

# Big Spring Herald

Friday

Area weather: Clear through Saturday. High Saturday in the upper 90s. Low tonight near 70. The high yesterday was 101, the low was 73.

At the crossroads of West Texas

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## On the side

### Policy changes on HCJC agenda

The Howard County Junior College District board of trustees will hold its regular meeting Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the board room of the Dora Roberts Student Union at Howard College.

New business on the agenda is as follows:

- Board of trustee continuing education policy development.
- Report from faculty senate on proposed faculty load policy.
- Consideration of handbook changes.
- Consideration of Texas Opportunity Plan report.
- Consideration of appointment of district auditors.
- Consideration of bids on computer equipment for San Angelo campus.
- Consideration of bids on carpet for LRC, Big Spring campus.
- Consideration of approval on preliminary 1990-91 budget for both Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

- Consideration of personnel matters, including four employments at SWCID, two at the San Angelo campus and four at the Big Spring campus.

The board, administration and guests will gather for lunch at noon in the the Tumbleweed Room. The agenda states that the lunch is a social function unrelated to public business with no deliberation of items listed on the agenda.

### Fryar earns honor at SC

KERRVILLE — Two West Texas students were recently named as making the President's and Honor's Lists for the Spring 1990 semester at Schreiner College in Kerrville.

Kristi Lynn Fryar, daughter of Linda and Danny Fryar of Stanton, earned a place on the President's List. To qualify for the President's List a full-time student must have at least a 3.6 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale and have passing grades in all courses. Fryar, a sophomore is majoring in math and exercise science.

Rex Kendall Tucker, son of Martha and Roger Tucker of Big Spring, was named as making the Honor's List. To qualify for the Honor's List a full-time student must have at least a 3.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale, and have passing grades in all courses. Tucker, a freshman, is majoring in engineering.

Schreiner College, a liberal arts college in the Texas Hill Country, offers 10 majors in its bachelor of arts degree and three majors in its bachelor of commerce degree programs.

### Aging topic of forum

A local forum for the Texas White House Conference on Aging will be held for the public at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Commissioners' Court at the Martin County Courthouse.

The forum, co-sponsored by the Martin County Senior Citizens Center and the Texas Department on Aging, will provide local citizens an opportunity to discuss any issues affecting older persons and their families.

More information about the forum can be obtained by contacting Sally Carroll at the Martin County Senior Citizens Center at 756-2791.

### Farm Bureau hosts pageant

Martin County Farm Bureau will hold a beauty pageant at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Stanton High School Auditorium. Following the pageant, the Bureau will also sponsor a Talent Fund.

For more information contact Wendy at the Farm Bureau office at 756-3378.



### No dummies

As a part of the annual CPR training at the Big Spring State Hospital, a CPR gayla was conducted at the facility Thursday, with 24 employees being trained and certified. Donna Palmer works on resuscitating a baby dummy in the left photo. Kaye Richardson, right photo,



Herald photos by Tim Appel

watches an indicator light up, showing that she is applying enough pressure to the rib cage and the heart, while Katricia Carson looks on. Door prizes were offered to make the classes more fun.

## Local officials join in search for Gray

By DEBBIE LINCEUM Staff Writer

The search for Synder prison escapee Travis Dale Gray will focus partly in Big Spring, a Texas Department of Corrections warden said today.

"We're going back to Big Spring because he has family there," said Charlie Streetman, an assistant warden at the facility.

Local authorities and TDC officers are joining in the search, which, though centered in the local area, must cover a lot of ground, Streetman said.

Gray, convicted of murder in March, escaped Wednesday afternoon by stowing away on a furniture truck which was leaving the prison factory where he worked. He apparently took tools with him, using them to cut out a hole in the truck roof and climb out.

Though clothing was reportedly found in Abilene, Streetman said he is not certain Gray climbed out while the truck stopped in that city.

"We recovered some overalls that maintenance men wear and we recovered the tools which were left in the truck," Streetman said. "He might have wanted to cut that hole when all the noise was not like-

ly to be heard, while the truck was moving."

A piece of the truck's roof was pulled down into the cargo area, rather than pushed out, he said.

That fact seems to suggest that Gray was trying to keep from being heard, Streetman said.

The route the truck took went through a rural community.

"We're way out in the country. There were lot of farmhouses out there," Streetman said. "We could use dogs to search out there, follow up leads like cars missing and burglaries."

Gray is a white male about 5-foot-8-inches tall, weighing about 172 pounds. He has a ruddy complexion, blue eyes and brown hair, according to TDC records.

"He would have been wearing the white prison clothing," Streetman said. "It has an orange patch above the left shirt pocket, a tag with his name and number on it."

The pants have the same tag above the right pants pocket.

"The first thing they do is shuck those clothes," Streetman said. "He may have left it somewhere."



Travis Gray

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## Prison proposal resubmitted to TDCJ Thursday

By PATRICK DRISCOLL Staff Writer

A letter reaffirming the county and city's commitment to be considered for either a 2,250-bed or one of three 1,000-bed state prisons was sent to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Thursday.

Howard County and 19 other semifinalists from the competition for six state prisons last year were allowed to resubmit their proposals, by today, for four more prisons opening up as the result of legislation passed earlier this month.

Eight finalists will be announced on or near July 5. Finalists will give a 15-minute presentation to the TDCJ board on July 10 in Austin.

"The letter confirming our desire to be considered for one of the four units was sent today," said County Commissioner Bill Crooker, a leader in the proposal effort. "We faxed it this morning and sent the letter Federal Express after lunch. It was a letter signed by the Mayor (Max Green) and the Judge (County Judge John

Coffee)." The \$5.5 million proposal of land, buildings, roads, a gas line, water and sewage construction and site preparation incentives is identical, as all resubmissions were required to be, to the one submitted July 31 for one of three 2,250-bed or three 1,000-bed state prisons. Meeting this week to reaffirm their commitments was the City Council and the Industrial Foundation Board.

Although incentives remain the same, \$1.4 million was trimmed from a \$4.2 million water and sewer construction estimate by Big Spring Public Works Director Tom Decell. The money in question is for the city's waste water treatment plant.

As much as \$1.5 million more could be trimmed with federal grant money for infrastructure construction, such as roads and water and sewage facilities, Crooker said. The grant money would be awarded from the U.S. Department of Commerce as part of an Overall Economic Development Plan the county is expected to

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## Battle heads for campaign trail

By MIKE ROBINSON Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers who defeated a proposed constitutional amendment against burning the American flag are bracing for a fierce fight on the campaign trail but say they sense a change of heart among many voters.

"Something that folks loathe almost as much as flag burners is politicians who demagogue, who wrap themselves in the flag for some partisan votes," Rep. Ben Jones, D-Ga., said after the measure failed to gain the necessary two-thirds majority Thursday.

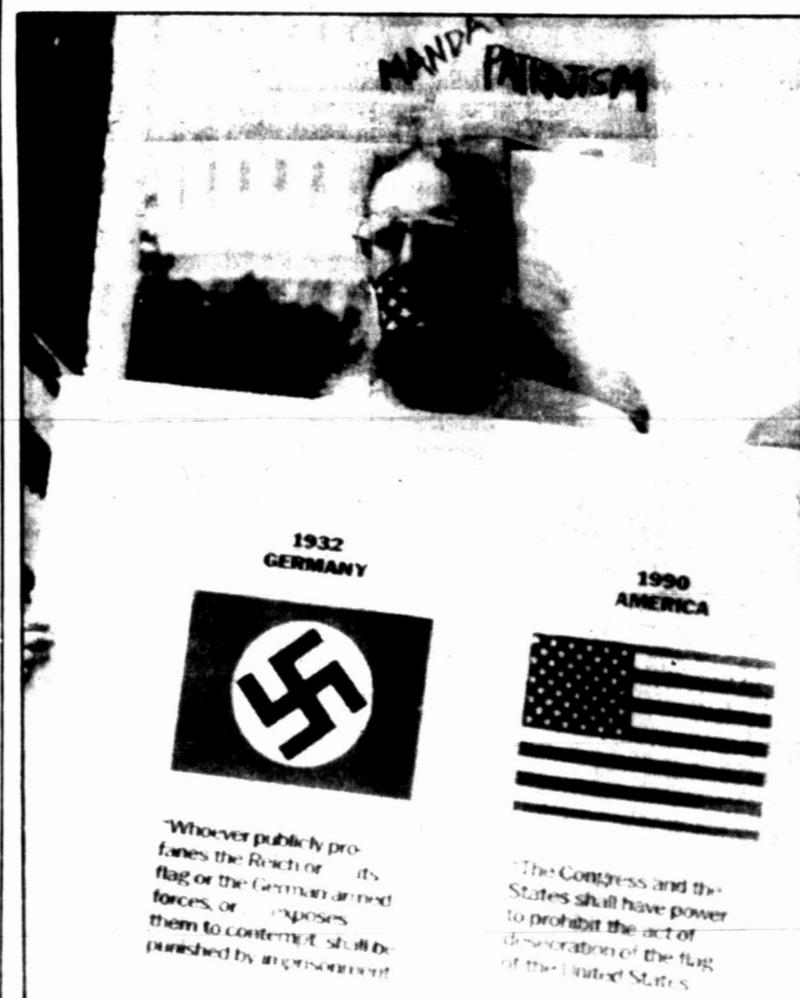
Democratic lawmakers who voted against it told reporters they detected a change among voters and said their mail is no longer running so heavily in favor of the amendment.

The House voted 254-177 for the measure, which President Bush had been pressing since June 11, when the Supreme Court threw out the 1989 Flag Protection Act as unconstitutional.

However, the margin fell 34 votes short of the two-thirds needed for approval of the amendment, which would pave the way for the federal government and the states to ban burning or other desecration of the American flag.

Republicans voted 159-17 in favor of the amendment, while

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WASHINGTON — Edward Hasbroock, with a U.S. flag tied over his mouth as a gag, holds a poster comparing the proposed flag-burning amendment with a decree by Nazi Germany during a Capitol Hill protest rally Thursday.



### Back in racing

TORONTO — Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, right, tries out a modified wheelchair with Andre Viger of Quebec Thursday to promote a

10-kilometer road race to be held in Toronto this weekend. Johnson said he wants to race again for Canada and win a gold medal for his late father.

Associated Press photo

## Local HUD agency is available to help

By MARC SCHWARZ Staff Writer

The Office of Housing and Community Development may not be able to help everyone who walks through its doors, but that doesn't mean it can't try, said director Boyd Carson.

The municipal agency helps provide local families with safe and affordable housing by allocating federal Housing and Urban Development funds. But because HUD money is federal money, Carson said the local agency has to meet certain guidelines.

"Right now, we're only taking applications from people with federal preferences," Carson said. "It's hard to define what a federal preference is — the government has two typewritten pages defining

it, so it's hard to compress all that bureaucratic jargon into a few words."

Carson did list examples of people who are eligible for federal preferences, however.

"You have a federal preference if you're homeless — and that means people who are living in a temporary shelter, whether it's the Salvation Army or their car," Carson said. "You can get one if you're without housing or about to be without housing for any reason except non-payment of your rent. You're also eligible if there's any violence in the family, if one member is abusing another."

"And one preference that encompasses a lot of people, especially in Big Spring, is if you're paying more than 50 percent of your income for rent and utilities."

Carson said the housing office's new policy of accepting only federal preferences is in practice not significantly different from the old policy.

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BOYD CARSON

**Inside Texas**

**Boy dies after being stung**

GALVESTON (AP) — A 4-year-old Michigan boy vacationing with his family has died apparently from a reaction to a sting from a Portuguese man-of-war, officials say.

An autopsy was being performed Thursday on Brandon Jones of Detroit, who died Wednesday at a University of Texas Medical Branch hospital.

Dr. Myron Nichols, UTMB's professor of pediatrics, said evidence points toward the man-of-war stings as the most probable cause of death.

If the child's death is a direct result of the man-of-war sting, it is an extremely rare occurrence, said Mike Ellis, head of UTMB's Texas State Poison Center.

Ellis said he knew of only about 12 recorded deaths due to man-of-war stings.

"As far as we can determine, he was in perfect health otherwise," Nichols said of Brandon.

"Everything else about him looked like he was a husky, healthy boy," he told the *Galveston Daily News*.

**Woodpeckers get condos**

KENNARD, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service is developing tree condos in Texas national forests in an effort to save the endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers.

The Forest Service, which estimates it has 500 red-cockaded woodpeckers in the state's national forests, has started a project to implant nesting boxes in pines for the birds.

The idea is simple: put a box in the tree, said Doug Short, one of the biological technicians who came from South Carolina to Texas to show Forest Service biologists how the houses are made.

On Wednesday morning, Short was yelling instructions to biologist Steve Best, who wrestled with a chainsaw 20 feet above the forest floor. As Short watched, Best cut a hole, chiseled it square and inserted a bird box made of western red cedar. He filled in the gaps around the box with wood putty and installed a metal door guard to keep flying squirrels from gnawing their way into the nest. The finishing touch was a coat of white paint, imitating the sap stains that mark woodpecker holes.

**Williams would consider testing**

AUSTIN (AP) — To achieve a drug free Texas, Republican gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams said he would consider random drug testing of state employees.

Williams made his announcement Thursday during a meeting of the Texas Pharmaceutical Association, but emphasized it has not been incorporated into his campaign platform.

"Who, more than public employees, should be first to adhere to the rules?" Williams said. "Drug testing has been the most effective tool and was responsible for cleaning up drugs in the United States Army. I have random drug testing in my company."

Asked if random drug testing should be considered for state employees, he responded: "Well, I think they are a very legitimate arena to look at. Yes. What better place to start than the way we did in the U.S. Army with random drug testing. It cleaned drugs out of the Army. Remember, we're saving people."

A representative for state employees urged Williams to drop the idea of random drug testing.

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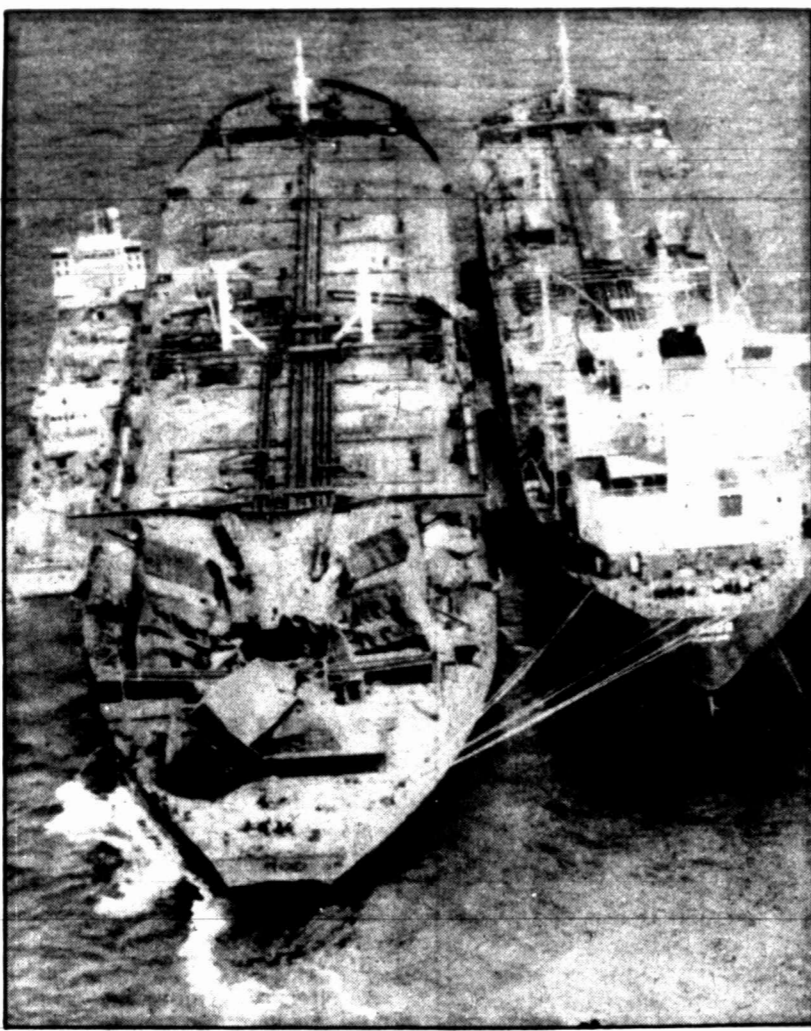
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**Transferring oil**  
GALVESTON — The tanker Janus, right, is shown Thursday as it takes on some of the light Angolan crude oil from the fire ravaged supertanker Mega Borg 57 miles off the coast of Galveston. The unloading operation, called lightering, is expected to take until next week to complete, officials said.

**Army records of art probe destroyed**

DENISON (AP) — The Army says it may never know whether a former U.S. soldier from Texas was a suspect in a medieval art heist from a German mineshaft during World War II.

All records of an Army military police probe into the theft of the artifacts have been purged, an Army spokeswoman told The Denison Herald.

Joe T. Meador, a former Army lieutenant who died in 1980, is believed to have stolen the treasure from a mineshaft near the U.S.-occupied German town of Quedlinburg in 1945.

Some of them are stored in a small-town Texas bank vault.

The artifacts allegedly taken by Meador include a silver, ivory and gold reliquary from the 9th or 10th century, a 10th century Byzantine rock-crystal flask with sides formed like birds and a liturgical ivory comb inlaid with precious stones from King Henry I.

Meador allegedly stashed the artwork in his hometown of Whitewright, about 60 miles north

**Slaying probe takes strange twist**

CONROE (AP) — The investigation into the gruesome slayings of two Montgomery County sisters took a strange twist when authorities charged the father of a 16-year-old boy with participating in the stabbing and strangulation deaths with his son.

Dennis Thurl Dowthitt, 45, of Humble, was charged Thursday with capital murder in the death of Gracie Purnhagen, 16, and with murder in the death of her 9-year-old sister, Tiffany. He was jailed without bond.

Dowthitt's son, Delton, was being held in the Montgomery County

**San Antonio city council passes water measures**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tough water-conservation measures have been ordered by San Antonio City Council members when the Edwards aquifer test well drops to 620 feet above sea level, something that officials say may happen within the next two weeks.

The measures, including a restriction on restaurants routinely delivering glasses of water to patrons, were approved Thursday. Violators will face fines of up to \$200.

Council members also expressed hope that residents will voluntarily conserve water so that the mandatory restrictions will not be required.

City Manager Alex Briseno said that the test well at Fort Sam Houston is expected to hit 620 feet in 10-12 days unless voluntary restraints are used.

The well, which has been dropping about a foot a day during the past month, measured 625.8 feet Thursday.

A heat wave is in progress and no rain is forecast.

"We think we can avoid mandatory (conservation) if everybody just pitches in and uses common-sense measures for conserving

**Drought threatens rare fish**

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — Hot, dry weather could cause the Comal Springs to go dry, so wildlife experts are hurrying to protect rare species of minnows and insects found there.

New Braunfels City Manager Paul Grohman says five new species of invertebrates have been discovered in the springs. City officials and a biologist have asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to declare the species endangered.

"If the springs go dry, then there's a very good possibility (the invertebrates) will become extinct," said Tom Arsuffi, an assistant professor of biology at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

The Comal Springs, the largest in Texas, are fed by the Edwards Aquifer, a natural underground reservoir. Hot weather has led to increasing aquifer pumping, and there has been no recent rainfall to replenish the aquifer.

Once the aquifer drops below a certain level, the Comal Springs will go dry, water experts say.

Fish and Wildlife Service officials were at Landa Lake in New Braunfels Wednesday to collect specimens of fountain darter minnows for breeding stock. The native population of darters died out during a severe drought in the 1950s.

The current population was reintroduced in the 1970s from specimens captured at the San Marcos Springs.

The minnow already is the subject of a threatened federal endangered species lawsuit by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and the Sierra Club.

of Dallas. He left the artifacts to a brother and sister.

A Lutheran cathedral in Quedlinburg, East Germany, is suing to recover the artwork from the First National Bank in Whitewright and Meador's family.

Barbara Parker, a spokeswoman at the U.S. Army Crime Records Center in Fort Holabird, Md., said only records of historical interest survived a 1964 house cleaning. At that time, records for all cases older than 15 years were purged.

The Army abandoned the case in 1949 when Quedlinburg became part of East Germany. Army spokesmen have said it is unclear whether the military will reopen the case.

Meador's heirs, Jack Meador, 70, and Jane Cook, 58, said early this week that their farmhouse has been ransacked by burglars looking for the treasure.

They said in a court document that the unoccupied farmhouse was burglarized Monday night and "completely ransacked" by vandals.

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James Richard Schuschu, 20, also of Humble and a friend of the younger Dowthitt, was being held in the Montgomery County Jail in lieu of \$15,000 bond as a material witness in the case, District Attorney Peter Speers said.

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## Investors sue Trump, 'Were duped'

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — Two investors in Donald Trump's casinos are suing the financially strapped developer, claiming his rosy financial assessments duped them into buying bonds in the gaming halls.

The lawsuits contend bondholders paid artificially inflated prices for interest in the Trump Castle Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, attorneys said Thursday. They are the first to be filed after Trump's failure last week to make a \$43 million junk bond payment for Trump Castle.

Negotiations with banks for a loan that would prevent Trump from defaulting on the payment face a midnight Tuesday deadline.

The looming deadline won't give bankers enough time to cement a \$65 million loan, so a separate, short-term loan to cover the \$43 million payment is likely to be necessary.

Defaulting on a total of \$352 million in bonds could threaten Trump's licenses from the New Jersey Casino Control Commission.

## Mandela declares his kinship

NEW YORK (AP) — Nelson Mandela told throngs of joyful supporters that blacks are nearing their goal of racial justice in South Africa, but their toughest work may lie ahead.

Mandela made exuberant and emotional appeals Thursday to a packed house at Yankee Stadium and an estimated 100,000 people at a rally in Harlem, the cultural capital of black America.

Earlier Thursday, the 71-year-old freedom fighter and other participants in an ecumenical service at Harlem's Riverside

Church danced jubilantly to the beat of African drummers after the African National Congress choir finished singing its anthem.

The service, with 2,000 invited guests, brought religious leaders of all faiths together in a call for equality.

Today, the third day of his first U.S. tour, Mandela was to bring his message — a plea for help ending racism in white-minority-ruled South Africa — to business leaders at the World Trade Center and to a global audience at the United Nations.

Before leaving for the closed meeting with business leaders, he started the day early with a walk to and through Carl Schurz Park, not far from Gracie Mansion, where Mandela is staying with Mayor David Dinkins.



MANDELA



Associated Press photo

TEHRAN, Iran — Relief workers help remove a man from the rubble left from the earthquake that killed at least 29,000 people.

## Quake kills 29,000; dogs seek survivors

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iranian workers using police dogs today rescued thousands of people buried under the rubble of their homes by an earthquake that killed about 29,000 people, official media reported.

At least 100 aftershocks continued to rattle the northern region near the Caspian Sea, shaking the capital, Tehran, and causing new landslides that trapped trucks carrying relief supplies.

But a fleet of rescue helicopters and planes got through to areas cut off by Thursday's quake. The planes brought tons of supplies and carried out thousands of survivors.

The earthquake measured at least 7.3 on the Richter scale and struck at 12:30 a.m., while most Iranians were asleep. The temblor was centered 125 miles northwest of Tehran.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency said relief officials had compiled a list of 28,950 dead and 28,198 injured. The Iranian mission to the United Nations

released a death toll of 25,000, and said the count would likely rise as rescuers reached more remote areas.

Most of the deaths were in two northern farming provinces, Gilan and Zanjan, which have a combined population of 2.7 million. IRNA said more than 25,000 people were killed in coastal Gilan alone. Telephone lines, electricity and water supplies were cut in the provinces.

In Geneva, the International Red Cross said radio reports from the Red Crescent of Iran indicated that at least 400,000 were left homeless.

Iranian authorities did not immediately allow foreign-based reporters to enter Iran to cover the disaster.

Rescuers began using dogs today to search for survivors and victims trapped beneath the mountains of debris. IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, quoted an air force commander as saying the use of police dogs "yielded good results."

## Prosecutors: Stiff 'Robin HUD' term

BALTIMORE (AP) — Federal prosecutors sought a 46-month prison term today for "Robin HUD," the woman who claimed she stole millions from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to help the poor.

Federal sentencing guidelines recommend a prison term of only 30 to 37 months for Marilyn Harrell, a former Maryland Realtor who pleaded guilty in January to stealing government property and filing a false tax return.

Harrell, 46, was nicknamed "Robin HUD" by federal agents after claiming she siphoned off money from the sale of government-owned houses and gave most of it to charity. She has acknowledged stealing \$5.7 million, though the total amount taken and given to charity remained in dispute before sentencing.

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## Northern spotted owl protection expected

### Decision could cost logging jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is taking its first steps toward protection of the northern spotted owl, which ultimately could stop harvests on millions of acres of forests and cost thousands of logging jobs in the Pacific Northwest.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service scheduled an announcement today on the two-foot-tall brownish bird. An estimated 3,000 to 5,000 pairs survive.

Environmentalists, industry officials and members of Congress predicted that agency director John Turner would formally designate the owl as a "threatened species" entitled to government protection under the Endangered Species Act.

Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan, Turner's boss, has said he expects the department will be sued by both environmentalists and the timber industry after the announcement is made.

"It's going to be listed throughout its range" of Oregon, Washington and northern California, said Bob Hennessey, an aide to Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore.

Such a designation would make it illegal to harm any of the owls or destroy their critical habitat without federal government approval.

Less certain was the scope of the protection and the speed at which it would be put into place. Environmentalists said they were fearful the administration would delay implementation of the protection plan until the fall.

A committee led by Forest Service biologist Jack Ward Thomas announced in April that the northern spotted owl has lost about two-thirds of its habitat since 1800.

The panel recommended more than 3 million acres of previously unprotected forests — an area nearly as large as Connecticut — be set aside to preserve owl habitat.

The Endangered Species Act was passed in 1973 and has been used to provide protection to the bald eagle and grizzly bear, among other animals.

Under the law, a designation of a threatened species means it is likely to become extinct without protection, whereas extinction is viewed as a certainty for an endangered species.

Turner's announcement comes on the heels of a declaration by government scientists in April that the rare owl is likely to become extinct unless millions of acres of habitat are created. The owl's

# World

## Soviet: Pull Allied troops from Berlin

WEST BERLIN (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze today proposed the withdrawal of the victorious World War II Allies' troops from Berlin six months after German unification.

The proposal apparently would involve only troops of the three Western Allies in West Berlin because the Soviet contingents are stationed just outside the East Berlin city limits on East German territory.

It was not clear if any of those Soviet troops might be affected.

The Western Allies — the United States, France and Great Britain — have about 12,000 troops in West Berlin. An official in the office of the military attache at the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin said there were no Soviet troops stationed in the city.

In his surprise announcement today, Shevardnadze gave only the broad outlines of his plan. Details were to be presented later today to his counterparts from the United States, France, Britain and the two German states.

## Task force: One spouse is enough

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP) — Several members of Parliament could be put in an awkward position if action is taken on a recommendation that polygamy be outlawed.

Polygamy is traditional in many parts of the country, and several politicians have more than one wife. But according to a report by the Task Force on Family Law Reform, polygamy is not permitted under the constitution, which stipulates equal rights for women. The task force said this week the practice should be banned.

The alternative is polyandry — allowing women to have more than one husband — but this is not practical because the constitution also stipulates that Papua New Guinea is a Christian country, the report said.

"Therefore, it is best for everyone to have only one wife or one husband," it concluded.

The task force said it was considering recommending that the Law Reform Commission ask Parliament to abolish polygamy within two years, although existing polygamous marriages should continue to be recognized.

## Peru support of drug plan expected

LIMA, Peru (AP) — President-elect Alberto Fujimori has indicated he will probably support a U.S.-funded anti-drug plan in his predecessor's place.

"In principle, I consider the agreement useful and opportune for the fight against narco-terrorism," Fujimori, who is to take office July 28, said Thursday.

Under the accord, Peru would receive \$35 million in U.S. military aid this year. That includes \$20 million for a training base near Peru's Upper Huallaga

Valley, which is the world's main source of coca leaf, the raw material for cocaine.

At least a thousand Maoist Shining Path guerrillas are believed to operate in the valley, located on the eastern jungles of the Andes, 250 miles northeast of Lima.

The rebels provide protection for drug traffickers in exchange for money and arms.

The military agreement has been strongly criticized by Peruvian politicians who fear it will lead to direct U.S. involvement in the country's guerrilla war.

The outgoing president, Alan Garcia, refused to sign the military aid agreement, demanding that the United States also provide other economic aid for the anti-drug effort.



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# Opinion

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### Numbers game

The fact that a team of mathematicians has succeeded in splitting a 155-digit number into its three prime factors is hardly the sort of news that has most people gripping the edges of their chairs. Nevertheless, in the cryptologist's arcane world of espionage and secret messages, it is a major triumph. Only a year ago the feat seemed utterly impossible.

But researchers Hendrik Lenstra, of the University of California at Berkeley, and John Pollard, of Reading, England, have come close to confirming Edgar Allan Poe's famous dictum that human ingenuity cannot concoct a cipher which human ingenuity cannot resolve. But what practical effect does their mathematical discovery have on the man in the street? Perhaps more than he realizes. Bankers use these large code numbers to move funds electronically. Phone companies use them to ensure privacy. The Defense Department relies on them for security. And governments use them to transmit secret intelligence. Breaking other nations' codes produces more and better information than all the world's spies put together.

History is peppered with references to cryptology. Mary Queen of Scots was executed after an enciphered plot to assassinate Queen Elizabeth I was unraveled by Thomas Phelippes.

Nearer home, the Zimmermann telegram propelled America into World War I. German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmermann offered Mexico the return of her "lost properties" of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona if she would declare war on the United States. The coded telegram was intercepted and deciphered. America's outrage erupted into a declaration of war on Germany.

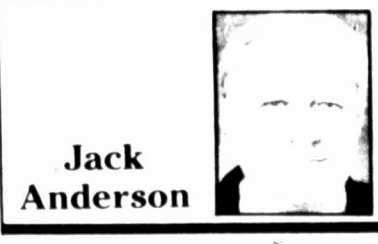
During World War II, the solution of coded Japanese naval messages led to the American victory at Midway Island. Conversely, the U.S. Marine Corps confounded Japanese code-breakers throughout the Pacific with a code fashioned from the little-known Navajo language.

The discovery of a way to break more-modern codes based on lengthy numbers is likely to have an immediate impact on security systems used widely in American commerce and industry. And, since national security is no longer protected by codes based on 155-digit numbers, the discovery also will influence the way the federal government conducts its secret business.

But breaking codes and gathering intelligence is only part of the game; that was made plain in 1941, when the attack on Pearl Harbor succeeded despite the breaking of the Japanese code by American experts. No matter how good we become at solving codes, military and diplomatic intelligence will always need to be backed up by another form of intelligence. As the latest team of mathematicians has just shown, there simply is no replacement for human ingenuity.

### Why is the IRS right even when it's wrong?

By JACK ANDERSON  
and DALE VAN ATTA



WASHINGTON — In June 1988, Alex Council of Pfalltown, N.C., killed himself, blaming his fate on the Internal Revenue Service. He left a note for his wife Kay: "I have taken my life in order to provide capital for you. The IRS and its liens which have been taken against our property illegally by a runaway agency of our government have dried up all sources of credit for us. So I have made the only decision I can. It's purely a business decision. I hope you can understand that. I love you completely. Alex."

The Councils had been fighting a running battle with the IRS for nine years. Four months after Alex Council's death, Kay Council went to court using the money from his life insurance, and she beat the IRS. The judge barred the IRS from collecting the \$300,000 in taxes, penalties and interest that it claimed the Councils owed.

Tangling with the IRS does not normally have a fatal outcome. But many taxpayers who square off with the tax man experience losses and repercussions that last a lifetime. Challenging the fearsome monolith, even when you know you are right, can be overwhelming and, in some cases, impossible.

A congressional investigation recently concluded that the IRS wrongly assessed penalties to 1.5 million taxpayers in 1988. The IRS admitted that was true and vowed to do its best to clean up the book-keeping errors that led to those unwarranted penalties.

But that is little consolation to taxpayers who think they have paid their due and fail an IRS audit anyway. If it happened to you, would you accept defeat and pay the money or would you stand up to the IRS?

If you chose the latter, plan on spending plenty of money. Congress passed a Taxpayers' Bill of Rights two years ago making it easier for you to go to court and stop the IRS from bleeding you dry when you know you are in the right. Tax court is one place that

you are guilty before proven innocent, and the law still makes taxpayers come up with the court costs.

Some senators recognize the advantage the IRS has and they have tried to shift the odds toward the taxpayer. Most recently Sen. William Armstrong, R-Colo., introduced a series of "Fair Play for Taxpayers Bills." They provide for taxpayers to get their expenses back if they win their cases, allow taxpayers to sue the IRS for carelessness and make the IRS pay the same interest rate as the taxpayer would on disputed taxes.

Armstrong told our reporter Paul Zimmerman that the IRS can be "very coercive." He added, "Even if you win your case in court, you lose by paying court costs."

One provision in Armstrong's plan would put an end to a bit of IRS skullduggery — the use of tax accountants to rat on their clients.

The IRS uses between 750 and 900 "controlled informants" a year — people who spill information that the IRS subsequently uses to go after a delinquent taxpayer. Incredibly, an estimated 20 of those informants are tax accountants.

Unlike lawyers, accountants are not bound by confidentiality requirements with their clients. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants deplors the practice, but it happens anyway.

A St. Louis man recently discovered, after he was indicted by a federal grand jury on six counts of tax evasion, that his accountant had gone to the IRS with the damning information. In return, the accountant got a break on his own tax problem.

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### The writer's art Court of Peeves: Now in session

By JAMES J. KILPATRICK

The June assizes are at hand, and the Court of Peeves, Crotchets and Irks is now in session! God save this honorable court and the English language. Or at least save the language. Be seated.

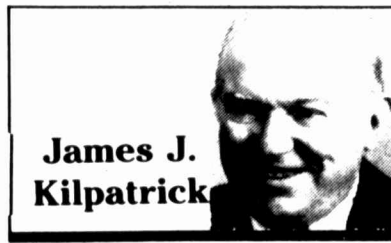
Wilma McCammon of Montpelier, Ind., complains of what she calls "clipped words," and she cites by way of example "bio" for "biography" and "obit" for "obituary." These cleaver residual hunks, she fears, detract from our beautiful language.

The court puts the complaint at the top of the docket for one reason: It provides a fresh opportunity to discourse upon the need of writers to know their audience. Nothing is wrong with bottailing a word provided one's readers know what is being bottailed.

This is a matter of editorial judgment. Virtually everyone knows that "auto" is short for "automobile." Some lesser percentage of readers will know that "condo" is short for condominium. What about such clipped words as nitro, mayo, ref, ump, gas, frig, tab and ped-X? The court sustains the complaint and admonishes all writers never to overestimate the knowledge of a reader. A child is born every minute who must be educated at some point in the meaning of info, memo, ammo, repo, limo, typo and logo. Give the ignorant kid a break.

Eleanor F. Middleton of Portland, Ore., lodged a complaint many months ago against "all that," as in, "I don't think Greta Garbo was all that great," or, "I don't like pumpkin pie all that much." Sustained! This is a slovenly turn of phrase that has crept into informal speech and threatens to infect the written word as well. Away with it!

Willis Ralston of Las Vegas is irked by the cornflakes commer-



cial that urges consumers to "taste them again for the first time." He finds the idea absurd. Of course it is absurd. The complaint is therefore overruled. If the writers of advertising were to be denied a right to be absurd, little would remain of advertising. The whole fragile empire of publishing would collapse. Next case.

John Holder of Lubbock, Texas, asks the court to condemn the use of "discrete" when "discreet" is intended. Condemnation granted. A discrete thing is a separate, individual, distinct thing. Someone who is discreet is modest, prudent, tactful, reserved. The words are as far apart as gentle and genteel, affect and effect, desert and dessert or diffuse and defuse. Watch those homophones!

Shelley Allen of Seattle complains of "species," as in, "The spotted owl is an endangered species." The plaintiff's thought is that the owl is a specie, not a species. Nope. Overruled. Species is coined money. Species is a taxonomic category. The noun is the same in both singular and plural: The owl is a species; hawks and falcons are species.

In the same vein, Sloan O'Donnell of Vero Beach, Fla., complains of a local feature writer who links the collective noun "slew" to a singular verb, e.g., "There's a slew of thrift shops in Vero Beach." The court waffles on this one. If we are to use the noun at all, let the sound of the

sentence control the number: "There is a slew of shops in ..." But, "A slew of shops are ..." The court notes that "slew" comes from the Gaelic "sluagh," but frankly, my dears, the court doesn't give a damn. Singular or plural, as slew or slue, the noun has an adolescent ring. Away with it!

Today's docket is crowded with questions of number. George M. Wagner of Lewiston, N.Y., asks if it is correct to say, "The Philippine Islands have lots of carabaos," or is it correct to say, "The Philippine Islands has lots of carabaos"? After all, the gentleman contends, "Philippine Islands" is no more plural than "the United States." The court is in doubt and seeks advice. In the Constitution, "the United States" consistently is treated as a plural noun, e.g., "Treason against the United States shall consist in levying war against them or in adhering to their enemies." Case continued.

John B. Ballard of Bend, Ore., is irked by "rife," as in, "The nation's capital is rife with rumors ..." and, "The computer models are rife with uncertainty." The court understands the complaint: It is the rumors and the uncertainty that are rife, not the capital or the models, but the court is in a forgiving mode. In the sense of widespread, prevalent, abundant or plentiful, "rife" has been around since the 13th century. The challenged constructions are misdemeanors, not felonies. Sentence suspended.

A crowded docket having barely been touched, the court will now recess to a date a week hence. All rise! Or all sit down. The Court of Peeves, Crotchets and Irks is not all that concerned with ceremony. Aaargh!

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### Memories are made of this

By LEWIS GRIZZARD

They will laugh at us 20 years from now for all the stir and commotion The 2 Live Crew, the rap rascals with the dirty mouths, have caused.

Sure they will.

We look back and laugh at our parents and our teachers and our lawmakers and our ministers for how they reacted to Elvis, don't we?

Remember that? All Elvis did was shake his pelvis.

He did a little grind with his hips, is what he did, and you would have thought he had uncovered his privates on stage, which is what one of today's rock stars did not long ago.

With every Elvis move, the teenage girls screamed with delight, and the adults decried the Sideburned One as vile and evil.

"It's the devil's music," I heard the Baptist preacher back home say.

"Listen to that music," he continued, "and you are on a path headed straight to hell!"

I was 10 or 11 at the time, and I certainly didn't want to get on the freeway to hell — and I still don't — but I took a chance.

I went home after church, took out my 45 of "Don't Be Cruel," listened to it a couple of times and then prayed, "Don't hold it against me, Lord, I just like the beat."

There are people now who want The 2 Live Crew's concerts and records banned.

When I was growing up, the old men called Elvis's offerings "jungle music," and then said worse about him.

But we look back on Elvis now, and if he were still alive, we could invite him to sing in church. They play his music on country music stations, for crying out loud. Fifty-year-old women visit his grave and cry.

Eventually, the same thing will happen to The 2 Live Crew. Today they get arrested and the cops monitor their concerts.

And that just makes the kids even more anxious to buy the group's music and see them perform.

They flock to the record stores and they think the dirty lyrics are a hoot, as we did when we heard the unintelligible words to "Louie, Louie" were really filthy if you could hear them. And the kids flock to see The 2 Live Crew perform, and although I think The 2 Live Crew and their music — if you can call it that — are enough to make you puke, if I were 16, I wouldn't miss a performance.

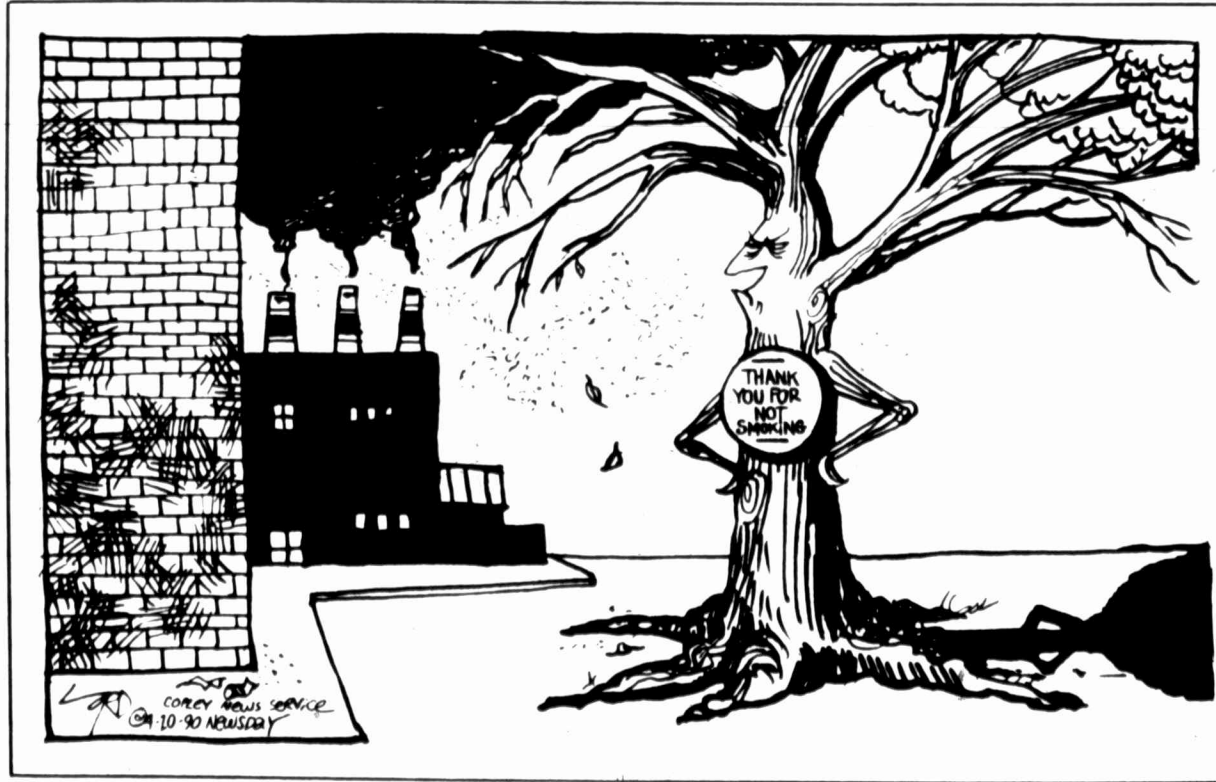
We've gone from Elvis to The 2 Live Crew in my lifetime. Twenty years from now The 2 Live Crew will, like Elvis, seem absolutely harmless.

God knows what they'll be doing 20 years from now. Singing on stage in the nude, probably. Madonna sings in her underwear now.

They'll be singing naked and probably having sex on stage, and the kids who liked The 2 Live Crew will have their drawers in a serious bundle because their kids will be determined to hear and see "Stark Nakkid and the Car Thieves" singing their controversial hit, "I Want to Kiss You on Your Woo-Woo in the Nude."

The point is, you ain't seen nothin' yet. Elvis seems like an angel now and, a generation from now, The 2 Live Crew probably won't be able to get a gig playing a Tupperware party. So, nobody have a cow over The 2 Live Crew. This, too, will pass for something even more shocking.

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### Quotes

"Something that folks loathe almost as much as flag burners is politicians who demagogue, who wrap themselves in the flag for some partisan votes." — Rep. Ben Jones, D-Ga., after a proposed constitutional amendment against burning the American flag failed to gain the necessary two-thirds majority in the House.

"We are on the verge of victory.

but the last mile of the freedom road could prove to be the most difficult and the most intractable." — Nelson Mandela, addressing throngs of supporters in New York City on the African National Congress' fight to overcome white minority rule in South Africa.

"Safer sex gets a lot tougher when you have to live with it your whole life." — Maggie Reinfeld of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City, on findings that 10 years into the AIDS epidemic, some gay men are relapsing into unsafe sexual practices.

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# New monkey species found

NEW YORK (AP) — A new species of monkey with a lion's head and a striking gold and black coat has been discovered in an unlikely place — a highly urbanized part of Brazil, scientists say.

The black-faced lion tamarin, as the new monkey is called, is a golden squirrel-sized monkey with black face, forearms and tail, and a big, bushy mane. It was discovered this spring, researchers said Wednesday.

"It's quite remarkable, because it's almost like finding something in the suburbs of Los Angeles," said Russell Mittermeier, president of Conservation International in Washington.

It is only the fourth species of lion tamarin known. It will be the highlight of a meeting on lion tamarins to be held in Brazil beginning today.

The discovery of the monkey "complicates conservationists' jobs because we have to be concerned with another species in another habitat," said Charles Snowdon, a zoologist and psychologist at the University of Wisconsin.

On the other hand, he said, "It may be important for getting better ideas about how to conserve all species of lion tamarins."

The new lion tamarin was found by two biology students who had just taken their first jobs as professors, Lucia Lorini and Vanessa Guerra Persson. They were collaborating with Dante Martins Teixeira of the National Museum in Rio de Janeiro.

The discovery "is biologically important and an important conservation challenge as well," said Benjamin Beck, associate director of the National Zoo in Washington. Further studies of the animals' habitat and their relation to other lion tamarins should be conducted soon, he said.

When Mittermeier learned of the discovery, he immediately committed \$30,000 toward such studies and toward protection of this highly endangered new



**BLACK-FACED LION TAMARIN**

remaining, Mittermeier said.

Part of the island is a national park, Mittermeier said, but the black-faced lion tamarin was found only in another part of the island, he said.

Preliminary surveys suggest that only a few dozen of the black-faced lion tamarins have survived, Mittermeier said.

Three other species of lion tamarins are known, the most famous of them the golden-lion tamarin, which has been bred in captivity at the National Zoo and elsewhere around the world. It has been reintroduced into a reserve in Brazil.

All are members of the genus *Leontopithecus*. The new lion tamarin was named *Leontopithecus caissara* after the coastal fishermen, or caicaras, who live and work on the island where it was found.

All of the lion tamarins are endangered, primarily because the coastal Atlantic forest of Brazil, their sole habitat, has nearly disappeared under the crush of a burgeoning human population.

Researchers must find out exactly how many black-faced lion tamarins remain, exactly where and how they live, what they eat

and what other animals live in the same places, Beck said.

The black-faced lion tamarin was discovered on the island of Superagui, south of the city of Sao Paulo, in the Brazilian state of Parana. Parana is one of Brazil's most developed areas, with only 3 percent of its original forest cover

# Proposed dollar coin would save millions

WASHINGTON (AP) — If 29 senators have their way, gold-colored, 11-sided dollar coins commemorating Christopher Columbus will soon be jingling in Americans' pockets.

However, the Bush administration and the congressional General Accounting Office say the coins will simply occupy space in government vaults unless Congress simultaneously moves to end the availability of dollar bills.

The government could save an average of \$381 million a year by minting dollar coins, L. Nye Stevens of the GAO told the Senate Banking Committee on Wednesday.

But, he warned, "We think these savings are unlikely to occur unless Congress and the administration jointly resolve not only to eliminate the dollar note but also stand up to a negative public reaction that should be fully anticipated."

Stevens said Australia, Canada, Japan, Britain and other European nations succeeded in introducing high-denomination coins only after they eliminated the corresponding paper bills.

Donna V. Pope, director of the U.S. Mint, pointed to the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin, minted in 1979

and 1980, as an object lesson. About 425 million of the coins, half of the total struck, are still sitting in U.S. Mint and Federal Reserve vaults.

Nevertheless, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and 28 cosponsors are offering legislation authorizing the Columbus dollar, which would be slightly larger than a quarter and be 90 percent copper.

Domenici, who represents a copper-producing state, conceded that some Americans are reluctant to change. But he said his dollar coin would win acceptance because its color and shape would clearly differentiate it from other coins.

Anyone who rides a city bus, purchases a Sunday newspaper from a machine or makes long-distance calls from a pay phone will recognize the convenience of carrying a few dollar coins rather than a pocket full of quarters, he said.

"Due to inflation, the \$1 bill today buys about what a quarter purchased in 1950," Domenici said.

Taxpayers will save money, he added. The government currently prints 3.2 billion dollar bills a year at an average cost of 2.6 cents. Dollar coins would cost 6 cents each, but they would last 20 or more years in contrast with the 16-month life of the average greenback, Domenici said.



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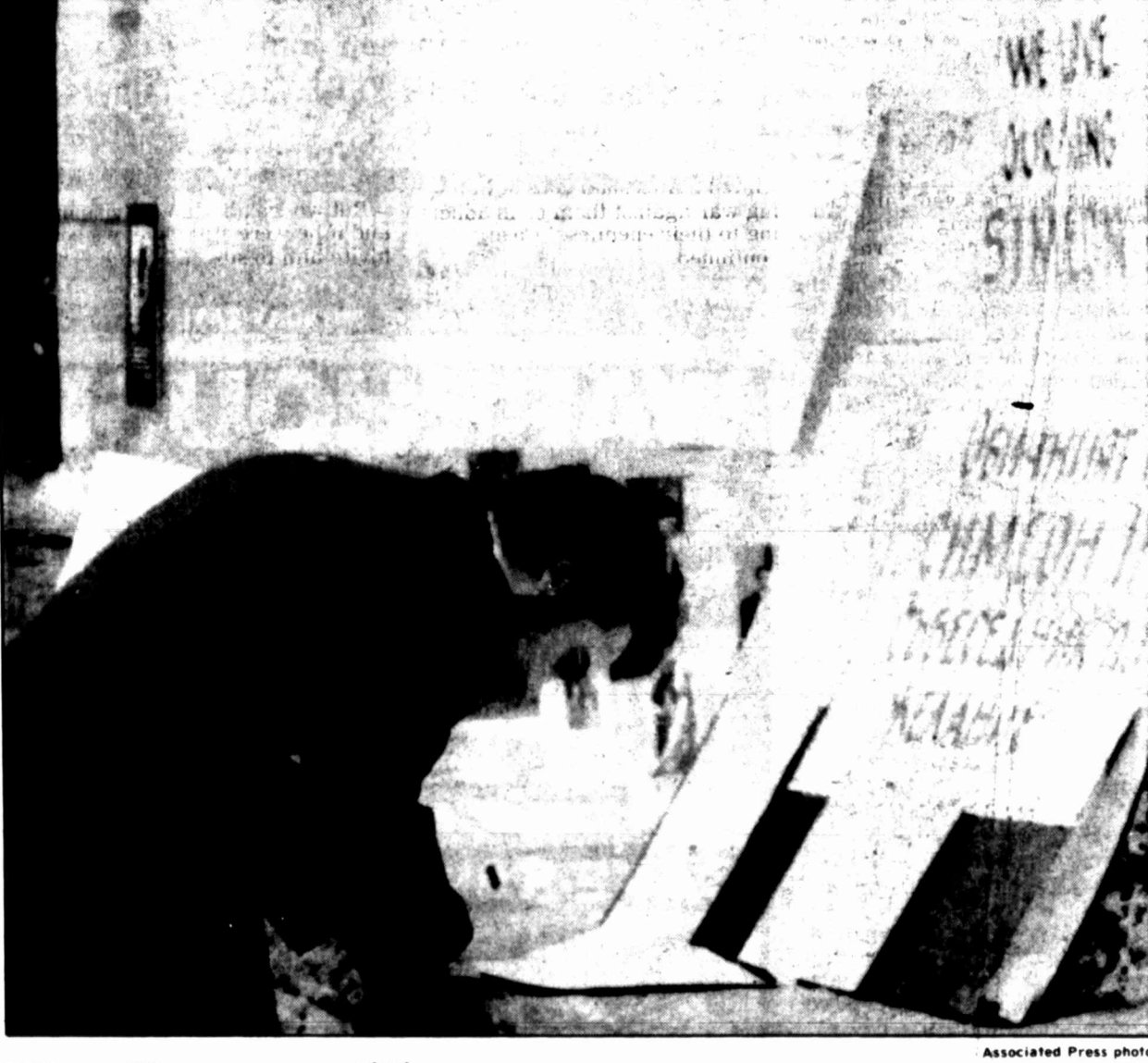
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## King Simeon petition

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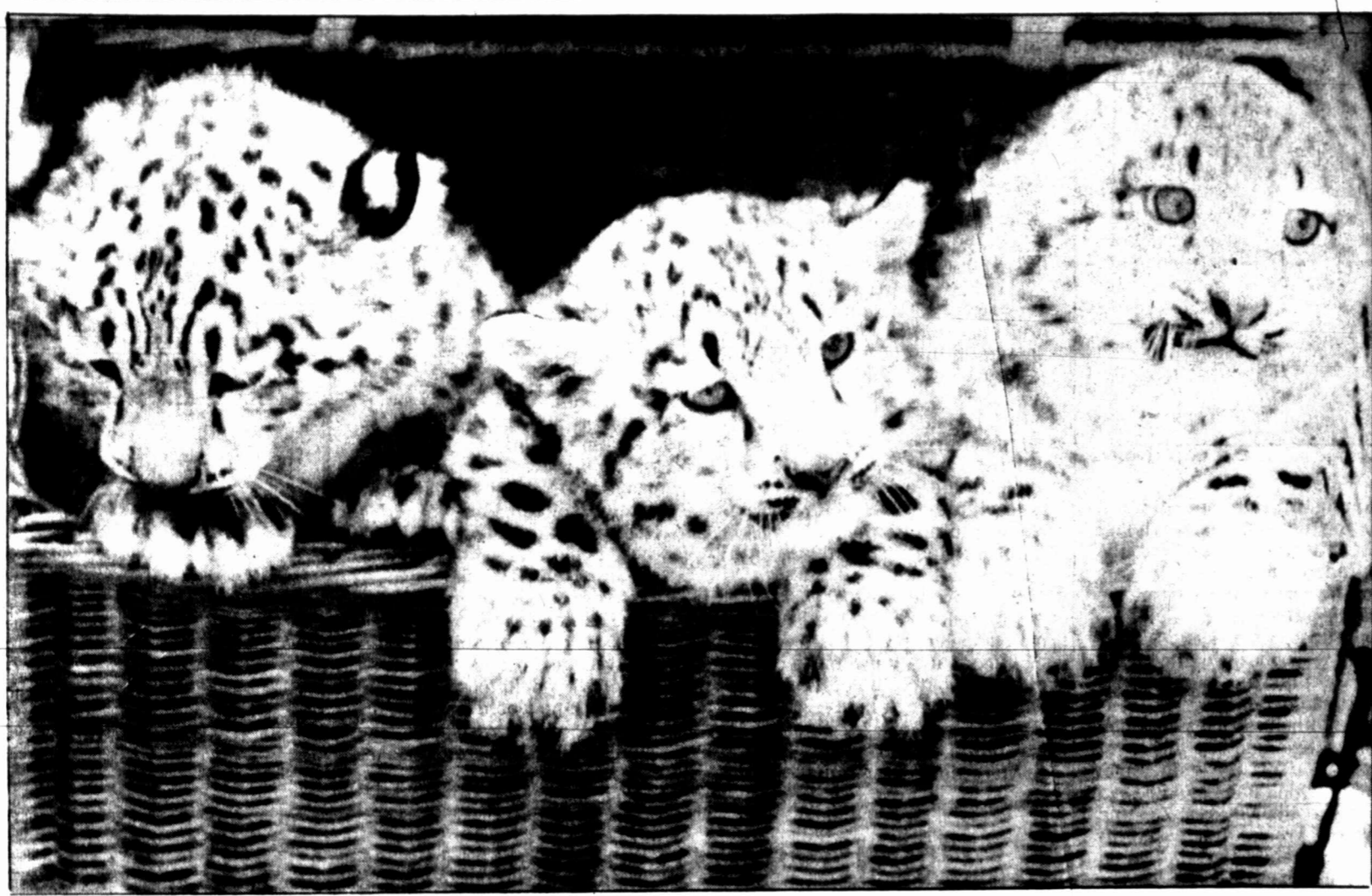
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## Snow-leopards

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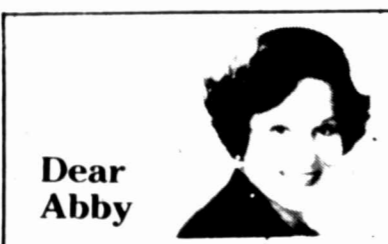
the mountains of Middle Asia. They are hunted for their beautiful white skin and only few are still alive in the free preserve.

## English major has a spelling problem

**DEAR ABBY:** Now I've heard everything. I just dictated a letter to my newly hired young secretary, whose resume indicated that she had been an English major. A bit later, she asked, "How do you spell 'Europe'?" I looked in the dictionary, but I couldn't find it under "U" — **APPALLED IN CHICAGO**

**DEAR APPALLED:** Your experience is not new to those of us who were educated in the good old days when the "3 R's" were stressed in education, the classes were no larger than the teacher could handle, and the students didn't carry weapons.

Send your "English major" back to the minors. Competent secretaries are still available. You just have to look a little harder.



Dear Abby

mal, polite, well-behaved. Here's the problem:

Frequently, when Ben's mother or other sister invites us to a family gathering, we are instructed to hire a sitter, so we can attend without our children.

Inevitably, we learn that Mary will attend with her children, as she has not been instructed to hire a sitter.

Ben's family has always shown a great deal of favoritism toward Mary, and now that favoritism has been extended to her children. My children are painfully aware of this.

I cannot change this situation after 10 years of trying. I feel the

best way to deal with this hurtful situation is for me to absent myself from such gatherings. I would rather spend the time with my children. I do not mind if my husband attends without me. I cannot ask him to turn his back on his family.

My husband feels that we should leave our children behind and both attend anyway. Am I being unreasonable? What do you think, Abby? Please let me know, as we have a few of these gatherings coming up soon. — **AN AVID ABBY FAN**

**DEAR FAN:** I think you are handling the situation in the best possible way. It's too bad your husband doesn't have the manliness to tell his family that if they chose to snub his wife and children, he chooses to absent himself, too.

doesn't calm down within a few minutes.

We were sitting at a table next to a toddler who was screaming at the top of his lungs. The mother said (to her husband), "Just ignore it — he'll quiet down." Well, the child didn't quiet down — so an elderly woman at the table across from them turned to the child, and in a very loud and commanding voice bellowed, "Will you please hush up!"

The child was struck dumb! The parents started to laugh and, believe it or not, the toddler laughed too.

A gentleman was leaving the restaurant, and as he passed the table where the "hush up" woman was seated, he smiled pleasantly, leaned down and said, "Good for you!" — **ALSO IN THE CHEERING SECTION**

Readers can write to Abby at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069.



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## She's no dummy

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## Church celebrates 100 years

### Colorado City

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By **BARBIE LELEK**

The First Baptist Church of Westbrook celebrated its 100th birthday June 17. Former members, visitors, and home folk crowded the church for the special morning service. Sunday school was dismissed to allow more time for the special preparations which had been made. The morning was divided into two sessions, filling the first with special music and a church "history lesson." Special music was brought by Steve Manning, Tommy Sloan, Tammy Harless, and Sue Pierce. The second session followed a short break, with more special music and ending with a sermon by the Rev. Bob Manning. Those sharing in song were the Clawson family, Wayne Pierce, Eddie Ranne, the Westbrook First Baptist Church choir and a special on the piano by Opal Powell. Two especially special guests were the former pastor of First Baptist in Westbrook, brother and Mrs. David Crow.

Everyone was invited to stay for "Dinner on the Grounds" at the Westbrook High School cafeteria. According to Sue Pierce, 263 people were served.

### Vacation Bible School

It seems when summer comes, the kids can't wait to get out of school, then two weeks later they are complaining about being bored. Does this sound familiar to you? One sure cure for the "Bored Kids Blues" is Vacation Bible School!

Calvary Baptist Church will be hosting its annual Vacation Bible School June 25-29. The theme of the week will be "Exploring the Bible." I want to encourage all children ages four years through fifth grade to come and have a great time.

### Pastor and wife attend convention

Two "messengers" from the First Baptist Church were sent to New Orleans to attend the annual Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Ted and Stephanie Spear, pastor and wife, of the First Baptist Church left early for the convention to also attend the pastor's conference which was held June 10-11.

More than 37,000 people from all over the United States traveled to be a part of the event that was held in the Superdome. A huge platform down the center of the football field served as a stage for the many special music singers, choirs, and orchestras as well as preachers and special speakers. Stephanie Spear explained the convention as "A huge Baptist business meeting, if you can imagine 37,000 people at a business meeting." Everyone in attendance voted on issues from the budget to electing new officers. The new Southern Baptist Conference president is Morris Chapman, from Texas.

A play was presented in honor of the 100th birthday of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Program. It also portrayed the beginning of Training Union and Vacation Bible School.

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# Democrats now seek to expand Hatch Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats, unable to override President Bush's veto of a bill to let federal workers join political campaigns, now want to extend the ban to Bush's Cabinet and hundreds of other presidential appointees.

"What's good for the goose is good for the gander," Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., said in introducing the new bill Thursday. Earlier, the Senate failed by two votes to override Bush' veto of the legislation to broaden federal workers' political rights.

Pryor's new bill would extend the 1939 Hatch Act's ban on federal workers' political activities to the more than 350 employees on the White House payroll and another 600 presidential appointees.

In vetoing the earlier bill Friday, Bush said that allowing federal workers to participate in campaigns "would inevitably lead to repoliticizing the federal work force" and "destroy its essential

political neutrality."  
"If that's your big concern... stop appointing those ambassadors who simply gave \$100,000 to the Republican Committee," said Rep. Gerry Sikorski, D-Minn., who with Rep. William Clay, D-Mo., introduced Pryor's bill in the House. "Over the last dozen years, the number of political appointees in the federal work force has increased almost 60 percent."

The Senate override attempt failed on a 65-35 vote, with three Republican supporters switching their votes to deny the needed two-thirds majority. All 55 Democrats voted to override.

When the bill was passed by the Senate in May with a potentially veto-overriding 67-30 majority, 13 Republicans had supported it. Reversing their earlier votes Thursday were Sens. Alfonse D'Amato of New York, Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico and Trent

Lott of Mississippi.  
The White House also picked up the support of Republican Sens. Pete Wilson of California and Kit Bond of Missouri. Both had missed the vote in May.

The House, with nearly half of its Republicans bolting the administration, voted 327-93 Wednesday to override Bush's veto — 46 votes more than needed.

Democrats attributed the Senate loss to White House pressure on Republicans to maintain Bush's perfect record of overpowering Congress in all 11 previous veto showdowns his first 17 months in office.

"All of us regret that the merits of this struggle were overshadowed by partisan appeals to preserve the president's unbroken string of consecutive vetoes sustained by Congress," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said.

The closest Bush has come to losing a veto override was last July,

when 34 senators by a single vote upheld his veto of a bill to impose conditions on his sale of FSX jet fighter technology to Japan.

Senate GOP Leader Bob Dole of Kansas offered another explanation for the vote switch: Democratic desires to bolster the political action committees of federal employee unions, which funneled 88 percent of their campaign contributions in the 1988 election to Democrats.

"The PAC heads of the Letter Carriers and others (unions) want more power to raise more money to give to Democrats," Dole said. "That's how it works around here: Money is power."

The legislation would have allowed 3 million federal and postal workers, for the first time in 51 years, to attend political conventions and caucuses as delegates — on their own time — and speak at rallies on behalf of candidates.



Associated Press photo

## Free food

EAST BERLIN — East Germans help themselves to strawberries after farmers left them on an East Berlin sidewalk to keep them from spoiling. Throughout East Germany, farmers have been plagued by lack of outlets for their products due to the massive upheavals in the economy.

## Panel asks for more foreign economic aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring the Cold War over, a House committee is pushing a \$15.8 billion foreign aid bill that begins shifting the emphasis in America's help from military toward more economic aid.

"The West has won the Cold War, and we have a right to say so!" the Appropriations Committee trumpeted in its report on the 1991 aid measure, approved Thursday on a voice vote.

The march toward democracy and free markets in Eastern Europe and elsewhere brings Congress "face to face with the responsibility to reshape our foreign assistance budget," the Democratic-run committee said, harshly criticizing President Bush for drafting "a sleepwalker's budget."

Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., foreign aid subcommittee chairman, called Bush's request for \$5 billion in military aid, an increase of \$300 million over the current level, "particularly quaint, given the changes in the world." Instead, the panel approved just over \$4.6 billion in military aid to friends and allies around the globe.

Obey mapped out a five-year agenda for changing the emphasis of U.S. aid, beginning this year with a shift of \$400 million from military aid into programs for refugees, children and economic development for Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

He had sought even deeper cuts, but was forced to add back \$144 million to the military aid account to buy at least the temporary support of the administration and Republican lawmakers when the bill goes to the full House next week.

**"The West has won the Cold War, and we have a right to say so" — Appropriations Committee in its report on the 1991 aid measure**

There will be plenty of other fights on the bill, including battles over U.S. aid to El Salvador, to Cambodian rebels and to international population control agencies. The bill remains subject to further change when it goes to the Senate.

On the most difficult issue, El Salvador, the bill would withhold half of next year's expected \$85 million in military aid. The fate of the money would depend on progress in peace talks between the government and leftist rebels who have waged a 10-year civil war.

If the FMLN rebels were to mount a major military offensive or abandon peace discussions, the government's military aid would be restored; if the Salvadoran government were to take such action, it would lose the remaining half of its aid.



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Inside Sports

Western Sportsman rifle match

The Western Sportsman Club will have a 22 rifle match Sunday at 1:30 p.m. The club is located 9 miles west on Highway 176 (Andrews Highway). Non-members are welcome.

Gorilla v-ball play set June 30

The Second Annual Gorilla Volleyball Tournament will be June 30, played on the sandy beach at Highland Mall starting at 9 a.m. There will be two events: gorilla volleyball with two or three player teams; and standard volleyball, with six-person teams. Entry fee is \$10 per person, and \$15 for both events. Proceeds from the tournament go to Rape Crisis/Victims Services. For more information call Vicky Jernigan at 263-3312.

Tennis tourney set in Carlsbad

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Carlsbad, N.M. will be the site of the Cavern City Tennis Tournament June 30-July 2 at the Rio Pecos Tennis Shop. Divisions will include men, women and mixed doubles from ages 35-65 years old. Entry fee is \$12 for singles and \$20 for doubles. Entry deadline is June 26. Participants must be members of the United States Tennis Association.USTA cards will be available at the tournament desk. For more information call (505) 887-1980.

Hunter education will be offered

A course in hunter education has been scheduled for July 25-28 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Dribbell's Sporting Store, located at 1307 South Gregg. Instructor will be Boyce Hale. According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's mandatory requirements, those born during the period of Sept 2, 1971 through August 31, 1973 must successfully complete the course to hunt in Texas. For more information call Boyce Hale at 267-6957.

Several hoop camps at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK — The Gerald Myers Basketball Camp will be hosted by Texas Tech basketball coach Gerald Myers. Camp dates are June 24-29 and the next camp will be July 29-Aug. 3. Cost of the camp is \$250 for residence and \$210 for non-residence. For more information call (806) 742-3355.

Country Club must accept blacks

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Founder Hall Thompson said the Shoal Creek Country Club, the site of the PGA Championship in August, will not be forced into accepting blacks as members. Thompson said the club's members include Jews, women, Lebanese and Italians, but no blacks. "The country club is our home and we pick and choose who we want," he said.

Thompson said blacks played at Shoal Creek during the 1984 PGA Championship and black caudies are allowed to play on Mondays, when the course is closed to members.

Officials with the Professional Golfers Association of America said if a club is found to discriminate racially it could affect a decision to hold future PGA events there. But the 1990 tournament will go ahead as planned.

Rielly said the PGA has found no written discriminatory policies at Shoal Creek, where the PGA Championship will be played Aug. 6-12, but the organization can do little if a club has unwritten rules.

Mavs acquire All-Star guard

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks, taking a cue from Western Conference champion Portland, have acquired veteran All-Star guard Fat Lever from the Denver Nuggets in exchange for two first-round draft picks. The Mavericks wanted to obtain a veteran player rather than break up the team and start again with youth. With three first-round picks in the June 27 draft, they had a package deal in mind.

For Lever, an eight-year veteran, the Mavericks gave up the No. 9 pick, which they acquired from Washington in exchange for Jay Vincent on Sept. 3, 1986, and the Detroit Pistons' 1991 first-round selection, which Dallas acquired Feb. 15, 1989, along with Adrian Dantley in exchange for Mark Aguirre. "To get Fat Lever for the No. 9 pick is a bargain," Mavericks coach Richie Adubato said Thursday night after the deal was completed.

Buck brought to Portland. Everybody knows he's a winner." Lever was en route to Hawaii early today and hadn't learned of the trade, the Mavericks said. The Mavericks sent his wife Charlene Lever a telegram in Phoenix, said team spokesman Kevin Sullivan. "Obviously, we hate to give up a player of Fat Lever's caliber, but our team needs a facelift and we feel this can improve the Denver Nuggets in the long run," said Nug-

gets president Carl Scheer. Lever, 6-foot-3 and 175 pounds, led Denver in scoring (18.3), rebounding (9.3), assists (6.5), and steals (2.12) this season and made his second All-Star appearance. He has led the Nuggets in steals and assists each year since 1984-85 and has been the club's top rebounder and the top rebounding guard in the league the last four seasons.

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Lopez off to fast start

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — The 17th hole at the Locust Hill Country Club brought back good memories for Nancy Lopez. Lopez's eagle on the par-5 hole Thursday propelled her into a tie for the first-round lead of the LPGA's Rochester International, a tournament she has won three times.

LPGA

"I took myself back to when I made an eagle on it before," Lopez said. "That hole definitely turns things around." Lopez is making her 10th start at Rochester and she won in 1978, 1980 and 1981. Lopez was tied with Kathy Postlewait at 4-under-par 68, while Amy Alcott and Joan Fitzcock were a stroke back. Caroline Keggi, Lori West, Barb Bunkowsky and Caroline Pierce had 70s. Postlewait also eagled the 17th on Thursday, as did four others. Wet, gusty conditions slowed the greens on the 6,162-yard course.

Defending champion Patty Sheehan, who recorded a double-eagle on the 17th in 1989, parred the hole Thursday and finished with a par round of 72. Sheehan said before the tournament that she feels like she has lost a shot when she doesn't make birdie on 17.



Ground fight

TURIN, Italy — Stuart McCall (left), from the Scottish soccer team, fights for the ball with Brazilian player Filho Bandido Valdo as both

fight for the ball during the first five minutes of their World Cup Game. Brazil won the game 1-0.

Associated Press photo

Irwin stays red hot

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — There is no letup in Hale Irwin, so there was no letdown in the wake of his emotionally draining U.S. Open triumph. "I didn't come here just to slip and slide around the golf course," Irwin said Thursday after a hole-in-one helped him to a place among the leaders after the first round of the Buick Classic.

PGA

Instead of slipping and sliding, he was romping into the gallery again, slapping high fives with spectators, just as he did after his 72nd-hole birdie in the U.S. Open. His seventh career ace — this with a pitching wedge on the 112-yard sixth hole at Westchester Country Club — was the centerpiece of a 5-under-par 66 that left him a stroke behind rookie leader Kirk Triplett.

Paul Azinger topped a group at 67 that included two-time U.S. Open winner Andy North, Craig Stadler, Jay Haas, Larry Rinker and Fred Funk. Triplett was the first man off the tee in cool, cloudy weather and made the most of what he called "perfect, untracked greens." He escaped with a bogey-free round.

In between, Irwin hit iron shots to six feet or less on four holes and birdied them all.

Tark's legal odyssey near end

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Jerry Tarkanian vs. the NCAA, a 13-year legal journey, may finally be nearing an end.

The NCAA's Infractions Committee will meet this weekend to put to rest a case that has more wrinkles than the furrowed brow of the man who coached the UNLV Runnin' Rebels to college basketball's national championship two months ago.

The NCAA placed UNLV on probation in August 1977, four months after the school made its first appearance in the Final Four. The NCAA alleged violations such as free plane rides and grade altering. Tarkanian denied the charges and went to court. State District Court judges sided with Tarkanian throughout a series of trials, with one judge calling the battle with the NCAA "a trial by ambush."

The options for the committee range from demanding — again — that Tarkanian be suspended, knowing UNLV cannot do so under court order, to giving the school and the coach a slap on the wrist.

The outcome is expected in about three weeks and is likely to be somewhere in between.

The case began in 1977 when UNLV was cited for three dozen recruiting violations. The NCAA ordered UNLV to serve two years' probation and, in an unprecedented action, ordered Tarkanian

suspended for two years. The NCAA had never ordered a coach suspended before Tarkanian or since, said NCAA spokesman Jim Marchiony.

The university served the probation, but Tarkanian went to state District Court and obtained an injunction that remains in effect and prevents the university from suspending him.

Tarkanian went on to amass the best record among active college coaches, 449-102 in 17 years at UNLV, topped off by a 103-73 rout of Duke in the NCAA national championship April 2.

The NCAA pursued the celebrated case to the U.S. Supreme Court, where a 5-4 decision in December 1988 went against Tarkanian and left colleges and universities in a quandary. The high court ruled the NCAA was a private organization and did not have to provide Tarkanian due process when it suspended him.

However, the panel said UNLV, which would have to impose the suspension, must first provide Tarkanian due process.

The NCAA cannot suspend a coach; it can only order a member school to do so.

So what are the Infractions Committee's options? Ordering Tarkanian suspended again would fly in the face of the state court order, and it would mean ordering UNLV to impose a

penalty it cannot legally carry out. If the committee were to consider further probation for UNLV, it would mean penalizing the school twice for the same offense and imposing sanctions on current players who were pre-schoolers when the violations occurred.

The Infractions Committee, meeting in 1979 after the probation was served, said UNLV did all it was asked to do.

"This case is now 13 years old. The university has only been on probation one time in its history," UNLV president Robert Maxson said Wednesday. "It did everything that was asked to do in the probation period. It did it honorably. I just can't recommend any more penalties against the university."

"Suspending Jerry is not an option," Maxson said. "He has a permanent injunction against the university."

Maxson sees the long battle as a "cloud that has hung over the university far too long."

UNLV is also the subject of an NCAA investigation over the recruiting of New York City prep star Lloyd Daniels, who became involved in drugs and was dropped by Tarkanian three years ago. Results of that probe should be known later this year.



Reflection of a winner

NEW YORK — Detroit Pistons guard Isiah Thomas, MVP of the NBA Championship series, poses with his trophy during ceremonies this week. Thomas, whose name was mentioned in a gambling investigation by FBI officials, is not under investigation said FBI officials.

Associated Press photo

Big East names new commissioner

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Now that Mike Tranghese is in charge in the Big East, it's no more Mr. Nice Guy.

Tranghese, 46, who long labored in the shadow of the league's first commissioner, Dave Gavitt, was appointed the new commissioner on Thursday and immediately made it clear he was no pushover. "I haven't been hired because they think I'm a nice person," Tranghese said.

Instead, Tranghese, who takes over July 1, said he was promoted to lead the Big East through what could be a rocky second decade.

Big East basketball has lucrative television contracts, but Syracuse, Boston College and Pittsburgh, its Division I-A football schools, are hungrily eyeing the TV money available through other con-

ferences that have both sports. Georgetown coach John Thompson, one of the league's most well-known figures, is being courted as general manager by the NBA's Denver Nuggets.

"What our options are, I don't know," Tranghese said. But the man who negotiated the television contracts that turned a rag-tag band of nine schools into one of the country's most recognized conferences said he would come up with something.

"We are not going to let someone step forward and control our destiny," he warned. "We have our fights, we have our battles and we're going to continue to have them. But don't you dare say anything about us from outside."

"We're going to continue to do what we have to do in privacy. We're different than other conferences and we'll continue to be

different." Gavitt, who has become director of basketball operations for the Boston Celtics, said it should be no surprise that Tranghese is no wallflower.

Tranghese was loyal enough not to disagree with the boss in past years, Gavitt said, but "Mike Tranghese has been his own man for as long as I have known him."

There never really was anyone else in contention but Tranghese, said Larry Keating, Seton Hall athletic director. But all the A.D.s had to satisfy themselves, as well as their school presidents, that they had considered all the options before appointing Tranghese, he said.

"That's what made it difficult. We didn't want to be accused of just taking the next guy in line," Keating said.



Texas wheeler

HOUSTON — Debbie Turner was the only woman in a group of nine cyclists who rode from El Paso to Orange in seven days. They finished the 919 mile trip earlier this week.

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# Religion

## Church briefs

### Church to honor former pastor

Father Frank Beasley, OMI, will be honored Sunday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Beasley was stationed in Big Spring for several years — first at St. Thomas Catholic Church, then later he was responsible for building the Immaculate Heart Church and was the first pastor for about seven years, according to a news release.

He is retired and living in San Antonio at the present time and will celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood this month.

He will celebrate the 10 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Heart Church, then will be honored with a covered dish luncheon in the parish hall. The public is invited to attend, especially those who knew and worked with Father Beasley during his time in Big Spring.

### Deeper Life Crusade

According to Pastor Dalton Froman, Evangel Temple, 2205 Goliad, will host a Deeper Life Crusade with evangelists Everett and Betty Burns, Dallas. Services will begin Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. and Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and will continue nightly at 7 p.m. through Friday, June 29.

The Rev. and Mrs. Burns have evangelized extensively in the United States and parts of Mexico. In his ministry to the churches, Burns emphasizes a positive, faith-building message that stresses the importance of God's word in bringing spiritual fulfillment to people. Each night as he ministers the word, he is challenged to help people understand the word of God through the presence of the holy spirit in their lives.

In addition to their evangelistic efforts, the Burnses have pastored churches in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. While pastoring, they were involved in radio ministry in several areas in Texas and in Kansas City, Kan.

Mrs. Burns assists with music and a singing ministry.

The public is invited to attend. For additional information, you may call 263-1136.



EVERETT AND BETTY BURNS

### Sileven slates

### Odessa meetings

ODESSA — Everett Sileven, Pastor of America's First Padlocked Church will be in Odessa on June 22-24. Sileven will be speaking at the Holiday Inn Parkway on Friday and Saturday. He will resume his talks on Sunday at 11 a.m., and again at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday prayer meeting will be held at 5900 W. University.

For more information call 381-9153, 337-8927 or 367-4239.

### Coke float party

Are you interested in an evening of fun and excitement? Do you want to be part of the exciting new junior high youth group? Do you want to join with boys and girls of your own age for fun?

If so, you are invited to the coke float party at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Sunday in the Immaculate Heart of Mary School cafeteria from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

An exciting evening has been planned for junior high students — sixth, seventh and eighth. We will discuss forming our new youth group, discussing what we will call ourselves, how often we will meet, what kind of activities you would like. This will be your youth group and we want to do things you want to do.

For more information, please contact Richard Light at 267-6784, or Ruth Salazar at 267-5824.

Parents — if you are interested in assisting with a junior high youth group — come join us. Or, if you just want to see what we have planned, come join us. Otherwise, please bring your children at 6 p.m. and pick them up at 8 p.m.



Herald photo by Lynn Hayes

### Summer Festival

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will host its Summer Festival July 6-7. Activities include games, and a raffle for \$1,000, \$500, \$300 and \$100. Food items also will be served, including gorditas, burritos, barbecue, tamales, cokes and tea. Members have been busy preparing more than 300 dozen tamales, which they will begin

selling July 4 at noon. Tamales will be sold July 5 at noon, and on July 6-7 from 5 p.m. until sold out, church officials said. Church members, Lupe Gonzales, left, Jane Del Bosque and Phyllis Lara, prepare the tamales by spreading masa on corn shucks before they're filled with a mixture of pork and seasonings.

## Religion roundup

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A second printing of 100,000 copies of a new Presbyterian Hymnal has been ordered to meet demand.

The first copies from an initial printing of 250,000 rolled off the presses in late May, and were used for the first time at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s General Assembly in early June.

NEW YORK (AP) — About 15,000 people are expected for the 33rd annual convocation of Bibleway Churches of the Lord Jesus, Christ World-Wide June 28-July 5.

It is to feature extensive pageantry, including a "Youth March Against Crack And Crime," an ordination-consecration service of

"3,000 Women in White," an appearance of "1,000 Men in Black" representing male role models, and a closing "Pentecostal Power Jubilee Celebration."

Founded in 1957, the Washington-based Pentecostal denomination has about 300,000 members in this country and others. It is headed by Presiding Bishop Apostle Smallwood E. Williams.

SPRING GLEN, N.Y. (AP) — The outgoing president of the Rabbinical Council of America has urged efforts to stop the "suicide machines."

Referring to a recent case in which a Michigan doctor helped a woman take her own life, Rabbi

Max N. Schreier told an annual convention representing Orthodox rabbis that Jewish law forbids suicide.

He called use of the suicide device "symptomatic of the lessening of the sanctity of life in American society."

Rabbi Marc D. Angel of Manhattan's Shearith Israel, a Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, was elected the new president, the first Sephardic rabbi elevated to that post.

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — More than half of the 53 Southern Baptist missionaries in Liberia have left because of fighting between government and rebel troops.

## Pastor to discuss psychosomatic illness

Ron Duncan, pastor of Anderson Street Church of Christ, will conduct a series of studies on psychosomatic illnesses.

With the exception of July 29, every Sunday evening lesson (6 p.m.) during the summer months at Anderson Street Church of Christ, will be dedicated to this subject. As an introduction, the lesson Sunday at 10:30 a.m. will be titled "What is Man?" from Psalm 8.

The evening lesson at 6 will be on how to develop a good self-image. All subjects will be examined from a Biblical standpoint. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Duncan said he believes experience and study of the psychosomatic illnesses qualified him to discuss and teach on the subject.

Psychosomatic illnesses are genuine physical disorders which either originate from or are aggravated by the emotions, Duncan said. Long periods of stress, anxiety, nervous tension and a number of other emotional abuses will make you physically

sick. The Bible spoke of such subjects as fear, anger, resentment, depression, jealousy, hatred, worry and pessimism long before psychoanalysis was ever invented. When Jesus spoke the words, "Be not anxious" in his famous Sermon on the Mount, he was giving far more than just a good off-the-cuff suggestion.

He was telling us how to stay healthy as well as show a proper trust in God as the father who cares. And this great physician should now what's good for us. After all, he was present when the first man, Adam, was put together and placed in the Garden of Eden, Duncan explained.

There exists a definite need to study the subject of uncontrolled emotions. Look, for example, at the problem of anger and its consequences.

A lady once stated: "I'm married to the most even-tempered man in the world; he just stays mad all the time." But there is a far more serious not-so-funny side to emotions when one considers that suicide is a major killer among teen-agers.

"There are a lot of people with problems, including drug problems. . . . People just can't enjoy their Christianity because of emotional problems," Duncan said.

### College Park news

The Vacation Bible School Committee of College Park Church of God, 603 Tulane, will have a bake sale Saturday at the Big Spring Mall at 10:30 a.m. Proceeds will go toward the Vacation Bible School planned for July 30 through Aug. 3. Children, ages four-12, can be registered for the VBS at this time.

The church will host its weekly Praise & Worship Celebration Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday School classes are available for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

The ladies ministries will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the church.

The church bowling league will bowl tonight at 8 p.m. at Bowl-A-Rama. Open bowling will be Saturday at 7 p.m.

The Church of God Texas Youth Camp begins Tuesday with senior camp. Youth, ages 15-19, are welcome to attend. The annual camp is conducted at the COG campgrounds in Weatherford.

The Visitation and Outreach teams will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. The Witness team will meet Thursday at the church at 6 p.m.

The church softball team will have a game Monday at 9:30 p.m. at Anderson Park.

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# Approach God with praise and thanksgiving

By SYL MOORE  
Special to the Herald

We should always remember that prayer is first of all an approach to God, not the presentation of a celestial shopping list. We must come first to give rather than to receive; offer rather than to request.

The psalmist plainly describes the priority of prayer: "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise."

Therefore, we must approach our Heavenly Father with our praise and thanksgiving, recognizing him as our creator, Father, and Saviour of our soul from now throughout eternity.

To pray with praise and thanksgiving is to acknowledge God's holiness and majesty, remembering he is the Lord. "It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture" (v 3).

## Pastor's corner



In prayer we affirm our faith and dependence on the Lord. We worship and adore him and express our reverent praise for His steadfast love and faithfulness.

We are to hallow his name as outlined in (Matt. 6:9). This means to regard him as holy and separate and to respond with all reverence.

Praise him in prayer. Enter in with praise and thanksgiving.

One problem with our prayer life is that we allow ourself to pray based only according to our emotions. Sometimes we do not feel like praying.

Each person has the capacity to know, feel, and decide. If we allow our emotions to determine our prayer life, we will certainly fail. With the Holy Spirit and the will we must decide to pray.

Emotion frequently limits the meaning of prayer, but we can still will to praise and Thank God. Paul stated this reality: "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Pray without ceasing; do not quench the Spirit (1 Thess. 5:16-18). Although God does not command us to to always feel grateful, he does, however, command us to give thanks always. Remember that our feelings do not alter the Lord's loving presence and powerful nature.

In praying, we often forget to thank God for what he has

already blessed us with. The scripture teaches us to count our many blessings, even name them one by one. This is good advice for praise. I recall in Luke's Gospel that 10 lepers met Jesus and sought healing of their dreaded disease.

They were all healed, but only one returned to praise and thank him. Failing to thank God can clog the channel of blessings. Therefore, may we count our blessings and praise the Lord.

Mediate on his word, pray, feel his experiences of deliverance, joy, and spiritual blessings.

When we approach the Throne of God with praise and thanksgiving, who can accurately count the blessings we will receive?

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The Rev. Syl Moore is pastor of Baptist Temple Church.



ABILENE — Jaxie and Roy Palmer are serving as missionaries to Africa when others their age are in rocking chairs.

## Couple teaching in Africa

By ROY A. JONES II  
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE — Dr. Roy Palmer and his wife, Jaxie Palmer, have led a very productive life.

Make that are leading a very productive life.

At an age when they've earned the right to sit back and revel in the achievements of their eight children and 15 grandchildren, the Palmers are off serving as volunteer foreign missionaries again.

Palmer, 71, and his wife, 72, are teaching Bible training in Zimbabwe. It's a homecoming for them because in 1957 they helped organize the Church of Christ Bible training school in which Palmer is now teaching.

Much has changed since then. The country, a former British colony, was known as Rhodesia during the 15 years of their first tour there. But the spry pair was looking forward to a challenge like a couple of brand new missionaries when they left Abilene this spring.

This summer will mark the 50th anniversary of the couple's

graduation from Abilene Christian University, and they have been working for the church in one way or another ever since, serving two Christian colleges and churches on three continents.

They put their eight children through ACU — a feat no other parents have matched. In 1984, ACU selected the couple as "Honor Family" during the annual Parents Weekend.

Depending on how much work their is for them to do in Zimbabwe, the Palmers plan to be back in Abilene later this year to welcome the third generation of their family to ACU, their oldest granddaughter who plans to attend this fall.

Roy and Jaxie Palmer both grew up in San Antonio, but didn't meet until their freshman year at ACU. She was working for her board, waiting tables in the dining room, when she first saw him.

Both had grown up in Church of Christ homes and had chosen ACU with a ministerial career in mind. A missionary they heard during the annual Bible Lectureship series influenced them toward missions.

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# Names in the news

**NORWALK, Conn. (AP)** — Joan Rivers kicked in \$1,000 for a wedding reception that was turned into a party for the homeless after the groom-to-be got cold feet.

Miss Rivers offered the money for the Saturday party when would-be bride Kathleen Gooley appeared on the comedian's syndicated talk show.

Gooley, 41, stood to lose the \$4,000 deposit given to the caterer, so she decided to throw a party for the homeless. However, the deposit wasn't enough to invite 150 people from shelters and drug rehabilitation centers as she had hoped.

Miss Rivers and her staff decided to contribute to the party, said Stuart Krasnow, the show's producer.

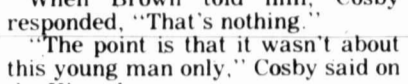


JOAN RIVERS

Cosby met with about 300 people, mostly black graduates and their guests. Cosby spoke of the need to strive for excellence, pointed at football player Dean Brown and asked him his average, according to school officials and students who were there.

When Brown told him, Cosby responded, "That's nothing."

"The point is that it wasn't about this young man only," Cosby said on the King show.



BILL COSBY

Cosby says he didn't mean to single out a football player with a 2.5 grade-point average during a May 20 visit to the University of Notre Dame.

The entertainer discussed the incident Tuesday on "Larry King Live," the Cable News Network talk show.

After giving the commencement speech at Notre Dame last month,

**OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (AP)** — Police put city officials on notice that off-duty security will be hard to come by if the rap group Public Enemy is booked to play here, so the city decided against a concert by the band.

## DENNIS THE MENACE



"MR. WILSON SAID IT CAN'T PICK UP ANY ROCK AND ROLL STATIONS"

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Their business must be bad. They're askin' for help!"

# Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1990

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE:** singer Jane Carter Cash, Empress Josephine de Beauharnais, track star Wilma Rudolph, actor Ted Shackelford.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Acting overly assertive will put you on a collision course with too many people. Be willing to compromise. A teen-ager's graduation will make you very proud.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Preferential treatment from your loved ones puts you in a jolly mood. Do not spoil things by overspending your budget. Defer a business decision until more data are available.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Be careful of what you say and do today. Family members are counting on your leadership. Routine activities can bring more than routine success if you use your imagination. Check your car before a trip.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Combine business with pleasure! A short trip could boost your income and health. A conflict between family obligations and business commitments can cause tension at home. Try not to lose your temper.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Bottling up intense emotions will help no one. Open new channels of communication. Do not allow business-related subjects to crop up during family discussions. Your mate has a right to be heard.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Your friends' encouragement will help you discover a hidden talent. Personal projects should go well. Watch out for debts that can upset your peace of mind. A loving attitude will accomplish miracles.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your self-confidence returns. Travel and reunions are in the spotlight. A family gathering puts you in a nostalgic mood. Sing old songs and take plenty of pictures. Create new memories as well.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You get the green light to travel. A personal crisis arises when career

demands conflict with family priorities. Friends help out in an emergency. Be appreciative and remember to return the favor.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** A cozy chat with your mate helps restore family unity. If you feel a young person is holding something back, watch for body language instead of prying. Quiet observation will produce answers.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Today's events have a special sparkle. Romance is in the air! Make the most of a special opportunity. Emphasize your originality and independence. A financial tip from an old friend could pay off.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** In the morning, work on your own to catch up on chores. A baseball game, backyard picnic or hanging out with friends makes the afternoon pleasurable. Married couples draw closer together.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Play a waiting game and you should get the results you want. This applies to romance as well as business. Family members are well-intentioned but may be the fly in the ointment.

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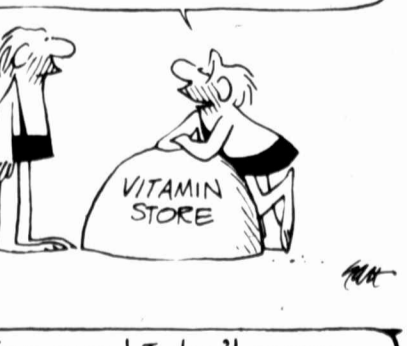
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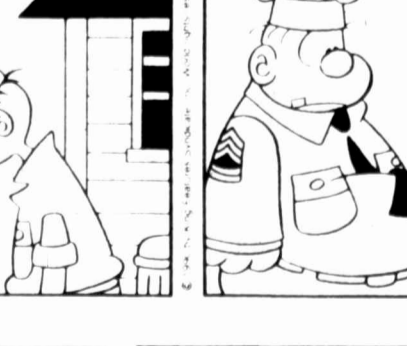
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Area weather: Clear through Saturday. High Saturday in the upper 90s. Low tonight near 70. The high yesterday was 101, the low was 73.

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## On the side

### Fryar earns honor at SC

KERRVILLE — Two West Texas students were recently named as making the President's and Honor's Lists for the Spring 1990 semester at Schreiner College in Kerrville.

Kristi Lynn Fryar, daughter of Linda and Danny Fryar of Stanton, earned a place on the President's List. To qualify for the President's List a full-time student must have at least a 3.6 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale and have passing grades in all courses. Fryar, a sophomore is majoring in math and exercise science.

Rex Kendall Tucker, son of Martha and Roger Tucker of Big Spring, was named as making the Honor's List. To qualify for the Honor's List a full-time student must have at least a 3.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale, and have passing grades in all courses. Tucker, a freshman, is majoring in engineering.

Schreiner College, a liberal arts college in the Texas Hill Country, offers 10 majors in its bachelor of arts degree and three majors in its bachelor of commerce degree programs.

### Aging topic of forum

A local forum for the Texas White House Conference on Aging will be held for the public at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Commissioners' Court at the Martin County Courthouse.

The forum, co-sponsored by the Martin County Senior Citizens Center and the Texas Department on Aging, will provide local citizens an opportunity to discuss any issues affecting older persons and their families.

More information about the forum can be obtained by contacting Sally Carroll at the Martin County Senior Citizens Center at 756-2791.



### Commemoration

BUCHAREST, Romania — Romanian President Ion Iliescu pauses after laying a wreath at Heroes Cemetery here Friday as part of ceremonies commemorating the six-month anniversary of the start of the Romanian revolution.

### Farm Bureau hosts pageant

Martin County Farm Bureau will hold a beauty pageant at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Stanton High School Auditorium. Following the pageant, the Bureau will also sponsor a Talent Find.

For more information contact Wendy at the Farm Bureau office at 756-3378.

## Reps nix flag amendment

By MIKE ROBINSON  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers who defeated a proposed constitutional amendment against burning the American flag are bracing for a fierce fight on the campaign trail but say they sense a change of heart among many voters.

"Something that folks loathe almost as much as flag burners is politicians who demagogue, who wrap themselves in the flag for some partisan votes," Rep. Ben Jones, D-Ga., said after the measure failed to gain the necessary two-thirds majority Thursday.

Democratic lawmakers who voted against it told reporters they detected a change among voters and said their mail is no longer running so heavily in favor of the amendment.

The House voted 254-177 for the measure, which President Bush had been pressing since June 11, when the Supreme Court threw out the 1989 Flag Protection Act as unconstitutional.

However, the margin fell 34 votes short of the two-thirds needed for approval of the amendment, which would pave the way for the federal government and the states to ban burning or other desecration of the American flag.

Republicans voted 159-17 in favor of the amendment, while Democrats were 160-95 against.

The Senate remains committed to vote on the amendment before leaving on a Fourth of July recess next week, but the House action appeared to render that virtually meaningless. And Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., said there was no chance that the House would return to the issue this year.

Foley and other Democratic



WASHINGTON — Edward Hasbroock, with a U.S. flag tied over his mouth as a gag, holds a poster comparing the proposed flag-burning amendment with a decree by Nazi Germany during a Capitol Hill protest rally Thursday.

leaders campaigned hard against the measure.

The House action followed a day of emotional debate in which more than 100 lawmakers paraded to the

microphone to either praise the amendment as protection for a national symbol and condemn it as an attack on the Bill of Rights.

Minority Whip Newt Gingrich, R-

Ga., immediately renewed his warning of earlier in the week that the battle will now move to the campaign trail.

"I am absolutely confident that in those districts where the member's values are clearly at variance with his district, where you don't have a Hollywood-Greenwich Village-San Francisco kind of value structure, that this will be a significant issue in debates in October as candidates stand side by side," Gingrich told reporters.

Minority Leader Robert H. Michel, R-Ill., a chief sponsor of the amendment, did not attend Gingrich's news conference but said in debate that the issue was not a partisan one.

Gingrich said he doubted if the flag-burning issue would be decisive in any campaigns, but that in races where there is "a fight over values, it will be one more piece of evidence."

"How can it avoid being a big political issue?" he said. "It is a legitimate cultural values issue."

Critics portrayed their decision as a stand in favor of freedom of speech despite warnings from Gingrich that their vote would be used to inflame passions among Americans who grow emotional at the sight of a burning flag.

Rep. David Skaggs, D-Colo., said after the vote that "there were many individual acts of political courage on the floor."

"Men and women have literally risked their political future on behalf of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights," he said.

Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., a leading critic of the amendment, contended that despite recent public opinion polls that indicated

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## Crews battle fires

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 80 firefighters along with water-carrying cargo planes today battled flames on about 55 acres of Guadalupe Mountains National Park in West Texas.

The blaze this morning advanced to within an eighth of a mile of a visitors center.

"Things are looking very good right now," said Bob Valen, fire information officer for the national park. "If the weather holds, we'll be in pretty good shape. We are looking for 100 percent containment of the fire by 6 p.m. Saturday."

Overcast conditions today and little wind were helping firefighters keep the blaze away from the lush Conifer Forest, located on the southwest side of the park.

"That is the hottest spot right now," Valen said. "The water drops are concentrating on keeping that fire from getting any higher on the ridge and reaching the forest."

National Park Service officials closed McKittrick Canyon to visitors after the fire neared the visitors' center. But Valen said the flames should be contained before doing any structural damage.

Crews also fought grass fires outside of Amarillo in the Texas Panhandle Thursday.

Fire officials said the grass fires, which were reported at about 2 p.m. and extinguished by 5 p.m., were also likely started by lightning. No damage was reported.

The Guadalupe Mountains blaze began about 4:30 p.m. Thursday after a lightning bolt struck and ignited an extremely dry area, Valen said.

"We are calling this fire the 'Norain' fire because everything is so dry," he said.

## Unpaid claims could cost millions

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Two years after the two largest insurance company failures in Texas, some policyholders have yet to be paid on claims and the estimated taxpayer cost is running about \$48 million, officials said.

Robert Walker, former chair-

man of the Dallas-based National County Mutual Fire Insurance Co., was indicted along with top executives of Best Lloyds Insurance Co. of Houston on charges they used policyholder premiums for personal expenditures.

Law authorities said Walker's whereabouts are unknown and others that have been indicted will

probably surrender later in the week.

The investigation by the Travis County district attorney's office into alleged insurance fraud is expected to produce more indictments.

"Fraud is one of the major causes of insurance company failures," said State Insurance

Board Chairman James Saxton Jr. of Austin.

"Unfortunately, a clever fraudster often is able to cover his or her tracks until the damage is done. That is why criminal prosecution is a necessary deterrent to this growing problem of insurance

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## Guard has power, but no money to respond to spill

By EVAN RAMSTAD  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The commandant of the Coast Guard says his agency has the power to beef up its response to oil spill incidents — but not the money.

"It would be impossible for the Coast Guard to expand its role significantly in vessel safety activities and marine pollution response without ... additional resources," Rear Adm. William Kime told a House panel Thursday.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, D-La., blamed President Bush for diverting money collected to help clean up oil spills. He said the administration is using the funds to cover the budget deficit and said the Oil Spill Trust Fund should be separate from the government's budget.

"Proper funding is essential for the success of any effort to protect the nation's environment," Tauzin said.

Kime and other Coast Guard leaders described their work this week cleaning up four oil spills, including the one caused by the Norwegian supertanker Mega Borg off the coast of Galveston.

Fire and explosions that began June 8 spilled 4 million of the 37.5 million gallons of light crude oil aboard the Mega Borg. Much of that evaporated or burned off. About 250,000 gallons was recovered by skimmers, said Capt. Tom Greene of the Coast Guard's Galveston station.

It took nearly a week for firefighters to gain control of the blaze. The remaining oil is now being transferred to other ships, a process that will take at least five days, Greene said.

Kime noted U.S. law does not allow the Coast Guard to take charge of a spill in international waters, like the Mega Borg was. He urged the congressmen to push forward a bill that would allow such

"It would be impossible for the Coast Guard to expand its role significantly in vessel safety activities and marine pollution response without ... additional resources." — Rear Adm. William Kime.

authority.

The House and Senate are divided on an oil spill bill over liability limits set by a 1984 international agreement that has not been ratified by the United States.

Kime said the agreement was developed "to satisfy the strong feelings of the United States."

"Those protocols will not come into force internationally unless the United States agrees to accept them," Kime said.

Lawmakers during the hearing expressed support for a compromise Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass., has proposed to resolve the issue.

The House wants the international standards to guide how much responsibility an oil or shipping company must take for a spill. The Senate wants states to set those standards. Nineteen states have laws requiring companies to assume unlimited liability for damage from a spill.

Studds, D-Mass., proposed a trial period of up to five years for the less stringent international protocol. During that time, the United States would push to strengthen its liability limits. If those efforts failed, the United States would return to its own standards.

## (Almost) anything for a thrill

By ANDREA WEISGERBER  
Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — Most of them have done it hundreds of times — fallen as far as 14 stories, been hurled across hills, curves and bumps at breathtaking speeds, felt their bodies slam into restraining bars.

But they haven't lost the thrill. About 450 members of the American Coaster Enthusiasts continued their search Thursday for the ultimate roller coaster by testing the new, wooden Texas Giant roller coaster at Six Flags Over Texas.

And after being flung at 60 mph across 21 hills, around striking curves and over bone crunching bumps, these riders applaud.

"I can never get enough of this ride. Never," said Gary Slade of Arlington.

James Wilson of Ardmore, Okla., said he thinks the Giant is "a world class coaster. This may be the best anywhere."

Six Flags touted the Giant as the world's tallest coaster when it opened this season. A legal dispute with Dorney Park near Allentown, Pa., made Six Flags back off that claim. Both parties agreed that the Giant has the highest lift, 143 feet. Dorney has the longest drop, 157 feet.

That sort of thing is important to the 3,000 American Coaster Enthusiasts, who get together to compare drops, lifts and bumps.

"I think it'll be a better ride at night," said Jim Raba of Cleveland, Ohio, as his wife, Jane, nodded.

But despite their outward calm, the coaster zealots are far from blasé. Most have the look of naughty children about to do something really fun, especially when the coaster is wood, like the Giant.

"You get the rickety feeling that you're out of control," grinned Ray Ueberroth, a retired educator



ARLINGTON — Donald James, left, and Gary Slade ride the Texas Giant roller coaster at Six Flags Over Texas here Thursday. American Coaster Enthusiasts is holding its national convention in Texas so that members can ride the Six Flags attraction in its first season.

from Baltimore, who says he's ridden about 350 coasters in 53 years.

"You feel that you're in danger when you're not really in danger. On a metal coaster it's the same ride all the time, but wood is very

yielding," and the ride changes each time, he said.

Most members at a special Six Flags preview for the group, gathered here for its annual con-

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# Spring board

## How's that?

Q. What part are businesses playing in educational assistance?  
A. Approximately 85,000 businesses across the country are now involved with direct educational assistance. According to the Council for Aid to Education, corporations contributed more than \$2 billion to fund educational efforts in 1988.

## Calendar

### Little League

TODAY  
● Little League: Yankees vs Astros 7:30 p.m.; Pirates vs Twins 6 p.m.  
SATURDAY  
● The Farm Bureau will sponsor a Beauty Pageant at 7 p.m. at the Stanton High School Auditorium. A Talent Find will follow the pageant.  
● Little League: Wildcats vs Red Sox 6 p.m.; Angels vs Rebels 7:30 p.m.

## Tops on TV

### MOVIE

● Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer: Murder Takes All CBS Movie Special Stacy Keach, Lynda Carter. Mike Hammer is kidnapped, drugged and parachuted into the Nevada desert outside Las Vegas, where he is framed for the murder of a celebrity. 8 p.m. Channel 7.  
● Snoops. 7 p.m. Channel 7.  
● 48 Hours. 7 p.m. Channel 7.

## Flag

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Pro-amendment sentiment in Republicans is undergoing a change over heart over the issue.  
Edwards said his mail was running as much as 30-1 against his position a year ago but now is 50-1 in favor. "The American people are actually moving toward understanding better what they have in the Bill of Rights every day," he said.  
Because he opposes the amendment, Jones said, his election opponent is "gleefully using it." But he said, "It also seems to me that I represent a district which is independent and thoughtful and will make its decision in November based on a broad range of considerations and a number of issues."

After the vote on the amendment, the House rejected, 236-179, a narrowly drawn statute to punish people who burn flags to promote violence or who burn flags on federal property or flags belonging to the federal government.  
Republicans voted overwhelmingly against it after GOP leaders called it a political "fig leaf" to protect Democrats who opposed the amendment.  
On the House floor, Michel said there was "not a single phrase in our amendment, not a single word... suggesting this amendment would or could lead to censorship of unpopular ideas by the government."  
Edwards, however, asked if the House would "tell (visiting South African black leader) Nelson Mandela next week that we've had enough of unlimited free speech in this country? We don't trust free speech anymore... and last week we voted to cut back on it?"

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## Farm scene

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In 1910, it was an ordinary summer event in the preparation of dinner on the farm — the noon meal — for a chicken to be caught, its neck wrung and then dressed, cut up and plunked in the frying pan.  
Today, descendants of the 1910 family, if they still are farmers, shop at supermarkets, often for the same convenient items enjoyed by city families.

There is still a significant amount of home butchering, vegetable growing and other use of farm grown products. But not like it was when automobiles and airplanes were new, when horses and muscle-power were the prime movers.

A new report by the Agriculture Department tells in stark, unemotional numbers what has happened.

For example, in 1910, the estimated value of "home consumption" by farm families — items, mostly food, that are produced themselves — was \$1.27 billion. In 1988, the value of those items was \$810 million.

The figures are not adjusted for inflation, so a few more comparisons may help. And keep in mind that the number of farmers has dropped sharply in the past 80

years.  
According to USDA records, there were 32 million people living on 6.36 million farms in 1910. The 1988 tally was 4.95 million people living on fewer than 2.2 million farms.  
In 1910, farmers sold about \$5.78 billion worth of products. In other words, the value of "cash marketings" that year was only 4.5 times as great as the \$1.27 billion value of home consumption.  
But in 1988, cash marketings totaled more than \$151.4 billion, or nearly 187 times larger than home consumption reported at \$810 million.

There has been a decrease in the number of farm families, and there's more prepared food that people can buy outside the farm," said Cheryl D. Johnson of the department's Economic Research Service, the report's author.  
At the same time, she said Thursday in a telephone interview, farm production has increased, while total "input" items used by farmers to produce crops and livestock has generally declined.

In other words, farmers today are actually "producing more with less" than they were before World War I, Johnson said.  
The report's section on productivity used 1977 as a base year for

comparison. In 1910, the output of crops was 42 percent of the base. Although 1988 was a drought year of severely damaged crops, production was still 92 percent. The record was 118 percent in 1985.  
Livestock production in 1910 was 39 percent, compared with 115 percent in 1988, the record high.

On the input side, farmers purchased only 32 percent of the items needed to produce in 1910, compared with the 1977 base year of 100 percent, while their "non-purchased items" were reported at 175 percent.

In 1988, farmers purchased 92 percent of what they bought in 1977, reflecting the downturn in the farm economy since the late 1970s and early 1980s when the purchased inputs peaked.

Non-purchased inputs in 1988 were reported at 78 percent of the 1977 base year, representing a part of the general downturn since the early 1930s, a period when mechanization, chemicals, hybrid seeds and scores of other items finally crowded out the homespun environment of the American farmer.

The peak year for the use of non-purchased items, incidentally, was 1920, when those represented 198 percent of the 1977 base year. In 1932, those still totaled 191 percent but dropped rapidly after that.

Copies of the 27-page report, A Historical Look at Farm Income, can be ordered for \$8 each from: ERS-NASS, P.O. Box 1608, Rockville, Md. 20849-1608 or call toll-free, 1-800-999-6779.

WASHINGTON — James Cason, who was rejected last year by the Senate for a top job in the Agriculture Department, is working as deputy manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corp.

Cason, 35, asked the White House last November to withdraw his nomination as assistant secretary for natural resources and the environment.

Cason's withdrawal effectively ended an eight-month battle between President Bush and environmentalists, who were supported by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Opposition was led by the Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, Wilderness Society, League of Conservation Voters and National Audubon Society.

The groups alleged Cason's record in several top Interior Department positions during the Reagan administration showed favoritism toward development of public lands, despite environmental concerns.

Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter, who cleared Cason for the new \$79,200-a-year USDA job, had strongly supported the nomination and had characterized the opposition as "both misguided and unfair."

The Federal Crop Insurance Corp., which provides subsidized insurance to farmers to help protect them from losses due to drought and other natural disasters, said Thursday that Cason joined the agency on May 6.

WASHINGTON — An Agriculture Department team will inspect flood-damaged areas of five states next week.

The on-site inspection June 25-29 will involve parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. No itinerary was announced.

Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter said Thursday the USDA officials will inspect damage caused by flooding of the Red, Arkansas and Trinity rivers. One goal is to "help clear up any confusion about the type of federal help available" to farmers, he said.

Dan Shaw, deputy administrator of the department's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, will lead the tour.



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## Species threatened

SAN ANTONIO — Bobby Whiteside of the Aquatic Station at Southwest Texas State University, looks for fountain darters in a dip net he used during the search for the threatened species at Comal Springs recently.

## Groups aims to get parents involved

By STARITA SMITH

Austin American Statesman  
AUSTIN — Students at Blackshear Elementary School won't be the only ones evaluated at the end of the six-week grading period that began Monday.  
Teachers will also be noting how many parents visit the school as part of a pilot parental involvement program of Austin Interfaith.

During the past six-week period, about 165 of the 300 parents of Blackshear students visited the school.  
"We want these parents to know what kind of power they have... This is their school, not ours," said Ida Hunt, principal of Blackshear Elementary School.

Political empowerment and taking control of the future of one's community are the underpinnings of the Austin Interfaith mission.  
Austin Interfaith is a coalition of about 30 congregations, most of which are in East and South Austin. The organization doesn't endorse candidates, but it takes stands on issues, such as its recent drive for passage of the \$80 million Austin Independent School District bond package, and it encourages people to vote and get involved in making government more responsive.

The pilot parental involvement program at Blackshear and Allison elementary is the group's first effort to try to enhance what goes on in classrooms. It is part of the Shechem Compact, a partnership between the Austin Area Research Organization and Austin Interfaith.  
AARO is composed of business people who focus on how to tackle community issues, said Don Carlton, president of the Radian Corp and a member of the organization.

"It is now in the formative stages. We have formed a strategic planning committee (with Austin Interfaith), and within AARO we have a task force to take the ideas from the committee and put flesh on the bones," Carlton said.

Eventually the Shechem Compact may involve using jobs and scholarships as incentives for students who successfully complete high school, Carlton said.

But for now, the compact is primarily a grass-roots project.  
During walks through the communities, Austin Interfaith workers passed out parental involvement cards that listed a number of things the parent could do to support education.

"As a parent who supports my child's education, I pledge to participate at home, school and the ballot box," the card reads on one side.

On the other side are 10 items on which parents can grade themselves. Among these items are promoting regular attendance; creating homework time and space and turning off the TV during homework time; and creating reading time. The last item is highlighting neighborhood issues that affect the school.  
The principals at Blackshear and Allison said that the parents speaking out on neighborhood issues have already had an impact.  
"About two blocks down the road on Montopolis, people loitered. There were even old chairs and couches out there," said Alfred Estrello, Allison principal. "A lot of parents voiced concern, and it has been cleaned up. The parents made phone calls to the city."

At Blackshear, there are new warning lights at two dangerous intersections children use, Hunt said.  
The pilot project has the same goal at both schools, but it has a different format at each.  
At Blackshear, the drive was to see how many parents would visit the school during a six-week grading period. There was a contest, and the classes with the highest number of parental visitors received recognition and the parents got certificates. Mount Olive Baptist Church and Simpson United Methodist are two of the Austin Interfaith churches that count students and their families as church members.  
At Allison, where many of the students are Catholics who attend Dolores Catholic Church, the emphasis was on home visits. A priest, nun and church volunteers went door-to-door in the neighborhood with the school principal talking to people about their children's schooling.  
The Rev. John Korcsmar, pastor of Dolores Church, said the shift to involvement in public schools is a recent trend for Catholics.

"It is becoming more and more common for us to put the same energy into the public schools that we put into the Catholic schools. A church like Dolores can't begin to

dream to have a school," he said, because it is too expensive.  
Korcsmar said he also mentions the school in his sermons, reminding people what they can do to help.  
Results at Allison have not been nearly as dramatic as those at Blackshear.  
"There is a handful of people who are there all the time, every day," said Linda Herrera, president of the Allison Parent Teacher Association.

Estrello said that, from a group of parents who could be counted on the fingers of one hand, the number of parents who show up for school meetings has grown up to about 15 or 20 on a regular basis.

Each principal said that parental involvement in their schools has been low because parents have to be at work, or because some who can't read well themselves can be intimidated by a school environment.  
Hunt said it is the parents who will make or break the academic progress of the schools.

## Claims

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fraud," Saxton said.  
Lee Jones, a spokesman for the Board of Insurance, said an estimated \$33.7 million has been set aside to settle policyholders' claims against National County Mutual. About \$8.4 million has already been paid in 3,187 claims and premium refunds, Jones said.  
About \$14.5 million has been reserved for Best Lloyds policyholders with \$4.9 million already paid, Jones said.

The companies, which wrote mostly automobile insurance, had a combined total of nearly 200,000 policyholders when they failed in 1988.  
In addition, the state's liability for a third company — First Southwest Lloyds Insurance Co. of Austin — is about \$5.5 million. Robert Brayton of Austin, who controlled Southwest Lloyds, has been charged with misapplying \$1 million in premiums.

The state's liability is spread through an assessment paid by successful insurance companies, but it only guarantees claims up to \$100,000 and the assessed insurance companies receive a full tax credit which means the revenue is made up by general taxpayers.

"When an insurance company goes bankrupt, every Texan pays for it," said Tom "Smitty" Smith of Public Citizen-Texas.

"It's not an insignificant amount of money. It has real consequences for children who don't get fed or for poor Texans whose medical expenses don't get paid," he said.

The indictments allege that Walker made personal use of about \$27.7 million in premiums to pay off debts, make investments in other companies he owned, and purchase a \$481,000 yacht and a \$229,000 helicopter.

Indicted in the Best Lloyds case were the owners of the company, John Gordon, Frances Gordon, and W.H. "Pip" Lasiter, all of Houston.  
Among the charges, prosecutors said John Gordon allegedly pledged a \$250,000 certificate of deposit belonging to Best Lloyds to secure a loan to customize limousines.

## Coasters

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to a magazine reporter while atop the 143-foot first hill that he could see his apartment from there.  
The Les' will spend \$2,000 on park excursions this year. They pay regular admission, they say, and they stand in line like everyone else. That's why a preview ride like the one for this convention was a bonus.  
They don't mind the trek from park to park.  
"That's the kind of vacation we enjoy," Mrs. Les said.

The Rabas plan to visit parks in Canada, Georgia, Ohio and Pennsylvania this summer.  
Most of the coaster fanatics didn't want to name a personal favorite, but the Thunderbolt at Kennywood Park near Pittsburgh, the Beast at King's Island near Cincinnati, and the Timber Wolf at Kansas City were mentioned the most.

Slade, who is the regional representative for ACE, said, "Every ride is different, because I ride in a different seat and I ride on a different side of the train. And I ride a different train and every train is unique."

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vention, have ridden more than 100 roller coasters.  
"I think I'm one of those persons who needs the perceived threat," said Ueberroth. "But I just ride coasters because they're fun. There's nothing else like a good wooden coaster."

"You start to notice different things about it," said Glenn Les of Willowbrook, Ill. "The first time... it goes by too fast. After a few rides you start getting a real feel for the flow of the ride and you watch out for certain things."  
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