have called \$555 million a bottom line, Lewis said it's possible the bill could be funded with less. He said new taxes might be avoided through a package including fee increases, and that he opposed raising sin taxes to fund the education bill.

"With the states looking at sin tax, and the federal government looking at sin tax, and those sinners starting to be less sinful, that revenue is decreasing ever year," he said.

The Democratic-controlled Legislature is in its third special session on school finance reform.

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Twister strikes Anson

ANSON (AP) — When they knew a twister was headed for their house, Jesse and Mindy Hill took cover — in their bathtub.

A tornado moving across Jones County destroyed a mobile home then cut across a pasture toward the Hills' residence about 6 p.m. Monday.

The couple jumped in their bathtub and pulled a mattress over themselves for protection. The cyclone destroyed their house and flung them about 100 yards into a shallow creek.

Afterwards, they were bruised and shaken, but not seriously hurt.

"We drove up just as they were getting ready to get into an ambulance," said John Thomas, a newsman for KTAB-TV in Abilene. "They were covered with mud. They looked like coal miners."

All that was left of the Hills' home was a cement slab, Thomas said.

"There was debris all over the place. There was a pickup truck tossed near the creek. It was demolished, and there was a car tipped up on its side. It looked like it had been rolled over a few times."

On the north edge of Anson, Thomas and his television crew reported offices of Buckeye Supply Co. in rubble. It appeared to have taken a direct hit, he said.

The twister hit several homes Monday evening and caused a few injuries, all minor near Anson, about 25 miles northwest of Abilene, the Jones County sheriff's department said.

"We've had quite a few houses destroyed out of town, to the northwest of us," said Tracy Daniel, a jailer with the Jones County sheriff's department.

Several mobile homes were reported destroyed on Lake Fort Phantom Hill about 15 miles northeast of the center of Abilene.

Power lines were down throughout the area.

Daniel said there was heavy rain, hail up to baseball-size and high winds. He said several accidents were attributed to the storm.

About two hours after the storm first hit in northern Jones County, weather spotters reported seeing a funnel cloud in southern Jones County, just north of the Abilene city limits, near the Pride refinery, about 8:41 p.m.

Department of Public Safety dispatcher Charlie Rose said the refinery sustained minor damage, but that a few houses and buildings nearby lost parts of their roofs. He also said some power lines were down.

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EPA: Love Canal neighborhood safe

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency has pronounced most of the abandoned Love Canal neighborhood safe for people to move back in.

EPA Administrator William Reilly endorsed a 1988 study of the virtual ghost town, removing the last federal barrier to the sale of 236 homes, or two-thirds of the homes evacuated in the '70s because of an underground leak of toxic chemicals.

Reilly said Monday the study by the state and the EPA was legally and scientifically sound and should not be overturned as neighborhood and environmental activists had requested.

"There is no undue health risk to buying homes and raising children," he said.

New York's Love Canal Area Revitalization Agency plans to sell 60 to 75 homes a year for three years beginning this summer, said James Carr, the agency's planning director. About 200 people already are signed up to buy homes.

Among them is Philip Palmisano, a retired bar owner who lives in nearby North Tonawanda with his wife and son.

"I'm no scientist or chemist, but you have to take somebody's word on it," he said. "The government wouldn't let us move in there if it wasn't safe, would they?"



MANILA, Philippines — A Manila policeman books an anti-bases protester garbed in a U.S. flag after she and her companions were arrested while joining an anti-U.S. bases motorcade in Manila.

Philippines serves notice of termination

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Philippines formally told the United States today that the lease for U.S. military bases expires in September 1991. U.S. and Filipino officials said the move does not prevent a new accord from being reached.

The "notice of termination" was presented today by Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus during the second day of talks on the future of the installations, including Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay naval base and four smaller installations.

Police arrested about 50 people today after they staged a motorcade to demand the bases be closed. Forty-two people were arrested during anti-bases protests when the talks began Monday.

Communist guerrillas opposed to the bases shot and killed two U.S. airmen near Clark on Sunday and claimed responsibility for the slayings in a statement today.

Although largely symbolic, the serving of the "notice of termination" highlighted differences between U.S. and Philippine officials over when the lease on the six installations actually expires.

Manila believes the 1947 Military Bases Agreement allows the installations to remain until Sept. 16, 1991. The United States, however, maintains they could stay one year longer.

"The government of the Philippines hereby notifies the government of the United States of America that the 1947 Philippines-United States Military Bases

Agreement ends on Sept. 16, 1991 and cannot be extended," the notice of termination said.

Today's announcement of termination also gave the government of President Corazon Aquino a way to display its own people's independence from the United States.

"In my opinion, the Aquino administration still wants the bases to remain but they are putting up a drama because there are many demonstrators and there are problems," said opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, a former defense minister who now says he opposes the bases.

Critics of the bases have accused the government of caving in to American demands by agreeing to discuss a new bases treaty. Such criticism mounted after U.S. jets from Clark flew air cover for government forces during a failed coup which almost toppled Mrs. Aquino.

"Today, 15 May 1990, marks an historic moment for all Filipinos," said Philippine panel spokesman Rafael Alunan. "We have taken that first step in terminating an agreement that was executed in 1947 during the days of lingering U.S. colonialism in the Philippines."

Alunan told The Associated Press that the notice, given by Manglapus to chief U.S. negotiator Richard Armitage, did not rule out a new bases agreement.

"Our constitution mandates it to be open to new ideas, to lead us to a new negotiation for a new treaty."

World

World's population could triple

LONDON (AP) — The world's population of 5.3 billion may nearly triple in the next century and pose a serious threat to the environment unless family planning efforts are redoubled, according to a U.N. report released today.

"The next 10 years will decide the shape of the 21st century. They may decide the future of the Earth as a habitation for humans," said Dr. Nafis Sadik, executive director of the United Nations Population Fund.

Only six years ago, the report said, population growth appeared to be slowing everywhere except Africa and parts of South Asia and world population seemed likely to stabilize around 10.2

billion toward the end of the next century.

"Today, the situation looks less promising," it said. "Progress in reducing fertility rates has been slower than expected."

"If fertility reductions continue to be slower than projected, the mark could be missed yet again. In that case the world could be headed toward an eventual total of up to 14 billion people," Mrs. Sadik said.

She told a news conference that "the best and quickest way to reduce population growth" is to invest in improving women's status, access to education, health and access to family planning.

Kidnappers told not to free captives

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The main group overseeing Moslem factions holding Western hostages told the kidnappers not to free any of their remaining captives until Israel releases Arab prisoners.

Hezbollah, or Party of God, sponsored a women's sit-in Monday at a south Beirut house belonging to the United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

"We ask the hostage-holders not to release any more of the foreign captives until all our loved ones are released from the Zionist jails," chanted Umm Ahmed, who refused to give her full name. About 50 other women echoed her chant.

Umm Ahmed said she has heard nothing about her 21-year-old son Ahmed since he was captured during the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

The women involved in the protest were relatives of Shiites and Palestinians held prisoner by Israel or its predominantly Christian militia ally in south Lebanon.

The commander of the South Lebanon Army militia, Gen. Antoine Lahd, said Sunday he was ready to swap some of his detainees for the remaining Western hostages, three Israeli servicemen and several of his men held by Shiite Moslem factions.

Thousands join in demonstration

PARIS (AP) — President Francois Mitterrand and Holocaust survivors joined with tens of thousands of other people in silent protest of anti-Semitism and the vandalism of Jewish cemeteries.

The march Monday came hours after swastikas were found painted on Jewish graves in suburban Clichy-sous-Bois, stirring anew the national outrage that followed last week's desecration of 34 Jewish graves and mutilation of a corpse in southern France.

Trade unions, anti-racism groups, religious leaders and all mainstream political parties called on the nation to make a ringing statement against a growing tide of racism in the country.

Extreme right-wing leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, who once called the Nazi gas chambers "a detail of history, did not urge his followers to participate. His deputy, Bruno Megret, accused mainstream politicians of trying to capitalize on the desecrations.



PROTESTER — Le Pen, whose National Front party was supported by 15 percent of those questioned in recent opinion polls, frequently utters anti-Semitic remarks.

Government details bombing plans

SEATTLE (AP) — Two Idaho men with ties to the white-supremacist movement planned to bomb Korean businesses, a Jewish synagogue and bars popular with blacks and gays, an FBI agent says in a government complaint.

The two were arrested Saturday near a motel south of Seattle just hours before they planned to detonate a bomb at a popular gay club, Thomas Trier, FBI special agent stationed in Tacoma, said in an affidavit.

John Winslow, 29, of LaCleda, Idaho, and Stephen E. Nelson, 35, of Hayden Lake, Idaho, appeared in federal court Monday for a

bond hearing. The hearing was continued until Thursday at the government's request.

A third man, James P. Baker, 57, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was arrested Saturday in Coeur d'Alene and appeared in court there Monday. Details of Baker's involvement were not disclosed.

All three men were associated with the white supremacist group the Church of Jesus Christ Christian (Aryan Nations), based in Hayden Lake, Idaho, federal authorities said.

Trier said in his affidavit that some information obtained by the FBI came from legal electronic surveillance.

Mohawk charged with murder

SALABERRY-DE-VALLEYFIELD, Quebec (AP) — A Mohawk newspaper editor was behind bars today on charges of murdering a fellow Indian in a gun battle over casino gambling on the St. Regis Indian Reservation.

Doug George, an outspoken, 35-year-old opponent of gambling, was charged Monday in Quebec Provincial Court in the May 1 slaying of Harold Edwards, 31.

The slaying of Edwards and another Mohawk the same day prompted hundreds of New York and Canadian police to break with their hands-off policy toward Indian matters and enter the 28,000-acre reservation to keep the peace.

George was being held without bail on charges of second-degree murder, which carries a life sentence with parole eligibility in 10 years.

His brother, David George, 42, pleaded innocent to dangerous use of a firearm and was released



DOUG AND DAVE GEORGE — on his own recognizance. The 9,000-member reservation straddling the U.S. border has been torn by violence for nine months.

Backward went the sentences and reeling went the mind . . .

By STEVE WILSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — There's a novel here somewhere, buried deep in a mountain of 10,000 opening lines, an Everest of literary lunacy by writers trying to be as bad as they can be and succeeding.

And whether scrawled by hand or written on word processors, they all vied in the ninth annual Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest, a celebration of mangled language in the name of a 19th century novelist.

Linda Vernon, a housewife in Newark, Calif., copped the grand prize this year with her mixed metaphors and overdose images, San Jose State University English professor Scott Rice announced

Thursday. Rice, the contest's originator, called Vernon's purple prose "an example of a writer getting carried away with figures of speech."

If you're reading aloud, take a breath and give it a try:

"Dolores breezed along the surface of her life like a flat stone forever skipping along smooth water, rippling reality sporadically but oblivious to it consistently, until she finally lost momentum, sank and, due to an overdose of fluoride as a child which caused her to suffer from chronic apathy, doomed herself to lie forever on the floor of her life as useless as an appendix and as lonely as a five-hundred-pound barbell in a steroid-free fitness center."

Vernon, a 38-year-old mother of

three who's taking writing courses, won a word processor.

"It takes a lot of talent to be a bad writer," she said. "This is a good start, but I hope this is not the peak of my career."

Runner-up Richard G. Carter of Hampton, Va., took a more gruesome tone:

"Since both parties demanded sole custody in the Frankenstein divorce case, the judge called for his Sword-of-Solomon bolt-cutters and ruled an equitable split: Victor was to raise the creature's grotesque body in Palo Alto while his ex-wife reared its ugly head in San Jose."

Rice, who has published several books from the entries over the years, sees the contest as a way to

encourage people to have fun with language and make a statement, in a way, about the importance of literacy.

Edward Bulwer-Lytton earned the distinction of a contest in his name by beginning his 1830 novel "Paul Clifford" with that potboiling opener popular with Snoopy of the "Peanuts" comic strip: "It was a dark and stormy night."

In a more inspired moment, Bulwer-Lytton also originated the line, "The pen is mightier than the sword."

Here, for better or worse, are some of the category winners:

Science Fiction — "Far out in the backwaters of the unfashionable end of the Western Spiral arm of the Galaxy lies a small unregarded

yellow sun, and orbiting this at a distance of roughly 899,010,000 miles is the flash-frozen body of Farley Wilsputz Jr., and boy is there an interesting story of how he came to be a component of Saturn's ring system." By Richard Garrett, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Vile Puns — "Among us comedy writers, the pun is considered the lowest form of humor and a sure sign of burnout, which is why when I tried to sneak one by, my associates had me committed to the institute for disturbed comic writers at Vail, Colo., so now I know why they say, 'use a pun, go to Vail.'" By Robert M. Quan, San Francisco.

Historical — "Paul von Hindenburg, only one month old and wrapped in a blue blanket, rested

peacefully in his cradle, oblivious to the tragedy that would one day befall a dirigible to be named after him." By Kenneth Leffler, Falls Church, Va.

Detective — "Mike Hardware was the kind of private eye who didn't know the meaning of the word 'fear,' a man who could laugh in the face of danger and spit in the eye of death; in short a moron with suicidal tendencies." By Eddie Lawhorn, Huntsville, Ala.

Children's Literature — "Toadying to the Evil Queen might not be the best gig in the land," reflected the magic mirror, "but it sure beats working in a damn barber shop for minimum wage." Richard G. Carter, Hampton, Va.

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Ozone hole in the White House

Nations the world over understand that chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are no respecters of international boundaries. They also understand the ill effects of these gases, which rise into the stratosphere and deplete the ozone layer.

That's why the United States and more than 40 other countries signed the Montreal Protocol in 1987, a treaty calling for a major reduction in CFC production by the turn of the century.

Since then, White House chief of staff John Sununu, an engineer, must have developed a special shield that will hang over the United States — the United States alone — and repel the deadly ultraviolet rays that stream through the ozone holes. How else can one explain the Bush administration's refusal to help Third World countries make the switch from CFCs to more benign chemicals?

In an ill-conceived policy crafted by Sununu and Richard Darman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, the United States announced this week that it opposes a \$100 million ozone-protection package proposed for Third World countries.

The aid would be used to help less-affluent nations defray the higher cost of using recently developed non-CFC-producing coolants for their refrigerators and air conditioners. Also, it's hoped the assistance would lure two of the world's most populous countries, China and India, into signing the ozone-preservation agreement.

By opposing the aid package, Sununu not only ducked the ozone-depletion issue, he caused a bit of global warming. Political rather than environmental, that is.

Japan and the European nations that helped craft the aid proposal are upset, with good reason. The U.S. share of the aid proposal — \$25 million — hardly seems onerous.

And, if the United States votes against the assistance plan at an ozone conference in London in June, it also will kill other new regulations designed to further reduce CFCs.

More important, this environmental isolationism is bound to backfire against Americans. What good will it do for this country to put the lid on its CFCs, if the gases still spew from millions of Chinese and Indian refrigerators?

Even President Bush's own environmental-protection administrator, William Reilly, and a dozen Republican senators are urging the president to approve the Third World assistance program. He should heed their advice — and tell Sununu and Darman to cool it.



Quotes

"It's almost too good to be true yet... I didn't believe it at first. The Russians are coming." — Minnesota Gov. Rudy Perpich, who said the White House notified him that Mikhail Gorbachev is considering a visit to his state.

"Even if all Soviet armed forces return to the U.S.S.R. and conventional arms control moves forward, the Soviet military will retain forces many times larger than those possessed by any other single state." — Secretary of State James Baker III, promising to keep American troops in Europe, regardless of arms control agreements with the Soviet Union.

"I even had a woman last week that opened my front door and threw her check inside and got in her car and drove off and wouldn't even come inside." — Florist Bill Grealis, on rumors he has AIDS and how people in Belle, W. Va., have almost driven him out of business.

"We're very security conscious and we obviously have some unhappy campers out there. They're not satisfied that we've released too much water or not enough." — Trinity River Authority's John Jadrosich said, speaking of the reactions of victims of the flooding in Texas.

"I'm just one of the thousands of women who is taking a cold, hard look at the system defending us... Women have less protection than a flag." — Shawn Eichman, arrested last year for burning a flag in Washington.

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What do the lips say now?

By ART BUCHWALD

"Okay, Mr. President, let's try again. Say, 'Read my lips. There will be new taxes.'"
"Why do people have to read my lips all the time?"
"Because that's what you told the voters to do during the election campaign when you promised them no new taxes. Now that you're changing your position, we feel that it is important for the public to know that your lips won't be saying what they did in the past."

"Heck, everyone knows I didn't mean no new taxes when I said it. That doesn't make any sense."

"You were the one who raised the lip factor. The American people have been reading yours since you came into office. When they find out that you're willing to change your stand, your credibility is going to go down the drain. That's why we're making this TV special from the Oval Office. We want the country to realize that even the President can speak out of both sides of his mouth."

"Well, what am I supposed to say?"

"I'd like you to announce that, while you maintain your pledge on no new taxes, you might be prepared to go along with desperate Democratic measures for tax enhancers and surtaxes which could help the economy."

"You expect me to say all that?"

"Yes, but I want you to move your lips when you do it. We'll run subtitles for the viewers who cannot read what you're saying."

"Shouldn't I mention that I am keeping my options open so that the voters don't think I caved in?"

"That's a good idea. We'll shoot you doing it from a wide-mouth angle lens."

"I wish I hadn't told everyone to read my lips. I feel so stupid."

"It wasn't your fault, Mr. President. How did you know interest rates would be higher, tax revenues would be lower, and the S&Ls would break the banks in Texas?"

"I'm so ashamed to go back on my promise."

"Couldn't you film me without showing my mouth?"

"For the whole press conference!"

"You're right. If they couldn't read my lips they would think I was holding back on them. I'll say that I was misled by someone in the White House who told me that there'd be no more taxes."

"Who?"

"How about Poindexter?"

"Mr. President, if I were you I'd bite the bullet and just talk about new taxes for now. Tell them that everything is on the table except your lips."

"Good thinking. It makes sense and it will help people forget the one trillion, four hundred billion dollar budget they are going to have to pay for as soon as possible."

"Okay, can we take it from the top?"

"Right. My fellow Americans, when I came into office some time ago, I formed certain words with my mouth, which many of you apparently misread. You thought I said, 'No more new taxes.' In effect, I uttered, 'No more flag burning.' I never said, 'No more new taxes' because I believe in new taxes, as does my wife Barbara."

"New taxes are what made this country great and they are something we should all be proud of."

"You're biting your tongue, Mr. President."

"Why can't I say, 'If you don't believe me, read my Sununu's?'"

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A master fisherman passes on

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The fish of the world can breathe easier; their main nemesis has passed on.

My granddad, H.C. Mitchell, died last week at the age of 86, and any description of him would be grossly incomplete without mentioning fishing.

To say granddad loved fishing would not do justice to the word love. Fishing was his passion, his art, his enjoyment. His idea of heaven, I am sure, was a large lake stocked to the brim with six-pound bass.

If I live to be 90, I will never be able to picture my grandfather unless he is sitting in a boat, reeling in yet another fish that happened across his hook.

My brother wrote that my grandfather was the greatest fisherman that ever lived, and I think I'll second that assertion. If you want to condemn me for being a bit biased, then I can live with that.

What is a fact is that the man knew the sport. Two weekends before he died, my father, brother, his father-in-law and I were at Possum Kingdom Lake for a few days of fishing and relaxation.

We definitely got our relaxation, but bad weather had put the fishing in abeyance for a few days.

While there, my grandfather and grandmother came to visit, and during the course of our conversation, he said that he had noticed a spot on the lake that was still relatively clear. The fish, he assured us with a simple nod, were there.

He then kept us entertained for



Beyond the realm

the better part of an hour with his fishing tales. Whether all the tales were true might be debatable, but the stories themselves were beauties. My brother tried his best to top granddad's stories, but finally gave up.

Poor Danny would tell his story, then granddad would say, "Believe it or not, I can top that."

And, sure enough, he did. Simply put, if it floated, swam or flew, there's a good chance my grandfather hooked it at one time or another — and had a story to go along with the adventure.

Two hours later we were on the lake and, needless to say, granddad was on the mark again. We pulled in about 40 fish in the course of a couple of hours.

I called a couple of days later to tell him about our success, but he was out doing errands. My grandmother promised me she would tell him, but I never had another chance.

My brother is now a fishing fanatic, thanks largely to granddad. I have been slow to catch on to the intricacies of the sport (my brother claims he still has to bait my hook) but I find I'm enjoying it

more the older I get — and I'd like to think he has something to do with that.

Of course, there was more to my grandfather than just fishing. He kept up with current events and was conversant on a great many issues — and he had no reluctance to share those views.

He was not the type of person to sit someone down and teach them about things, but if that person kept his eyes and ears open, they could learn a great deal from the man.

There is so much I could tell you about granddad, but space prohibits me from relating the whole story.

For the record, however, let it be stated that he was born in 1904, married a pearl of a woman in 1925, lived a rich, full life — "long and long," as a few of my New England friends might say — and in his time became the patriarch of a diverse family.

Let it also be noted that his fourth grandson kept his eyes and ears open long enough to learn several lessons, including these three: Too much pride is a sin, but some at strategic points is a down-right necessity; that self-sufficiency is a trait to be greatly admired; and that when everything else is falling down around your ears, it might just be a good idea to go fishing.

I have fought the good fight/I have finished the race/I have kept the faith.

II Timothy 4:7

Mailbag

Public smoking should be banned

To the editor:

I have some questions that I would like to have answered.

1. Am I the only one who gets headaches and nausea from smoke I am forced to breathe everywhere I go?

2. Do parents know that the health of their children is gravely harmed by the smoke they breathe? If they know, do they care?

3. Do the city council and merchants care at all that more than 70 percent of the people do not smoke and that most of these resent being exposed to smoke of the minority?

4. Is there anyone who doesn't believe that tobacco smoke and other foreign substance breathed are dangerous to his or her health?

It sure would be good for all of us if enough of us would bring some pressure to bear on the city council and the merchants to prohibit smoking in public places. I agree that people have the

right to smoke but should not ignore the right of the non-smokers to smokeless air.

GORDON CAVNAR
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Judge puts children first

To the editor:

After my divorce five years ago, had anyone told me, someday you will want to stand and applaud a judge's actions in a child custody case, I would have told them they were nuts. Such an honorable man could not be a judge. However, last week I would have had to eat my own bitter words. Not only can such an honorable man be a judge, but thankfully he is our judge — Robert Moore III.

Recently I was invited to observe a custody case that judge Moore presided over, and even though old feelings of animosity about our court systems were very high, I wanted to watch our new judge in action, and I'm very glad I did. While I was impressed with Judge Moore's actions in as much as I never got the impression that he was taking a nap and letting the lawyers have their way, what impressed me most was Judge Moore's closing statements to both parents. I will

not even attempt to let out what Judge Moore said in his statement. However I will say this: Because of what he said to the parents without showing any type of partialism to either one, they both better know and remember their child comes first. Their personal feelings towards each must take a back seat and stay there for the sake of their child.

I can say honestly as a children's rights activist, that we now have a judge that truly looks out for and is mindful of "the best interest of the child." Judge Moore also (from what I observed) doesn't hesitate to let everyone know that not only is he the judge and in control, but that he is going to maintain control of what goes on in his court. To those who have never had to endure court proceedings, believe me when I say, Judge Moore's attitude is a blessing.

To Judge Moore, I hope and pray for health, happiness and a long term as our judge. If I had my way you would never have to hear another divorce where children are involved. But since I don't, let me state I'm glad to know we now have an honorable, caring and watchful judge looking out for children who must suffer through their parent's divorce.

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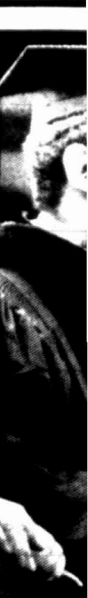
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Degree in hand

PHILADELPHIA — Actor Bill Cosby smiles as he holds an honorary degree he received during commencement ceremonies at the University of Pennsylvania on Monday. First Lady Barbara Bush also received an honorary degree.

Sales tax rebates returned to cities

AUSTIN (AP) — The state comptroller's office has sent \$138 million in monthly local sales tax rebates to Texas cities and counties.

"The Texas economy is still on track, and the increase in sales tax rebates reflects that," State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Monday.

Checks to cities totaled more than \$126 million, an increase of 7.27 percent made last May, the comptroller's office reported. Counties statewide were sent more than \$12 million, an increase of 16 percent over last May's payments.

Houston received the largest payment at \$22.19 million, while Dallas received \$13.97 million; San Antonio, \$7.38 million; and Austin, \$5.64 million.

Merchants collect sales taxes and send them to the comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its share and sends cities and counties their portion of the sales tax.

Attorney general muddies waters

SAN MARCOS (AP) — A Texas attorney general's report that the public may have the right to free use of a clear 15-acre lake used by a theme park has muddied the waters in this town.

The 140-year-old manmade lake is currently used by Aquarena Springs theme park for glass-bottom boat tours and underwater shows, the Austin American-Statesman reported Monday.

But a report by the attorney general's office indicates that the lake may be open to the public. Officials from the state, San Marcos, Aquarena Springs and Southwest Texas State University plan to meet soon to discuss the report.

While most people are excited at the prospect of being able to swim and fish in the lake, others are concerned about what impact an unrestricted public might have on the lake.

Sherman Brady, who snorkels in the San Marcos River, said, "I'm all for the state taking it away from (Aquarena Springs)." But he added that someone should control public usage to protect the lake. "The good thing about Aquarena Springs is they maintain it," he said.

Mayor decries racial violence

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor David Dinkins condemned "eye for an eye" violence after a gang of blacks attacked three Vietnamese they mistook for Koreans, fracturing one man's skull blocks from a black boycott of two Korean stores.

The attack in Brooklyn early Sunday was the latest in a string of incidents that have heightened racial tensions in the city.

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, will leave us all toothless and blind," the mayor said in his second appeal for racial calm since Friday.

The Vietnamese men were set upon by 10 to 15 blacks shouting anti-Korean slurs, authorities said. Tuan Ana Cao, 36, was hit with a baseball bat and was in guarded condition today with a skull fracture at Kings County Hospital.

Initially, authorities said it appeared the attack began as a robbery attempt and escalated into racial violence. Later, police said the robbery attempt may have occurred more than a week ago.

A few blocks away, two Korean-American grocery stores have been boycotted by blacks since

Jan. 18, when a black woman allegedly was roughed up by personnel in one of the stores after she refused to let them look in her purse.

As the mayor spoke Sunday, two juries in Brooklyn were deliberating charges against two young white men accused of murdering a black 16-year-old who had entered the mostly white Bensonhurst section to look at a used car Aug. 23.

The juries resumed deliberations this morning. Cao told police that four black men had tried to rob him at a subway stop and that he fled into his apartment building.

He said someone threw a bottle through a window and that he and two other Vietnamese went outside to see what was going on and saw 10 to 15 blacks, one of them yelling anti-Korean slurs and shouting, "Get out of America!"

The gang attacked the men and fled before police arrived.

The mayor visited Cao at the hospital and called for legislation to increase penalties for mob violence.



Two-car wreck

BIG SPRING — This accident Saturday night on FM 700 sent two children to the hospital with non-serious injuries, according to a police accident report. Tiffany Birrell, 9, and Kristi Birrell, 13, were taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by ambulance after the car they were riding in,

driven by Clarice Ringener Birrell, 35, 404 W. 12th, struck a second vehicle. The driver of the second car, Martin Arnold Chacon, was turning left from FM 700 onto Goliad when his car was struck by Birrell's. Chacon was cited for failure to yield right of way and no insurance.

Herald photo by Perry Hall

Federal court to determine if lyrics obscene

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The debate over whether the lyrics of a recording by the million-selling rap group 2 Live Crew are obscene moved to a higher level today with the issue's first airing in federal court.

U.S. District Judge Jose Gonzalez was asked to determine if "As Nasty As They Wanna Be," which has been removed from store shelves in several Florida counties, should also be banned in Broward County.

The county ordered the ban. Lawyers for the Miami-based group then asked Gonzalez to lift the ban.

The first witness to testify today, Broward Detective Sgt. Mark Wichner, said he found the recording "extremely explicit and degrading to the female sex."

The detective sought and received a ruling from a circuit judge that it was probably obscene. Then, he said he visited Fort Lauderdale-area record stores, warning per-

sonnel they could be prosecuted on obscenity charges for selling the recording.

On cross-examination, 2 Live Crew lawyer Bruce Rogow said the sheriff's office file on the recording contained "not one complaint" from a citizen of Broward County about it. He argued that the police investigation had revealed nothing indicating the recording violated community standards of obscenity.

Three of the group's four members — David Hobbs, whose

stage name is Mr. Mixx; Chris Wongwon, known as Fresh Kid Ice; and Mark Ross, who performs as Brother Marquis — were present for the trial's start.

Leader Luther Campbell was expected later, said Debbie Bennett, a spokeswoman for the group's record company. Campbell has used the name Luke Skywalker but is currently prohibited from doing so pending settlement of a lawsuit by the creators of the "Star Wars" movies.

John Jolly, attorney for the Broward Sheriff's Office, said before the trial that the purpose of the case "is to tell us if it is protected First Amendment speech or disposable, unprotected smut."

"The tape speaks for itself," Jolly said.

But there's merit to what it says, according to Rogow.

"Put in its historical context, it is a novel and creative use of sound and lyrics," he said. He plans to call music critics to testify.



Marching

for dimes

BIG SPRING — During the March of Dimes annual walk-a-thon Saturday 11 teams and 161 walkers raised \$6,025 to help fight birth defects. Walkers, above, started at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settlers Pavilion and kept walking until the dollars rolled in. Honorary chairman and former poster child Becky Walker, left in left photo, was on hand along with participants Michael Melton and Connie Ramirez.

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Accidental Discovery May End Obesity

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SWEDEN—Medical researchers at the University of Kuopio, in Finland, have discovered (accidentally) a new weight-loss formula. The new discovery appears to enable an overweight individual to lose pounds and fatty tissue without conventional dieting or exercise.

Scientists made the discovery while searching for a formula to lower cholesterol. In a controlled study of a test group of people, cholesterol levels remained unchanged but the doctors were astounded to find that every patient who used the formula lost weight. The published report of this study stated, "A highly significant decrease in body weight was seen" in patients who received the formula.

The formula was then tested at another prestigious European university hospital. Again, all patients lost weight even though they did not change their eating habits. The report detailing this study, published in the British Journal of Nutrition, stated: "Body weight was significantly reduced even though the patients were specifically asked not to alter their dietary habits". One patient in this study lost more than 30 pounds.

According to one informed source, the active ingredient comes from a 100% natural botanical source and contains no drugs or stimulants. When taken before mealtime it bonds with the food you eat and "ties up" calories, especially those from fats, suppressing their absorption. A significant portion of the calories ingested therefore pass through the digestive system unabsorbed. The body has to get energy to replace the lost calories, so it starts to burn stored fat, which can result in rapid body weight loss. Clinical testing has verified the safety of this formula for long-term use.

The formula is marketed in capsule form in the United States under the trade name Cal-Ban 3000. A firm located in Tampa, Florida, has exclusive North American distribution rights. A review of the customer files of this company revealed the names of hundreds of people who have lost as much as 20, 40 or 80 or more pounds overall with Cal-Ban 3000. This appears to be a golden opportunity for people who are plagued by fat and cellulite that they can't seem to lose by conventional methods.

Cal-Ban 3000 is reasonably priced at \$19.95 for a 3-week supply and \$38.95 for a 6-week supply. Postage and handling is \$3. VISA, M.C., AMEX and COD orders are accepted. To order call TOLL-FREE 1-800-537-3723 or purchased locally at The Medicine Shoppe, 1001 Gregg St., Big Spring, TX.

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NELLIS, W. Va. (AP) — It's a good bet Jerry Lewis and Jerry Erwin aren't razor-sharp in their knowledge of the latest in shaving technology.

The two automobile tow shop workers haven't shaved for 27 years, and have a \$500 wager on who will stay unshaven the longest.

Lewis and Erwin decided to grow beards for West Virginia's centennial celebration in 1963 in honor of the Mountain State's mountain-man heritage.

The initial bet of \$100 against the first to go clean shaven has grown, along with their beards, to \$500 "because of inflation," Lewis said.

Lewis has kept his beard trimmed to about five inches in length; Erwin's is nine inches long. Asked to predict who will eventually lose out, both men just smiled and stroked their chins.

Gorby's fan club

HONOLULU (AP) — Undaunted by the Soviet Union's economic embargo against Lithuania, Rolin Holton is pressing ahead with his Mikhail Gorbachev Fan Club.

The 43-year-old Honolulu painting contractor started the club in January because he regards the Soviet leader as "the Pied Piper of democracy."

Holton says Gorbachev is not opposed to the Lithuanians forming a breakaway republic, "he's just asking them to do it legally."

Nearly two dozen people have paid the \$20 fan club membership fee, Holton said. Membership includes a subscription to the group's newsletter, Glasnost, a membership certificate, and bumper stickers and buttons with the phrase "Go Gorby Go."

"I'm not in this for the money, though," Holton said in an interview earlier this week. "Our intention is to help Gorbachev in any way we can."

Re-enactment

CLINTON, La. (AP) — It's easier to be a prosecutor than to act the part of one, says District Attorney Hal Ware, who is preparing for a theater role.

"In a trial, I can ask questions and go where the answer leads me," Ware said. "In this, I have to be sure I ask the question that's going to get the response the witness is supposed to give."

Ware is playing the part of prosecutor Augustus W. DeLee in the 1853 trial of a man accused of killing his brother after their 71-year-old father tried to get back property he'd given them seven years earlier.

The drama, titled "In the Arms of Justice," was to be performed three times today in the courtroom where the original trial was held as part of the annual East Feliciana Pilgrimage parish festival.

Clerk of Court Debbie Hudnall went through court records dating back to 1825 to find a good case to use for a drama. The jury handed down a verdict in the murder trial, but Sheriff A. T. Law intervened and the case apparently went unresolved, she said.

Hudnall won't be appearing on stage, since women didn't have the right to vote or to hold public office in 1853.

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Congress intervenes in bulletproof vest dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — Slowly, deliberately, Richard Davis loads his .44-caliber Magnum handgun. He grasps the pistol with both hands, points it at his abdomen and stares ahead grimly. He fires; his body jerks with the impact.

A grin spreads across his ruddy, weather-beaten face. "Nothing to it, folks," he says with the satisfaction of a man who has shot himself more than 130 times as a sales pitch for the bulletproof vests his company manufactures.

But despite Davis' confidence in his product, the federal government is pushing national standards for body armor that he and other producers consider unreasonable. The feud has become so bitter that some law enforcement groups, for whom vest quality is a life-or-death matter, are asking Congress to intervene.



CENTRAL LAKE, Mich. — Richard Davis shoots himself with a .44 caliber Magnum recently in Central Lake, Mich., to demonstrate the effectiveness of the bullet-proof vests manufactured by his company, Second Chance Body Armor. Davis

Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., said he expects to introduce a bill to establish mandatory standards this month. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., has written Attorney General Dick Thornburgh urging him to mediate a compromise.

"The increasing uncertainty can only hurt law enforcement officers," Levin wrote.

The highly technical debate boils down to four issues: how the vests should be designed, particularly the amount of stuffing needed to stop bullets; how they should be tested for effectiveness; who should set the standards; and whether they should be voluntary or mandatory.

The National Institute of Justice, a branch of the Justice Department, has set voluntary standards for vests and tested them for quality since the early 1970s.

During testing, vests are mounted on clay blocks and bullets are fired into them from varying distances and angles. To meet NIJ standards, a vest must not only stop bullets; it must also prevent them from making an excessively large dent in the clay. That's because a bullet can strike with

enough force to damage internal organs even if it doesn't penetrate the vest.

The government toughened its standards in 1987 to keep pace with changes in weapons and ammunition, said Lester Shubin, science and technology director for the NIJ.

Suddenly, more than 50 percent of the vests were flunking the tests.

Manufacturers — including Davis' Second Chance Body Armor of Central Lake, Mich. — cried foul, saying the only way to ensure that their vests consistently passed was to make them so thick and bulky that police wouldn't wear them.

"Police officers don't really want

to wear the stuff, anyway. Give them any excuse to take it off and they will," said Ed Bachner, ballistics manager for E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. His company manufactures Kevlar, the synthetic fiber used in most bulletproof armor the past 20 years.

"Police are dying because they aren't wearing vests, not because the vests are bad," Bachner said.

Surveys show that only about 30 percent of police wear vests, even though many law enforcement agencies require it, said George Austin Jr., national executive officer of the Fraternal Order of Police. Manufacturers say the number may be lower.

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Fewer dropouts earn GEDs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer dropouts are receiving high school equivalency certificates, either because they do not take the General Educational Development tests or they cannot pass them, a study said today.

The drop in the numbers of people taking and passing the tests, combined with the limited gains in the nation's high school graduation rate, are a cause for deep concern, said Douglas R. Whitney, director of the GED Testing Service, sponsored by the American Council on Education.

"Individuals dropping out of high school now will form a large part of the work force for the next 50 years or more," said Whitney. "For them, the GED is an avenue toward productive employment and participating in the life of the nation."

"Our failure to help these dropouts resume their education threatens our continued social progress and economic prosperity," he said.

The GED tests usually are taken by adults who did not complete high school but want to prove they have acquired a level of learning comparable to that of high school graduates. Passing the tests usually qualifies adults for better employment as well as postsecondary education.

The council's annual report on the GED program said that 13.4 percent fewer GED diplomas were issued last year in the United States, its territories and Canada than the previous year.



Flag protection

WASHINGTON — An unidentified freedom of speech advocate wears a U.S. flag over the mouth during a demonstration outside the Supreme Court Monday. Inside the court was hearing arguments on the Flag Protection Act of 1989. Judges in Washington, D.C. and Seattle have said the law violates the freedom of expression guaranteed by the Constitution.

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Scout Day Camp registration set

The Big Spring Girl Scout Day Camp will be conducted June 11-15, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The camp is open to all girls in Big Spring from the age 6 years and up. A girl must have completed kindergarten in order to attend. A health history and immunization record is required.

Registration deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. Cost is \$17. After Friday a \$5 late fee will be charged. Those names will be placed on a waiting list.

Adult volunteers are also needed. There will be two required trainings before day camp begins.

Girls will be doing arts and crafts, swimming and outdoor cooking.

For additional information and registration forms, please call 263-3478.

Mothers meet

The American Gold Star Mothers Chapter met Thursday at the home of Martha Moody.

President Kathryn Thomas presided and opened the meeting according to the ritual. Chaplain Odell Turner opened the Bible and voiced the Ritual Prayer.

Sgt.-at-Arms Betty O'Brien assisted the chaplain in draping the Chapter Charter in memory of Viola Burchett.

Members were thanked by Viola's family for flowers, food and cards, and visits.

The Veterans Administration Medical Center report showed 27 patients and eight visitors were served refreshments April 21 by Odell Turner and Josephine Garcia.

A certificate of Special Services at the VA was presented to the hospital representative Turner, by the State Hospital chairman Magdalena Barnes.

A memorial gift was made by the Chapter Mothers in Viola Burchett's memory to National American Gold Star Mothers in Washington, D.C.

Community Service Chairman Edna Perkins reported that 18 dishes of food, five vases of flowers, and six courtesy trips for others during the month of May.

The next meeting will be June 14 at the home of Mrs. Luz Abreo.

Short course on managing diabetes

A two-session short course on "Managing Diabetes" will be conducted May 21 and May 23 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Ector County Home Extension Service, County Administration Building, located at 1010 East 8th Street in Odessa.

The educational program is sponsored by the Ector County Home Extension Service, the American Diabetes Association Texas Affiliate, Inc., and Southwest Retina Eye Center.

The first session on May 21 will present an "Introduction to Diabetes," focusing on the disease and its complications, eye care and foot care. The session on May 23 will focus on "Diet and Exercise for the Diabetic," and will include information on exchange lists, dietetic foods, meal planning and weight control. Guest speakers for the program include Sylvia Teveni, R.N., and Mala Ramanathan, R.D.E., from Texas Tech University's Regional Academic Health Center.

For additional information, please contact the Ector County Extension Service at (915) 335-3071.



Six generations

BIG SPRING — Six generations of the Pearl Rosa Ramsey family recently reunited. Pictured back row from left are: Glenda Jean Knapp, Glenda Sue Statham, and Wade May Parks. Bottom row: Dorothy Alice Donaldson, David Allen

Mills, and Mildred Pauline Armstrong. The 98-year-old Mrs. Parks has two daughters, six grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great-grandchildren, and five great-great-great-grandchildren.

Some diseases aren't child's play

DEAR ABBY: When my daughter, Karen, was a child, she caught the measles, so I had her sister, Kristine, inoculated at once. I didn't get a shot myself because I thought I was too old to catch the measles. Well, I was wrong. I caught it, and became so sick I nearly died!

Karen, who is now a physician in East Peoria, Ill., sent me a clipping from her local newspaper. It was about a 25-year-old mother who had caught chicken pox from her 6-year-old daughter. The mother was not aware that when an adult catches a children's disease, it can be fatal. Well, this young mother died of the chicken pox!

Abby, between 1960 and 1980, there were 60 million cases of chicken pox reported in the United States. Fortunately, only 130 of those cases ended in death.

Please warn your readers that childhood diseases can be fatal to adults. Perhaps if more people knew this, they would be inoculated along with their children. — **BETTY BEIL, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.**

DEAR BETTY: Thanks for a



Dear Abby

valuable warning. So, out of 60 million cases of chicken pox, only 130 ended in death. That may not seem very serious, unless, of course, one of the 130 happened to be someone you love.

Readers, when your children are inoculated for childhood diseases, join them.

DEAR ABBY: I'm glad you advised "Happy in Fresno" to stay in Fresno. (They were the couple in their early 70s who were contemplating moving to another state to be near their daughter and son-in-law.)

Some Chicago friends of ours retired, sold their home plus two rental houses, then bought a house in San Diego in order to live across the street from their son and his

family. (He was their only child.) Less than a year after they made the move, their son was transferred to Vermont!

Now these friends are living alone in a strange city with no friends or relatives — and no house to return to.

Also, it's good to remember that people do not always die in the order in which they are born. That "Fresno" couple may outlive their daughter and son-in-law. Then what? — **JUST INTERESTED**

DEAR INTERESTED: Many wrote to tell similar horror stories of retired couples who regretted having moved far from home. While some senior citizens adapt fairly well to new locations, most older people fare better in familiar surroundings.

DEAR ABBY: I am also a twin, born on Dec. 22. If we didn't hear, "This is for your birthday and Christmas, too," we heard, "This is for both of you."

Sound familiar, twins? — **JIM DENSMORE**

DEAR JIM: Sounds familiar.

Student loves to read

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Stacey Anderson, daughter of Sammy and Debbie Anderson, has reached an astonishing goal. The Elbow second grader has read 1,000 books since September.

"Mom brought me a stack of books and asked me to read them, so I just did," Stacey says. She reads every day after school. She doesn't watch TV. Does she play Nintendo? "Sometimes on Saturday," says Stacey.

Stacey's class goes to the library every Wednesday, where she always checks out 15 to 20 books. Her mom sometimes stops at the Howard County Library to check out as many as 30 books for her daughter. Stacey also checks books out at her church library and the Volunteer Parents Library at Elbow.

"Reading builds your vocabulary," states Principal Cregar. He indicated that Stacey's test scores have rocketed.

Stacey never gets turned off reading. "Science books, about animals" are her favorites. "Mom read to me when I was little, every night before I went to bed," remembers Stacey. What kind of books? "Fantasy stories, kind of

like fairy tales." Cregar declared "I'm taking Stacey to Baskin Robbins and let her get anything she wants. The only problem is, she eats ice cream like she reads books!"

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Howard College graduates, especially those from our community. Regina Newton, Jonel Smallwood and Kay Kennemur graduated with honors. Sonnet Summers and Lisa Nichols received an associate in arts degree.

Traci Kendrick, Kay Kennemur and Jonel Smallwood received associates in applied science.

Lisa Evans, Regina Newton and Hugh Raney received associate in arts degrees.

Barbara Smallwood received a certificate, and Rebecca (Self) Cunningham received her GED certificate.

Lana East received an associate in arts last fall.

Kay Kennemur and Lisa Nichols graduated Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society for junior colleges.

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Test-tube tigers

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Q. Is there going to be a national Police Corps?
A. No. However, a police corps bill is heading for a vote in the Senate from which we would obtain better trained local police officers. It would operate as a swap: Four years of college for four years as local police officers, according to *Time* magazine.

Calendar Meeting

- TODAY**
- Parents Who Care — After-Prom Party will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the BSHS cafeteria.
 - A dance for area senior citizens will be 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Colorado City Civic Center. The Porky Proctor Band will perform.
 - The Big Spring Art Association's monthly meeting will be at the Kentwood Center at 7 p.m.
 - There will not be a band booster club meeting tonight.
 - The Rape Crisis/Victim Services board will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the Avery conference room 210, Permian Building. The grant application for continued funding through the Texas Department of Health will be discussed.
- WEDNESDAY**
- The water will be turned off from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the south side of FM 700 from Miami to Birdwell Lane to replace a broken valve.
 - The Divorce Support Group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Room 102. Child care available. Enter at back entrance at Gregg Street parking lot. For more information call 267-6394.
 - Co-Dependents Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, fourth floor. For more information call 263-1263.
- THURSDAY**
- C.R.I.E. will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- Charles Edwin Beman IV, 23, Fort Smith, Ark., was arrested under a warrant charging violation of probation.
- Joe Olivas Trevino, 20, 120 Airbase Rd. No. 6, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.
- A person in the 1000 block of East 16th reported a burglary. Thieves took a Zenith remote control VCR valued at \$275.
- A business in the 1300 block of Gregg reported a forgery. According to the business, a black male attempted to cash a check totaling \$275.
- A person in the 1600 block of Cardinal reported criminal mischief to a coatrack, shirt and storm-door window. The damage was estimated at \$48.
- A person in the 500 block of Westover reported criminal mischief to the rear window of a 1978 Toyota. Damage was estimated at \$45.

Oil/markets

June crude oil \$19.58, down 13, and July cotton futures 74.99 cents a pound, up 7, at 11:34 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

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Plans underway for economic development

By ERIN BLAIR
 Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — Requests from the sheriff's office dominated discussion in the later part of the county commissioners' meeting Monday, but plans were also made to form an advisory committee for an economic development plan sponsored by the county.

Two employees of the sheriff's office asked the court to consider increasing their pay and hiring them as regular, rather than contract, workers.

Liz Torres and Thomas Porras, both full-time contract workers in the county jail, argued that because they have worked for the county for nine months and receive benefits, they should be hired on permanently and have their pay raised from its current \$6 an hour.

Sheriff A.N. Standard explained that there was some ambiguity about Torres and Porras' status because they had been given medical and holiday pay benefits. Nevertheless, he asserted that they were apprentices in the jail and understood that they were contract laborers.

County Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said the benefits were offered to all employees who worked over

30 hours a week, regardless of temporary, contract or regular status. He also said the commissioners had no power to hire or fire any county employee, they could only approve or disapprove funding for a position created or abolished by a department head.

Wilkerson said the responsibility for changing Torres and Porras' status was in the hands of the sheriff, who said that if he changed their titles, he had three or four other "relief jailers" waiting for reclassification as well.

The commissioners voted to leave the situation as it is until the new budget discussions begin this summer, at which time the sheriff can change his employees' classifications if he wants to.

Standard also requested a new emergency generator for the courthouse, to power the jail, basement and sheriff's office in the event of a

electrical outage.

Describing the current basement generator as a "fair weather" machine that works unpredictably and the jail generator as a safety hazard, the sheriff asked for a centralized unit into which both areas could be switched.

Commissioner Bill Crooker agreed that a new generator is needed. "The courthouse is a civil defense disaster designated shelter. We could be embarrassed," he said.

The commissioners asked County Engineer Bill Mims to look into costs and requirements for the unit.

The court also heard from Jack Russell, a consultant with the Governmental Services Agency, whom the county hired to draw up an overall economic development plan to present to the U.S. Department of Commerce and the

"We need a broad representation of the entire community: bankers, engineers, attorneys, businessmen. The ones who make a big impact on development in the county." — Jack Russell, Governmental Services Agency consultant, requesting the formation of a committee of about 25 resource people.

Economic Development Agency.

Russell explained that the plan would enable the county to be eligible for grants for public works projects and other ventures that could lure industry to the area. He has 90 days to write and present the proposal, which he said could be used by the economic development council Big Spring is creating.

Russell asked each commissioner to recommend six to eight people for a committee of about 25 resource people to advise him on the plan.

"We need a broad representation of the entire community: bankers, engineers, attorneys, businessmen. The ones who make a big impact on development in the county," Russell said. He also wants city and county government representatives, people from the water district and Howard College, minorities and homeless people on

his committee. Russell said he would mainly talk to the group over the phone, but they would meet twice together.

The commissioners decided to hold a special meeting at 11 a.m. May 22 to present Russell with their committee candidates.

The commissioners also voted to change the next scheduled commissioners' court to May 29, since the Monday it would normally meet is Memorial Day.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved Commissioner Louis Brown's nomination of Melinda Hernandez to replace Dwayne Fraser as a county representative on the 911 board. Hernandez is the director of the Head Start program at the airport.

- Approved Wilkerson's request for a \$1,000 budget amendment for the county attorney's office for preprinted state hospital commitment forms.

- Heard a report from Jaynet Smith, director of the senior citizens center, who projected she would serve 50,000 meals by the end of fiscal year 1990.

- Tabled bid discussion on a motor grader request by the county engineer's office after a 45 minute debate.

Fraser awards flag to Coahoma students

By Kim Labbe
 Staff Writer

Sixty-seven Coahoma Junior High students received medals today for their 100 percent passing scores on both the math and English parts of the TEAMS test.

State Representative Troy Fraser was present to award the students a flag that was flown over the Texas State Capitol on May 1. Fraser explained to students that each representative may have a flag flown over the capital at some time. Fraser, a 1967 graduate of Coahoma Junior High, said he was happy to have the flag flown for these special students.

Fraser presented the flag to Denyce Hayes and Jennifer Sullivan. Both students made perfect scores on the test. Fraser said he hopes the flag will be a challenge to students to continue to be outstanding. He said the flag will remain with the class of 1995, so that all 67 students may take it to graduation with them.

Al Phillips, principal of Coahoma Junior High, recognized the teachers, school board, faculty, and administration for their combined effort. "Hard work has paid off for us," he stated.

Phillips went on to tell the future eighth graders about the TASP test they will take in October. He said he feels students will have the opportunity to equal goals set by the current seventh graders.

Fraser said he felt this was an exceptional honor for students, especially since there is no record of any other school in West Texas ever having a group of students all pass the TEAMS test.

The passing rate for the English and math tests statewide is 75 percent, according to Phillips. He explained that students are given four questions and must answer three of them correctly.

Fraser concluded the awards ceremony by telling the students, "Keep up the good work, you're great."

Flooding

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claimed 12 lives in Texas and one in Oklahoma, where the danger was mostly over.

Damage to Texas agriculture has been estimated at between \$500 million and \$700 million since heavy rain fell in Oklahoma and Texas two weeks ago.

Scores of people remained out of their homes in Louisiana because of the rising Red River. It was expected to flood 600 square miles there, including 200 square miles of cropland, said Maj. Jack Scherer of the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Red subsided slightly in parts of Arkansas, but the threat of flooding near Garland remained. National Guardsmen and volunteers sandbagged levees in the town about 20 miles from Texarkana.

In Washington, Sen. David Pryor of Arkansas asked the General Accounting Office to look into the way the Corps regulates water levels in the region. Some farmers and others have blamed the Corps for some of the flooding.

"The Corps has been criticized for not releasing enough water from some of the facilities in advance of the heavy rains to provide for additional flood storage capacity," Pryor wrote.

"I am unsure as to whether or not these standard operating procedures are the best procedures we could be using to protect life and property."

Jadrosich said earlier releases on Lake Livingston would not have made much difference.

"This is the kind of flood you can expect to see every 100 years," he said. "This will become known as the Flood of 1990."

Flag

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any more than a regulation limiting an outdoor loudspeaker's volume.

Congress can protect "those things that are special to us as a people," Starr said. "Nothing prohibits the legislature from protecting symbols against physical attack."

But civil rights attorney William Kunstler said, "Respect for the flag must be voluntary. Once people are compelled to respect a symbol, they are no longer free."

The line of questioning by the justices gave no clue on how the court ultimately will rule. It had struck down the Texas statute by a 5-4 margin.

On the sidewalk outside, demonstrators exchanged taunts and slogans.

Shawn Eichman, arrested last year for burning a flag in Washington, said, "I'm just one of the thousands of women who is taking a cold, hard look at the system defending us. Women have less protection than a flag."

Six opposing demonstrators carried a sign saying, "Flag burning is a hate crime."

Biden, D-Del., said he did not think flag burning would become a campaign issue in the fall, regardless of how the court rules.

"The majority of the members of Congress want to protect the flag," he said.

down the 1989 law he would introduce a narrowly worded constitutional amendment offering protection for the flag.

Such an amendment fell 15 votes short of the two-thirds margin needed in a Senate showdown last October.

House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., who strongly opposes such an amendment, has said he will permit a floor vote on an amendment if the 1989 law is struck down.

Edwards, D-Calif., said he is pressing ahead with plans to line up the 146 House votes needed to prevent a two-thirds vote for an amendment.

"We designed a statute for the Supreme Court," he said, "and we believe it will be upheld. The idea of weakening the Bill of Rights is gaining little momentum across the country."

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., disagreed, saying that Congress passed what amounted to "a good gardening statute" that merely spelled out how people could lawfully destroy old flags.

"The point is, the court held that it was constitutionally protected speech... and to meet the concerns of law, a constitutional amendment is necessary," Hunter said.

Rep. Robert Kastenmeier, D-Wis., a member of the House constitutional rights subcommittee, said many in Congress "want the Supreme Court to turn it (the existing statute) down so badly they can taste it... because they want to make it a political issue."

Flyer immortalized in ceramic art

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
 Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — A Big Spring business owner used his hobby to honor a member of the Confederate Air Force.

Artist and entrepreneur Harland Narem saw a photograph of retired Air Force Col. Jim Hill standing next to his B-23 cargo plane. Narem decided to paint the same image on tiles, a hobby he said he practices every day.

The photo was taken sometime in 1981, during one of the Confederate Air Force's benefit air shows, Hill said. The group, he said, is a "bunch of rebels against the destruction of World War II airplanes."

Hill, a WW II veteran, said he joined the group in 1965. "We try to protect the planes because they are part of the country's heritage." The Confederate Air Force sponsors not only air shows but a "flying museum" which travels around the country teaching a history lesson.

The painting, on 80 separate ceramic tiles, may be put on display if the headquarters moves to Midland sometime this year. Hill said plans are underway to relocate and should be finalized in the next few months.

Narem's technique begins with painting the image on the tiles in a tinted mineral powder that he mixes with oil. He then separates the tiles and fires them at 2000 degrees in a kiln for about 6 hours. The oil boils off, he said, and the mineral bakes into the tile.

Tile paintings take an average of one to two months to complete. Narem said, "It's really an easy art and I enjoy it because I can do things I couldn't with oil paint."

The painting of Hill, Narem said, will travel to the new headquarters. He will glue it in place on a piece of plywood and sur-



BIG SPRING — Harland Narem, standing, poses with the tile painting he made from a photograph of Jim Hill, kneeling. The photo was taken during a 1981 air show sponsored by the Confederate Air Force. The group uses the shows and a traveling museum to publicize their opposition to the destruction of World War II planes. Narem's painting may become a permanent part of the Air Force's headquarters when it moves to its new facilities sometime this year.

round it with a frame. He said he plans to either sell it in an auction there or leave it on loan to the group.

Narem said his current pro-

jects include a similar painting of a friend and a negotiation with Cairo, Egypt. "I'd like to do a painting of the pyramids," he said.

Deaths

Daryl Douglass

Daryl Ross Douglass, infant son of Derrill and Margie Douglass, Slaton, died May 13, 1990.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Englewood Cemetery, Slaton, with the Rev. Curtis Halfmann, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Slaton.

He was born May 12, 1990 at St. Mary's Hospital, Lubbock.

He is survived by his parents; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Douglass, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Denzer, Slaton; great-grandparents, Alma Guinn, Anson; Mrs. Rose Douglass, Sylvester; and Mrs. Anna Kubacek, Slaton; and one brother, Jacob West.

Irene Little

BIG SPRING — Irene Newell Little, Big Spring, died Monday, May 14, 1990, in a local hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Flynn Long, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 31, 1903, in Sonora. She married James Little Oct. 12, 1926. They moved to Big Spring that same year. He preceded her in death Feb. 24, 1968. She received her teaching certificate from Sul Ross University. She studied there the first year it was

open in 1919-1920. She started teaching at age 15. She taught at Leakey and then at Vance, prior to attending the University of Texas. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church where she had taught Sunday school and served as historian for a number of years.

Survivors include two sons: Jim Bill Little, and Jack Little, both of Big Spring; ten grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by one daughter.

The family will be home Tuesday evening at 5 Coachman Circle.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

Barnett Hinds

BIG SPRING — Barnett W. Hinds, 75, Big Spring, died Sunday, May 13, 1990, in a local nursing home.

Memorial services were 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. David Robertson, pastor of First United

Methodist Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Weldon Rives, Methodist minister. Private graveside services were in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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He was born May 17, 1914, in Tye, and married Laura Underwood Aug. 25, 1940, in Big Spring. He was a member of First United Methodist Church. He graduated from Abilene High School and McMurry College. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during World War II, and was stationed at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring. He taught in the Foran school system and worked for Cosden and American Petrofina, retiring in 1979.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Belle Hinds, Big Spring; two sons: Jim Hinds, Dallas; and Gary Hinds, Houston; one daughter, Judy Frye, Guthrie; one brother, John S. Hinds, Hedley; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Palbearers will be Carl Rihard, Dalton Carr, Red Willis, Bob Moore, Bill Draper, Mike Woolley and Rick Elliott.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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Missed putt

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — President George Bush reacts to missing a putt on the eighteenth hole while playing golf Sunday afternoon.

Pitcher critical after collapsing

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Ronaldo Romero, the starting pitcher for Gastonia, was listed in critical condition after collapsing during a South Atlantic League game against Fayetteville, officials said. Romero, 19, collapsed in the dugout during the third inning at J.P. Riddle Stadium. He was taken to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, where the nursing supervisor said he was in critical condition early Tuesday morning. Romero was given cardiopulmonary resuscitation by Fayetteville Generals trainer Steve Carter and an unidentified physician in the Gastonia dugout before he was transported to the hospital. The game, which Fayetteville was leading 7-0, was suspended. Romero, a 6-foot-3, 170-pound right-hander from Barranquilla, Colombia, was signed as a free agent by the Texas Rangers organization in 1987. He was 2-0 with a 1.35 earned run average this season. He was 5-5 with a 4.82 ERA at Gastonia in 1988. He collapsed while sitting in the dugout.



Coach of the year

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Los Angeles Lakers coach Pat Riley was named NBA Coach of the Year on Monday morning. The Lakers are on the verge of being eliminated from the NBA playoffs by the Phoenix Suns.

Georgia Tech junior enters NBA draft

ATLANTA (AP) — Dennis Scott, Georgia Tech's high-scoring junior swingman, declared himself eligible for the June 27 NBA draft. Scott, the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year, led the league in scoring with a 27.7 average and led the Yellow Jackets to the ACC tournament title. Tech won the Southeast Regional to get to the Final Four before being eliminated by UNLV.

Top seeds advance in German Open

WEST BERLIN (AP) — Fifteenth-seeded Hana Mandlikova, playing her first tournament in six weeks, beat Shaun Stafford 6-4, 6-3 in the first round of the German Open. Other seeds advancing to the second round were No. 9 Judith Wiesner, No. 10 Nathalie Tauziat, No. 13 Leila Meskhi, No. 14 Catarina Lindqvist and No. 16 Sandra Cecchini. Isabel Cueto, the 11th seed, lost to Florencia Labat 4-6, 7-6, 6-1. The top eight seeds had first-round byes.

Hawk aces lead Howard to state

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING — Going into the baseball season Curt Schmidt and Tom Leahy were expected to shoulder a large load for the Howard College Hawks baseball team.

After all, they were the only two seasoned pitchers coming back from last year's state tournament team. This year's Hawk team is full of freshmen, not to mention an all-freshmen infield.

It seems quite a tall order for two sophomore pitchers to bear. But the two took care of their business, as did the rest of the team, and the Hawks are headed to the state tournament, which starts Thursday in Brenham. Coach Bill Griffin's Hawks have been very impressive, posting a 46-12-1 record, and a number nine national ranking. Howard's opening round opponent will be Panola at 10 a.m.

Both Schmidt and Leahy say

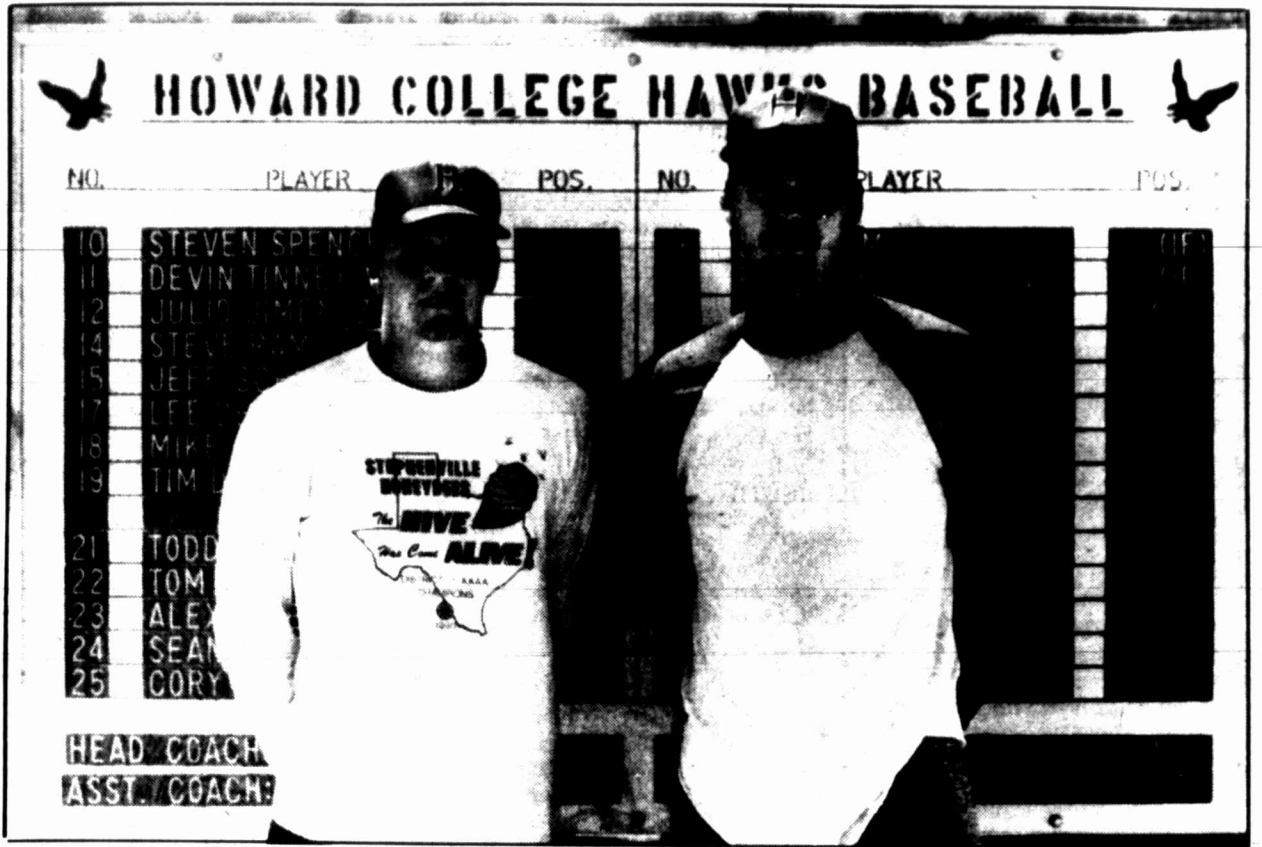
they really didn't have any added pressure this year.

"I really haven't had any pressure," said the right-handed 6-foot-5, 220-pound Schmidt, a Miles City, Mont., product. "Me and Tom (Leahy) are the returning sophomores, and the freshmen do ask us some questions and we just try to tell them like it is. Last year Kenny Frederick, Jay Williams and Ted Hebert helped me out."

"There wasn't any pressure," agreed Leahy, also a right-hander. "We knew we had (Mike) Cople and (Steve) Walter coming, and they pitched in major college baseball. Then there was Julio (Jimenez) and Rene (Benavides), and they usually pitch good," said the 6-foot-2, 180-pounder from Boulder, Colo.

"Every now and then the freshmen get down and us sophomores have to pick them up and tell them welcome to college."

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BIG SPRING — Howard College sophomore pitchers Tom Leahy, left, and Curt Schmidt have provided some much-needed leadership to a

freshman-laden staff this season. The Hawks will begin play in the state JUCO tournament in Brenham beginning Thursday.

NBA picture narrows

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Los Angeles Lakers have history on their side. The Phoenix Suns have the right number.

Phoenix is only one game away from winning its Western Conference semifinal playoff series.

Only four teams in NBA history have come back from 3-1 deficits to win. The Lakers were one of them, against Phoenix 20 years ago. In addition, the Suns have lost all six of their previous playoff series against the Lakers, getting swept in three of the last four, including last season's conference final.

Nevertheless, the Lakers, who dominated the league in the 1980s, winning five championships and reaching the conference finals every year since 1981, are feeling the heat.

"It's nervous time," reserve guard Michael Cooper said. "I think the beads of sweat are starting to fall down my forehead. I know we can come back. I have a lot of confidence in this team and what we can do."

The Detroit Pistons can wrap up their best-of-7 Eastern Conference semifinal tonight by defeating the New York Knicks at Auburn Hills, Mich., while the San Antonio Spurs visit the Portland Trail Blazers in a Western Conference semifinal that is tied 2-2.

In the other Eastern semifinal, the Chicago Bulls, leading 3-1, entertain the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

The Suns are in position to upset the Lakers, thanks to their opening-game victory at the Forum, where they had dropped 21 straight games. They also won Games 3 and 4 in Phoenix.

Guard Jeff Hornacek said the Suns "have to go over there thinking we can win and not settle for thinking we're going to let it come back to Phoenix. We have to try to

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Associated Press photo

Downs and ups

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City baserunner Rey Palacios, above, bulldozes Boston Red Sox catcher Tony Pena but is tagged out trying to score the winning run. Palacios made it up, however, with a game-winning grand slam later. He and coach Frank Funk, right, celebrate the hit.



BSHS honors athletes

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — A successful year for Big Spring High School athletics was capped Monday evening when the BSHS sports boosters hosted their annual sports banquet at the high school cafeteria.

Athletes in all sports were recognized and honored during the evening.

Baseball coach John Velasquez began the presentations by honoring outstanding members of his team, which finished third in this year's district race.

Junior Freddy Rodriguez was presented both the most valuable player and outstanding hitter awards, while second baseman Marvin Rubio was named the Golden Glove winner and Artie Valdez was given the best pitcher award.

Cross-country and boys track coach Randy Britton was the next presenter, recognizing members of the district champion girls cross-country and boys track teams.

In cross-country, Britton named senior Rocky Alviar the winner of the girls coaches award, with Jackie Lynn winning the boys coaches award.

The outstanding cross-country awards went to Mimi Regalado, who participated in the state girls cross-country meet, and senior Chris Polyniak.

Britton presented the track coaches award to shot put and discus thrower Pete Buske, and the outstanding runner award to both Rye Bavin and Chris Minter.

Bavin and Minter participated in the state track meet in Austin this past weekend. Minter won a gold medal in the 800 meter run, while Bavin was third in the 110 meter hurdles.

Girls basketball coach George Martin was next on the podium.

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Associated Press photo

Fast reader

BALTIMORE — Preakness Stakes candidate Summer Squall plays around with exercise rider Robert Vickers as the colt's front legs are soaked in ice water prior to the morning's workout at

Pimlico Race Course Tuesday. Summer Squall finished second to Unbridled in the Kentucky Derby.

Guerrero escapes Indy crash injury

By MIKE HARRIS
AP Motor Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Most drivers say the only thing that scares them in a race car is when something breaks and they become a helpless passenger.

Roberto Guerrero was able to be at least outwardly philosophical Monday after the rear wing on his Alfa Romeo-powered March broke as he traveled at nearly 218 mph down the backstretch of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. His car hurtled into the third-turn wall, but Guerrero walked away uninjured.

Asked if the accident will make him less confident of the March cars heading into May 27 Indianapolis 500, Guerrero smiled and joked, "I know one thing for sure — that wing isn't going to come off again."

"If anything, it gives me confidence. I hit the wall very hard and saw how well I came out of it. In racing, you have to stress cars and engines to the maximum and, unfortunately, sometimes things break."

Guerrero, a native of Colombia who recently became an American citizen, realized immediately after

hopping out of the battered car that he had suffered a severe setback in his attempt to make a sixth Indy 500 start.

"I was obviously hoping to do a lot of work this week and see if we could increase the speeds and make sure we could make the race next weekend," Guerrero said.

He and new teammate Al Unser, a four-time Indy winner, both are hoping to find enough speed to join the 15 drivers who already have made the 33-car field for the race. Time trials conclude Saturday and Sunday.

Rain washed away the scheduled first day of qualifying on Saturday, then cut to 86 minutes the delayed opening round on Sunday. Seventeen cars remain eligible to try to knock Emerson Fittipaldi's Penske-Chevrolet off the provisional pole.

Fittipaldi set a four-lap qualifying record of 225.301 mph on Sunday. He was back on the 2.5-mile oval Monday working on his race-day setup and was still the fastest at 225.006.

Guerrero is among the challengers, although he's thinking more about just "getting in the

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On the side

U.S. Soccer Feds pick world team

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Defenseman Mike Windischmann, the most experienced international soccer player in U.S. history, and 21 others were named to the World Cup team by the U.S. Soccer Federation. Windischmann has made 48 international appearances and was a member of the 1988 U.S. Olympic team. Tony Meola, who played most of the World Cup qualifiers, was named goalie, along with Kasey Keller and David Vanole. Paul Caligiure, whose goal against Trinidad and Tobago put the U.S. in the World Cup, will lead the midfielders.

Ever Gallant wins Shut Out Purse

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. (AP) — Ever Gallant, \$16,600, beat Cumberland Sound by three lengths in winning the \$22,000 Shut Out Purse at Arlington International Racecourse. In New York, Fantastic Find, \$7,200, put an end to favored Fappaburst's perfect record, coming from off the pace under Craig Perret to win by three lengths in the \$47,200 Finley Stakes at Belmont Park.



Trump triumph

BOSTON — Raul Alcalá of Mexico sprays fans and photographers after winning the 13 day "Tour de Trump" bicycle race Sunday afternoon. Alcalá took the lead in the seventh and next-to-last stage of the race.

Home run leader named tops in AL

NEW YORK (AP) — Cecil Fielder, the major league home run leader with 13, hit three last week and was named the American League Player of the Week. Fielder, who played in Japan last season before joining the Detroit Tigers, also had two doubles among seven hits last week in 21 at bats. His slugging percentage for the week was .857.



Royalty

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — KC's Rey Palacios is hoisted from the ground by coach Frank Funk as he and teammates celebrate his first hit of the season — a game-winning grand slam in the 10th inning against the Boston Red Sox Monday night.

Bears owners settle tax dispute

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears announced that the team's owners have settled their tax dispute with the Internal Revenue Service one day before the case was scheduled for court. Team president Michael McCaskey said in a brief statement that the settlement was "favorable to the family."

NBA

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win it right away, even though it's on their home court. We feel confident.

"Some teams fold when the Lakers wake up and start rallying. They seem to say: 'Oh, no. The Lakers are back. We've had it.'"

"Our team is different. We play the same type of game and we feel like we can come back, too."

Los Angeles coach Pat Riley thinks the Lakers can come back. He gave them a day off Monday to conserve all their energy for tonight.

"I think you have to keep things in the proper perspective," Riley said. "First, we have to go home and play a big game. I have a firm belief that our team can get it done. We're a championship team. Three-one is a deficit you don't want to get into, but there's a lot of basketball left."

The Lakers' Magic Johnson scored a career playoff-high 43 points in Game 4. But James Worthy scored only 16 while making only 5 of 21 shots, Byron Scott was held to four points and the team's two big men — Mychal Thompson and Vlade Divac — combined for only seven points and six rebounds.

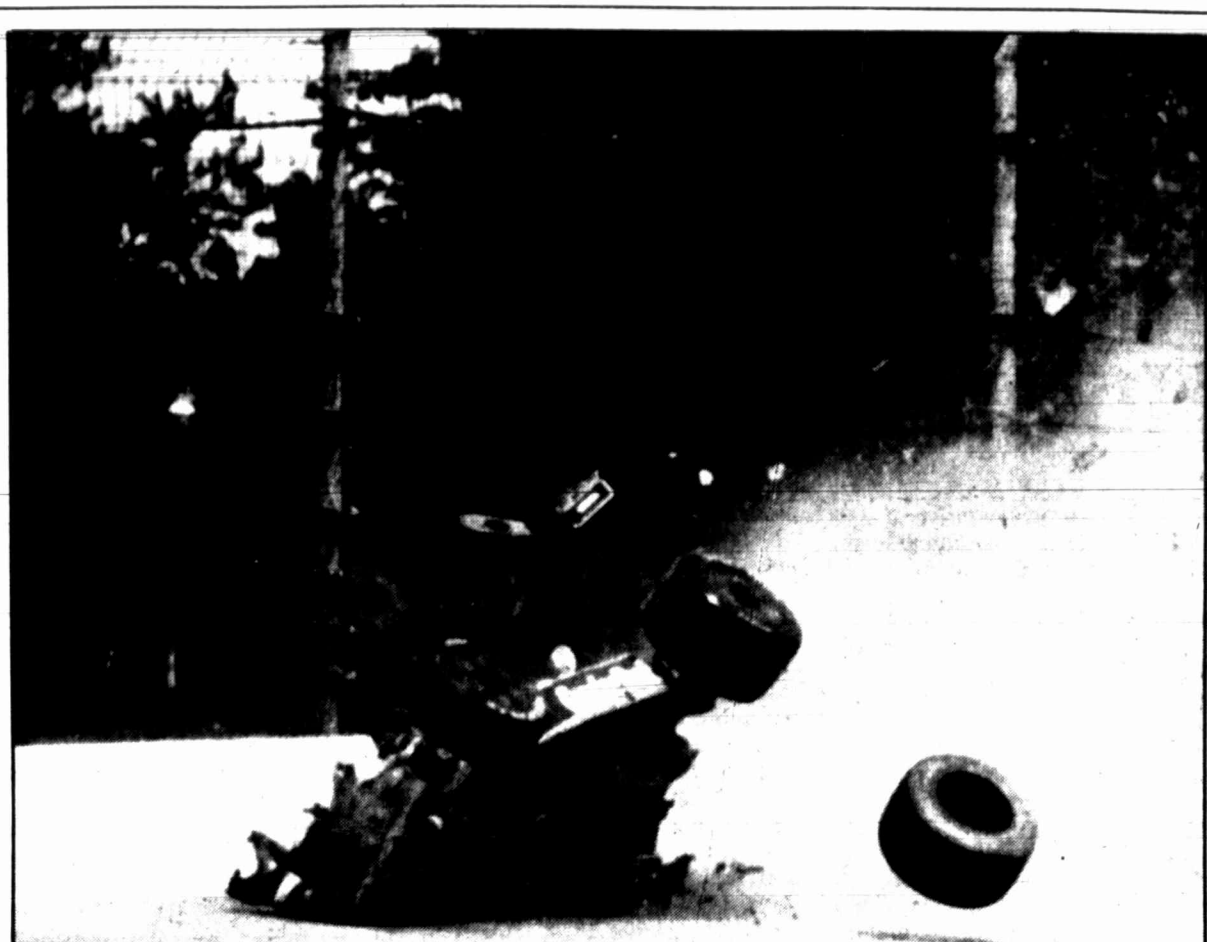
"We've got to have more people involved," Johnson said. "The pressure is on us to win. Either we come out and do it, or they'll bury us. You never think you might be here, but it's reality."

The Knicks are faced with the prospect of winning in the Palace at Auburn Hills, Mich., where they lost their two regular-season visits as well as the first two games of the playoff series.

"We have to be positive," forward Charles Oakley said. "We have to go up there feeling we can win, or else Wednesday will be the start of our summer vacation."

Guard Joe Dumars said Patrick Ewing is still the key for New York, adding:

"I can't say that you stop him and you automatically win. Gerald Wilkins is capable of having a big game. Kiki Vandeweghe can have a big game. Johnny Newman, I've seen him have a big game. Charles Oakley, in the last game against Boston, had 26 points and 15 rebounds."



Indy action

INDIANAPOLIS — The championship race car driven by Roberto Guerrero, above, goes airborne as he hits the third-turn wall at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Monday. Guerrero was not injured. Driver Rony Bettenhausen, right, celebrates with his crew after qualifying Sunday for the race. He joins brother Gary in the provisional lineup.



Associated Press photos



ATLANTA — Braves manager Russ Nixon, left, discusses what was called a home run by his first baseman Jim Presley with the umpires then changed to a ground-rule double in the second inning Monday night in a game against the Cubs.

Hawks

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baseball, it's not always going to be a bed roses every time out."

Both pitchers agree that a year's experience has worked wonders.

Schmidt, a sinkerball pitcher who throws his fastball in the mid 80s, posted a 9-7 record last year with an ERA of 2.47. This year he's 11-3, with an ERA of 2.42.

"I'm having a much better season. I gained a whole lot of experience last year," said Schmidt. "It helps to be in the same program for two years, and coach (Frank) Anderson (Howard assistant) has taught me a lot about control, when and where to throw pitches."

"Basically I'm a sinkerball pit-

cher that works the ball down and inside, and I throw my curve ball away. When I came here I threw overhand. Coach Anderson brought my arm angle down, and the ball moves a lot more."

"Up in Montana we can't play ball all year around and the coaching is not quite there. The coaches here know a lot. When you can play ball all year, you have a lot more time to develop your skills."

Leahy is the hardest throwing member of the Howard staff, having his fastball clocked at 91 miles per hour. He consistently throws in the high-80s. Last year he only pitched 36 innings, posting a 5-3

record with an 5.25 ERA. This year he's thrown 77 innings, and fields a 9-2 record and a 3.01 ERA.

"I've matured more and I've gotten stronger," he said. "Coach Anderson has worked to help me get my confidence back. Towards the end of the year I struggled, my ego went down a little bit. Coach Anderson worked with me, now I'm throwing strikes and getting them out."

"In high school I threw mainly fastballs, maybe a curve every once in a while. Now I'm learning how to pitch, when to throw what pitches where. I didn't throw this hard in high school, but I've gained a lot of strength since coach Ander-

Valenzuela, Gross exchange homeruns

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fernando Valenzuela and Kevin Gross spent the third inning exchanging homers instead of strikes.

Valenzuela fell behind 1-0 in the third inning after allowing a home run in his first pitch to Gross. But Valenzuela responded in the bottom of the inning by driving Gross first delivery into the seats in right-center field.

The left-hander's eighth career homer sparked a three-run inning and Los Angeles held on to beat Montreal 3-2 Monday night, snapping a six-game losing streak.

"I was trying to throw a fastball or strike one right on the knee and he went up there hacking," Gross said. "He's hit a lot more home runs than I have, but it was pretty amazing that I hit a home run and then he hit one. I was pretty shocked."

Valenzuela (3-3) also had a single

in the game.

Elsewhere in the National League, it was San Francisco 4 New York 2; San Diego 5 Philadelphia 1; Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 3; and Atlanta 3, Chicago 2.

Reds 5, Pirates 3
In a matchup of first-place clubs Cincinnati rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the first inning to beat Pittsburgh at Riverfront Stadium.

Cincinnati leads the NL West with a 22-7 record, the best in the league. The start matches the 1971 club for best this century by 10 Reds' team.

Braves 3, Cubs 2
Atlanta pinch-hitter Francisco Cabrera, called up from the minors earlier in the day, capped a two-run, eighth-inning rally with his first major league RBI and Chicago failed to score after leading the bases with none out in the ninth as the Braves beat the visiting Cubs.

son has me running and lifting weights."

Both Schmidt and Leahy like the Hawks' chances at the state tournament, which features three of the top teams in the nation (Howard, McLennan, San Jacinto).

"We've always had good talent, it was just a matter of putting it together," said Schmidt. "Last year we'd had good hitting one time, and good pitching the next time. During the middle of the season this year we put it all together, and that's why we had that 18-game winning streak. I think this may be our year to do it

(win state tournament)."

Leahy agrees, saying his confidence in the Hawks has developed over the season.

"At the first of the year there was a question mark because we didn't know how the freshmen would respond to playing every day," said Leahy. "Anytime you have an all-freshmen infield, there's a little bit of a question."

"But the freshmen are doing a hell of a job right now. This year, me and the other sophomores know what it's about (state tournament). If we win the first game, we have a chance."

Berger struggles in Rome

ROME (AP) — Jay Berger is looking for some on-court fun that might help put his harried nerves in order.

"I'm just burned out," Berger said after struggling past Israel's Amos Mansdorf 3-6, 6-1, 6-0 in his first-round match at the Italian Open on Monday.

"I've played way too many matches in a row," the tournament's No. 5 seed admitted. "Since the Davis Cup (in February), I've only

had one week off. I've got to do something to freshen up my mind."

In other first-round action at the Foro Italico, top-seeded Brad Gilbert shook off some first-set cobwebs to defeat fellow American Jim Pugh 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; third-seeded Andres Gomez ousted France's Yannick Noah 6-1, 6-7, 6-3; and No. 12 Guillermo Perez-Roldan outlasted Ronald Ageron in a three-hour marathon, 6-7 (7-4), 6-2, 6-4.

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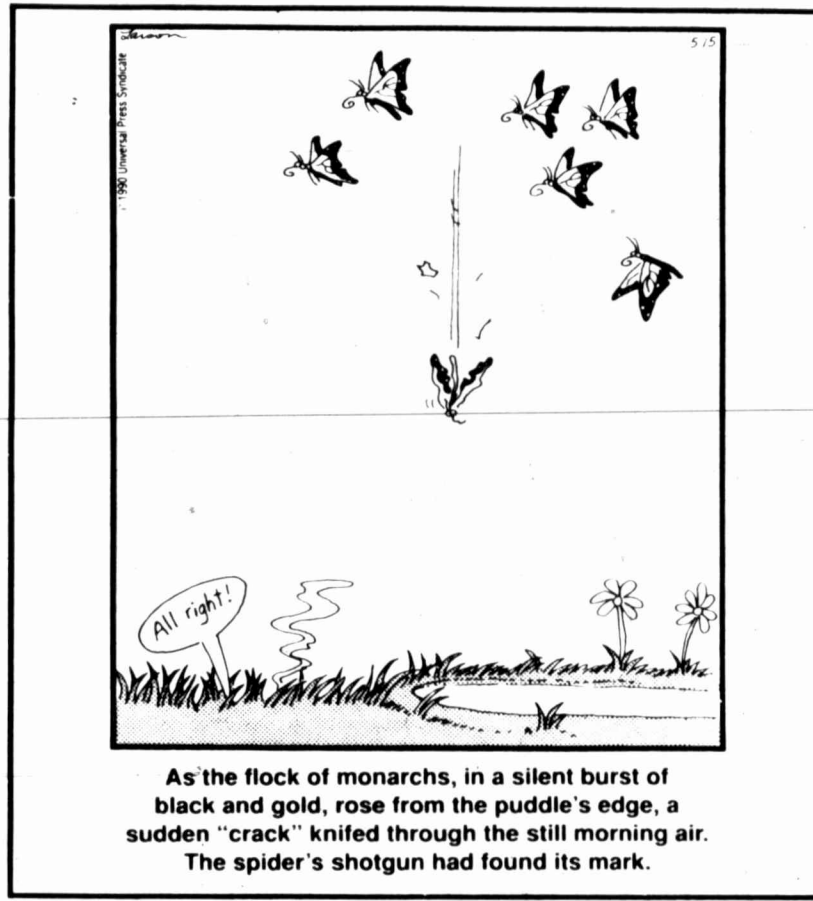
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Ex-Celtic replaces SuperSonics coach

SEATTLE (AP) — K.C. Jones, who coached the Boston Celtics to a pair of NBA championships in the 1980s, is the new coach of the Seattle SuperSonics.

Sonics spokesman Jim Rupp confirmed today that the 58-year-old Jones has replaced Bernie Bickerstaff, who moves up to team vice president of operations. Rupp said the SuperSonics have scheduled a news conference to introduce Jones as the team's new coach.

Jones, who recently withdrew from consideration for the Atlanta Hawks coaching vacancy, was Bickerstaff's assistant last season. Bickerstaff coached the Sonics the last five years.

Sonics president Bob Whitsitt said Bickerstaff wanted to step aside because of health problems, according to today's editions of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Whitsitt was not available for further comment.

"I can guarantee you this is Bernie's wish," Rupp said. "Ever since the ulcer thing, Bernie has had his eye on leaving coaching and moving into the front office."

The 46-year-old Bickerstaff was hospitalized and forced to miss six games because of a bleeding peptic ulcer during the 1988-89 season. He did not miss any games during the 1989-90 season.

Rupp would not confirm the Post-Intelligencer's report that Jones had signed a three-year, \$900,000

contract.

"I don't know where they got those numbers," Rupp said.

Bickerstaff compiled a 202-208 record as the SuperSonics' coach. Seattle (41-41) missed the playoffs this season after qualifying the previous three seasons. Bickerstaff has one year left on his contract.

Jones coached Boston for five seasons, from 1983-84 through 1987-88, guiding the Celtics to NBA championships in 1984 and 1986.

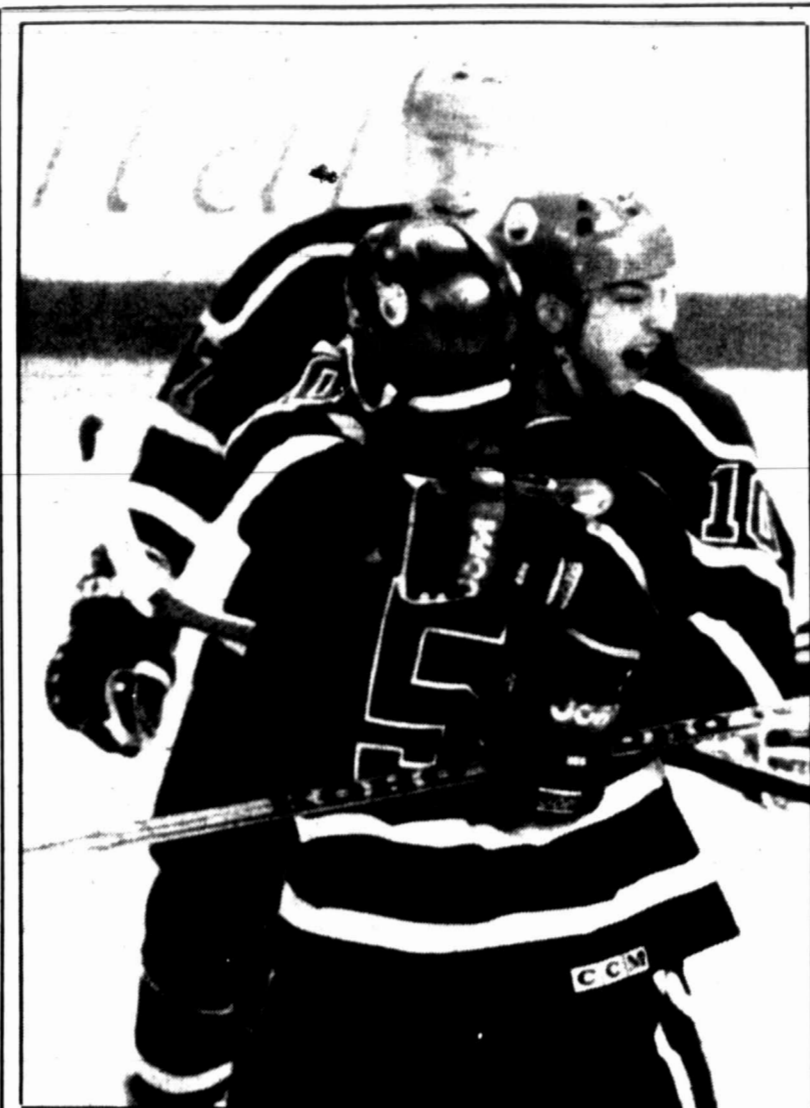
He also coached the Bullets franchise for three years, from 1973-74 to 1975-76, when it was known as both the Capital Bullets and Washington Bullets.

The Bullets reached the finals in 1974-75, losing to Golden State. Bickerstaff was an assistant under Jones for those three seasons.

Jones has a 463-193 record, a .706 percentage. His 79-54 playoff record ranks third behind Los Angeles Lakers coach Pat Riley and former Boston coach Red Auerbach.

A member of the NBA Hall of Fame, Jones played on eight NBA championship teams in nine seasons with the Celtics from 1959-1967.

Jones resigned as coach of the Celtics to become vice president of operations in Boston. His coaching job was filled by Jimmy Rodgers, who was fired last week after the Celtics lost in the first round of the playoffs.



Edmonton Oilers Jari Kurris celebrates with teammates Steve Smith and Esa Tikkanen after the Oilers beat the Chicago Blackhawks Saturday night to eliminate Chicago from the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Edmonton's Kurri surpasses Gretzky

BOSTON (AP) — Not too long ago, Jari Kurri was dependent on Wayne Gretzky.

Not too long from now, Kurri will surpass Gretzky, his former Edmonton Oilers linemate.

"After you score 70 goals, they expect you to do that every year," Kurri said. "Without Wayne, I can't do that anymore, that's for sure. But I still think I'm an OK player."

OK? Kurri has been called many things: a sniper, a goal-scoring machine, a fantastic Finn. He has never been called merely OK.

Do OK players break Wayne Gretzky's records?

That's just what Kurri can do as early as tonight when Edmonton meets the Boston Bruins in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals.

Kurri needs one goal to break the NHL career playoff record. He and Gretzky have 89 each.

"I will never approach any of Wayne's (regular-season) scoring records," Kurri said, "so this will be a very nice one to have."

Gretzky, the league's all-time leading scorer, was traded two years ago to the Los Angeles Kings. One of his chief duties while leading the Oilers to four Stanley Cup titles was feeding the puck to Kurri, who averaged 50 goals during their eight years together.

When Gretzky set an NHL

record with 135 assists in 1984-85, Kurri scored 71 goals. Gretzky broke his assist record the following season with 163; Kurri scored 68 more.

And so it went. Until Gretzky went.

"People thought I was all but gone because Wayne was gone," Kurri said.

Added teammate Kevin Lowe: "That was such a misconception. I can't understand how people who know hockey thought that, all of a sudden, Jari Kurri wasn't going to be a good hockey player."

Kurri scored 44 goals in 1988-89, his first season without Gretzky, and 33 this year.

"I was always the shooter, Wayne was the passer. He always put the puck on my stick in position to score," Kurri said. "I had to make some changes."

"I realized I had to handle the puck more. I had to make more plays, both for myself and for my linemates."

As a result, he had 58 assists last year, 60 this season.

A fine two-way player, he is among the playoff leaders with a plus-minus rating of plus-9.

"I've always been thought of as a shooter, but I've got to be on top of my game defensively to be effective," Kurri said.

"He's still a very valuable player," Oilers general manager Glen Sather said.

Team Lukas prepares usual entry for Preakness

BALTIMORE (AP) — Trainer D. Wayne Lukas says he doesn't want either of the horses he is sending to the Preakness to make the pace in Saturday's 115th running of the Triple Crown event. But those who've been listening to him since he arrived at Pimlico Race Course last week have heard that sort of talk before.

"Mister Frisky can have the lead all by himself, as far as I'm concerned. I'd like Kentucky Jazz to lay third. If he gets into the race early, he's got no shot," Lukas said Monday morning after putting Kentucky Jazz and Land Rush through five furlong workouts.

Last week, Lukas expressed a similar reluctance to have his horse, Criminal Type, run with the speed horse, Kuhlmann, in the

Pimlico Special. "We want to lay three or four lengths off the pace," he said then.

But on race day, Criminal Type was no more than two lengths off the pace before overtaking the leader and winning that million dollar event.

Lukas was pleased with the performance of both the stretch-running Land Rush and the speedy Kentucky Jazz in the Monday workout. Land Rush, who finished seventh in the Kentucky Derby, turned in a time of 59 4/5 seconds. Kentucky Jazz, who skipped the Derby, went the distance in 1:02 1/5.

"Land Rush loved the track this morning," he said. "His work this morning, you've got to like it. Fifty-nine and four just as easy as

a horse could go. Absolutely effortless. I thought he worked better today than he has all spring.

"He had as good a morning as I could predict. It makes me wonder if I shouldn't have saved that one," Lukas said.

"I didn't want Kentucky Jazz to go too fast because he's got such massive speed that if you wind him up, you'll get the first quarter in 22. I worked him slow. I just wanted him to go evenly. A quick work would have revved him even more," Lukas said.

Kentucky Jazz ran on Derby Day at Churchill Downs, winning a 1 1/16-mile allowance. It was the first time the half-brother of Eclipse Award winning sprinter Groovy had gone as far as a mile.

"Some of our people thought we

should keep him at a mile, but I wanted to stretch him out," Lukas said. "Groovy was all speed, but Kentucky Jazz can go a mile and a quarter."

Lukas is still looking for a rider for Kentucky Jazz.

"Chris McCarron would be ideal, but he's committed to a stake in California that day. I'm hoping he'll change his mind, but I need someone like that," Lukas said. "I need someone to settle him. He's really precocious."

"We've got contrasting styles in our entry," he said. "Kentucky Jazz will be near the pace. Land Rush needs legitimate speed up front, and should make a move at the 3/8."

"There's not as many speed horses in this lineup," said Lukas,

comparing the Preakness field to the 15 that ran in the Derby. "Champagne for Ashley may show a little speed. Then there's Mister Frisky, and Kentucky Jazz if we let him."

Champagne for Ashley, who bypassed the Derby after finishing third in the Wood Memorial two weeks earlier, arrived from New York on Monday, but trainer Howard Teshler is not scheduled to be at Pimlico until Wednesday. Kentucky Derby winner Unbridled is due to leave Kentucky with trainer Carl Nafzger on Wednesday.

As quick as Land Rush was Monday, another horse from the Lukas barn worked even faster. Hail Atlantis, a filly entered in Friday's Black-Eyed Susan Stakes, worked

five furlongs in 59 1/5.

"That heifer can run," Lukas said. "If she was in the Preakness, she'd raise havoc. It's hard for me to believe anyone will work better than she did today."

The filly was the first of the three horses on the track, and when she returned to the barn Lukas seemed concerned that her time might have been too good.

"Fifty-nine is too fast for me, but I like the way she did it," he said.

Lukas has two fillies in the \$250,000 Black-Eyed Susan, a race which he has won three times. Bright Candles worked five furlongs Sunday in 1:01.

In 1984, Lukas saddled Lucky Lucky in the Black-Eyed Susan, and in 1986 he trained Family Style.

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Major League Baseball All Times EDT

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	17	11	607 1/2
Toronto	20	13	606
Boston	17	14	548 2
Cleveland	16	15	516 3
Baltimore	14	17	452 5
New York	12	17	414 6
Detroit	11	22	333 9

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	22	9	710
Chicago	17	10	630 3
Minnesota	17	14	548 5
Texas	15	16	484 7
Seattle	15	18	455 8
California	12	20	375 10 1/2
Kansas City	11	20	355 11

Monday's Games

Toronto 8, Detroit 3, 10 innings
Minnesota 6, Oakland 2
Kansas City 9, Boston 5, 10 innings
Only game scheduled.

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland at Cleveland, 7:35 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.

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NL Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	22	10	688
Philadelphia	17	14	548 4 1/2
Montreal	18	15	545 4 1/2
New York	16	15	516 5 1/2
Chicago	14	17	452 7 1/2
St. Louis	13	18	419 8 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	22	7	759

Monday's Sports Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Recalled Willie Fraser, pitcher, from Edmonton of the Pacific Coast League. Optioned Cliff Young, pitcher, to Edmonton.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed Tom Candiotti, pitcher, on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 7. Recalled Steve Springer, infielder, from Colorado Springs of the Pacific Coast League.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Recalled Omar Vizquel, shortstop, from injury rehabilitation and optioned him to Calgary of the Pacific Coast League.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Purchased the contract of Francisco Cabrera, first baseman-catcher, from Richmond of the International League. Optioned Mike Bell, first baseman, to Greenville of the Southern League.

CHICAGO CUBS—Recalled Jeff Pico, pitcher, from Iowa of the American Association. Sent Joe Kraemer, pitcher, to Iowa.

CINCINNATI REDS—Placed Mariano Duncan, second baseman, on the 15-day disabled list. Transferred Eric Davis, outfielder, from the 15-day to the 21-day disabled list. Called up Paul Noce, infielder, from Nashville of the American Association.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Recalled Jerry Goff, catcher, from Indianapolis of the American Association. Optioned Nelson Santovena, catcher, to Indianapolis.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Recalled Mike Dunne, pitcher, from Las Vegas of the Pacific Coast League.

BASKETBALL

Continental Basketball Association

YAKIMA—Named Dean Nicholson head

Day by Day

By The Associated Press

All Times EDT

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-5)

Thursday, April 26

Philadelphia 111, Cleveland 106
Detroit 104, Indiana 92
Boston 116, New York 128
San Antonio 119, Denver 103
Portland 109, Dallas 102

Friday, April 27

Chicago 111, Milwaukee 97
Utah 113, Phoenix 96
Los Angeles Lakers 101, Houston 89

Saturday, April 28

Boston 157, New York 128
Detroit 100, Indiana 87
San Antonio 129, Denver 120
Portland 114, Dallas 107

Sunday, April 29

Chicago 109, Milwaukee 102
Los Angeles Lakers 104, Houston 100
Philadelphia 107, Cleveland 101
Phoenix 105, Utah 97

Monday, April 30

No games scheduled

Tuesday, May 1

Cleveland 122, Philadelphia 95
Milwaukee 119, Chicago 112
Detroit 108, Indiana 96, Detroit wins series 3-0
Houston 114, Los Angeles Lakers 108
Portland 106, Dallas 92, Portland wins series 3-0
San Antonio 131, Denver 120, San Antonio wins series 3-0

Wednesday, May 2

New York 102, Boston 99
Phoenix 120, Utah 105

Thursday, May 3

Chicago 110, Milwaukee 86, Chicago wins series 3-1
Los Angeles Lakers 109, Houston 88, LA wins series 3-1
Cleveland 108, Philadelphia 96

Friday, May 4

New York 135, Boston 108
Utah 105, Phoenix 94

Saturday, May 5

Philadelphia 113, Cleveland 97
Philadelphia wins series 3-2

Sunday, May 6

New York 121, Boston 114, New York wins series 3-2
Phoenix 104, Utah 102, Phoenix wins series 3-2

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7)

Saturday, May 5

Portland 107, San Antonio 94

Monday, May 7

Chicago 96, Philadelphia 85

Tuesday, May 8

Detroit 112, New York 77
Portland 122, San Antonio 112
Phoenix 104, Los Angeles Lakers 102

Wednesday, May 9

Chicago 103, Philadelphia 96

Thursday, May 10

Detroit 104, New York 97
San Antonio 121, Portland 98
Los Angeles Lakers 124, Phoenix 100

Friday, May 11

Philadelphia 118, Chicago 111

Saturday, May 12

New York 111, Detroit 103
Phoenix 117, Los Angeles Lakers 103
San Antonio 115, Portland 105, series tied 2-2

Sunday, May 13

Chicago 111, Philadelphia 101, Chicago leads series 3-1
Detroit 102, New York 90, Detroit leads series 3-1

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Stanley Cup

Stanley Cup Playoff Glance

Day-By-Day

CONFERENCE FINALS

Wednesday, May 2

Edmonton 5, Chicago 2

Thursday, May 3

Boston 5, Washington 3

Friday, May 4

Chicago 4, Edmonton 3

Saturday, May 5

Boston 3, Washington 0

Sunday, May 6

Chicago 5, Edmonton 1

Monday, May 7

Boston 4, Washington 1

Tuesday, May 8

Edmonton 4, Chicago 2

Wednesday, May 9

Boston 3, Washington 2, Boston wins series 4-0

Thursday, May 10

Edmonton 4, Chicago 3

Saturday, May 12

Edmonton 8, Chicago 4, Edmonton wins series 4-2

STANLEY CUP FINALS

Tuesday, May 15

Edmonton at Boston, 7:35 p.m.

Friday, May 18

Edmonton at Boston, 7:35 p.m.

Sunday, May 20

Boston at Edmonton, 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22

Boston at Edmonton, 9:35 p.m.

Thursday, May 24

Edmonton at Boston, 7:35 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, May 26

Boston at Edmonton, 8:05 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, May 29

Edmonton at Boston, 7:35 p.m., if necessary

NBA Playoffs

NBA Playoff Glance

Stanley Cup

Stanley Cup Playoff Glance

Day-By-Day

CONFERENCE FINALS

Wednesday, May 2

Edmonton 5, Chicago 2

Thursday, May 3

Boston 5, Washington 3

Friday, May 4

Chicago 4, Edmonton 3

Saturday, May 5

Boston 3, Washington 0

Sunday, May 6

Chicago 5, Edmonton 1

Monday, May 7

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Tuesday, May 8

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Names in the news

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber says stale ideas, high costs and a fear of bad reviews have made Broadway "a mess."

"They're still talking about the smashes of the '40s and '50s, which I hugely admire," Webber said Saturday.

"But not to the exclusion of what's going on elsewhere."

The 42-year-old composer and creator of such hits as "The Phantom of the Opera," "Cats" and "Evita," received an honorary doctorate of



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fine arts during commencement exercises at the University of South Carolina.

NEW YORK (AP) — John F. Kennedy Jr. may have a brighter future on stage than in a courtroom.

The assistant prosecutor, who twice has flunked the bar exam, plays the guitar and sings in the movie "A Matter of Degrees," which is scheduled to open in Europe but has no U.S. distributor, according to the May 21 issue of People.

The son of the slain president, who must pass the bar exam on his third try in July or lose his \$30,000-a-year job, made his professional acting debut opposite Christina Haag in "Winners" in an off-Broadway

theater in 1988.

"He is the finest young actor I have seen in 12 years," said the theater's operator, Nye Heron.

NEWARK (AP) — Producer Fred Caruso wouldn't rewrite "The Bonfire of the Vanities" to get permission to shoot a scene in a New Jersey courthouse.

New Jersey Chief Justice Robert N. Wilentz on Sunday offered to allow the filmmakers to shoot a scene in a courthouse stairwell if they cut out a part showing an actor slamming shut an iron gate to keep a "mob of blacks" at bay.

"I won't rewrite the script for the judge, or for anyone," Caruso said in a telephone interview.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1990

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: There is no limit to how far you can go if you approach each project with a realistic attitude. Family members will play a larger role in your affairs in September. Accept their suggestions in the spirit in which they are given. Traveling in November could introduce you to a new romantic partner and a fresh source of cash. Forging a partnership with someone whose talents complement your own will bring lasting benefits. Invest extra funds.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A long-distance phone call could lead to exciting travel plans. Be aware of new trends. A research project will help you reap higher profits. Take greater pains with your appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Expect good news from friends regarding a pet project. All goes well in love. Refuse to listen to gossip or speculation about a newcomer. You meet someone who could change your

whole life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Give your mate a chance to take the lead in romance and you will be pleasantly surprised. Try to be less demanding in your personal relationships. Recycle old ideas to boost profits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look over accounts carefully. A change of personnel could complicate your business dealings. Remain calm in trying situations. Aggressive statements will only make a difficult situation worse.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Money matters should be in good shape. The domestic scene will be more satisfying if you make some concessions to your loved ones. Be careful to keep their secrets. Romance holds new promise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your work schedule may be overcrowded. Stretch your imagination if eager to carve out a new career. Be more understanding about a close friend's need for applause and reassurance. Romance looks terrific.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Give a new project priority over other tasks. Get everything in writing to avoid disputes in the future. If entrusted with a juicy secret, resist the temptation to share it with others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Free yourself from restrictions that have impeded progress. A commonsense approach will yield the best results now. Expect some frustration in romance. Mate may still have some doubts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A stranger could exert considerable influence over your life. Try to be more open-minded and enthusiastic about proposed changes at work. A secret fear is groundless. Show more self-confidence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get an early start and see how much you can accomplish today. Take the time to go out of your way for a friend. You could meet someone in whom you are very interested.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A good day to finalize negotiations. Offer a helping hand to a friend in need. An influential person should be treated with respect and ceremony, especially if you are seeking a favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make a special effort to be patient with those who appear to be acting in slow motion. Avoid hasty words or impulsive decisions. Romance looks happy if you do not come across as too intense.

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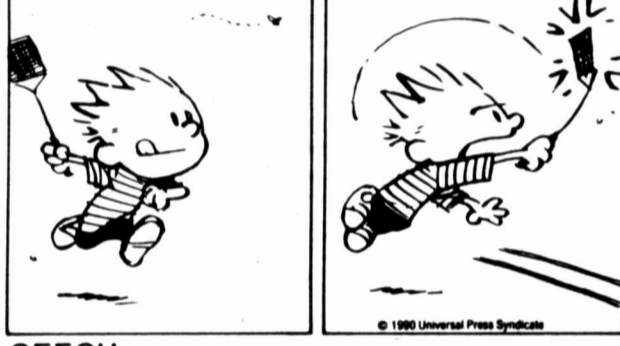
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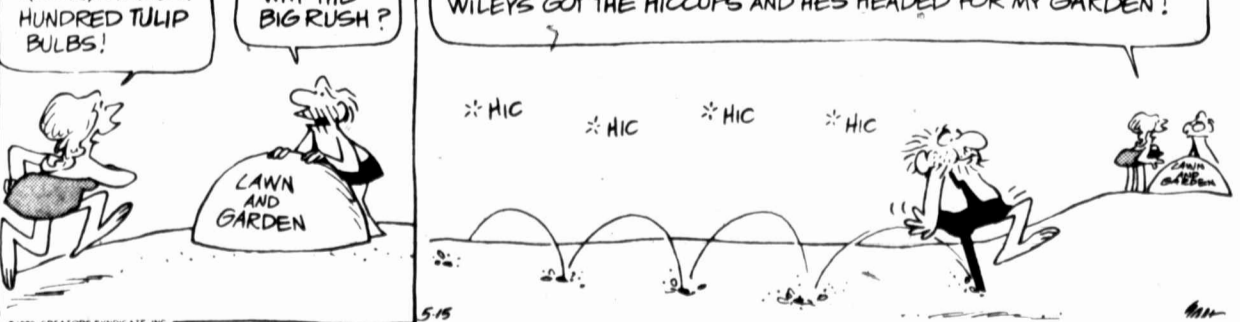
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Tuesday

Area weather: Fair through Wednesday. Low tonight in the mid 60s. High Wednesday in the mid 80s. The high yesterday was 100, the low was 72.

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NEW YORK — Toulouse-Lautrec's "Girl with Fur" will be offered for auction Tuesday. The painting is expected to fetch up to \$15, but, because of a softening fine art market, officials have set a price guarantee on this and other paintings for sale this week.

IRS seizes food, vehicles from group

EL PASO (AP) — Leaders of a Christian organization that feeds and clothes the needy say the group will have to stop operating because the Internal Revenue Service has seized its food and equipment.

The IRS raided the organization Monday morning, confiscating thousands of dollars in property and food.

"They took 300,000 pounds of food today: beans and rice, canned corn, apple sauce, apple juice, peaches. They came right in while we were having a time of singing this morning," said Chris Liden, director of Christ is the Answer Crusaders Inc.

Bob Branson, IRS public affairs specialist in Austin, said the organization owes employee withholding taxes. He said a federal tax lien dating to 1986 and showing a tax liability of \$18,914 was filed against Christ is the Answer in October 1989.

The group must pay the taxes, which will include penalties, before June 20, or the seized property will be auctioned.

LULAC vows to appeal

AUSTIN (AP) — The League of United Latin American Citizens will, if necessary, appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court last week's decision upholding Texas' at-large, countywide system of electing state district judges, an attorney for LULAC said.

Rolando Rios, a San Antonio lawyer, said he was disappointed by the ruling Friday by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

But, he added, "This thing isn't over." In a 2-1 decision, a panel of the New Orleans-based appeals court reversed U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton's finding that the current system of electing state district judges in nine urban counties violated the voting rights of blacks and Hispanics.

LULAC and other plaintiffs want judges chosen not by countywide vote but from smaller districts, making it more possible for minority communities to elect their choices to the bench.

Firefighters battle forest fire

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP) — A fire in the Lincoln National Forest continued to rage today as firefighters struggled with rough terrain and high winds.

About 160 firefighters and two air tankers were working the 200-plus acre blaze today.

The fire, dubbed the Big Fire, was burning about 1 1/2 miles north of the Texas line in the Guadalupe ranger district on the Lincoln.

Burner opposition grows after visit

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

STANTON — Opposition to locating an industrial waste incinerator here has grown following a trip by local officials to Alabama Friday to inspect a similar burner already in operation.

Dr. James Johnson, minister of First Baptist Church, and County Judge Bob Deavenport both expressed reservations Monday about supporting the location of an incinerator here.

Meanwhile, city councilmen Ronnie Christian and Lester

"We are not talking about setting land aside for 20, 50, or even 100 years, but we are actually saying that we will designate land that our great-grandchildren's grandchildren cannot ever use."
— Rev. James Johnson.

Baker, who also toured the incinerator in McIntosh, Ala., remain uncommitted. But they want to seek more answers about possible emissions and what kind of control the city and county would have over the kind of waste that would be burned.

Deavenport and councilmen said they want to talk to the vice president of All American Environmental Corp. of Brooklyn N.Y., the firm proposing the incinerator operation, before they make a final decision. If Vice President Joe Kapp does not make a trip to Martin

County, a host agreement would probably not be signed, many of them said.

Strongly opposed to locating an incinerator here was Johnson, who was invited on the trip as an objective observer. "Safety cannot be guaranteed," he said following a

report of his impressions and findings that he gave at a City Council meeting Monday night.

Though he, as well as the others who went to McIntosh, was impressed with the operation of the incinerator there, he pointed out several problems he has encountered.

He said that testing procedures required by law are outdated, there is no way to enforce them, there are insurance coverage limitations on required \$20 million bonds, and disposing of hazardous ash from

● BURNER page 8-A



Shooting victim

FORT WORTH — Ambulance personnel assist a person who was hit by gunfire during a robbery at a downtown cafe early Monday. An additional photo and story appear on page 2-A.

Big Spring locale of massive check

By ERIN BLAIR
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — It's a trial by fire, or perhaps by diesel exhaust. The new Department of Public Safety hangar at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark is playing host to hundreds of commercial trucks in the next 72 hours as part of the largest coordinated truck safety check effort ever held.

The hangar, which has been occupied by the DPS Division of Licenses and Weights since mid-April, is the only site in Texas for the truck inspections.

Trooper Erwin Ballarta said the Big Spring hangar was ideal for the project. "It's a large enough site, perfect for the coordinated effort. Any other location wouldn't be nearly as good," he said.

Beside the fact that the hangar can comfortably hold three big trucks at one time, it's also useful for its location just off Interstate 20, a major thoroughway for truck traffic.

Trooper Marvin Keenan said 16 DPS officers and eight people from the Department of Transportation would fan out from Big Spring to

look for unsafe, out-of-compliance trucks on area roads, including the interstate and Highway 87.

"We'll check all roads going into Big Spring," Keenan said. "It's a transportation center and a hub for Texas."

Troopers are pulling over trucks weighing more than 26,000 pounds and all trucks carrying hazardous materials in random inspections that started at 7 this morning and continue through Thursday. Trucks with serious safety violations that could cause breakdowns or accidents will be removed from highways and not allowed to proceed until the defects are repaired.

Drivers will also be taken out of commission if they are unqualified or their logs indicate that they have driven too many hours. Keenan said drivers would be subjected to alcohol tests if they appeared intoxicated.

Texas is one of 49 states (all but South Dakota), 12 Canadian provinces and territories, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia to participate in the safety check, coordinated by the Federal Highway

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BIG SPRING — Harland Narem, standing, poses with the tile painting he made from a photograph of Jim Hill, kneeling. The photo was taken during a 1981 air show sponsored by the Confederate Air Force. The group uses the shows and a traveling museum to publicize their opposition to the destruction of World War II planes. Narem's painting may become a permanent part of the Air Force's headquarters when it moves to its new facilities sometime this year.

Area man's hobby honors CAF colonel

By DEBBIE LINCEUM
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — A Big Spring business owner used his hobby to honor a member of the Confederate Air Force.

Artist and entrepreneur Harland Narem saw a photograph of retired Air Force Col. Jim Hill standing next to his B-23 cargo plane. Narem decided to paint the same image on tiles, a hobby he said he practices every day.

The photo was taken sometime in 1981, during one of the Con-

federate Air Force's benefit air shows, Hill said. The group, he said, is a "bunch of rebels against the destruction of World War II airplanes."

Hill, a WW II veteran, said he joined the group in 1965. "We try to protect the planes because they are part of the country's heritage." The Confederate Air Force sponsors not only air shows but a "flying museum" which travels around the country teaching a history lesson.

The painting, on 80 separate

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Biden readying flag-protection amendment in case it's needed

By MERRILL HARTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Joseph Biden says he'll have a flag-protection constitutional amendment ready if the Supreme Court strikes down a law Congress passed last year.

But Rep. Don Edwards, head of the House constitutional rights subcommittee, vowed just as fiercely to resist House passage of such an amendment. "Let's say no to weakening the Bill of Rights," he said Monday.

These divergent views from two key Democratic players on judicial issues set the stage for what lawmakers in both parties agreed could be a divisive new election-year battle over Old Glory.

The Supreme Court holds the key to whether there will be a 1990 flag fight on Capitol Hill. It is expected to rule in late June or early July on whether to uphold the Flag Protection Amendment of 1989. That's the law Congress passed — and President Bush signed — in the wake of the high court's decision in a Texas case that flag desecration is protected by the First Amendment.

Inside the marble-columned court, the administration's top courtroom lawyer, Solicitor General Kenneth Starr, argued Monday that the flag protection law does not violate free speech any more than a regulation limiting an outdoor loudspeaker's volume.

Congress can protect "those things that are special to us as a people," Starr said. "Nothing prohibits the legislature from protecting symbols against physical attack."

But civil rights attorney William Kunstler said, "Respect for the flag must be voluntary. Once people are compelled to respect a symbol, they are no longer free."

The line of questioning by the justices gave no clue on how the court ultimately will rule. It had struck down the Texas statute by a 5-4 margin.

On the sidewalk outside, demonstrators exchanged taunts



WASHINGTON — Two protesters, with pieces of a U.S. flag in their mouths, are shown during a demonstration outside the Supreme Court building Monday. Inside, arguments are being heard on the Flag Protection Act of 1989.

and slogans.

Shawn Eichman, arrested last year for burning a flag in Washington, said, "I'm just one of the thousands of women who is taking a cold, hard look at the system defending us. . . Women have less protection than a flag."

Six opposing demonstrators carried a sign saying, "Flag burning is a hate crime."

Biden, D-Del., said he did not think flag burning would become a campaign issue in the fall, regardless of how the court rules.

"The nation will not fall because a flag is burned," Biden said. But he also said that if the court strikes down the 1989 law he would introduce a narrowly worded constitutional amendment offering protection for the flag.

Spring board

How's that?

Q. Is there going to be a national police corps?

A. No. However, there is a police corps bill heading for a vote in the Senate from which we would obtain better trained local police officers. It would operate as a swap: four years of college for four years as local police officers, according to Time magazine.

Calendar

Lippin'

TODAY

- The Grady Student Council will hold the fourth annual "Puttin' on the Hits" lip-sync contest at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Cost is \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.
- Mason Lodge No. 951 will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge on Highway 137.

THURSDAY

- The Depot will hold Senior Citizens Game Night at 6 p.m.

Tops on TV

MOVIE

- Throw Momma From The Train CBS Tuesday Movie. Danny DeVito, Billy Crystal. One man hates his mother, the other hates his ex-wife. One guy will do in the wife if the other guy gets rid of mother. 8 p.m. Channel 7.

- Rescuers: 911. 7 p.m. Channel 7.

- thirtysomething. 9 p.m. Channel 2.

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Administration and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance. Approximately 1,600 troopers will work at the 275 inspection sites throughout the U.S. and Canada. Mexico will be observing the check this year and may participate in next year's sweep.

In 1989, 31,715 commercial vehicles were inspected and 10,134 trucks were pulled off the roads, roughly one-third of those checked, Ballarta said. In addition, 1,908 drivers were suspended. The safety project began in 1986.

Keenan said he thought the 72-hour check would be as successful as last year's. He added that he and fellow Big Spring trooper Bill Jennings have participated in a similar project, the ongoing Texas Motor Carrier Safety Program, since October 1989.

"We've seen a noticeable improvement in the quality of trucks," he said.

Hobby

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ceramic tiles, may be put on display when the headquarters moves to Midland sometime this year. Hill said plans are underway to relocate and should be finalized in the next few months.

Narem's technique begins with painting the image on the tiles in a tinted mineral powder that he mixes with oil. He then separates the tiles and fires them at 2000 degrees in a kiln for about 6 hours. The oil boils off, he said, and the mineral bakes into the tile.

Tile paintings take an average of one to two months to complete, Narem said. "It's really an easy art and I enjoy it because I can do things I couldn't with oil paint."

The painting of Hill, Narem said, will travel to Midland when the headquarters relocates. He will glue it in place on a piece of plywood and surround it with a frame. He said he plans to either sell it in an auction there or leave it on loan to the group.

Narem said his current project includes a similar painting of a friend and a negotiation with Cairo, Egypt. "I'd like to do a painting of the pyramids," he said.

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Burner

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the incinerator could affect generations to come.

His research shows that a new test called a toxicity characteristic leaching procedure has invalidated dry filters that are used to catch toxic gases from escaping. However, the new test is not required by current law, he said, and All American officials told him that they would be using an Anderson 2000 filter.

"This is a cheap dry filter," Johnson said. Another system, using wet scrubbers, is "by far the more expedient way of cleaning the residue," he said.

Expressing another fear concerning the enforcement of regulations, he referred to an August 26, 1985 *Wall Street Journal* article, saying, "Operator control and monitoring is the biggest concern with the Environmental Protection Agency because they can find no way to enforce it."

Johnson also said he has been informed that All-American can self-insure themselves as part of a bond requirement. If they get into trouble, they can declare bankruptcy, he said. In addition, the bonds only cover the company's own assets and possibly some physical proper-

ties which may be damaged "outside of obvious risks."

"What lies outside of obvious risks when you are dealing with 'hazardous material' to begin with?" he said. All American officials declined to comment on an insurance bond when he contacted them, he said.

Criticizing the disposal of hazardous ash into permanent land vaults, Johnson said, "We are not talking about setting land aside for 20, 50, or even 100 years, but we are actually saying that our great-grandchildren's grand-children cannot ever use."

Eventually the plastic containers would corrode, from the outside if not from the inside, he said. "Shake a two litre bottle of Coke and then place a drop of acid on the outside of the bottle and see what happens for yourself."

He said that when he asked All American officials if they planned to develop their own waste dump in Martin County, they replied, "No comment."

That translates into "no guarantee," he said.

Also expressing reservations was Deavenport. "I have more reservations about it now than I did

before I went down there," he said during a Monday morning Commissioners Court meeting.

He said he is concerned about possible incinerator leaks or accidents involving the trucks and trains which would bring in a proposed 180 tons of waste every 24 hours.

Also, commenting on smoke emitted from the stack which is 99.9 percent carbon dioxide and steam, he said, "It's the other 10th that bothers me."

He did say that he was impressed with the chemists and lab technicians on hand at the McIntosh plant but questioned whether an operation in Martin County would be of equal quality.

Before making a final decision, he said he would like to see an independent evaluation done and would like Kapp to visit Martin County to get some firm answers. "If he's not interested, lets get off of it and get on with something else. That's where I stand," he said.

Commissioner Don Tollison, who still remains uncommitted, agreed, saying that the All

American Texas representatives in Lubbock do not have the authority to make a "real commitment."

"If Joe Kapp doesn't want to come down then forget it," Tollison said.

City councilmen indicated Monday night that a consideration to hire an environmental engineer would be tabled until they met with Kapp. "If they're not going to work with us, there's no sense (in proceeding)," Councilman James Wheeler said.

"Until we talk to him I'm not comfortable with it," Baker said.

Controlling what is burned in the incinerator is one concern, councilmen said.

The incinerator would be used to burn oil field waste products, said All American representative J.E. "Jim" Bradley of Lubbock. Oil field waste is not hazardous and would therefore not require a hazardous waste permit as far as handling it, according to an EPA spokesperson in Dallas.

However, according to a proposed host agreement with city and county officials, All American has

the right to burn hazardous wastes if they want to. Bradley said they may burn hazardous waste in the future but would not do that without permission from the City Council and Commissioners Court.

Christian said, "I think we would want to make some changes in that host agreement if we were to sign it."

Baker said they could also exert control through the permitting process. Host agreements themselves, though not a requirement, are used to help get permits such as hazardous waste permits from the EPA.

Permits to burn hazardous waste would also be required from the Texas Water Commission and the Texas Air Control Board. Officials with both those agencies said that public hearings are required during the permitting process. Permits would not be granted if it can be shown that there are technical errors in the proposal.

Public opinion and appeals could hamper efforts for years, officials said. Otherwise, getting a hazardous waste permit takes about 18 months.

Managers release near-record amounts of water

By LEANNE WAXMAN
Associated Press Writer

River managers today released near-record amounts of water from a dam to unburden the foaming, bloated Trinity River, forcing thousands of Texans from their homes downstream. Farmers vented their anger with threatening calls.

Sirens blared Monday each time dam operators opened huge steel gates to increase the flow of water into Lake Livingston, about 60 miles northeast of Houston. Below the dam, an estimated 7,000 people were urged to evacuate.

"What's scary is what we know is coming," said Alanna Shaver, whose family left its Hardin home in favor of a trailer next to a Red

Cross shelter.

As the water has risen, so have the tempers of those in the way of the water. The Trinity River Authority said it has fielded numerous threats.

"We're very security conscious and we obviously have some unhappy campers out there," the authority's John Jadosich said. "They're not satisfied that we've released too much water or not enough."

The dam today approached record releases of water as torrential rain two weeks ago hundreds of miles to the north finally reached Lake Livingston.

"There's not a whole lot that can be done at this point. It's a giant flood — a Texas-size flood,"

Jadosich said.

Flooding since April 15 has claimed 12 lives in Texas and one in Oklahoma, where the danger was mostly over.

Damage to Texas agriculture has been estimated at between \$500 million and \$700 million since heavy rain fell in Oklahoma and Texas two weeks ago.

Scores of people remained out of their homes in Louisiana because of the rising Red River. It was expected to flood 600 square miles there, including 200 square miles of cropland, said Maj. Jack Scherer of the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Red subsided slightly in parts of Arkansas, but the threat of flooding near Garland remained. National Guardsmen and

volunteers sandbagged levees in the town about 20 miles from Texarkana.

In Washington, Sen. David Pryor of Arkansas asked the General Accounting Office to look into the way the Corps regulates water levels in the region. Some farmers and others have blamed the Corps for some of the flooding.

"The Corps has been criticized for not releasing enough water from some of the facilities in advance of the heavy rains to provide for additional flood storage capacity," Pryor wrote.

"I am unsure as to whether or

not these standard operating procedures are the best procedures we could be using to protect life and property."

Jadosich said earlier releases on Lake Livingston would not have made much difference.

"This is the kind of flood you can expect to see every 100 years," he said. "This will become known as the Flood of 1990."

As the level of the 90,000-acre, 55-mile Lake Livingston rises, dam operators open the 12 flood gates a little wider. The releases depend on hourly reports from about a dozen inspectors, who report gauge readings upstream.

Gramm urges businesses to learn Mexican culture

WASHINGTON (AP) — A free trade agreement between the United States and Mexico will benefit both countries and make world trade centers of several Texas cities, Sen. Phil Gramm said today.

"Protectionism has a thousand voices. There are millions beneficiaries of trade," Gramm told the Border Trade Alliance, which ended a three-day conference on U.S.-Mexican relations today.

"The development of a free trade agreement will benefit Texas and other states substantially. Cities like San Antonio, Laredo, and those in the valley would become world trade centers," the Texas Republican said.

Gramm acknowledged critics who say he's for a free trade agreement because of the benefits Texas will reap, but pointed out his support for the free trade agreement with Canada that took effect last year. He said Texas has benefited from that agreement and other states would benefit from the easing of trade barriers with Mexico.

Gramm said he has proposed legislation that would allow Canada to join a trade agreement between the U.S. and Mexico, creating a North American economy similar to the European or Asian markets.

On Monday, the Mexican ambassador to the United States, Gustavo Petricoli, said Mexico is eager for such an agreement. He said a free trade accord can be reached faster than Canadian agreement took.

"I think the key issues are going to be fewer," Petricoli said. "If we can agree on the fundamentals, the basis of our positions on both sides, we can move very, very fast."

Some trace the beginning of the U.S.-Canadian agreement, which took effect last year, to a 1965 pact on automobile trade. Others say the two countries worked on free trade for about 10 years.

The cultural differences between the United States and Mexico are greater than between the United States and Canada, Petricoli said, warning that an agreement is not imminent.

And he said, "We are looking for a good deal for Mexico, not any deal."

"It's not going to be like some member of Congress makes a speech 'We're going to have free trade manana.' That's not going to happen," said Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Mission.

President Bush and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari last year signed agreements to build a sewage treatment plant in Tijuana, Mexico.



The way it was

AUSTIN — Felix Itz points out the features of an old surveying instrument to Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro. Itz is 100-years-old and is the

county surveyor for Runnels County. Mauro made him "honorary chief surveyor for the Texas General Land Office."

NLRB rules against Greyhound in strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal investigator says Greyhound engaged in unfair labor practices in the 10-week-old drivers' walkout — a potential victory for the union because it could force the company to give the drivers their jobs back.

Jerry Hunter, the general counsel for the National Labor Relations Board, authorized the board's regional office in Milwaukee on Monday to file an unfair labor practice complaint against Greyhound, sources said.

If the NLRB files the complaint and it is eventually upheld, it could force Greyhound to give back to union members the 3,000 jobs that the company gave to strikebreakers since the walkout began March 2.

Union president Edward M. Strait said he considered Hunter's ruling a major victory because it upheld, "it protects the seniority of our drivers."

"I'm so doggone happy ... I just hope that this will get the company back to the table and make them do some good-faith bargaining," Strait said.

Greyhound said it would appeal any such complaint and predicted it would eventually win the issue. It

ed to bargain in good faith and instead focused on a more narrow

issue. "The replacement drivers we have hired have permanent jobs. That has not changed. ... We are confident we will prevail, and we will appeal all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, should that be necessary," said Greyhound Vice President Anthony Lannie.

Hunter concluded that Greyhound unlawfully put into effect certain bargaining proposals before an impasse was reached in negotiations, said sources who demanded anonymity. The decision was expected to be announced today.

Both sides in the dispute, which involves 6,300 strikers who walked out over wages and job security, filed unfair labor complaints with the NLRB.

While rejecting the union's contention that Greyhound had engaged in overall bad-faith bargaining, Hunter found merit with a union complaint over the illegal implementation of bargaining proposals before an impasse, said the sources, who declined to identify the proposals at issue.

The union also had complained it was illegal for Greyhound to refuse to negotiate until a week passed without violence, but Hunter rejected the union's claim. There were dozens of shootings and bomb threats in the first several

weeks of the strike.

The union lost on one front — Hunter asked the NLRB to seek an injunction against the union to stop alleged picket line misconduct and violence.

Hunter's decision could have a huge impact because under federal law, it would make the Greyhound dispute an unfair labor practice strike rather than a dispute over economic issues.

That is relevant because when a strike is determined to be an unfair labor practice dispute, employers who hire permanent replacements must fill all jobs on a seniority basis, essentially giving preference to union members who were employed there before the strike.

The victory is especially key in the Greyhound dispute because the company just last week declared the strike over, from a practical standpoint, since it has hired about 3,000 replacement drivers and said it can get by without union drivers.

The company offered the union only about 620 immediate jobs back — an offer the union called an insult — and vowed to give remaining jobs to replacement drivers if the union did not accept its offer for a four-year wage freeze and eliminating 4,500 union jobs.

That offer followed a company announcement that Greyhound lost \$56 million in the first quarter of 1990.

Deaths

Irene Little

BIG SPRING — Irene Newell Little, Big Spring, died Monday, May 14, 1990, in a local hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Flynn Long, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 31, 1903, in Sonora, and married James Little Oct. 12, 1926. They moved to Big Spring that same year. He preceded her in death Feb. 24, 1968. She received her teaching certificate from Sul Ross University. She studied there the first year it was open in 1919-1920. She started teaching at age 15. She taught at Leakey and then at Vance, prior to attending the University of Texas. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she had taught Sunday school and served as historian for a number of years.

Survivors include two sons: Jim Bill Little, and Jack Little, both of Big Spring; ten grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by one daughter.

The family will be home Tuesday evening at 5 Coachman Circle.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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