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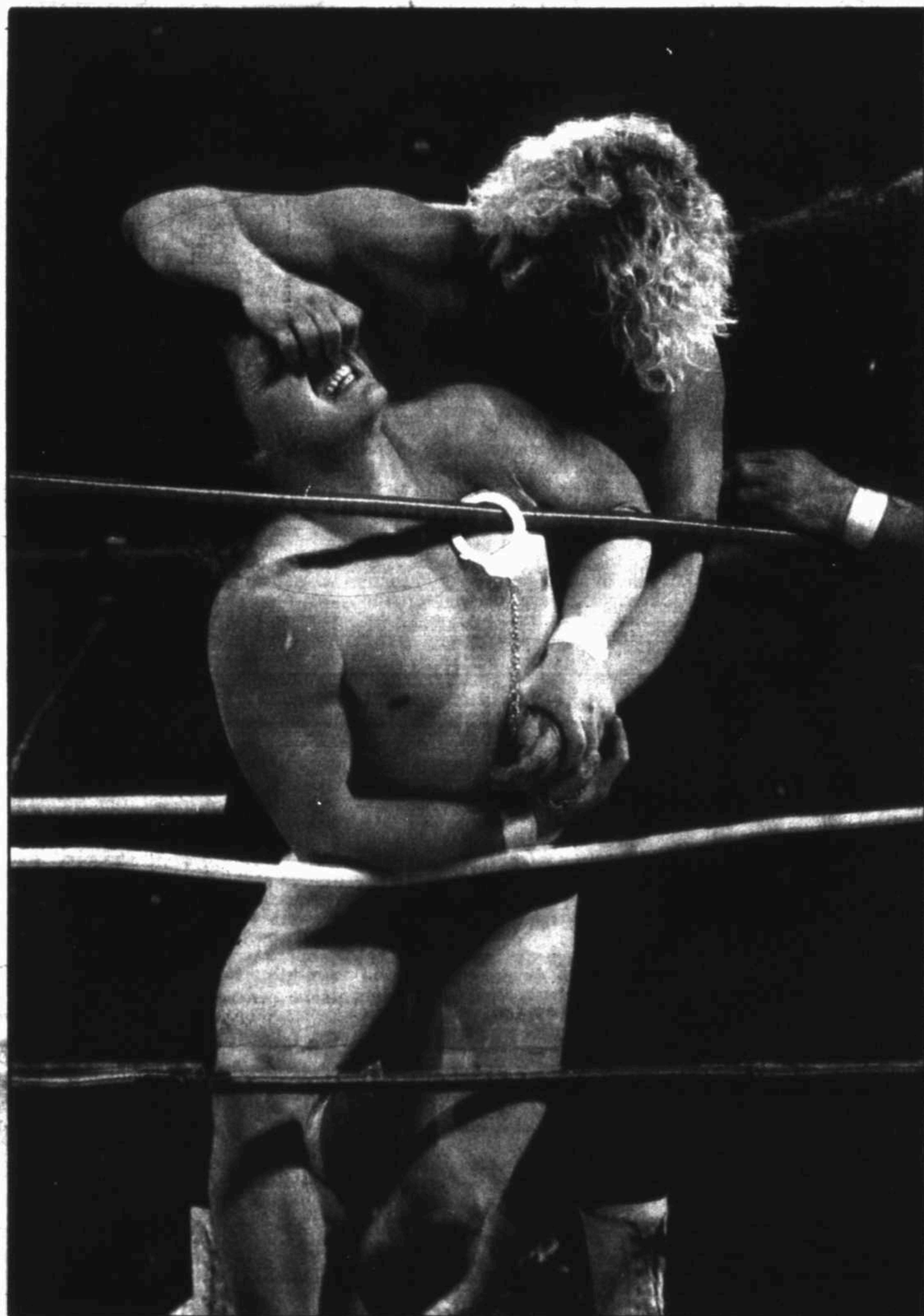
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Panama official says U.S. might have staged chase

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — A Panamanian government official suggested the United States might have staged a chase of its ambassador's car to justify an eventual military evasion.

The U.S. Embassy said Ambassador Arthur Davis was pursued for two miles in Panama City on Sunday by a government military vehicle with its siren blaring. It called the incident serious.

Sunday's communique signed by Justice Minister Rodolfo Chiari de Leon said the incident began when a police sergeant saw civilians in three vehicles following the ambassador's car with "an exaggerated display of automatic arms."

"We do not want to think that they are fabricating false accusations against our armed forces to justify an announced invasion of Panama, and we reiterate the intent of the Panamanian government to protect the life and property of residents and foreigners, including North Americans," the communique said.

There was no immediate U.S. Embassy reaction to the statement.

The United States is sending 1,300 additional troops to Panama on Tuesday. Troops were loading weapons and supplies into helicopters today in the United States in preparation.

American officials have said the forces are intended to protect U.S. bases and American citizens. Washington has declared it will not use military force to oust Gen. Manuel Antonio

Noriega, whose leadership has been the focus of a national political and economic crisis.

Sunday's edition of the government-run newspaper La Republica quoted pro-government labor leaders as urging Panamanians to prepare for an American invasion when the additional troops begin arriving.

There are 10,000 troops stationed at the U.S. Southern Command in Panama. Pentagon officials said more troops may be sent if they are needed.

The chase on Sunday ended an otherwise calm Easter holiday and ushered in a week of uncertainty for Panamanians. A Roman Catholic Church offer to mediate an end to the country's political crisis was set to expire at midnight tonight.

Embassy spokesman Terence Kneebone said Davis was leaving the home of Vatican Ambassador Jose Sebastian Laboa when the Panamanian vehicle "began following immediately, picking them up right outside the gate." He said it tried to stop the chauffeur-driven car with its lights and sirens.

"The ambassador's driver, in accordance with instructions, did not stop. The ambassador was driven to his residence, and the other vehicle followed all the way," Kneebone said. The residences are about two miles apart.

"We consider this serious," Kneebone said. He declined to comment on what security provisions Davis had but said they were normal under the circumstances. No weapons were displayed in the chase, he said.

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Swaggart faces key decision

By ALAN SAYRE

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Fallen evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, who has been told to decide quickly whether to accept disciplinary action from the Assemblies of God, faces a key decision this week on the future of his embattled ministry, church officials say.

Swaggart, whose worldwide ministry is scrambling to overcome financial problems, said through his attorney last week that he will defy a order by the Assemblies of God and return to the pulpit on May 22.

He jumped up to take the microphone during Sunday night's service and gave the most emotional speech he has made since stepping down from the pulpit Feb. 21, pacing like a cat and shouting into the microphone.

"It works! It works!" he said, shaking a Bible as he does when he preaches. "If there is a reporter here spread the word everywhere. It works!"

The crowd reacted instantly and favorably to his speech, which lasted a few minutes. Swaggart also spoke at the Sunday morning service.

Following the morning service, a reporter chased down Swaggart's car and asked him, "Are you leaving the church?"

Swaggart chose to interpret the question in its narrowest context and responded, "I just left the church minutes ago."

When the question was rephrased to make it clear that the

reporter meant leaving the Assemblies of God, Swaggart ducked, launching into a mini-sermon on the love Christ bears for everyone.

The Rev. Everett Stenhouse, assistant general superintendent for the national church of the Assemblies of God, said Swaggart's appearance at Family Worship Center services would have violated terms of his punishment had Swaggart submitted to the national church's rehabilitation program.

But because Swaggart has not signed any agreement, he is not under rehabilitation, Stenhouse said in a telephone interview from Springfield, Mo.

The church's General Presbytery, meeting at its national headquarters in Springfield, Mo., on Tuesday banned Swaggart from the pulpit for at least a year for "moral failure." A self-described prostitute has said Swaggart paid her to pose nude for him.

On Friday, Louisiana church officials said they would go along with the order despite their own recommendation that Swaggart be barred from preaching for only three months. Swaggart had said previously he would go along with the state council's decision.

Julene Turnage, a national denomination spokeswoman, said Swaggart probably would face expulsion if he did not quickly accept the decision. Turnage said the national office expected to hear from Swaggart today.

During Sunday services at Swaggart's Family Worship Center, a heckler accused the evangelist of hypocrisy.

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Shultz says U.S. would oppose Palestinian state

JERUSALEM (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz reopened talks today with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir with a pledge the United States would oppose a Palestinian state and any effort to force Israel to return to its pre-1967 borders.

The two-hour meeting at Shamir's office launched Shultz's second shuttle visit to the Middle East in a month and a new attempt to hold Arab-Israeli negotiations May 1 to provide some self-rule for Palestinian Arabs.

Shamir described the two-hour session as "a very good and basic discussion" of the essential issues.

Shultz told reporters the two leaders concentrated on the need for direct negotiations between Israel and the Arabs and "how they might be structured."

Shamir spokesman Avi Pazner said the meeting was held in a "friendly spirit" but that differences remained over the U.S.-proposed international conference and Shultz's meeting last month with two Arab-American members of the Palestine National Council, the legislative arm of the PLO.

Shultz also met today with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who supports the U.S. initiative. The two

leaders told reporters they had discussed how to achieve face-to-face Arab-Israeli negotiations.

"We are not closing our eyes to the obstacles on the road that leads to direct negotiations, but we feel we can make some progress on the real issues lying ahead of us," Peres said.

Shultz said he was encouraged because the talks centered on direct negotiations, adding, "That's where the emphasis needs to be, and that's where it has been."

Shamir leads the right-wing Likud bloc, while Peres heads the center-left Labor Party. Their parties are in the third year of a fragile coalition,

and the two leaders traded jobs in October 1987.

Shultz returned to the region without support from Israel, Jordan, or Syria, three key parties, on his plan for negotiations to address an overall Middle East settlement in December, in the second stage of the talks.

He emphasized on his arrival Sunday that negotiations would be based on U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, which calls on Israel to yield territory captured in the 1967 Middle East war with Egypt, Jordan and Syria.

Shultz said the resolution, which also promises Israel security, applied

to "all fronts." The resolution, however, does not specifically call on Israel to give up all the territory.

Asked if he agreed with Peres that Israel should not return to its pre-1967 borders and that there would be no Palestinian state, Shultz replied: "Absolutely."

A reporter asked again if Shultz was saying "no" to a Palestinian state. Shultz responded: "No to a Palestinian state, no to a return to the borders."

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Astrologer says winner in the stars

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Lela Powell looks to the heavens for guidance in choosing the ideal president. The answers, she says, are all in the stars.

The Tulsa astrologer is busy piecing together the birth charts of the men who would be president, saying they provide clues to the candidates' character and abilities.

A quick look at the chart for Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, a Scorpio, shows the Democrat is a hard worker, well-organized, a man who takes charge, Mrs. Powell said.

George Bush's chart suggests the vice president, a Gemini, has strong leadership qualities and excellent potential for growth, she said.

Mrs. Powell has studied astrology since the 1950s, after having her own birth chart read while living in San Francisco. Her interest in astrology also encouraged her to explore astrology, she said.

"Astrology simply seeks to answer the more philosophical why to things, instead of just the more scientific how of astronomy," she said.

Mrs. Powell says there is more to her analysis of the presidential candidates than the popular generic astrological forecast (which she calls "just a little sun-sign psychology") or tabloids' outlandish psychic predictions (which she calls "tacky").

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Distraught woman apparently sets house afire

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — A Japanese mother and her two young daughters died in a house fire the woman apparently set because she was distressed by marital problems, police said.

The body of Mitsue Sakai, 28, was found early Sunday in a bedroom along with those of her daughters, Seira Candy Sakai, 5, and Rina Stephanie Sakai, 4.

The three are believed to have died from smoke inhalation from the

fire, which was set in the living room, Sgt. Larry Kurtz said.

"Based on physical evidence found at the scene and interviews with witnesses, it is believed the suspect (Mrs. Sakai) intentionally set fire to the house. She was extremely distraught over marital and family problems," Kurtz said.

Some friends of the family speculated that the apparent murder-suicide may be a case of "oyaku shinju," a Japanese tradition in which

parents planning suicide believe they also must kill their children so they will not be orphans.

Mrs. Sakai, who moved to the United States from Japan about eight years ago, and her husband, Hideo, were described by acquaintances as quiet and hard-working people.

"With her husband, they were like ships in the night," said neighbor Barry Rivard. "They'd kind of pass."

Mrs. Sakai worked at the Mitsuyoshi Japanese restaurant in Anaheim,

and her husband is head chef at the Amagi Japanese restaurant in Buena Park.

Yoshikazu Suzuki, owner of the Amagi restaurant, said the couple had met at his restaurant about seven years ago when Mitsue worked there as a waitress.

She worked until 10:30 p.m. and Sakai arrived home about 2:30 a.m. and was questioned by police, neighbors said.

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Basin can expect near-record high temperatures

From Staff Reports

Permian Basin residents will find themselves basking in unseasonably warm weather through the first part of the week due to a pre-frontal system that's bringing in tepid winds from the desert southwest.

A forecaster with the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport today said Midland-Odessa should expect near-record highs in the middle 90s through

Tuesday as the result of a high pressure system centered between New Mexico and Arizona.

Afternoon high temperatures in the mid 90s are about 20 degrees higher than the average for this time of year, which is based on a 30-year record, he said.

The summerlike weather — though it is unseasonable — is not overly unusual, the weather specialist noted.

"It's springtime weather. It changes back and forth and it's more exaggerated," he said.

No precipitation is forecast through the warm spell, although the chance of rain will increase once the trough of low pressure moving through New Mexico reaches West Texas later in the week.

Skies will be fair tonight and the low should be in the middle 50s with southwest winds blowing at 15-20 mph and gusty.

Tuesday's forecast calls for more fair skies with the high in the mid 90s expected. Southwest winds will continue at 10-20 mph, becoming northwesterly by Tuesday afternoon.

Sunday's high of 86 was eight degrees cooler than the record high of 94 set for that date in 1946. Today's low of 49 was 21 degrees warmer than the record low of 28 set for this date in 1946.

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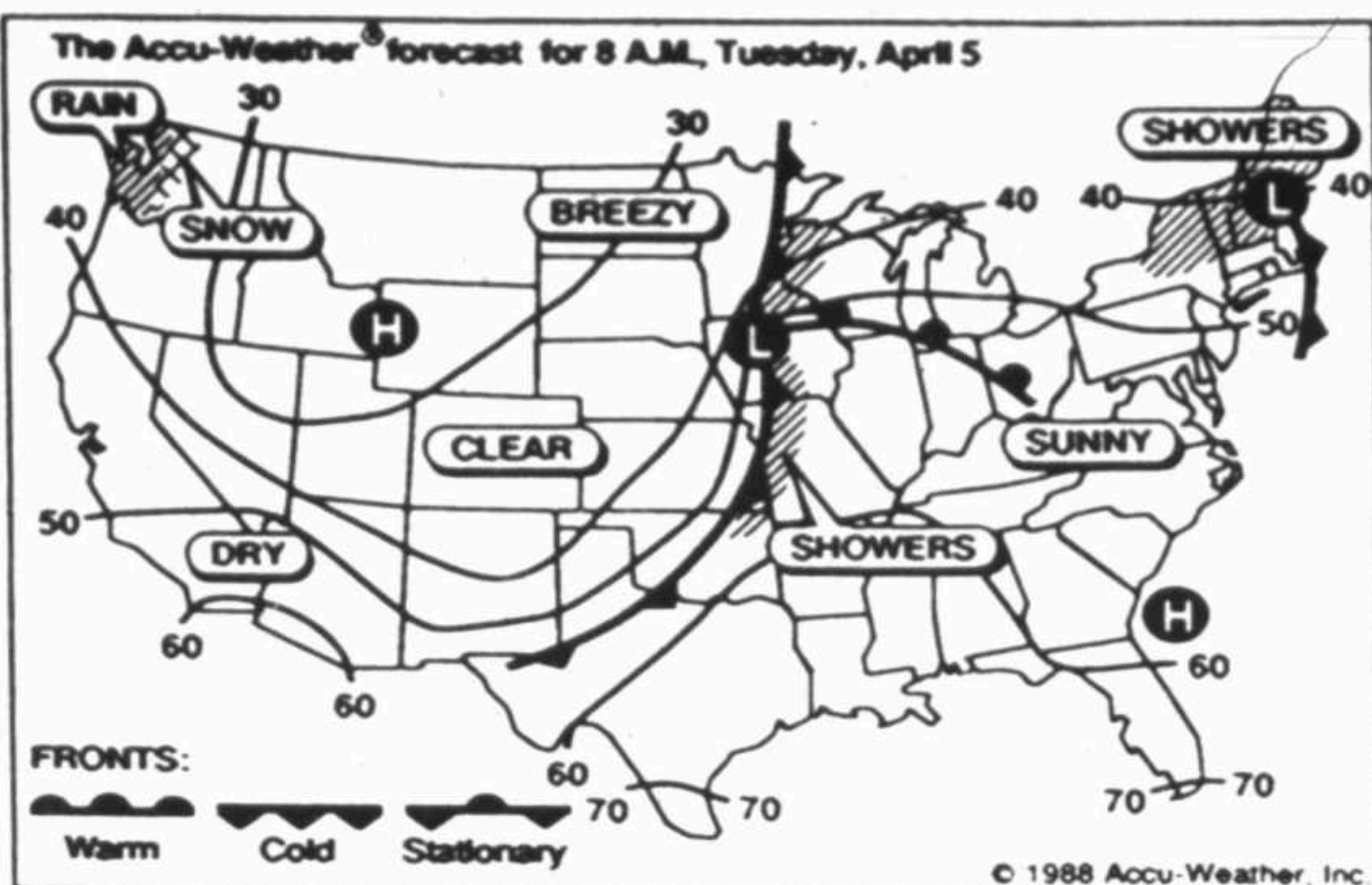
Weather

Fair tonight with a low in the middle 50s. Fair Tuesday with a high in the lower 90s.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Drizzle blankets coast; Rest of state skies clear

Associated Press

Fog, low clouds and scattered drizzle covered the Coastal Plains early Monday morning. Clear skies prevailed over the rest of Texas.

High pressure over the Gulf of Mexico produced a light southeast surface wind over Texas, bringing gulf moisture over the Coastal Plains. The rest of the state was influenced by warm dry air moving over the state from the southwest with the mid level wind.

The National Weather Service forecast called for mostly clear skies Monday night and Tuesday statewide. Fog may develop again along the coast early Tuesday morning, forecasters said.

NATION

Moisture from the Pacific Ocean combined with icy winds to bring snow to the Cascades of Washington state while some coastal areas were pelted by sleet.

Up to a foot of new snow was expected today at the 2,000-foot level and a heavy snow warning was posted for the Cascades and Olympic ranges of Washington.

Meanwhile, severe flooding was expected from southeast Kansas to northeast Oklahoma along the Neosho River. The river was to crest about 6 feet above flood stage today, with low-lying areas of Miami, Okla., expecting damage.

But after several days of very active weather in the midsection of the nation, with severe thunderstorms and tornadoes over Indiana and Michigan on Sunday, few storms were reported this morning.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms extended from New York across parts of Pennsylvania and the upper Ohio Valley and the mid-Atlantic states to the southern Appalachians.

Clear skies were widespread from the lower Ohio Valley across the central and lower Mississippi Valley, the central and southern Plains and the southern Rockies to southern California.

Temperatures were on the mild side. The East Coast states were especially mild with early morning readings in the 60s from southern Pennsylvania to northern Florida.

The forecast for today called for showers and thunderstorms from the central Gulf coast region and Florida across the East Coast states to New England; scattered showers from northern Michigan to Minnesota; rain and mountain snow from the Pacific Northwest across Idaho and northern Utah to the northern and central Rockies; and windy conditions near the Rocky Mountains.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Tonight: Fair with the low in the middle 50s. Winds will be southeasterly at 15-20 mph and gusty. Tuesday: Fair with the high in the lower 80s. Winds will continue to be southeasterly at 10-20 mph and gusty shifting to the northwest during Tuesday afternoon.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High: 49 degrees
Overnight Low: 48 degrees
Sunset today: 8:10 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:33 a.m.
Precipitation: 0 inches
Last 24 hours: 0 inches
This month to date: 0 inches
Year to date: 1.19 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Time	Temp	Wind
8 a.m.	49	7 p.m.
9 a.m.	52	8 p.m.
10 a.m.	51	9 p.m.
11 a.m.	54	10 p.m.
12 noon	57	11 p.m.
1 p.m.	59	12 midnight
2 p.m.	63	1 a.m.
3 p.m.	64	2 a.m.
4 p.m.	66	3 a.m.
5 p.m.	66	4 a.m.
6 p.m.	66	5 a.m.

Counties forecasts

Midland, Ector, Crane, Upton, Howard, Martin, Andrews, Glasscock, Gaines, Reagan, Borden and DeWitt: Today night, fair with a low in the mid 50s. Wind southwest 15 to 20 mph and gusty early, diminishing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight. Tuesday, fair with a high in the lower 80s. Wind southwest 10 to 20 mph and gusty, shifting to northeast during the afternoon.

Starr, Tom Green, Irion and Coke: Tonight, fair with a low near 60. Wind south 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Tuesday, fair with a high near 90. Wind south 10 to 20 mph and gusty, shifting to northeast late afternoon.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Fair Monday night and Tuesday. Cooler north Tuesday. Low Monday night mid 40s. Panhandle to near 80 Concho Valley, except upper 30s mountains. High Tuesday mid 70s. Panhandle to lower 90s south, except mid 90s along the Rio Grande in the Big Bend.

North Texas: Fair Monday night and Tuesday. Low Monday night 58 to 66. High Tuesday 66 to 73.

South Texas: Dense fog extreme south early Tuesday dissipating by mid morning. Cloudy to partly cloudy mornings and partly cloudy afternoon Tuesday. Warmer through Tuesday. High Tuesday in the upper 80s west to near 80 coast. Low Monday night in the 80s except upper 50s Hill Country and near 70 extreme south.

Border states forecasts

New Mexico: Fair Monday night. Lows in the mid 20s and 30s mountain and northwest to the 40s and low 50s east and south. Mostly sunny Tuesday but cooler in the northeast. Highs from the 50s northwest to the 70s and 80s lower elevations east and south.

Oklahoma: Partly cloudy west and fair elsewhere Monday night. Fair west and partly cloudy with widely scattered thunderstorms east Tuesday. Warm and turning cooler most sections Tuesday. High Tuesday near 70 panhandle to mid 80s southeast.

Extended forecast

West Texas: Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms most sections Wednesday, otherwise warm through Friday except a slight dip in temperatures Thursday. Panhandle basin and Far West: Highs mostly in the 70s and lows in the 40s. Concho Valley: Highs mostly in the 70s and lows in the 50s. Big Bend: Highs from near 80 mountains to lower 90s valleys and lows from lower 40s mountains to mid 50s on plateau.

FIRE

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"If she lost hope or something, she cannot let the children live," Suzuki said. "I know of many cases in Japan like that."

An estimated 300 cases of oyako shinju are reported each year in Japan, authorities said. Although the practice is illegal in Japan, it's considered an honorable way to die and

Weather elsewhere

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Onk
Albany, N.Y.	57	53	12	cl
Albuquerque	71	42	0	cl
Ashville	61	44	1.06	cl
Atlanta	72	62	0.42	cl
Atlantic City	54	52	0	cl
Baltimore	72	61	0	cl
Birmingham	68	58	0.25	cl
Bismarck	77	48	0	cl
Boise	58	40	0	cl
Boston	52	39	0.03	cl
Buffalo	70	43	0.98	cl
Charleston, S.C.	70	66	0.07	cl
Charleston, W.Va.	78	56	0.21	cl
Chicago	64	47	0.06	cl
Cleveland	67	46	1.03	cl
Columbia, S.C.	76	65	0	cl
Columbus, Ohio	63	45	1.36	cl
Dayton	68	45	0.47	cl
Denver	71	46	0	cl
Des Moines	68	43	0.45	cl
Duluth	39	36	0.23	cl
Durham	76	44	0	cl
El Paso	63	32	0	cl
Evansville	68	48	0.56	cl
Grand Rapids	68	48	0.56	cl
Great Falls	63	30	0	cl
Hartford	55	48	0.20	cl
Holens	67	29	0	cl
Indianapolis	74	41	0.08	cl
Jackson, Miss.	81	56	0	cl
Kansas City	61	46	0	cl
Las Vegas	82	60	0	cl
Los Angeles	78	58	0	cl
Louisville	74	47	0.22	cl
Memphis	78	58	0	cl
Minneapolis	56	48	0.16	cl
Nashville	75	48	0.04	cl
New Orleans	72	55	0	cl
New York City	54	50	0.01	cl
Oakland	78	52	0	cl
Orlando	64	49	0	cl
Philadelphia	66	51	0.01	cl
Phoenix	88	60	0	cl
Portland, Ore.	50	40	0.06	cl
Providence	50	47	0	cl
Raleigh	74	62	0.06	cl
Reno	90	41	0	cl
Richmond	76	63	0.31	cl
Sacramento	64	46	0	cl
St. Louis	67	48	0	cl
San Antonio	90	60	0	cl
San Francisco	57	48	0	cl
Shreveport	83	54	0	cl
Sioux Falls	52	38	0	cl
Syracuse	59	56	0.46	cl
Tampa-St. Petersburg	84	61	0	cl
Tucson	98	51	0	cl
Washington, D.C.	75	62	0.02	cl
Wilkes-Barre	64	58	0	cl

Texas temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Prc
Alice	93	64	
Amarillo	75	44	
Austin	67	58	
Beeville	81	61	
Brewerville	76	70	
Byrum-College Station	82	63	
Chillicothe	82	63	
Corpus Christi	83	62	
Corpus Christi NAS	78	68	
Cottle	96	63	
Dalhousie	82	61	
Del Rio	81	60	
El Paso	79	38	
Fort Worth	81	67	
Fort Worth Meacham	81	61	
Galveston	77	61	
Hondo	90	64	
Houston Hobby	79	61	
Houston Int'l	64	59	
Junction	90	47	
Kingville	98	56	0.03
Laredo	98	70	
Longview	79	60	
Lubbock	81	49	
Lufkin	86	56	
Marta	80	23	
McAllen	87	70	
Midland-Odessa	96	49	
Mineral Wells	84	58	
Palacios	81	64	
San Angelo	86	65	
San Antonio	83	62	
Shreveport, La.	83	64	
Stephenville	83	66	
Texasarkana	78	68	
Victoria	89	66	
Waco	83	66	
White Falls	81	68	
Wichita	88	59	

Nixon: Jackson's radical views liability

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Richard M. Nixon says that Jesse Jackson is the best candidate seeking a presidential nomination but that he could not win because of his radical views.

The Washington Times reported Nixon's comments in today's editions from an exclusive interview this weekend at the former president's home in Saddle River, N.J., with the newspaper's executive editor, Arnaud de Borchgrave.

"He's the best candidate and one of the very best of the entire century for either party," Nixon was quoted as saying.

"Jackson's problem is not the messenger, it's the message.... He's expressing a deep-felt radicalism, or liberalism, whatever you want to call it, which may be a majority in some areas but is a minority in the country as a whole," Nixon said.

"And if he is nominated, it goes without saying he cannot win. But

Greek clan proud of their U.S. cousin's bid for president, related story

everyone is overplaying the fact that he would be a liability because he is black," Nixon said. "That is simply not true. Jackson would be a liability because his views are radical."

He said Jackson "is the only interesting candidate in the race, either Republican or Democrat" and that, regardless of what happens, "Jackson has established himself as a force to be reckoned with in his party and in this country.... I disagree with Jesse Jackson, but I respect him. Brilliant campaigner."

But Nixon said Jackson "would have to think long and hard before he would even consider to be No. 2 because even though the Democrats are probably going to lose anyway,

he would certainly be blamed because he was black."

Nixon, who resigned in 1974 in the wake of the Watergate scandal, also discussed foreign policy extensively with the Times editor.

Nixon recommended that the next president "draft" former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who also served as his assistant for national security affairs, as a Mideast peace-maker with a mandate to find a solution to the problems in the region within one year.

Kissinger should talk with Palestinian Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat, Nixon said. "You can't make a deal with him, nor can you make one without him," he

added.

Nixon also said "everyone should quit being taken in by this line that Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev has changed Soviet goals. He has done no such thing."

He cited a speech given by Gorbachev last October for the 70th anniversary of the communist revolution as proof that the Soviet leader still has the goal of Marxist world domination. He quoted Gorbachev as saying, "Seventy years ago, we parted with the old world, rejecting it once and for all. We are moving toward a new world, the world of communism. We will never turn off that road."

On the subject of Nicaragua, the former president said the United States should "quarantine" the central American nation if Soviet aid to the Sandinistas does not end and the regime continues to pose a threat to Central America.

Attorney seeks venue change in torture case

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The defense attorney in a bizarre case of manacled women, murder and dismemberment says he wants a jury from rural Pennsylvania to hear the case because of the widespread publicity surrounding it.

Gary Heidnik is charged with keeping four women chained to a sewer pipe in a basement torture chamber and killing two others.

"I want a jury from a less urban county. Somebody in the Poconos would know less (about the case) than somebody in Pittsburgh," said A. Charles Peruto Jr., Heidnik's attorney.

Peruto's first motion after the assignment of Judge Lynn Abraham to the case this morning was for the out-of-town jury.

"I don't think there is a Philadelphia around who doesn't know the case and want him" sentenced to death, the attorney said.

Heidnik was arrested shortly after a woman, who said she had been held in his basement, led police to

his north Philadelphia house. Three half-naked, starved women were found chained there in the pre-dawn hours of March 25, 1987.

The limbs of another were found packaged in the kitchen freezer and the body of a second woman, whom police say Heidnik killed, was found in a southern New Jersey forest later that day.

The woman who led police to the house testified at Heidnik's preliminary hearing that one victim died while hanging by an arm from the basement ceiling. Police say Heidnik then dismembered her body in a bathtub.

The other victim died when Heidnik touched her manacles with electrical wires while she stood in water, the woman testified.

Peruto said he will argue his client was insane.

"Schizophrenia in its simplest form represents dual personality.... It's a classic case of Jekyll and Heidnik," he said.

SWAGGART

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"Brother Swaggart, your hypocrisy is scornful of the government of God," the young man, about 16 years old, yelled during a brief lull in the Sunday service at the Family Worship Center.

Swaggart, who has not been preaching since tearfully confessing to an unspecified sin on Feb. 21, was sitting on the church's stage at the time of the outburst with his wife, Frances. Swaggart did not visibly react to the heckler.

The Rev. Jim Rantz, who has taken over the pastor's role during Swaggart's absence from the pulpit, watched the youth for only a moment and then told worshippers, "Let's stand folks and let's just praise the Lord."

Rantz and the congregation drowned out the youth until he was escorted from the sanctuary by ushers. During his brief outburst, the youth also referred to "immoral sins" and "money."

AMBASSADOR

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Embassy vehicles are clearly marked with special license plates.

Earlier Sunday, Kneebone said Davis had gone to pay his respects on Easter to the papal nuncio, who is dean of the diplomatic corps in Panama.

Eric Arturo Delvalle, in hiding since he was ousted from the presidency after he tried to fire strongman Noriega Feb. 25, has called for the United States to intervene militarily and remove the general. Nor-

SHULTZ

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Israel relinquished the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt as a part of a 1979 peace treaty. But Shamir is reluctant to give up the West Bank, which Jordan occupied from 1949 until 1967 when Israel captured the territory in a war.

Shultz's visit comes after four months of rioting in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip that has killed more than 135 Arabs and one Israeli soldier.

Shamir, in a tour of the West Bank on Sunday, questioned whether the Arabs were ready to deal with Israel. Shamir said he was skeptical "about all the prophecies that the talks will have some kind of result, a

breakthrough."

Shultz also will meet with Peres and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin. In Tunis, meanwhile, the PLO reaffirmed its rejection of the U.S. plan.

The Palestine Liberation Organization's Executive Committee issued a statement Sunday saying the Palestinian people were unanimous "to thwart the dangerous American plan."

"The just and global solution must be based on the achievement of the national right of the Palestinian people, under the direction of the PLO, its sole legitimate representative," the statement said.

The PLO-affiliated leadership of the Palestinian uprising called for a

three-day strike beginning today on the West Bank and in Gaza, and barred Palestinians from meeting Shultz during his five-day trip to the region. The strike closed stores throughout the territories today.

In the television interview on Sunday, Shultz defended his meeting last Saturday in Washington with Edward Said and Ibrahim Abu-Lughud, two American professors who are members of the Palestinian National Council.

"They are not members of the PLO," Shultz said. The council is the legislative arm of the PLO movement to establish a state on Israeli territory.

Shultz described the two council members as Americans who are eth-

nic Palestinians and whose "aspirations" deserve a U.S. hearing.

Shultz is looking on this trip for a positive reply to the two-step plan for negotiations he presented a month ago to Arab and Israeli leaders.

The United States has frozen Panamanian assets in American banks, choking the flow of dollars, the official currency in Panama. Banks have remained closed since March 3.

Most Panamanians are saving cash for essentials, and thousands of families, especially in poorer areas, have had to turn to church-run food kitchens for their meals. The cash shortage has kept the government from paying its estimated 130,000 employees for a month.

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Smaller crowd attends services in Holy Land

Associated Press

Christians braved Israeli-Palestinian tensions in the Holy Land, prayed in England for an end to Northern Ireland's religious bloodshed and listened worldwide to Pope John Paul II's Easter plea for peace.

Elsewhere on Sunday, traditional passion plays took place in Brazil and chaplains delivered services aboard U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf.

In Hungary, men prepared for today's more frivolous dousing of women with perfume during the traditional "sprinkling spree."

In Vatican City, 100,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square on Sunday to hear the pope's Easter message, which had a broadcast audience of millions.

"Pray for peace in the world, for justice, pray for the rights of man, especially for religious freedom," the Roman Catholic leader said.

In Jerusalem, about 1,000 faithful joined in services Sunday at the site where most Christians believe Jesus rose from the dead.

But only about half as many people came as last year to the services at the 12th century Church of the Holy Sepulcher, church officials said. Many had been deterred by four months of Palestinian protests and Israeli crackdowns in the occupied territories that have left more



Pope John Paul II gives the Easter blessing from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica to the crowd gathered in the square below.

than 135 Arabs dead.

In Canterbury, England, Anglican Archbishop Robert Runcie compared the March 19 slaying of two British soldiers at an Irish Republican Army funeral in Northern Ireland to Christ's crucifixion.

The two soldiers were shot to death in a predominantly Roman

Catholic district of west Belfast after they were beaten by mourners heading to the burial of an IRA guerrilla.

Runcie said in his Easter sermon that Christ's death was "a dark death, as dark in the cruelty and hatred which attended it as were the deaths of those two young soldiers in Belfast a fortnight ago."



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But he said the joyous memory of Christ's resurrection should give hope for an end to Northern Ireland's sectarian violence.

In Belfast, thousands marched peacefully to mark the 1916 Easter uprising against British rule in what is now the neighboring Republic of Ireland.

In Hungary, men were stocking up on eau de cologne for today's "sprinkling spree" when they wandered in groups perfuming girls and women. The custom is believed to stem partly from ancient fertility rites.

At St. Stanislaw Kostka church in northern Warsaw, where the slain pro-Solidarity priest Jerzy Popieluszko is buried, a Christ figure was draped in a banner in the red lettering of the outlawed trade federation.

It read: "We will rise again." In the Czechoslovak capital of Prague, 2,000 believers attended an Easter Mass at St. Vitus Cathedral just over a week after riot police

broke up a peaceful demonstration for religious freedom in Bratislava.

In the Persian Gulf, where Iran and Iraq are at war, skippers of 16 U.S. Navy ships marked Easter with messages to their crews. Religious services were held aboard several vessels.

More than 10,000 people took part Sunday in peace marches in West Germany's major cities and at several U.S. military installations there. The traditional Easter weekend marches are held for world peace and the destruction of nuclear weapons.

Brazil, the world's most populous Catholic nation, celebrated Easter with traditional passion plays recounting Christ's crucifixion. In Rio de Janeiro, many of the main roles, including that of Jesus, were for the first time played by blacks in keeping with the church's equality campaign.

About 90 percent of Brazil's 135 million people are Roman Catholic.

Iraq threatens to destroy Iranian cities to retaliate for Kirkuk attack

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iraq said an enemy missile slammed into the city of Kirkuk, killing and wounding many civilians, and Baghdad threatened to destroy Iranian cities in response.

The official Iraqi News Agency, which did not provide casualty figures, said the missile hit a residential area of Kirkuk, a city 140 miles north of Baghdad whose oilfields pump half of Iraq's oil production.

Tehran's official Islamic Republic News Agency said the missile was aimed at a refinery in Kirkuk.

Kirkuk has been target of Iranian attacks in recent weeks as Iranian Revolutionary Guards battled Iraqi troops for control of Iraq's Kurdish region, 80 miles east of the oilfields.

An unidentified Iraqi military spokesman was quoted by the Iraqi agency as saying: "Because Iran is

insisting on its committing more crimes, we shall pound Iranian cities with missiles and other means until they are destroyed."

In another development, a Kurdish guerrilla leader claimed on Sunday that Iraqi troops had killed 400 civilians who had been wounded in a chemical-bomb attack and were trying to reach a hospital.

The report could not be confirmed. Neither Iraq nor Iran, which backs the Iraqi Kurdish separatists, had immediate comment.

Jalal Talabani, leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, said the Kurds were traveling to a hospital in the northeastern city of Sulaymaniyah when they were taken prisoner by Iraqi soldiers and killed Saturday.

Iraq says the Iraqi air force dropped cyanide and mustard gas bombs on three Kurdish towns in Iraq, killing 5,000 Kurds and injuring

5,000. The attacks first targeted the town of Halabja, which had been captured by Iran, on March 16. Some chemical bombs reportedly hit the nearby villages of Khormal and Dojalla during the next few days. Most victims were in Halabja.

Iraq said its warplanes raided two Iranian refineries Sunday but Iran said the bombs hit residential areas, killing 10 civilians and wounding 50. The Iraqi News Agency quoted a military communiqué as saying the strikes on the refineries occurred near the Iranian cities of Isfahan and Tabriz.

Also Sunday, an Iranian military spokesman for the first time listed an overall casualty toll in just over a month of Iraqi air and missile attacks on Iranian cities — 1,145 dead and 4,000 wounded. Iraq has said hundreds of its civilians have been killed in similar raids.

Ambassador says India paid Tamil leader

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — The Indian government paid Sri Lanka's top Tamil separatist leader to ensure his cooperation in an accord intended to end the rebels' war against the dominant Sinhalese, the Indian ambassador said today.

Ambassador J.N. Dixit said said Velupillai Prabhakaran, leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, requested the money at meetings in New Delhi last July.

Prabhakaran said the money would make up for "taxes" that had been paid to the militia by people in Jaffna, the Tigers' main stronghold

in northern Sri Lanka, Dixit reported.

"India agreed to it and some money was paid," said Dixit.

The Tigers since then have rejected the peace accord, signed by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India and President Junius R. Jayewardene of Sri Lanka last July 29.

Indian forces sent to enforce the accord have been fighting the Tamil rebel militia in the island nation since last October. More than 400 Indian soldiers and more than 1,000 militiamen have been reported killed. The Indian Post newspaper reported

ed the payments on Sunday, and Dixit confirmed the story. He said he did not know the amount but added, "Enough money was given him to take care of his requests at that point in time."

The Post quoted an unidentified Tiger spokesman as saying the agreement with India was for \$384,600 a month but that no payment was made after the first month, when the Tigers already were criticizing the peace accord.

Gandhi signed the accord after trying for nearly three years to mediate a peace settlement.

Archbishop says talks delayed week

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Archbishop Miguel Obando y Bravo announced a one-week delay in peace talks between the Sandinista government and rebel forces, but said the postponement was no cause for alarm for Nicaraguans.

"It's sad for our people," the cardinal said during Mass Sunday at the Las Sierritas church in Managua. But he said afterward "the important thing is that during these 60 days there is compliance with what has been agreed upon."

A 60-day cease-fire signed March 23 went into effect Friday, and the Defense Ministry reported no violations as of Sunday.

High-ranking Sandinista and Contra representatives were to meet on Wednesday in Managua to continue discussions on a permanent truce. But the U.S.-supported Contras sought a delay to April 12.

The Contras gave three reasons for the delay:

— the technical talks aimed at working out the mechanics of the 60-day cease-fire were not completed.

— the Sandinistas did not free all the prisoners the rebels had asked for when the government freed 100 political prisoners March 29.

— the government violated the cease-fire's provision for full press freedom in Nicaragua by withholding newspaper to the opposition newspaper La Prensa.

Nevertheless, Contra leader Adolfo Calero said in a telephone from Miami on Saturday that the rebel delegation would rejoin the talks on April 12.

Deputy Foreign Minister Victor Tinoco criticized the proposed delay in a letter released Saturday.

However, Obando y Bravo's acknowledgement Sunday that the talks would take place on April 12 indicated the government had accepted the later meeting date.

The cardinal was an observer to the negotiations that resulted in peace terms signed in the southern border town of Sapoa.

In a technical meeting held March 28-29, Contra and Sandinista officials designated five zones inside Nicaragua where Contra fighters could gather during the first two weeks of April. But they failed to establish in detail the zones or security measures for the rebels.

The government blamed the Contras for the delay. Technical committees from both sides are set to meet again in Sapoa on Tuesday.

Obando y Bravo said during Mass he was "satisfied with the progress" of the peace talks, adding, "I have a lot of hope on this Easter Sunday."

"The mountains are silent... Enough of death, a step toward life," he said to cheers and applause from the Easter worshippers.

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China allows traditional grave rituals

BEIJING (AP) — Thousands of mourners burned paper money and food beside relatives' burial urns today in a traditional rite supported by the government for the first time in more than 20 years.

The Qingming Festival, which means "clear and bright," is a day when Chinese visit cemeteries and crematoriums to offer sacrifices and make repairs neglected during the winter.

The government forbade the grave-sweeping festival and other traditional practices during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution. Many people secretly observed the festival anyway.

However, with the loosening of government control over the past 10 years, more people have been openly marking Qingming, which usually falls near Easter.

National officials joined in this year as senior leader Deng Xiaoping and thousands of Beijing residents planted trees around the capital Sunday. Also called the Tree Planting Festival, Qingming traditionally marks the start of spring.

The government also officially allowed the burning of paper money at designated spots in three of Beijing's cemeteries and crematoriums. Chinese traditionally burn paper money, food and wine for the dead to use in bribing their underworld attendants for better treatment.

At the Laoshan Cemetery in western Beijing, mourners began arriving early today, filling the air with smoke, ashes and wailing. Relatives retrieved urns holding their loved ones' ashes from a large chamber and took them outside to make their burnt offerings.

Virtually all Chinese are cremated because China's land shortage makes it impossible to bury everyone.

Some mourners at Laoshan brought plastic flowers and wreaths, which they set around the urns. Others were more elaborate, offering fresh fruit and wine.

One family, whose 20-year-old daughter recently died of a heart ailment, marked off a large area in front of her urn and offered a full meal of chicken, meat dumplings, vegetables, fresh fruit and dessert. While the parents sobbed over the urn, the brothers burned wine, chicken and money.

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Greek clan proud of U.S. cousin's presidential bid

By KERIN HOPE

MYTILENE, Greece (AP) — Michael Dukakis' cousins in Greece like to tell how his father ran away from his home on the Turkish mainland to a merchant uncle who lived on the Greek island of Mytilene, after being forbidden to leave for America.

A telegram was sent home saying that young Panos was safe. "And the answer came, 'He him up in a bundle if necessary and send him back,'" said Elly Petridou, a retired bank employee who still lives on the island.

"But my grandfather — Panos' uncle — knew the future lay in America and didn't obey," she said. "Instead, he found Panos an English teacher and later on paid his fare from Mytilene to America. And eventually his parents followed him there."

That was early in this century. Today, at least a few "Mike Dukakis-President" stickers are showing up in this northern Aegean island where his father lived, as Greek interest grows in the Massachusetts governor's campaign for the White House.

Greek television newscasts lead off with coverage of the U.S. primaries, and Athens newspapers run front-page stories detailing Dukakis' progress.

Politicians and analysts discuss the 54-year-old Democrat's lack of experience in foreign affairs. And they study his campaign speeches for clues to what might be future American policy.

Dukakis, in interviews with Greek media, stresses his Greek heritage. But he avoids comment on eastern Mediterranean disputes such as the Greek-Turkish disagreement over Aegean oil rights and the divided island of Cyprus.

A mix of pride and caution marks the mood among the half-dozen cousins and their families who make up the Dukakis clan in Greece.

"We all think Mike is an exceptional person and we're convinced he'll win the Democratic nomination. But that's still a long way from getting to the White House," Patra Zourelli, a second cousin who lives on Mytilene — also known as Lesbos — said in an interview.

From a political standpoint in the United States, "I can tell you it's an advantage to be an immigrant's son," Dukakis was recently quoted as telling the Athens daily Vrythyni. "The minorities see in me their children's opportunity to get ahead."

Dukakis' father, Panos, became a respected family doctor in Brookline, Mass. His mother, Euterpe, now 83 and campaigning actively for her son, was one of the first Greek-American women to qualify as a teacher.

"Dukakis is probably unique in that his parents made it to the professional classes. Usually it's the second generation which makes that jump," Alexander Kitroeff, a historian who teaches at Queens College, New York, said in a telephone interview.

Dukakis' father was the youngest of four brothers who left Greece as teen-agers in the early 1900s. It was a time when Greeks flocked to America, working in textile factories, flower stalls and shoeshine parlors to escape dire poverty at home.

Mytilene, lying close to Turkey and covered with millions of olive trees, boasts a literary tradition that began in the 7th century B.C. with Sappho, Europe's first woman poet. Another lyric poet from the island, Odysseus Elytis, won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1979.

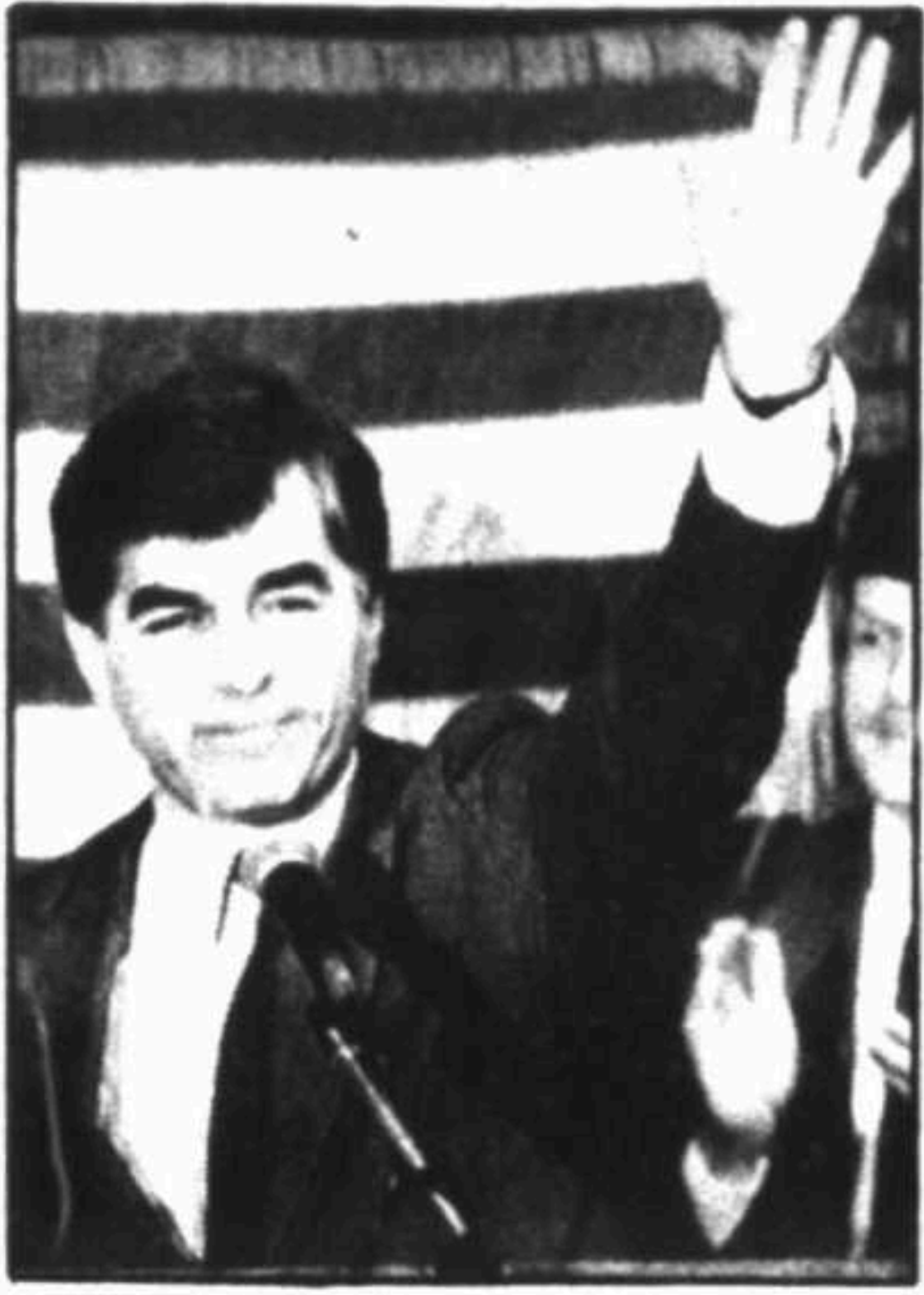
The Dukakis family came from Pelopi, a cluster of stone houses reached by a dirt road winding up Mytilene's highest mountain and still considered one of the poorest villages on the island.

Dukakis' grandfather moved away in the 1880s to make a better life on the nearby coast of Turkey, where Greeks prospered as store-owners and merchants.

"Mike's grandfather and mine were cousins who both left the village of Pelopi and settled in Edremit on the Turkish side. His grandfather ran a general store and mine ran a bakery," George Grigoriou-Dukakis, 76, a retired agronomist, said in an interview.

The Dukakis property at the top of the village was sold in 1933 and Yannis Manolis, the villager who bought it, keeps the yellowed sale contract in his pocket.

"I want to stay around long enough to welcome Michalis back



Michael Dukakis

here as president," said Manolis, 81, who lives in a two-story house he built on the ruins of the Dukakis home.

There are no records surviving to clarify whether Dukakis' father was born on Mytilene — then ruled by Turkey — or in Edremit.

Dukakis' mother was born in the northern city of Larissa, then a sleepy farm town but now a booming center for the Thessaly region.

"Cousin Euterpe is a tough lady who'd be called a feminist if she were young now.... Her family all left for the States in the early 1900s after losing their land to the Turks," said Nikos Milingos, a third cousin who runs a farm chemicals business.

Like most of the relatives, the Milingos family first met Dukakis when he came to Greece in 1976 during his first term as governor. Now they visit Massachusetts regularly.

"We found him very warm and welcoming, but he's certainly a man of principle," said Olympia Milingos. "When we went for dinner at their home in the days of energy-saving, Euterpe told us to take sweaters because the heating would be low — and it was."

The Greek-American community in the United States, numbering between 1 million and 3 million by various estimates, is pouring in funds to back its "patrida" (homeland) candidate.

According to Dukakis aides, around 25 percent of his first \$15 million in campaign funds came from Greek-Americans.

Apart from the wish to claim a U.S. president of Greek descent, many in Greece say that Dukakis' election would repair the damage to their self-image caused by former Vice President Spiro Agnew.

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Carlucci discusses 'strategic' issues with Morocco's Hassan

MARRAKECH, Morocco (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci ended a three-day visit to Morocco Sunday after meetings with King Hassan II and other officials.

Carlucci, who then departed on a flight to India, called his meetings "very satisfying."

"My talks with his majesty the king did not deal with details such as the economy or military assistance, but rather on strategic questions and on the general lines of our bilateral relations," he told a news conference.

Carlucci said he didn't discuss with Hassan the 1982 agreement that allows U.S. forces to use Moroccan bases in case of threats to the interests of both countries. The pact expires in two months.

"Our ambassador recently made proposals on this subject, proposals which concern notably an increase in the number of maneuvers and military exercises," the defense secretary said.

He added the Moroccan government is still studying the proposals.

Carlucci is scheduled to visit India and Pakistan, then return to North Africa for a stop in Tunisia and fly back to Washington on Saturday.

Rabin denies arms deal with China

JERUSALEM (AP) — Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Sunday denied a published report that Israel agreed to sell advanced missile technology to China.

The Sunday Times of London reported that five Israeli military specialists secretly went to China in November and struck a deal to supply China with missile warheads and armor-piercing devices developed by Israel.

It said there were indications Israel has been helping China develop a combat fighter plane using technology derived from Israel's canceled Lavi jet fighter.

"The report that we assist China to develop ground-to-ground missiles is simply nonsense," Rabin told Israel radio. "There is no basis to the report as it was published today."

Rabin also denied Israel was helping China develop a warplane with Lavi technology. Development of the Lavi, financed mainly by the United States, was canceled last year after Washington complained about delays and rising costs.

Israel and China do not have diplomatic relations.

Vietnam to turn over to U.S. 27 sets of remains

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Vietnam is scheduled to make its largest release of what are believed to be remains of U.S. military personnel missing in action in the Vietnam War that ended with a communist victory in 1975.

A U.S. military team is to receive the 27 sets of remains on Wednesday at Hanoi's Noi Bai Airport and fly them to the Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Honolulu for analysis.

It would be the fourth turnover since retired Gen. John W. Vessey, acting as President Reagan's special

emissary, reached an agreement in Hanoi, the Vietnamese capital, last August that ended months of deadlocked negotiations on the issue.

Positive identifications of the 27 sets of remains would mean substantial progress because Hanoi has returned only 152 confirmed sets since the war ended.

The two nations often have quarreled over accounting for the 1,767 Americans who remain listed as missing in action in Vietnam.

The largest previous transfer of remains was on Aug. 14, 1985. It involved 26 sets, and at least 24 have

been identified as American remains.

A U.S. official closely involved in the issue said recently that while progress since the Vessey agreement had not been as rapid as Washington had hoped, Hanoi has been much more responsive to U.S. requests to investigate reports involving MIAs.

The Vietnamese have been discussing the issue with an increasing number of congressmen and other American visitors, many of whom return to urge increased official contacts with Hanoi.

In March, the Vietnamese met

soldiers, retired scores of aging officers, raised the education requirements for younger officers and increased its use of computers and high-tech weapons.

Airline owes Canada \$204,029

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Two years after it declared bankruptcy, Frontier Airlines still owes the Canadian government \$204,029, a claim indicates.

The claim, filed last week by the attorney general's office for the Department of Transportation, says the Denver-based company has outstanding debts for airport terminal and lodging fees.

Frontier pulled up stakes in four Canadian cities in 1986, claiming it was losing \$10 million a month.

The firm owes \$40,192 in Winnipeg, \$115,745 in Vancouver, British Columbia, \$26,449 in Regina, Saskatchewan, and \$21,641 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the statement said.

Barbara Shields, a lawyer for the Justice Department, declined to discuss the case, saying she is still meeting with company representatives.

Firefighters battle tanker fire

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Firefighters battled an engine-room blaze aboard a government-owned oil tanker for five hours Sunday before bringing it under control, the Excelsior news agency reported.

Three people were overcome by smoke, the agency said, but there were no other reports of injuries.

The fire began in the engine room of the tanker Melchor Ocampo as it was docked at the pier of the government oil monopoly Pemex in Mazatlan, but was quashed before it could ignite the ship's hold of gasoline and diesel fuel.

The agency quoted Mazatlan port captain Javier Fernandez Perroni as saying firefighters averted a potential disaster in putting out the blaze before it reached pipes that fed the combustible fuel from the tanker to a local electricity plant.

Mazatlan mayor Jose Angel Pescador Osuna, said a commission would look into moving the Pemex pier and storage facilities away from populated areas.

Mazatlan, a Sinaloa state resort town on the Gulf of California coast, is located about 680 miles northwest of Mexico City.

with John LeBoutillier, a former congressman who now heads a private lobbying group that insists there are still Americans being held prisoners in Vietnam.

The MIA issue also is on the agendas of U.S. Sens. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., and G.V. Sonny Montgomery, D-Mo., who are separately visiting Hanoi this week.

The U.S. official said the Vietnamese have indicated they did not believe Washington was implementing humanitarian provisions of the Vessey agreement.

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NATION

Dukakis, Jackson battle for Colorado, Wisconsin delegates

Associated Press

The Democratic presidential contenders plunged today into back-to-back battles in Colorado and Wisconsin, with Michael Dukakis and Jesse Jackson fighting it out for the front-runner's spot.

Forty-five Democratic delegates are at stake in today's Colorado caucuses. Tuesday's Wisconsin primary offers an even richer prize — 81 Democratic delegates, plus a boost heading into a round of big-state contests in coming weeks.

All four of the Democrats were campaigning today in Wisconsin. A day earlier, the presidential candidates spent Easter Sunday courting church congregations.

Pat Robertson, his Republican bid all but crushed by Vice President George Bush, claimed a divine mandate for his presidential candidacy.

"We are laying the foundation for a great victory for this nation. It may not be in 1988...but I am not going to quit," said the former television evangelist. "That is His plan for me and this nation."

Jackson preached Easter sermons to huge crowds in Colorado, telling them: "Hope has been unleashed."

He commemorated the assassination of Martin Luther King 20 years ago today, drawing a parallel with the crucifixion.

"Dr. King and Jesus...Government set the climates for their killings," Jackson said. "Dr. King got in trouble with our government for ending apartheid."

Jackson also said he is awaiting a report from a representative he dispatched to Panama, but that he has not offered to mediate the dispute over Panamanian strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega's continued rule.

Jackson chalked up another win over the weekend in the Virgin Islands Democratic caucus, picking up 634 votes to Dukakis' 37. The contest netted Jackson only three delegates, but he drew closer to the Massachusetts governor in their seesaw battle for supremacy in the delegate race.

The latest AP tally gave Dukakis 653.55, Jackson 646.55, with the uncommitted tally at 468.6. Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore had 381.8 and Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois, 169.5.

Dukakis visited a shelter for the homeless in Denver over the weekend, saying he is "a doer" and "not just a talker."

Dukakis campaign spokesman Bob Johnson predicted Democrats would begin to focus on one Democrat to beat Bush — and that Democrat will be Dukakis.

"Colorado has been considered important from the beginning," he said. "We don't take anything for granted. We expect to be competitive here and have a good showing."

Gore and Simon are both badly in need of a win in Wisconsin. Gore has not had a victory since Super Tues-

day; Simon has only won in his home state of Illinois.

Simon searched for votes as children hunted eggs at an Easter egg hunt in Madison. He said he shares Jackson's "passion for the less fortunate," adding: "I offer not only passion, but the experience to do something about it."

Simon also said his credentials are better than those of Dukakis.

"I have the experience with national issues that, frankly, Mike doesn't have," he said.

A poll in the Milwaukee Journal, conducted Wednesday and Thursday, gave Dukakis a narrow lead over Jackson in Wisconsin, 43 to 35 percent. Gore had 15 percent and Simon 5 percent, according to the poll, which had a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Although its survey suggested Gore was behind, the newspaper endorsed him, calling the Tennessee senator the "best qualified to serve as president." The Journal praised Jackson for "shaking up the political process" but said his lack of experience in government was a weak point.

Gore has been hitting at Jackson's lack of government experience and questioning his electability. Dukakis, however, shied away from predicting how Jackson would do against Bush.

"I don't think there is any way of knowing," he told reporters outside a Milwaukee church on Sunday. But, he added: "I think George Bush is beatable. I'd like to be able to run against him."

Democratic Party Chairman Paul Kirk also sidestepped questions about Jackson's electability.

"The Democratic Party will do its best to nominate, I hope, the most electable candidate in order to win in November," Kirk said Sunday on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley."

A poll published in this week's editions of U.S. News & World report said if Jackson became Dukakis' running mate, the Democrats could defeat the Republican ticket, regardless of who became Bush's running mate. A Dukakis-Jackson ticket was supported by 47 percent of the 1,004 people contacted last week by telephone for the poll, while a hypothetical GOP ticket of Bush and Illinois Gov. Jim Thompson would win 42 percent, the survey said.

The poll, conducted by the Roper Organization, had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Another poll, published in this week's editions of Newsweek magazine, said two-thirds of Democrats and voters leaning toward the party say Jackson should get the nomination if he leads in popular vote and delegates at the time of the convention — even if he doesn't have the 2,062 delegates needed to nominate.

Administration says Soviets readying for Afghan pullout

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviets have begun preparations to remove the first of their 115,000 soldiers from Afghanistan despite an impasse in United Nations-sponsored negotiations in Geneva, according to administration sources.

"The intelligence community is unanimous in reporting that preparations for a withdrawal have commenced," said one administration analyst.

In the past, the Soviets have removed some peripheral units, such as anti-aircraft batteries, but replaced them with others. The current preparations are of a different character, said the sources, but they declined to give specifics.

And they said they could only speculate about the exact time, duration and manner of a Soviet withdrawal.

In a parallel development, Afghan rebel leaders in Pakistan said over the weekend that the United States has stopped supplying them with Stinger anti-aircraft missiles.

Mohamad Nabi Mohamadi, leader of the Harekat Islami, one of the seven guerrilla groups fighting communist forces in Afghanistan, said the development comes in apparent U.S.

anticipation of a settlement in the war.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze has said the Red Army will withdraw from Afghanistan even if Afghan and Pakistani negotiators fail to reach agreement at United Nations talks in Geneva.

The talks are stalled over a demand introduced by the United States last December that the Soviets stop aiding the Kabul regime at the same time that Washington stops its covert aid program to the Mujahedeen.

Whether or not an agreement is reached, the Soviets are expected to start a withdrawal by pulling units of their 40th Army from garrisons south of Gardez and from Kandahar, Shinand and Herat in the West, according to administration officials.

These units are the most exposed to attack from a Mujahedeen force estimated by administration analysts to number about 200,000.

"Evidence is mixed on whether they (already) have removed some non-essential personnel" such as dependents and military units not directly involved in the fighting, said the administration analyst, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Medicare payment change urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional commission formed to study Medicare payments to physicians recommended today that a national fee schedule be pegged to the relative value of the work performed by different types of doctors.

The Physicians Payment Review Commission's recommendation is controversial because it almost certainly will pit medical specialty against medical specialty in assigning a relative value to each doctor's work.

How, for example, would such a scale compare the value of one hour of brain surgery with a like time spent by a heart surgeon, or an internist treating a diabetic?

The commission acknowledged that it still has more work to do on developing such a scale and then "must turn to the practical task of developing the relative values, or assessing those developed by others."

Panel members have acknowledged that development of a value-based fee schedule is at least two or three years away.

In its second annual report to Congress, the review commission said such a nationwide fee schedule should take into account geographical differences in the cost of practicing medicine.

But a summary of the 2-inch-thick report said such variation, "while significant, is less extensive than anecdotal evidence might suggest." It said adjusting for the actual cost of practice "reduced some of the geographic variation, but much of it remained."

"Variation is generally greatest for visit services and least for diagnostic procedures," it said. "Areas with charges that were relatively high for one procedure did not necessarily have relatively high charges for other procedures."

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MISD election all new ballgame

All elections are important, of course, but few will be as important to the future educational life of Midland as the Midland Independent School District trustee election to be held May 7th.

That's true not only because it will be the first time in several years trustees have been elected, as a result of delays caused by the federal suit over single-member districts, but also because the resulting court order means that all seven districts — the entire Midland community — will be picking the men and women who will guide the school in coming years.

The court battle over single-member districts tended to fragment the community because of the powerful emotions at play. Some Midlanders wanted only single-member districts; some wanted a mixture of single-member and at-large districts; some simply wanted to have a chance to choose new school district representatives. But it also generated community interest for electing a board that will, hopefully,

represent in better fashion the diverse cultural and racial makeup of Midland. That interest was in evidence when a total of 23 Midlanders filed for positions on the seven-member board. While that level of community concern is commendable, it puts an extraordinary responsibility on school district voters to make themselves familiar with the candidates, the district's needs, the issues and, of course, concerns for the specific school board districts. This election won't be the same as earlier school trustee elections; in the respect that this is the first single-member trustee election, it marks the beginning of an all new ballgame.

Voters must strive to determine the candidate who will represent their interests best on the school board, while working as a part of the overall educational "team" to keep education in Midland's schools the very best for all our youngsters.

After all, that is the purpose of a school district, regardless how the school board is chosen.

Another View:

Civil rights 'cost'

If looked at in a certain way the congressional override of the president's veto on the Federal Power Grab Act — er, "Civil Rights Extension Act" — is not really so bad.

Stop and consider. When federal bureaucrats used the original act to badger Little Grove City College, no one went to jail. All the bureaucrats demanded was that officials of the Pennsylvania college sign federal anti-sex discrimination forms.

The college never practiced sex discrimination or any other kind of discrimination. They refused to sign. They said the school did not accept federal aid and consequently was not subject to the federal rules. They said submitting would amount to letting the federal government decide school policy.

But the bureaucrats gripped their cause like bulldozers. They said 300 of the college's 2,200 students received federal assistance. Therefore, they said, the college had no choice. It had to submit to federal policy in all programs.

The college sought relief in

the courts. After lengthy litigation, the college won a partial victory in the Supreme Court early in 1984. The court ruled that the college was not compelled to follow federal anti-bias guidelines in all programs but only those operating under its office of financial aid.

Refusing to bow to the bureaucrats cost the college dearly. Its struggle in the courts cost it more than \$250,000 in legal fees.

Now, thanks to the new civil rights law, the same thing could happen all over again.

It could happen to colleges, schools, farms, just about every kind of business, even mom and pop grocery stores, run by people who do not practice discrimination and do not want to submit to federal regulators' demands that they sign anti-discrimination forms.

But not to worry. They do not have to submit. They can fight the thing all the way to the Supreme Court — if they happen to have \$250,000 or so to spare.

— The Indianapolis Star

JACK ANDERSON

'Safe sex' in '80s not without risks

WASHINGTON — It's a matter of unwanted life and unwanted death: Thousands, perhaps millions, of condoms imported into or made in this country are defective.

Condoms are the cornerstone of the surgeon general's "safe sex" pitch as one way of preventing the spread of the fatal acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). They are also used by millions who count on them for birth control. Each year, Americans buy 375 million condoms.

The federal government confiscates some defective condoms imported into this country, but many more get through because the Food and Drug Administration and the Customs Service have limited staff to monitor the problem.

We have obtained a confidential FDA "Monthly Import Detention List" for September 1987, which shows the extent of the problem. The report is a horror list of what can befall the consumer — tons of

Indian rice held up for "insect (or) rodent filth," Canadian swordfish detained because of high mercury content, Brazilian black pepper with salmonella, new drugs for hair growth and other purposes that have not been approved by the FDA. Toward the back of the 231-page document are lists of condoms that were found unsuitable for use.

In September, six separate lots were found to "contain holes." Seven more lots were held up for "non-conformance with performance standards." The performance standards are based on the potential for leakage.

The lots totaled 5.5 million condoms from South Korea, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan and the United Kingdom. They were confiscated at ports of entry in Buffalo, N.Y.; Miami, Fla.; Atlanta, Ga.; Memphis, Tenn.; Kansas City, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.; and Los Angeles, Calif.

The condoms were bound for distribution under various brand names in this country. (Many distributors who sell American-made condoms prominently label their packages with that fact.)

According to the FDA, domestic condoms have a lower failure rate than foreign ones. In random tests of more than 54,000 U.S.-made condoms, the FDA found that 20 percent of the batches failed to meet FDA standards. That doesn't mean that

one out of every five American-made condoms is defective. It means that one out of five batches tested had a failure rate of higher than four per 1,000. (The FDA industry standard dictates that no more than four in 1,000 can have the slightest leak.) About 30 percent of the foreign batches tested have failed, which means they had more than four condoms per 1,000 that leaked.

However, even an approved condom is not fail-safe. Among the batches approved by the FDA for sale, "The average rate of leaks has been 3.3 per 1,000," an FDA official told us.

The figures suggest that faulty condoms may add just one more risk to sex in the 1980s. Already, AIDS has claimed 31,836 lives in this country, according to most recent figures from the Centers for Disease Control. Of the 56,116 reported cases of AIDS since the disease was first detected, the vast majority of cases — 35,964 — have been among homosexual or bisexual men, who probably contracted the disease through an exchange of body fluids. Only 2,285 identified cases — about 4 percent — have been transmitted through heterosexual intercourse.

PHASING SDI — If Congress decides to deploy the Strategic Defense Initiative, intense demands will be placed on scientists trying to develop

a new generation of space nuclear reactors. The General Accounting Office says that the multi-megawatt space reactor would constantly have to maintain high levels of power for monitoring the Soviets and would have to provide intense bursts of high energy for the Star Wars defense system.

Originally, designers expected that the reactor would not be needed until after the year 2000, but an administration concept to develop SDI in phases would mean that scientists would have to work faster in an era of budget cuts. The speeded-up schedule could force scientists to narrow their options, which could eliminate the best design, according to government officials.

A liberal study group, the Committee to Bridge the Gap, told us it is concerned about potential safety hazards if the SDI project is forced to cut corners.

MINI-EDITORIAL — A judge in New York found a novel way to get around the definition of drug dealing as a "victimless crime." He ruled in the case of a Brooklyn heroin dealer that although no victims were identified, the dealer was caught with enough heroin to support the habits of 900 addicts for a day. Then the judge figured out how much it would cost to put all 900 in a rehabilitation program, and he billed the dealer more than \$2 million, to be distributed to rehab centers by the city. The ruling may not stand on appeal because it is a new twist on victim restitution rules, but we applaud Judge Lewis Douglass for trying. The drug trade has victims on both ends — those who are murdered when they get in the way of growers and smugglers, and those whose lives are destroyed by addiction.

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CHARLEY REESE

When words defeat actions, society at risk

There have been several books about the decline of the West and the failure of democracies, but none of them explained why to my satisfaction.

I have my own theory and since we have the misfortune to be living during a period of decline, it may be of some interest.

First, human progress is a myth. The generations of human beings strolling around the planet today are in no way any different than the human beings living in the days of the Pharaohs or Genghis Khan. There has been some accumulation of data about the physical planet and consequently some progress in engineering, primarily in weaponry. In all other respects, there is no difference.

Second, the world is a physical place and human events are deter-

mined by physical action. No mountain was ever climbed by meditating about it. No sea was ever crossed by contemplating it. Everything important to a human being, from loving to killing to building to destroying, is a physical action.

Societies are built then by the people most adept at physical action — warriors and engineers. As these two groups dominate, the society grows in strength. When the warriors have defeated the enemies, secured the borders and the trade routes, there is peace and with peace the decline begins.

The merchants then rise to prominence and with them, their parasites, the intellectuals. Since both instinctively realize their physical inferiority to the warrior and the engineer, they do everything they can to discredit them. Gradually the virtues of the warrior and builder are replaced as national ideals by those of the merchant and the intellectual. The society comes to be dominated by those whose only talents are counting, speaking and writing — financiers, academicians, writers, entertainers, politicians, lawyers, accountants.

The dominant emphasis in society shifts from physical action to verbalization. Economically this is reflected in a shift from manufacturing to services, from entrepreneurship to financial deals. It is interesting to note, for example, that there are only 700,000 in the U.S. Army while there are 600,000 lawyers. With the heavy emphasis on verbalization and de-emphasis on physical action, there appears feminism. Sir John Glubb, British soldier and historian, noted in a monograph on the rise and fall of empires that the appearance of feminism is always an indicator of imminent collapse.

The dominance of verbalization is, as some Zen masters have commented, a form of insanity. Our bodies are physical. Our world is physical. To survive, we must physically act. Yet the physical becomes almost irrelevant as people begin to live entirely in their heads among their verbal concepts, fantasies, and rationalizations.

A nation of such people, of course, are no match for a saner nation more firmly rooted to the reality of the physical world. Whatever else you may say about the Soviet Union, it is still a nation dominated by war-

riors and engineers. To the Soviets, actions are more important than words while in the West, words are more important than action.

Our leaders tend to talk and to believe that saying something is the same as doing it. Thus we have talked about helping the Nicaraguan contras for seven years but our actions have been little, hesitant, and inconsistent. The Soviets have said nothing but with \$2 billion worth of arms, they have transformed a ragtag group of powerless commandantes into a regional military power.

The logic of the fall is contained in the little folk saying of children, "Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me." Nor will words defeat enemies. When money and talk become more important than military strength and action, when men of action are vanquished from public sight and the talkers and counters and writers are elevated to prominence along with entertainers, the society is vulnerable.

Charley Reese is a columnist for King Features Syndicate.

LEWIS GRIZZARD

Smokers' delight: An all-smokers airline!

My friend Rigby, the entrepreneur, currently is hatching another of his get-rich-quick schemes.

He sounded excited when he told me about his idea over lunch.

"You heard smoking is now banned on all commercial flights in California, didn't you?" he asked.

I said I had. There was a near riot aboard a TWA jet when smokers rebelled against the new anti-smoking law.

"And things are just going to get worse," Rigby went on. "After April, smokers will not be allowed to

light up on any flight anywhere in the country of two hours or less. There are going to be a lot of uncomfortable smokers flying around up there."

I agreed, but I wanted to know where all this fits in with Rigby's new idea.

"An all-smokers airline," he beamed.

"I don't understand," I said. "It's simple," Rigby explained. "I'm going to lease some airplanes and start a new airline for smokers only."

"You can smoke all you want on my airline. In fact, I will encourage smoking. Flight attendants will carry cigarettes up and down the aisle like the girls in Vegas. I'll charge five bucks a pack. A smoker who runs out of cigarettes on an airplane is a desperate individual who will pay anything for another pack."

I admitted the idea had some promise.

"What are you going to call your airline?" I asked Rigby.

"I've got my marketing staff on that now," he said. "We're thinking of something that will really catch the smoking public's attention. Black Lung Airlines was one thought."

"I don't think so," I said.

"Then, how about 'Air Emphysema'?"

"Keep trying."

"OK," said Rigby, "but let me tell you what else I'm going to offer on my all-smokers airline."

"First we're going to make certain no non-smokers come aboard and make life miserable for our customers. We will check each passenger's teeth and fingers. If they aren't yellow from smoking, they don't get a boarding pass."

"We're not going to fly high enough to need cabin pressurization so our passengers won't have to worry about ever having to use those oxygen masks and not being able to

smoke.

"Our flight crew will all be smokers, as well as our flight attendants, mechanics, reservationists and boarding agents."

"But," I asked, "won't all that smoking make it uncomfortable on the plane?"

"Of course not," said Rigby. "Smokers love smoke, and we're going to issue a miner's hat with the little light on the front so passengers can find the lavatories regardless of how thick the smoke is in the cabin."

"When will your ad campaign begin?" I asked my friend.

"Shortly," he said.

"What's your hook?"

"It's a great one — 'An all-smokers airline, here to serve you just in the nick of time.'"

"Who am I to scoff? They laughed at Wilbur and Orville, too."

Lewis Grizzard is a columnist for Cowles Syndicate.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, April 4, the 95th day of 1988. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Twenty years ago, on April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was shot to death in Memphis, Tenn., where he had gone to support a strike by city sanitation workers. A student of the life of Mahatma Gandhi and a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, King advocated non-violent civil disobedience as a way of combating racism. He was 39 years old.

On this date:

In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States should consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the union.

In 1841, one month after his inauguration, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die while in office.

In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

In 1887, Susanna Medora Salter became the first woman to be elected mayor of an American community when she took office in Argonia, Kan.

In 1902, British financier Cecil Rhodes left \$10 million in his will to provide scholarships for Americans at Oxford University.

In 1940, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was founded.

In 1980, a surgical team in Houston led by Dr. Denton Cooley implanted a temporary artificial heart in a 47-year-old patient while awaiting a human donor heart. The patient, Haskell Karp, died April 8, one day after receiving a human heart.

In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves tied Babe Ruth's home-run record by hitting his 714th round-

tripper in Cincinnati.

In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crashed shortly after takeoff from Saigon.

In 1977, 72 people were killed when a Southern Airways DC-9 crashed in New Hope, Ga.

Ten years ago: Some 2,000 people marched through Memphis, Tenn., to mark the 10th anniversary of the assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Five years ago: The space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage. The U.S. government granted political asylum to Chinese tennis champion Hu Na. Actress Gloria Swanson died in New York at age 84.

One year ago: During a visit to Chile, Pope John Paul II denounced torture and pleaded for reconciliation, telling tens of thousands of people in the city of Punta Arenas, "You must find concrete means of creating a true culture of peace and harmony."

Today's Birthdays: Former dance teacher Arthur Murray is 93. Broadcaster John Cameron Swayze is 82. Composer Elmer Bernstein is 82. Author-pastor Maya Angelou is 69. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., is 56. Baseball's National League president, A. Bartlett Giamatti, is 50. Actress Catherine Spaak is 43. Actress Nancy McKoon is 22.

Thought for Today: "Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountain, and I've looked over and I've seen the Promised Land." — Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968).

Nicaraguan exiles unlikely to head home despite peace

MIAMI (AP) — Many Nicaraguan exiles here have longed for years to return to their homeland, but most say they will stay put despite the sudden prospect of peace there.

While a few hope to return and rebuild their lives, many are skeptical of abandoning the security and prosperity of the United States for an uncertain future and question whether the 9-year-old leftist Sandinista government will honor the peace accord.

"We appreciate not having to wor-

ry about who's going to knock on your door at 3 a.m.," said Ronald Lacayo, who left Nicaragua in 1981 and now makes women's sportswear. "It would take another nine years to be satisfied it wouldn't happen again."

Lacayo doubts he or the 15 countrymen who work for him will go home despite the cease-fire signed last month by the Sandinistas and the U.S.-backed rebels known as Contras. The pact provides some political freedom in exchange for Contra recognition of the regime.

Most of Lacayo's Nicaraguan workers entered the United States illegally and suffered hardships for years, he said.

"They were living three or four families to a home, but after working hard, they have built themselves good lives," said Lacayo. "They have more opportunity here and none of them are eager to go back."

The peace agreement actually could increase Nicaraguan immigration, exiles said, because it might make it easier for the estimated

100,000 exiles in south Florida to bring their families to the United States.

"Maybe 10,000 will go home," said Cristobal Mendoza, who heads the Nicaraguan Committee of the Poor in Exile. "But 50,000 or 100,000 more will come in."

But even those who don't believe the Sandinistas will keep their word or readily surrender power are confident that, in the long run, the Nicaraguan people will achieve a stable, democratic government that could

draw back exiled countrymen.

"The Nicaraguan community in large part wants to go home," says Mendoza. "That's why we ask for work permits and not residency."

Perry Rivkind, who heads the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami, said few Nicaraguans have called his office interested in returning. Instead, they fear their asylum status will be lost and they will be forced to leave the United States.

He said the INS here issued 32,000 work permits to Nicaraguans this year alone, and about 300 more apply each week — true or not.

Rivkind says he is reassuring worried exiles that they will not be shipped back to Nicaragua in the near future despite the peace accord.

"It will take years to review their asylum status, and even if it is revoked, they have an appeal process," he said.

King followers renew 'dream' commitment

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Twenty years after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., unleashed riots in America's black ghettos, blacks and whites recommitted themselves to the dream of a better life for the oppressed.

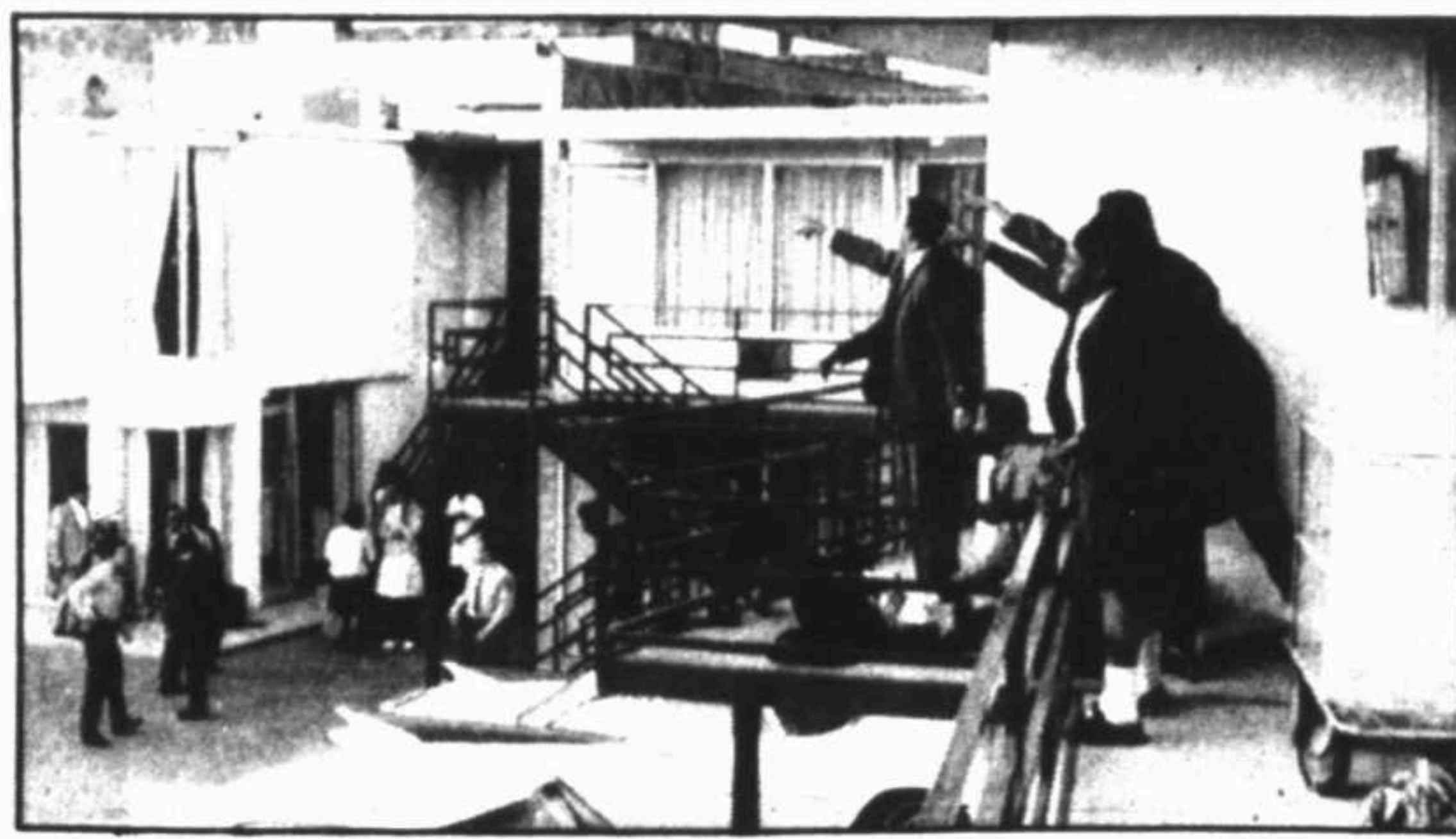
King, gunned down as he stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel here, was remembered Sunday around the country in services and speeches that urged people to carry on King's work.

"We've got to be concerned about one another," said King's son, Martin Luther King III. "We've got to be concerned about helping one another."

Today, a memorial was to begin with a ceremony at the motel, followed by the beginning of a three-week Southern Christian Leadership Conference march through Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia. Later, a simple wreath-laying ceremony was scheduled at King's tomb in Atlanta.

The day he was assassinated, King was in Memphis organizing a strike by sanitation workers. He was shot the day after delivering his famous "Mountain Top" speech at the Mason Temple.

"I've been to the mountain top...and I've seen the promised land," he said in his last public address. "I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight, that we as



People near the body of Martin Luther King, Jr. point to the rooftop, following the shooting of the 39-year-old civil rights leader at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968.

a people will get to the promised land."

The search for the promised land that King talked about must continue, Benjamin Hooks, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, told 500 people gathered Sunday night at the same Mason Temple.

"So Dr. King, we haven't made it yet...but we are determined from

this day, we are going to march forward and ain't nobody going to turn us around," Hooks said.

But on the anniversary of King's death, civil rights leaders said the nation's poor are as bad off now as they were 20 years ago, and his struggles for the racial equality and social justice are also in need of new life.

"Twenty years later, everything

has changed and nothing has changed," said Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"We are too satisfied. We must learn some lessons from the '60s. We must go back to some basics," said Ralph Abernathy, one of King's top assistants and closest friends.

Although progress has been made toward social equality for blacks, the number of poor people in the nation continues to grow, King's son said. "Today, we see there are better than 36 million people living below the level of poverty in America. In 1968, there were 26 million," King said.

"Individually we are better off, but masses of people still suffer," King said. "Daddy talked about the least of these our brothers and sisters and that 'least of these' continues to grow. We have homeless people in every major city in America."

Meanwhile, in Portland, Ore., nearly 100 people marched Saturday to mark King's assassination.

King's death on April 4, 1968, sparked riots in several American cities, including Washington, D.C., where four days of burning, looting and violence left six people dead, 1,097 injured, 900 fires and 6,124 arrests. The riots ended after President Johnson ordered federal troops and 1,750 members of the D.C. National Guard into the city.

Officer brings King's philosophy to St. Louis schools

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Charles Alphin was a tough black cop who thought the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s non-violent philosophy was "sissy" when the civil rights leader was gunned down 20 years ago today.

But these days Alphin, now a police captain, devotes himself to practicing King's creed of non-violence in one of the city's roughest districts and teaching it in schools.

"It's nothing superhuman what I'm doing," Alphin said. "It's being sensitive to others, it's being considerate, it's being understanding, it's looking at people like you're all God's children."

Growing up in the black neighborhoods of St. Louis in the 1940s and 1950s, Alphin dealt with trouble the only way he knew how. "We had to fight to survive," he said.

"I thought that non-violence was sissy," said Alphin, who joined the police force in 1964 and later became a homicide investigator. "I thought that it wasn't the way to solve

problems."

Alphin has come so far from his days as a street fighter that NBC has chosen him as the subject of a television movie about King's legacy.

"I'm honored, delighted, overwhelmed," said Alphin, 47. "But it's not really important who the messenger is, the most important thing is that the message will be heard."

The movie tentatively is for broadcast in early 1989.

"We wanted to do a piece to illustrate the teaching of Martin Luther King and the philosophy he stood for and that even all these years later the dream lives on," said Lucy Johnson, who is co-producing the movie with Harry Belafonte for Lorimar Productions in Los Angeles.

Johnson said Alphin was chosen because he was personally affected by King only after the civil rights leader's assassination on April 4, 1968.

Alphin said his experience with prejudice was minimal while he was

growing up because he lived in a nearly all-black neighborhood. But, Alphin said, when he went into the armed forces, he saw firsthand what King was protesting because prejudice was prevalent.

But not until 1981 and a chance acquaintance with Bernard Lafayette, a civil rights worker from the 1960s, did the officer begin comprehending the power of non-violence.

Lafayette invited Alphin to join him and others on a trip through the South to gauge the progress of blacks since the freedom rides of 1961.

"That was the most educational nine days of my life," Alphin said. "I guess that was the first time I really realized about black folks' history, about what the struggle meant."

Upon his return, Alphin attended workshops at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta. Last year, he taught his first class there. He also is

president of a St. Louis support group that presents workshops on non-violence and sponsors trips to the center.

In 1986 and 1987, Alphin commanded the Police Department's homicide division. His beliefs were tested to the limit.

"I used to drive home and pray and ask God why he sent me down here. I just didn't understand why I was a non-violent person in the most violent area — homicide, sex crimes and child abuse," Alphin recalled.

Alphin let it be known that he would tolerate no violence from his officers, said Sgt. Tom Godfrey, a homicide detective. He was as compassionate toward suspects as he was toward victims, Godfrey said.

Alphin also has been successful convincing young people that there are alternatives to violence. He is one of several adults in a group founded last year to counsel University City High School students suspended for fighting.

After 20 years, Ray says 'I didn't kill anybody'

PETROS, Tenn. (AP) — James Earl Ray spent most of his "free time" at Brushy Mountain State Prison plotting ways to get out, either by going over the wall or into a courtroom.

So far, he's been more successful at breaking out. In 1977, inmate No. 65477 managed to scale the wall and remain free for three days before being apprehended in the rugged hills near the prison.

A couple of years earlier, he escaped from his cell through an air vent only to be captured inside the prison walls a few hours later.

But the 60-year-old Alton, Ill., native hasn't been able to get back into court since March 10, 1969, the day he pleaded guilty to killing the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

And although he is doggedly determined to win a day in court, Ray apparently has become more resigned to prison life than he was in his escape-artist days, which included a 1967 breakout from the Missouri State Penitentiary, where he was serving 20 years for armed robbery.

"He's a good inmate," said James Worthington, an officer at Brushy Mountain, a maximum security prison 40 miles west of Knoxville. "He does good time and doesn't cause us any trouble — not of late, anyway."

Ray works in the prison laundry, earning \$1 a day. He shares an 11-by-8-foot cell with another inmate and spends most of his weekends in the prison law library.

"I work five days a week, from 7 a.m. to 3 o'clock in the afternoon," he said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "We get an hour a day for exercise in the yard through the week and two hours on Saturdays and Sundays."

He maintained, as he has ever since pleading guilty, that he didn't kill King and doesn't know who did. He said he pleaded guilty only because he was pressured into it.

Ray speaks in a quiet but determined voice when discussing his legal problems. Although he has spent nearly half of his life behind bars he still looks fit: his hair is dark, with white sideburns, his dark blue eyes are alert and his body is trim in a blue denim uniform.

"It's always a good idea to keep fit in prison," he said, rubbing a scar on his left cheek, the result of an attack by three black inmates in 1960. Two of his attackers got 60-year sentences for attempted murder, and the third was given 20 years.

"I got careless for a moment," he said, recalling the assault. "Like a fool I went into the law library when there were no guards present. But, then I was lucky, too; they stabbed me in the arm, face and chest but never hit an artery."

As for his 99-year sentence, he said, "I really don't think I should have had to spend all this time in prison. I didn't kill anybody."



Ray

Pet pig named animal surfing champion

HONOLULU (AP) — A pet pig named Chop Chop has become the animal kingdom's surfing champion, doing a porcine version of a "hang ten" as he rode through the waves with his owner and garnering a perfect score.

A dozen surfers paired up with dogs, geese and even fish in an aquarium Saturday at the "Wet Pet" exhibition at the Rell Sunn Menehune Surfing Championships. Riding tandem on longboards, human and pet surfers competed before a crowd of 2,000 at Makaha Beach on Oahu.

Professional surfer and lifeguard Brian Keaulana, 26, and 3-month-old Chop Chop came in first with their perfect score.

"It was a great ride," Keaulana said. "I slapped the pig in the behind and it went to the nose."

"He did kind of a hang ten, but pigs have cloven hoofs, so I guess it was more like a hang four," Keaulana said. "He liked it a lot. He was jumping around and going crazy."

The "Wet Pet" exhibition is part of the Rell Sunn Menehune, a surfing competition for children 15 and under.

NATION IN BRIEF

Number of refugees worldwide up in 1987

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 13 million people around the world fled their homelands last year, according to a report on refugees that sharply criticizes U.S. policy toward those seeking asylum.

The report by the U.S. Committee on Refugees says the number of refugees worldwide increased from 11.7 million in 1986 to 13.3 million last year, but says that many of those seeking asylum in the United States are discouraged by harsh policies of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Citing research by the General Accounting Office, which watches government agencies for Congress, the report complains that INS detains ordinary refugees and criminals together. The report also accuses some guards hired by contract with INS of "gross negligence to duty, gross misconduct and suspected collusion in detainee escapes."

The committee is an advocacy and monitoring group that receives support from the Ford Foundation and help from private and religious groups concerned with refugees. It says that under current U.S. policies, it is not surprising that some refugees agree to return home.

In addition to 32,000 Salvadorans deported from the United States since 1977, many others have aban-

doned their claim before receiving a chance to explain why they fled and qualify for asylum, the report says.

Impeachment vote nears

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Gov. Evan Mecham's stormy political career could be in its last hours today as the state Senate prepares to vote on two impeachment charges against the first-term Republican.

Attorneys were to give closing arguments as his impeachment trial opened its sixth week. A vote could come late today or Tuesday, lawmakers said.

Mecham, 63, who took office in January 1987, has maintained he is innocent of wrongdoing. He is accused of misusing \$80,000 from the governor's protocol fund by loaning it to his auto dealership and trying to thwart an investigation of an alleged death threat by a state official.

Last week the Senate dismissed a third charge that Mecham concealed a \$300,000 campaign loan, the subject of the governor's April 21 criminal trial. Some senators said hearing testimony on that allegation could have prejudiced his criminal trial.

However, Democrats acknowledged that the real reason they favored dismissing the charge was to ensure a Senate trial verdict well before the scheduled May 17 gubernatorial recall election.

Reagan called 'too willing'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Attorney General Elliot Richardson says President Reagan is "too willing to let his friends get away with things" and the case of Edwin Meese III is only the latest example.

Reagan's determination to stand behind Meese as attorney general follows the pattern he has shown with other embattled administration figures, Richardson said Sunday.

Richardson, who in the Nixon administration held the office now occupied by Meese, said during an interview on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" that Reagan "has been much too tolerant, too amiable, too willing to let his friends get away with things because he has somehow come to believe in them as individuals and, in effect, has looked the other way."

The resignation of two top Justice Department officials last week touched off bipartisan calls in Congress for Meese to quit. Meese is the subject of a nearly year-long criminal investigation and the officials said the attorney general's legal problems were hurting the department's operations.

But two top political party leaders said Sunday that the Meese matter won't be a long-term political issue in and of itself.

Zaccaro case set for trial

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — John Zaccaro Jr. faces trial today on a charge of selling cocaine to an undercover agent after his attorneys failed in their bid to have the case overturned.

The son of former vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro pleaded innocent to the 1986 charge, which carries a five-year prison term. The trial was scheduled to start today in Vermont District Court in Rutland.

The case has progressed slowly because of appeals to the Vermont Supreme Court, including a claim that Zaccaro was singled out for prosecution because of his famous mother.

Zaccaro, 24, was a senior at Middlebury College when he was arrested Feb. 20, 1986, outside a Middlebury restaurant where he worked.

Man arrested in shooting

GLEN AVON, Calif. (AP) — Police arrested a man suspected of shooting four people to death and seriously wounding a young woman inside a mobile home. Two children in the trailer were unhurt, authorities said.

Brett Alexander Hale, 28, was booked for investigation of four counts of murder and one of attempted murder after his truck was

seen fleeing the scene early Sunday, said Al Dixon, a spokesman for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

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Tornadoes: Spring displays year's most devastating storms

By SCOTT ROTHCHILD
Associated Press Writer

Six months and hundreds of miles apart last year, nature's destructive fury reminded Texans that tornadoes don't necessarily stick to a season.

Weather experts note that in Texas, as in other Tornado Alley states, a twister can strike anywhere, any time. But the rumbling thunderstorms of spring announce the beginning of the unofficial tornado season that runs from April through June.

Forecasters say every thunderstorm has the potential to produce a twister. From 1951 through 1966, there have been an average of 118 tornadoes in Texas per year, according to the state climatologist's office in College Station.

More than 60 percent of those occur between April and June, records show. In April and June an average of about 18 to 19 tornadoes occur each month, but in May, when weather conditions are the most unstable, that average increases to about 30, or roughly more than one per day.

"People should have plans of what they'll do in tornadoes. If they wait until it gets there, it's going to be too late," said Buddy McIntyre, a forecaster with the National Weather

Service.

In Texas, the natural collision between cold, dry air barreling down the Great Plains and warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico occurs almost daily in the spring and sometimes produces violent consequences.

Like battling armies, the cold and warm air masses swirl around each other. When weather conditions are ripe, a funnel will drop down and begin its march, some with wind speeds in excess of 250 mph that can drive a soda straw through a tree trunk.

Last year, on May 22, a killer storm flattened the small West Texas town of Saragosa, leaving 30 dead and 162 injured. In mid-November, 11 East Texans died when a series of tornadoes thrashed towns from Cherokee County to the Gulf Coast.

"A tornado is such a devastating

kind of storm. No matter how much preparation you do there is some property damage and some loss of life. But there are some things you can do to protect yourself and property," said Laureen Chernow, a spokeswoman for the governor's division of emergency management.

One safeguard is to know the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning.

When weather conditions indicate that a tornado could develop, the weather service issues a tornado watch. Weather experts advise that during a watch, keep a careful lookout for the development of a funnel cloud and listen to weather broadcasts on the radio. Make sure you are near a safe shelter.

A tornado warning means that one has been spotted. Take cover immediately and don't go outside, except if you are in a car or mobile home, in which case it will be safer taking cover in the nearest ditch or depression.

If you are at home, the best place to stay is a basement or underground storm shelter. If no such shelter is available, go inside a closet in the center of the house or bathroom or lie flat under a heavy table.

James R. McDonald, director of the Institute for Disaster Research at Texas Tech University, says many persons try to outrun tornadoes in their cars.

Recalling the 1979 Wichita Falls tornado that killed 53, McDonald said, "people jumped in their cars and drove down Main Street at 90 mph." Twenty-six people died trying to outrun the twister.

Here is a list of recorded Texas tornadoes causing major property damage and loss of life:

Nov. 15-16, 1957 — Palestine, Anderson County; Jacksonville, Cherokee County as more than a dozen twisters hit East Texas, 11 dead, about 100 hurt. Storms also hit Beaville, Caldwell, Giddings, Bay City, Port Arthur, Smith County, Madison County; \$35 million damage.

May 22, 1957 — Saragosa, Reeves County; 30 dead, 162 hurt, town destroyed, \$1.4 million damage.

April 19, 1958 — Sweetwater, Nolan County; one dead, 100 hurt, \$20 million damage.

May 13, 1958 — DeSoto, Dallas County; 16 hurt, \$1.5 million damage.

Dec. 13, 1964 — Balch Springs, Mesquite, Garland; all Dallas County; 28 hurt, 600 homes damaged or destroyed, \$20 million damage.

May 20, 1965 — Harris, Montgomery, Liberty, Waller counties; 10 killed, \$400 million damage.

April 2, 1962 — Paris, Lamar County; 11 killed, more than 200 hurt, \$50 million damage.

May 13, 1961 — Emberson, Lamar County; 30 hurt, \$2 million damage, city 90 percent destroyed.

April 10, 1979 — Wichita Falls, Wichita County; also Archer, Clay, Foard and Wilbarger counties; 53 killed, 1,812 hurt, \$600 million damage.

May 11, 1970 — Lubbock, Lubbock County; 26 killed, 600 hurt, \$136 million damage with 15 square miles of the city damaged.

April 18, 1970 — near Clarendon, Donley County; 17 killed, 400 hurt, \$2.1 million damage.

June 2, 1965 — Hale Center, Hale County; four killed, 78 hurt, \$6 million damage.

April 3, 1964 — Wichita Falls, Wichita County; seven killed, 111 hurt, \$15 million damage.

March 31, 1969 — Hill County; six killed, 31 hurt, town of Vaughan destroyed.

May 18, 1967 — Silveston, Biscayne County; 21 killed, 80 hurt, \$600,000 damage.

April 2, 1967 — Dallas, Dallas County; 10 killed, 200 hurt, \$4 million damage.

May 11, 1963 — Waco, McLennan County; 114 killed, 567 hurt for largest casualty toll, \$41.1 million damage, with 1,736 buildings damaged or destroyed.

May 11, 1963 — near San Angelo, Tom Green County; 11 killed, 169 hurt, \$3.4 million damage.

March 13, 1953 — Haskell and Knox counties; 17 killed, 26 hurt, \$800,000 damage.

May 18, 1949 — Amarillo, Potter and Randall Counties; 9 killed, 83 hurt, \$5.3 million damage.

May 3, 1945 — McKinney, Collin County; three killed, 43 hurt, \$2 million damage.

April 9, 1947 — Carson, Hemphill and Lipscomb counties; 66 killed, 201 hurt, \$1.56 million damage with town of Glazier destroyed by one of the largest twisters on record — 1.5 miles wide that cut a 22-mile swath across portions of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

May 18, 1946 — Clay, Montague and Denton counties; four killed, \$112,000 damage.

Jan. 4, 1946 — Angelina and Nacogdoches counties; 13 killed, 250 hurt, \$2 million damage.

Jan. 4, 1946 — near Palestine, Anderson County; 16 killed, 80 hurt, \$600,000 damage.

May 10, 1943 — Rusk and Gregg counties; four killed, 26 hurt, \$1 million damage.

April 28, 1943 — Crowell, Foard County; 11 killed, 26 hurt, \$1.5 million damage.

June 10, 1938 — Clyde, Callahan County; 14 killed, nine hurt, \$85,000 damage.

July 30, 1933 — Dallas, Dallas County; five killed, 30 hurt, \$600,000 damage.

May 10, 1933 — near Brownwood, Brown County; four killed, seven hurt, \$200,000 damage.

April 25, 1933 — near Texarkana, Bowie County; five killed, 36 hurt, \$14,000 damage.

March 30, 1933 — Angelina, Nacogdoches and San Augustine counties; 10 killed, 66 hurt, \$200,000 damage.

May 6, 1930 — Karnes and DeWitt counties; 36 killed, 34 hurt, \$127,000 damage.

May 6, 1930 — Hill, Ellis and Navarro counties; 41 killed, \$2.1 million damage.

April 24, 1929 — Slocum, Anderson County; seven killed, 20 hurt, \$80,000 damage.

Jan. 4, 1929 — near Bay City, Matagorda County; five killed, 14 hurt, \$200,000 damage.

May 8, 1927 — Collin, Hunt and Lamar counties; 28 killed, more than 200 hurt, \$900,000 damage.

May 8, 1927 — Garland, Dallas County; 11 killed, \$100,000 damage.

April 12, 1927 — Rocksprings, Edwards County; 72 killed, more than 200 hurt, \$1.2 million damage with city almost demolished.

May 24, 1923 — Howard and Mitchell counties; 23 killed, 100 hurt, \$60,000 damage.

May 4, 1922 — Austin, Travis County; 12 killed, 80 hurt, \$600,000 damage.

April 8, 1922 — Oplin, Callahan County; five killed, 30 hurt, \$15,000 damage.

April 8, 1922 — Rowena, Runnels County; seven killed, 62 hurt, \$55,000 damage.

April 15, 1921 — Wood, Cass and Bowie counties; 10 killed, 80 hurt, \$85,000 damage.

April 13, 1921 — Collin and Lamar counties; 12 killed, 80 hurt, \$600,000 damage with town of Melissa almost destroyed.

April 8, 1919 — Henderson, Van Zandt, Wood, Camp and Red River counties; 42 killed, 180 hurt, \$480,000 damage.

April 9, 1919 — Panna County; 20 killed, 46 hurt, \$125,000 damage.

May 30, 1909 — Zephyr, Brown County; 28 killed, damage \$80,000.

March 23, 1908 — Sibley, Wise County; 11 killed, 10 hurt, \$35,000 damage.

May 13, 1908 — Linden, Cass County; four killed, seven hurt, \$75,000 damage.

April 28, 1908 — Bellevue, Clay County; 17 killed, 20 hurt, \$300,000 damage, with city almost demolished.

May 18, 1902 — Goliad, Goliad County; 114 killed, more than 280 hurt, \$60,000 damage.

May 1, 1908 — Mobeetie, Wheeler County; four killed, several hurt, \$35,000 damage.

May 15, 1896 — Sherman, Grayson County; also Denton and Cooke counties; 78 killed, \$225,000 damage.

April 28, 1899 — Cisco, Eastland County; 23 killed, 93 hurt, \$400,000 damage.

Inspector takes healthy look at job

FREEMONT, Texas (AP) — For two years beginning in 1963, Jo-Ann Proctor owned a fried chicken restaurant on Brazosport Boulevard and, like all food establishment operators, spent days dreading an appearance by the city health inspector.

That universal anxiety was mixed with a good share of annoyance. In the short time she served wings, legs and thighs to the public, four different inspectors passed through her doors.

"They never were able to develop a relationship with business people," Ms. Proctor said. "You had made the changes the first inspector said, then another would want something else."

What she saw amid the different faces rating her livelihood was an opportunity to improve her hometown. Ms. Proctor, 38, knew she could do the job.

Better.

The former office manager and bookkeeper sold the food stand while she was ahead. From there, she began a series of training procedures which put her on the other end of the stick, in the hot seat as the city's 10th health inspector in as many years.

The sometimes controversial, all-consuming job is nothing like what Ms. Proctor expected.

She admits the profession leaves her scatterbrained as it stretches in every direction and can take too much paperwork and court time before something is accomplished.

Ms. Proctor also admits that she has no plans to leave.

"I love it. You're steadily learning," she said. "I love knowing all the business people, knowing what their problems are, and working together to solve them."

It is, in every respect, a job that never ends. Last year, Ms. Proctor was in charge of inspecting the 110 bars, restaurants, bakeries, convenience stores, fruit stands, day-care centers and other food establishments in Freeport, a task she tried to do twice through the year.

When the pile of resident complaints on her desk dwindle to a satisfactory level, she also is counted on to do code enforcement work such as contacting owners to keep up abandoned property and automobiles, residential lots, stagnant water and garage sale signs on city easements.

Recently it has become tougher since the city is wading through its code of ordinances to update regulations unchanged since 1962. A pile of information sits on her desk as help in conforming the codes. Some places, such as retail seafood houses, don't have governing codes, requiring Ms. Proctor to start from scratch.

"The job is overwhelming if you step back," she said. "When you're bogged down in it, it isn't so bad."

Ms. Proctor has been pretty bogged down from day one, Aug. 28, 1966.

Three days later, Freeport received its first dead fish complaint when the entire Gulf Coast was assaulted by the toxic red tide.

For the next six months, she learned how to take and check water samples for traces of the poisonous plankton.

"The biggest part of my job was getting the mess cleaned up," she said. "All those dead fish have to go somewhere."

Along the way have been about 1,000 written inspections, 150 abandoned vehicles, 466 calls on high weeds and 362 miscellaneous calls. On average, she makes about eight inspections per day, most involving overgrown weeds and backroom clutter, a sight she doesn't tolerate.

Through determination and an ever-present desire to succeed, Ms. Proctor seems to be making headway.

"We're documenting things a whole lot better than we've ever done before," she said, adding that businesses are becoming more educated about the quality levels they need to maintain to pass muster.

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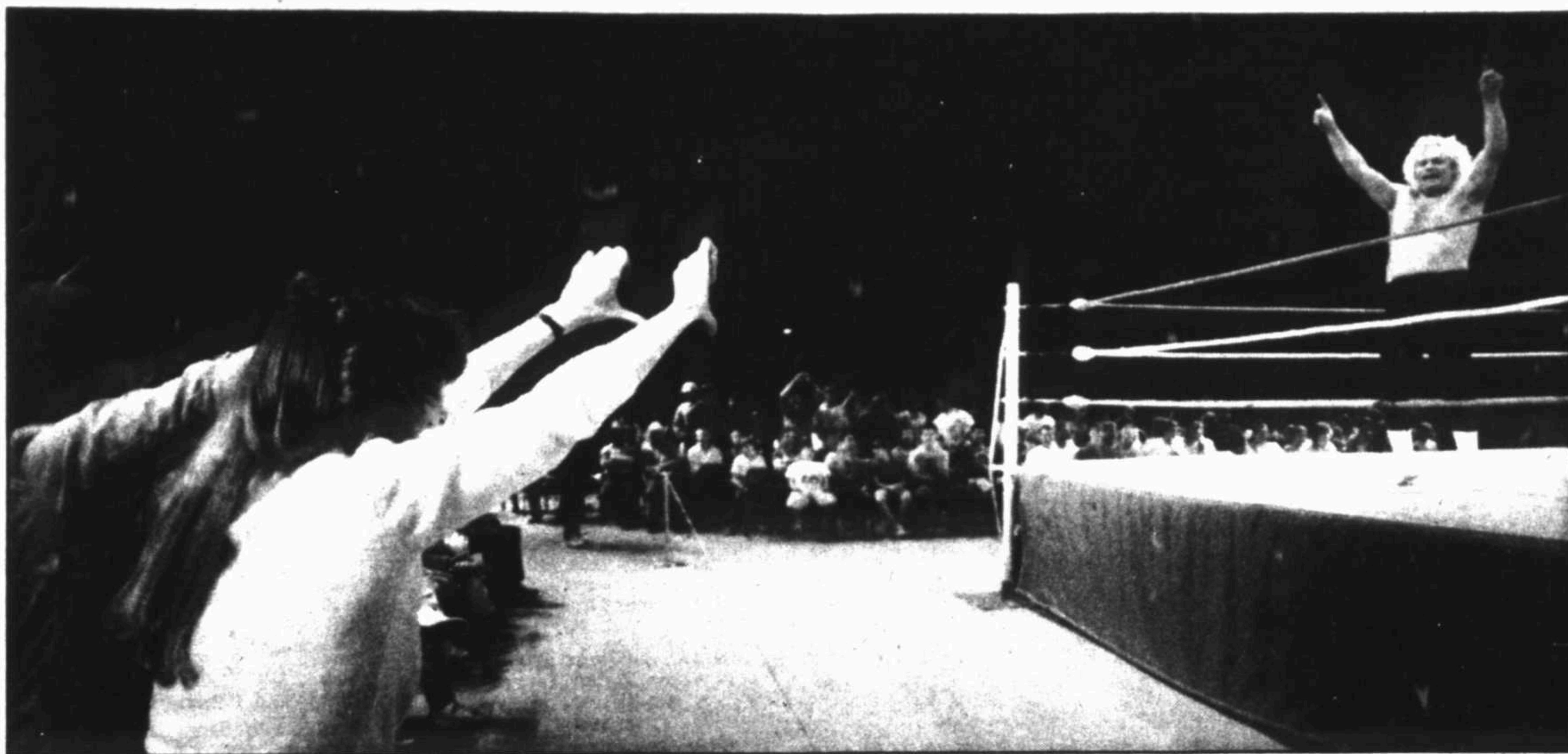
DISTRICT CONVENTION 2-A1 APRIL 15 & 16

Midland Lions have grown from one club organized 60 years ago in what was then the center of Midland (The Midland Downtown Lions) to a present network of eight clubs located in all geographic areas of the city. Each is dedicated to serving a wide range of civic needs of the entire community. The Midland clubs and their ladies auxiliaries will be hosting their counterparts from District 2A-1 on April 15 & 16 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. To honor Midland's Lions and help them welcome their district guests, the Reporter-Telegram will publish a tabloid section on Saturday, April 15th, with in-depth stories and illustrations about the varied service projects of the organization - both locally and world-wide.

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Right, fans show their disapproval as Freebird Buddy Roberts claims victory over opponent Jason Sterling. Below, Freebird Buddy Roberts screams in agony.

Those Wacky Wrestlers



Above, Sabrina Summar, 15, Paula Hicks, 15, and Lou Tudor hurl insults at Freebird Buddy Roberts. Right, Iceman King Parsons screams with delight at pinning Steve Simpson on the ropes.

The Fans Love To Hate Them

The audience explodes with shouts of encouragement as the Angel of Death pins his opponent Solomon Grundy on the ropes.

"Hurt him", shouts someone in the crowd.

Suddenly, Grundy regains his composure, gains the upper hand, and body slams the Angel of Death onto the mat. The match is over.

This is World Class Wrestling at its best. Good triumphing over evil.

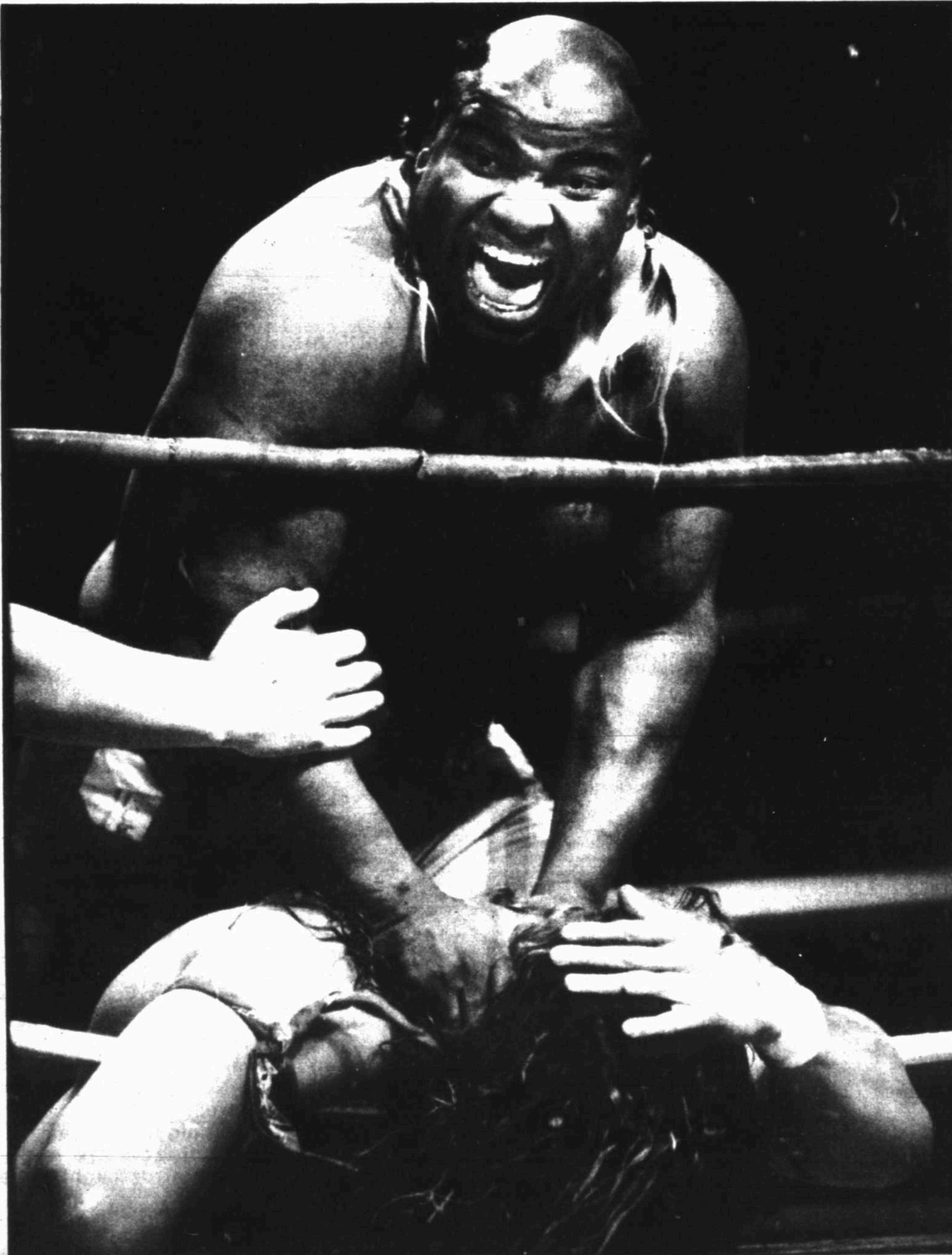
Professional wrestling is a sport that demands 'ultimate crowd participation' and usually gets it, said professional wrestler Jason Sterling.

"I can always tell when I'm wrestling good", said Sterling, "the crowd lets me know".

The 'best part' for the fan, according to 15-year-old Midlander Paula Hicks, is seeing their hero get stomped, kicked, bitten and hurled all over the ring, only to get up and defeat the 'bad guy'.

"It's exciting", said Hicks, "You can't beat it for fun".

Story And Photos By Curt Wilcott



Texans celebrate Easter with services, egg hunts

Associated Press

Easter sunrise ceremonies and church services drew multitudes of worshippers across Texas on the day considered the holiest day of the year for Christian denominations.

Egg hunts, family gatherings, an adoption conference and a wedding where the groom wore bunny ears and the bride wore a cottontail were some of the other events around the state for the religious holiday, which observes Christ's resurrection following his crucifixion.

An estimated 6,000 people attended a church service Sunday in Houston where scores of gay rights activists protested the exclusion of a musician with AIDS from the church orchestra.

In Mansfield, about 25 miles southwest of Dallas, the spirit of Easter weekend influenced the wedding of Karen Claussen and Gene Arrington.

The bride and her attendants had cottontails stitched to their dresses while the men wore rabbit ears and paws.

"It was Easter anyway," said groomsmen Danny Parker, who introduced the couple last September. "We might as well dress the part."

Fort Worth's Arlington Heights United Methodist Church scheduled Easter services in a large tent because the church structure suffered more than \$1.5 million damage in an October fire.

Officials hid more than 10,000 eggs on the Dallas Arboretum grounds for a hunt Sunday.

Also in Dallas, the names of more than 90 children under state care were passed around at the Easter's Child adoption conference. In 1987, more than 1,500 prospective parents learned about adoption and met children who need a home.

The conference was sponsored by

20 companies, 12 private social-service agencies and the Texas Department of Human Resources.

In Austin on Saturday, city park officials faced a new challenge in crowd control as nearly 2,000 children stamped Waterloo Park in search of Easter eggs, candy and prizes during the 10th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza.

Officials with bullhorns urged children to stay back, but all innocence was lost as a mad rush of egg-hungry 2- to 4-year-olds swarmed into the egg and candy-filled park.

A reenactment of Christ's trial and torture leading up to the crucifixion was staged Friday in San Antonio. Church members posing as Roman soldiers yelled taunts at a man portraying Christ who carried a wooden cross in downtown San Antonio.

Ed Young, pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Houston, said an Easter Sunday service went off

smoothly despite the presence of gay rights activists upset that a musician with tuberculosis and AIDS had been prohibited from performing at a recent performance.

Church officials said they asked the musician not to play because his tuberculosis might be contagious, and paid his salary. They said they found out later he had AIDS.

Other unionized musicians refused to play in a gesture of sympathy with the musician, and Hill called for Sunday's symbolic protest.

"For someone to make a cause out of a person, I think is really tragic," Young said. "We are interested in this young man who has AIDS, who has tuberculosis."

Young said church members visited the man when he was hospitalized, and that the activists were welcome at the service.

"We invite all to come, I hope that people will come every Sunday morning," Young said.

DEATHS

Robert Doe

GARDEN CITY — Robert (Huck) Doe, 58, of Garden City, died Saturday at a Big Spring hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Nally, Pickle, and Welch Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Roger Hubbard of the Non-denominational Church of Pampa and the Rev. Bob Brown of the Airport Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Garden City Cemetery under the direction of Nally, Pickle, and Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Born on Sept. 18, 1929, in Ada, Okla., he married Emma Stephens on June 23, 1956, in Big Spring.

He was affiliated with the Church of God International and served in the Army during the Korean conflict. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1946 and played on the first Steer baseball team.

Following his graduation from high school, he played pro ball for nine years and played for the Cadden Cops team in Big Spring in addition to other teams.

Later he worked in the oil field and for Cadden for several years. He also worked for Webb Air Force Base, retiring in 1975.

He lived in Big Spring until 1971 when he moved to Garden City. He umpired baseball in U.I.L. for 21 years, coached Little League and Pony League for many years, and coached a fast-pitch softball team for the past five years.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Bobby Doe of Big Spring; two daughters, Mrs. Floyd (Martha)

Schwartz of St. Lawrence and Mrs. Chuck (Be-Bee) Chapman of Lubbock; his mother, Gladys Doe of Big Spring; one sister, Justin Craft of Big Spring; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Doe in 1964, and one brother, Jim Doe in 1977.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring, 79720.

Margaret Ware

Services for Margaret K. Ware of Midland were set for 1 p.m. today at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gary Groves of Memorial Christian Church officiating. Burial was to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Funeralbearers were to be Jack Huff, Tim Stovall, William Henson Martin, Richard Lamphere, Jack Matthews and Fred Yates.

Honorary pallbearers were to include Donald O. Thompson, Hugh Corrigan, III, Al Turner, Bill Nelson, James Milor and LaMar Dornwell.

Bernice Hughey

Services for Bernice Hughey of Midland were to be at 11 a.m. today in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jerrell Sharp of St. Luke's United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were to include Gene Carlton, Steve Baker, Wesley Martin, Bill McFarland, Bob Kwiatkowski and Robert Maxwell.

Yuppie puppies going to work in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Lassie did it.

So did Rin-Tin-Tin, and Benji, and that party animal, Spuds MacKenzie.

And now, yuppie puppies in Austin are doing it, too. Going off to work.

Unlike the lovable but mostly worthless canines many of us own — the ones that spend their days lounging around on living room furniture while we go off to work — these dogs head for jobs, accompanying masters and mistresses to the shop or office.

The dogs may not be bringing home paychecks for their time and effort, but they do earn their share of head pats and dog treats.

And they do contribute much to the atmosphere of the work place, say their owners.

"By and large, the pups are a comfort," said Dr. James Yerkes, an Austin dentist whose Shih Tzus, Buster and Buddy, are familiar furry faces to dental patients.

"The dogs are allowed throughout the office, and it's amazing the number of times a patient will sit down in the chair and call one of the dogs over to pet him. I know it's comforting to them to pet the dog, especially the patients who have a fear of going to the dentist."

Yerkes has been bringing dogs to the office for about five years.

After the death of his former pet, Yerkes got Buster and Buddy. "I started taking them in to the office because I really felt like I wanted to spend time with them, and I didn't see any reason to have a dog and only be able to spend time with him when I got off work in the evenings," he said.

"I've brought them in from the first day I had them, and they've just never known that it wasn't normal to go to work. They behave beautifully in the office because they're used to it."

Although he admits to losing some patients who did not want to share their dental visit with a dog, Yerkes said most patients like having the animals around.

"It is rare that I don't have one of my dogs here, but if I don't, I can expect at least a couple of patients to be a little upset that they don't get to see one of the puppies," he said.

Dr. Ralph Branch, another Austin dentist who takes his dogs to the office, said he initially began bringing the dogs in as protection for the office staff. The dogs, all champion red Dobermans, take turns visiting the office.

And some of the patients request the company of a particular dog when making their appointments, Branch said.

"There are some patients who are a lot calmer when there are animals around," he said. "But if there are people who don't like dogs we just put the dog away in another room I use for relaxing, and shut off that part of the office."

There are no rules that specifically state that dentists and doctors cannot bring dogs into the office, according to the Texas Medical Association and the State Board of Dental Examiners. The Austin-Travis County Department of Health has no regulations that outlaw dogs in dental or medical offices, either, said Mary Bell Lockhart, manager of general environmental programs.

Although no policies exist to bar canines from sterile offices, William Nall, executive director of the State Board of Dental Examiners, said he would not want a dog sharing the dental office.

"My personal feeling is that I don't need the soothing of a dog in a dentist's office when I'm there, and I like dogs," he said.

But the companionship of a dog is a great stress release for many people, said Sen. Cyndi Taylor Krier, who often brought her dog, Guapita, to the Capitol with her during the last legislative session.

Ms. Krier, who has a law practice in San Antonio, said the dog enabled her to forget about the tense atmosphere of legislature, and relax.

"Spending time with her was a nice way for me to take a break and marshal my resources," she said. "We all need to be aware of how far we can go, and she helped me go a little further. And just having her there, for me, was a comfort. She doesn't care very much which way I vote on bills. She loves me anyway."

Appearances may not be everything — but when Chevas, a 3-year-old cocker spaniel, puts in an appearance at The Polo Shop in Austin's upscale Arboretum shopping center, she blends right in with the Ralph Lauren look, said her owner, Mike Waters.

"She looks like a Ralph Lauren dog, so when I take her, she kind of fits into the shop," said Waters who is store manager. "It's kind of a treat for her to get out, because she stays home alone most of the time. But when I do take her in, she has a ball there, and she gets a lot of attention."



Dr. James Yerkes, Austin dentist, allows his two Shih Tzus, Buster and Buddy, to roam the office. His patients frequently call the dogs, because they find them comforting while in the dentist's office.

Obviously, the work place would become pretty chaotic if everyone brought their pets to the office, said Ms. Krier — but she added that, if people could take their animals to work once in a while, it might help reduce work-related stress.

"You've got to maintain the business sense of an office, but taking the dog in as a rare treat could be a

nice thing," she said. "As long as having the animal around contributed positively to the office environment, I think it would be fine."

"I have a friend here in San Antonio who takes her dog in to her law office, but I know she had to go through huge negotiations with InterFirst Bank, where her office is located, to get it all worked out."

Female impersonator writes \$20,000 in hot checks

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Hilton Williams faces two state prison sentences totaling 14 years, but he isn't singing the blues while he sits behind the bars of the Tarrant County Jail.

Williams, a female impersonator, said he plans to keep on profiting from his nearly year-long scheme of passing himself off as rhythm-and-blues recording artist Shirley Murdock and signing her name to about \$20,000 of worthless checks. He said he plans to write a book and make a movie about his exploits.

"I want to go straight when I get out," he said. "Now that I realize I do have talent, I want to use my talent and skill to enhance my career."

"I'll be glad when everything's over," he said, "and we can start making some money off of it."

The real Shirley Murdock, who made the hit single, "As We Lay," has performed on network television and toured widely.

But Williams cashed in on her fame by posing as Ms. Murdock and convincing her fans, acquaintances and club owners that he was the real thing.

"Maybe I've always had the ability," he told the Dallas Morning News. "It's so easy for people to like me. Even some of the people who I told, 'I'm not Shirley Murdock' — they still hung around."

Williams' engaging personality on several occasions has turned the somber courtroom into a comedy corner.

"He's a super con," said Tarrant County prosecutor Mike Berry.

"It's just beyond belief," says his attorney, Steven Stavron. Williams, a soft-spoken man, 5 feet 7 and 187 pounds, said he began to impersonate Ms. Murdock after seeing her on "Soul Train."

"Everybody said I looked just like her, sang just like her," he said. "I just thought that was the way to go."

Williams was arrested at a Washington hotel in December when a clerk caught wind of his ruse. He was returned to Texas to face theft charges in Walker and Tarrant counties.

In the Tarrant County case, Williams was accused of writing a series of worthless checks in February 1987 under his own name to buy women's clothing, a handbag and shoes. He

later wore the items when impersonating Ms. Murdock.

"I was just doing it for fun at first," Williams said in a recent interview at the county jail. "But it got so big, and I started to make some money, so I said, 'Let's jump on this.'"

He signed Ms. Murdock's name on about \$20,000 in worthless checks during his travels to Washington, Chicago, New York, Miami and Atlanta.

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Students, faculty outraged at 'rare' dismissal of teacher

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The dismissal of a tenured professor at the University of Texas-Arlington who taught guitar classes has caused discord among the faculty and students because such a termination is so rare.

Associate Professor Charles Postlewaite was dismissed after teaching at UTA for 10 years in what university officials said was a cost-cutting move.

"It shocked me," said Harry Beaudry, an English professor and president of the campus chapter of the American Association of University Professors. "I have been here for 21 years, and I have never seen such a thing."

Students and faculty members began circulating petitions last week supporting the classical guitarist.

"I just think that I should have

been given due process," Postlewaite said of the elimination of his tenured position late last year. "I haven't been."

University regents or governors award tenure for outstanding work and as a guarantee of academic freedom from political pressure. Beaudry said the dismissal of a tenured professor is "rare, very rare."

But Gary Ebensberger, chairman of the music department, said Postlewaite's academic guitar program attracted too few students — six guitar degree graduates in the last five years.

"It has nothing to do with Charles whatsoever. It's a fringe area; it's a luxury. I don't think we can afford to continue it," Ebensberger said.

Postlewaite's case has drawn the attention of national professors' associ-

ation members, who have written UTA administrators concerning "a violation of Postlewaite's rights under

der principles of academic tenure," according to association spokesman B. Robert Kressler.

Five released after arrested in theft case

From Staff Reports

Five Midland juveniles were released to their parents Sunday after being arrested in connection with a truck theft, reports said.

An employee of Permian Distribution Co. on CR 125 south of State Highway 80 reported to the sheriff's

department a theft in progress of a three-ton truck and flat-bed trailer, reports said.

The \$10,000 truck, taken from the shop yard, was apprehended after deputies stopped the juveniles attempting to drive the truck away, reports said.

NOTICE

There was an inadvertent error in the advertisement for Eliot's Interior in the Sunday, April 3rd edition of the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

The advertisement for an ESTATE SALE OFFER featuring furnishings and unique items of decor from both the Cottier and Irvin homes should NOT have been published until a later date.

We apologize for any inconvenience this inadvertent error might have caused.

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| 34 inch strand of cultured pearls | Gama & Jewelcraft |
| "Display of the Sealife" bronze sculpture | Dr. Robert Taylor |
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| Lapis, Pearl & 14K gold necklace | Castle Gap Jewelry Co. |
| Hand crafted hunting knife | Weldon Woods |
| Season Tickets to the Midland Angels | Bill Davidson |
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| Remington Shotgun | Don & Gayle Mitchell |
| Ladbro Figurine | The Shop |
| Catered Shrimp Dinner for Six | Wesley & Gayle Brown |
| Weekend Get Away in Ruidoso, N.M. | Ed & Frances Stewart |
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| Two Driver's Education Courses | Pat Walker's Figure Salon |
| One week unlimited treatments 10 tanning sessions | Ed & Sue Carson |
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| 16 x 20 Family Portrait | Cathy Gorrado |
| Fajita Dinner For Two | Linda Rhoads |
| Oil Painting | Bellwood Lanes |
| Two Bowling Parties for 50 | Tall City Office Supply |
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| Tashvardo Membership | Dr. Ronald P. Brown |
| Four Regular Doctor Visits | Jamie & Dee Rhoads |
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Door prizes will be awarded. There will also be a silent auction. Included in this year's auction are many hand made crafts, gift certificates and many professional services.

LIFE Show

By FRED FERRELL
Copley News

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Shopping: Tourists' favorite pastime

By FRED FERRETTI
Copley News Service

We are just about at the outset of the tourist travel season, poised to book our tours, buy our new luggage, reoutfit ourselves for the summer resorts and make specific plans about which cathedrals we must visit and where to shop; which catacombs to hunch our way through and where to shop; which historic battle sites to walk over and where to shop; which cafes, bistros and restaurants we are to eat in and where to shop; which museums and galleries to view and where to shop. Which seems to be what most of us do when we travel and with quite a bit of enthusiasm. We shop, then we make time for other things.

Most travelers' guides take note of our massive shopping bent and have sections devoted to the crafts and local products of the places they write about as well as lists of the factory outlets, the expensive boutiques and the other stores awaiting us. But it is only recently that guides for shopping only have emerged.

Among the better ones I should recommend are three issued under the general title, "The Serious Shopper's Guide To . . .," published by Prentice Hall Press, which give exhaustive information on shops throughout Italy, in London and in Los Angeles, with others to follow I imagine.

THERE IS a similar group called, "Born to Shop," published by Bantam, which are rather frenzied guides to shopping in New York, around France and in Tokyo, but worth going through once you catch your breath.

And there is a fine shopping guide for Hong Kong, a place in which you truly need one, published by the Hong Kong Tourist Association. The booklet lists just about every shop of quality in the still-Crown Colony, and even asks that they display the HKTA logo, a bright red Chinese sailing junk, which serves as a sort of guarantee of service and quality. Occasionally it serves that purpose.

All of which brings me to my most recent shopping expedition to Hong



Kong. I always pretend to go to Hong Kong to see its museums, its new performing arts center, its spate of new hotels and skyscrapers and to ride its harbor ferries, but what I really do is go to shop. Which my wife sees as one of my pleasing traits. Anyway, when we go to Hong Kong we always make it a point to stop in on Kevin the Jeweler.

Kevin is a young lad from China who is pleasant, makes very nice jewelry to order and could sell gold

ID bracelets to Amazonian headhunters if given the chance.

KEVIN HAS a small shop on Nathan Road, which is the Main Street, the Broadway, the Hollywood Boulevard of Hong Kong, a broad avenue that begins at the Kowloon waterfront and tracks back deeply through Hong Kong almost to the New Territories. It is nothing but a line of shops, thousands of shops, and it is an exciting place along which to walk. And to buy.

At any rate the first time I walked

into Kevin's shop it was to look at some pearls like those he had displayed in his front window.

"You wouldn't like those," he said of the pearls in the window. "They are not your quality."

"No? I wouldn't? They aren't? My quality?" I asked.

Kevin shook his head sadly and whipped out a selection of pearl necklaces that were my quality, he assured me. As it turned out I really didn't care for them, but I did notice a ring in one of his display cases, a ring I thought my wife would like, a broad gold band with six emerald-cut blue sapphires set into it. How much was it?

"You mean that fine 18 carat gold one with the fine sapphires?"

Yes.

"It is \$200 U.S.," said Kevin. That was too expensive, I said, and rather than bargain, I thought I'd come back with my wife and perhaps she would see something else. Which is what I told Kevin, who thought it was a ploy. Which is how Kevin thinks.

"\$175," said Kevin.

"I really don't want it," I said.

"Honest."

"\$150," said Kevin.

"Really . . ."

"\$125," said Kevin. "I cannot do better."

"I REALLY do not want the ring," I said.

"\$117," said Kevin.

"No."

"\$110," he said. "I cannot go lower."

"No, really," I pleaded. "It's not that I want to bargain. I just don't want the ring."

This amazed Kevin.

"We're a good store," he said. "We're Hong Kong Tourist Association. See," he said, pointing to the red boat stuck on his window.

"I guess you're good," I conceded.

"Then how much will you give me for the ring?" Kevin asked.

I didn't buy the ring, but you can see why I go back to Kevin the Jeweler each time I go to Hong Kong. He made a customer of me.

Fred Ferretti's musings on travel and food have appeared in The New York Times and Gourmet magazine.

Man hopes to bring back lost art of letter-writing

By PHYLLIS BATTELLE
Hearst News Service

NEW YORK — When was the last time you received — tucked alluringly among the junk mail — a personal letter from a friend or acquaintance?

If you shook your head, or had to scratch it vigorously while searching your memory, you will agree with experts who say that the art of letter writing is all but extinct.

Americans still compose the occasional thank you note, and are capable of putting pen to paper in brief messages of sympathy after the demise of a loved one. But beyond these excruciatingly executed bows to etiquette and kindness, letter writing has become only a dim memory of the middle-aged.

As for the young, they never even heard of it. No more do young romantics have love notes to tuck away and cherish for a lifetime; when they feel passionate, they simply pick up the telephone.

"The proper definition of man," Lewis Carroll once wrote, "is an animal that writes letters." So much for manhood. Lewis Carroll's Alice lived in Wonderland. Today's Alice lives in a land of computers and instant communications.

AND THOSE are exactly the elements which major thinkers on the matter feel have robbed the current generation of the ability to communicate thoughts in writing.

What we are seeing, according to sociology professor Elwin Powell of the State University of New York, is "the robotization of mankind." Thanks (or boos) to TV, phones and other passive fancies, people have lost the knack of writing which "requires time to reflect and probe deeper than you do in a phone conversation."

Writing, whether letters or prose, also requires thinking — and an ability to put thoughts in logical order.

And computers have robbed Americans of the necessity, or even an interest in thinking. "The computer and the calculator enable one to grind out 'answers' without ever thinking about logic or the relationships of information and opinions," laments human behavior analyst Philip Lesly. "So the ability to reason is being replaced by the ability to work a computer's keys," he says. "It is ironic that the computer's 'brain' is known as software — because it is softening the brains of millions of people."

WHILE MANY mature Americans (who still remember nostalgically the days when it was fun to go to the mailbox) are mourning the passing of pen pals, a California man named Stephen Sikora is not content to sit back and do nothing about it.

Sikora, a carpenter, began writing letters at age 24 from

Vietnam, and developed a love for sharing his thoughts with others. The trouble was, his friends didn't write back. "I think of letter writing as a dance," he says. "It takes two to make it work."

As a result of his frustration, he has launched a magazine, titled The Letter Exchange, which puts letter writers in touch with others who enjoy sharing their ideas editorially.

Since The Letter Exchange has begun six years ago, 3,000 people (including white-collar and blue-collar workers and even teenagers) have subscribed. They take out ads, each not a full name or address, and correspondents write to Mr. Sikora, who sends their correspondence to an appropriate subscriber.

The reason for setting up this system is that the Exchange helps letter writers explore ideas on their interests — some correspond about music, movies, environmental issues, sports. The idea is to communicate on a meaningful level, avoiding "small talk."

Sikora, who forwarded some 14,000 letters last year (with the help of his chief mail sorter, his 88-year-old mother), is in the business for the joy, not the money: in 1987 he spent \$5,000 on stamps, and keeps financially afloat through his carpentry.

He refuses to turn his magazine into a lonely-hearts club by taking singles ads, and recently told a reporter that he even discourages writers from attending meetings.

THE TIME is right for a "major revival" of personal letter writing, he believes, because "letters provide a wonderful freedom to develop ideas at your own pace." They are, as he puts it, "a great way to remove stress and tension — similar to jogging."

Personal letters are often so treasured by those who receive them that they are never discarded. I remember when my father died a few years ago, I found several pounds of mail, piled in shoeboxes labeled "Letters from Phil." They began when a postage stamp cost 3 cents, and continued through a long career, marriage, motherhood and the college education of a son.

It was like being presented with an autobiography — without the tedious chore of having to write it.

Through letters, Sikora maintains, we can give — and receive — a sense of love, friendship and sharing that are on record, timeless.

"AND THE magic of the mailbox remains," comments Sikora. Those who feel as he does can write The Letter Exchange, Box 6218, Albany, Calif. 94706.

"Or," he says, "you can give me a call at (415) 526-7412." But calling would hardly be cricket, would it?

Silver souvenir spoons now collectors' item

Associated Press

Heavy in the hand and elaborately modeled, yet easy to transport and display, decorative silver spoons were the perfect souvenir.

Souvenir spoons enjoyed the height of their popularity between the 1890s and the 1920s, according to Country Home magazine. American travelers bought thousands of these shiny keepsakes to remind them of their journeys.

The first souvenir spoons probably were produced by enterprising jewelers or silversmiths in popular resort towns or spots of historical interest. They engraved the name of their town in a spoon's bowl or on its handle. But in the early 1890s, as travelers increasingly took to the roads and the rails, souvenirs became big business. By the middle of the decade the collecting of souvenir spoons had become a national craze.

The spoon that stirred up the public and truly started the collecting craze was the now-famous Salem

witch spoon, created by New England silversmith Daniel Low. First produced in 1890, this spoon commemorated the town of Salem, Mass. The spoon was finely crafted, its simply shaped handle decorated with an evil-eyed witch clutching her broomstick alongside the word "Salem." The bowl of the spoon was plain. Low patented his witch design in 1891 and the spoon became so popular he soon produced a second, more elaborate design which included a quarter moon and an arched-back cat.

Although souvenir spoons were more topical in design than typical tableware, their designs often were generic enough to suit a wide geographic area. Spoons whose handles blossomed with oranges suited retailers in Florida as well as California, while spoons with an Indian theme were sold in many states throughout the West. Only the engraving in the bowl differed according to the place the spoon was bought.

Holidays, from Christmas to St. Pa-

trick's Day, were considered appropriate souvenir themes. Holiday spoons were often given as gifts, as were birthday spoons with the designated birth-month flower or a shining birthstone on the handle. Astrological signs also were common decorations on these Victorian tokens of affection. Many spoons had a complicated collage of designs on both the front and back of the handle, as well as in the bowl.

A few basic distinctions will be helpful to the beginning collector. The earliest and most finely crafted souvenir spoons were manufactured in sterling silver. Those spoons, for their silver value alone, are the most valuable today and are sought by most collectors.

Many manufacturers also churned out silver-plated souvenir spoons for use as premiums. Although valued for their historical significance by some collectors, they have little intrinsic value.

Other materials used in conjunction with both sterling and silver

plate on souvenir spoons were colored enamel, which was used to decorate the bowl and handle of many spoons and a gold wash, used most often in the bowl. Both enamel and gold add to the price of a spoon today, as they did almost a century ago.

Enameled spoons are particularly valued among collectors, as are spoons on which the design topic dictates the shape of the handle. Examples of this latter type are skyline spoons and full-figure spoons. When viewed horizontally rather than vertically, the handle of a skyline spoon mimics the stair-step buildings of a particular city.

Although the demand is great, many sterling souvenir spoons may still be purchased for \$10 to \$20. Fine collections which focus on esoteric subjects can be built on these least expensive examples. Even some popular styles of spoons are still affordable. Better examples of skyline and full-figure spoons are available for under \$100.

DEAR ABBY

Great Baseball Uniform debates rage on

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I agree with "Barbara in Ohio." In what other major sport in America besides baseball does the coach/managing staff dress in the team uniform?

Wouldn't it look rather strange to have Van Buren K.C. Jones of the Boston Celtics or Pat Riley of the Los Angeles Lakers at court-side in basketball shorts, a tank top and high-top sneakers? Or Mike Ditka of the Chicago Bears on the sidelines in a football jersey, pads and all, with headset and clipboard in hand?

Baseball would do well to follow the example of other sport team leaders by wearing more dignified apparel. If not a business suit, perhaps some type of identified leisure wear. But, please, lose the tight pants and stretch over-socks! — SANDRA DAY, BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: Where does that Ohio woman get off criticizing baseball coaches and managers for wearing the team uniforms with their potbellies hanging out?

Look at Don Zimmer of the Chicago Cubs, Whitey Herzog of the St. Louis Cardinals, Tommy Lasorda of the L.A. Dodgers and Roger Craig of the San Francisco Giants in their new form-fitting uniforms. They manage with their brains — not their bellies! — MARTIN SHONK, ANNAPOLIS, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: Why shouldn't baseball managers wear the team uniform? Can't you just picture Billy Martin kicking sand at the umpire in a \$800 Hickey-Freeman suit? — ART DELMAN, ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: I don't know why baseball managers and coaches wear uniforms, and if their potbellies hang out, who cares? Most of those guys are over 50 and like their beer.

Wouldn't football and hockey managers and coaches look silly if they were suited up in uniforms, helmets and all that gear? And how about basketball managers and coaches in shorts? Heaven help us! — SPORTS NUT IN ATLANTA

DEAR ABBY: I don't know this for a fact, but common sense tells me that baseball managers and coaches wear the team uniform because it's the only sport where coaches and managers go out on the playing field during the game.

When a team is up to bat, it always has a first-base coach and a third-base coach on the field. And the manager frequently runs out on the field to talk to the pitcher, or to confer with other players.

In other sports such as football, hockey, basketball, etc., the team members will go to the sidelines to confer with the coach. Baseball managers and coaches wear the team uniform to make it easy for the umpire to identify them as somebody who has the right to be on the field.

In professional baseball, the umpires move from city to city, and, therefore, may not know the managers and coaches if a change is made during the season.

If my memory serves me well, Connie Mack was the last manager of baseball history to wear a suit on the field. He was, to my way of thinking, the greatest man in baseball. — EILEEN

DEAR EILEEN: Thanks for the input. Incidentally, Connie Mack was born Cornelius McGillicuddy.

DEAR ABBY: I work in an office with 14 other people. There is a new employee here — a young woman I'll call Jane. All we know about Jane is

that she has a small child.

A call came in for Jane who was away from her desk at the time, so in a very businesslike manner, I asked the caller to please leave his name and number, and Jane would return his call shortly.

He said, "Just tell her her 'boyfriend' called." To me, the term "boyfriend" is very childish, and besides the message pad imprints onto a master sheet for the entire office personnel to see.

Again I asked for his name — and jokingly added that perhaps Jane had many "boyfriends."

He became quite annoyed, and informed me that he is the only one because they live together.

Abby, I couldn't care less about Jane's personal life, but this should not be broadcast around a business office. I now think less of Jane for choosing such a juvenile, stupid housemate. I am not an old biddy. Would you please comment? — ETHICIST

DEAR ETHICIST: When Jane's nameless caller identified himself as her "boyfriend," it was both presumptuous and unbusinesslike of you to have "jokingly" questioned him further. You should have relayed the message to Jane exactly as he gave it to you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is an only child. He had testicular cancer when he was 19 years old. Both testes were removed. At that time, his

parents told him that should he ever marry and want children, his father would gladly donate sperm. (His father is now 55.) They live 2,000 miles away, but we have a sperm bank to store it, and a doctor to handle the inseminations.

We came to two conclusions: It is much better to "know your donor." Even if my husband's father had not been capable, we have a friend (who already has children) who was willing to come to our aid. Our other question concerned adultery (in a religious context), and we decided that, since carnal knowledge wasn't involved, it couldn't be considered adultery.

It was a two-year search to find a doctor and clinic to handle our case because no one had ever heard of doing it this way before. With God's help (and some luck), in September it will all have been worth it.

By the way, we investigated the possibility of adoption and were told that the public agencies had a waiting list of up to 10 years, and in private adoptions, the natural mother has up to six months to change her mind — and if she does, she doesn't have to reimburse the adoptive parents for the money they spend on hospital charges, etc.

You were right, Abby, artificial insemination is the answer for more people than many might think. CAN'T WAIT UNTIL SEPTEMBER

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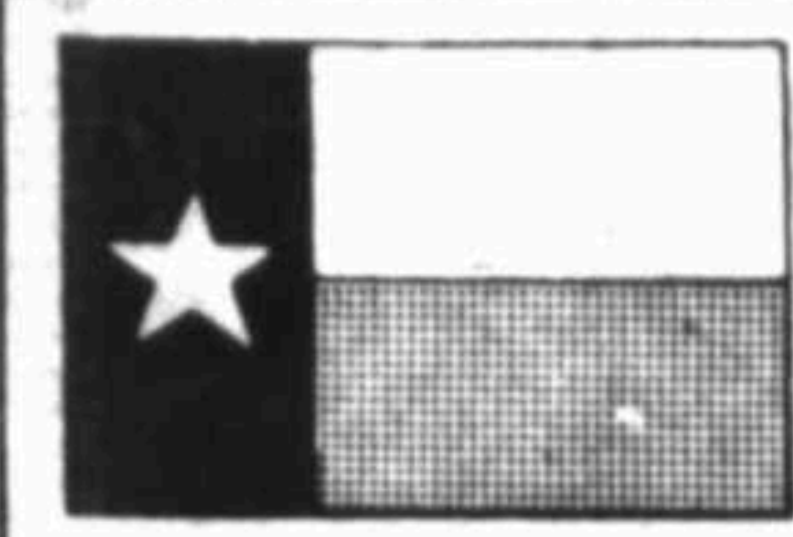
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Healing preacher

Father Ralph DiOrio, known to some as the "healing preacher," addresses a crowd of over 13,000 people recently at San Antonio's Convention Center Arena. The woman in the wheelchair is sister Mary Hernandez.

Tougher fine collections boost revenues

DALLAS (AP) — Texas scofflaws may find it harder to skirt parking and traffic fines as cities look to boost revenues through intensified collection efforts that include use of the controversial "boot."

Tougher measures are made possible by new state laws allowing cities to decriminalize parking citations, a change that gives authorities the go-ahead to tow away or immobilize cars until fines are paid.

Cities are also exploring new ways of collecting on moving violations because officials are reporting that a poor economy has apparently soured Texans' attitudes toward paying for speeding and other tickets.

"I think any time the economy slows down and people are not making as much money, they have to start prioritizing what they do pay for," said Gary Green, acting director of Dallas' court services department. "And some of them are not putting a priority on paying fines."

To counter that, Green said, Dallas and other cities are making changes, including city council actions to decriminalize parking violations and place the collection of parking fines under an administrative system.

In Dallas, that puts parking enforcement and collections entirely under the control of the city's transportation department, reducing costs and freeing police to concentrate on traffic patrol and other duties, Green said.

Last October, the city also contracted with a telecomputer company, which each month receives the names of about 6,000 to 7,000 people who are at least 60 days late with payments on traffic tickets, he said. The company's computers automatically dial the numbers of 150 people each hour.

And when that fails, the city has just approved its first contract with outside collection agencies for those fines that remain unpaid after six months, Green said.

"Our number one priority is to dispose of these outstanding warrants," he said. "That translates into dollars, of course, but strictly from a judicial standpoint, we want to clear the warrants."

Houston officials in February began using the "Denver Boot" to immobilize cars whose owners have three or more unpaid tickets. The devices were attached to the wheels of 70 cars on the first day of a continuing program aimed at repeat

Officer accused of ticket fixing may reveal damaging information

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Police Chief Tom Windham said the attorney for an officer fired after being accused of ticket fixing threatened to reveal damaging information about the department unless his client was shown leniency.

The administrative hearing on the firing of former officer Steve Weaver resumes today with more unflattering details about the department expected to be discussed. Investigators accused Weaver of fixing three traffic tickets he issued to a plumber who did work at his house.

Windham told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that before the hearing Weaver's attorney, Robert Hasty, tried to negotiate for leniency for his client.

"Bob Hasty voiced a threat...that he was going to bring out some very damaging testimony," Windham said. "At no time will I be blackmailed or extorted...They know they have a loser. The testimony so far has totally been supportive of the necessity of firing people like Steve Weaver."

Windham said he was asked to reduce Weaver's punishment to a suspension and in exchange, the hearing — and public airing of the ticket fixing allegations — would never occur, the Star-Telegram reported Sunday. Weaver is appealing his firing in the hearing.

In hearing testimony last week, Officer Maurice Buchholz testified that assistant city attorney Juan Blanco Jr.'s instruction at the police academy included lessons on how to fix traffic tickets for friends, relatives and others. Blanco denied the allegations.

Buchholz and two other officers testified that Fort Worth police routinely fixed traffic tickets for acquaintances by stating falsely to court officials that they did not remember details of the traffic cases.

Hasty did not immediately return telephone calls to The Associated Press on Sunday.

Tensions between the chief and officers heightened last week when the ticket fixing allegations surfaced.

Windham, who ordered an immediate investigation of the ticket-fixing allegations, called some officers "malingerers and malcontents" and criticized leadership of the Fort Worth Police Officers Association. By the end of the week Windham apologized for the statements.

parking offenders.

The city was owed an estimated \$8 million in delinquent parking fines last year. Houston officials have estimated that use of the boots could yield as much as \$1 million the first year and \$1.5 million per year thereafter.

In Dallas, officials are responding to figures showing a 5 percent decline in the disposal of traffic tickets issued between fiscal 1985-86 and 1986-87. Statistics also show that, among those cases that are settled, an increasing percentage are disposed of through means other than payment of fines.

The changes equal a \$2.3 million revenue decline over one year. If every outstanding traffic and parking fine were collected, the city would see revenue of about \$18 million,

Green said.

Dallas and Houston officials aren't alone in their efforts to improve collections: Problems with gathering fines have touched large cities and small towns alike.

In Decatur, with a population of about 5,000, Police Chief Rex Hoskins estimated as much as \$40,000 in fines remain unpaid, mostly on moving violations.

"We're having to issue a lot more warrants than we ever did before because the collection rates have dropped tremendously," Hoskins said.

"We issue about 300 to 400 tickets a month, and we end up having to issue warrants on probably 150 to 200 of those. We were only issuing about half that many a year ago," he said, adding that his small department's

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workload has almost doubled as a result.

In Fort Worth, as in Dallas, officials are considering a change toward administrative, rather than criminal, handling of parking enforcement as the city places an emphasis on traffic patrols, City Marshal Norman Donoho said.

"The population here has grown, and with that growth has come more vehicles and more traffic," Donoho said. "They've added police officers over the last two or three years, but they have not added any additional traffic control specialists (parking enforcement)."

Donoho added, however, that part of shifting the emphasis away from parking violations may have been the result of increasingly expensive and difficult collection efforts.

In comparisons of the first five months of three fiscal years, the combined number of parking and traffic citations issued in Fort Worth increased each year, but collections declined during the same periods.

The revenue issue has been a controversial one in Houston, where Municipal Courts Chief Clerk Richard Parris is being blamed for overstating revenue projections from his department by about \$14.2 million.

But Parris notes an unexpected decline in the number of tickets issued by police. In January, Houston police officers wrote about 41,000 traffic tickets, a five-year low. Officers were writing about 100,000 tickets per month in late 1986.

State House, Senate governed by unwritten set of rules

AUSTIN (AP) — In the Texas House of Representatives, a set of unwritten commandments governs relationships between members.

Near the top of the "rules of the jungle," said a lawmaker who asked not to be identified, is: "Thou shalt not mess with another member's reelection."

But that commandment has been broken in several bitter and divisive 1988 campaigns for the state House and Senate.

A heated conversation between

two members of the House recently caused a lawmaker's aide to resign. The Dallas Morning News reported.

Donna Poston, an aide to Rep. Keith Oakley, D-Terrell, initially had planned to take a temporary leave of absence to work on the state Senate race of Helen Farabee of Wichita Falls, who wants to succeed her husband, former Democratic Sen. Ray Farabee.

Rep. Charles Finnell, D-Hollday, also is campaigning for the Wichita Falls Senate seat.

After an unfriendly discussion between Oakley and Finnell, Ms. Poston believed she had to permanently resign from Oakley's staff.

"Finnell told Keith he had to fire me, or he would regret it," Ms. Poston said. "I decided the best thing to do would be to resign."

Finnell denied that he threatened Oakley or had implied that Oakley might face an inquiry by the House General Investigating Committee, which Finnell chairs.

Oakley agreed that Finnell issued

no direct threat. "But from the conversation, I got the distinct impression that he would be coming after me, any way he could," Oakley said.

"It was as direct a threat as it could be, without being direct."

Gordon "Doc" Arnold, a former House member and top aide to House Speaker Gib Lewis, said the feud between Oakley and Finnell stems from a breach of the unwritten code of the House.

"This is a tender subject among the sainted brotherhood of House

members," Arnold told The News. "It's a real sensitive thing, because nobody knows your record better than an aide."

When a former staff member of Rep. Larry Don Shaw, D-Big Spring, went to work several years ago for the opponent of a powerful House committee chairman, two of Shaw's bills were defeated in the following legislative session.

"It's not good politics; it can kill a legislative program," Shaw said. This year, Shaw finds himself the

target of another lawmaker's aide, who is working for his Republican opponent, Troy Fraser.

"Now it's a rule with me that when I hire staff, they can't work in legislative campaigns," Shaw said.

"This is a tough enough business without House members providing a place for the gunslings to roost between campaigns," Shaw said. "It's hard enough to get anything done in the Legislature without having little hit men scattered throughout the process."

Officials say prison construction won't solve overcrowding problems

DALLAS (AP) — Plans to increase the capacity of Texas prisons by 65 percent won't solve overcrowding, state officials say.

Voters approved 12,500 new beds last year and next year, state officials plan to ask that facilities for an additional 14,000 beds be built by the end of 1991.

But the 26,500 new beds are just a stopgap measure, said Rider Scott, general counsel and criminal justice director for Gov. Bill Clements.

"By November 1990, we'll be right back to where we are today, having to slam doors of the prison shut and backing them (inmates) up in county jails," Scott said. "In 1992, then, you would again look for additional capacity."

From 1980 to 1987 prison capacity expanded by 50 percent, but the number of new prisoners increased faster, at 113 percent. During those years, Texas fell under a federal court order to ease overcrowding by reducing its prison population by 6,500.

Currently, Texas houses 38,500 inmates in 28 prisons. Another 4,000 state prisoners are serving time in

county jails as they wait for beds in state facilities.

A 1987 study by the governor's office estimated that 20,000 additional beds would be needed by 1991 and last year the Legislature appropriated \$30 million for the construction of 2,000 units to be operated by private concerns. In November, voters authorized \$213.8 million in bonding authority to build 10,500 units.

But last month, law enforcement officials meeting at a Texas criminal justice summit concluded the 1987 report underestimated the needs. Not 7,500, but 14,000 beds beyond the first 12,500 would be needed by 1991, the group said.

Scott said that recommendation was expected to become part of the governor's crime package in the next Legislature, and he was optimistic that the construction would be approved.

"This is the largest construction project in the state's history," said Charles Terrell, chairman of the Texas Department of Corrections board. "It dwarfs anything ever done in Texas and is second only to California's program in U.S. history."

Now, the number of prisoners released during the year nearly equals the number admitted. In 1987, about 36,000 were admitted and 34,000 were released, Scott said.

Construction projects already approved include two maximum-security, 2,250-bed units in Gatesville and Amarillo; and four 1,000-bed regional correctional facilities in Snyder, Dayton, Marlin and Woodville.

Also approved were seven trusty camps housing a total of 1,400 prisoners; and four 500-bed, pre-release centers in Kyle, Bridgeport, Cleveland and Venus. Other additional beds will be created by renovation of existing facilities.

Construction contracts on three of the trusty camps were awarded in early March. Bids are due April 15 on the Gatesville maximum-security facility, and will soon go out for the four 1,000-bed regional centers.

The 14,000 additional beds recommended at the recent Texas Criminal Justice Summit include 8,000 prison beds, 2,000 for a "boot camp" shock probation program and 4,000 set aside for parole violators. Funding for those new beds may come exclusively from the state's general revenue fund, Terrell said.

More arrests possible in Texas gang rape

SAN DIEGO, Texas (AP) — Authorities said they will continue to round up suspects in the gang rape of a 19-year-old woman, while townspeople struggled with disbelief that such a sexual assault could occur in their community.

By Sunday, 11 men had been arrested and charged with sexual assault, kidnapping or both in the woman's abduction and rape. The assault occurred in an automobile near where 20 to 30 men were watching an illegal cockfight, officials said.

"I anticipate the typical defense that the victim was willing and consented," said Assistant 22nd District Attorney Rodolfo Gutierrez. "But we have a stronger case because other witnesses have corroborated her story, that she was kicking and screaming."

According to investigators the woman was abducted a week ago Saturday while walking home alone after attending a party at a relative's house nearby. She was forced into a car driven by four men and taken to a ranch about one mile north of the South Texas community on Texas 44. Authorities said the men in the car raped the woman and then encour-

aged men in a shed where illegal cockfights were progressing to make a trip to the car.

The woman was held on the hood of a car after attempting to escape, and the sexual assaults continued as a group of men watched, she told authorities.

A different group of four men took her to another car, where a 12-year-old boy was asleep, drove to another ranch on the outskirts of town and continued the assaults, she said. The assailants returned the woman to a spot near her home about 3 a.m., she told authorities.

"If this is true, it's just like a dark nightmare," said Ruperto Canales, whose 10-year term as mayor ended in 1986.

San Diego is a predominantly Hispanic community of about 5,700 that once relied on oil and gas but now has no industry. Many residents are poor, live in ramshackle houses and are related.

Jerry Galvan, an investigator for the district attorney, said skeptics are wrong to doubt the attack occurred.

"It happened," he said.



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Big Eight already owns national cage title



NCAA final something for Kansas coach Larry Brown to get excited about.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It's as improbable as being elected governor of Oklahoma on an anti-football platform.

It's as unlikely as writing a history of Kansas basketball and leaving out Phog Allen and Wilt Chamberlain. It's two Big Eight teams playing for the championship of college basketball. And it's Oklahoma and Kansas at that.

Yes, two teams from the Big Eight, the conference famed for touchdowns and shoulder pads and cries of "We're No. 1" as leaves turn purple in fall.

THE CHAMPIONS of the ACC, SEC, Big East and Big Ten can only watch tonight as the Sooners of Oklahoma, champions of the Big Eight, vie for the NCAA title against the Jayhawks of Kansas, third-place finishers in the Big Eight.

Honest. Not the Big Ten, which had Indiana and Michigan in the final in 1976. And not the Big East, which boasted Villanova and Georgetown as finalists in 1985.

The Big Eight, which has not had one team, much less two, in the finals since 1957.

The Big Eight, which has not won a championship since 1952.

The Big Eight, where players used to joke that basketball was only something to do between football and spring football.

On the Richter scale of upsets, it's a 10.

Why, Barry Switzer even canceled spring football practice Friday and today to cheer on the basketball Sooners.

"I love it," said Switzer, who sat with the noisy Oklahoma contingent Saturday night as the Sooners whipped Arizona 86-78 in the NCAA semifinals. "And this can't do anything but help our football program."

Previous OU-Kansas meetings

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas and Oklahoma meet tonight for the NCAA basketball championship. Here's a look at their two previous meetings this season:

At Lawrence, Kan. on Feb. 3

Oklahoma 73, Kansas 65

The Sooners handed the Jayhawks their second consecutive loss at home after a 55-game winning streak there.

Kansas led 31-29 at halftime but the Sooners took over with 3-point field goals. Kansas led 35-33 3:30 into the second half when Dave Sieger and Ricky Grace each hit 3-pointers and the Sooners were on their way, leading by as many as 12 before Kansas fought back to within 64-59 with three minutes left in the game.

Stacey King and Grace each finished with 19 points for Oklahoma, which shot just 38 percent from the field.

Danny Manning led Kansas with 28 points and 16 rebounds. Kevin Pritchard finished with 12 points, two assists and five re-

bounds in his first game as point guard.

At Norman, Okla. on Feb. 24

Oklahoma 95, Kansas 87

Manning finished with 30 points and 11 rebounds but the Sooners prevailed in an up tempo game more to their liking.

Oklahoma led 35-32 at halftime and Kansas tied the game 40-40 on a 3-pointer by Milt Newton, who finished with 21 points.

The Sooners, however, hit six 3-pointers in the next four minutes to take a 59-46 lead with 14 minutes to play.

Kansas committed 24 turnovers under Oklahoma's defensive pressure and outshot the Sooners 55 percent to 43 percent and outrebounded them 39-33.

King led Oklahoma with 22 points as all five starters scored at least 12 points and accounted for all but nine of the Sooners' points.

Manning became the Big Eight's all-time leading scorer in the game on the home floor of the man he passed, Wayman Tisdale.

Big Eight officials were all smiles and wearing green "Big 8 Is Great" lapel buttons Sunday.

"We are guaranteed of having the national champion. It's a dream come true," assistant commissioner Bill Hancock said.

Equally incomprehensible to long-time Big Eight watchers is the fact three league teams — Kansas, Oklahoma and Kansas State — got to the final eight of this year's tourney. The conference that used to be ashamed of most of its basketball teams will finish 14-4 after either Oklahoma or

Kansas prevail in Monday night's title game.

Iowa State and Missouri each lost in the first round this year. But Kansas State got to the finals of the Midwest Regional and Oklahoma and Kansas are still going. The Big Eight's share of the tournament pot will be almost \$3.7 million.

"Everybody is talking about the money," Hancock said. "They're getting out their calculators and figuring out how many dollars we got."

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Midland's Jessica takes to mound for opening day

Associated Press

Rick Mahler hopes to duplicate his opening day magic while Dave Stewart, Rick Sutcliffe and the Minnesota Twins want to repeat last year's success starting today when the 1988 baseball season begins.

And Midland's Jessica McClure makes her pitching debut tonight in Arlington.

In opening day festivities, Texas tot Jessica McClure and Olympic hero Bonnie Blair make ceremonial first pitches.

McCLURE WILL try to toss out the first ball before the Cleveland-Texas opener. McClure, now 2 years old, was the Midland infant trapped in a well for 58 hours last October.

Blair, a speedskater who won a gold medal in the 500 meters, was to throw out the first ball at Comiskey Park before California plays at Chicago. Blair is from Champaign, Ill.

Kirk Gibson, Dave Parker, Jack Clark, Phil Bradley, Brett Butler and Floyd Bannister lead an array of familiar faces in new places. A half-dozen managers, including Billy Martin, start this season fresh with their teams, full of the April optimism that springs eternal.

"I'm excited. There's anticipation," Kansas City Manager John Wathan said. "You get butterflies in your

Hough owns 12-game winning streak against Indians

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Cleveland Indians don't plan any dramatic offensive adjustments in an effort to end Charlie Hough's imposing 12-game winning streak against them.

"You can't take power hitters and try to make them Punch-and-Judies for a day," said Indians' Manager Doc Edwards, whose team faces Hough in tonight's regular-season opener in Texas.

Hough, a right-handed knuckleball pitcher, has a 15-4 career record against the Indians.

"We have a fastball-hitting ballclub, lots of free swingers," Edwards said. "So a knuckleball pitcher gives us trouble. I heard he was 4-0 against the Oakland A's last year, and they didn't even come close to him. At least we knocked him out of the box once."

Edwards has no secret strategy for turning the tables on Hough, although Cleveland will counter with its own knuckleball pitcher, Tom Candiotti, who is 3-0 with a 1.75 career ERA against the Rangers.

"If we can get Julio Franco or Joe Carter on base, we can possibly steal some bases on the knuckler," Edwards said. "The type of team that could beat Charlie Hough is a Cardinal-type team with a lot of speed — provided they could get on base."

With umpires watching more closely for balks this season, Edwards said it might be easier for Cleveland runners to get a jump on Hough.

"If they keep calling the balk rule on him, we'll stand a better chance," Edwards said. "He uses everything he can to keep runners close."

Indeed, Hough balked nine times in a spring exhibition game against Toronto.

Edwards said Hough's domination of the Indians has plenty of precedents.

"It seems like every ballclub has a pitcher that gives them trouble," Edwards said. "When I was at Kansas City, we were a last-place team and Minnesota was a first-place team, but we had Dave Wickersham and Min-

nesota couldn't beat him. All he had to do was throw his glove out there and we'd win. It was the same thing with (Detroit's) Frank Lary. The Yankees couldn't touch him."

It can be dangerous to try too hard to beat a pitcher like Hough, Edwards said, because hitters might wind up fouling up their swings for several days.

"One reason Mel Hall hits Hough is he tries to hit him up the middle instead of trying to yank him," Edwards said. "But if you start changing your hitters for him, then for the next four days they'll be off."

Candiotti would seem to offer an opportunity for the Indians to practice against a knuckleballer, but Edwards doesn't want his No. 1 pitcher wasting himself on batting practice.

"You could have him out there for three batters, but what do you do for the other six? You wouldn't want Candy throwing batting practice for more than 10 minutes or so," Edwards said. "The knuckleball is just a phenomenon that's tough to adjust to."

stomach. There is butterflies in the players, the coaches, the manager, the people in the front office. It's always there until the first pitch and then it goes away and it's baseball." Roger Clemens, trying to become

the first to win three straight Cy Young awards, was to throw the first pitch of the season this afternoon when Detroit played at Boston. Later, St. Louis was at Cincinnati in the traditional National League opener.

Nine games were scheduled today, including Cleveland at Texas and Seattle at Oakland tonight.

Tuesday's openers are Minnesota at New York, Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, San Diego at Houston and the

Chicago Cubs at Atlanta.

Stewart, a 20-game winner, and Mark Langston, a 19-game winner with Seattle, meet when the Mariners play at Oakland.

A sellout crowd of 47,000 is expected to watch the A's, who have added Parker to Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco in a modern-day Murderer's Row.

"You've got to like that lineup," Stewart said. "We've got a power lineup."

The Twins are trying to become the first team to win consecutive World Series championships since the 1978 Yankees.

"I think that's the most hated word around here — 'repeat,'" Minnesota's Tom Brunansky said. "Everyone wants to know if we can repeat."

Frank Viola, the World Series Most Valuable Player, will start against New York's Rick Rhoden. Viola does not have to face Clark, the Yankees' free agent who begins the season in a familiar place — the disabled list.

At Atlanta, Mahler and Sutcliffe are the starters Tuesday night.

Mahler has pitched 34 straight scoreless innings on opening days, giving up just 13 hits, and three consecutive shutouts. Chris Short and Rip Sewell are the only others with three shutouts on opening day.

Sutcliffe, 18-10 last year, and the other Cubs starters might have to work overtime this season since relief ace Lee Smith was traded to Boston.

Lady Techsters win it all

Erase 14-point deficit for NCAA women's title

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — For the second year in a row, a Louisiana Tech pratfall in the championship game of the NCAA women's basketball tournament seemed a distinct possibility.

"We were flat on our backs, no doubt about it," Lady Techsters Coach Leon Barmore said.

But team from Ruston, La., used a tough defense, strong rebounding and clutch shooting down the stretch Sunday to rally from a 14-point deficit and beat Auburn 56-54.

The Lady Techsters, 32-2, won the title for the second time in the tournament's seven-year history. They also captured the first championship in 1982.

A YEAR ago, Louisiana Tech was blown out by Tennessee 67-44 in the title game, and the Techsters had made no secret of their desire to make amends.

"I was embarrassed last year," Barmore said. "I was embarrassed for the game of basketball. I was embarrassed because it was on national TV. I was embarrassed because I didn't think I'd done a good job. I just felt I'd let a lot of people down."

"I don't think I let anybody down this year."

"I think we all thought about last year's game quite a bit," Louisiana Tech playmaker Teresa Weatherspoon said. "We felt we let the university down, too."

"When we were down by so many points, we just kept telling ourselves we can't let that happen again, so let's just keep fighting."

The fiery, 5-foot-8 senior led that fight. After giving up 16 points to Auburn's Ruthie Bolton in the first half, Weatherspoon held her scoreless after intermission.

Weatherspoon, meanwhile, had seven assists and only one turnover in the final 20 minutes while helping force Bolton into six turnovers.

"I don't single out a lot of players," Barmore said, "but it'll be a long time before you see a player like Teresa Weatherspoon. Teresa Weatherspoon has been one of the best there's ever been."

Auburn, 32-3 and ranked third in the final poll of the season, led the fifth-ranked Lady Techsters 31-19 at halftime and scored the first basket of the second half to build the margin to 14.

Barmore benched 6-foot-4 Venus Lacy in favor of a

quicker lineup, and the rally began.

The Techsters finally caught the Lady Tigers at 51-51 on Angela Lawson's 15-footer with 3:02 remaining.

Erica Westbrook, who tied her career high with 25 points and was named the Final Four's most valuable player, followed with a steal and layup to give Tech a 53-51 lead.

Vickie Orr, who scored 11 points despite being bothered by sore knees, sank a 10-foot jumper to tie the game at 53-53 with 59 seconds to play. But Lawson put Tech ahead for good at 55-53 on a 16-footer with 39 seconds remaining.

"Ever since I signed with Louisiana Tech, I always dreamed of making the winning basket," Lawson said. "It just seemed like it was my time to come forward," she said. "I wanted to be the one to take it. I was just happy that my teammates got me the ball when I was open."

AFTER TECH'S Nora Lewis made one of two free throws with 25 seconds to go, Auburn had a chance to regain the lead. But Westbrook blocked Diann McNeil's shot on a baseline drive and, on the ensuing jump ball, Tech was awarded the ball.

"I kept thinking, 'Don't foul now, because she'll probably make the free throws,'" Westbrook said.

Auburn Coach Joe Ciampi said he had no criticism of McNeil's shot.

"The thing I like about Diann, and I told her this in the locker room, is she wasn't afraid to go in and try to win the basketball game," he said.

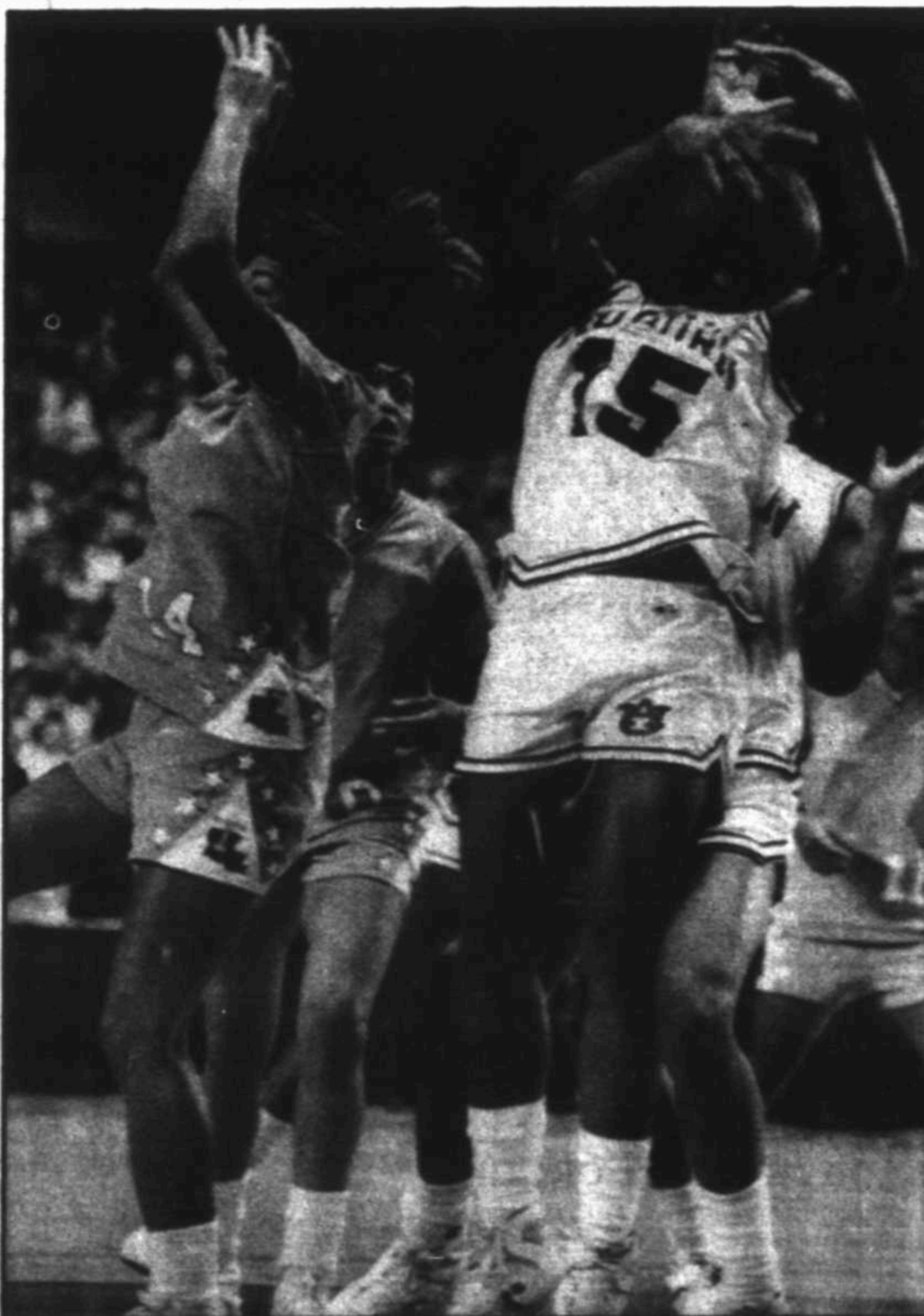
Weatherspoon made a free throw with three seconds to play to complete the scoring.

Lawson added 10 points for the winners. Bolton and McNeil each scored 16 for Auburn.

Weatherspoon, Westbrook, Bolton and McNeil made the all-tournament team, along with Long Beach State's Penny Toler. A crowd of 8,448 watched the title game at the Tacoma Dome.

Ciampi, in his team's first title game appearance, said rebounding made the difference.

"Defensively, the first half we were the aggressors," he said. "We stayed with our style and were very successful."



Auburn's Diann McNeil appears to have a basketball for a head.

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BASKETBALL — Oklahoma vs. Kansas, NCAA Final, 8:12 p.m., CBS.
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Indians vs. Rangers, 7:30 p.m., HSE.

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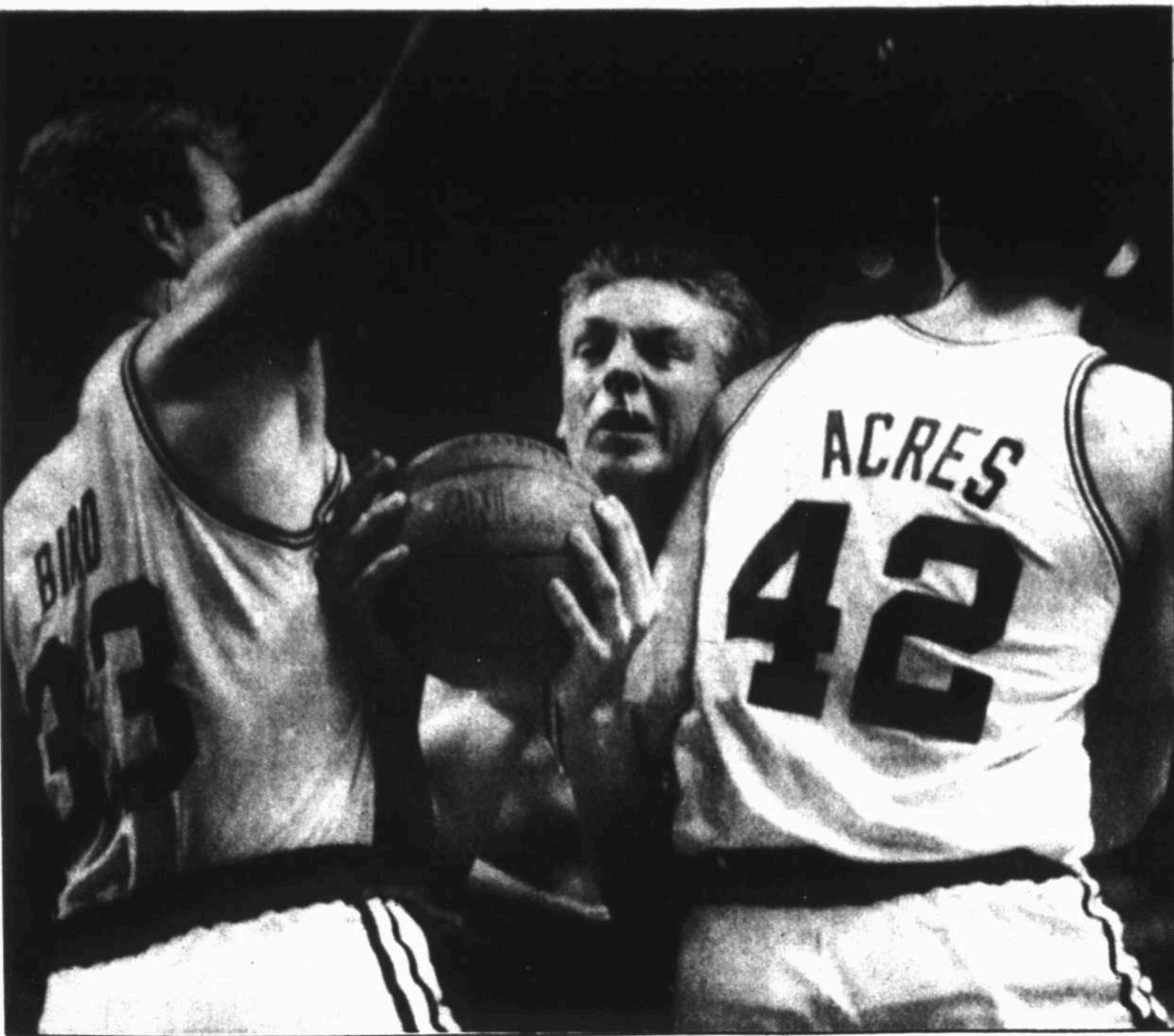
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Trivia Teaser...

Monday's Question: He was the No. 1 pick of the LA Rams in 1963...hins, he was a lefthanded quarterback from Oregon State.
Sunday's Answer: Most shut-outs in a row in the NFL, seven in 1934 by the Detroit Lions.

Baseball Today...

STATS
Tom Seaver holds the major-league record with 15 opening-day starts.



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Dallas Mavericks' Detlef Schrempf is sand-wiched by Boston's Larry Bird and Mark Acres.

Bulls' Jordan soars for 59

Associated Press

Michael Jordan wanted to deliver a message. The Detroit Pistons heard him loud and clear.

"They had a 4-1 record against us," the Chicago Bulls guard said of the Pistons. "And we had to establish that if we play them in the playoffs we can beat them."

Jordan scored a season-high 59 points, including two free throws with four seconds left in the game, to snap a tie and give the Bulls a 112-110 victory over Detroit Sunday at the Pontiac Silverdome. It was Chicago's third consecutive victory and the Bulls' 12th in their last 16 games, and pulled Chicago to within 3 1/2 games of first-place Detroit in the Central Division race.

The Pistons have lost four straight and five of their last six. They now lead Atlanta, 102-100 winners over Indiana, by just one game.

"This is a game that could do a lot for our confidence down the stretch," Jordan said. "This game showed us that if we meet Detroit any time in the playoffs, we can beat them. We're coming on strong."

The NBA's leading scorer, Jordan now owns the top five scoring performances in the history of the Bulls' franchise. It was the 10th time in his career he has scored 50 or more points in a game.

He had 63 points in a 135-131 double-overtime playoff loss to Boston

NBA Roundup

On April 20, 1988. He set the Silverdome record with 61 points in a 125-120 overtime loss to Detroit on March 4, 1987, then matched that total in a 117-114 regulation-time loss to Atlanta at the Chicago Stadium on April 16, 1987.

Jordan scored 58 points in a 128-113 victory over New Jersey at Chicago on Feb. 26, 1987.

Chet Walker scored 56 points for the Bulls against Cincinnati on Feb. 6, 1972, while Jordan had 56 points against Philadelphia on March 24, 1987.

Celtics 110, Mavericks 101
Larry Bird sank seven 3-point shots, scoring 32 points to lead Boston over Dallas. Bird fell one short of the league record of eight 3-pointers in a game set by Rick Barry on Feb. 9, 1980, and tied by John Roche on Jan. 9, 1982.

"Bird's range is 94 feet," Mavericks Coach John MacLeod said. "He'd probably shoot from the fifth row if you let him."

Celtics Coach K.C. Jones said he didn't mind Bird launching long shots if he was open.

"We took advantage of that, and they didn't change their defense," Jones said. "They wanted us to beat them from the outside, and we did."

Dallas is now 1-15 lifetime against Boston.

Trail Blazers 110, Spurs 107
Kevin Duckworth scored 24 points, including two key baskets in the final minutes, to lead Portland to a come-from-behind victory over San Antonio. Duckworth also had 12 rebounds.

Kiki Vandeweghe, who had missed 17 consecutive games, scored 10 points, six during Portland's fourth-period comeback. Vandeweghe, who has had recurring back problems since November, had not played since Feb. 24.

Hawks 102, Pacers 100
Cliff Levingston stole the ball and fed Dominique Wilkins for a layup with 49 seconds to go to lead Atlanta over Indiana.

Wilkins finished with 35 points as the Hawks won their fifth straight game.

Bullets 105, Nets 103
Moses Malone scored 15 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter and Frank Johnson made a defensive gem at the buzzer as Washington handed New Jersey its sixth straight loss. The victory was Washington's fourth in its last five starts and kept alive the Bullets' playoff hopes.

Lakers 108, Kings 104

James Worthy scored 24 points and Byron Scott added 23 points as Los Angeles posted its 34th consecutive home victory over the Kings.

Exhibitions

Phillies 2, Astros 2

A two-out ninth-inning balk by Houston's Juan Agosto allowed the tying run to score. The game was called after 11 innings because both teams had to leave Florida to start their seasons. Houston's Nolan Ryan allowed one run and two hits in five innings while Philadelphia's Bruce Ruffin also went five innings, giving up one run and three hits.

Rangers 12, Cubs 9
Steve Buechele, who hit a grand slam Saturday, hit a three-run homer Sunday off Jamie Moyer. Buechele drove in another run with a double. Darrin Jackson homered for Chicago.

Mets 10, Orioles 7
Lee Mazzilli's tie-breaking two-run homer in the sixth inning was one of four New York home runs before 36,123 fans at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C.

Darryl Strawberry and Kevin McReynolds also homered for the Mets, as did starting pitcher Sid Fernandez, who was rocked for nine hits and six runs in five innings. Baltimore got homers from Jeff Stone and Rick Schu, both of whom were acquired from Philadelphia last month.

Blue Jays 11, Twins 4
Jose Escobar and Cecil Fielder drove in two runs apiece in Toronto's six-run seventh inning off Tippy Martinez before a Denver crowd of 21,216 which enjoyed 60-degree weather after a Thursday snowstorm. The Twins got two solo homers from Randy Bush and one by Gary Gaetti.

Reds 4, Cardinals 4
Eric Davis drove in two runs for Cincinnati in a game called after nine innings because of rain. St. Louis took a 4-3 lead in the seventh inning on Jim Lindeman's solo homer and Ozzie Smith's RBI single. Cincinnati tied it in the bottom of the sev-

Reb, Bulldog nines face key week

By JIMMY PATTERSON
Sports Writer

To say the Midland High Bulldogs and Midland Lee Rebels suffered through last week would be like saying the Dallas Cowboys suffered through 1987. It was not a good week, in other words.

The Bulldogs and Rebels entered last Thursday's games in a four-way tie for first, but the two teams are now battling for second-place by virtue of rolling over and playing dead for Thursday's opponents.

Midland Lee lost 5-4 to San Angelo, previously considered the district doormats. And although Midland High out-hit the Odessa Bronchos, 4-3, the 'Dogs fell 2-1 in the run department when Broncho pitcher Hilbert Anaya blasted a two-run homer in the fifth.

Tuesday, it would appear the competition gets no easier as Midland collectively takes on Abilene. The 'Dogs host defending state champion and the district's No. 1 team, Abilene Cooper, while the Lee Rebels travel to Abilene to take on fellow second-place team, the AHS Eagles. Both games begin at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, Cooper upended AHS 6-3 to take over sole possession of first place.

Last Tuesday the district was top-heavy with the four teams from Midland and Abilene all tied for first. With MHS and Lee being upset Thursday,

though, some of the lustre has been taken away from Tuesday's games.

"I thought we had a chance of going into the Cooper contest riding high," Midland High head coach Tim Whalen said. "But after this (the loss to Odessa High), I don't know."

Bats have been silent for both local teams, with the Bulldogs hitting .281 as a team and the Rebels averaging .242. In their two losses last week, the 'Dogs collected only 11 hits in 59 at bats. In defeating Permian 7-5 last Tuesday but losing to San Angelo, Lee batters went 12-for-46 for a .270 average. The Rebels, though, were out-hit by both the Panthers and Bobcats.

Lee head coach Ernie Johnson has a secret weapon in first baseman Cregg McGaha. The senior, who normally bats eighth or ninth, has hit safely in all five district games and is currently the hottest hitter in the city with a .571 average (8-for-14).

Midland High's opponent on Tuesday, Abilene Cooper, 4-1, boasts the best team batting average in the district with a .370. Cougar pitchers also possess the lowest ERA in 4-5A ball, at 2.58.

Abilene High is tied for third in team batting (.322) and is second in ERA with a 2.80.

The only other district game Tuesday has Odessa Permian traveling to San Angelo. Odessa High is idle Tuesday.

Green gives Lyle crown

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)—Sandy Lyle has an unprecedented position among British golfers, a new title and an improved chance to win the Masters.

Ken Green, meanwhile, has a week off.

It all came about because Green missed a two-foot par putt on the 72nd hole of the Greater Greensboro Open Golf Tournament on Sunday. That little putt would have given Green the title and a place in the Masters field this week.

"I had given up, really," Lyle said Sunday. "I thought I was doomed. I didn't fancy he would miss it."

But he did.

"I just gorked it to the right," Green said after the little lapse had spoiled what had been a great comeback and gave Lyle a second life in a playoff.

"When you give a guy a second chance, it almost always comes back to haunt you," Green said.

It did.

The burly Scot won his second title of the young season with a 10-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole, and became the first British player ever to lead the American money-winning list.

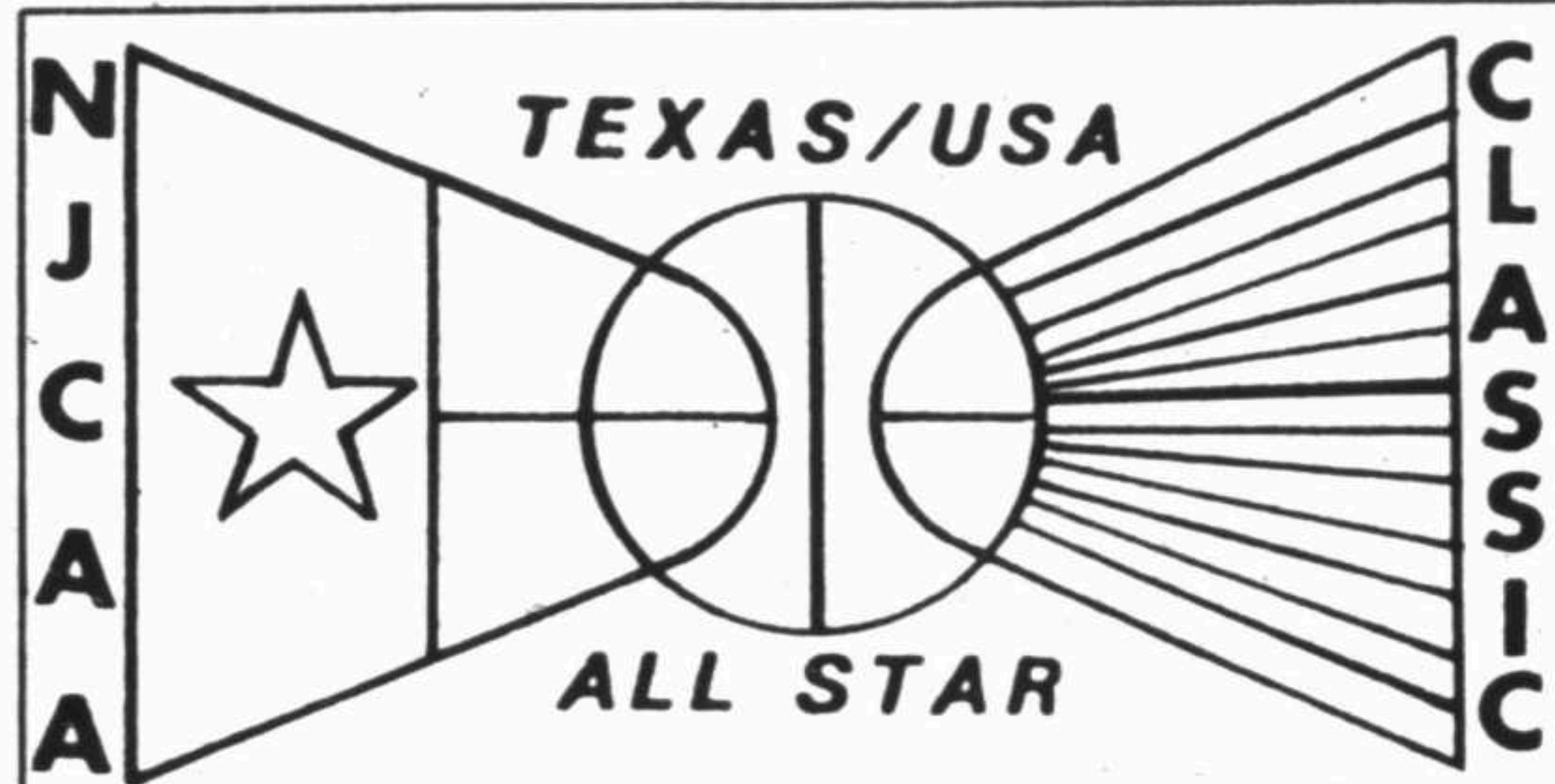
The victory, Lyle's fourth in three years on the American circuit, was worth \$180,000 from the total purse of \$1 million. It pushed his earnings for the year to \$408,021, the leading figure going into the Masters at Augusta, Ga., the first of the year's Big Four titles.

"That does a lot for my confidence going to Augusta," Lyle said. "If I can play about half as well there as I did here, I think I'd have a good chance."

Jeff Sluman, in second place when the day's play started, had a share of the lead after six holes but finished with a 71 and missed the playoff by two shots at 273.

Scott Hoch was next at 278 after a 72. Gil Morgan had a 72 for 279.

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JuCo All-Star Thumbs

Texas

From Staff Reports

Billy Ray Smith of Midland College will lend his 73 steals and 59 assists to the Texas All-Stars who face the U.S.A. All-Stars at the Chap Center 7 p.m. Saturday.

The 6-5 all-conference, all-region star from Garland averaged 14 points a game in helping the Chaps gain the Region V playoffs this season.

In addition to his ability to score and pick off an errant pass, Smith also is a smooth ball handler.

Donnell Hayden, the 6-1 spark plug from South Plains College, was a game breaker for the Texans during his two seasons at Levelland and his skills showed up in the WJCAC statistics where he was among the leaders in points scored, steals, assists and free throw percentage.

Hayden shot 50 percent from the field this season, a remarkable figure in that he shoots mostly from the perimeter. Twice all-WJCAC, Hayden averaged 10 points a game as a freshman and doubled that figure as a sophomore.

U.S.A.

From Staff Reports

Six-seven Kevin Cutler was named Region I player of the year and there was no mystery surrounding his selection.

The Arizona Western standout set school records in scoring and rebounding. Although he is regarded as a sure-fire NCAA Division I prospect, he has his immediate sights set on the pre-Olympic trials at Colorado Springs this summer.

Cutler averaged 16 points and 14 rebounds last season.

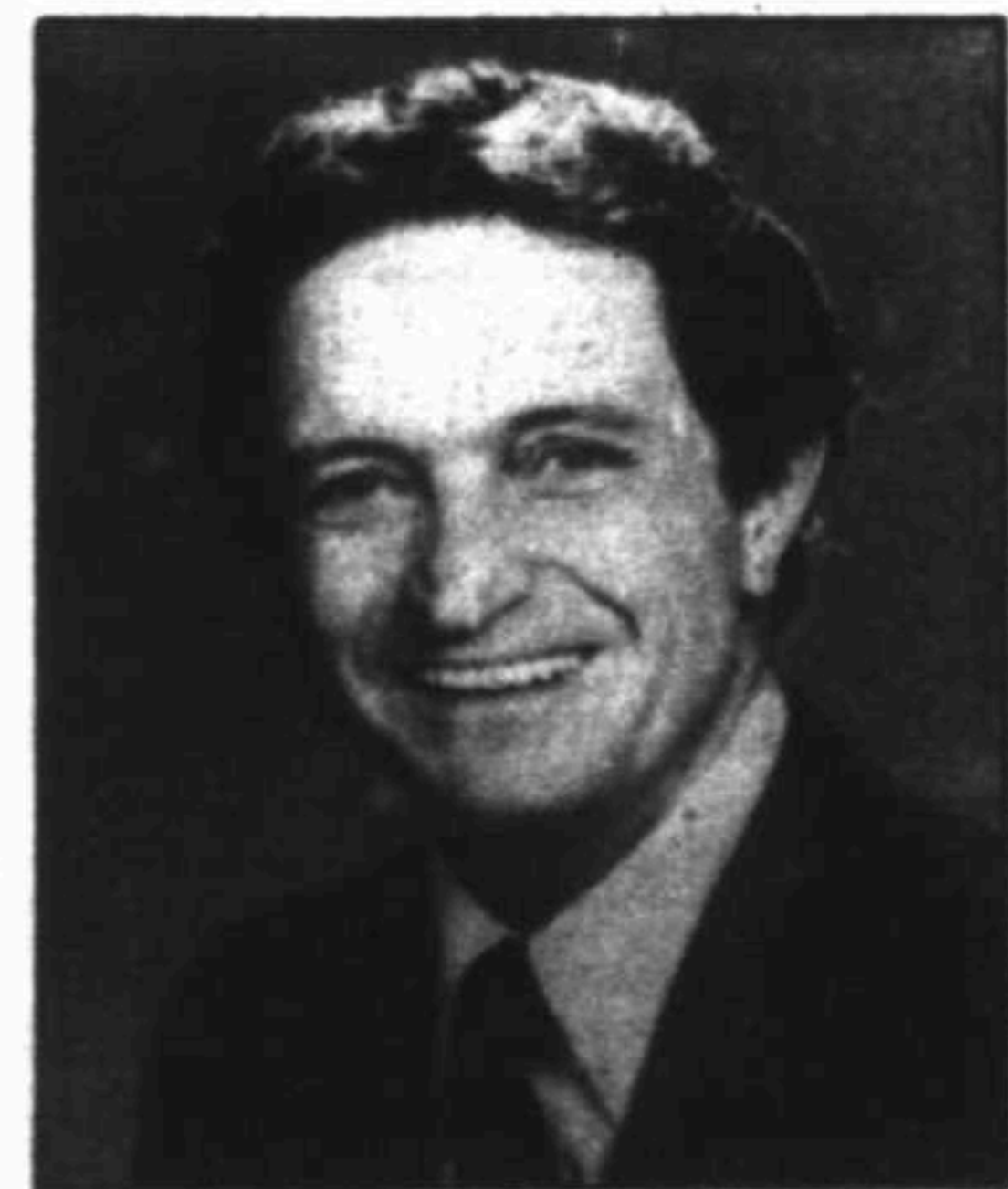
Chris Morris of Independence, Kan., Community College is regarded as one of the top NCAA prospects and, to give you an idea of his talents, he is called the "Michael Jordan of the Juco's."

Morris averaged 24.3 points per game and 11 rebounds last season, but what sets him apart is his ability to play defense.

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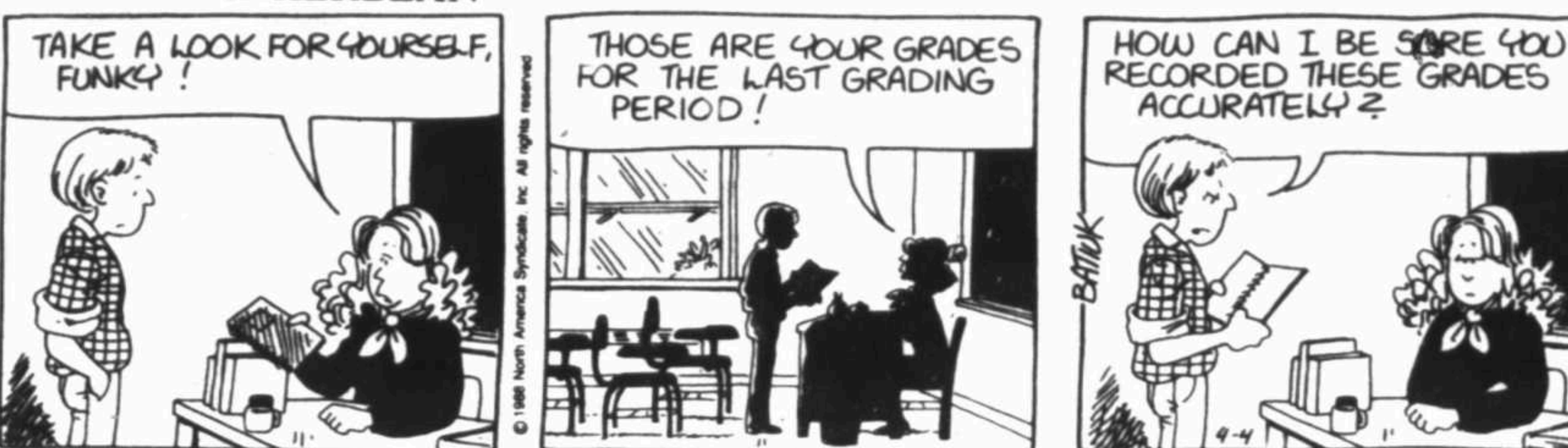
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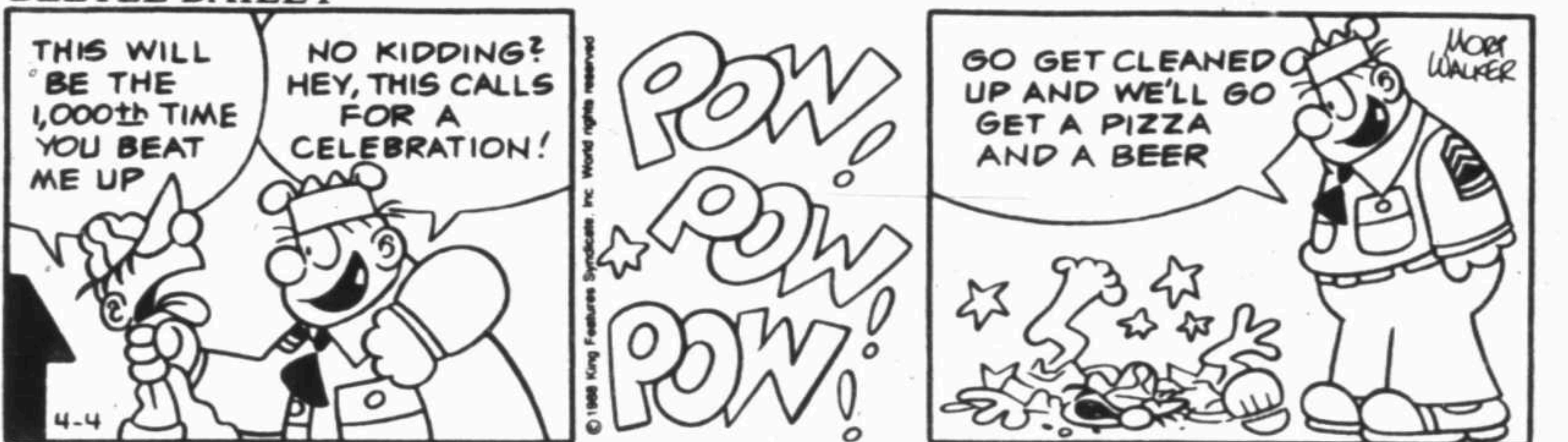
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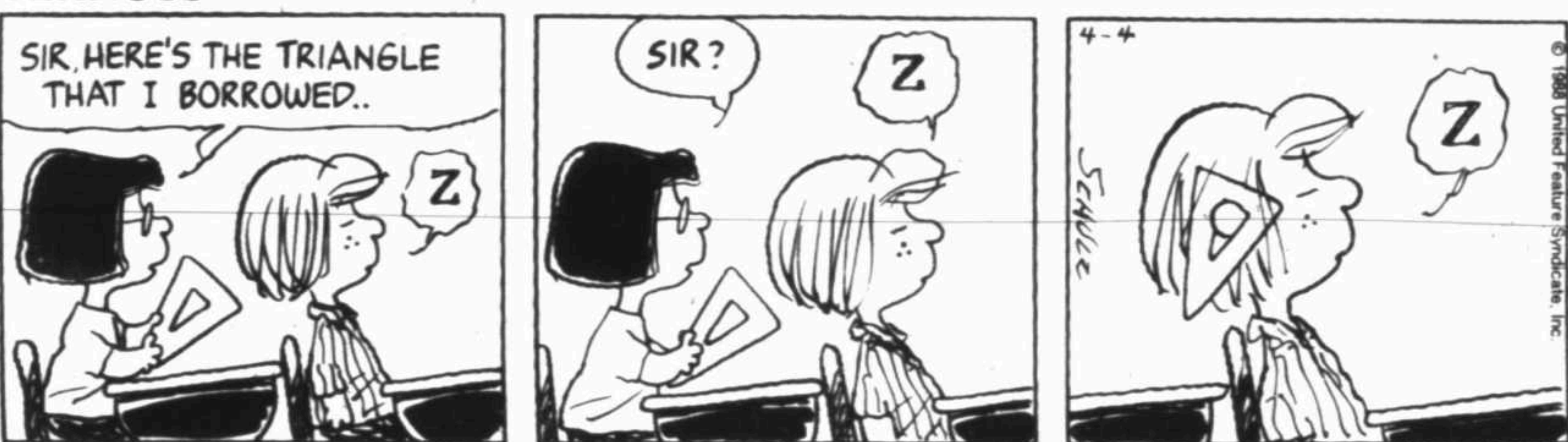
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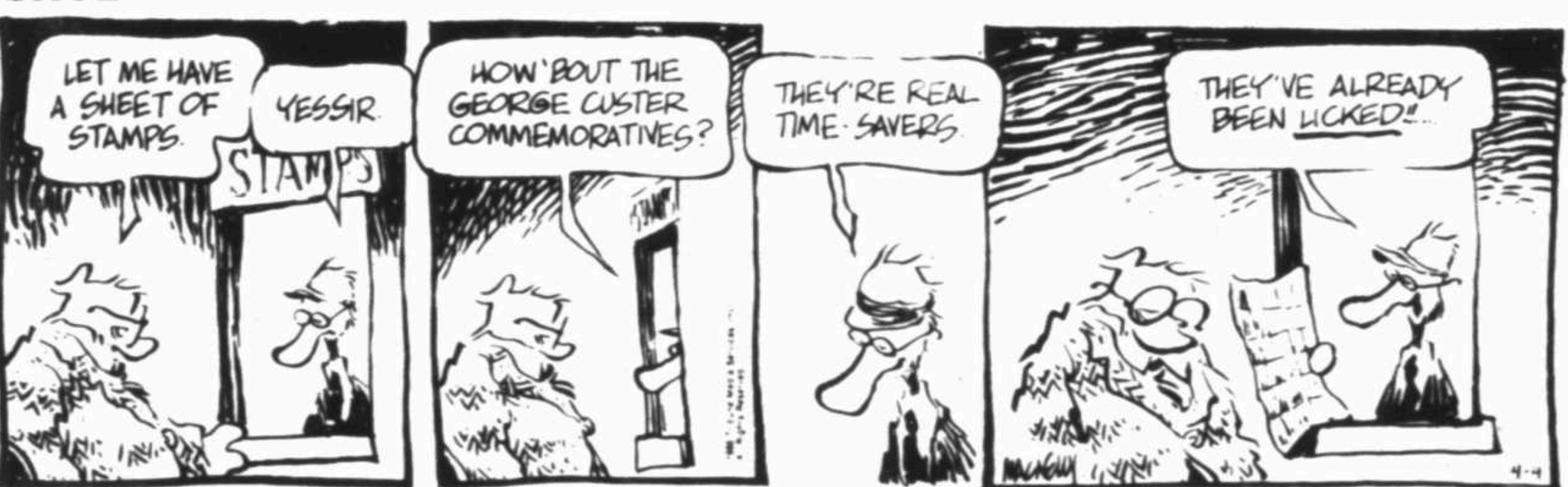
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Great financial progress can be made. You should see the light at the end of the tunnel by summer. An ambitious project will soon be looked on with favor by those in authority. Travel nurtures romance and opens the door to a better job. Try to get people around you to take on more responsibility. Reviving a former relationship could be your ticket to lasting contentment.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actress Bette Davis, tennis star Stacy Margolan, actor Gregory Peck, author Arthur Hailey, educator Booker T. Washington, actors Melvyn Douglas and Spencer Tracy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): After an arduous struggle, you get the land or money you want. Be a better communicator where your personal feelings are concerned. Speak from the heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your influence grows. You have a positive effect on those around you. Stop overreacting to unimportant developments. Save your energy and emotional strength for the really major issues.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Answers will come quickly once you make your move. Money is available from more than one source. Ask an old friend to lunch. It could be the start of something quite wonderful!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Today's hustle and bustle inspire you to strive harder to achieve a goal. Take in the broad picture. You can put the past behind you. Love continues to be a driving force.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Relationships cannot be rushed. Neither can a loan. Higher-ups are definitely on your side this time. A trip may have to be postponed. Be a good sport about a temporary sacrifice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Distant events take on new significance. Spend more time by yourself weighing the pros and cons of various career choices. Family members are supportive. Do not jump the gun on a new relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Business trips expand your horizons. You find romance when you least expect it. Those who stay at home put home improvements high on their list of priorities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A longtime relationship could be on the skids. "First aid" could prove futile. Look in new directions. A career choice weighs on your mind. Do some research before deciding to change jobs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The financial data you seek can be supplied by old friends. There could be strings attached. Do not compromise your principles. Grown offspring can be vexing. Drop a touchy subject once and for all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An excellent day for do-it-yourself types to increase the value of their property. Humanitarian causes have special appeal today, especially for those over 40! Give of yourself. Romance beckons from afar. Listen to your intuition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Tidings, good financial news arrive from those at a distance. Most of your ideas appeal to your co-workers. An older person who works behind the scenes proves particularly helpful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can make great strides in your business or career. The person who wields real power is on your side. Your workload increases, but so does your earning power.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ QJ10985 ♥ 72 ♦ KJ6 ♣ 93
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♦ 1 ♥ 1 ♠ 3 ♥
3 ♦ 4 ♥ ?
What action do you take?
A.—We certainly don't like your hand for defense, and hate that doubleton heart for offensive purposes. Despite the fact that partner opened the bidding, we think this hand belongs to the opponents, so we would bid four spades as a potential sacrifice. At worst we'll be down two; if the gods are kind, we could even make it.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 10962 ♥ 7 ♦ AKQ63 ♣ Q87
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—There's no question that you want to make a forward-going move. However, you should not be the one to declare no trump for your side—you have no tenaces that need protecting. Despite the shabby quality of the suit, we suggest you bid one spade to see how partner reacts.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A6 ♥ AQ1072 ♦ AQ983 ♣ 6
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♥ Pass ?
What do you respond?
A.—Had your two suits each been four cards long, the correct way to show them would be to bid up-the-line, i.e., one diamond. With five-card suits, however, you must bid the higher-ranking suit first, so here the right action is one heart.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A6 ♥ AQ1072 ♦ AQ983 ♣ 6
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—You have enough strength for a jump shift, but the likely misfit should make you cautious—a jump to three diamonds could propel you beyond three no trump, which might be your only playable spot. For the moment, a rebid of two diamonds, which is forcing, is adequate—even if you play fourth-suit forcing. Your next action will depend on your methods and partner's next bid.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ AJ ♥ KQ76 ♦ 93 ♣ AKJ42
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—You have a borderline hand, because your jack of spades is of doubtful value. The choices are between a slightly conservative three hearts and an aggressive four hearts. At this vulnerability it pays to be bold, so we opt for four hearts.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 9643 ♥ 82 ♦ AQJ6 ♣ K102
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ Dbl Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—There is a standard way to show a hand of 10-12 points in response to a takeout double—jump in your best suit. So unless you intend postulating new bidding con-

cepts, do your duty and jump to three diamonds.

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SAVET
TUFEL
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2 PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN THESE SQUARES

3 UNSCRAMBLE ABOVE LETTERS TO GET ANSWER

SCRAM-LETS ANSWERS

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2. YACHT
3. FLY
4. EAT

"Isn't this a mixed up world?" commented the old timer. "Now a car is a necessity, and walking is a luxury."

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MARMADUKE



"Well, we know where our chocolate bars went...his doghouse is full of candy wrappers."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Chicken eggs are dull compared to Easter bunny eggs."

DOONESBURY



PEOPLE

Cartoonist Milton Caniff dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Milton A. Caniff, who for half a century took Americans on daring adventures through the comic pages with "Terry and the Pirates" and "Steve Canyon," has died of lung cancer. He was 81.

Caniff, who had entered Beth Israel Hospital on Feb. 29, died Sunday at his home, according to a spokesman for King Features, which syndicated the strips.

Caniff set a standard for realistic drawing and quickly enthralled Depression-era readers with tales of danger in the Far East in "Terry and the Pirates," which debuted in 1934 in the Daily News.

He left the paper to join Marshall Field and the Chicago Sun Syndicate in 1946 with a new hero, "Steve Canyon," a fictional Air Force colonel who proved so popular he was eventually given his own file at the Pentagon.

His technique was among the very best, and he was honored as the "Rembrandt of comic strips" at an exhibition at the Museum of Cartoon Art in 1965. He said he belonged to the "every wrinkle must show" school of art.

At the Dayton Daily News, Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Mike Peters described Caniff as "the granddaddy of cartoonists. He was in the inner circle with Rube Goldberg, Al Capp, Walt Kelly and those guys. He was revered by all of us. He had some of the best drafted strips ever done."

Ted Hannah, a spokesman for King Features, said Caniff continued to work until very near his death, with his longtime assistant, Shel Dorf of California. Hannah said a decision on the future of "Steve Canyon" would be made this week.

Caniff's cartooning career began with "Dickie Dare" and "The Gay Thirties" for The Associated Press.

He was soon approached by Capt. Joseph M. Patterson, publisher of the News, who asked for an adventure strip packed with comedy, romance and adventure and set in the Orient, which Patterson regarded as the last outpost of adventure.

By 1946, "Terry and the Pirates" was in more than 300 newspapers and Caniff was making \$75,000 per year. But he wanted to own a cartoon, and he developed "Steve Canyon," for which he was paid \$2,000 a week and owned the rights.

Despite occasional complaints about violence, "Steve Canyon" kept flying and fighting, and early this year it was in more than 500 newspapers around the world, according to King Features.

Caniff was awarded the Air Force Exceptional Service Award, its highest civilian honor. elevator operator called him a murderer.

"Terry and the Pirates" was continued by George Wunder until the strip ended in 1973. Wunder died last December.

Caniff was born Feb. 28, 1907, in Hillsboro, Ohio, and by kindergarten was drawing recognizable human figures on scrap paper brought home by his father, a printer.

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Although she plays a high-achieving high school student on ABC's "Growing Pains," Tracey Gold knows the pain and frustration of failing grades in real life.

Until last year, when she was a junior in high school, her parents and teachers could not understand why Tracey consistently scored poorly on tests despite hours of studying.

"We'd see her go on the set and take this script, and she'd learn her lines faster than anyone," said Tracey's mother, Bonnie, "and yet at school she'd study and study and nothing would come out."

Finally, when she was 18, a psychologist diagnosed



Cartoonist Milton Caniff, creator of the Steve Canyon comic strip, died Sunday in New York at the age of 81.

her as suffering from a serious learning disability, attention deficit disorder, according to this week's TV Guide.

The disability makes absorbing and processing information difficult. To help compensate, her parents and sister recorded her lessons on cassettes, and Tracey listened to the tapes while reading the lessons to herself. Last June, she graduated from a college preparatory high school.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel Garcia Marquez is starting a new workshop in Havana today to teach students how to write a television mini-series script, Cuba's Prensa Latina news agency reported.

The dispatch from Havana, received here, said the monthlong workshop at the International School for Cinema and Television would include nine female students from a variety of Latin American countries.

The Colombian author, whose best-known work is "One Hundred Years of Solitude," is president of the affiliated, Havana-based Foundation for New Latin American Cinema.

Prensa Latina said the students will be advised by professionals from Mexico, the United States, Spain, Cuba and France.

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP) — Comedian Joan Rivers allowed two shows go on despite sparse crowds, but says the experience kept her "tempered."

By Wednesday, only 700 of 1,900 tickets had been purchased for Rivers' Myrtle Beach show and 400 of 2,700 for her Charleston show. Doug East, of East Entertainment Management, which had booked and financed the dates, announced the shows were canceled.

But Rivers stepped in, saying the only time she ever canceled a show was after her husband died last August. She said she would perform even if only one person was in the audience.

"It's OK, it keeps you tempered," Rivers said after Friday night's Myrtle Beach show. "You're just that much more grateful next weekend when you go back to bigger houses. Every time the limo pulls up it's nice to know they can take it away from you, too."



Rivers

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Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

- ACROSS
- 1 Reckless
5 Beat it!
10 Small boy
13 Fashion magazine
14 On cloud nine
16 Corrida cheer
17 Black, in Bordeaux
18 Do a cobbler's job
19 Soda
20 New York, to some
22 Frightening word
23 Crusader's foe
24 — beer
26 US soldiers
27 Kit, the frontiersman
30 Host
33 — avis
34 Two-masted sailboat
37 Memorable baseball player
38 What some grapes become
41 Highlander's denial
42 Nocturnal insect
44 Brainstorm
45 Despot
47 Theater areas
49 Sandra of Hollywood
50 Celestial body
52 Duke's wife
56 Simian
57 Peace offer
61 Singer Torme
62 Soprano Scotto
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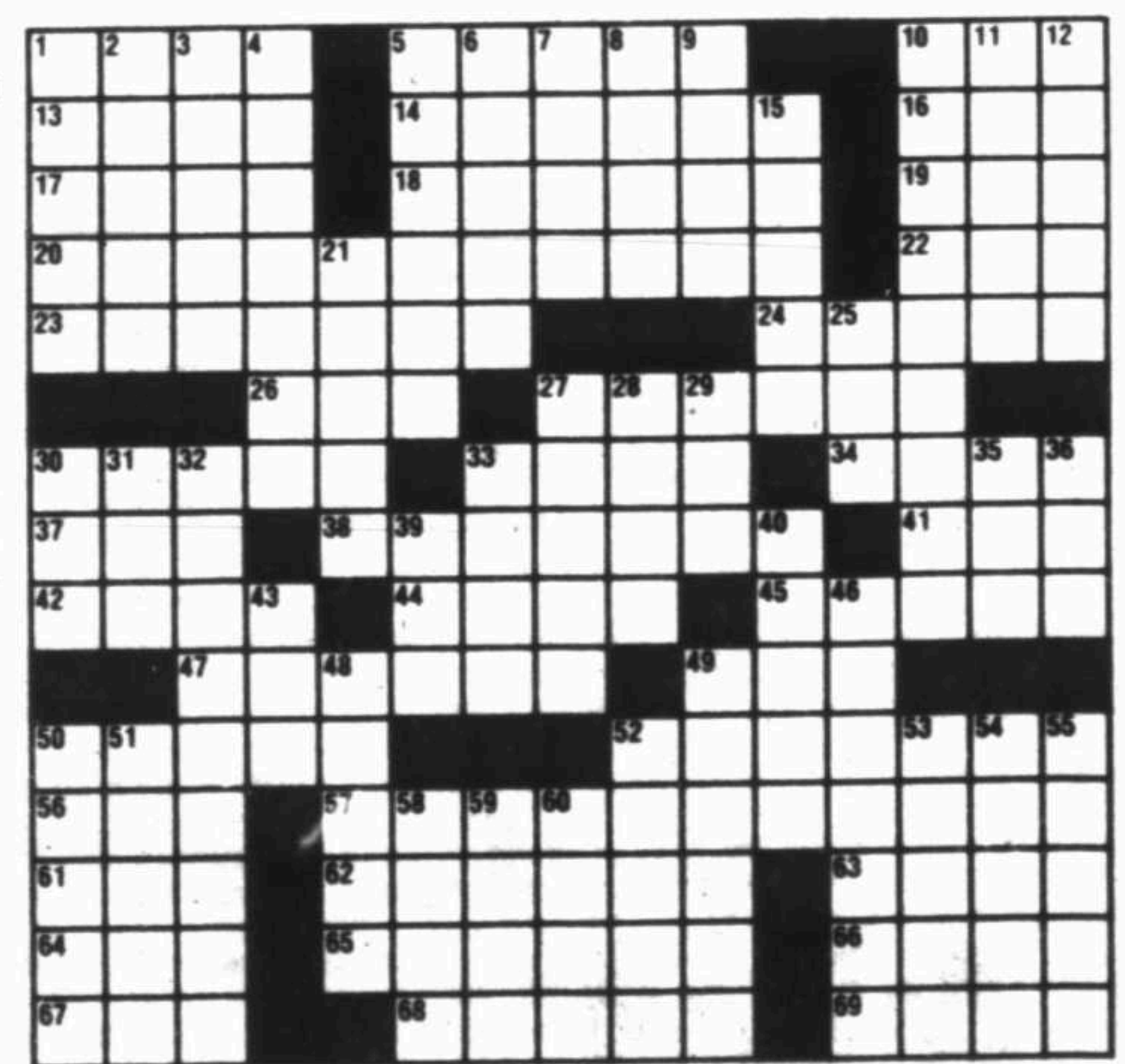
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Evening TV Schedule

MONDAY APRIL 4, 1988

	KMID Cable 3	KOSA Cable 8	KTPX Cable 9	KPEJ Cable 14	CBN Cable 4	WTBS Cable 7	SIN Cable 10	WGN Cable 11	ESPN Cable 12	KOCV Cable 13	HSE Cable 20
4:00	Facts of Life S's Company	Hour Maga- zine	Sup. Court People's Court	Jettsons DuckTales	Big Valley	Munsters Laverne	Grecia	G.I. Joe Jem	ketball: Game of the Year	3-2-1 Contact Square 1 TV	NWA Wres- tling
5:00	Family Ties ABC News	Divorce Court CBS News	News NBC News	Jeannie B. Hiltbilis	Crazy Like a Fox	Alice New Beaver	Chipsita Noticiero	Facts of Life WKRP	SportsLook '88 Final Four	Sesame Street	Program Guide
6:00	News Wheel-Fortune	News M*A*S*H	Jeopardy! Lose or Draw	Star Trek	Remington Steele	Andy Griffith Sanford & Son	Rosa Salvaje	Cheers Barney Miller	SportsCenter Final 4 Spec	Education MacNeil / Le-	Sports Quest Horse Racing
7:00	MacGyver	Kato & Allie Dedesign	Movie: "The Fortunate Pil-	Black Sheep Squadron	Father Mur- phy	Movie: "Red Sonja"	Quincemera	Movie: "Mur- der"	College Base- ball: Arizona	rer Newshour Equal Justice	TBA Major League
8:00	Movie: "Best Friends"	NCAA Basket- ball Cham-	grin"	Movie: "The Miracle"	700 Club	"	Tal Como So-	"	at Arizona State	Discoveries Underwater	Baseball: Cleveland Indi-
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11:00	Nightline Love Connec.	Hunter	David Letter-	Mission Im-	Burns & Allen Jack Benny	National Geo- graphic Ex-	Espectaculo	Movie: "The River"	Baseball Citi- lengo	Psychology T. Old House	Baseball: Cleveland Indi-
12:00	News Headline News	"Deadly Bless- ing"	man News	possible	Groucho Laurel/Hardy	plorer	El Esposo de Anais	"	Sports Trivia	"	ans at Texas Rangers
	SHOWTIME Cable 5	TMC Cable 17	DISNEY Cable 18	MAX Cable 21	HBO Cable 22	TNN Cable 23	USA Cable 24	NICK Cable 25	A&E Cable 26	SPN Cable 27	TBN Cable 31
4:00	Movie: "Tuck Everlasting"	Movie: "Fool for Love"	Kids Inc. Oak Street	"	sure Island"	"	Dance Party USA	Monkees NICK Rocks	Dancing Daze	Movie: "The Gold Rush"	Praise the Lord
5:00	"	"	Movie: "Hel- di's Song"	Montgomery to Memphis	Movie: "Clock-	"	Fandango Be a Star	Cartoons	Finder Keeper Dennis	Golden Age Amanda's	Praise the Lord
6:00	Michael Jack- son	Movie: "F/X"	Mousterplace	"	wise"	"	Crook VideoCountry	Airwolf	Can't/TV Survival	Journey/Adv. Place	Praise the Lord
7:00	Movie: "Out Of Africa"	"	Wilderness Bound	Crazy About the Movies	Movie: "Short Circuit"	"	Nashville Now	Riptide	Mak Room Mister Ed	Africa	The Sullivans M. Hickey
8:00	"	Movie: "Come Back Little Sheba"	"	Movie: "Sam- son and Deli-	Movie: "Top- per"	"	"	WWF Prime Time Wres-	My 3 Sons Donna Reed	Movie: "Wo- man in"	Tripp Family Hal Lindsey
9:00	"	"	"	"	"	"	Movie: "The Boy Who	Crook VideoCountry	Uing	Laugh-In Car 54	Praise the Lord
10:00	Movie: "The Allnighter"	Movie: "Delta Force"	Ozzie Movie: "When	Movie: "Hoo- lers"	Could Fly"	"	Be a Star Amer. Mag.	Airwolf	Monkees Susie	Evening at the Improv	Classic Com- edies
11:00	"	"	My Baby Smiles At Me"	"	"	"	Nashville Now	Dragnet Edge of Night	Mak Room Mister Ed	Africa	The Sullivans In Touch
12:00	Movie: "Trick or Treat"	Movie: "Number One With a Bul- let"	Movie: "The World Man"	Movie: "The Gambler"	Moves Codename:	"	Old Smoky	Search Tom. Robert	Donna Reed Laugh-In	"Woman in the Window"	Broadway Arlene Hanson



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Economic growth slower in March

By KURT EICHENWALD
New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — The economy continued to expand in March but the rate of growth slowed, the National Association of Purchasing Management said in a monthly report scheduled for release today.

But the report contained some signs that the economy would be more vigorous in the second quarter. The growth rate in new orders increased considerably in March, and, in a sign that the trade deficit will drop, more of the member companies reported higher orders for exports.

Although the growth in production remained strong, inventories declined sharply and vendor deliveries were slow, according to the report. Prices increased, but at a significantly slower rate than in the last five months. When considering normal seasonal variations, employment de-

clined slightly as well, the report said. "The economy completed the first quarter with moderate if not substantial growth," said Robert J. Bretz, chairman of the purchasing group's business survey committee. "The healthy increase in new orders, particularly export orders, signals continued improvement in the economy in the second quarter."

The report, which has been issued almost continuously each month since 1931, is based on surveys of managers at more than 250 companies in 21 industries. Economists consider its findings an early statistical indicator of the previous month's economic performance.

The association's composite index, reflecting March's slowdown in the growth rate, declined to 53.3 percent, from 54.9 percent in February and 57.4 percent in January. In December, before the slide in the growth rate began, the index stood at 61.8 percent.

An index reading above 50 percent indicates that the economy is generally expanding, while a level below 50 percent implies a contraction.

March was the 20th consecutive month that the index, which is seasonally adjusted, exceeded 50 percent. But it was the lowest figure since 54.7 percent was reported for April 1987.

New orders rose for the 15th consecutive month, with a rate of growth of 24 percent, exceeding the 18 percent rate in February. Thirty-two percent of the purchasers reported a jump in orders, and 8 percent reported a decline. The rest reported no change.

The report said these figures indicate a strong rise in production for April. It also said that, with 41 percent of the exporting companies reporting growth in export orders, the trade deficit should decline.

BUSINESS GLANCE

MARKETS

Oil prices virtually unchanged

From Staff and Wire Reports

Prices opened down slightly after the holiday weekend, with contracts for May delivery of West Texas Intermediate opening at \$17.07, down 1 cent.

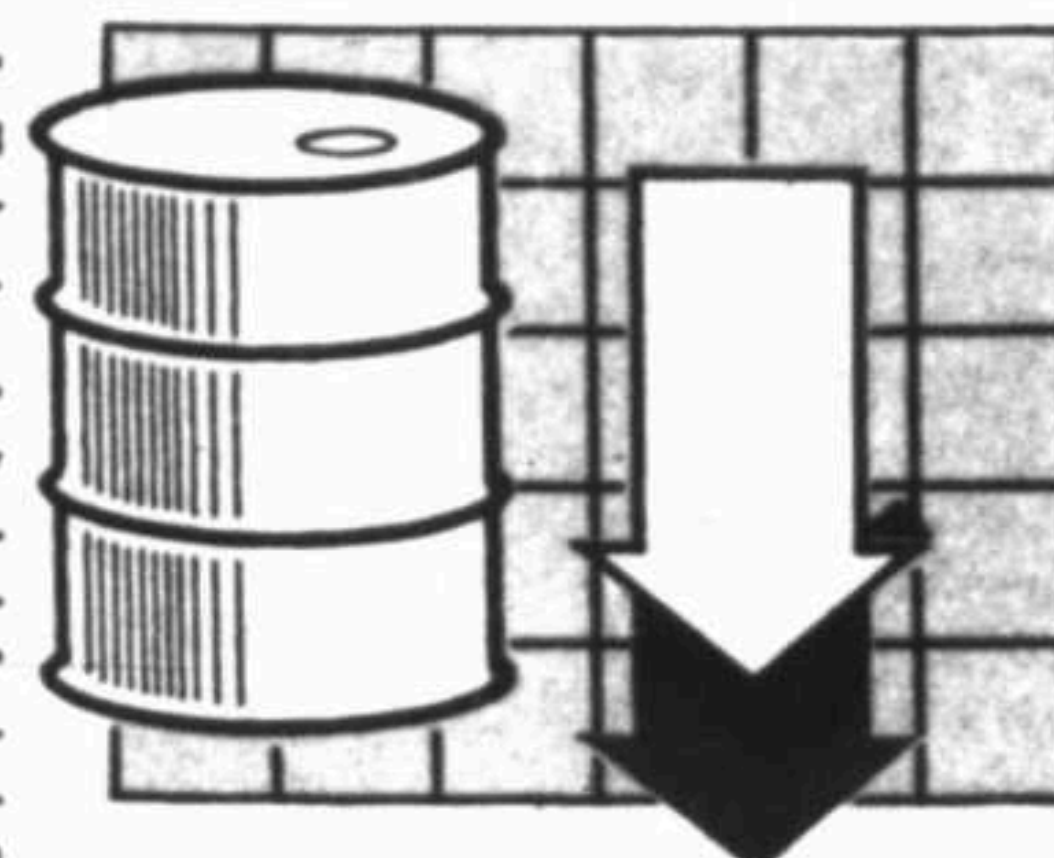
Oil trading was slow and lackluster with the approach of the holiday weekend, with prices ending Thursday mixed on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Futures contracts for crude oil were unchanged to marginally higher, while heating oil contracts declined and gasoline was mixed.

Contracts for May delivery of West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark U.S. crude, settled on the exchange at \$17.06 per 42-gallon barrel, unchanged from Wednesday's close.

Among refined products, the April contract for wholesale heating oil fell 0.45 cent a gallon to 48.15 cents. Unleaded gasoline for April delivery edged up by 0.02 cent a gallon to 48.67 cents.

"There was no action; it was just dead," said Chris McCormack, a futures broker for investment firm Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. The Mercantile Exchange is closed Friday in observance of the Good Friday holiday. McCormack noted that the bulk of the limited activity stemmed from traders balancing out their positions in advance of the weekend.

Market participants are looking ahead to an upcoming meeting of the pricing committee of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. The session is due to start on April 9 in Vienna, Austria.



Dollar falls, recovers against yen

LONDON (AP) — The dollar fell briefly today to a three-month low against the Japanese yen in Tokyo, then recovered somewhat.

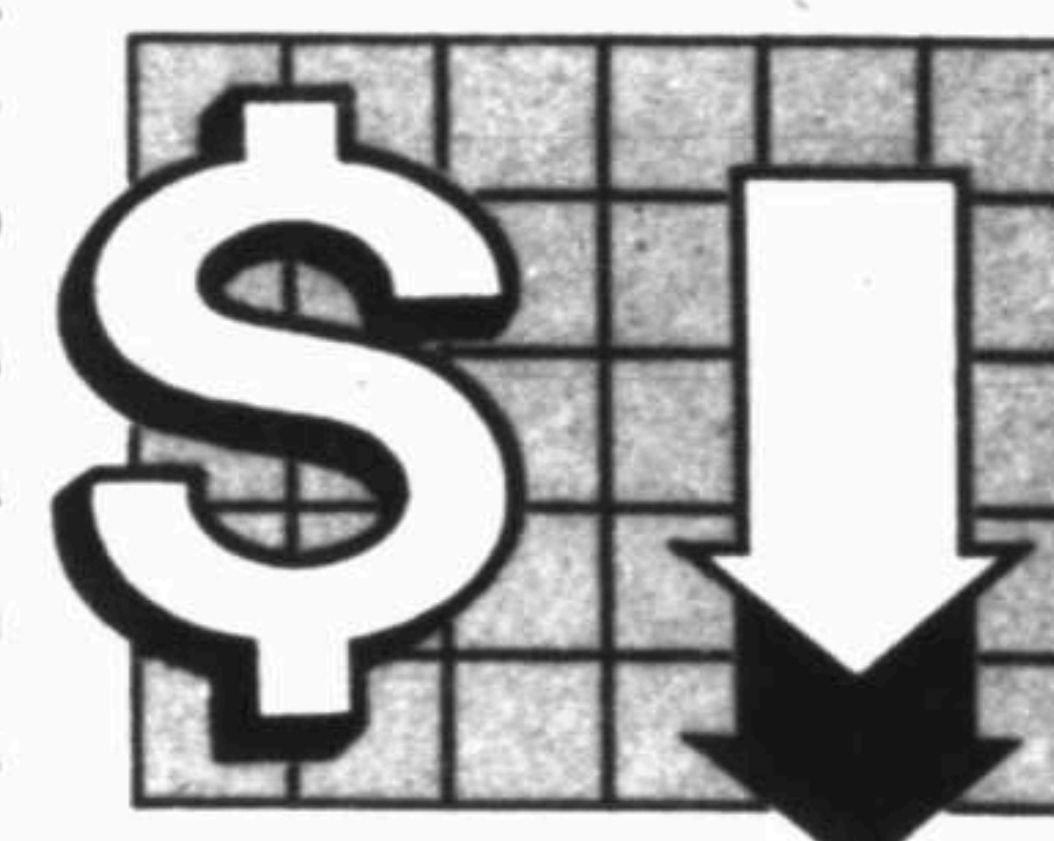
Financial markets in Europe were closed today for the long Easter holiday weekend. Most European centers also were closed on Good Friday.

Gold wasn't traded in London, Zurich or Hong Kong on either day. In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 123.85 yen, down 0.25 yen from Friday's close of 124.10 yen. The closing figure was up from today's opening of 123.70 yen, its lowest opening level since Jan. 5 when it started trading at 123 yen.

Here are the most recent dollar rates in Europe, on Friday, compared with late Thursday:

- 1.6665 West German marks, up from 1.6555
- 1.3650 Swiss francs, up from 1.3635
- 5.6270 French francs, up from 5.6130
- 1.8595 Dutch guilders, up from 1.8575
- 1.228.75 Italian lire, down from 1.229.50
- 1.2335 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2330

Also on Friday, the British pound was quoted at \$1.8806 — a six-year high for the second day in a row — compared with \$1.8878 Thursday.



BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Kodak, Fuqua joint venture on again

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Supreme Court justice stepped out of a legal dispute over the merger of the photofinishing operations of Eastman Kodak Co. and Fuqua Industries Inc. — one he had entered a day before.

Justice Byron R. White on Friday vacated an emergency order he had issued Thursday on the request of Phototron Corp., ruling that the request apparently was made too late.

White had set aside a federal appeals court decision that cleared the way for the merger despite a pending antitrust challenge by Phototron.

Construction spending falls in February

WASHINGTON (AP) — Construction spending fell for a third consecutive month in February, a 0.3 percent decline which reflected weakness in the housing sector, the government said.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that construction spending declined to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$391.5 billion in February following a 2.8 percent drop in January. In addition, the department revised the December figure to show a small decline of \$100 million instead of a 0.4 percent increase.

Reagan threatens to veto new trade bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration threatened a presidential veto of the newly minted congressional trade compromise unless major changes are made when lawmakers come back from their spring break.

The administration said Friday the president's hands would be tied unreasonably by provisions in the legislation calling for import curbs to retaliate for trade agreement violations.

U.S. to eliminate some duty-free imports

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States announced that beginning July 1 it will eliminate duty-free imports on products worth \$1.1 billion in 1987, shipped here from 140 Third World countries.

A U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity Friday, said the decision would add \$50 million to \$100 million a year to the tariffs collected by the United States. It also will provide additional business to some U.S. producers by discouraging imports.

Firms urged not to send taxes to Noriega

WASHINGTON (AP) — American corporations that owe taxes to Panama will be allowed the U.S. foreign tax credit if payments are made to the government of ousted President Eric Arturo Delvalle, the Internal Revenue Service said.

The announcement, which was made on Friday, was aimed at discouraging U.S. businesses from sending tax payments to the Panamanian government controlled by military strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega, which Washington does not recognize.

Some large U.S.-based multinational firms recently made quarterly tax payments just in time to give that government a desperately needed infusion of cash.

Railroad seeks bankruptcy protection

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago, Missouri & Western Railway Co. filed for federal bankruptcy-court protection, citing a burdensome debt despite recent improvement in operations.

But Venango River Corp., the CM&W's Chicago-based holding company, said Friday there would be no disruption of service while the railroad awaits court appointment of a trustee to oversee operations and determine the company's best course.

Meatpacker accused of cheating on overtime

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government sued the nation's second largest meatpacker on a claim that it cheated tens of thousands of workers out of millions of dollars in overtime pay at 10 packinghouses in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and Idaho.

In a suit filed Friday in Kansas City, Kan., the Labor Department accused IBP Corp. of "repeatedly and willfully" violating laws requiring employers to pay hourly workers one and one-half times the normal wage for work beyond 40 hours a week.

RETAILING



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Compact disks, like these at Hastings' in Midland, are pushing LPs to background, but not toward extinction, according to many in the industry.

Industry divided on fate of LP records

By MELLA McEWEN
Business/Oil Writer

From 12-inch vinyl disks to laser-tooled compact discs, recorded music has come in many forms since Thomas Edison first recorded "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

Today, a number of experts say the long-playing album, or LP, is headed for extinction, just like the eight-track tape cartridge; others disagree, sounding a discordant note in the \$4 billion music market.

Local music retailers are divided on the issue. Three music chains — Musicland, Record Bar and Hastings — are slowly phasing out LPs, while two locally owned stores — Endless Horizon and Reel Music still find a demand for them.

"I carry used albums, which sell pretty well because I have customers who refuse to switch over," noted Nancy Adamson, manager of Reel Music, where LP sales have dwindled to 15 percent of her business. "Personally, I think there's always going to be a market for the LP because there's still too many people out there with turntables."

David Conway, co-owner of Endless Horizons, agreed that CD sales are picking up, but "I sell a lot of albums because the major chains seem to be trying to force the record companies to quit making them. I think the LP is on the way out, but it won't happen next year."

Some industry experts say it will take three to five years for the LP to disappear. "They're waiting for a major record company to quit releasing LPs," Adamson said.

Laura Dickinson, department manager for Hastings Music, Books & Videos noted record companies are promoting CDs more heavily. Todd Mann, assistant manager at Record Bar, said his store will eventually carry only new releases in LP, in small numbers, and no inventory of older releases.

At Musicland, CD sales are three times as high as LP sales, according to Chris Cole, manager trainee. He added the store will continue to stock LPs as long as they're made available, though he predicted that "in the next two years, albums should be obsolete."

Cassettes — thanks to proliferating portable players, boom boxes and car stereo systems — continue to dominate, while CDs have grown to a strong second. CDs have been hindered in overtaking cassettes by prices out of reach for the primary music market — teen-agers.

"Now that CD players go for around \$170, the kids can afford a player, but they can't afford to pay \$15 to \$17 a pop for a CD, but they can afford a cassette or album for \$6 to \$7," Adamson said.

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Takeovers threaten energy firms again

DALLAS (AP) — Oil and gas companies which managed to survive the industry's sustained slump face another threat: a nationwide buying binge that is targeting top performers and weak sisters alike.

More acquisitions are likely this year throughout the oil patch, analysts said. The increased buying activity reflects a return to the energy sector by institutional buyers, major oil companies and cash-laden foreign investors with deep pockets and strong currencies.

Texas Oil & Gas Corp. and Cenergy Corp. of Dallas and Southland Royalty of Fort Worth have been bought out in the past three years by companies based respectively in Pittsburgh, Houston and Seattle.

Longtime Dallas independents Lear Petroleum Corp. and Sabine Corp. agreed this year to be acquired by larger energy concerns headquartered in Cleveland and Los Angeles.

Independent producers are particularly attractive targets now because they are unencumbered by downstream refining assets and other diverse investments and because value of their reserves can be readily determined, said analysts.

Buyers in the rush to get reserves are not restricting themselves to bar-

gain hunting for oil companies weakened by the five-year downturn, said Alan Edgar, director of energy services for Prudential-Bache Capital Funding in Dallas.

Sabine Corp., the Dallas company that agreed this month to be purchased by Pacific Enterprises of Los Angeles in a \$339 million deal, is a financially strong independent with working capital exceeding its debt, he said.

Financial strength is part of the problem for independents who might wish to remain independent.

"If you are strong, you are vulnerable," Edgar said. "And if you are weak, you are vulnerable."

David Bradshaw, investment analyst with Rauscher Pierce Refsnes in Dallas, estimated the selling price of Sabine's reserves at about \$6 to \$10 per equivalent barrel.

"That is probably cheaper than most companies would have to pay to go out and drill, and it is a low-risk way to acquire reserves," he said.

But Bradshaw said buyers are being selective in their purchases. "I think you will see more specific fits in the deals rather than a wholesale 'buy 'em all up' type of approach," he said.

IBM denies selling in anti-Japanese scheme

NEW YORK (AP) — IBM denies that it was trying to stay ahead of its Japanese microelectronics rivals when it secretly supplied some of its competitors with sophisticated computer chips, according to a published report today.

IBM's vice chairman and highest-ranking engineer, Jack D. Kuehler, denied industry speculation that the company was acting to prevent its American competitors from becoming dependent on Japanese suppliers for chips. The New York Times reported.

The chip is the core technology in advanced computers.

Kuehler acknowledged that for more than two years the company has offered small supplies of advanced chips to fewer than a dozen American and European computer makers. The company did so "to sharpen our own competitiveness" by letting other computer makers choose between IBM's chips and those offered by Japanese companies, he said.

"Sometimes we found we were deficient and we have worked to correct that," he said. "Sometimes we found we were truly leaders."

But the Times reported that other industry officials suspected that International Business Machines had other motives in acting as a chip supplier to competitors, such as driving down its own production costs.

"IBM is in the unusual position of having to worry about the global competitiveness of American chip technology," said Richard Shaffer, editor of the Technologic Computer Letter, which follows the computer and semiconductor industries.

IBM officials have said the company's own health depends on maintaining a strong domestic ability to produce chips, train a large number of microelectronic engineers and sustain a strong semiconductor equipment manufacturing business so IBM will not need to depend on Japan for the most up-to-date technology.

Hugoton gas producers will share helium sales proceeds

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Natural gas producers and owners of mineral rights in southwest Kansas gas fields will share \$87 million under a settlement reached in a 25-year-old court battle over revenues from helium production.

Northern Natural Gas Co., a division of Houston-based Enron Corp., has agreed to that sum to compensate several hundred producers and thousands of royalty owners for their share in the profits from helium, an element extracted from natural gas.

Among the producers, Mobil Corp. will get the largest share of the settlement — \$35 million to \$40 million — according to court records.

An estimated 10,000 royalty owners will split about \$11 million.

Northern also has agreed to nego-

tiate contracts with the producers to share future helium revenues.

Lawyers filed the settlement Friday in U.S. District Court in Wichita in three separate cases relating to helium extraction at a plant owned by Northern near Bushton.

The first case in the series of lawsuits was filed in 1963.

"On June 14, when we have the hearing scheduled for approval of the settlement, that will make the 25th anniversary to the day that the first of the helium suits were filed," said Gerald Sawatsky, a Wichita lawyer who represents Northern. "So in that sense, this is a relief."

Friday's settlement involves a number of cases that have been filed in federal and state court. The settlement must be approved by U.S. District Judge Wesley Brown.

Campeau deal reshuffles Texas retailing

DALLAS (AP) — Houston-based Foley's will be sold to a St. Louis retailer as the state's retailing map shuffles from the fallout of the multi-billion dollar battle Canadian developer Campeau Corp. won for Ohio-based Federated Department Stores.

Federated, the nation's fifth-largest retailer and owner of Foley's, agreed to a \$6.58 billion takeover by Campeau Friday.

As part of the deal, Campeau agreed to sell some of Federated's divisions to rival bidder R.H. Macy & Co. and some, including Foley's, to May Department Stores Co. of St. Louis.

May, which operates nearly 3,000 stores under many names, also is buying Boston-based Filene's from Campeau.

A spokesman for May Department Stores said Friday that no changes are planned for the 39 Foley's stores.

May spokesman Jim Abrams said the company would pay \$1.5 billion for the two chains, and proceed with the purchase as soon as possible after the Federated-Campeau deal is completed.

"The purchase of Foley's and Filene's represents an important strategic step for the May Co. It will strengthen our business with prestigious, important stores," Abrams said. "We are very pleased with the way things have developed."

May's divisions include Lord & Taylor, Loehmann's and Payless Shoe Source, which have Texas stores.

Linda Knight, senior vice president of marketing for Foley's, said the retailer was "relieved" that the takeover battle had ended.

"We're very relieved that the auction is over and the shareholders got such a good price," she said, adding that many Foley's employees own Federated shares. "As shareholders, we are very happy about the price per share."

Campeau agreed to pay \$73.50 a share, or a total of \$6.58 billion, for Federated in the largest takeover ever not involving oil companies.

For Foley's employees, it will be the second major corporate restructuring in a year. In 1987, Dallas-based Sanger-Harris, also a Federated unit, was merged with Foley's in a cost-cutting move that eliminated duplicative operations in the same state.

The action ends the tug-of-war for Federated, a struggle Campeau initiated last January with a \$4.3 billion, \$47 per share bid.

In exchange for terminating a merger agreement it reached with Federated last month, Macy will acquire Bullock's in Los Angeles, Bullock's-Wilshire and I. Magnin in San Francisco for \$1.1 billion.

Pennzoil confronts \$3 billion question mark

By BARBARA SHOOK
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HOUSTON — Pennzoil Co. Chairman J. Hugh Liedtke is wrestling with a problem never before confronted in U.S. business history: What to do with \$3 billion.

That is the sum of money Texaco Inc. agreed to pay Pennzoil to settle their four-year legal battle over Getty Oil Co.

And if all goes according to schedule, sometime next Thursday a series of electronic beeps and tones will transfer \$3 billion in cash from a Texaco account at Manufacturers Hanover Trust in New York to Pennzoil's account at Texas Commerce Bank here.

Dozens of questions are going through the minds of Liedtke and other Pennzoil executives and advisers who are trying to decide how to spend the proceeds of the biggest damage award in U.S. history.

What should the company do with that sum of money? When should it be spent? Will what management wants necessarily be what is best for the shareholders? Is this even the right time to be in the oil business? Should Pennzoil sell itself to another buyer?

"It's not a clear crystal ball," the 66-year-old Pennzoil chairman said in his first interview since the two companies ended their courtroom wars.

Pennzoil obtained an \$11.1 billion judgment against Texaco for interfering in its planned merger with Getty Oil in a 1985 state district court trial. The verdict was upheld on appeal in the Texas courts, but the damage award was reduced by \$2 billion. In the meantime, Texaco filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

Off-and-on settlement talks were unsuccessful until late last year, when a group headed by Trans World Airlines Chairman Carl C. Icahn gained control of 14.8 percent of Texaco's common stock and began pressuring Texaco to settle.

The process gained momentum when the bankruptcy judge said if Pennzoil, the creditors' and equity committees developed their own reorganization proposal, he would consider it even if Texaco did not accept the proposal. Settlement talks resumed, and on Dec. 19, Texaco agreed to pay Pennzoil \$3 billion in cash as part of a \$5.6 billion reorganization plan.

On March 23, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Howard Schwartzberg approved the order confirming the Pennzoil settlement and Texaco's reorganization plan.

Even before that, Pennzoil had been reviewing and analyzing a variety of options. Nothing specific has

been decided yet, Liedtke said, but the broad outlines of the future Pennzoil are beginning to be drawn.

"The odds are that heavily in favor of our continuing in the oil business," he said. "I think the odds of really diversifying are quite low. We would do that only if we reached the conclusion that our own business does not offer attractive areas for investment and expansion in the future."

Only if that conclusion is reached would Pennzoil seriously consider selling out to another company, he said. Whatever the eventual decision, they will not be made without thorough study and analysis.

Wall Street is watching very closely to see what Pennzoil does. Their advice is to proceed with caution.

"How do you spend \$2.5 billion in a market that is overpriced and has too many buyers," asked Warren Shimmerlik of Merrill Lynch. "If people are willing to pay more, it might make more sense for Pennzoil to sell."

Thomas A. Escott of Rauscher Pierce Refines Inc. in Dallas believes the full impact of the Texaco settlement has not been reflected in Pennzoil's market price, which closed last week at \$100. He values the stock at more than \$100 a share.

"Once the money is in the till, I think investors will finally comprehend that it is real," Escott said. "Until now, everyone has been skeptical that some monkeywrench is going to foul up the works."

Rosario S. Iaquia of Nikko Securities in New York said, "Pennzoil is in a very enviable position. It has good assets and \$2.6 billion in cash. Liedtke is in the catbird seat. It will largely be up to him whether Pennzoil buys or sells."

"If Pennzoil follows the most likely route and remains an independent oil and gas company, the question is what particular area of the oil business are we going to emphasize or what mixture of emphasis we might have in the varying parts of the industry," Liedtke said.

Pennzoil historically has been a domestic oil and gas company, but with its new riches, the company could try to become a bigger player in the international arena. Risks exist both ways, Liedtke said.

"Should we stay here in light of the fact there is no energy policy in

this country and very likely never will if things continue as they are?" he asked.

"There is no protection for domestic oil companies against the whims of OPEC. Should we really continue to make multimillion dollar investments when we have no control over price and no real assurance that you are going to get your money back?"

Although the chances of finding larger oil reserves are greater overseas, they may not be as profitable to the company as a smaller find in the United States would be, he pointed out.

Another consideration is timing. "Do we really want to move very quickly?" he asked. "Or in light of what we believe to be the political and economic condition of the country and what it is apt to be over next year or two, should we wait for a while and not rush into something?"

Oil price and supply are unknowns that must be worked into any equation. The industry is in a surplus supply situation again, he said. Having access to markets may be more important than guaranteed supplies at any price, or it could quickly swing the opposite direction.

"In my lifetime, I've seen oil go from 10 cents to almost \$40 and half-way back," he said.

Consequently, an acquisition that looks great in 1988 may not look so good in 1990. Conversely, something that appears to be grossly overpriced now may look like a bargain in five years. The best course, Liedtke said, may be to strike a balance between exploration and production and refining and marketing.

In the past, Pennzoil has spun off certain independent segments to stockholders. United Gas Corp., the predecessor to United Gas Pipe Line Corp. and Entex Inc., was acquired by Pennzoil in 1965, but became independent again in 1972.

Pogo Producing Co., headed by Liedtke's brother William, was a Pennzoil unit until 1977. Battle Mountain Gold Co., another former subsidiary, became an independent operation in 1985.

Last year, Pennzoil restructured its present organization. Liedtke said future spinoffs are one option being considered.

"We may find it is better to operate the company as a total unit the way it is and add to it. We may find that certain parts of it would be more profitable to the shareholders if they were separate entities, but we really have reached not such a decision," he said.

"We are in a position where we could act virtually overnight if we reach the conclusion we should spin off."

Under the new structure, the par-



Pleased with the settlement arrived at by lead attorney Joe Jamail, left, Pennzoil chairman Hugh Liedtke faces the enviable task of utilizing \$3 billion.

ent company includes most oil and gas exploration and production operations. Pennzoil ranks 25th among U.S. based petroleum companies, according to the most recent Oil & Gas Journal report.

Three subsidiaries handle other lines of business.

Pennzoil Products Co. manufactures and markets a broad range of refined products. It is best known for Pennzoil motor oil, the top-selling automotive lubricant in the nation, as well as other specialty products.

Pennzoil Sulphur Co. operates the world's largest Frasch sulfur mine in Culberson County and has the largest reserves of any domestic producer.

The third and smallest unit, Richard Development Corp., manages Pennzoil's real estate interests, certain gold mining operations and miscellaneous other assets.

Selling one of these units to an outside buyer is a remote chance, Liedtke said.

As a buyer, Pennzoil brings more to the table than stacks of cash, he

said. The company has good operating management in Randal B. McDonald, who became president of the company late last year. David S. Holland, president of Pennzoil Exploration and Production; Robert Semrad, president of Pennzoil Sulphur; and Richard A. Valentine, president of Pennzoil Products.

"They are very capable people and have the record to prove it," he said. "We've got a brand name that is more than 100 years old, and it is a real asset. It is better than a patent. The company has a history of managing its financial affairs with some confidence and I think that will be the case in the future."

Liedtke added with a laugh, "I hope we wouldn't be married just for our money."

Rauscher Pierce's Escott doesn't see that happening. "One reason the stock has been under stress recently is because of speculation that Pennzoil had a whole laundry list of companies it was going to buy immediately. That is not going to happen. Liedtke's style is not to pay big premiums for acquisitions," he said.

"He may have been born at night, but it wasn't last night," Escott said. Until Pennzoil decides what it will do and when it will do it, the settlement funds will be invested in short-term securities. Interest alone will accrue at a rate of \$700,000 a day, or more than \$250 million a year.

The company also has large legal fees and related expenses to pay. Liedtke said the pre-tax net proceeds after the bills are paid will be about \$2.6 billion. Joseph D. Jamail, the personal injury lawyer who headed Pennzoil's litigation team in the district court, will receive an estimated \$300 million for his efforts.

Under any other circumstances, a sudden infusion of billions of dollars into a company's coffers would attract a horde of corporate raiders. Pennzoil, however, adopted measures immediately after the district court trial ended to ensure that the benefits of the damage award would go to long-term stockholders, not to outsiders.

Pennzoil's earnings have been depressed for the past four years, he pointed out. Income has not been sufficient to cover the common stock dividend, but Pennzoil has continued to make the quarterly payments.

"We need a reasonable amount of time to get our feet on the ground," the Pennzoil chairman said. "We are trying to get our house in order." Once a plan is in place, the company will look at other matters such as increasing the dividend.

Liedtke is a big man, broad-shouldered and well over 6 feet tall. His hair has more gray and his jewels bear more wrinkles than four years ago, but his face and overall demeanor still bring to mind the image of a friendly pet bull dog.

The tension that gripped him following the loss of Getty Oil and during the years of trials and appeals is gone. Now he is relaxed and free from the uncertainties that strained him and all of Pennzoil since early 1984.

He also is looking forward to the day in the very near future when he no longer is responsible for overseeing Pennzoil's day-to-day business. Later this month, Liedtke plans to relinquish the title of chief executive officer to McDonald, the former Arthur Andersen & Co. partner who became Pennzoil's president late last year.

"I'm in the twilight of my career, at least as far as Pennzoil is concerned," he said. He plans to remain as chairman in a policy making capacity. Running the day-to-day operations, Liedtke said, is hard work. "I would prefer to be a cosmic thinker."

Evaluating October's fallout difficult undertaking

By LOUIS UCHITELLE
New York Times News Service

Nearly six months after Oct. 19, it is remarkably difficult to gauge the impact of the stock market crash on the American economy and psyche. The nation's economy survives and grows. The terrible recession that collapsing stock prices seemed to promise has not materialized. And the riveting fears of late October have dissipated.

"Things have gone much better than was originally anticipated," said Albert T. Sommers, senior fellow at the Conference Board, a business organization. So much so, in fact, that someone studying recent economic statistics might conclude that the crash never occurred.

That would be a mistake. Tangible consequences may be hard to find, and there is a tendency to minimize the crash because it does not seem to have affected many people's lives. But the memory of Oct. 19, when the Dow Jones industrial average fell 508 points, losing 23 percent of its value in a single day, is quietly haunting millions of Americans, according to psychologists, economists, pollsters and businessmen. It has become a constant reminder of how vulnerable everyone's incomes and savings are.

The crash, in fact, seems to be taking its place alongside other, albeit very different, national traumas that have eaten away at America's boundless postwar optimism and sense of well-being. The Cuban missile crisis was such an event. President Kennedy's assassination was another. So was the Arab oil embargo and the Challenger explosion.

"What happened on Oct. 19 is vivid enough so that the crash has become a symbol that means, basically, 'don't be too sure' and 'let's watch out,'" said Dr. Mardi Horowitz, a professor of psychiatry at the University of California at San Francisco.

A critical question is what, if any, effects this uncertainty will have in the next round of bad economic news — if, for example, the trade deficit widens again or the dollar falls to a sharply lower level. One possibility is that stock prices will fluctuate dramatically. "We are operating on good news for the moment," said Henry Kaufman, former chief economist at Salomon Brothers. "When some bad news comes, a bad statistic, then the markets are going to respond in a volatile manner."

As the weeks pass, an alarming similarity emerges with the period following the crash of October, 1929. In fact, in the first six months after each crash, the Dow Jones industrial average followed nearly identical paths, recovering much lost ground. And in April of 1930, economists and businessmen were speaking optimistically about the economy, just as they are today.

But in late April 1930, stock prices started to decline and they fell without interruption for two years, leading to the Great Depression. The factors that brought on the depression

do not exist in the same manner today. But many economists warn that the nation's current economic difficulties — the budget and trade deficits, the worldwide industrial competition, trade issues, and the huge pileup of corporate and Third World debt — could bring on a recession.

MARKETS

Nowhere is the sense of unease more evident than in the nation's financial markets, where trading volume is down, stock market rallies aren't sustained and a Presidential Commission's proposals for new regulations intended to prevent another crash are meeting with strong opposition.

Many individuals and businesses, seeking safety, have put their money in bank savings accounts, money market funds and short-term securities, mostly Treasury bills, said William Sullivan, an economist at Dean Witter.

Meantime, not only the small investor has pulled back from the stock market, but also foreign buyers of American stocks and the sophisticated money managers who invest billions of dollars on behalf of pension funds, insurance companies and other institutions.

In January and February, the small investor accounted for only 23 percent of all shares traded on the New York Stock Exchange, a drop from 29 percent in the weeks before the crash, according to the Securities Industry Association, a Wall Street trade group. And for the first time since 1981, foreigners have become net sellers of shares listed on the NYSE, a sell-off that developed abruptly in October and is probably still continuing, said Jeffrey Schaeffer, the director of research for the SIA.

"The Japanese may be buying up whole companies or real estate, but they aren't buying stock," he said.

Nor are Americans buying foreign stocks any longer. The collapse of stock prices in other countries prompted Americans to become net sellers of foreign equities last year, for the first time since 1978.

Until the crash, the nation's professional money managers, representing the big institutions, had been huge buyers of stock. Their buying, more than anyone else's, was cited as the cause for the more than 700 point runup in the Dow average from January to late August. But in the weeks after the crash, they became net sellers of as many as 6.8 million shares a day on the NYSE, and they were still selling out, at an average rate of about 2 million shares daily, in January and February, according to the SIA's most recent statistics.

"We have a much more cautious marketplace today," Schaeffer said. "The crash remains a very sobering memory."

In fact, the crash killed off the speculative fever that drove up prices over the past year or two, in the opinion of many economists, among them John Kenneth Galbraith of Harvard. In the months before Oct. 19, Galbraith, along with



The stuffed animal atop this trader's computer in Merrill Lynch's New York office serves as a bullish reminder of the long-running bull market which most analysts agree ended on Black Monday.

others, had warned that speculation was driving up stock prices — not the vigor of the economy or the value of the companies behind the stocks — and the inevitable final chapter of speculation would be a crash.

"The financial memory is somewhere between five and 10 years," Galbraith said. "That's enough to prevent another speculative outburst for a while."

The resulting cutback in market activity has led to the layoff of 15,000 Wall Street employees. Even the rash of corporate takeover battles in recent weeks has failed to dispel the caution and push up stock prices in general, although stocks of individual companies involved in the takeovers have jumped.

"These deals are one big company buying another on the assumption that the economy will keep growing and business will be good enough to pay off the loans that were made to carry out the merger," said Robert Gordon, president of Twenty-First Securities, a Wall Street firm. "That's the same assumption as before the crash."

In addition, one of the major underpinnings of the pre-crash speculation — portfolio insurance — failed to work on Oct. 19 and is no longer widely used. Before the crash, numerous money managers and other big traders had employed the strategy, which advertised itself as a system for preventing losses during price declines by selling off stock holdings through the futures markets in New York and Chicago as well as through the stock exchanges.

The system encouraged heavy buying last year, market experts say, by lulling investors into the belief that their holdings were loss-proof. "There was a lot of money in stocks that would not have been there if investors had realized that portfolio insurance did not work," Gordon

said. The crash inevitably produced recommendations for new regulations that would minimize the possibility of another day of freely-falling stock prices. The proposals are aimed chiefly at coordinating equity and futures markets so that, on days of crisis, they don't work against each other in trading the same basic stocks.

President Reagan's Task Force on Market Mechanisms, headed by Nicholas F. Brady, chairman of Dillon, Read and a former congressman, wants the Federal Reserve to operate as the co-ordinating authority. But Brady said that he would endorse "as second best," the creation of an inter-market committee as proposed in a bill introduced in the Senate last week by Sen. William Proxmire.

However, Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, who would head Proxmire's inter-market committee, said last week that Congress should postpone action on market regulation. Acting hastily, he said, could inadvertently destabilize the markets.

Greenspan was supported in this stand by David S. Ruder, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Wendy L. Gramm, chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Both would be members of the Proxmire committee, but they have expressed concern that their present regulatory authority would be undermined.

Some economists argue that no amount of regulation can prevent the sort of crash that occurred Oct. 19 when speculation has gotten out of hand. But Brady argues that the sharp one-day fall was partly a result of computerized trading and the new phenomenon of integrated markets. With proper coordination, he said, some 300 of the 508-point decline in the Dow Jones average on

Another 'meltdown Monday' coming up?

By ALLEN SINAI
New York Times News Service

Not much has changed in the nearly six months since the biggest stock market crash of the century. The United States and the world economy appear to be back on their pre-crash track. The economy's resistance to the market collapse has been a surprise and a relief to most.

But familiar and disturbing patterns remain in the financial markets — a weak dollar and a market-induced trend to higher interest rates — signs that the lessons of the crash have not yet been learned.

Stock markets around the world have recovered significantly since late October. But the United States equity markets — in spite of improvement — still suffer jitters after each sustained rally.

The institutional backdrop is only marginally changed. The New York Stock Exchange has eliminated computerized program trading — but only after a 50-point swing occurs in the Dow Jones industrial average. Price limits have now been set by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange on Standard & Poor's 500 futures contracts. Some brokerage firms have ended program trading for their own accounts. These are minor changes.

Some stock trading practices have also changed. Hedging is more limited and portfolio insurance is not used as much and has ceased to be a panacea. But these changes in practices stem from market risks and from their failure to protect investors — not from regulatory reform.

Most important — and most disturbing — the global imbalances that caused the crash remain. There are still huge budget and trade deficits in the United States, coupled with large trade surpluses and budget restraint overseas. An economy much closer to full employment than it was last October presents a new risk: the danger of accelerated inflation and higher interest rates is now greater.

One surprising lesson from the crash has been simply that it did so little to the United States and world economies. Consumer spending and confidence were initially dented. But recent data on spending outlays show good strength. The Conference Board and the University of Michigan sentiment surveys show confidence has surpassed pre-crash levels.

Why is this the case in the aftermath of the biggest stock market drop in history?

First, the impact of the crash was concentrated in just a small number of households. Only a little more than 20 percent of American families directly own stock. Those who do tend to be more affluent, older and have a high net worth. In these households, the largest share of net worth is tied to home equity, which was hardly damaged by the crash. Only a small portion of these more affluent families' net worth resides in stocks. In addition, there was an "easy come, easy go" attitude about last October's losses, since much that was wiped out came from the surprising gains in the big bull market of 1987.

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Oct. 19 could have been avoided.

CAUTION

Away from Wall Street, it is harder to find tangible evidence of the Crash's impact. Some people tend to minimize the event. "They remember it like they remember an exciting movie they saw last October," said Robert Zevin, an economist at U.S. Trust Co. in Boston. Because the crash of 1987 has not triggered a recession, many Americans are rewriting their view of October 29, 1929 — discarding popular myth and concluding, as most economists already have, that the '29 crash did not trigger the Great Depression.

But indications of uneasiness and caution show up in a variety of surveys and anecdotal information. Sales of Mrs. Field's Cookies, which have grown smartly in recent years, haven't risen at all in 1988. Randall Field, chairman of the company that his wife founded, says

sales have leveled off because fewer people are browsing through shopping malls, where the company has 500 of its 700 outlets. The fall-off in traffic began about Valentine's Day, February 14. Field said, basing his estimate on the company's own informal surveys. (The International Council of Shopping Malls checks on traffic only quarterly.) Field added: "My guess is that people breathed a sigh of relief when nothing happened after the crash. But now they are saying, 'Am I as secure this year

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Four jailed soldiers escape detention center

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Four more soldiers jailed in plots against President Corazon Aquino were missing following the weekend escape of the leader of an August coup attempt, the military said today.

Chief military spokesman Col. Oscar Florendo also denied that troops had raided a vacation home of opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile in connection with the nationwide search for former Lt. Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan.

Honasan, 39, leader of the Aug. 28 coup attempt, and 14 guards fled a prison ship in Manila Bay before dawn Saturday aboard two rubber dinghies. He had been confined there since his arrest Dec. 9 for the attempted coup that left at least 53 people dead and hundreds wounded.

Florendo said three officers and one enlisted man jailed in connection with the August attempt and another in January 1987 were missing from the detention center at Villamor Air Base.

Florendo claimed, however, the four apparently fled because of "family problems" and their escape was not related to the Honasan incident.

An earlier report by a Manila newspaper, citing an unidentified air force officer, put the figure at nine soldiers who had escaped.

Military officials said earlier that troops Sunday raided Enrile's vacation house in Batangas province, southwest of Manila, as part of a search of a seaside vacation resort. But Florendo denied Enrile's house had been raided.

Enrile told a radio station today he had heard of the raid and charged the government was acting illegally

by entering homes without search warrants.

Honasan served as chief of security at the Ministry of National Defense when Enrile was defense chief. Enrile was fired in November 1986, after an alleged coup attempt by his followers.

Manila newspapers have reported that leaflets were circulating in military camps calling for the overthrow of the government. The leaflets allegedly were from Honasan's Reform the Armed Forces Movement, the papers said.

Florendo said a nationwide search was under way for Honasan but that raids so far had failed because "either we were too late or perhaps the information was not so accurate."

Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos today told reporters the military was investigating "all angles" of the inci-

dent, "including alleged foreign intervention in the escape of Honasan." Ramos did not elaborate.

Leftist Rep. Venancio Garduce has charged that Americans may have helped Honasan escape to pressure the government as it begins talks with the United States this week on the status of U.S. military bases in the Philippines.

Presidential sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mrs. Aquino had demanded a full-scale investigation into the Honasan escape because she did not believe it was simply a result of negligence.

The skipper of the prison ship was arrested Saturday, but the sources said Mrs. Aquino believed others in the chain of command should be punished.

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Under the authority in Internal Revenue Code section 6331, the property described below has been seized for non-payment of internal revenue taxes due from ROGER STEINLE. The property will be sold at public auction as provided by Internal Revenue Code section 6335 and related regulations. Date of Sale: APRIL 15, 1988. Time of Sale: 10:00 a.m. Place of Sale: 43 E. Industrial Loop South, Midland, Texas 79701. Title Offered: Only the right, title, and interest in and to the property will be offered for sale. If requested, the Internal Revenue Service will furnish information about possible encumbrances, which may be useful in determining the value of the interest being sold. Description of Property: LOT 1, Energoir Compressor-HP 3, Type F2, 100LBS; (2) Pressure Controls (1) Air Hose, LOT 2 CORNWELL TOOL BOX - 5 DRAWER (1) 7 Drawer with Caster - Snap-on and Assorted Tools, (1) Porta-Power Tool Box, LOT 3 (1) 1/4 Ton Floor Jack (1) Jack Stand (4) Assorted Tires (1) Car Ramp (1) Electric Round Saw (2) Gasoline Tables (1) Desk (1) Portable Battery Charger (1) Four Drawer File Cabinet (1) Wood Book Shelf (2) Glass Tables (1) Power File-10 Gal. Wet/Dry Vacuum (1) Roll Tray (10) Box Assorted Auto Parts (assorted) Assorted Items. Property may be inspected at 43 E. Industrial Loop South, Midland, Texas 79701. Payment Terms: Full payment required on acceptance of highest bid. Form of Payment: All payments must be by cash, certified check, cashier's or treasurer's check or by a United States postal, bank, express, or telegraph money order. Make check or money order payable to the Internal Revenue Service, Aubrey Shouse, Revenue Officer, Date: 4-1-88. Address for information about the Sale: 200 E. Wall Rm. 101, Midland, Texas 79701. Phone: 682-3225, April 4, 1988.

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150 LOST: Small miniature white Poodle. Eight months old, blue cloth collar. Vicinity of Midland Country Club. Reward: 683-3940.
LOST: 3/26-27 large black male cat, neutered and declawed, no collar. Reward: 697-6927, 697-9688.
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LOST: Cat, long haired, gray and brown tabby with white paws and underbelly, wearing collar and tags. Please call 5, Plant, 1114 Lombard, 683-0122 days or 683-4110 evenings.
LOST: Charcoal grey cat, Thumper, two year old female, walks with limp in right hind leg. Vicinity 4800 Elm. 689-8230.
LOST: March 31st at corner of Big Spring and Schorbaer, brown envelope with 017C written on it. Please call 684-3714 or 687-3711.
REWARD: Medium haired grey three year old cat with black markings on face and feet. Had blue collar. Very special pet, last seen in Alamo area. 699-7868, 689-0324.

LODGE NOTICES

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