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## NEWS DIGEST

### Man's body found late Monday morning

The body of a man between 40-50 years old was discovered at Park Hill Terrace, No. 21, 800 W. Marcy St., late Monday morning.

As of 8:30 a.m. today, positive identification had not been made. An autopsy was ordered by Judge Willie Grant, Precinct 2 Place 1.

"We do not expect foul play, but we will keep working the case until the autopsy results come back," said Lt. Pam Jordan, Big Spring Police Department spokesperson.

The apartment manager said she sent a maintenance man to see if the man was home. "He (maintenance man) never walked in to the apartment," Kathy Bryans, manager. "The odor was so bad and he saw lots of flies in the window."

Bryans said the man had been living in the apartment for about a month.

The apartment was leased out under the name Dawson Starkey.

Jordan said, "We are not saying this is not his real name, but until we make a positive identification, we can not release a name."

The autopsy results are expected in a few days, she said.

### MC site of ADA seminar

San Francisco attorney Michael J. Lotito will be the guest speaker at a Thursday seminar to focus on the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Lotito is an authority on the ADA, and has presented this workshop to the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

The seminar will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Midland College. Registration fee is \$35, which includes lunch.

For more information, call MC at 685-4518.

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## 911 mistake could have been avoided

By PATRICK DRISCOLL  
Staff Writer

Lack of address information, blamed in part for a heart-attack victim dying while waiting 18 minutes for help May 8, was known to 911 officials in January and could have been corrected.

Aurelia Sheedy, 87, who died at home after her heart reportedly stopped beating 10 minutes before paramedics arrived, possibly could have received help within a few minutes if a 911 emergency telephone computer had her address as it should have.

In January, a call to 911 from Sheedy's home at 501 N. Main in Coahoma also did not show an address and at that time it should have been ad-

ded to the computer, confirmed 911 Director Carl Dorton.

"This is a mistake that should not have happened," Dorton said.

"I'll be damned. That just makes you even madder," said Sheedy's grandson, Mark Sheedy, when told of the oversight.

Dorton said 911 calltakers, who also work as dispatchers for the Big Spring Police Department, should have filled out a "problem sheet" in January on the missing address and forwarded it to him.

"It was not filled out that I know of and was not forwarded to me, so I could not correct it," Dorton said.

Police Chief Joe Cook said the oversight could have occurred in a number

of areas and involved either a dispatcher, Dorton or the telephone company. Cook also pointed out that the oversight could have been caught if the Howard County Sheriff's Office had a 911 computer printer installed there.

Sheriff A.N. Standard criticized Cook for trying to spread blame. "I have pointed out numerous times previously the deficiencies of the system," said Standard, who in the past complained of lack of rural addresses in the computer and lack of training of calltakers.

Cook said Standard is offering no solutions. "I think it would be wise for him to look at it in a more in-depth way than he does," Cook said.

Concerning a 911 printer in the

sheriff's office, Standard said he has never refused to let it be installed but does not endorse it because of problems with the 911 system, possible added liability and it would be a duplication of services.

Dorton said workers were unable to install the printer in the sheriff's office two years ago, when the 911 system went on-line, because of lack of assistance from sheriff officials.

Since Sheedy's death, local government officials have been looking closely at the 911 system.

"We need to make some changes," said Mark Sheedy, a member of the Big Spring City Council. He said last week that he believed family members

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## Clinton calls for AIDS war

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bill Clinton is pledging a full-fledged war on AIDS and criticizing President Bush for glossing over the issue until basketball star Magic Johnson acknowledged having the HIV virus.

Clinton will appear at a fund-raising event in Austin late today.

"Over a million Americans are now HIV positive, yet the administration is still curiously silent until the famous fall," Clinton told a predominantly gay and lesbian crowd at a fund-raiser Monday evening. "Then someone says something appropriately touching."

"But this administration ignores its own commission reports, underfunds research and treatment ... says behavior modification is the issue, then refuses to embrace the cause of sex education in our schools that would give our children a chance to save their lives," the Arkansas governor said.

The likely Democratic presidential nominee renewed his pledge to appoint an AIDS czar if elected president and create a White House task force to coordinate a "Manhattan Project" dedicated to fight AIDS.

He also pledged to increase funding for research, prevention and treatment and said he would invite someone infected with the HIV virus to speak at the Democratic National Convention.

Earlier Monday, he campaigned in Eugene, Ore., hunting for last-minute votes in today's primary there. He pushed his plan to provide college education to anyone willing to repay the costs through payroll deductions or community service. He also slammed Bush administration economic policy as a "fraud."

Today, Clinton has a fund-raising appearance scheduled in Albuquerque.

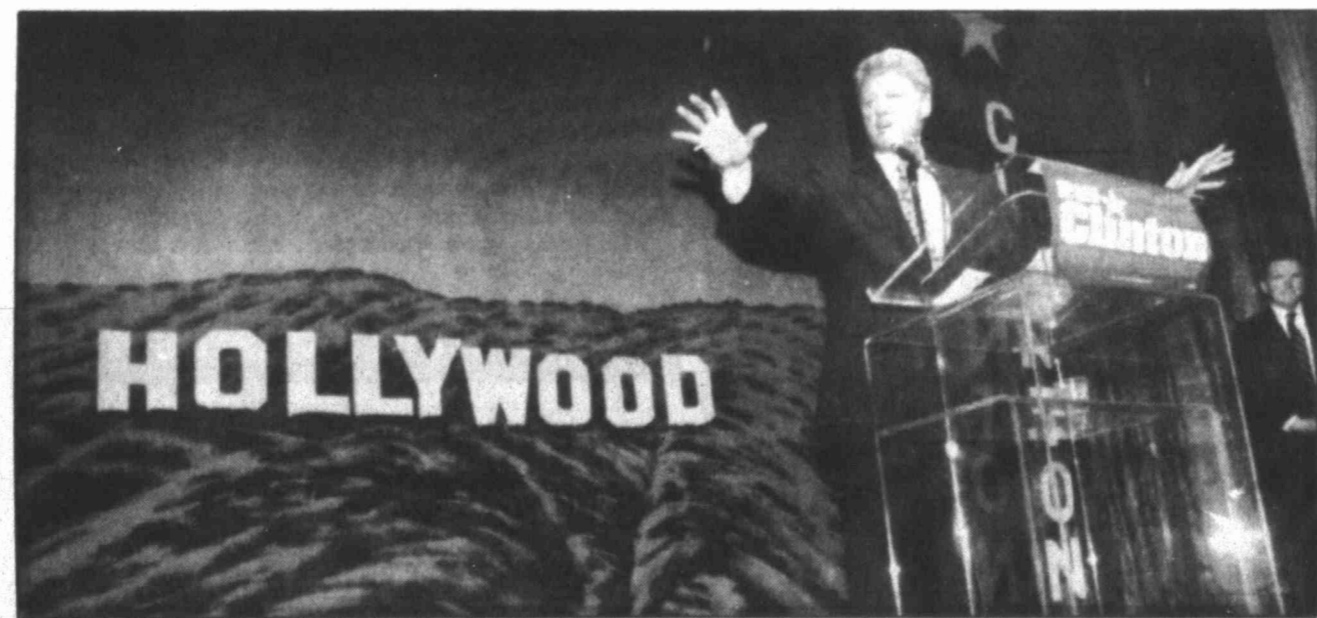
In his Los Angeles appearance Monday night, Clinton also hit on his broader theme that the country cannot be divided by race, gender, sexual orientation, age and income.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

### Block party

Three-year-old Matthew Hilario attempts to make his block tower higher as he was playing at the Lakeview Headstart School this morning. Matthew successfully managed to get the tower one block higher before it crumbled.



Associated Press photo

Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton addresses a gay and lesbian group Monday night

## Two more primaries slated today

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Voters in Oregon and Washington cast their belated presidential primary judgments today on the winners and losers in nomination campaigns all but settled for President Bush and Democrat Bill Clinton.

With Oregon's installment, Clinton was moving closer to the delegate majority that will put him atop the Democratic ticket against Bush on Nov. 3.

The Democratic primary in Washington was just for show. The delegates there were being allocated by caucuses and conven-

tions. But the popular vote could influence those decisions.

Clinton was concentrating his campaign on Bush, hardly noting that he still had opposition for the Democratic nomination from former California Gov. Jerry Brown. Clinton has more than 85 percent of the delegates needed to win, and a late public opinion poll rated him the Oregon favorite.

Campaigning in Eugene on Monday, the Arkansas governor accused the president of trying to divide Americans for political advantage. He sandwiched that final Oregon campaign stop between ap-

pearances in California, the climactic primary two weeks hence.

At the University of Oregon, Clinton said he'd been in the depressed neighborhoods of south central Los Angeles three years ago, long before the deadly riots that flared there at the end of April.

He said community leaders asked him why he'd come. "I said I'm here because you're part of America and we need you," Clinton said. "We have been so divided by all these issues, it's killing us."

He called Republican trickle-down economics a "fraud."

## Perot gives jitters to Dems, GOP alike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ross Perot's likely presidential campaign brings jitters to Republican and Democratic ranks alike. The parties' trench soldiers don't think Perot can win but say he could cause unpredictable damage while losing.

Even though Perot is leading both President Bush and Democrat Bill Clinton in the latest national polls, party leaders at the state level profess to believe that his appeal will fade when the country considers whether Perot is ready to take charge.

"We've got a lot of self-made billionaires," says Pennsylvania GOP Chairman Anne B. Anstine. "That does not make them qualified to be president."

But a cross-country sampling of Republican and Democratic national committee members finds uncertainty and some nervousness over the prospect of a richly financed Perot campaign in a volatile election year.

"In a two-man race, I would feel good about President Bush carrying North Carolina" over Clinton, says GOP state Chairman R. Jack Hawke. "Put Perot in the race and it becomes unpredictable."

"He's beginning to give people heartburn in both parties," says Peter Kelly, Democratic national committeeman from Connecticut. "If he were to win California and Texas, this thing goes to the House of Representatives, because this is going to be a real close election." The House chooses a president if no candidate draws a majority of the electoral votes.

Noel Gross, veteran GOP committeewoman from New Jersey, says it is possible that Perot could carry her state.

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# Texas

## GOP previews podium, complete with hydraulic lift

HOUSTON (AP) — The podium to be used at this summer's Republican National Convention is a red-white-and-blue series of stairs and platforms that includes two giant TV screens and a hydraulic elevator, convention planners say.

Republican Party officials on Monday unveiled a model of the podium. The setup will be able to hold 1,200 reporters as well as dozens of still and broadcast photographers. The GOP convention will be held Aug. 17-20 in the Astrodome.

The podium was designed by Emmy award-winning art designer Robert Keene of Burbank, Calif. Officials said he also has designed sets for the Grammy Awards. It includes two 15-by-20-foot TV screens for those watching in person. The elevator will allow the

speaker to be seen at just the right height for TV viewers. The speaker's platform is 8½ feet off the convention floor, and is 38 feet in the front and 96 feet at the rear. "We're proud of it," said Bill Harris, the convention manager. "It focuses attention on the speaker."

Harris said the party wanted a platform that would show well on television and be functional workspace. "We do not yet have an estimate of its costs," said Mike Miller, who

is overseeing the construction of the platform. The platform has a multitude of flags which identify the event as the Republican National Convention and tell folks they are in Houston and it's 1992.



Associated Press photo

### Amnesty mail

Nancy Kaul, an administrative technician in Gov. Ann Richards' office, sifts through letters sent by Amnesty International members from

around the world protesting the recent increase of executions in Texas.

## Kyle prison taking aim at treating drug abuse

KYLE (AP) — In an effort to reduce the number of inmates who commit new crimes after they're released, a state prison program is taking aim at alcohol and drug abuse. The program initially will involve 122 of the nearly 500 inmates at the Kyle prison, located about 20 miles south of Austin. The facility has been used as a pre-release facility for inmates preparing to rejoin society.

If successful, the program could be a model over the next few years as the state opens 14,000 beds for treating prisoners with addictions, the Austin American-Statesman reported Monday. The New York-based program, called Stay'n Out, claims a 78 percent success rate. It has been used as a model on an experimental basis in 18 states. "It is not the issue of the substance that you abuse," said Ron Williams, executive director of Stay'n Out. "That is only the symptom of a deeper problem. For effective treatment, you have to address the whole problem, wherever the symptoms might lie."

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**Ron Williams**

Addressing the whole problem

means offering job skills, living skills and education along with a substance abuse treatment program. The inmates' therapeutic program has three segments, each tentatively planned to last three months: orientation, treatment and re-entry. A study by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse found that almost half of Texas male inmates used illegal drugs during the month before their incarceration. By comparison, about 6 percent of the overall adult male

population uses illegal drugs, the study found. Moreover, studies have found recidivism rates exceeding 50 percent for inmates who do not receive treatment for drug or alcohol abuse, the newspaper reported. "The connection between heavy drug use and recidivism suggests that drug use must be taken into account as a major factor associated with current overcrowding in the Texas prison system," stated a 1988 report by the commission. Texas has tried to build its way out of the crowding problem, embarking on an expansion of the prison system from the current 51,384 beds to 90,884. But the state seems to fill the beds as fast as they're in place, and an overflow of thousands of inmates has clogged county jails.

Experts say the long-term solution is substance abuse treatment: If inmates can stay off drugs or alcohol, they are more likely to go straight. Texas voters last November approved bonds for 12,000 substance abuse prison beds, to be built with 2,000 beds previously approved by state lawmakers.

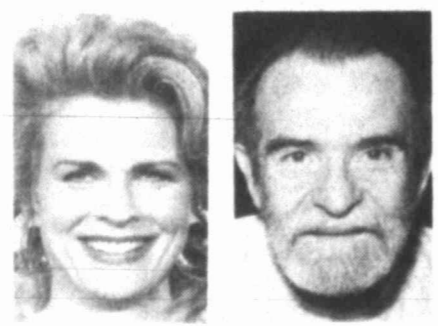
## USCG, Mexican Navy to discuss shootings

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Mexican officials have expressed an interest in discussing a possible joint fisheries law enforcement agreement with the United States, a Coast Guard spokesman says. The calls for cooperation come in the wake of a disputed incident in which a Mexican navy gunboat shot at two American shrimp vessels that were allegedly pursued into U.S. territorial waters. At least one of the shrimpers had been trawling illegally in Mexican territory. Cmdr. Vince O'Shea, a Coast Guard spokesman in Washington, said the enforcement agreement would likely be discussed during fisheries negotiations scheduled for August.

complaints from two American shrimpers that a Mexican gunboat, the Caldron, had fired on them on March 27 while they were in U.S. waters. A Coast Guard investigation concluded that the gunboat did fire on the Windfall, a Brownsville-based shrimp boat, and pursued it into U.S. waters. It fired on the second vessel, the Norma Catalina, "within close proximity of the U.S.-Mexico border," said O'Shea. Mexican navy officials have acknowledged firing on the boats, but deny the shootings took place in U.S. territory. O'Shea said the gunboat captain, who was not identified, had been relieved of his command. Gaston Rosas, a spokesman for the Mexican Consulate in Brownsville, said he had no information on the captain's removal. Although shrimpers have complained that shooting incidents are common, O'Shea said the Coast Guard believes the recent confrontations to be isolated incidents. "Our view is that this was more the action of the individual rather than representative of the policy of the Mexican government," O'Shea said. "I think the fact that the Mexicans relieved the commander of the Mexican gunboat speaks strongly as to how the Mexicans view this incident," he said.

## Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) — David Letterman, whose contract with NBC ends next year, is talking with other suitors, Weekly Variety says. But sources familiar with Letterman's contract told The Associated Press the talk-show host is negotiating with NBC only.



BERGEN FUGARD

Weekly Variety, quoting unidentified sources, said that the "Late Night" host is considering leaving NBC when his contract expires in 1993, and that his agent, Creative Artists Agency, is in "ultra-secret talks" with Paramount and ABC. ABC denied the report. Paramount and Creative Artists wouldn't comment. NBC spokeswoman Betty Hudson said Letterman won't necessarily leave the network when his 10-year contract is up.

NEW YORK (AP) — Playwright Athol Fugard won an Obie for sustained achievement at the awards ceremony honoring off- and off-off-Broadway theater. One of the South African playwright's works, "Boesman and Lena," is currently off-Broadway, and co-star Lynne Thigpen picked up an Obie for her portrayal of Lena. Thigpen also has a recurring role on NBC's "L.A. Law."

"The Blood Knot" and "A Lesson From Aloys." He also acted in the movie "Gandhi."

NEWPORT, N.H. (AP) — The ex-wife of Aerosmith lead singer Steve Tyler is demanding higher alimony and child support, saying their earlier agreement was made before the band's comeback success. A hearing on Kathleen Tallarico's request is set for Thursday. She divorced Tyler in 1987. They agreed then he would pay \$160 a week in alimony and \$240 a week in child support for their daughter, Mia, now 13. But Mrs. Tallarico argues that Aerosmith was doing poorly at the time and that Tyler's gross income was about \$120,000 a year. Now, she claims, Tyler's income is far higher — as much as \$2 million in 1990.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer Tracy Lawrence canceled shows over the weekend because of exhaustion and a cold, a publicist says. Lawrence, 24, returns to the road on Wednesday with a performance in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — "Murphy Brown" star Candice Bergen, who flunked out of the University of Pennsylvania in 1965, returned to pick up an honorary law degree. The 46-year-old actress, in cap and gown, thrust her fists skyward after the hood signifying her degree was draped across her shoulders at commencement exercises Monday. Bergen, whose TV character gave birth on Monday's season-ending episode, entered Penn in 1963. School officials "politely asked me to move on" after the sophomore year, she said. She had flunked basic painting and opera. "I always did respect them for that. That was a very strong lesson," she said. "But then they kept asking me for donations."

Twenty-two Obies were awarded Monday night for performance, direction, design, playwriting and sustained achievement. Fugard's plays include "Master Harold ... and the Boys," "Sizwe Banzi is Dead," "The Island,"

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# Nation/World

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lawrence Welk, the "wonderful, wonderful" champagne music master who struck up his band with "ah-one, an' ah-two" for a generation of TV viewers, has died at 89.

Welk had pneumonia and died Sunday night at his home in Santa Monica, said spokeswoman Bernice McGeehan.

"The Lawrence Welk Show," ran for 30 years, until 1982, and continues today in reruns. Welk stopped performing in 1989.

Welk, who accompanied his orchestra on the accordion and waltzed with his Champagne Lady singer, never wavered from the bouncing, effervescent dance music he began playing as a young man in his native North Dakota.

To many, his wholesome formula was hopelessly square. But it worked. Swing, rock 'n' roll, bebop, progressive and other pop genres came and went, but Welk held his status among mostly older fans.

"We try please our audience," he said in 1964. "We try to bring it some joy, happiness and relaxation and always to be in good taste + the kind of entertainment that should come into the home."

His "Champagne Music," and the phrases "Ah-one, an' ah-two" and "wonderful, wonderful" in his German accent became part of the nation's lexicon. The show's theme song for half its run was "Bubbles in the Wine."

The sunny orchestra leader toured the country for 25 years before hitting it big with a TV appearance in Los Angeles in 1951. After two years of high ratings there, the show was picked up by ABC.

"The Lawrence Welk Show" ran on ABC for 16 years, ending in 1971. After that, it was syndicated on 248 stations.



Losing presidential candidate Imelda Marcos is spending most of today touring her vandalized house on Marcos street in suburban San Juan instead of attending her arraignment in Manila on graft charges. A Manila judge issued an order for her arrest after she boycotted her hearings in protest over alleged fraud at last week's elections.

## Judge orders arrest of Imelda Marcos today

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A judge today ordered the arrest of presidential candidate Imelda Marcos after she boycotted an arraignment to protest alleged electoral fraud.

Another party joined in complaints against supporters of President Corazon Aquino's candidate.

No clear winner has yet emerged from the May 11 election, but Mrs. Aquino's candidate, former Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos, kept his lead in the seven-member presidential race.

According to Media Citizens Quick Count, which is authorized to tabulate the votes, Ramos was leading with about 23 percent of the vote, followed by Miriam Defensor Santiago with 18 percent and Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, an ally of the late President Ferdinand Marcos, with 17.5 percent.

The results represent 36 percent of the votes. Mrs. Santiago has charged that the slow tally is giving the government time to rig the results.

Mrs. Marcos, widow of the late president, was shown in fifth place.

In a "personal civil disobedience campaign" to protest the alleged fraud, she has threatened not to appear in the more than 80 civil and criminal cases she faces in connection with her years as First Lady.

Judge Teresita Flores revoked Mrs. Marcos' \$480 bond and ordered her arrest after she failed to appear to answer charges of illegally transferring foreign currency to Swiss banks.

Court officials said the warrant may not be served for days.

The slow vote count, numerous fraud charges and a tight race have raised fears of a constitutional crisis and possible violence if the allegations can be substantiated.

The Struggle of the Democratic Filipino Party said today it was investigating "many disturbing" reports of fraud, especially in northern Luzon and Mindanao, where Ramos was running strong.

Allegations included ballot counting in military camps — they are supposed to be counted at precincts — and the illegal removal of voters from the rolls.

## Prosecutor to study 'friendly fire' deaths

LONDON (AP) — The public prosecutor said today she will investigate the "friendly fire" deaths of nine British soldiers in the Gulf War, and a lawyer for relatives urged that the U.S. pilots involved be charged with manslaughter.

The prosecutor's announcement came a day after a coroner's jury ruled that the two American pilots unlawfully killed the British soldiers. The jury said the pilots were guilty of "clear errors and failure to observe recognized procedures."

Barbara Mills, director of public prosecutions, said English courts generally have no jurisdiction to prosecute foreign nationals for alleged offenses committed abroad.

She asked to see all the relevant papers from the inquest in Oxford. "I will consider all the circumstances of the case," she said.

Mark Stephens, a lawyer for the victims' relatives, urged a prosecution, saying the pilots "must be brought to account."

"This was something worse than an accident," Stephens said. "This was American pilots taking pot shots at British troops."

In a statement issued in Washington on Monday, the Pentagon called the incident "a British airborne accident" that occurred "in



Mothers of nine British soldiers killed during the Gulf War when their vehicle was destroyed by missiles leave the Coroner's Court in Oxford, Monday. The jury returned a verdict of "unlawful killing" on the soldiers killed by an

air-strike carried out by two U.S. Air Force A-10 planes. Barbara Thomson, left, holds a bottle of champagne while Patricia Atkinson, center, holds back her tears. Ann Leech holds her hand.

the fog of war." It said questions raised at the inquest might never be resolved.

The pilots, who were flying A-10 "Warthog" tank-killer jets and mistakenly fired on a British armored personnel carrier, submit-

ted a written statement but refused to testify at the inquest. The U.S. government backed their decision.

Coroner Nicholas Gardiner said the pilots' statement "may be true, it may not. It may be partly

true, it may be partly untrue. But what is clear beyond any doubt is that it is not the whole truth."

The families' attitude hardened over the case, which dominated newspaper front pages today.

## At least 21 have died in three days of protests

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Hundreds of pro-democracy protesters, given 90 minutes to leave a downtown bridge by the military, fled advancing troops firing M-16 rifles in the air today as unrest wracked Thailand for a third straight day.

At least 21 demonstrators have been killed and thousands arrested in the government crackdown against students, academics and other sectors of the population opposing the military's six-decade-long domination of Thai politics.

Riot troops appeared to have temporarily quelled Thailand's most serious political uprising in 16 years, although knots of protesters waving Thai flags and chanting

slogans calling for the resignation of Prime Minister Suchinda Kraprayoon were seen around the city.

Newspapers today said the protests had spread to at least seven other areas, including the city of Chiang Mai in the north, Khon Kaen in the northeast and Hat Yai in the south.

The Phra Pinklao bridge over the Chao Phraya River is in an area of Bangkok that since Sunday has been rocked by violent demonstrations demanding Suchinda, a former military chief, step down.

Already angered by the military's intervention in politics, including a coup last year spearheaded by Suchinda, pro-

democracy groups demanded the prime minister come from the ranks of elected lawmakers.

Nearly 200 marines and navy men surrounded the protesters today as rally leaders spoke to the demonstrators on the bridge from atop a bus. Others rallied on adjacent streets.

After allowing demonstrators on the bridge 1 1/2 hours to disperse, the troops moved slowly against them, the two front rows wielding riot shields and batons and the back rows armed with M-16 rifles.

The crowd of several hundred people on and near the bridge fled as a three-minute burst of rifle fire sent thousands of other demonstrators further from the

bridge scurrying.

About the same time, heavy gunfire bursts were also used to scatter demonstrators in the Sanam Luang area.

No casualties were reported.

Arrests continued, with 25 students being taken into custody today by police in the Sanam Luang area. Officials announced they had also seized Teerayut Boonmee, one of the country's foremost student activists in the 1970s and now a teacher.

Speaking earlier in the day on nationwide television, Suchinda said the government had to use force to root out Marxists he claimed were seeking to overthrow the constitutional monarchy.

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### Other opinion

## Program is off to running start

One of the most effective ways to combat urban decay is to root out street crime and sustain social programs that can help inner-city residents reclaim their neighborhoods. Toward this end, a very promising effort is off to a running start in San Diego, Los Angeles and 14 other cities.

Operation Weed and Seed, mounted in April by the U.S. Justice Department, will provide \$1 million to each city during the next two years. Under this pilot program, federal, state and local law enforcement agencies will work with community residents to weed crime-ridden neighborhoods of violence and drug dealing. The seed will include increased funding for Head Start, which helps prepare disadvantaged youngsters to succeed in school. It also will finance health care, job-training, drug-prevention programs and community-development grants.

By targeting specific communities and getting the residents directly involved, the program has a far better chance of succeeding.

Similar to a city's Neighborhood Pride and Protection Program, Operation Weed and Seed is eminently sensible because it creates a partnership between residents and law enforcement officers. It flows from the premise that a mobilized citizenry is the most effective means of combating the drugs, crime and general despair that plague inner cities.

San Diego Union-Tribune

## Riots raise questions about condition of urban America

By STEVEN KOMAROW  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Los Angeles riot invoked visions of a Republican law-and-order blitz that would level Democrats come Election Day, as it did after the riots of the 1960s.

It's early yet, but those premonitions don't ring true — at least not the part about Democrats being leveled politically.

Since the riot, debate in the presidential campaign and in Congress has been dominated not by crime but by questions about the state of urban America. Both parties seem convinced they must offer a response to the overwhelming decay and poverty of the cities.

The aid packages speeding through Congress are generating more bipartisan cooperation than any other major effort this year.

But a crime bill, which could be sent to President Bush with one roll-call vote, languishes in Senate stalemate.

Twice since the rioting, the Senate has debated plans to expand the federal death penalty, go after drug dealers, and crack down on firearm violence. Republicans, led by Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, offer up their version and Democrats respond with another.

And nothing happens, beyond tying up the Senate for a few hours.

Pressure to break the Senate logjam hasn't changed much since last year. Neither Republicans nor Democrats are ready to cave, nor are they ready to compromise.

With many politicians seemingly unable to act until their pollsters tell them it's OK, fingers are still testing the wind. So far, many of them are detecting only light breezes.

A quarter century ago, people feared that urban riots were signaling a total breakdown in society that threatened everyone.

Now, "for most people, it's a television story," says Eddie Mahe, a consultant to Republican candidates. "For about 245 million of the 250 million of us, it doesn't have anything to do with our day-to-day life."

### Capitol report



"I think the law-and-order approach is an outdated approach to the issue," says Don Foley, political director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. "People are more sophisticated."

Certainly, the situation is more complex from the perspective of fixing partisan blame.

After years of getting clubbed as being weak on crime, Democrats have hardened their approach so much that only legal technicalities separate many of the two parties' positions. One of the Democratic Senate candidates in California, for example, is airing a law-and-order television spot.

Any Republican effort to capitalize on the riot would be hurt by the fact that it happened on their watch — with Republicans in the White House and the California governor's mansion. The very law-and-order Los Angeles police department is being blamed for letting the disturbances get out of control.

And the lingering impact of the Rodney King videotape cannot be underplayed. People may not approve of the rioting, but they can understand the fury.

And unless they live in California or another area hit by disturbances, there's little indication people feel directly threatened. Republicans could ultimately find political benefit from their party's long-time emphasis on tougher penalties for criminal offenders. But that may have little to do with Los Angeles.

"The crime issue revolves around you and I getting hit in the head," says Mahe, and the riots might provide little more than "the rationale for rhetoric on the issue to be included in stump speeches."

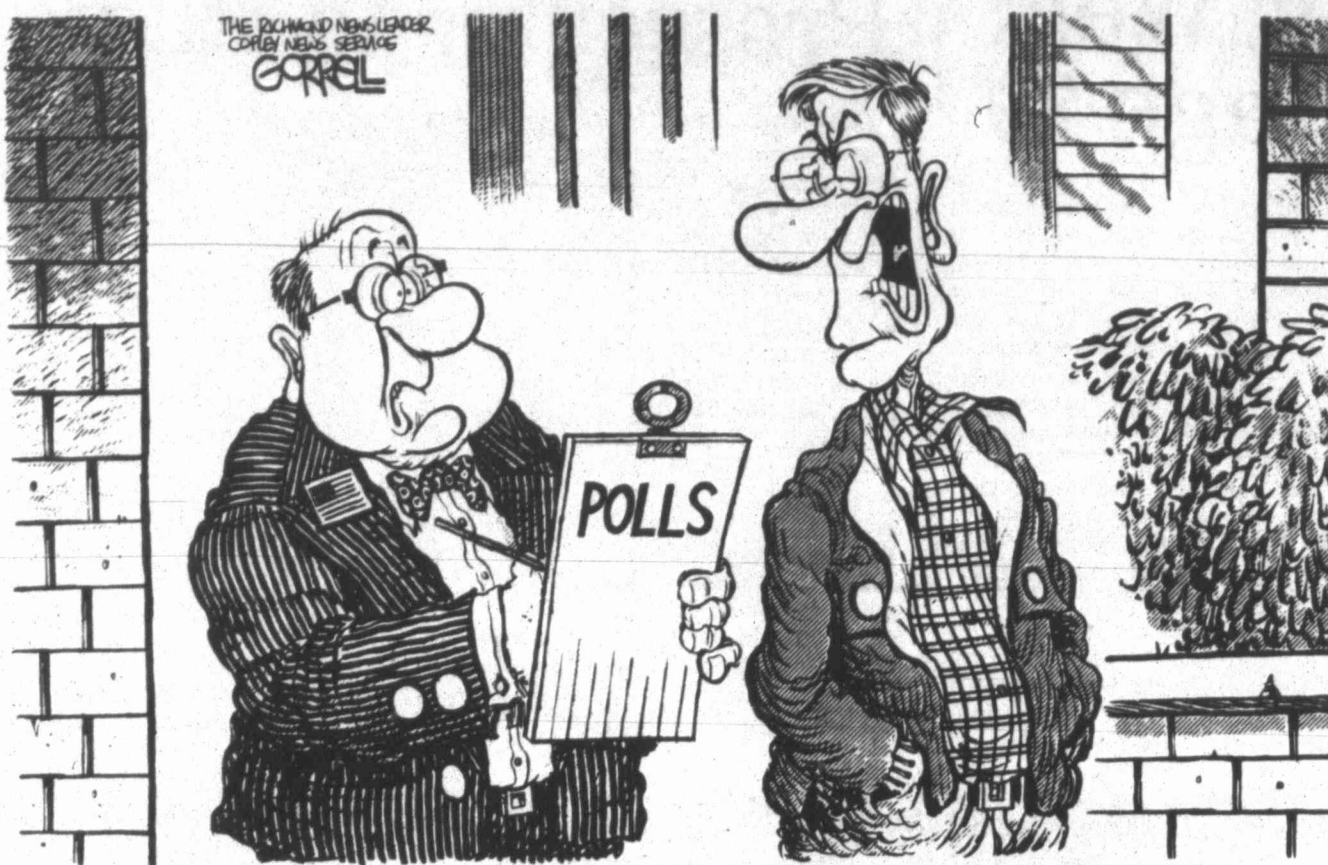
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Art Buchwald

"ME? ... I'M EIGHTY PERCENT SURE I DON'T LIKE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE CANDIDATES!"

## Where have young folks gone?

Dec. 1, 1991, was the fourth observance of World AIDS Day, according to an Associated Press story. "Some 90 New York structures — including the Brooklyn Bridge, the World Trade Center and Times Square billboards — dimmed for 15 minutes at dusk Sunday.

"Skylines also dimmed in San Francisco, Chicago, Miami and Austin ... and U.S. museums and galleries observed AIDS Day with 'a day without art.'"

At the Museum of Modern Art in New York, 13 framed, blank canvases were hung "to represent all the works that will never get shown" because of AIDS, said Robert Storr of the museum projects committee.

Well, that's fine. I've got no problem with a day to remember AIDS victims, and I hope the cure is found tomorrow. But what about a cure for a greater killer — abortion? And how about a day to remember the victims of abortion? Why don't we fill museums with blank canvases that will never be painted by the helpless victims of abortion? How about some science fairs with empty exhibit booths? Let's dim some skylines to honor the babies.

An article by James W. Houston appeared in the Oct. 25, 1991, issue of The Sword of the Lord newspaper. Houston observed that 25 percent of 1991 high school graduates are dead. "They died in 1973, the year abortion was made legal." Since 1973, 25 million babies have died before they ever saw the light of day.

Those who died in 1974 are the ones who won't walk forward this month in a black gown to receive a high school diploma. They won't make plans to fill their tomorrows; they won't look back fondly at their yesterdays. Our govern-

Betty Johansen



ment made them expendable. Worthless.

Back in those nightmare days after Roe vs. Wade by-passed the legislative body of the U.S. and became the law of the land anyway, I used to pace the floor at night or stare at the ceiling trying to understand how any woman could participate in the murder of her own child. And I wondered how they would be able to live with themselves in the months and years to follow.

I whiled away the hours one of those long nights by writing "Gypsy Child," about a woman dreaming of her lost daughter:

Hair like the summer sunshine,  
Dancing, toying, slapping her face,  
Frothing like wind-whipped waves  
As she rolls and tumbles with a puppy's clumsy grace.

Smile like a wistful rainbow,  
Bright'ning, fading, warming my heart,  
Glowing like subdued lights  
As she sets out a make-believe voyage to chart.

Eyes like crystal blue lakes,  
Reflecting, calm, haunting my soul,  
Gazing deep into a troubled mind  
As I see again my own childhood unfold.

Gypsy child, daughter of the wind,  
Here and gone ... please come back again.  
Just once fill my arms,  
Let me feel your softness and your charms.

Wait child! Why always run away?  
Don't you hear me beg you to stay?  
Why will you fill my heart with pain?  
How can you prefer the cold and the rain?

I know ... I know ... you're not sunshine and rainbows.  
You're a bleeding mass of flesh and bone and arms and toes,  
I swept you out of my body like garbage, your very life to erase.  
Dear God, my soul if only I could take your place.

That "gypsy child" would be a child no more. She would be a young woman on the verge of graduation, her whole life stretching before her. If she had been real. If she had lived.

On May 11, a business story moved over the wire from the AP. "Where have all the young folks gone?" it asked.

"The question puzzles many people, a few demographers included, and it is becoming of special concern to economists," the story continued. "With fewer people marrying and having children, they aren't buying a range of consumer items from cups and saucers to houses and toys."

Where have all the young folks gone?  
Where indeed.  
Betty Johansen is copy editor for the Herald.

## Ban the video cameras

The most dangerous weapon now being used against law enforcement people is not the gun but the video camera. Citizens fearful of their rights are buying more camcorders than ever before, and the situation is wreaking havoc with police brutality all over America.

A movement is now underway by law-and-order citizens to ban the video camera, or at least make people register it.

It is headed by Archie Locust, who has bitter feelings about videos because he was once videotaped by his wife in the back seat of his car with a female Midas Muffler mechanic.

"The video lovers will tell you that they only own cameras for recreational purposes, but they can also get people indicted for civil rights' abuses.

"My group wants every person in this country to register his video camera. We have nothing against a father using his camera to record his daughter's graduation. However, we are absolutely against anyone making a videotape of the police playing hockey with their batons."

"There is always an amateur who will take advantage of a photo opportunity to get on TV," I said.

"We know that we're not going to have a complete ban on video cameras, so we're asking for a seven-day waiting period between the time a camera is purchased and the date when it's delivered. This would give the FBI a chance to check out the buyer to see if he has ever recorded an act of police brutality before."

"Doesn't the Constitution provide for American citizens the right to bear cameras?"

"The Founding Fathers were referring only to still cameras, not moving ones. The video lovers would have you believe that they need the cameras to protect themselves from the law. This is not true. The police are there for that purpose, and they're not going to do it if they think that you're a peeping Tom with a zoom lens at your window."

"Besides the seven-day waiting period what else are you asking for?"

"We want to restrict the number of tapes you can buy for each camera. We feel that two a year is sufficient. Waivers will be made for those who are having weddings."

"There are now an estimated 15 million video recorders on the street. How would you suggest this problem be handled?"

"We're requesting camera owners to turn them in at police stations. We'll pay \$100 for each camera. If the person doesn't do this we'll smash his equipment if we see him taking any pictures of a civil rights' nature."

"I heard that the video lobby intends to fight you all the way."

"They have the money and they have the power. They also have Congress scared silly because the VC lobby has secret tapes of members writing checks on the House bank. The lobbyists say that if Congress does ban cameras they will turn over the tapes to 'Candid Camera.'"

"Is there such a thing as a camera-proof vest so that if someone starts shooting a bad police scene, his camera won't work?"

"There isn't now, but we're getting close."  
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# Sports

## Owls top Bulldogs

By MIKE BUTTS  
Staff Writer

COAHOMA - Coahoma's game against Reagan County Tuesday was mostly a tune-up for the teams' playoff contests this weekend.

And the Reagan County Owls did the finer tuning of the two teams in their 4-1 victory over the Bulldogs at Coahoma.

Owls coach Wayne Walker used all three of his starting pitchers for a predetermined number of innings, and the three combined for a four-hitter in running the Owls record to 17-3.

District 6-3A champion Reagan County plays San Elizario Friday in Pecos and Coahoma goes against Eastland Saturday in Abilene at 2 p.m. in bi-district play.

Despite the loss, Bulldogs coach Doc Rowell expressed satisfaction with his team's play. Coahoma has now lost three games in a row, including its last two district games with Wall.

"I thought today helped us a lot in getting ready (for the playoffs)," Rowell said. "I was concerned how we played in the last four games. We played better today with more intensity. If we had played like that against Wall it would've been a different story."

Rowell said he will start Dutch Barr against Eastland and use Mark Arguello in relief.

Inconsistent freshman Brandon McGuire started for the Bulldogs Tuesday and threw well until the fifth inning, when a recurring hip problem began bothering him. He gave in to Barr in the top of the sixth having held the Owls to two earned runs on four hits and three base on balls.

Meanwhile Reagan County's starting rotation breezed through the Bulldogs' lineup. Freshman Ronald Reyes gave up Coahoma's only run when Arguello reached on an error on the shortstop and Brent Elmore drove him in with a single to right field.

Elmore, the Bulldogs senior third baseman, got three of his team's four hits in going three for three. He managed a base hit off each Owl hurler.

The game would have been closer if not for two Coahoma base running errors.

With the score tied 1-1 in the bot-



Coahoma Bulldogs third baseman Brent Elmore, shown here in this file photo, was Coahoma's leading hitter against Reagan County Monday. Elmore got three of the four Coahoma's hits.

tom of the third, shortstop Jason Harmon was thrown out at third. Rowell said afterward Harmon slowed up coming around second because he didn't see the signal to keep running.

With one out in the fourth inning the Bulldogs missed a chance to take the lead when Harmon hit a fly to center that fell in for a base hit. Kenny Lowery was at third but failed to score because he didn't take a big enough lead waiting to see if Harmon's hit would be caught. The next two batters flew out with the bases loaded.

Reagan County got an unearned run in the first on a throwing error by Elmore, a wild pitch and an error by McGuire.

Elmore's hit tied the game in the

third and the Owls got two in the fifth for a 3-1 lead. One run scored on a fielder's choice and the other on a double by third baseman John Marc Henderson.

Reagan County's Junior Soto and Lalo Leija each threw two shutout innings. Soto got the win and Leija, 9-2, retired six of the seven batters he faced with an effective fast ball.

Barr surrendered an earned run and struck out two in two innings of relief.

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LOB + Reagan County: 5; Coahoma: 8; Errors + Reagan County: (Rivera, Leija); Coahoma: (Elmore, McGuire, Harmon) SB + Reagan County: (Florez, Christen, Bonilla); 2B + Reagan County: (Henderson); Coahoma: (Elmore, Lowery); W + Soto: L + McGuire.



Big Spring High School Athletic Director Dwight Butler presents Big Spring Lady Steers senior Amber Grisham with the Wanda Ferguson Award for being the top athlete for the 1991-92 season.

## Grisham tabbed top Lady Steer

By STEVE BELVIN  
Sports Editor

Seniors Teveyan Russell and Amber Grisham were the top winners at the Big Spring Lady Steers Athletic Banquet Monday night.

Russell and Grisham were part of more than 60 athletes honored for their achievements in volleyball, golf, basketball and track.

Russell was named the Outstanding Athlete in both volleyball and basketball. In volleyball she was All-District and Most Valuable Player in 3-4A. In basketball she was All-District and MVP. She was also named to several All-Area and All-State teams. She will attend Howard College on a basketball scholarship.

Grisham, a three-sport participant for four years, was awarded the Wanda Ferguson Award for the best overall athlete at the school. Grisham participated in volleyball, basketball and track. She was All-District in both volleyball and basketball. She scored 28 points at the district track meet.

Senior Jo Beth Neighbors was the Scholastic Award winner.

Coach Lois Ann McKenzie handed out the volleyball awards. The Lady Steers finished third in district with a 9-3 record. Big Spring had a 14-9 overall mark.

"These kids have gotten better every year that I've been here," said McKenzie. "When I first got here this group of seniors were freshmen. I just wish I could keep them one more year."

Junior Heather Farris was named the Most Improved player. Junior Cassie Underwood received the Leadership Award. The Coach's Award was presented to Grisham and senior Kayla Roberts. The senior volleyball players presented McKenzie an award.

McKenzie also presented the awards to the golf team. Big Spring's golfers finished seventh in district competition. "They got better every week. Not a week went by they didn't improve," said McKenzie. "When you've got the state champ (Andrews) in your district, it's hard sometimes."

The Outstanding Golfer award went to freshman Milena Hunter. The Coach's Award was presented to junior Meredith Baker.

First year coach Ron Taylor presented the basketball awards. The Lady Steers won district with a 13-1 league record. They finished 21-8 overall and were beaten by state champion Canyon Randall in the area round of the playoffs.

"The job they did was unreal," said Taylor. "They were picked next-to-last in the district. A lot of

people didn't think we could do it. They showed character and determination. They worked hard and showed what they could do."

The Most Improved Player award went to Grisham and Underwood.

Junior Casey Cook was named Best Defensive Player and junior Leslie Fryar received the Coach's Award.

The senior basketball players presented Taylor with an award.

Jay Kennedy presented the track awards. For the second consecutive year the Lady Steers won the 3-4A championship. This year they scored 31 points and the regional meet, finishing sixth.

"The girls did an excellent job, they worked hard," said Kennedy. "It's hard to come out and work out when the wind is blowing 40 miles per hour and it's 30 degrees. Or you go out there and it's 90 degrees and coach Kennedy or coach Long (Ricky) or coach Taylor hollering at you."

The Coach's Award went to Grisham. The Outstanding Track Athlete award was shared by junior state track participants Anne Rodriguez and Syreeta Shellman. Shellman finished third in the shot put and Rodriguez finished fifth in the 800 meters.

Kennedy was presented an award by the senior athletes.

## Jordan named best in NBA

CHICAGO (AP) — Apparently nothing, not even off-the-court adversity, can stop Michael Jordan.

Jordan, who waded through a season of personal problems, on Monday was named the NBA's Most Valuable Player for the 1991-92 season as he and the Chicago Bulls remained on course to defend their championship.

Jordan became the seventh player to win the award at least three times as he led the Bulls to a 67-15 record, best in the league this season and best in franchise history.

But for Jordan, it was "a very trying season mentally," filled with "individual adversity."

Personal problems kept popping up, but his popularity + and his game + never waned.

In the book "The Jordan Rules," he was described as greedy, selfish and disruptive.

He was criticized for not joining his teammates in a championship visit to the White House. He procrastinated before joining the Olympic team and then there was the revelation that he had lost

sizeable sums gambling at golf.

Jordan received 80 of 96 first-place votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters for a total of 900 points.

Portland's Clyde Drexler finished second with 12 first-place votes and 561 points, while San Antonio's David Robinson was third with two firsts and 337 points.

Utah's Karl Malone was fourth with one first-place ballot and 262 points, followed by New York's Patrick Ewing with 100 points. The other first-place vote went to Chicago's Scottie Pippen.

## Sports Briefs

### Indios softball tourney slated

The Indios Classic, a men's slowpitch softball tournament, is June 5-7 in Stanton.

Entry fee is \$100 per team. The first four teams will receive team trophies; the first two teams also will receive individual T-shirts. Shirts will be awarded to all-tournament players, Golden Glove and MVP.

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### Forsan hosting basketball camp

Forsan will be the site June 8-12 of a summer basketball camp for boys and girls ages 9-12 and any incoming seventh, eighth and ninth-grade student.

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### Blinn wins JUCO tournament

ABILENE (AP) — Scott Perkins' three-run homer capped a six-run eighth inning Monday night as Blinn beat Laredo 9-2 to capture the Texas Junior College state championship tournament.

The victory earned Blinn a berth in the National Junior College Athletic Association World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., beginning Sunday.

Persistent rain in Waco, the original site of the tournament, forced the Buccaneers (43-22) to travel more than 200 miles and win twice Sunday, setting up the showdown with Laredo (48-10).

Blinn beat Texarkana College 10-5 and Laredo 4-3 Sunday.

Laredo starter and loser Sergio Chavez lasted only three batters, allowing a pair of walks and a single before giving way to Luiz Arzuaga. Kevin Bosse, the second of

four Blinn hurlers, picked up the victory, scattering three hits and one run in 3 2-3 innings while walking one and striking out one.

### Hurst does it to Mets again

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Five days and 2,500 miles later, the New York Mets still had no clue against Bruce Hurst.

In the span of five days, Hurst pitched two shutouts against the Mets. Not bad considering the left-hander didn't pitch a single shutout in 1991.

Hurst pitched the second one-hitter of his career Monday night as San Diego Padres beat the Mets 3-0. He is 9-1 lifetime against New York, including two victories for Boston in the 1986 World Series.

Hurst (3-3) didn't allow a hit until the sixth inning when Chico Walker reached on a grounder to deep shortstop with one out.

## Pfund will be new Lakers mentor

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Randy Pfund's first head coaching job was not a dream come true.

"This is a little less," Pfund said Monday when he was introduced as the new coach of the Los Angeles Lakers, succeeding Mike Dunleavy. "I think the dream came true when I walked into the Lakers locker room in 1985."

Pfund was referring to the Lakers hiring him as an assistant to current New York Knicks coach Pat Riley after Pfund spent eight years as an assistant coach at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Riley, who coached the Lakers for nearly nine seasons before leaving two years ago, just completed his first season as coach of the Knicks.

"I knew I would have opportunities to be a head coach in this league," Pfund said. "Every day you're on the job, you prepare yourself for this eventuality."

"The place to learn your profession is from the best. I know that my credentials are very strong in that department. We're confident we can make some strides, do

some things different, get back in the thick of things in the Western Conference."

Before going to Westmont, Pfund was involved in high school coaching and teaching in Illinois for two years.

"I was a head coach of a freshman 'B' team my first year (as a high school coach)," he said with a smile when asked if he'd ever been a head coach before.

He also coached the Lakers' summer league team for six years. Pfund, 40, grew up in Wheaton, Ill., and played college basketball at Wheaton College where the head coach was his father, Lee.

Neither Riley, who won four NBA titles with the Lakers, nor Dunleavy, who led them to the NBA Finals a year ago in his first season as coach, had been head coaches in the league when they were hired by Lakers general manager Jerry West and owner Jerry Buss.

"We've had success with people who haven't been head coaches," West said. "I feel comfortable with this. I live my life by my instincts. "Randy has a great court de-

meanor. He understands the game. Some day you have to give someone an opportunity. I think Randy Pfund is going to do an outstanding job for us. Just from watching him in the summer league, I know this guy can coach."

West wouldn't divulge terms of the contract signed by Pfund except to say it was a multiyear deal.

Upon being introduced as the 14th head coach in Lakers history, Pfund said he's prepared to make the necessary adjustments to help the team return to past glories.

"The '80s were Showtime. We're past that. We've got to look for a new style of play," said Pfund, whose hiring was announced Sunday night + five days after Dunleavy suddenly resigned to sign an eight-year contract to coach the Milwaukee Bucks.

"I think we'll be able to make the changes we'll need to make. We need more players on the floor who can do more than one thing, have multiple skills, a team that plays quicker, moves the ball. That's something I believe I can bring to the Lakers."

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#### Permian Basin Weather

Thursday: Partly cloudy, slight chance of evening thunderstorms. High in the 80s. Low in mid 50s to lower 60s.	Friday: Partly cloudy, slight chance of evening thunderstorms. High in the 80s. Low in mid 50s to lower 60s.	Saturday: Partly cloudy, slight chance of evening thunderstorms. High in the 80s. Low in mid 50s to lower 60s.
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### Children receive minor injuries

Two Big Spring children were treated and released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center after this traffic accident Monday. La Tisha Jetton, 3, and Amber Jetton, 7, were treated for minor injuries. Connie Jean Jetton, 31, was cited for turning left in front of Alvin Carol Jensen, 65, of Big Spring. Jetton's other children, Lewis, 16 months, and Quinton, 4, were uninjured in the accident.

### 911

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may have made two 911 calls prior to May 8 from his grandmother's home and he now wonders whether the address was never in the system or if it got booted out.

Dorton said records also show that a call was made to the dispatch station from Aurelia Sheedy's home in September but it was not a 911 call.

Other issues raised include closer scrutiny of all addresses in the system, implementation of a central dispatch station separate from the police station, staffing and training of calltakers to handle medical trauma emergencies over the phone and funding to pay for those changes.

The calltaker who handled the May 8 call from Sheedy said she was stressed when the call came in. At the time, she said, she was working the third 12-hour shift in a row, was handling a call from a potential suicide victim, was alone because another dispatcher was on break and the station was noisy.

Dorton said scheduling of dispatcher shifts is determined by police officials. Cook said he was unaware that the calltaker was stressed due-in-part to long shifts. "She never said anything like that to me."

The calltaker, who said she has since resigned rather than be fired, did not realize during the emergency call that Sheedy said twice she lived in Coahoma.

"The lady was real weak. It wasn't clear," she said.

The phone number that showed on the 911 screen had a Coahoma prefix, but the calltaker said she did not notice that because she concentrated on Sheedy after finding that the computer showed no address. The calltaker confirmed Sheedy's street and house number over the phone but dispatched it without saying it was in Coahoma.

Ambulance workers went to Main Street in Big Spring while paramedics in Coahoma a half-mile from Sheedy's home listened to scanners. Confused rescuers eventually asked for a double-check and the calltaker then noticed the Coahoma telephone prefix and dispatched accordingly.

Officials with 911 are now looking at records to determine other incomplete or missing addresses. Addressing was 99 percent complete as of October, Dorton said.

"We're going to go back and look for everything," said Dorton, who last week pored over records dating back through January that include about 20,000 calls a month.

He is urging citizens with known illnesses who want to check their addresses on the 911 system to contact a calltaker at 263-8311 or 911, preferably in the morning. "If we can eliminate any possibility of a mistake, help us do it."

### Records

Monday's high temp.....	79	Rainfall Monday.....	0.00
Monday's low temp.....	63	Month to date.....	0.89
Average high.....	84	Month's normal.....	2.91
Average low.....	59	Year to date.....	07.91
Record high.....	107 in 1927	Normal for year.....	05.53
Record low.....	45 in 1986		

### Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

- Jesse Dean Mince, 21, 1408 Nolan, was convicted of driving while intoxicated and sentenced to 90 days in jail and ordered to pay \$299.50 in fines and court costs.

### Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- Fred Olivias, 59, of 603 North Douglas was arrested for public intoxication.
- A forged check for \$107 worth of merchandise was reported at the Brown's Shoe Fit Company at 2505 Gregg St.
- A television and stereo worth \$490 was reported stolen during the burglary of a home in the 1000 block of East 16th Street.
- Currency and merchandise worth \$394 was reportedly stolen during the burglary of a business in the 900 block of West Fourth Street.
- Moses Flores Jr., 39, of 209 North Goliad was arrested for theft.
- Tires worth \$145 were reportedly punctured in the 400 block of Dallas.
- A windshield worth \$300 was reported damaged in the 3200 block of Drexel.
- A tool box and stereo worth \$3,265 were reportedly stolen during the burglary of a building in the 1000 block of North Lamesa Highway.
- A 22-year-old Big Spring woman reported being threatened by a man she testified against on another crime.
- A Big Spring juvenile was arrested for carrying a sawed-off shotgun.
- An 18-year-old Big Spring woman reported being struck in the face in the 1800 block of Owens.
- Car windows worth \$600 were reportedly damaged in the 1800 block of Owens.

### Deaths

#### 'Jack' Sharp

William T. "Jack" Sharp, 70, Big Spring, died Monday, May 18, 1992, in a local hospital.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, at Grape Creek Cemetery, Grape Creek, with the Rev. Arnold Tonn officiating, under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 6, 1922, in Coryell County. He married Osie Raye Elder in May, 1968, in Seminole. She preceded him in death July 1990. He moved to Big Spring in the early 1950's and owned Sharps Garage. He later moved to Bronte where he owned a garage then moved to Hobbs, N.M., where he retired after 40 years as a Chevrolet mechanic. He was a Methodist. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was a member of the Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include one son, William V. Sharp, Big Spring; one daughter, Margaret Johnson, Big Spring; three brothers: A.J. Sharp, Beeville, and C.F. Sharp and W.O. Sharp, both of Carlsbad.

He was also preceded in death by one brother, Wilson Sharp; and one sister, Dora Maude Sharp.

### Notices to implant recipients published

CINCINNATI (AP) — Lawyers heading a class-action lawsuit began publishing notices today alerting women who had silicone gel breast implants to lawsuits against companies that made, sold or distributed them.

The notice appeared today in USA Today and is to appear in June or July editions of McCall's, Better Homes and Gardens, Good Housekeeping, Cosmopolitan and other magazines.

The advertisements ask women who do not want to be part of the lawsuits, which are pending before U.S. District Judge Carl Rubin in Cincinnati, to write to a committee of lawyers by Oct. 15. The notice says women who do not opt out of the case will be bound by any judgment reached in it.

Rubin has scheduled a trial in Cincinnati for June 1993 on lawsuits filed on behalf of about 10,000 women throughout the country.

The women claim they suffered health problems because of leaks from the implants. The defendant companies deny any liability.

Similar lawsuits have been filed in San Francisco and Wichita, Kan. A Washington-based panel of federal judges may decide later this year whether to consolidate them all in one city for trial.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has restricted the use of silicone gel breast implants because of health concerns.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The address is Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel Committee; In re: Breast Implant Litigation; 1513 Central Trust Tower; Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202.

### Group calls for boycott of jean maker

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — An anti-pornography group is calling for a national boycott of Levi Strauss & Co., accusing the jeans-maker of punishing the Boy Scouts for excluding homosexuals.

"The fact that they would penalize the Boy Scouts for refusing to accept openly practicing homosexuals as scout masters shows they no longer want the business of a majority of Americans," the Rev. Donald Wildmon, a Methodist minister who heads the American Family Association.

On Friday, Levi Strauss confirmed it will no longer donate to the scouts because of its refusal to admit gay scouts or leaders. Mary Gross, spokeswoman for the San Francisco company, said its donation has ranged from \$40,000 to \$80,000 a year for five years.

"It's not that we are discriminating against them" but because of a policy conflict with the scouts "we can no longer support them," Gross said Monday.

Levi Strauss' action was the latest reaction to the Boy Scouts of America's refusal to admit gays and atheists.

Public schools in Berkeley, Calif., last Wednesday barred scouts from using their property. In April, the United Way of the San Francisco Bay area yanked funding, estimated at \$1 million a year.

A May 8 ruling in Santa Ana, Calif., ordered a Cub Scout pack to readmit twin 10-year-olds thrown out for refusing to say "God" in the scout pledge. In March, a federal judge in Chicago ruled that an 8-year-old Cub Scout who did not believe in God could be kept out of a troop.

Wildmon said The American Family Association will ask religious leaders nationwide who serve on its board to spearhead a boycott among their congregations.

The Tupelo-based association has led protests of companies, television networks and publications, including the 1980s boycott that persuaded some convenience stores to place pornographic magazines out of view.

Blake Lewis, national spokesman for the Boy Scouts in Dallas, said they wouldn't change their policies.

"Our values are very much in concert with the expectations and the values of mainstream American families as evidenced by more than 5 million youth and adult members of the organization," he said.

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Ivie said that of the 22 cities that were not awarded a prison, only about 17, including Big Spring, are actually eligible. If Big Spring is considered, however, the state may require the same \$1.8 million commitment made for the 1,000-bed prison, which may be similar circumstances to those which led El Paso to turn down the center, Sanders said.

Although no action was taken, the board heard a presentation by Rich Anderson, who operates a consulting firm based in New Mexico. Anderson, who once ran for

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state representative for the Big Spring area, said he has investors looking for opportunities in the agribusiness industry.

Having worked extensively in Howard and surrounding counties, Anderson decided to approach the Moore Board with a proposal to fund a feasibility study for a \$25 million textile mill to be located in Big Spring, he said.

This proposal has nothing to do with the on-going Wright Fibers Inc. project, Ivie said.

If the board will agree to fund the study, which could cost from \$40,000 to \$75,000, Anderson will assist in securing a long-term con-

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tract for fabric production and show the investors the profitability of such an industry, he said.

Anderson addressed the board to make them aware of the existence of these investors and the opportunity they represent for the city regarding future food and fiber production, he said.

"These people feel like there's a great future for food and fiber," Anderson said.

"We will certainly look at this with enthusiasm," Ivie said.

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### MYERS & SMITH

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Herman Taylor, 74, died Sunday. Services were 3:00 P.M., Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park, with military honors.

### Nalley-Pickle & Welch

Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel

906 GREGG BIG SPRING

William T. (Jack) Sharp, 70, died Monday. Graveside services will be 1:00 P.M. Wednesday at Grape Creek Cemetery, Grape Creek, Texas.

### Spring Board

All Spring Board must be sent to the writing one week event.

### Calendar

**TODAY**

- Bingo offered by Elks, and Main Monday-Friday, Saturday, 1 p.m., at the Lions Third.
- Reunion - Am (WWII), Korea 23rd Infantry Div. be held June 18-21, Riverwalk North, Contact William 512-643-4964.
- La Hacienda's Alumni Reunion June 5th, 6th, and For information 1-800-749-6160.
- Big Spring presents "Revue for Students" \$1.00, Adul Al-Anon will 615 Settles.
- Recovery Sol mens support group 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union formation call 264-7.
- The Porky will play for a se dance, at the Civic orado City, from 7: Area dancer invited.
- The Big Spring tion will meet 7 p. 3rd, the West Texa the Arts. For info 267-2974.
- Narcotics An meet 7 p.m., V. Center room 40 welcome.
- Family support the support and e families with a mental illness. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ho Mental Health Cen Public. For info John McGuffy, 2 Chaplain Perrine, 2
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- Adults Me Children will meet Howard County M Center. Anyone int call first: Dawn P or Gail Zilai, MSW 287.
- Big Spring school bandha parents are en attend.

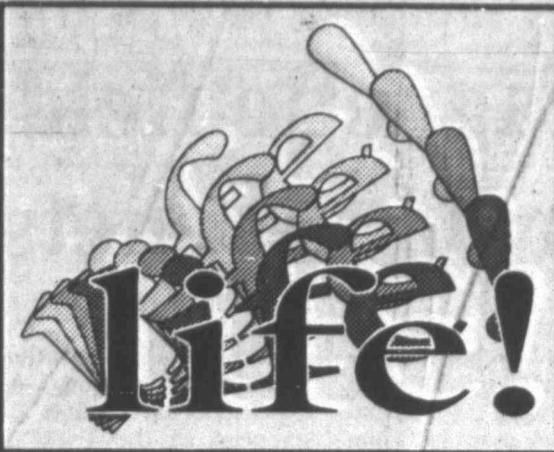
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- The Divorce S will meet 6-7 p.m. Methodist Church Anyone welcome available. Use bac Gregg St. parking mation call 267-63
- Co-Depend will meet 7 p.m., tain Medical C floor.
- West Texas offers legal help ters (disability, d the Northside Center for those u their on attorney tion call 1-686-064
- Recovery S womens support meet 6:30-8 p.m. For information

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- Big Spring 1340 will meet Lancaster.
- Recovery teen esteem gr 6:30-8 p.m., 307 formation call 2

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## Spring board

All Spring Board information must be sent to the Herald in writing one week prior to the event.

### Calendar

#### TODAY

• Bingo offered by the Lions, Elks, and Main Street Club, Monday-Friday, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, 1 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Lions Club, 1607 E. Third.

• Reunion - American Div. (WWII), Korea (Caribbean) 23rd Infantry Div. (RVN), will be held June 18-21, Holiday Inn Riverwalk North, San Antonio. Contact William Maddox, 512-643-4964.

• La Hacienda's 20th Annual Alumni Reunion will be held June 5th, 6th, and 7th in Hunt. For information call 1-800-749-6160.

• Big Spring High School presents "Revue for '92", 7:30 p.m., high school auditorium. Students - \$1.00, Adults - \$2.00.

• Al-Anon will meet 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Recovery Solutions Inc., mens support group will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028.

• The Porky Proctor Band will play for a senior citizen dance, at the Civic Center, Colorado City, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Area dancer invited.

• The Big Spring Art Association will meet 7 p.m., 125 East 3rd, the West Texas Center for the Arts. For information call 267-2974.

• Narcotics Anonymous will meet 7 p.m., V.A. Medical Center room 401. Anyone welcome.

• Family support group for the support and education for families with a member with mental illness will meet 5:30-6:30 p.m., Howard County Mental Health Center. Open to Public. For information call John McGuffey, 263-0027, or Chaplain Perrine, 267-8216.

• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

• Adults Molested as Children will meet 5:15 p.m., Howard County Mental Health Center. Anyone interested must call first: Dawn Pearson, RNC, or Gail Zilai, MSW, 267-8216 ext. 287.

• Big Spring Band Booster will meet 7 p.m. in the high school bandhall. All band parents are encouraged to attend.

#### WEDNESDAY

• The Divorce Support Group will meet 6-7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 101. Anyone welcome. Child care available. Use back entrance at Gregg St. parking lot. For information call 267-6394.

• Co-Dependents Anonymous will meet 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, fourth floor.

• West Texas Legal Service offers legal help for civil matters (disability, divorce, etc.) at the Northside Community Center for those unable to afford their own attorney. For information call 1-686-0647.

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#### THURSDAY

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• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

• Human Services Council will meet 10 a.m., Howard County Mental Health Center, conference room. Individuals representing any organization, club or group providing human services to our community are invited. For information call John McGuffey, 263-0027.

• Big Spring Mason Lodge 1340 will meet 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

• Recovery Solutions, Inc., teen esteem group, will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028.

## Mites attack honeybees; threaten population

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — First there were the killer bees. Now there are the mite killers.

Parasitic mites are attacking the U.S. honeybee population, killing wild bees, threatening fruit and vegetable pollination, and forcing beekeepers to launch expensive counterattacks.

The mites, first detected in the 1960s, have been found in bee colonies in 30 to 35 states scattered around the country, said Tom Rinderer, a U.S. Department of Agriculture bee researcher at Baton Rouge, La.

The mites are spreading rapidly and have the potential to destroy most of the wild honeybee population, he said.

"Honeybees are essential to American agriculture — nothing else can replace them," said Rinderer. As wild bees succumb, he said, "We may be looking to professional beekeepers to provide even more pollination services."

Two hundred commercial crops worth \$20 billion a year depend on bees for pollination, and the added cost of renting honeybees and compensating beekeepers for chemical mite protection could make food more expensive, Rinderer said.

Researchers hope to breed honeybees with resistance to two deadly varieties of mites: now found in most states, but genetic protection could be years away.

"There is going to be a devastating loss of (wild) colonies before you see any resistance to these mites," said Tim Dadant of Hamilton, whose company manufactures beekeeping supplies

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**Tom Rinderer researcher**

and publishes the American Bee Journal magazine. "You're going to see a decrease in pollination in some areas."

The mites aren't all that beekeepers have to worry about. They have been trying to figure out how to cope with the steady northward invasion of Africanized bees, whose aggressive behavior gave them the nickname "killer bees." The Africanized bees, which mate with domestic honeybees, recently crossed from Mexico into Texas.

"These mites are a one-two punch," said Beam. "The Africanized bee could be the knockout blow."

Rinderer said no one knows yet whether the mites will attack the Africanized bees in the same way. "There's no way to tell and there's no ethical way to do that experiment," he said.

He said it wouldn't be ethical to import the killer bees and mites into an area to see what happens.



Tom Rinderer, a bee researcher with the U.S. Department of Agriculture sits in his office in Baton Rouge, La. recently. Rinderer says that parasitic mites which are attacking the U.S.

honeybee population are spreading rapidly and have the potential to destroy most of the wild honeybee population.

Wild honeybees pollinate plants in parks and home gardens, as well as some field crops, and are most vulnerable to the two types of mites: the varroa, a relatively large mite that feeds on both adult and young honeybees, and the tracheal, a microscopic pest that lives in bees' breathing tubes.

If local bee colonies are wiped out, there could be fewer flowers, fruits and vegetables.

Commercial food crops, from California almonds to Illinois pumpkins, are pollinated by the same kind of honeybees. But in many cases, these bees are delivered to fields — often for a fee — by profes-

sional beekeepers. Most of them use chemicals to protect their colonies from mites.

The government estimates there are 3.5 million honeybee colonies owned by more than 200,000 beekeepers in the United States. About 3,000 are professionals who make a living with bees.

## Sickness and politics — the new influence of disease advocates

**EDITOR'S NOTE — Once, people with cancer and other lethal diseases waited quietly, hoping science would find a cure in time. No more. Now disease advocates are powerful players in Washington, shaping the federal research agenda.**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sheila Swanson's second career as an in-your-face political agitator began after she learned she had cancer in her left breast. Again.

It was a "second primary," a brand-new tumor unrelated to the one she had survived in 1979. The first time she had the lump out and got on with her life. This time she got angry.

Swanson had both breasts cut off, quit working as a nurse and vowed to do everything she could to make sure her daughter and other women's children would not have to go through this, too.

"I looked at my life and said I have to make some sense out of getting this disease a second time. I decided I had to become outspoken and not be one of the silent women," said Swanson of Saratoga, Calif.

So with a friend, she founded the Bay Area Cancer Network in 1990 and set to work waking up the world. About the same time all

over the country, lots of other people — and not all of them women — got the same idea.

Dozens of groups have sprung up: people with prostate cancer, people with kidney cancer, relatives of people with Alzheimer's disease. All over the country, these victims of disease have stopped waiting quietly for medical science to proceed at its usual regal pace.

They want cures. They want prevention. They want big, big federal research budgets for what's killing them. And they want them now.

Members of this new category of political agitator freely acknowledge that they have a stunningly successful teacher — the AIDS movement. Using everything from old-fashioned lobbying to street theater, AIDS activists made their disease the most richly funded target, tied with cancer, on the federal research agenda.

With similar tactics, these latest crusaders are already shifting the way money is divided up among disease researchers.

"The advocacy groups have demonstrated the influence that articulate, well organized, very vocal, very angry people can have on resource allocation," said Dr. Robert Wachter of the University

of California, San Francisco.

Last fall, the activists and their champions in Congress succeeded in getting the budget of the National Cancer Institute — the government's primary supporter of cancer research — increased by 14 percent. Moreover, they told the scientists there how to spend the money.

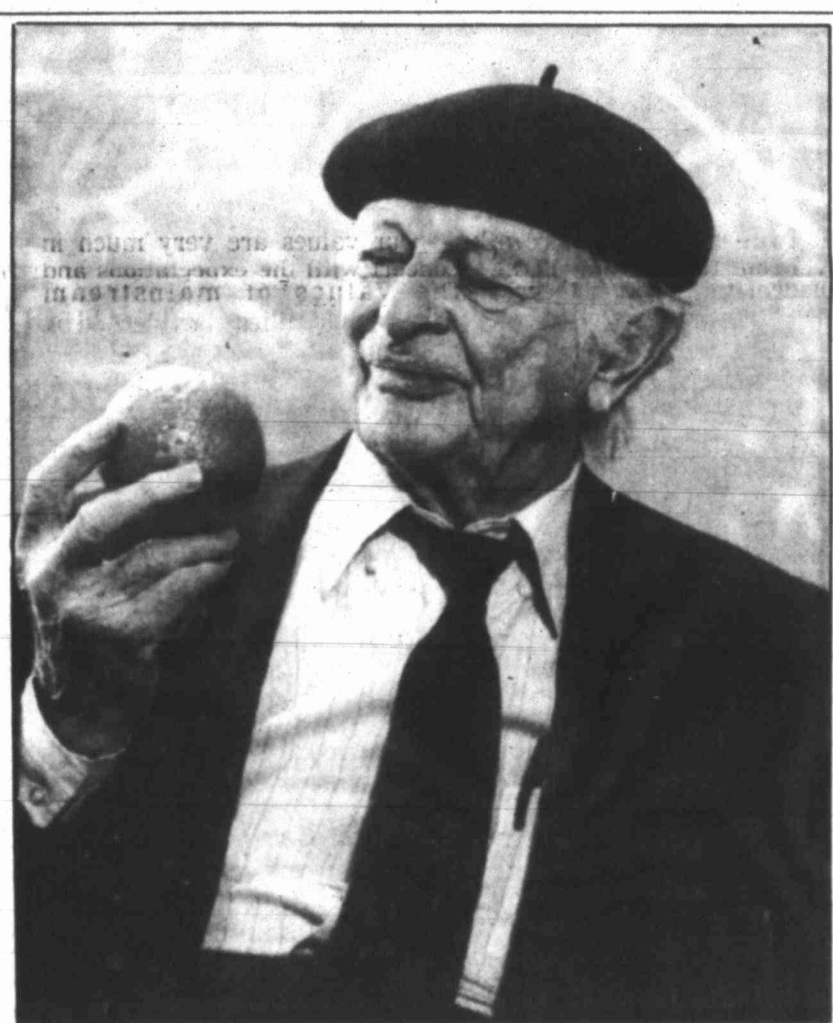
Rather than leaving these decisions up to the career science administrators and their advisers from medical schools, Congress specified sizable increases in spending for cancer of the breast, prostate, ovaries and cervix.

A year earlier, they set aside specific amounts for Alzheimer's disease research. And throughout the 1980s, the did the same for AIDS.

The ease with which advocates of individual diseases can manipulate research goals worries some. They caution that for every disease that gets an outsized share of attention, some other illness without a lobbying force will get less than it deserves.

Until AIDS, Congress had been reluctant in recent years to earmark precise amounts of money for specific diseases. Instead, those decisions were left up the ad-

• Please see CURE ME Page 28



## Cancer stricken

Two-time Nobel laureate Linus Pauling holds up an orange in his office in Palo Alto, Calif. recently with his theory of vitamin C on the chalkboard in the background. Pauling, 91, revealed he was diagnosed with prostate cancer five months ago. He is best known for being an advocate of taking vitamin C daily.

## BSSH Happenings



Volunteer Services annual Awards Luncheon was held on April 30, during National Volunteer Week, and was attended by 100 volunteers and staff of BSSH. Johnnie Lou Avery was the guest speaker. Representative David Counts, of Knox City was a special guest. Awards of pins and bars for hours of service were presented to twenty-five volunteers by Kent Newson, Vice, Chair of Volunteer Services Council, and Ed Moughon, Assistant Superintendent.

Jack Y. Smith, prior to his death, initiated an award to be given to volunteers to honor their service to the patients of BSSH. His family has continued the tradition. This year, the Jack Y. Smith Award was

presented by his daughter, Jacqueline McKnight, to Faye and Bill Wallace of Ackerly. Faye began volunteering in 1973 and Bill in 1979. The list of contributions these two have made is long and impressive.

Sheridan Anderson was promoted on April 1 to the position of Program Administrator for Northwest Psychiatric Services. This is a forty-four bed acute care unit for ambulatory and active individuals age 65 and over or for younger patients with similar mental disorders.

Ms. Anderson received a BA from Mary Hardin Baylor University and MA from Our Lady of the Lake University and has been employed as a social worker at BSSH since 1980. In 1985, she received from the National Association of Social Workers the Social Worker of the Year — West Texas and in 1990, BSSH Social Worker of the Year.

The patients of BSSH had their fifth Annual Sandstorm Relays on May 7 and 8. Sandstorm is usually an apt name, but this year was beautiful — hot, but beautiful. The adolescents had their relays on the May 7 and the adult competition

was the May 8.

Events included running, walking, basketball shoots, football accuracy throws, long jump, frisbee, 3-legged races, and many more. Awards were medals for first and second place winners, plaques for best male and female athletes, and certificates to all who participated. The relay organizer was Jim Potter, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist.

Northwest Psychiatric Services was greeted on May 1 by Jok Simons, new Program Administrator. Jok worked for BSSH from 1988 to 1990 and moved to Dallas as Director of Acute Treatment Services for Dallas County MHMR. He has a BA and MA from University of Texas, Arlington and 16 years of experience with TX-MHMR. He is glad to be back in West Texas to be a part of the BSSH team and renew friendships.

Donna Cole has been named psychiatric aide of the year, 1992.

Committee members, Kaye Richardson, Harry Vela, Caren Greathouse, and Ester Overby, met on April 2 and chose the Aide of the Year. Donna Cole has worked eighteen years on Adolescent Services at BSSH.

Five staff members of Medical Services attended the 11th Annual State Conference on Aging held in Abilene April 26-29. Walter C. Graham, president of Texas Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs, developed the conference. He is the father of Cecilia Graham, Social Worker on Medical Services. Henry Cisneros, former mayor of San Antonio, was the key note speaker. He emphasized the importance of the contributions of older citizens.

Ed Moughon was the guest speaker at the annual TXMHMR Food and Nutrition Services banquet and awards ceremony held in Austin on April 3. He presented a plaque created by a BSSH employee Paul Schipf, and a challenge to all the food services employees. The plaque will be presented each year to recognize, "Best Food in Texas". Mr. Moughon was also presented a plaque by Sharon Hunter, Chief of Nutrition and Food Services, for his support of food service at BSSH.

Therapists Carolyn Lee and Polly McGuffey have recently started a Reminiscences Group on Medical

Services. It is designed to help the elder person to regain and maintain a sense of self esteem. Listening, games and pictures are used to recall and relate past memories to present events.

At the May 5 City Council meeting, Former Mayor Max Green, read a proclamation to the council members, staff and citizens of Big Spring declaring May to be Mental Health Month.

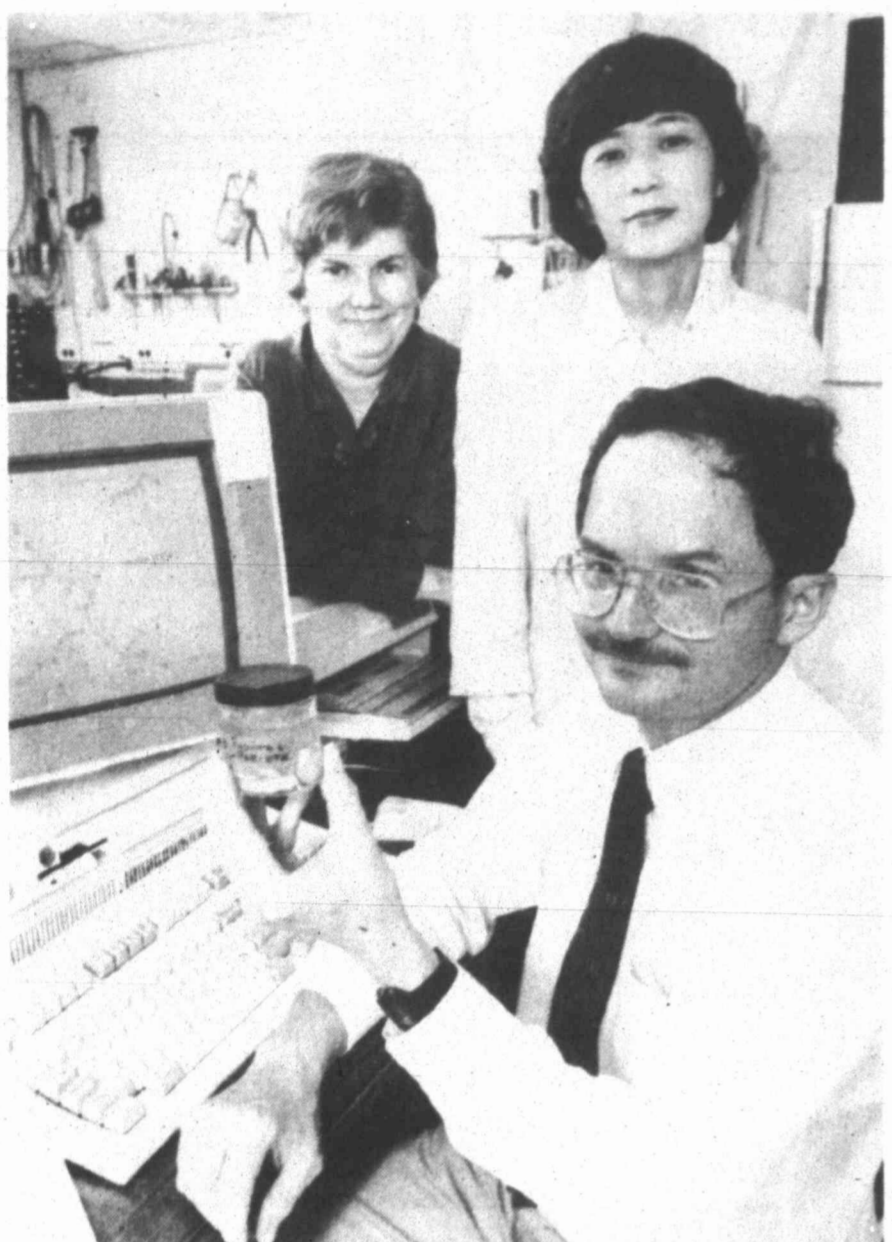
Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services sponsored a three day workshop on May 11, 12, 13 for thirty-five staff members. Gayla Blackwell, RN, MSW, of California was consultant for the training. This was the fifth in a series of seminars. It was aimed at special training for staff assisting long term psychiatric patients with social skills.

The State Hospital patients are in need of eye glass frames, silk flowers, quart jars and vases for craft projects. Please call me at 264-4271 or bring any donated items to the hospital volunteer office.

Evelyn Anderson is the volunteer coordinator for the Big Spring State Hospital.

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# Cancer linked to electromagnetic fields could be caused by tiny brain magnets



Joseph Kirschvink and assistants pose in their lab at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif. Kirschvink, holding a jar of brain samples, led the team in finding microscopic magnets in human brain tissue that might help explain the possible, but unproven link between cancer and electromagnetic fields from home appliances.

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Scientists say they have discovered microscopic magnets in the human brain that might explain the possible link between cancer and electromagnetic fields from household appliances.

"Scientists have long suspected that such materials might be found in human tissue, but this is the first clear demonstration of that," said geobiologist Joseph L. Kirschvink of the California Institute of Technology.

It is unclear what function the magnets serve, scientists said. Homing pigeons, whales, salmon, honeybees and some shellfish and bacteria also have magnets, and some use them to navigate by sensing Earth's magnetic field. But there's no convincing evidence humans can do the same, Kirschvink said.

The magnets are crystals of the iron mineral magnetite. They are strongly magnetic and come in two sizes, one-millionth and 10-millionths of an inch wide, Kirschvink said Monday.

Electromagnetic fields, or EMFs, are electric and magnetic force fields generated by power lines, appliances and other electrical devices. In recent years, scientists have found growing but inconclusive evidence that EMFs raise the risk of some types of cancer, including childhood leukemia and brain tumors.

Many scientists doubt any EMF-cancer link because "they thought there were no plausible mechanisms by which electromagnetic fields could affect biological tissue," Kirschvink said.

But Kirschvink and his colleagues speculated EMFs might disturb the tiny magnets in the brain, somehow raising the risk of

cancer. "This is a provocative and interesting conclusion," said EMF expert Leonard Sagan, a medical scientist at the Palo Alto-based Electric Power Research Institute, the research arm of the nation's electric utilities.

"But it's a mistake for anybody to jump to the conclusion that we now understand how electromagnetic fields produce human health effects or that human health effects in fact exist."

Kirschvink's study suggests the brain magnets could be affected by strong EMFs from some appliances, but not by weaker fields from power lines. Yet most studies linking cancer and EMFs found the strongest connection was with power lines.

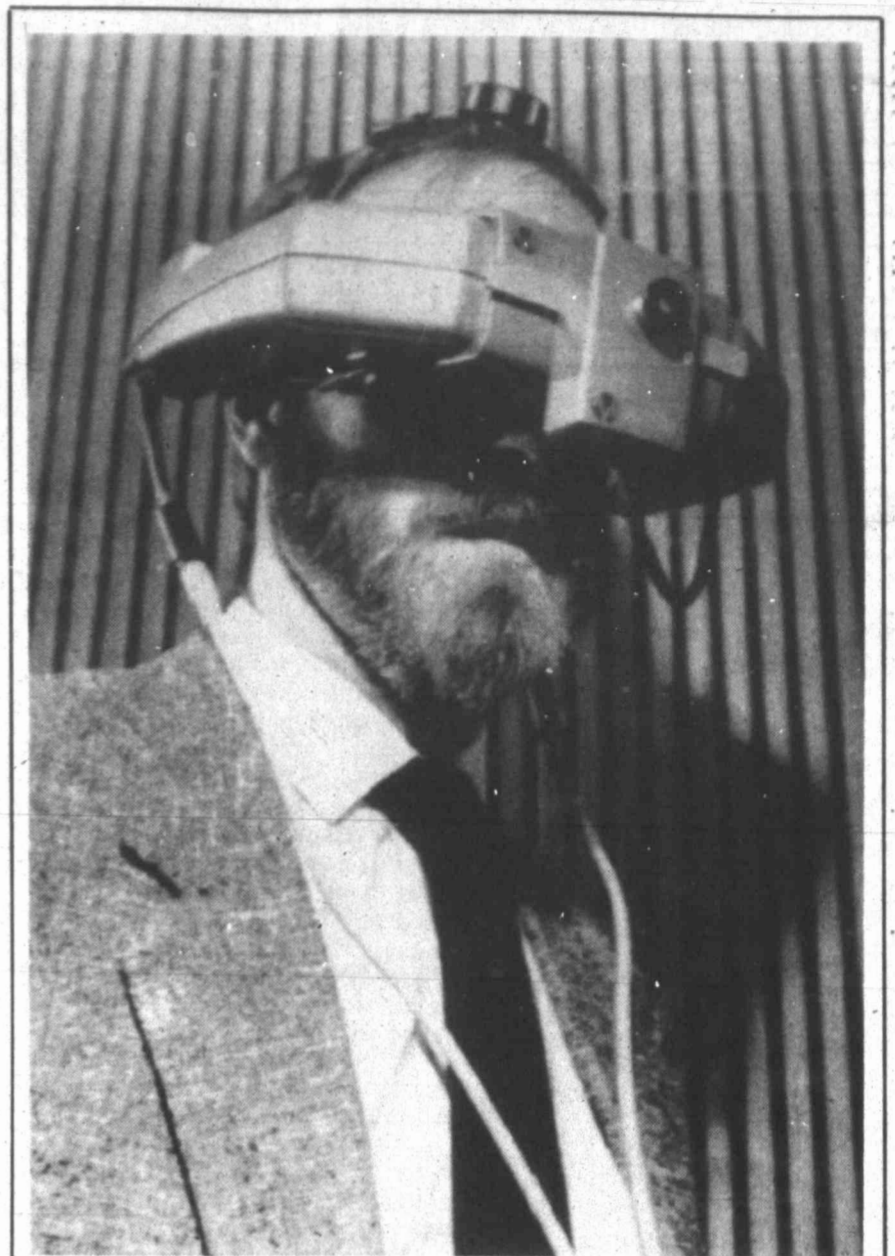
The study found an average human brain contains 7 billion microscopic magnets weighing a total of one-millionth of an ounce, said engineer Atsuko Kobayashi-Kirschvink, who co-wrote the study and is Kirschvink's wife.

The Kirschvinks and research fellow Barbara J. Woodford found the magnets in brain samples taken during autopsies of seven people.

Some of the brain tissue was examined with a sophisticated device that detects magnetism. Other samples were dissolved, then placed in vials in which magnetic crystals migrated toward a powerful magnet.

The brain magnets then were photographed using an electron microscope.

The study will be published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Caltech said.



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## Jeepers creepers

Tom Raasch demonstrates the Low Vision Enhancement System at a press conference at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore recently. The video goggles can help people with poor vision that cannot be corrected by normal means.

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## Cure me

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ministrators at the National Institutes of Health in suburban Bethesda, Md. and their outside committees of doctors who reviewed requests for research money.

But scientists, lobbyists and others both in and out of government agree on one thing: AIDS changed everything.

Since 1982, when the federal government spent \$5 billion on it, the war on AIDS has grown to consume \$2 billion in federal research, prevention and treatment programs. That's the same as the government spends on cancer, a disease that will kill 22 times more people this year.

Comparing federal spending for various diseases is difficult. The U.S. Public Health Service provides the totals but concedes it uses different accounting methods for AIDS. AIDS advocates contend the government underestimates what it spends to treat cancer, heart problems and diseases other than AIDS.

But Eugene Schonfeld, a kidney cancer survivor who founded the National Kidney Cancer Association, asserts that "The AIDS movement has radically altered health care funding by the federal government."

While AIDS activists certainly had plenty of help from scientists and sympathetic congressmen, their single-minded efforts are widely credited with keeping up the pressure that led to the vast increases in AIDS spending during the 1980s. Some quietly lobbied in traditional ways. Some became "8sert observers of technical developments who learned to prod the scientific establishment to work more quickly. Still others blocked traffic, invaded the New

**All over the country, these victims of disease have stopped waiting quietly for medical science to proceed at its usual regal pace.**

York Stock Exchange, crashed opening night at the San Francisco Opera and disrupted a service at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

No group has learned these lessons so well as the breast cancer lobby. Over the past two years, many of the countries 200 local breast cancer support groups have shifted their attention from mutual reassurance to politics.

Even though breast cancer is the most heavily financed of all cancers, real progress is hard to see. The death rate is virtually the same as it was 20 years ago. In part because of better detection, the disease is now diagnosed in 1 in 9 women at some time during their lives.

"Women will not stand for this any more. We will not be passive. Our anger is palpable," said Amy Langer, executive director of the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations.

So far, though, that anger has not resulted in the confrontational tactics used by some parts of the AIDS movement.

"Do you work within the system or do you demonstrate noisily?" asked Sharon Green of Y-ME, a national breast cancer organization.

"My inclination is to first try the system. But if that doesn't work, we will see much more activism."

The system, so far, seems to be working well. Last year, the breast cancer activists enlisted the outspoken support of congresswomen, testified on Capitol Hill, held rallies around the country and organized a campaign that flooded Congress and the White House with 600,000 letters.

As a result of this and other lobbying, Congress jumped breast cancer spending by \$41 million — to \$3 billion, a 45 percent increase.

This year, women in this movement say they will try for a \$300 million increase in breast cancer spending. And they vow to do what they need to get it.

"We don't want to cross the line and become a fringe element or obnoxious to no end, but we are willing to become obnoxious to an end if it comes to that," said Ellen Crowley of the Women's Community Cancer Project in Cambridge, Mass.

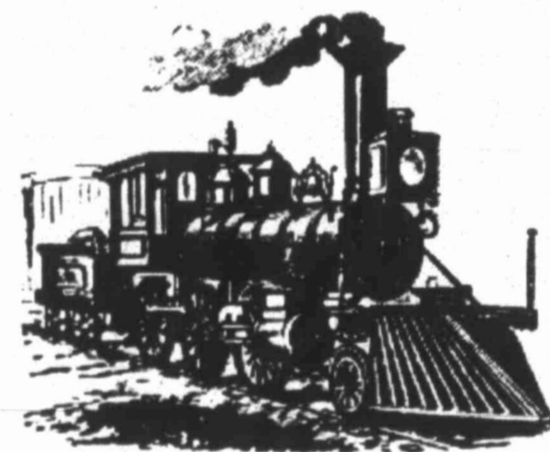
Some, like Swanson, are willing to push the boundaries to get — and keep — Congress's attention.

Last year, they sent out before and after posters of a breast cancer victim. On one side was a pretty 35-year-old woman. On the other was the same person after treatment — bald, bloated, naked from the waist up with a missing breast.

Now, she said, women who have had mastectomies are talking about demonstrating at the White House. Their tentative plan: March with their shirts off to show their scars.

"We are staying in their faces," said Swanson. "We want them to be aware that we will not go away."

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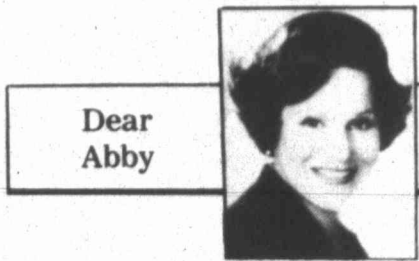
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## Little yawn opens big chasm for mother and daughter

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 42-year-old woman, working full-time outside my home. My second husband and I were blessed with our first baby who is now 7 months old.

During the night I get up to check on the baby, and I'm up every morning at 5:30 in order to fix breakfast for my husband and the baby. After working all day at the office, I come home, fix dinner, and there's always laundry and cleaning up to do. I'm dead tired at the end of the day.

Well, one evening about three months ago, my 68-year-old mother called me to chat. I was doing the listening (as usual), and in the middle of the conversation, I yawned, as I was tired. My mother said, "If you yawn again, I'm going to hang up!"



I thought she was kidding, so I said, "Then you'd better hang up now, because as tired as I am, I'll probably yawn again." She immediately hung up and hasn't called me since.

She called my grown daughter to tell her how rude I was for yawning on the phone. Additionally, I'm pregnant again, and my mother told my daughter because of this up!

yawning incident, she will never have anything to do with this baby after it's born, and furthermore, she thinks it's ridiculous that I'm pregnant again.

Abby, I've always been respectful of my elders, but at 42, I don't think a yawn on the phone is a punishable offense, do you? — HAD IT WITH MOTHER

DEAR HAD IT: No. And considering your condition, and your exhausting schedule, you need not apologize for a yawn or two.

DEAR ABBY: Not long ago, a friend called me and asked me if I would like to go to the concert with her that evening. She said that the person who was supposed to go with her backed out at the last

minute. Thinking she didn't want to go by herself, I told her that I would be glad to go with her as I had no plans for the evening.

Two weeks later, she asked me when she could expect the \$30 for the ticket to the concert! Abby, to tell you the truth, I didn't really want to go to that concert, I just went with her because I thought I was doing her a favor. I really don't think I owe her anything, but I will pay her just to shut her up. Am I wrong here? — NO MORE FAVORS IN BALTIMORE

DEAR NO MORE FAVORS: Surely you jest. She asked you to go to the concert; furthermore, when she invited you, nothing was mentioned about the price of the ticket, so you were justified in assuming that you were her guest.

If you have to give her the \$30 "just to shut her up," she is not much of a friend.

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

## Jeane Dixon

FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1992

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:** Sort out those bright ideas bouncing around in your head this summer and put them to work for you! Your innovative approach will receive a warm welcome from those in authority next November. Financial pressures subside. Family members seek a larger role in the decision-making process in late 1992. You benefit handsomely from acknowledging their concerns. Travel and romance go hand-in-hand in early 1993. A young person's resilience will amaze you next spring.

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE:** actress Cher, actor Jimmy Stewart, singer Joe Cocker, broadcaster Ron Reagan Jr.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Spend some time alone going over the books. An audit may be necessary. You need to be sure of a strong financial foundation. Building for the future is an on-going process.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Career activities enjoy highly favorable influences this morning. Those who are prepared to make intelligent concessions at the bargaining table will win big.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Certain relationships are especially sensitive now. Someone is not in a cooperative mood. Seek quiet surroundings and focus on projects you can complete on your own.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Morning is a great time to tie up loose ends. Make a phone call you have been postponing. A schedule change is possible this afternoon. Be flexible; complaining will get you nowhere.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** The business world beckons! You are ready with some excellent ideas, which you may not want to reveal yet. Good timing is your secret weapon. A new business alliance will compliment your talents.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Dynamic trends welcome from those in authority next November. Financial pressures subside. Family members seek a larger role in the decision-making process in late 1992. You benefit handsomely from acknowledging their concerns. Travel and romance go hand-in-hand in early 1993. A young person's resilience will amaze you next spring.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You can accomplish more by working in the background than in the glare of the spotlight. Deal directly with top brass if seeking a loan. Your resilience under fire proves inspirational.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Work, health and money-related activities should go well this morning. An opportunity arises to arrange attractive credit terms or improve a bonus plan.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** A sudden change of plans may work out better than you expect. Good luck comes your way in connection with a relative, short trip or official visitor. Try a new tactic in romance.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** The less said now, the better where a family, marital or legal matter is concerned. Draw on your inner resources to ride out this problem. Let your heart guide your mind in romance.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** The tempo slows at work, giving you a chance to re-evaluate the fortunate developments of the past few days. News from afar boosts your spirits.

### DENNIS THE MENACE



"I DON'T HAVE ANY OF MY OWN BUSINESS TO MIND"

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I'm just HOLDING her tail. Kittycat's doin' the pulling."

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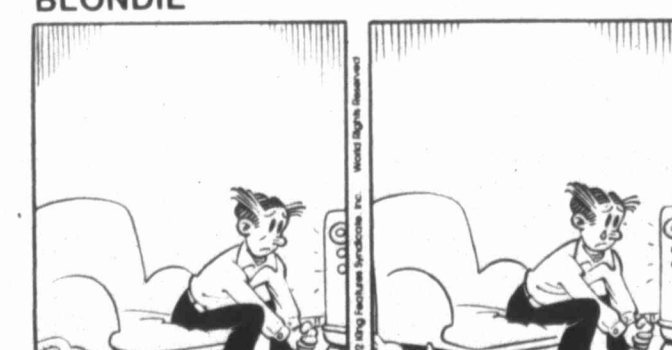
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