

NEWS DIGEST

Crop cutoff deadline extended until Aug. 15

The crop cutoff deadline for farmers has been extended 30 days — from July 15 to Aug. 15 — according to Rick Liles, executive director of the Howard ASCS office.

The deadline was extended because of hardships placed on farmers due to disaster losses and failed acres.

For more information, call 267-2557.

Talent sought for kids

Adult volunteers are being sought to donate one hour per week for a variety of activities at the West Side Community Day Care Center.

Adults willing to donate one hour per week for story telling or any of a variety of activities, including piano playing, country and western music, model airplane demonstration, clown, magician or puppetry are asked to contact Melinda or Deborah at 263-7841.

Volunteers will be scheduled according to their availability.

Weekend activities set

Local activities this weekend include the 3rd annual Big Spring Cross Country Championship and Fun Fly-In at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark along with the Big Spring Band Boosters Carnival at College Park Shopping Center.

Between 40 and 60 pilots are in Big Spring for the hang-gliding activities, which continue through Sunday morning's scheduled Fly-In. Flight windows open at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. on Sunday.

The carnival continues through Saturday night with rides and activities for children and adults of all ages. Proceeds go to help support various activities of the Band Boosters.

RRC candidate to visit

Barry Williamson, Republican candidate for the Texas Railroad Commission, will hold a press conference Saturday at 11:45 a.m. in the Patio Room at Days Inn.

Williamson will visit with the public after delivering a statement to the press.

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Rangers fire manager: Bobby Valentine, who managed more games for one team without winning a title than anyone in baseball history, says the Texas Rangers fired him just when the team was coming together. See page 3A.

Weather

Tonight, partly cloudy with less than a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low around 70. Southeast wind 5-15 mph.

Saturday, partly cloudy. High in the lower 90s. Extended forecast on page 8A.

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Plan dilutes voting strength

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Hispanic voting strength was slightly diluted from a current lone district in exchange for the creation of a second possible minority city council district, figures show.

The dilution is about 3 percent and the new districts, carved mostly from the current minority district, are still more than half Hispanic.

"They will serve the Hispanic community well," assured San Antonio attorney Rolando Rios, who represented the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) in a suit filed last summer to force Big Spring to create all single-member districts.

Last month the council agreed to an out-of-court settlement to transform the current three single-member and three at-large districts to six single-member districts.

Questions were raised about the dilution of minority voting strength, one new minority district having an hourglass shape that appears to encompass two neighborhoods and no residency requirements for council members.

Rios defended the hourglass shape of District 2 in the central area of the city and said that the no residency requirement can be changed after the next election in May in which the two seats up for election are the minority district seats.

District 2, which includes Interstate 20 and narrows to one and two blocks before again spreading and going to 18th Street on the south side, tracts minority communities as well as possible, he said.

"I think that was the best plan we could come up with and maintain the interaction of the communities of interest," he said. "Quite frankly, I think it's a lot better than the gerrymandering I've seen the politicians do on Congressional redistricting (in which several West Texas cities are split)."

Rios also said it was better to draw two

District	ETHNIC BACKGROUND AS A % OF ENTIRE POPULATION						District Total
	Anglo	Black	Indian	Asian	Hispanic	Other	
1	32.93%	10.40%	0.18%	0.34%	55.73%	0.42%	3,799
2	36.34%	6.16%	0.24%	0.21%	56.67%	0.37%	3,764
3	66.19%	6.43%	0.36%	0.77%	26.10%	0.15%	3,889
4	80.19%	2.47%	0.57%	1.06%	15.68%	0.03%	3,851
5	86.79%	1.18%	0.64%	0.92%	10.29%	0.18%	3,898
6	77.98%	2.95%	0.59%	0.15%	18.17%	0.15%	3,892

minority districts that are more than half Hispanic rather than one district with 65 percent Hispanic — a federal guideline for a "safe" district — and another "impact" district that would have been less than half Hispanic.

"You have the possibility of a minority district" as long as the voting age population is half minority, he said.

Of those ages 18 and over, District 1 on the northwest side and District 2 just to the east of it are both 51 percent Hispanic. The current District 1 is 54 percent Hispanic.

Of the total population, District 1 is 56 percent Hispanic, District 2 is 57 percent Hispanic and the current minority district is 59 percent.

When all racial groups are considered, only the new District 1 and the current minority district are 65 percent minority and that is only when all ages are counted.

Rios said the city council has the option of eliminating the no residency requirement after the first election.

"Often there is no residency imposed to facilitate the transition of the new plan," he said referring to other single-member district plans implemented in Texas.

However, city-retained attorney Rick Strange of Midland, said that option is not completely up to the council. The U.S. Justice Department must approve any changes and the city could possibly face a charter election or court appearances if there is opposition.

Bill not settled yet

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

An out-of-court agreement on a new city council district plan is settled but not a dispute on how much a lawyer representing an Hispanic organization should be paid.

San Antonio attorney Rolando Rios, who represented the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) in a suit to force Big Spring to create all single-member districts, asked for \$15,000 but city officials say compensation should be less than \$10,000.

Rios and a city-retained attorney are expected to go before a federal judge in Abilene within the next few months to settle the dispute. If that happens, Rios said, he will ask for \$20,000 to \$25,000 because of extra work to prepare arguments.

"I said I would settle for \$12,000," Rios said. "I wanted to settle."

"Our position is that we don't think that much has been earned," said Assistant City Manager Tom Decell.

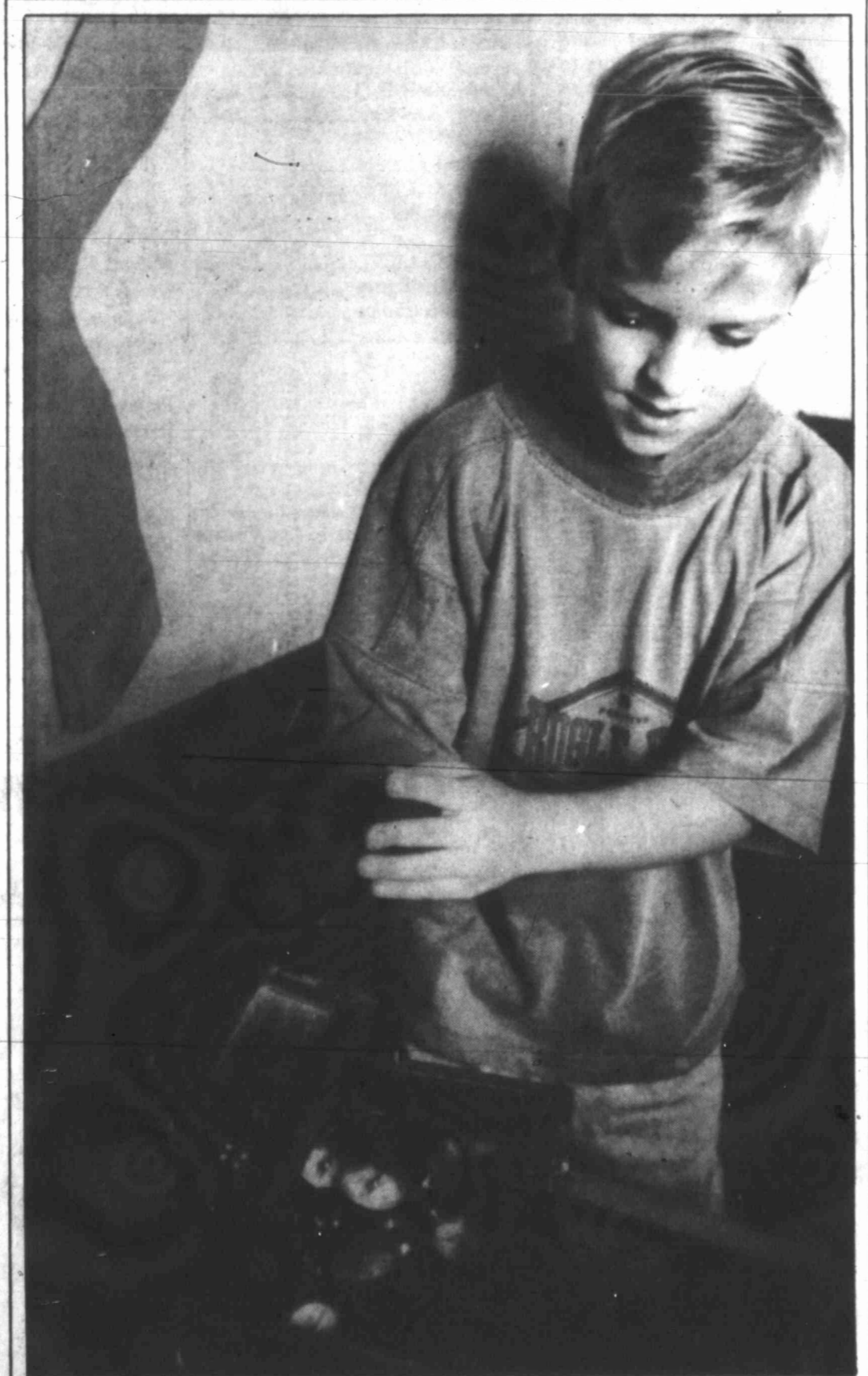
Rios said Lamesa city officials, about 40 miles north of here, paid \$12,000 compensation to devise an all single-member district plan that went in effect in April and less work was involved in that plan.

According to Decell, the Midland law firm retained by Big Spring — Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson — will probably not get paid as much.

"I think ours will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000 or less," Decell predicted. A final bill has not been rendered. So far, the city has paid the Midland firm about \$4,000.

The suit against Big Spring, filed on behalf of LULAC last summer and labeled by both sides as "friendly," never went to court.

The city council last month agreed unanimously to change the current three at-large and three single-member districts to six single-member districts but several criticisms were made by council members on the approved plan. Local LULAC members endorsed the plan.



Searching for clues

Thursday morning, armed with a compass and clues, children in the Howard County Library Summer Reading Program walked through the "catacombs" in search of treasure. Drew Plagens opens one of the chests that he discovered in a room marked with an "X." The Wednesday Read To Me Club and the Thursday Summer Reading Program conclude next week with parties beginning at 10 a.m. on the respective day each meets.

Don't panic as webworms can be controlled

SPECIAL to the HERALD

Record numbers of webworm attacks in the area has literally led to panic among some tree owners.

The very popular fruitless mulberry is the tree of choice of these pests which have literally defoliated many trees. Frustrated homeowners have resorted to actually removing these trees from the landscape!

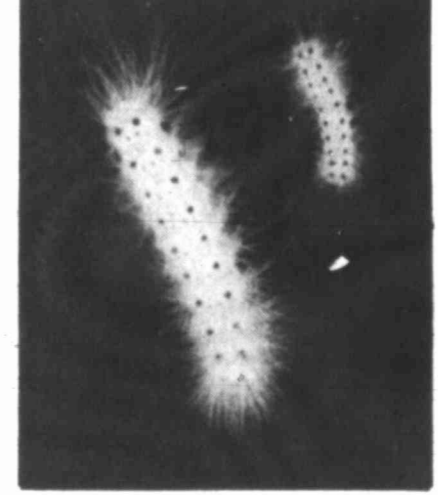
Mulberries, although they may not be the best tree for this area, were widely planted during the past 30 to 40 years as home developers were anxious to plant fast growing shade trees. The trees, many of now over 40 feet high and shading entire backyards, have been subject to worm attack. These worms are close relations of the Oriental silkworm. The worms are fairly easy to control when they soon hatch from eggs laid by a small white moth and are still encased in their silk-like webbing around a few leaves on a branch.

They become practically impossible to control after they reach the mature size now seen crawling upon practically everything in their frenzy to store up enough food reserves and body fat to sustain them in the next stage of their life, the pupae.

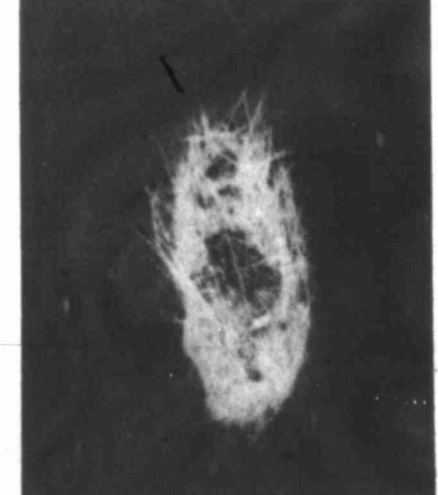
The worms, after feeding on practically every kind of foliage at this stage, begin seeking sheltered areas to spin a small silk web around themselves as they begin to transform themselves into a hard-shelled brown cocoon. In a few weeks, they emerge as an adult white moth seeking a mate and begin the next generation of webworms.

Fortunately, for those fighting this pest, the webworm moth interbreeds among itself in a population area to the point of almost self-eradication. Signs of this are now being seen when examining the worms.

Small worms are trying to pupate now and these, in all likelihood, will fail to mature to the adult stage. This is the third generation of this pest that first in-



The larger worm is developed normally with the smaller worm being inbred, not likely to become a moth.



Once a worm gets to the cocoon stage, it will take 2-4 weeks before it emerges as a white-colored moth.

vaded Howard County last fall and developed into an early spring infestation, responsible for the full-blown population now.

Entomologists inform us that webworm invasions, such as Big Spring is experiencing, generally decline in an area after about the fourth generation.

In the meantime, as difficult as it may be to control this pest at this stage, it is the best time to control it.

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Texas Topics

Texas parole division staffers relinquish parole power over McDuff controversy

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The Texas Pardons and Parole Division staff has relinquished its power to revoke and reinstate the parole of prison inmate partially because of the controversy surrounding the parole of convicted killer Kenneth McDuff.

capital murder last month in the deaths of Valencia Kay Joshua of Bryan and Melissa Northrup of Waco. Police say he is a suspect in the disappearances and slayings of other Central Texas women, including Colleen Reed of Austin.



Associated Press photo

I won! I won!

David Cunningham, second from left, reacts after opening the winning door at the Texas Lottery drawing in Fort Worth. Cunningham, a computer store owner, is the state's fourth lottery millionaire.

Allegations against former PUC commissioner released

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The Public Utility Commission has made public an electric company's allegation that former commissioner Paul Meek threatened the company with bankruptcy through the PUC's general counsel.

Power Co. (TNP), contains "nothing more than allegations that are unsworn." But he said Thursday the law required him to disclose the accusations.

Broad representation on insurance board fought by industry

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The insurance industry wants a court to block a move to broaden representation on the board that oversees a state-established automobile insurance program.

board. Seven of the members would be public representatives, and seven would be from the insurance industry. Prior to the rule, the TAIP was controlled by the insurance companies that participated in the program.

Snakes slither into owners hearts

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMARILLO, Texas — Eek, snakes! Bury the hatchet. Save the shotgun shells. These beautifully marked serpentine creatures may send shivers down some spines, but their owners love them as much as other pet lovers enjoy dogs or cats.



Associated Press photo

John Troyner of Eau Claire, Wis., keeps a grip on his pet snake "Caw" while driving through Eau Claire. Troyner said he likes to take the 4-foot royal python nearly everywhere he goes.

snakes as pets formed a Snake Club several years ago and started meeting monthly again this summer at parks to socialize and show off their serpents.

books about snakes to try to talk myself out if it," Brown said. Now, her two daughters also enjoy her snake.

sions with any commission employee to try to influence the decision.

The letter filed by Fort Worth-based TNP said that Meek, when he was chairman of the PUC, in 1990 instructed Rima to arrange a private meeting with electric company chairman James Tarpley.

The letter accused Rima of continuing the pressure. At one point, it said, Rima told Tarpley, "Chairman Meek needs a warm fuzzy feeling that you are not ignoring his wishes."

The letter filed by the electric company also said that banks withdrew a financing offer that had been made to TNP after that had met with Rima and other PUC staff members.

It said that later, "On behalf of Mr. Meek, Mr. Rima stated that the PUC was going to force TNP into bankruptcy through its pending rate case... unless TNP management followed through with Mr. Meek's plan at the earliest possible date."

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Nation/World

Gore to strengthen appeal Considered good contrast to Quayle

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Bill Clinton is counting on Albert Gore to strengthen the Democrats' generational appeal while offering a sharp, smart contrast to Republican Dan Quayle.

"Prudent" was the way Clinton pollster Stanley Greenberg described the selection of Gore, like Clinton a youthful Southerner, as his vice presidential choice.

"There was no threshold for Al Gore — people immediately assumed that Al Gore was someone who could be president of the United States," Greenberg said.

The day-old Democratic ticket was conducting its first joint news conference today in Little Rock, where Clinton announced his choice for the governor's mansion on Thursday.

Gore, a two-term Democratic senator from Tennessee, planned to fly home later with his family — wife Tipper and three of their four children.

The selection of Gore defied many conventional goals of past political tickets, offering no balance in age or geography and very little in ideology. Gore, at 44, is a year younger than Clinton, their states are neighbors, and both are moderate Democrats who have defied the party's more liberal orthodoxy.

The selection instead is an attempt to bring balance in other ways.

Gore is well versed in foreign policy, where Clinton as a five-term governor has none.

Gore is the Senate's acknowledged expert on the environment, the weakest area of Clinton's gubernatorial record in Arkansas and one where Republican surrogates for President Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle already launched an attack.



BILL CLINTON and ALBERT GORE

As the author of a current best-seller on the subject, Gore may inoculate Clinton on that front.

And with the crucial intangible of values, another certain Republican target, Clinton strategists are welcoming Gore's squeaky-clean record and Mrs. Gore's work on children's issues; particularly her campaign for warning labels on rock-music albums that contain offensive lyrics.

Gore and Clinton said Thursday they stood for strong families, a clean environment and a growing economy with benefits for all — a likely preview of issues to arise in the three-way race with Bush and Ross Perot.

Gore is a Vietnam veteran, while Clinton avoided service. Gore has a picture-book family of four children, three girls and a boy.

Though Gore's record as a campaigner for the presidency four years ago was mixed, Clinton strategists believe he will provide a strong second voice that will not shrink from attacking the Bush record.

At the same time, they expect Gore to offer a visible contrast to Quayle, who after nearly four years in office has low confidence ratings in the polls, is an easy target of derision by Democrats and is an unsettling figure to much of the public.

Gore can be expected to try to draw the contrast himself by taking on Quayle's record as head of the Bush administration's Council on Competitiveness that has tried to block many federal environmental regulations in the name of cutting red tape.

"Dan Quayle is a distraction and a negative," said Greenberg. "The issue is not whether he's smart or not. The issue of Dan Quayle is whether he's using the government to undermine environmental regulation and trading off economic growth and the environment."



Extending comfort

Farmington Police Officer Neff Bailey, left, comforts fellow officer Cliff Ollom at the scene of a shooting in which a Farmington, N.M., Community Service Officer Vicky Chavez was

killed Thursday as she was performing a vacation check. CSO's are not armed. Kevin Ogden, 34, of Farmington was arraigned on an open charge of murder.

U.N. sanctions against Yugoslavia given muscle

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

HELSINKI, Finland — Western European nations today agreed to launch a naval operation to add muscle to U.N. sanctions against Yugoslavia.

German spokesman Hans Schumacher said the mission by the nine-nation Western European Union would be in international waters of the Adriatic Sea near Yugoslavia's coastline.

Several vessels and aircraft would be deployed "at the earliest moment," Schumacher said, reading from a statement.

Their task would be to monitor ship traffic in the waters, he said. They apparently would determine whether nations were breaking the U.N. sanctions, which strictly limit trade with Yugoslavia to essentials like food and medicines.

The U.N. Security Council imposed the sanctions in May after accusing the remnants of Yugoslavia — Serbia and Montenegro — of supporting ethnic Serb fighters in the 4-month-old civil war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Schumacher said the union is developing into the European Community's military arm. It is also

studying the feasibility of opening a land corridor from Croatia for aid convoys to Sarajevo, Bosnia's capital.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization would help coordinate the naval operation, he said. All nations of Western European Union belong to the 16-nation NATO.

There have been persistent reports that embargoed goods are still entering Serbia and Montenegro.

The Western European Union nations include Belgium, Britain, France, Germany, Italy.

Bush wary of U.S. military intervention in Yugoslavia

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

HELSINKI, Finland — President Bush said today he was "reluctant to get bogged down" in any military intervention to end the fighting in Yugoslavia. For the time being, he said, the United Nations should take the lead in getting humanitarian relief to Bosnia.

"I think we've embarked collectively on a proper path for now," Bush said in an interview with PBS' "MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour." He said there was "a reluctance on the part of people to go storming into a situation that is very complicated," he added.

As Bush spoke, the Western European Union and NATO moved in tandem to send ships to the Adriatic to monitor a U.S.-led campaign through the United Nations to blockade trade with the Belgrade government.

Asked whether the United States would be involved, national security adviser Brent Scowcroft said, "Of course. We're part of NATO."

The crisis in Yugoslavia has been a focus of Bush's six-day overseas trip to the annual economic summit in Munich, Germany, and a 52-nation European security conference here.

Secretary of State James Baker met with Yugoslav Premier-designate Milan Panic, who showed up at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe even though his country has been suspended from participating.

Baker said he agreed see Panic to make sure there were no "misunderstandings" about U.S. policy. "The world will demand deeds from Yugoslavia, not just words," Baker said.

Baker told Panic that the Bush administration expects Serbia to

end its interference in Bosnia, withdraw, disband and disarm Serbian forces and cease all forced ethnic expulsions.

In reply, Baker said, Panic told him he wanted "to see what could be done to bring peace and help his country of origin."

Wrapping up his last overseas journey before the November election, Bush met with Finnish President Mauno Koivisto and the leaders of the three Baltic states. The president also endorsed a new peacekeeping mission in Europe for the 52-nation Council on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Bush was flying today to his vacation home in Kennebunkport, Maine, and planned to drop out of sight for most of the next week, when the Democrats hold their nominating convention in New York.

Bush said the "key thing" on Yugoslavia was to let the United Nations take the lead on getting international food shipments and medicine to the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo and to other parts of the besieged republic.

"There is no change and no decisions have been made about further deployment of naval forces," he said.

Bush was asked to address a broad range of issues in the PBS interview, which was being aired tonight.

Asked about criticism that he prefers to move on the world stage than on domestic issues, he said, "There is a difference ... In foreign affairs you can make a decision and you can make something happen."

"There are times given the same old leadership in Congress that you have to make a compromise and there are certainly times when

something ought to happen for the country it doesn't," he said.

He criticized Congress for failing to adopt economic incentive measures he proposed in his State of the Union message last January. He said the economy would have been in better shape had they been passed.

Asked about complaints that he doesn't feel for those Americans suffering economic woes, Bush said, "I plead innocent to those charges."

Bush conceded that criticism of his administration was "pretty high but I don't think it's been increasing."

"I think it's a little early to know what the mood of the public will be come election time," he said when asked about his prospects for reelection.

Bush also said he had issued his campaign aides with "a written instruction to stay out of the sleaze business that so many people seem fascinated with."

The president declined to discuss the request made Thursday by congressional Democrats for a special counsel to investigate U.S. policy on Iraq prior to its 1990 invasion of Kuwait. He said he had been advised by his attorneys to "leave the politics aside and let the system work."

On Yugoslavia, Bush was asked whether he felt powerless to stop the fighting.

"I don't think we're impotent to do anything about it," the president said.

Bush barely ahead

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush is edging ahead of rivals Ross Perot and Bill Clinton in two national polls of likely voters.

An ABC News-Washington Post poll showed Bush favored by 35 percent, Clinton, 30 percent and Perot, 30 percent, with the remainder undecided.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll indicated a similar spread but with Clinton narrowly in third place: Bush, 35 percent; Perot, 30 percent; and Clinton, 28 percent.

The surveys, both released Thursday, had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

Bush gained 6 percentage points from an ABC-Post survey a week ago, Perot held steady and Clinton lost a little of the boost that had him at the top of last week's poll.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll two weeks showed little change from the current survey.

Perot, who has not officially announced his independent presidential candidacy, still appears to be drawing support about evenly from Clinton and Bush.



Angry farmers

A truck unloads a cargo of fruit and vegetables on a main square in Avignon, southern France, Thursday as farmers protested cuts in farm subsidies. Elsewhere in France, striking truck drivers took down the last of their barricades that had paralyzed traffic across France for nearly two weeks.

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'Now it can be told'

Salvadoran army got away with murder

Editor's Note: In three gruesome days in 1981, a U.S.-trained Salvadoran army battalion systematically slaughtered hundreds of civilians in a remote region of northern El Salvador. The tragedy received scant international attention, due in part to the Reagan administration's zealous damage control efforts. It was, after all, a time when the United States was cultivating close ties with the Salvadoran armed forces, a key element in the administration's strategy for containing communism in the Western Hemisphere. The following story describes how the Salvadoran battalion killed with impunity — and got away with it.

By **GEORGE GEDDA**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — It was December 11, 1981, and the Reagan administration thought it appropriate to use that day — International Human Rights Day — to swear in a new human rights chief.

By the cruelest of ironies, an American-trained military battalion operating in a pastoral mountain setting in the northern part of El Salvador was committing perhaps the worst atrocity in a war notorious for brutality. As many as 1,000 Salvadoran men, women and children — almost all civilians — were put to death in a massacre that began on Human Rights Day.

Normally, a tragedy of this magnitude would provoke an international outcry. But the massacre at El Mozote and in neighboring hamlets penetrated the international consciousness only briefly.

The victims at El Mozote died anonymously, for the most part, because of the remoteness of the region and the joint efforts of the U.S. and Salvadoran governments to nurture skepticism that a massacre had occurred at all.

That skepticism has been diminishing since the publication of a report last fall by a Salvadoran

in Cerro Pando, 112; and Cerro Ortiz, 14.

The report tells the story of a La Joya man identified only by his last name, Lopez. He spent much of Dec. 11 hiding out with a companion in a nearby river. In early evening, Lopez returned to the hamlet in search of his family. About 50 yards from his house, under a cluster of mango trees, he found the bodies of his wife and six of their children, aged 12 to eight months. All had been shot to death. He discovered the remains of a seventh child later on and those of eight other relatives. He buried all 16 family members in two graves.

Barring major inaccuracies in the Tutela Legal report, the event at El Mozote and the nearby communities rank as one of the worst massacres in recent history, and it occurred in a country that was perhaps the closest U.S. ally in the hemisphere during the 1980s.

The administration's support for the Salvadoran government already had been under fire in Congress, and a massacre of civilians, if confirmed, could have led to an aid cutoff. But in the absence of film footage or other hard evidence, the administration's policy escaped virtually unscathed.

The doubts expressed by administration officials at the time that a massacre had taken place seemed genuine. But in a period when the Cold War seemed to intensify by the day, the administration felt it could not afford to allow El Salvador to become a member of the pro-Soviet camp.

As one official involved in Central America policy during that period said, "There was a realization at the time that this was the kind of incident that could have led to the unraveling of the U.S. effort to promote a rapid expansion of Salvador's military forces."

And the assistant secretary for human rights who took office on the day of the massacre, Elliott Abrams, believed that the worst human rights calamity that could befall El Salvador was a takeover by the Soviet-backed FMLN guerrillas. Even the most ardent critics of the administration's policy agreed that the insurgents' reputation for ruthlessness was well-deserved.

Today, with peace prevailing for the first time in 12 years thanks to a settlement reached in January, some Salvadorans have been trying to find out what really happened on those terrible days a decade ago. Forensic experts are seeking permission to poke through the grisly remains in El Mozote and neighboring communities, and a "truth commission" has been appointed to examine the most egregious rights violations of the war.

But tentative efforts to bring the guilty from the El Mozote massacre to justice have borne little fruit. Indeed, in early April, the Salvadoran Catholic Church accused President Alfredo Cristiani, Defense Minister Emilio Ponce and the Salvadoran judicial system of orchestrating a cover-up.

But getting to the bottom of the massacre has never been easy. For those in authority, it was clearly a case of the less said about it, the better. The massacre story in the winter of 1981-82 behaved akin to a comet: here one day, gone the next. In contrast, much smaller atrocities in El Salvador, such as the murders of four American churchwomen in 1980 and the execution of six Jesuit priests in 1989, remained in the spotlight for years.

El Mozote was a much more difficult challenge because of the inaccessibility of the area. Leftist guerrillas were in control there and only rarely gave permission to outsiders to enter. Once permission was granted, a visit required a bumpy 12-hour ride from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, followed by an exhausting four-day trek by foot through El Salvador's northern hills.

In training the Atlacatl Battalion, U.S. advisers stressed the need to go after the guerrillas instead of simply responding to attacks. So it was that Lt. Col. Domingo Monterrosa, the Atlacatl commander, dispatched his forces to El Mozote during the second week of December. "We must liberate our



ReJulia Lara Perez, 75, listens to a Mass in front of the bombed out church of Aguacayo, 15 miles north of San Salvador. The Mass celebrated the return of the patron saint of the town after an absence

of more than 10 years because of the war. A cross makes the grave of a friend of hers killed in 1982. It was her first visit to her birthplace in years.

peasant brothers, slaves of the communist terrorism in the northern hills of the country," he said.

Monterrosa viewed the El Mozote region as a breeding ground for rebel sympathizers, with no clear distinction between military and civilian enemies. Still, to this day there is no coherent explanation as to why his forces executed children along with adults.

El Salvador had been a killing field since late 1979, the start of an intense guerrilla war in the countryside, coupled with hundreds of incidents of urban and rural terrorism committed by both sides.

The Atlacatl Battalion withdrew from the El Mozote area two weeks after the massacre took place, enabling the FMLN to regain control. The insurgents then gave Raymond Bonner of The New York Times and Alma Guillermoprieto of The Washington Post permission to visit the area. Bonner was accompanied by Susan Meiselas, a photographer.

The stories of the two reporters appeared on the same day, Jan. 27, 1982. Both were on page one, and much like the Tutela Legal report, relied heavily on the testimony of Rufina Amaya, a Mozote resident who escaped death by slipping away from her guards and climbing a tree. She is the only known survivor. She was alone when she spoke with Guillermoprieto and broke down when speaking of the deaths of her four children.

"I could hear the children crying," Guillermoprieto quoted her as saying. "I heard my own children. When it was all over late

at night, the lieutenant ordered the soldiers to put a torch to the corpses."

Mrs. Amaya told Bonner that she could hear her son scream: "Mama, they're killing me. They've killed my sister. They're going to kill me."

Maria Julia Hernandez, the head of Tutela Legal, refused recently to say whether the section of the report dealing with El Mozote was based solely on Amaya's comments or whether military personnel were interviewed as well. "I'm sorry, but that question we cannot answer now," she said in response to a reporter's query.

As for eyewitnesses in La Joya, about two miles from El Mozote, Guillermoprieto spoke to Jose Marcial Martinez, 14, who said he watched from a cornfield as his parents, brothers and sisters were killed. Jose Santos, 15, said he witnessed the killing of seven family members.

After The Times and The Post reports appeared, the Reagan administration dispatched two embassy officials to Morazan province, where they spent a day speaking with refugees. El Mozote was back in guerrilla hands, and the two officials never visited El Mozote or any of the neighboring villages. The report of the two officials was the principal basis for the administration's response to congressional and press inquiries about the massacre.

A few days after the Post and Times account appeared, Assistant Secretary of State Thomas O. Enders told Congress, "There is no

evidence to confirm that government forces systematically massacred civilians in the operations zone."

One of the major discrepancies in the accounts of the massacre centered on the number of people killed. Villagers told Bonner 733 had died in El Mozote and the surrounding hamlets and that there were 482 deaths in El Mozote alone. Ms. Amaya estimated El Mozote's population at 500.

International Committee of the Red Cross officials later told Bonner there were at least 1,000 people in El Mozote at the time.

U.S. Embassy officials found all of these figures highly exaggerated. The actual number of dead, they said, did not "even remotely approach" the totals cited in the media.

To the extent that there were civilian deaths, the embassy cable blamed the guerrillas who "did nothing to remove them (the civilians) from the path of battle which they were aware was coming and had prepared for."

The embassy cable projected an air of certainty about the events at El Mozote. But one of the embassy officers who was intimately involved in the issue now acknowledges that a one-day visit to an area away from the scene of the massacre was not an adequate basis for definitive conclusions.

"The elusiveness of the truth is what bothers me," said the official, asking not to be identified. Another official, who worked at the embassy during that period, agreed that the cable's conclusions probably were overdrawn but he also had serious doubts about the accuracy of Bonner's story.

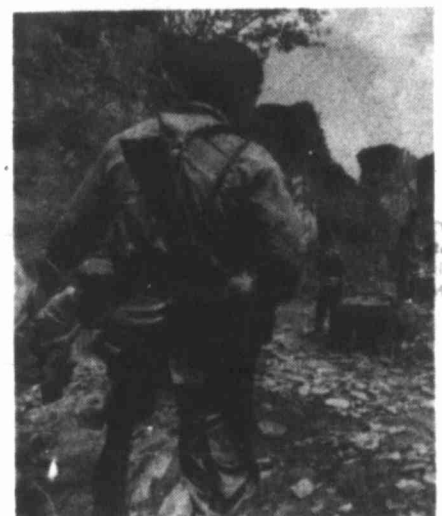
Americas Watch, a U.S. human rights group, charged in a recent report that the massacre "was never fully investigated by the U.S. Embassy when it occurred, much less by the Salvadoran government."

Abrams, who now works at a private research group here, says he no longer has a clear recollection of the events of that period. Stephen Bosworth, a top Central America hand at the State Department during 1981-82, declined comment for the same reason.

Bonner, then 38, an ex-Marine who had spent a year in Vietnam, was a favorite target of conservatives. Two weeks after his story appeared, Bonner was accused by a Wall Street Journal editorial of being "overly credulous" in the face of what was clearly a guerrilla "propaganda exercise." The U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador, Deane Hinton, reportedly called Bonner an "advocacy journalist."

These and other attacks on the credibility of The Times and The Post accounts had an impact, and the story faded. The foreign press corps in San Salvador turned their attention to the upcoming national elections, which were held in March 1982. No other reporters were dispatched to El Mozote, though hundreds showed up to cover the elections.

James LeMoyné, who covered Central America for Newsweek and The Times, said administration officials campaigned aggressively to discredit Bonner and Guillermoprieto. "They did everything they could to cover up El Mozote and they went after everybody who reported it," said LeMoyné.



A leftist FMLN rebel, left, watches former residents of Aguacayo celebrate the return of the patron saint by launching rockets and throwing giant homemade firecrackers.

church-sponsored human rights group, Tutela Legal.

The report lists the names of 794 victims — most of them children — who died Dec. 11-13 in El Mozote and several neighboring hamlets during an operation carried out by the 1,200-member Atlacatl military battalion. The report suggests that several hundred others may have died as well. The findings of the study tend to bear out accounts of the massacre in January 1982 by The New York Times and The Washington Post.

In graphic detail, the Tutela Legal report outlines what happened in El Mozote on the morning of Dec. 11.

"The soldiers ... started ordering all civilians from their homes, putting them in groups in the plaza. The civilian population gathered there totaled several hundred, among men, women, children and the elderly. The soldiers ordered the people to make two lines, one for men and the other for women and children."

At about 7 a.m., the men were sent to a church and the women and small children to the home of a man named Alfredo Marquez. At 8 a.m., the executions began. Many of the men were beheaded, the women shot to death. In one house, the report said, "blood covered the entire floor." Women clutching babies were fired on. As evening fell, the soldiers killed the children who had been separated from their mothers.

Afterward, the report said, troops burned to the ground the houses where the slayings took place.

Tutela Legal lists the names and ages of 393 people who were said to have died at El Mozote. First on the list is a man named Domingo Claros, a 29-year-old wood cutter. The next four names are those of his children, aged 9, 5, 3, and eight months. Next is his 60-year old aunt, Isidra Claros, a domestic.

Later that day and in the following days, the killings continued in neighboring hamlets. In La Joya, 138 victims are listed; in Rancheria, there were 53; in Los Toriles, 62; in Jocote Amarillo, 16;



A band composed of former residents of Aguacayo play music for the Mass celebrating the return of the patron saint San Luis Rey de Francia to the town after an absence of more than 10 years.

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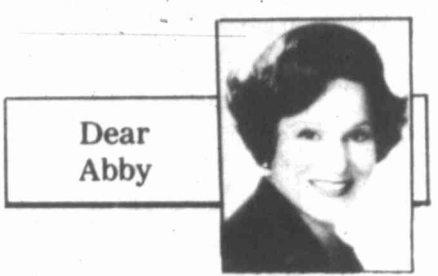
Restaurant seats for smokers hot issue

DEAR ABBY: What is the proper etiquette when smokers and non-smokers are dining out together?

Recently, eight of us decided to eat out. It was the birthday of one, and the others were treating him to a birthday party. The restaurant did not take reservations.

As we entered the restaurant, we were asked if we wanted to sit in the smoking or non-smoking section. I said, "Non-smoking," but was quickly (and loudly) corrected by one of the smokers. There were three smokers and five non-smokers in our party. The three smokers chain-smoked during the entire meal.

Since the meal took about two hours, I don't think it would have been unreasonable for the smokers to have abstained for that short



period of time -- or they could have excused themselves for a few minutes if they wanted a cigarette. Also, since the non-smokers were in the majority, I think our party should have been seated in the non-smoking section.

What is your opinion? -- NON-SMOKER

DEAR NON-SMOKER: In recent years, non-smokers have become so militant about having their

space polluted with cigarette smoke, smokers have been made to feel like king-sized outcasts.

With three smokers in your party who were so desperate for a cigarette they chain-smoked through the entire meal, your party did not belong in the non-smoking section. However, I would have based my decision on whether or not the guest of honor was a smoker, and accommodated that person.

DEAR ABBY: I hope this letter will prevent someone from having the kind of accident I recently had. Because of the tiny print on the medicine bottle -- and also my carelessness -- I put some drops in my eye thinking they were eye drops, when actually they were for my ears! It was very painful, but

thank God, my daughter, who is a registered nurse, came over immediately. We had to get a prescription for me to use at once, which did a lot toward preventing me from losing my eyesight.

Abby, I wish all prescription drug labels had a picture of the part of the anatomy (like the eye, ear, nose, foot, etc.) for which the medication is intended. It would be very helpful for those of us who can't read very well. -- TWO EYES OVER TEXAS

DEAR TWO EYES: Wonderful idea. I'd like to see the one for hemorrhoids.

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Jeane Dixon

FOR SATURDAY JULY 12, 1992

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Look for friends who are your intellectual equals and who will challenge you to do your best. The business picture will brighten between now and October. A romantic partner who undermines your confidence should be shown the door. True love is based on mutual respect. January 1993 brings bright new career opportunities. Your efficiency rises. Give your all to an important project next spring.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be careful not to go overboard with changes that could undermine a community or business alliance. Steer clear of anyone who likes to stir up trouble.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your knack for saying the right thing causes the people around you to be receptive to your ideas. This weekend will find many of you proposing marriage and even setting the date.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make this a restful day by avoiding controversy. A compromise will be necessary when differences arise over plans or beliefs. You may prefer your own company tonight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The morning looks promising yet yesterday's influences continue. A midday dispute could lead to the cancellation of your social plans for tonight. An unexpected visitor brings welcome family news.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A person of great intelligence contacts you, offering the support you seek. The two of you seem to speak the same language! Take the lead in romance this evening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Curb a tendency to find fault with your associates lest you damage a friendship. If you are nervous about the future, postpone making any major decisions. Your mate is firmly on your side.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A clever proposal can get you the answers you seek regarding a relationship, legal matter or academic interest. A change of scenery is like a breath of fresh air. Be receptive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A loved one may be feeling neglected or unappreciated. Do not let your big plans for the future blind you to present needs. Show your friends and family how much you value them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The emphasis today is on keeping things in perspective. Step back and view a current relationship or pet project at arm's length. Try to include your loved ones in your social plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Let those closest to you know the depths of your love and appreciation. Gentle words can help achieve the desired effect. Extra costs could be incurred while making journeys.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your wildest dreams could come true when someone who was merely a friend is suddenly seen in a romantic light. Give this loving relationship time to blossom. Dietary changes boost your energy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Give a home improvement program serious thought. Friends can provide practical assistance as well as reassurance. Attending a social gathering will boost your spirits tonight.

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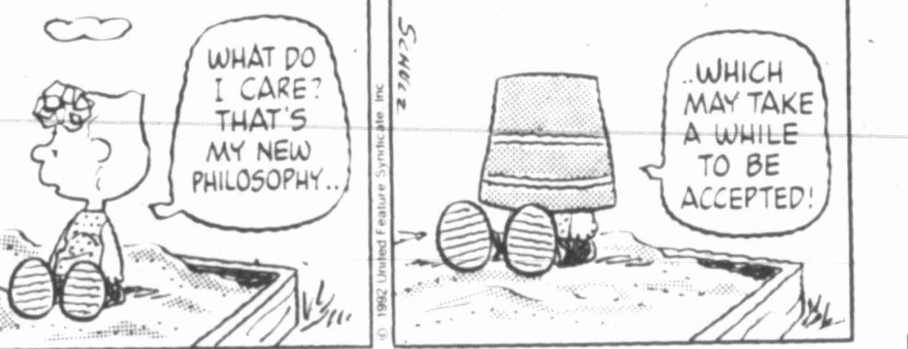


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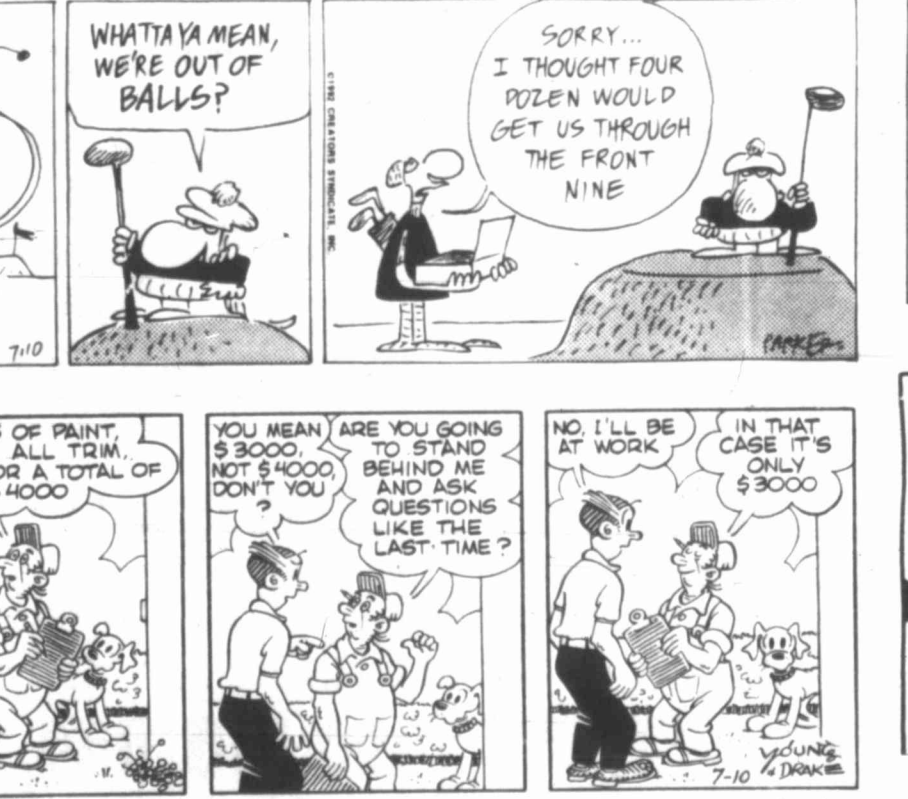
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