

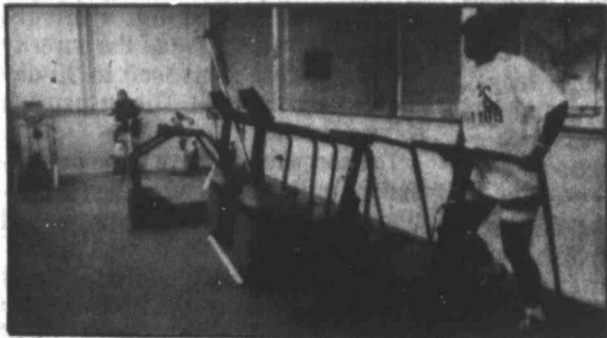
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NEWS DIGEST



▲ Staying focused during workouts

Among a row of exercise machines, Kristi Barnes uses a stair-stepping machine and watches television at the same time during her workout in the Fitness Center at Howard College Friday afternoon.



◀ Preparing for move

Greg Nelson checks the alignment of the central ceiling tile and sets it into position as he and others were working on the new Blum's Jewelers location in the Big Spring Mall Wednesday.

Sports legends

The Herald will print a special section focusing on outstanding high school sports teams and individual accomplishments of the past on Oct. 31. If you have copies of old stories or photos you would like to see included, bring them to the Herald.



◀ Playing bingo

With a Halloween pumpkin table decoration in front of him, Gene Morgan looks at his bingo cards while playing at the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Tuesday.



World

•Prime minister threatens to quit: Under pressure to make concessions, Haiti's prime minister threatened to resign if Haiti's military chiefs don't stop down as required by a U.N. plan to restore democracy. See page 5.

Nation

•Final verdicts in: With a final verdict of "not guilty," the Reginald Denny beating trial ended Wednesday, leaving a scarred city to face a legacy of racial hostility and doubt about equal justice. See page 5.

Texas

•Doomed inmate seeks alliance: A Texas death row inmate is hoping an alliance with Michigan physician Dr. Jack Kevorkian, known as Dr. Death, will allow other people to carry on with life. See page 2.

Sports

•Jays win record-setter: Game 4 of the World Series: The players and managers sure couldn't sort it all out. Calculators were busted, record books were marked in red and the official scorers almost needed relief. See page 8.

Weather

•Clear and colder tonight: Tonight, Clear. Low in the mid 30s. Light wind. See extended forecast, page 6.

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Soaring medicine prices clearly targeted by plan

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifth in a seven-part series exploring the effect President Clinton's health care reform package will have on local residents if it is passed in its original form.

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Few clear statements have been made in the Clinton Health Care Reform plan regarding pharmacies, although the soaring price of medications is thought to be responsible for a significant portion of U.S. health care costs.

Retail pharmacies, however, do not make as much profit on the expensive medications as do the cheaper ones, according to the Texas Pharmaceutical Association and local pharmacists.

When a medication costs \$2 to \$4 a pill, very little retail profit is usually added to the overall cost.

Drug manufacturers, however, likely will be targeted in a comprehensive health care insurance package, according to Clinton analysts.

"The profession of pharmacy will work with members of Congress and the Texas Legislature to help develop a realistic and comprehensive pharmaceutical services benefit plan to be part of the reformed health care system," said TPA President Tom Guidry of San

Antonio.

It is unclear what kind of plan will eventually be passed through Congress, but the Clinton plan as presented guarantees the right of all Americans to health services through a nationally defined, comprehensive package of benefits.

The establishment of regional health care alliances is at the heart of the Clinton plan's aim to reduce health care costs. Potentially, these alliances could preempt Texas freedom-of-choice laws, using single source suppliers for the health maintenance organizations (HMOs), which, through managed care, are proposed as the cheapest of three avenues for health care in the Clinton plan.

The health care recipient could find himself in a position of paying extra to use a specific pharmacist as well as a specific physician in the HMO plan.

The other plans include a fee-for-service, the most expensive kind of medical insurance in the new plan, where the patient makes all choices of whom and what facility supplies his or her health care.

The third plan is a hybrid of the two, allowing some choice, but with facets of the managed care plan for an intermediate price.

There is no specific mention of compensation for pharmacists' professional services.

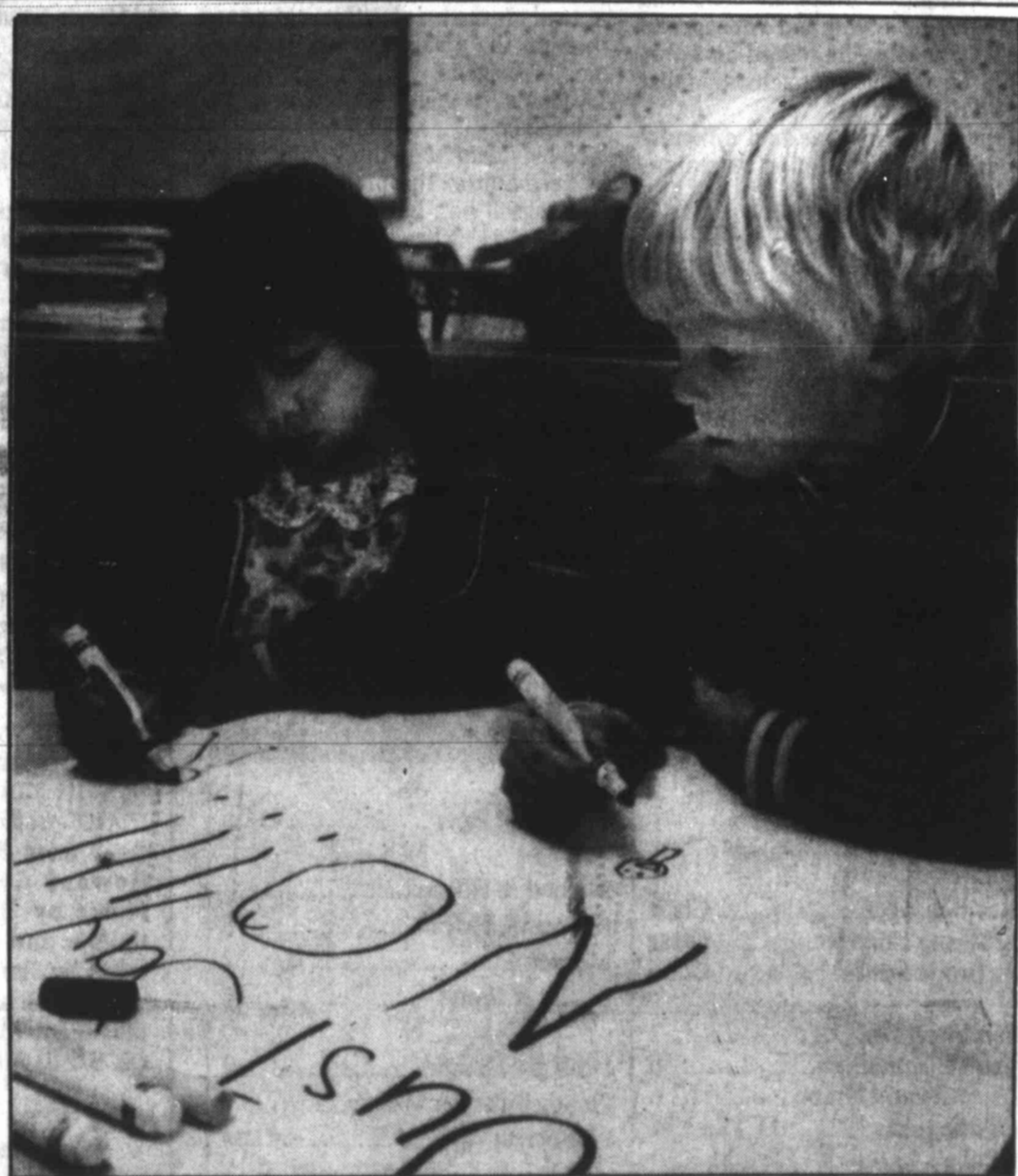
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Haiti developments



- 1 Six U.S. warships and at least 10 Coast Guard cutters are in waters tight off Haiti enforcing the naval blockade. A U.S. Navy frigate stops a ship for Haiti in the first interception since U.N. embargo was reimposed. Ship's cargo of cement is not prohibited under the embargo, but its captain says he is going to bypass Haiti and take his cargo to the Turks and Caicos islands.
- 2 The 220-mile border Haiti shares in the interior with the Dominican Republic remains open and not monitored. Contraband commonly passes the Haiti-Dominican frontier.
- 3 The embargo and a rash of violence prompt some Haitians to hoard food, but no gas lines are visible in stations in the capital or along 60-mile stretch of highway from Port-au-Prince to port of Miragoane. Diplomats estimate Haiti has six weeks to three months of fuel supplies.

AP/Carl Fox



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Just say no

Caleb Choate looks over to see what fellow student Monica Gerza was drawing as the two were working on a "Just Say No" poster at the Kindergarten Center Tuesday. This week, the school is conducting the Pledge to be Drug-Free Red Ribbon campaign, with several anti-drug events throughout the week.

Proposition 11: Call for controls on pension plans

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the 11th of a daily 15-part series looking at the pros and cons of 16 proposed constitutional amendments.

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Proposition 11 on the Nov. 2 ballot would establish requirements for public retirement systems that are not part of a statewide system.

It would require local pension trustees to administer the system or benefits, hold assets to exclusively provide benefits to members and beneficiaries and pay reasonable administration costs, select legal counsel and an actuary, and adopt sound actuarial assumptions.

Supporters include the Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association. The union belongs to the Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund, part of Texas Public Employee Retirement Systems, which is lobbying for passage of the proposed amendment.

"It needs to be done," said Paul Brown, president of the local firefighters union. "We've got pension funds (in the state) that are wild and loose."

Included under the statewide system is the Texas County and District Retirement System, Texas Municipal Retirement System and teacher and

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Constitutional amendments

Early voting on Saturday

The Howard County Courthouse, at Fourth and Scurry, will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for early voting in the Nov. 2 election.

Voting is "real slow" so far, said County Clerk Margaret Ray, with 100 votes cast as of Wednesday afternoon. That's not even a tenth of 1 percent of registered voters in the county.

Numbers are expected to increase Saturday, Ray said.

"We usually have a good turnout on the Saturday that we're open because it's convenient for people that have to work," she said. "Hope so."

Early voting continues through Oct. 29 at area courthouses.

City expanding water office's business hours

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

You forgot to mail in your water bill or you lost it, so you've got to pay in person, which used to mean losing part of lunch or taking off work.

No more in Big Spring. As of last week, the city water department expanded what were regular business hours to 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. It's still open the same days, Monday through Friday.

"People who work from 8-5 can now come and pay their bill after work and while they're on their way to work," said City Manager Lanny Lambert. "More service and better quality service without increased cost."

The new schedule works with an innovative flexible four-days-a-week schedule. Police and firefighters work 12-hour days and 24-hour days respectively, but city office workers hadn't been doing it.

"This is the first time we've had an office crew using flex time," Lambert said.

Four water department employees work four days a week, 10 hours a day. All have weekends off and take turns with a day off during the week.

"It's just something they'd been talking about a long

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Nice shot

Samantha Flores shoots the ball toward the basket while others in line behind her watch at the Jack and Jill Day Care Center Wednesday.

Board backs NAFTA

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

Free trade with Mexico and allowing exemptions of property taxes for pollution controls was unanimously backed Wednesday by the board of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

A fax poll on the NAFTA issue sent to 10 percent of 589 chamber members showed 36, or 61.02 percent, in support. Five, or 8.47 percent, opposed. Twelve, or 20.34 percent, were undecided. Not responding were six, or 10.17 percent.

The sample question was sent to a proportion of 19 different categories of business interests. It asked, based on what you know today, are you supportive, opposed or undecided?

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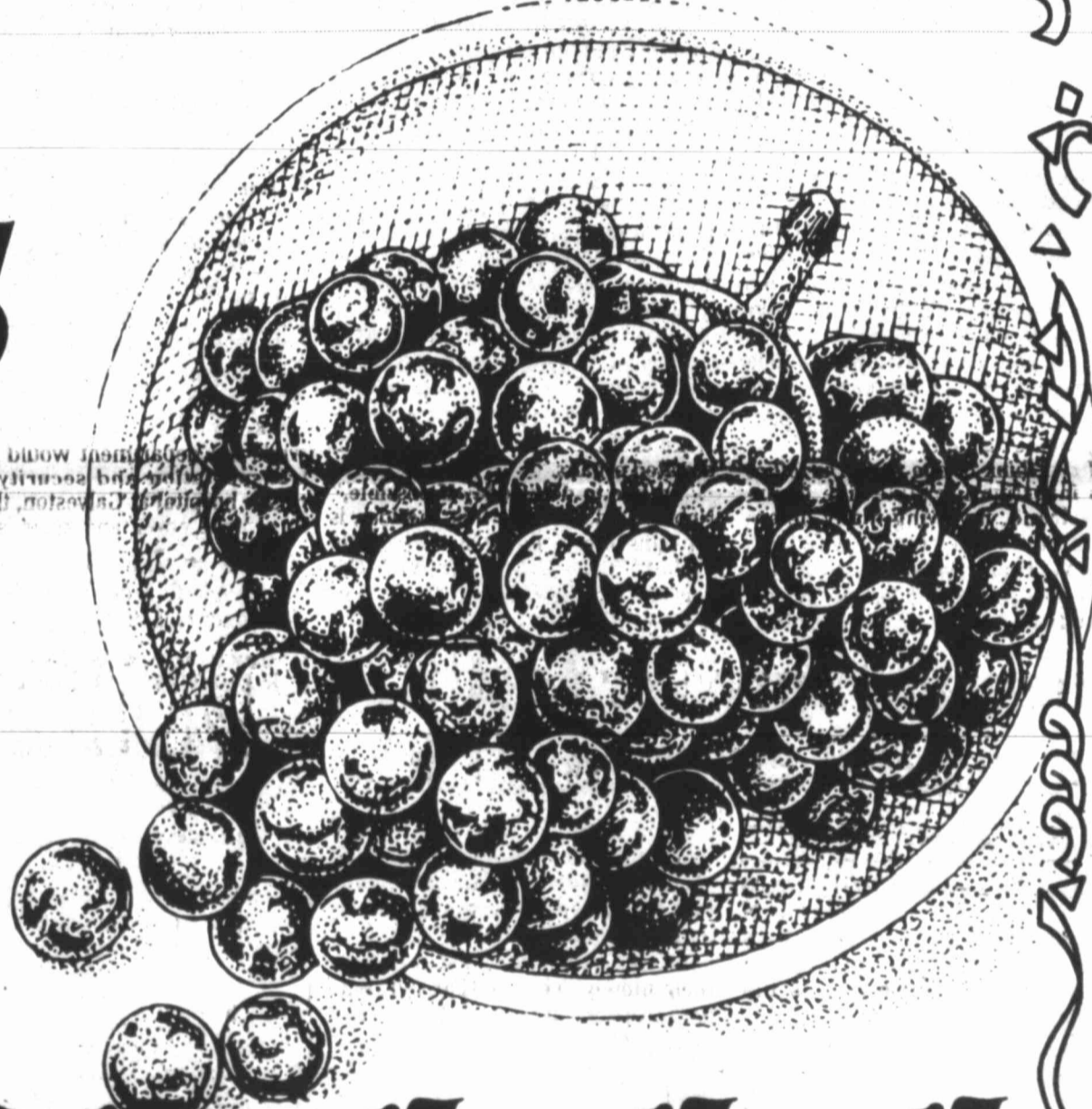
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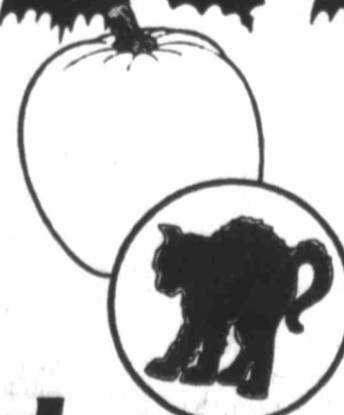
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Riot trial verdicts: Innocent, mistrial

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With a final verdict of "not guilty," the Reginald Denny beating trial ended Wednesday, leaving a scarred city to face a legacy of racial hostility and doubt about equal justice for blacks and whites.

Spectators gasped as the court clerk read the verdict by a multiracial jury, whose tortured deliberations left some jurors ill and prolonged the suspense for days.

Defendant Damian "Football" Williams clasped his hand to his face and smiled as he heard he was being acquitted of attempted murder against Denny.

A second black defendant walked free after 17 months because the jury deadlocked on the remaining charge against him and a mistrial was declared.

"It's a nice day out today, huh?" Henry Watson said as he left jail.

Williams, 20, and Watson, 29, were accused of beating Denny, who is white, and several others when violence broke out April 29, 1992, at the infamous intersection of Florence and Normandie in South Central Los Angeles.

A television camera in a helicopter broadcast live as Denny was dragged from his rig and beaten nearly to death.

Denny told "Inside Edition," in a brief telephone conversation Wednesday that "he was happy with the verdicts, that he was tired and he just wanted to get on with his life," said Bonnie Strauss, a reporter for the syndicated TV show with which Denny has an exclusive agreement.

The rioting was set off by the acquittal on state charges of four white policemen accused of beating black motorist Rodney King during a traffic stop in March 1991. Two officers were later convicted of federal civil rights violations and are in prison.

Prosecutors said Williams was the man on the videotape throwing a brick at Denny's head and dancing in glee. But the defense challenged the identification and a prosecution claim that the tape was proof the defendants intended to kill Denny.

Williams, convicted Monday of one felony count of mayhem and four misdemeanor assaults on motorists,



Antoine Miller and his mother, Gwen Miller, address the media after he was released from the Los Angeles Men's Central Jail Wednesday. Soon after a jury returned an acquittal and a deadlocked count against two defendants in the beating of Reginald Denny, a judge reduced Miller's bail from \$250,000 to \$25,000. Miller is one of four men charged with crimes committed at the start of the Los Angeles riots.

faces a possible eight years in prison. He remained in jail. Sentencing was set for Dec. 7.

Watson was convicted of only one misdemeanor, which has a maximum jail term of six months.

They were acquitted of a total of 14 felony counts.

"Justice is not perfect. It's certainly not perfect in this case," said District Attorney Gil Garcetti, whose office was flooded with angry calls about the verdict. "Perhaps justice is always imperfect."

Edi Faal, Williams' lawyer, said the defendants were over-charged.

"From the beginning we felt the individuals charged with assaulting Mr. Denny did so with no specific intent to kill Mr. Denny," he said. "We decried the district attorney's decision to file excessive charges."

Watson's mother, Joyce, fell sobbing into her husband's arms. A gasp went up in the courtroom and defense supporters whooped with joy

when the verdicts were read.

Afterward, Williams' mother, Georgiana Williams, stood in a court hallway, her arms linked with friends singing "Praising My Savior, All the Day Long."

She smiled. "I said it wasn't over 'til the fat lady sings," she said. "I just sang."

Last week, the case seemed headed for a mistrial when the judge replaced a black woman juror after fellow jurors said she was failing to deliberate. Four others also were replaced during the trial that began July 28, three for personal reasons and one for talking about the case with friends.

Deliberations on the remaining two counts seemed in peril again overnight because two jurors fell ill Tuesday and the forewoman suggested that one juror's fear of unrest might be impeding deliberations.

The jury, which began its deliberations Oct. 1, wound up with four

blacks, four Hispanics, two whites and two Asian-Americans.

As the verdicts were read, a woman juror in the front row wept and the panel's forewoman put a comforting arm around her.

Many residents were unhappy with the outcome.

"In terms of justice this verdict is 100 percent wrong. In terms of the community's safety the verdict is a very good decision," said David Joo, 30, manager of Western Gun Shop in Koreatown, which was hard-hit by rioting.

In Denny's quiet neighborhood in Santa Clarita, 35 miles north of Los Angeles, one white resident called the verdicts "a real joke."

"What they said was it's OK for a bunch of thugs to beat the hell out of a guy and get away with it," said Tim Rodino, 25, a security guard at a condominium complex.

The judge scheduled a bail hearing for Monday. Williams will seek reduction of his \$580,000 bail and a chance at release.

Garcetti said he would decide by Monday whether to refile the charge against Watson.

One defendant whose case was severed from the others awaits trial Nov. 9.

Prime minister says he'll resign if Haitian military keeps power

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Under U.S. pressure to make concessions, Haiti's prime minister threatened on Wednesday to resign if Haiti's military chiefs don't step down as required by a U.N. plan to restore democracy.

Prime Minister Robert Malval's position further complicated international efforts to push through the plan that envisions the Oct. 30 return of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The head of a parliamentary "crisis committee" said lawmakers cannot complete their work in time for Aristide's scheduled return.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Stanley Schragger, however, insisted that the plan was "still not dead."

U.S. and U.N. mediators presented Malval with a document this week that calls for broadening the interim government he heads so that it would include more of Aristide's opponents.

The intent of the document was angrily debated with the Clinton administration by Aristide's supporters, who feel the proposal caves in to the demands of the military leaders.

Malval, speaking in an interview on CNN, said any such political broadening would occur only after the deadline and would include only "democratic elements," a clear exclusion of the military leaders.

Six U.S. Navy warships, three Canadian vessels and 10 U.S. Coast Guard cutters are patrolling off Haiti's coast to enforce a worldwide oil and arms embargo that began Monday to force the army to cooperate. Argentina, the Netherlands, Britain and France are also sending warships.

The U.S. Navy has reported stopping three Haiti-bound ships since the embargo took effect.

The U.N. plan, signed in July, calls for the country's military authorities to step down before Aristide returns. Aristide was ousted in a September 1991 military coup.

"If on Oct. 30 President Aristide is not in Haiti... This is the end of my mission," Malval told the Associated Press on Wednesday. Malval said he did not want to be

part of any stalling efforts on the part of Aristide's opponents.

However, he later said that he would remain if Aristide himself extended the Oct. 30 deadline.

Aristide has said he is committed to the deadline, but Malval said that the president had told him he would not return if army commander Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras and police chief Lt. Col. Joseph Michel Francois do not step down first.

Schragger, the U.S. Embassy spokesman, said Cedras and Francois have demanded that Malval include four coup supporters in his Cabinet.

In Washington, Aristide refused to discuss the document, but said, "We are ready to expand the process but first they have to be removed." Aristide was referring to Cedras, Francois and other military leaders.

An Aristide aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the document was "a fancy way for the United Nations and the United States to kowtow to these armed thugs and give them what they are seeking."

In the CNN interview, Malval said he believed the aide had misinterpreted a "minor point" in the document.

"I have nothing in that report which could lead somebody to believe that we are under strong pressure to open up the government to non-democratic elements," he said.

The Clinton administration believes the Cabinet should be broadened to include business leaders and others outside Aristide's inner circle, a State Department official said in Washington.

"At no point have we ever discussed power sharing with any anti-democratic element nor do we intend to do so," U.S. Ambassador William Swing told reporters. He did not clarify whether he referred to all of Aristide's opponents.

The military leaders insist on a full amnesty for the coup participants before they resign.

A parliamentary "crisis committee" is working on a general amnesty law and other legislation designed to clear the way for Aristide's return. But its chairman, Antoine Joseph, told the AP that its work would not be complete by Oct. 30.

We're learning the facts of life

When the Soviets scared us witless with their first Sputnik, our nation's educators refocused their emphasis on the sciences.

In our haste to overtake the Soviets, which we did, our schools neglected the humanities.

We were so determined to refine young intellects that we neglected to discipline emotions, just let those run wild.

Today, our deplorable system of public education is suffering the backlash.

We put the spurs to a generation which showed us the way to the moon ...

But intellectual brilliance without emotional stability left our young people "unguided missiles," inevitably destined to self-destruct.

Both schools and churches abdicated their responsibility for moral oversight. The result: lower grades and higher crime.

Who is left to teach us right from wrong?

When Chuck Colson came to the campus of the University of Chicago to accept this year's Templeton Prize, he dared to confront his mostly academic audience with "the facts of life":

"With no higher principles to live by, men and women suffocate under their own expanding pleasures."

In the past 17 years, Chuck Colson's prison ministry has taken him to more prisons than he can count, in more nations than most of us can name. He has seen the wages of sin in real, live human faces.

"The myth of human goodness tells men and women that they are not responsible for their actions, that everyone is a victim. Even a United States attorney general said, 'Poverty is the cause of crime.' A United States president said, 'Looters are not to blame for looting.' Thus, millions excused their own misbehavior — and crime became the great plague of civilized societies."

Colson blames the media and the law for scrubbing the last vestiges of religious absolutes from all public debate.

Seeking freedom without self-discipline, we are consumed by excesses. Universities reject truth and begot



Paul Harvey

"Western elites," says Colson, "are carefully separating the wheat from the chaff — and keeping the chaff."

Progress does not always mean discovering something new. Progress sometimes means rediscovering wisdom that is ancient and eternal.

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The Forsan Independent School is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on October 25, 1993 at 6:30 P.M. at School Administration Office in Forsan

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Jacqueline Bigar - Horoscope

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Dear Abby - Letters...

New life spoiled by wife's old habits

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 42 years. I love him with all my heart. We have six children whom he loved and for whom he provided until they all got married.

DEAR ABBY: This old world is far too serious, so I try to lighten up my life with something to smile about. For example, not long ago, you printed some letters in your column about people with unusual names.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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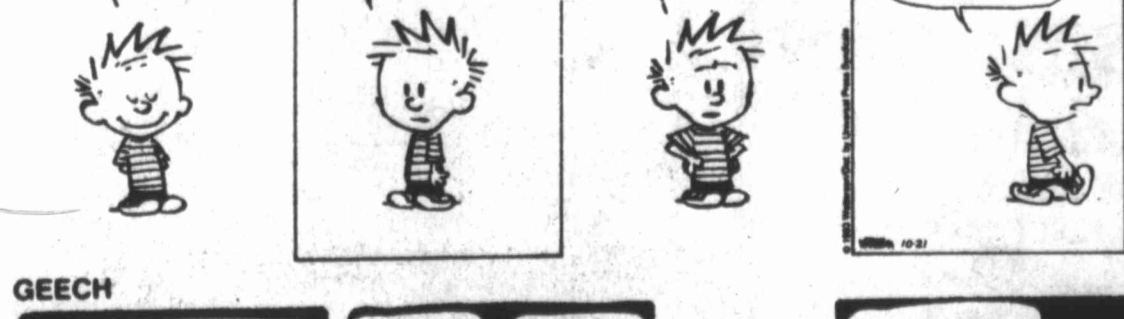
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