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NEWS DIGEST



Paving project continues advancing

Work continues on the Westside paving project as bulldozers and graders were out in force Tuesday, smoothing the road surface in preparation for the laying of asphalt.



Getting ready

Elbow Elementary School maintenance man Tom Cates sets up a dunking booth in preparation for next week's events. Reading program students getting a chance to dunk the principal at noon Thursday.

Stripping it down

Workers remove the old exterior panels from the Heritage Museum Tuesday afternoon to uncover the original limestone wall for the new patio area. The work is part of an ongoing renovation effort.



Not just salad

Today's life! section of the Herald offers more than just the same old salads. See Sue Haugh's food column, page 1B, for what you may decide is a new taste.



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•Danes approve EC: With Denmark declaring victory in the battle for a united Europe, the fight moves to Britain, where opposition has made it the lone holdout in the campaign. See page 6A.

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•Promoting package: President Clinton produced a made-for-TV defense of his troubled economic package during a two-day trip. See page 3A.

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Senate vote begins; early city polling ending

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Early voting for the June 5 U.S. Senate runoff election began today at the Howard County Courthouse, Fourth and Scurry.

In addition, early voting for the May 25 Big Spring City Council District 3 runoff ends at 5 p.m. Friday. Voting in that race is being conducted at city hall, Fourth and Nolan.

Local turnout is expected to be light, even though the number of registered voters is slightly higher than those who registered for the city and state elections on May 1.

Running for the Senate seat vacated

when Lloyd Bentsen was appointed Treasury Secretary are:

• Robert "Bob" Krueger, D-Austin, former Texas Railroad Commission member appointed by the governor as interim senator.

• Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Austin, currently serving as state treasurer.

Hutchison finished first in the May 1 balloting, edging Krueger by 497 votes statewide, 593,479 to 592,982. In Howard County, Hutchison received 989 votes to Krueger's 901.

Candidates in the city election for the Southwest council district are:

• Vicki Cole, 40, administrator of Mountain View Lodge.

• Charles "Chuck" Cawthon, 60, the

owner of Chuck's Surplus.

On May 1, Cole narrowly missed receiving a majority of the total vote. She would have avoided a runoff with 21 more votes. She outpolled Cawthon, 141 to 97.

As of 8:30 this morning, 38 have voted in the city runoff, compared to 57 voting early last month. The total number of registered voters has increased by 13, to 1,358.

"Runoffs usually are light, so you don't expect a whole bunch of people," said City Secretary Tom Ferguson.

Registered countywide for the state runoff were 15,874, up 38 from last month.

"Usually in a runoff election you just

don't have a lot of people voting," said Donna Wright, a clerk for the Howard County Clerk's Office. "But we've had a lot of people come in and want to vote already because they know the city (election) is going on and they thought we were, too."

"You can never tell (about turnout)," she said. "It just depends on how hard the candidates want to work."

The courthouse and city hall are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The courthouse will be closed May 31 for Memorial Day. May 28 is the last day mail-in ballots for the state election can be requested.

On election day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Herald photo by Patrick Driscoll

City dozer clears tree-covered land in Banks Addition for a park. New City Councilwoman Stephanie Horton is spearheading efforts, including looking into whether a pool closed more than 20 years can be refurbished.

New councilwoman getting results with push for parks

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

New Big Spring City Councilwoman Stephanie Horton is getting pushy.

Pushy, that is, in getting trees pushed out to make way for a park in her Northwest Side district.

So far, the work is making an impression on residents and has exposed a city pool closed more than 20 years ago that Horton hopes can be restored.

Horton, who took office last week, says it's only a starting point for cleanup efforts she wants to push city-wide.

"I like the way this is going," said Milton Arriola, 71, a resident of the Banks Addition neighborhood in which the park sits. "You couldn't even see the pool."

"It's going to be gorgeous," Horton said. "You have to have a starting place and the Northside is my starting place."

The only limits are city manpower and money for restoring such things as the pool, if it's restorable. Grants and assessment for pool restoration are being sought. Also, nearby residents are being asked to help with ongoing maintenance of cleared areas.

"We're going to research all of it before we go jumping into it," Horton said. "But having a place clean where our young people can go play is good."

Most trees just north of N.W. Fifth Street, east of Lakeview Elementary, were cleared by city workers during the past week, uncovering the pool bathed in graffiti and dust and the metal shells of a diving board and lifeguard tower. Trees some 40 to 50 feet tall lining a small drainage channel that crisscrosses the field were left casting shadows over grass and dirt still being leveled.

"That's going to be real good for the young people, as far as giving us something to do," said Priscilla Banks, 23, who lives a few blocks away.
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Police charge two in sexual assaults

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

Big Spring Police Department officials are investigating two sexual assaults which have occurred within the last two weeks, officials said.

Harold Milton Simmons, 22, of Copperas Cove was arrested and charged with sexual assault, a second degree felony, in connection with an alleged May 13 attack on an 18-year-old Big Spring woman.

The victim reported having been assaulted in the 1400 block of Wood Street.

"This charge involves an out-of-town college student (Simmons)," Detective Sgt. Scott Griffin said. "He was arrested shortly after an adult reported the sexual assault."

Joe Eric Canales, 18, of Big Spring was arrested and charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child in connection with a May 14 incident in the 800 block of Willia. The charge is a first degree felony.

"It was reported to us a few days prior to his arrest by the family of the victim."

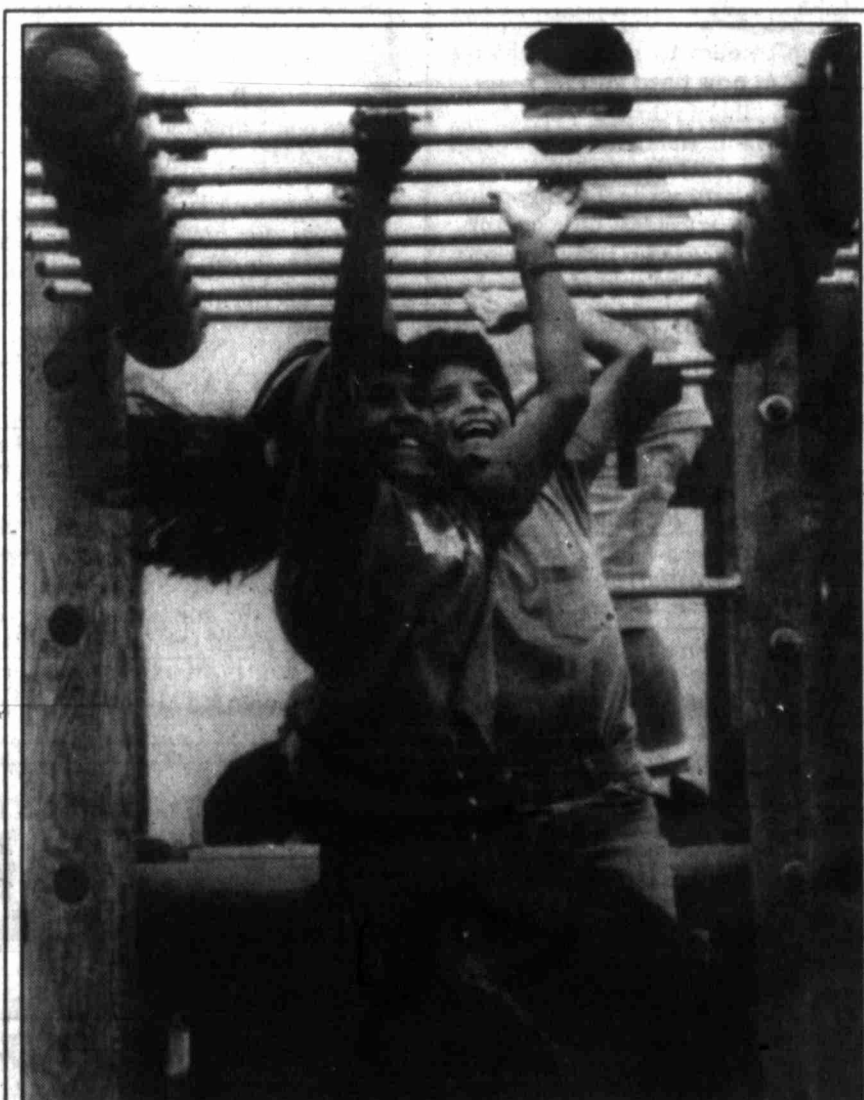
The victim is a 14-year-old Big Spring girl. Police said they expect to have increased incidents of sexual assault occurring because of the time of year.

"A lot of that falls in line with the warmer weather," Griffin said. "We see an increase of crimes like sexual assaults; there's a jump in all (violent crimes) with burglary being the exception."

"It's not particular to this year," he added. "there is a traditional increase in violent crimes in the spring and summer."

Police are investigating a total five or six sexual assaults, Griffin said, with these two cases having resulted in arrests.

"The ones being investigated now are not related," he said. "They are isolated acts of violence. The rest or cur-
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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Monkeying around

Veronica Martinez and Cecilio Anguiano have a race across the monkey bars as the two and their classmates were enjoying a sunny recess period at College Heights Elementary School Tuesday.

School finance plan heading for full House

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock says he can't tell whether a local-option school funding reform plan passed by a House panel is "fish or fowl."

But backers say the measure — which would give property-rich districts a choice of ways to share some of their wealth with poorer school systems — would meet a Texas Supreme Court order for finance reform.

The court has ordered lawmakers to come up with a plan by June 1 to even out funding available to school districts of differing property wealth.

If they fail, they face a court order halting state education aid. School districts rely on state aid and local property taxes.

Bullock said the House committee bill "has many, many moving parts."

"It bothers me to think that one of those moving parts of the many might get broken, and we'll be worrying about closing schools not just in June but in September, when a majority of our students expect to come back to school," he said.

All 11 members of the House Public Education Committee have signed on as cosponsors of the multiple-choice bill, which is backed by
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FBI: Cult siege was powder keg

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Throughout a 51-day standoff with David Koresh's heavily armed cult, the FBI never underestimated how potentially destructive the situation was, says one of the agency's leaders during the saga.

"I'm not sure that the media even knows to this day how much of a powder keg that was even during the slow days where nothing was happening and boredom was building up," special agent Dick Swensen told a gathering of newspaper publishers Tuesday.

"I think we knew from day one what a powder keg this was."

The Justice Department, meanwhile, will investigate its role during the ordeal, if Philip Heymann is approved as Deputy Attorney General.

Heymann told the Senate Judiciary Committee during the opening round of questions at his confirmation hearing that he'd like to see a "most thorough, detailed" investigation.

He said as many as 900 people will be interviewed, including Attorney General Janet Reno, Associate Attorney General-designate Webster Hubbell "and anyone else who was around it at the time."

Swensen said during a panel discussion at the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association's annual convention that the news media did a thorough job following the Branch Davidian tragedy.

"There's nothing that I'm aware of that's big that you don't have," Swensen said. "There's thousands of things that you don't know, but that's only because there's thousands of things that happen in your newsrooms that I don't know. There's obviously bits and pieces that no one knows."

Swensen said he could speak only for what happened after the FBI took control of the standoff several hours after the botched raid by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on Feb. 28 outside Waco.

Swensen disagreed with a journal-



FBI Special Agent Dick Swensen (center) discusses media coverage of the Branch Davidian standoff during a panel discussion at the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association meeting Tuesday in Dallas. Joining

Swensen on the panel are Houston Chronicle reporter Kathy Fair and KRLD Radio general manager Charlie Seraphin.

ist on the panel who contended the FBI used daily briefings to deliver misinformation to Koresh. He said hindsight should allow both the federal government and the news media to better prepare for future armed cult conflicts, which he said were imminent.

Swensen, in charge of the FBI's New Orleans office, was one of four special agents who addressed the media during the deadlock, which ended in fire and gunfire on April 19, killing Koresh and most of his followers, including 22 children.

The agent refused separate interviews, saying the FBI had cleared his appearance before the publishers group, but felt comments outside the panel could compromise a Congress-

sional investigation into the tragedy. Swensen said he didn't think the media attention affected tactical decisions or prolonged the standoff, which began when a raid by the ATF erupted into a gunbattle that left six Branch Davidians and four agents dead.

Panelist Kathy Fair, a reporter for the Houston Chronicle, said the media felt the FBI's daily news briefings were often more for show, to communicate with Koresh and his followers.

"There was a feeling that we were being used," she said. "And they were willing to provide us information as long as it was serving their purpose, but once we got off into a line of questioning that somebody

didn't want to answer, there was suddenly this brick wall."

Fair also complained that the federal weapons search warrants were sealed until the day of the fire.

"That's bothersome to me that we can live in a country where federal agents can raid a place and have arrest and search warrants sealed," she said.

Swensen said the FBI, which always refused to discuss tactics with the media, sometimes used the briefings to convey its frustrations, but never to deliver falsehoods.

"We just tried to get out accurate information as best we could and let him know that... we weren't going to listen to his silliness forever," he said.

Investigators had said the death was an accidental shooting.

Missing Illinois man found in Texas hospital

LABEDO (AP) — A 42-year-old man who disappeared from his home three weeks ago has been found in a Texas hospital, but he says he has no idea how he got there.

John Clementz, a diabetic, disappeared April 22 without any warning, packing only a two-week supply of insulin, his family said.

Hospital officials in Texas said Tuesday that other than high blood-sugar readings because of his diabetes, Clementz is in good health. But he told authorities he did not know how he got to Laredo.

Since Clementz' disappearance from this northwestern Illinois town, his name was put in a national law enforcement computer, an air search

was conducted and the local media publicized a description of his physical appearance and a description of his car.

Capt. Steve Dooley of the Henry County Sheriff's Department said the hospital had called the Deck Plaza in Geneseo, where Clementz had been employed, to inquire about his health insurance.

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Senate adopts gun bill; Richards firm over veto

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Ann Richards isn't backing off her vow to shoot down a bill that would allow Texans to carry handguns, if approved in a statewide vote.

"She's going to veto that bill whether it's stripped down, padded out, fat or skinny," Richards spokesman Chuck McDonald said after the Senate approved the measure Tuesday.

"It's not just a concealed gun bill, it's a concealed death bill because that's what it leads to," he said.

The Senate gave its final approval 22-8 following a five-hour, 15-minute filibuster against the legislation on Monday by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas.

A version of the measure already has passed the House. The legislation now returns to the House for consideration of Senate amendments.

Under the bill, Texas voters would decide the issue in a November referendum.

If approved, Texans 21 or older who are registered voters, have no

criminal background and are judged to be of sound mind could apply for a license to carry a handgun.

Although touted as a concealed weapons bill, the measure also allows for carrying handguns openly, for instance in a hip holster.

Lawmakers said it is doubtful the bill could be sent to Richards before midnight Wednesday. This would allow the governor to veto it after the regular legislative session ends May 31, and thus avoid an override attempt.

"I hope it's dead," West said of the proposal. "I hope that we can put it in the graveyard and put a tombstone over it and inscribe on the tombstone, 'May it rest in peace.'"

Opponents of the bill, including many law enforcement groups, said it would increase the number of shootings and have no effect on reducing crime.

But supporters said it would give citizens the ability to protect themselves.

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Dentist indicted for manslaughter

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former Fort Worth dentist has been indicted on an involuntary manslaughter charge resulting from a patient's death during gum surgery nearly four years.

Richard Garland, 32, died during an August 1989 operation performed by James Michael Davis.

Davis of Farmers Branch, had a solo practice in southwest Fort Worth at the time of Garland's death. His dental license was revoked in early 1991 as a result of the incident, said Michael Pitcock, director of enforcement for the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners.

Tuesday's indictment by the Tarrant County grand jury alleges that Garland was given excessive sedation during the operation.

No adequately trained person was in the room to monitor Garland's respiration, and when he stopped breathing he was not given oxygen "in a timely manner," the grand jury said.

The indictment also alleges that Davis failed to perform proper resuscitation procedures and that he did not have the required education, training and certification to administer deep sedation.

Davis faces a maximum punishment of 10 years in prison if convicted of the third-degree felony.

Peace justice cancels inquest into shooting

RIO GRANDE CITY (AP) — A day after ordering a formal inquest into a teen-ager's shooting death, a peace justice has reversed his decision.

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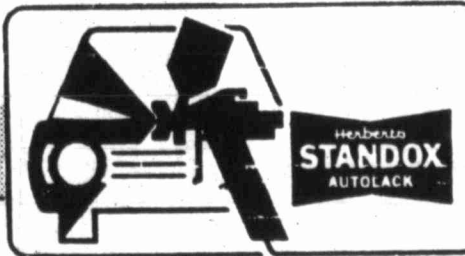
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PHILADELPHIA — Tradition that has been a part of Pennsylvania's history rejected a bonuses of up to \$33,000 for veterans.

"This kind of money is not going to war," said state adjutant general Michael Young.

With 96 percent reporting, 64 percent authorizing \$22 million for the memorial to the 30,000 soldiers who died in World War I.

"This is an election to spend want its taxes state Michael Young professor at Pennsylvania State University.

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Voters trash vet bonuses for Gulf War

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Breaking with a tradition that began with World War I, Pennsylvania voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to pay cash bonuses of up to \$525 to the state's 33,000 veterans of the Gulf War.

"This kind of stuff makes the veterans feel like maybe he shouldn't be going to war," said George Mullen, state adjutant for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

With 96 percent of precincts reporting, 64 percent voted against authorizing \$25 million in bonds to pay for the bonuses and a \$1.5 million memorial to veterans of all wars. Thirty-six percent were in favor Tuesday.

"This is an electorate that does not want to spend money and does not want its taxes spent frivolously," said Michael Young, a political science professor at Pennsylvania State University.

The expense would have come after three tight budget years. The state raised taxes by \$3 billion in 1991 to close a deficit and pay for new spending. Pennsylvania may have to cut welfare benefits in the coming fiscal year.

Not even veterans were unanimous in support of the measure.

"They, we got paid," said Robert Homyak, a railroad factory worker from Johnstown and a former sergeant in the Pennsylvania detachment that lost 13 soldiers in the deadliest Scud attack of the war.

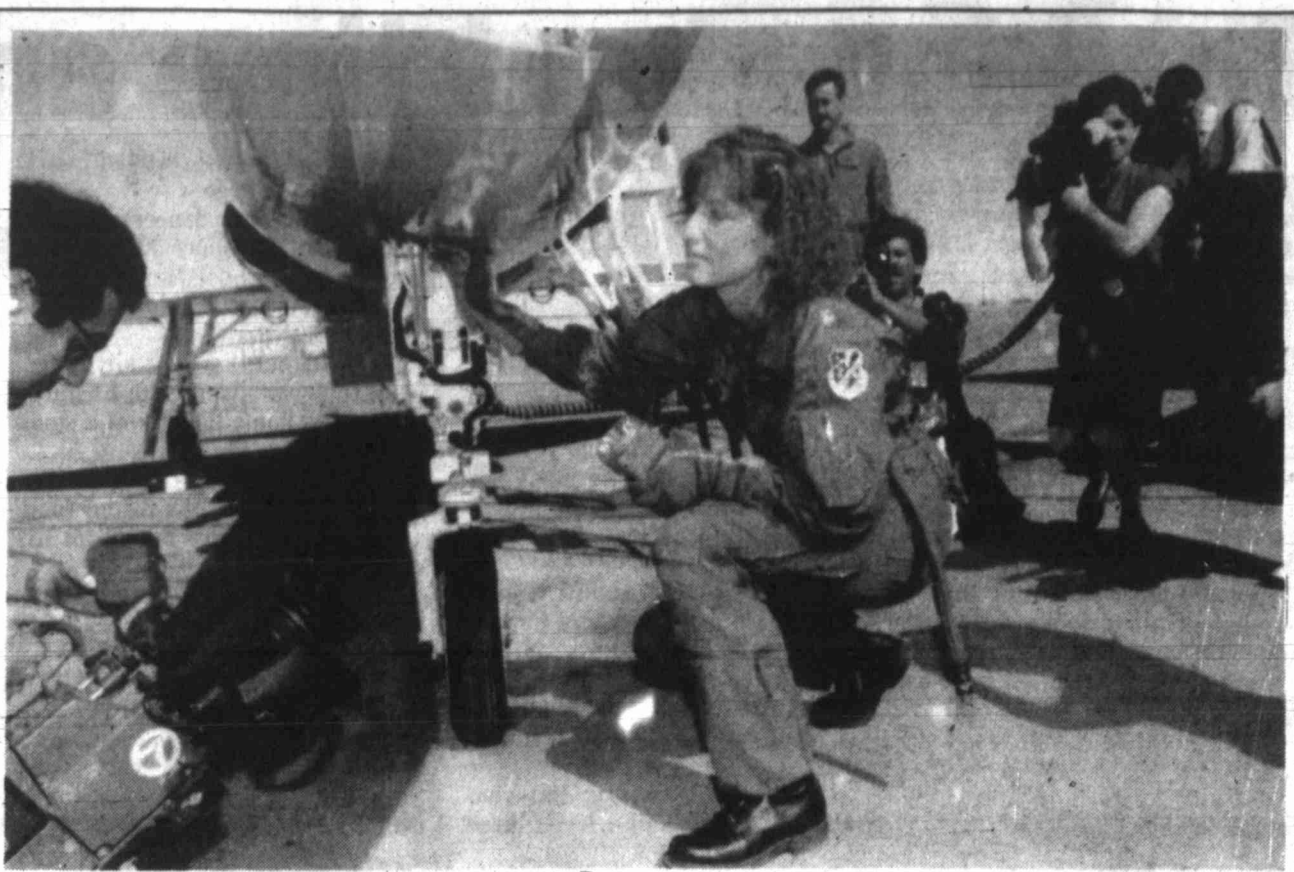
"We're not looking for a handout."

The proposal would have given Gulf War veterans \$75 for each month of service, up to \$525. Three prisoners of war from Pennsylvania and families of the 29 Pennsylvanians killed in the war would have gotten \$4,000.

The total works out to about \$17.5 million, though the referendum would have authorized \$23 million.

States traditionally have given cash bonuses to war veterans, and Pennsylvania voters did so for soldiers who fought in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. In Louisiana, Gulf War veterans received \$250.

National Guard and reserve troops called up for the war would have received bonuses regardless of where they served. But active duty troops would not have gotten bonuses if they worked outside the Persian Gulf theater, the area of land, air, space and water defined by the Pentagon.



Woman warrior

Under the watchful monitoring of media members, Air Force 2nd Lt. Jeannie Flynn goes through a pre-flight inspection Tuesday at Holloman Air Force Base

near Alamogordo, N.M. Flynn, 26, is the first woman eligible for combat training under new Defense Department rules. She begins her training today.

California's dreamin' fades to harsh Capitol Hill reality

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton produced a made-for-TV defense of his troubled economic package during a two-day trip out West, but he is back home now to face a revolt among members of Congress who have been busy with sound bites of their own.

While Clinton was jogging on a San Diego beach, playing basketball in riot-torn South Central Los Angeles and promoting his defense conversion program in Los Alamos, N.M., conservative Democrats were engineering an assault on the economic package the president left town to promote.

Republicans, too, were unfazed by the hand-shaking and warm, fuzzy photo images that dominated Clinton's campaign-style trip. Republican Senate leader Bob Dole said Clinton was "heading west while his polls numbers go south."

Clinton, who returned to Washington about 1 a.m., was heading to Capitol Hill hours later for a mid-morning meeting with the Democratic caucus.

"They're going to strategize on getting his economic package through the House," said White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers. She insisted the administration "feels very good" about the package's chances.

House Speaker Tom Foley, on the other hand, said Tuesday that he was concerned about getting the measure past united Republican opposition. "We need all the factions of the Democratic party to unite for that purpose," said Foley.

Conservative Democrats are seeking major changes in the package — to tilt it more heavily toward spending cuts and away from higher taxes — and say they have enough votes to block beginning debate on the bill if they are not allowed votes on their plans.

There is considerable overlap between two factions, one of which is focused on holding down spending by placing caps on benefit programs such as Medicare, and another concentrating on substituting various spending cuts for the energy tax. "We'd like an opportunity to help improve the bill," said Rep. Dave

McCurdy, D-Okla., after he and about 60 other moderate and conservative Democrats met with the chief White House lobbyist. They feel Clinton has abandoned the moderate, "new kind of Democrat" philosophy that got him in the White House.

"I think it's clear there is going to have to be some compromise because there are not the votes today for the tax bill," McCurdy said today. "That is primarily because of this growing consensus that we would like to see some cuts."

He noted that one "cut" would require Medicare recipients who have more than \$150,000 in annual income to pay all their Medicare premium and said "that alone" would save "close to \$20 billion."

Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, who is pushing the idea of wealthy Medicare recipients paying more for health coverage, said it is wrong to suggest that the cuts being suggested fall on the poor. "That's a red herring that is brought up every time to keep us from dealing with spending reductions in the manner in which the American people want us to do," he said.

Briefs

Court rules Boy Scouts can require oath to God

CHICAGO (AP) — The Boy Scouts are free to turn away youngsters who won't take an oath to do their duty to God, a federal appeals court ruled.

In a 2-1 ruling Monday, a panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the Boy Scouts of America is not a "place of public accommodation" required to admit atheists or agnostics.

The decision upheld a judge's ruling in the case of 10-year-old Mark Welsh, who was excluded from a Tiger Cub chapter.

The Scouts require potential members to affirm a belief in God. But the boy's father, Elliot Welsh of Hinsdale, had written on a 1989 application that he could not agree with the requirement.

Of Monday's ruling, the elder Welsh said he thought the purpose of the Boy Scouts "was to build bridges rather than dig moats."

A similar state ruling in California is under appeal.

Boy Scouts attorney George Davidson praised the ruling and said he hoped it would serve as a guide for similar cases elsewhere.

Tip leads police to stolen paintings

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Police acting on a tip found nine stolen Cuban paintings valued at more than \$1 million in trash bins at a shopping center but didn't recover the most valuable one taken in the heist.

Eleven paintings were discovered missing from the Gary Nader Fine Arts Gallery on May 11.

The paintings recovered on Tuesday included seven by Wilfredo Lam, a surrealist known as the Picasso of Cuba.

The paintings had been taken out of their frames, rolled and folded, said Mariangela Capuzzo, assistant director of the gallery. They were slightly damaged, Capuzzo said.

Two Lam paintings were still missing, including one valued at \$400,000 and titled "Oiseaux" — French for birds, Capuzzo said. Lam, a supporter of Fidel Castro, died in 1982.

Mercedes-Benz recalls 14,300 American cars

DETROIT (AP) — Mercedes-Benz of North America is recalling 14,300 cars to fix a problem that could lead to brake failure.

The automaker said Tuesday that no injuries have been blamed

on the problem with the 1990-92 500SL models. Mercedes will replace a vacuum line in the cars.

NASA radios correction for probe malfunction

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA radioed a computer program to the Mars Observer to correct a malfunction that had the spacecraft pointing the wrong way for eight days.

The program, sent Monday, returned the craft to normal operation and reduced the chance that the problem will recur during the \$980 million mission, said David Durham of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The Mars Observer points the right way by finding certain stars. The problem was the fourth time since Jan. 1 that the spacecraft lost its bearings and stopped transmitting scientific information.

The spacecraft is scheduled to go into orbit around Mars on Aug. 24 and begin studying the planet on Nov. 22. It will spend at least one Martian year — 687 Earth days — producing photographs and maps of unprecedented detail.

The Mars Observer was almost 12 million miles from Mars and 144 million miles from Earth on Tuesday. It was launched by rocket in September.

Gang ban deadlocks Los Angeles council

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The City Council deadlocked over a measure to ban gang members from parks and beaches after police warned it would be unenforceable.

The ordinance would have made it a crime for gang members with two or more serious offenses on their records to enter a park, beach or playground with the intent of engaging in gang activity. Violators could get up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

"It is very difficult, almost impossible, to have field officers identify gang members," Assistant Police Chief Bernard Parks said before Tuesday's 5-5 vote. "And second, it is very difficult, almost impossible, to enforce laws on a specific intent that individuals might have when they come to public facilities."

The council was expected to kill the plan or send it back to committee today.

"We all want to prevent gangs going into parks," Councilman Marvin Braude said. "But we have to support the police by doing it in an effective manner."

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School funding already should have been solved

In Texas, the big issue of the day is funding public education. For many Texans there is grave concern over how the schools will finance this coming school year. Will programs be cut to ease the financial burden, will consolidation be the answer? One thing is a forgone conclusion - more money will have to be found, somewhere, to fund the schools.

Many people think the Texas Lottery money should be used to finance schools. While dedicating all of the lottery money to school finance would be appropriate, it would not cover the entire bill.

School finance has been a sticky situation for our state legislators. It has also been one where partisanship has not been overcome.

Texas voters were unsure of the "Robin Hood" plan which was voted down in the May 1 election. What is being put forward now is consolidation of school districts.

But, the key question of where the money is going to come from has not been resolved because more taxes is not something the Texas voters see as the answer.

So for the legislators, it is back to the drawing board to see if some fair and equitable way can be found to solve the school finance problem.

This is a problem our legislators should have solved several years ago. The longer the problem is allowed to continue, the more the students of this state are hurt.

And, that is something no Texan should allow.

Mosquitoes in paradise

I remember when we first moved down to the coast of Texas. It was in 1971, right after Hurricane Cecilia had ripped through the Corpus Christi area.

We moved to Ingleside from West-West Texas - Van Horn - and it was very different from any place we had lived before. It took some getting used to, even after living on the coast for a while.

When we first moved there, the area had its first snow in more than 10 years. It was nothing more than tiny, wet flakes which melted as soon as it hit the ground. School was let out so kids, who had never seen snow in their lives could play with the snow.

Then it wasn't a big deal for my brother and I, after all we had just moved from a cold area where snow did happen. But, after several green winters, you begin to understand why the let school out that day.

Freak weather is the norm it seems down on the coast and I often felt pity for the poor weather forecaster. There was one time when the forecast was for a beautiful day and from somewhere about 13-14 inches of rain appeared all within a 24-hour period.

People were motorboating down mainstreet Aransas Pass and in Ingleside, we watched as people floated their VW down on street, trying to keep up with it. Of course the forecasters were to blame for not knowing this was coming.

But the worst was when the inland bays froze, trapping all the fish. There were people out on the ice, chipping out the frozen fish. As good as any refrigerated truck.

Of course what brings home to mind is the mosquito infestation we are suffering in Big Spring. One of the nice things about living here was no mosquitoes. Even better, my cat hasn't been bothered by masses of fleas since I moved west to Del Rio.



DD Turner

Down on the coast, we couldn't outrun either the fleas or the mosquitoes.

The mosquitoes I've seen here seem to be the tiny variety, the one's that just about kill my mother. You would think the mosquitoes that sound like a B-52 humming in your ear would be the cause of most of the problems.

But no. Those little ones are sneaky and often you don't even feel them bite. And, I swear, those little critters cause the most intense itching.

It's the water, of course, which breeds mosquitoes. And, here we have had quite a bit of water over the past month. Of course on the coast you can't get away from the water, so mosquitoes are more a way of life than anything else.

I always felt sorry for our poor Doberman, Duke, who was allergic to mosquitoes. He would develop big welts where they bit him. Dobbies just don't like mosquitoes or the associated heart worms. So, summer was a miserable time for poor Duke.

We would spend time each afternoon "offing" the poor dog. I don't know what he hated worse, the mosquitoes or smelling like Off. But I always thought he appreciated a few hours of mosquito-free play.

While I miss living on the coast, I don't miss some of the associated problems. I think my Mom summed up the mosquito problems perfectly: "Why would God create paradise and then stick mosquitoes in it?"

of America, were organized.

In 1921, Congress passed the Emergency Quota Act, which established national quotas for immigrants.

In 1935, T.E. Lawrence, also known as "Lawrence of Arabia," died in England from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash.

In 1943, in an address to the U.S. Congress, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pledged his country's full support in the war against Japan.

In 1958, the United States and Canada formally established the North American Air Defense Command.

In 1964, the State Department disclosed that 40 hidden microphones had been found in the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

In 1967, the Soviet Union ratified a treaty with the United States and Britain banning nuclear weapons from outer space.

Today's Birthdays: PBS newscaster Jim Lehrer is 59. T.V. personality David Hartman is 58. Author Nora Ephron is 52. Rock singer-composer Peter Townshend is 48. Singer-actress-model Grace Jones is 41. Singer Joey Ramone is 41. Baseball catcher Rick Cerone is 39.

Thinking about time and birth

Editor's Note: This is a previously published Lewis Grizzard column. A friend of mine became a father for the first time last week. He's even older than I am.

Yesterday we were sitting on the front porch of the fraternity house drinking beer. Today, he's got a son. I remember what the old folks used to say: "Lord, where does the time go?"

I didn't understand them then. I do now.

So we talked about his kid.

"He's got more hair now than I do," said my friend, whose bald spot showed up four or five years ago.

"How big was he when he was born?" I asked.

"Eight pounds, 11 ounces. He's going to be a big 'un."

"Did you get to hold him right after he was born?"



Lewis Grizzard

"Yeah, I had to scrub up, and then I got to hold him. That's when I really realized I had a son. That's when the bonding really takes place between father and son."

We never talked about it, but I always assumed my friend had his heart set on a boy child.

He's an ex-jock who still is competitive as ever on a tennis court, the golf course or in his den throwing darts.

He had a wild streak in him when he was younger, and a lot of lovely

ladies stood by with broken hearts and watched him go.

He was the best dancer who ever shagged to "Stubborn Kind of Fellow," back in school. He drove a red 1950 Chevy convertible and voted for Barry Goldwater.

After school, he flew airplanes, went to a war, went into business and built a home the size of a small town.

A man like that wants a son.

His wife wanted him in the room with her when she bore him his child.

"I guess you were pretty happy when you saw it was a boy," I said to him.

"It wasn't like that," he said. "My thoughts were more with my wife than with anything else. She was a trouper."

"You mean she was in a lot of pain?"

"Let me put it to you this way—if it were up to me and you had to have babies, there wouldn't be very many around."

I was impressed with his concern for his wife taking precedence over anything else. Knowing him, knowing me, knowing how much a son would mean to him, and knowing the general insensitivity of most men, I sensed a friend entering another phase of his life.

One where a man comes to peace with himself, there's the wind to move him an inch, and knows, without doubt, that in wife and child he has the only treasures that really matter anyway.

I used to laugh at such. Now, I'm jealous of it.

Rein in excesses of drug enforcement

Scripps Howard News Service

A court in Tennessee struck a blow against arbitrary government power the other day when it ruled that the Drug Enforcement Agency must give back Willie Jones' \$9,600.

Readers may remember Jones from Scripps Howard's 1991 series "Presumed Guilty," about abuse of the forfeiture laws. Reporters Andrew Schneider and Mary Pat Flaherty examined 121 cases around the country of individuals forced to give up money to police on suspicion that they were drug couriers — though no drugs were found in their possession and they were never charged with any crime.

Willie Jones was one of these. A 44-year-old landscaper, he was catching a plane from Nashville to Houston in February 1991 when two Drug Enforcement Agency officers stopped him in the airport. Jones met the "profile" for a drug courier: He bought his plane ticket with cash, he was making a short-turn-around trip to a city deemed a source for drugs, and he was black.

A search turned up a large amount of cash. Jones said he was going to Houston to buy plants for his business, and the nurseries he dealt with preferred cash. But a drug dog trained to spot cocaine on money reacted. The agents took Jones' money and sent him on his way.

Willie Jones had receipts for three years indicating that each fall and spring he bought plants in other states, Schneider and Flaherty reported. And they interviewed scientists who say that most currency in circulation bears traces of drugs. Police records showed Jones' one arrest was for drag racing 15 years before.

Matching the drug-courier profile, however, constituted "probable cause" — which is all agents need to confiscate a suspect's assets, under the seizure rules expanded for the war on drugs. While that standard may be appropriate in investigations of particular narcotics rings, it is scatter-shot when applied to travelers generally.

And here is the truly outrageous twist: Authorities who seize a suspect's assets are not obliged to follow up — by either charging the suspect with a crime or returning his property.

The suspect has a right to petition to get his property back. But the burden is on him. In Willie Jones' case, it took not only the normal administrative process but also an appeal to the U.S. District Court in Nashville before justice was done.

Justice of a sort. Two years of legal hassles and lawyers' bills are not the kind of protection from "unreasonable searches and seizures" envisaged by the Bill of Rights. It is more than time the courts reined in the excesses of drug enforcement.



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Covering the courts

A test of search and seizure

WASHINGTON — Maybe the proposition is "silly," as Justice Anthony Kennedy remarked. Then again, maybe the matter is not so silly after all. You be the judge. The case is Minnesota v. Dickerson. The facts are not greatly in dispute.

On a November evening in 1989, Minneapolis Police Officer Vernon Rose was on routine patrol in a section of the city known to be infested with drug dealers. Rose saw a man, Timothy Dickerson, come out of an apartment house on Morgan Avenue North. Rose knew the house well. He had executed drug warrants there before.

As soon as Dickerson saw Rose's squad car, he made an abrupt turn and went down an alley. An experienced officer, Rose suspected drug activity. He followed Dickerson down the alley, stopped him, and patted him down for weapons. So far, so good. The law permits such a stop and frisk.

Rose found no weapons, but he felt a familiar object in the front pocket of Dickerson's thin nylon jacket. The object was in size somewhere between a large pea or a small marble. Rose knew exactly what it was. His sense of touch told him it was crack cocaine.

At Dickerson's trial for drug possession, the state offered the cocaine in evidence. The court admitted the evidence, found Dickerson guilty, and put him on two years' probation. He appealed. The Minnesota Supreme Court, splitting 4-3, reversed the conviction. The search, said the court, violated Dickerson's Fourth Amendment right to be protected against an unreasonable search and seizure. The state appealed.

On March 3, before a packed courtroom, the U.S. Supreme Court



James J. Kilpatrick

heard argument in the case. Observers regard the Dickerson incident as the most important Fourth Amendment case of this term. In some respects it is the most significant search-and-seizure case since the Terry case of 1968.

In that landmark decision the high court affirmed the conviction of John W. Terry. A Cleveland detective, Martin McFadden, had observed Terry and an associate apparently carrying a store for possible robbery. McFadden had 39 years' experience. "They didn't look right," he said.

On the basis of that suspicion, he stopped them, patted them down, and found that Terry was carrying a .38. Convicted of carrying a concealed weapon, Terry appealed. The U.S. Supreme Court, speaking through Chief Justice Earl Warren, ruled 8-1 that the gun was properly admitted in evidence.

It was not Warren's finest opinion. The chief justice dithered around for pages, saying yes, no and maybe. At last he concluded that police officers, given reasonable grounds to believe that a suspect may be armed and dangerous, may search the suspect, but only to the extent that is necessary "for the discovery of weapons."

Back to Timothy Dickerson. The question before the high court is whether the Terry doctrine may be extended to a search not only for weapons but also for illicit drugs. In a related area of the law, Minnesota is urging that what is known as the "plain view" exception should be

extended to a "plain feel" exception. If police, without a warrant, may seize contraband in plain view, why not approve seizures resulting from plain feel?

Counsel for Minnesota argued vigorously that officers should be permitted to make use of all their senses as tools of law enforcement. Using their eyes, they see stolen goods; using their noses, they smell marijuana; using their ears they hear shouted threats.

Justice Kennedy voiced an impatient question to Dickerson's counsel: "You're not saying that an officer can't use his sense of touch? That's just silly."

Justice David Souter had a sharp question. What should Officer Rose have done when he felt the cocaine? "Let the person walk away?" Counsel replied feebly that a cop's authority ends when a frisk for weapons comes up empty. Otherwise an officer could stop any number of persons in a bad neighborhood and subject them to a search for drugs. Chief Justice Rehnquist: "What's wrong with that?"

For my own part, I have an uneasy feeling that a great deal may be wrong with that. The Fourth Amendment is the most precious of all the constitutional amendments that make up the Bill of Rights. It protects every person against a police officer's abuse of the power to make an unreasonable search of our "persons, houses, papers, and effects."

Feeling for a gun is one thing. Officers must protect themselves. But feeling for crack cocaine? There's bound to be a better way of gathering evidence in the drug trade.

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Vance-Owen Bosnia plan is very ambitious

Scripps Howard News Service

Until President Clinton explains his policy toward Bosnia, we must assume that his goal is to secure the three warring parties' agreement to the Vance-Owen plan. Americans assessing U.S. options, then, should appreciate just how ambitious — not to say utopian — a blueprint for nation-building Vance-Owen is.

This scheme was worked out over months of shuttle diplomacy among Bosnia's Muslims, Serbs and Croats. The mediators were Cyrus Vance, an American representing the United Nations, and Lord David Owen, a Welshman representing the European Community. Some 75,000 international troops under NATO command would enforce the plan, on authority from the United Nations. Many of these soldiers would be Americans.

They would not be conventional peacekeepers, who carry only light arms. Instead, Vance said on May 2,

the force would consist of "armored infantry, ... high-caliber troops capable of conducting sustained mobile and forceful action if required."

Forceful action surely would be required. The peace plan expects of people who bitterly hate and fear one another (and for cause) a degree of civilized accommodation that would be commendable in a nation peopled exclusively by Sunday school teachers.

The plan carves Bosnia-Herzegovina into 10 self-governing provinces, three for each ethnic group and one for the capital, Sarajevo, and a weak central government. After 18 months, elections would be held. Until then, while a constitution was being drafted, the U.N. would be in charge, with some powers delegated to interim provincial and central

governments.

Here are some of the provisions the U.N. would enforce:

— The warring militias would pull back to specified areas. The pugnacious Serbs (who countless times have broken their word to the U.N.) would yield a third of the land they occupy.

— All sides would give up their weapons.

— More than 1 million refugees would return to the homes (many of them destroyed) from which "ethnic cleansing" drove them. They would be protected from neighbors who lately slaughtered their kind.

— Human rights would be guaranteed.

— People would be assured free transit to neighboring Serbia and Croatia and across hundreds of miles of new internal boundaries in an area the size of New Hampshire and Vermont combined.



This date in history

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 19, the 139th day of 1993. There are 226 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One year ago, on May 19, 1992, the 27th Amendment to the Constitution, which prohibits Congress from giving itself mid-term pay raises, went into effect as it was certified by the archivist of the United States, two centuries after it was first proposed by James Madison.

On this date: In 1536, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded after she was convicted of adultery.

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Danes riot after treaty approved

The Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — With Denmark declaring victory in the battle for a united Europe, the fight moves to Britain, where opposition has made it the lone holdout in the campaign for a single currency and closer political ties.

Rioting followed Tuesday's vote on the treaty in Denmark and dozens of police and protesters were injured.

Danes narrowly rejected the accord last June in a referendum that sent shock waves through the 12-nation community. This time, the Danes consented after being granted exemptions from key provisions on a common currency, citizenship and defense policy.

Tuesday, 56.8 percent of Denmark's 3.4 million voters gave their assent.

All 12 nations must approve the treaty before it can take effect, and now it is Britain's turn to consider it.

The British House of Commons will take its final vote on the treaty on Thursday, Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said today. The treaty then goes to the House of Lords, which could approve it within a month, despite strong opposition led by former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Britain's Conservative government delayed a final parliamentary vote until after Denmark's referendum on the Treaty on European Union, which calls for a common foreign policy, central bank and currency by 1999.

Hurd expressed confidence Britain will soon approve the pact.

"What we have done today is taken a decision that has historic importance," said Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen in declaring victory Tuesday night.

"It's a historic decision going the wrong way," said Drude Dahlerup, conceding defeat on behalf of the anti-treaty June Movement.



Two policemen stand in front of a barricade set on fire by protesters in Copenhagen Tuesday evening during a protest against the ratification of the European Community's treaty on closer economic and political union.

Danes on Tuesday ratified the Maastricht Treaty, giving the plan a new lease on life near a year after rejecting it.

Several hundred leftists and anarchists rioted shortly after the results were announced, hurling paving stones at police. Danish police, who seldom draw their pistols, shot and wounded eight demonstrators.

Nyrup Rasmussen defended the police, saying they acted to defend themselves. Twenty-four officers were wounded, said Criminal Inspector Willy Eliassen, head of the Copenhagen riot police.

European politicians were quick to predict that the Danish vote would help lift the EC out of the doldrums. Many nations are mired in economic recession, with unemployment rates surging.

Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen said the referendum should "give a new vigor to Europe."

Jacques Delors, the EC's chief executive, said the results would provide "an impetus to the community to shake off a period of gloom and inaction."

Despite their optimism, problems remain.

In addition to Britain's foot-dragging on the unity accord, legal challenges have been raised in Germany's constitutional court. They question the government's ability to cede some national sovereignty to a European union.

The accord, negotiated in Decem-

ber 1991 in Maastricht, Netherlands, is aimed at giving the bloc of 340 million people more clout in world affairs and increasing its economic competitiveness with the United States and Japan.

But European governments have had to lower their expectations, bowing to pressure from an electorate wary of what many perceive as a powerful central government in Brussels, Belgium, meddling in their everyday lives.

The EC's failure to solve the ethnic fighting in nearby Yugoslavia has shown the difficulties of forging a common foreign policy.

Briefs

Soldiers guard court during president's trial

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Soldiers guarded the Supreme Court and extra police patrolled the city Tuesday, two days before the court was to decide whether to try President Carlos Andres Perez for embezzlement.

Journalist Jose Vicente Rangel, the first to allege that Perez misused \$17.2 million in public funds, submitted more evidence on the case to the Superior Public Property Safeguard Court, which handles corruption charges.

Rangel said he will give details on new accusations he has raised against the president to another court soon.

In those latest allegations, Rangel says that at the end of Perez's first term in 1979, he ordered that \$7 million be withdrawn from an Interior Ministry account and deposited in a Swiss bank account in his name.

Perez wanted the money to pay government officials to help his Democratic Action party, Rangel says, according to an account published Monday in the Caracas newspaper El Nacional.

Former Latin America leaders going on trial

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Former presidents of two Latin American nations are facing judges this week, forcing both countries to re-examine their painful pasts.

Former Costa Rican President Luis Alberto Monge, whose trial entered a second day Tuesday, has declared his innocence on charges of complicity in the theft of \$6 million in government money.

On Wednesday, former Panamanian president Manuel Solis Palma faced trial in absentia, accused of "crimes against the state" for forming paramilitary groups that resisted the December 1989 U.S. invasion.

Solis Palma fled to Venezuela after the capture of former dictator Manuel Noriega, who was tried and convicted on drug charges in the United States.

In San Jose, Monge made a dramatic late-night radio and television address Monday in which he declared: "Fellow countrymen: I am absolutely innocent of the charges laid against me."

"God knows I never committed a dishonest act during my rule. Please, believe me, I never stole anything," said Monge, accused of complicity in looting a government fund early in his 1982-86 term.

Investigators said about \$6 million was taken from an emergency fund for natural disasters. Monge's vice president Armando Arauz and 17 other government workers also stand accused.

The criminal trial is expected to last at least four months.

In Panama, the Supreme Court said it would hold its first session Wednesday in the trial of Solis Palma and three alleged co-conspirators on charges they illegal formed paramilitary groups to defend Noriega's power.

Opposition leader freed after police questioning

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — Police released an opposition leader and three of his top deputies late Tuesday after holding them for three days for questioning about the assassination of an electoral official.

Authorities suspected Abdoulaye Wade and his aides, Ousmane Ngom, Jean-Paul Diaz and Pape Samba Mboup, were involved in the slaying Saturday of Babacar Seye, the 70-year-old vice president of the Constitutional Council.

Wade's Democratic Party had accused the government of fraud after the council declared President Abdou Diouf had won a five-year term in March presidential elections. Wade is a four-time presidential challenger.

It was unclear whether Wade would be called in for further questioning.

Seye was killed the day the council began examining provisional results from May 9 legislative elections in which opposition parties made unprecedented gains, though the governing party retained a large majority. An unknown clandestine group called the People's Army claimed responsibility for the attack and threatened more killings unless "the people's will" was reflected in election results.

Croats, Muslims continuing battle

The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Muslims and Croats battled fiercely in central Bosnia today, flouting commitments by their leaders to enforce truces.

The fighting in Vitez began before dawn today. Mortar shells, apparently fired from Muslim positions, landed in a Croat section of the embattled city, Western reporters there said.

"There's very little we can do. The two sides here have decided to come as close as they can and poke each other's eyes out," said British Maj. James Myles of the U.N. force.

In a bid to defuse the 9-day-old battle for the city of Mostar, about 60 miles south of Vitez, Muslim and

Croat leaders agreed Tuesday to try to impose a U.N.-backed peace plan in disputed areas.

Both sides said they would try today to enforce earlier truces that call for troops to withdraw to their barracks and civilians to be freed.

Croats are reported to have detained hundreds of Muslims — including women and children — around Mostar.

Croats have been trying to push Muslims from Mostar to secure uncontested control of a province that they would get under the peace plan.

The clashes between Croats and Muslims, once allies, have greatly complicated international efforts to end the carnage in Bosnia.

In Vitez, several houses were burn-

ing as Muslims and Croats fought each other with mortars, anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns, recoilless rifles and machine guns, British peacekeepers said.

Muslim government forces were reported firing from a ridge overlooking the British base onto Croat positions in the town and the Croats were returning the fire over the British peacekeepers.

The fighting in Vitez, some 40 miles northwest of Sarajevo, appeared aimed at control of a key east-west road.

In Sarajevo, a U.N. spokesman, Cmdr. Barry Frewer, reported a very large unexplained explosion near Vitez overnight and growing unwillingness by local militias in outlying villages.

Electricity was often unavailable because of cut lines. The Bosnian capital has run out of fuel, and U.N. relief spokesman John McMillan said government and Serb officials cannot reach agreement on bringing in more.

Meanwhile, a Croatian Serb army statement claimed that Croatian forces launched an artillery attack early today on the Serb-held town of Benkovac in southern Croatia, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported. There was no word on casualties.

On Tuesday, Bosnian Serb radio said final results of a Bosnian Serb referendum on the international peace plan would be announced when their self-declared assembly meets today in Pale, the Serb stronghold near Sarajevo.

African National Congress under criticism from artists

The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — After decades of leading a struggle against repression, the ANC is under fire from artists who say it wants to dictate what South Africans read, hear, sing and watch.

The white-dominated government gave little support to black artists throughout the apartheid era. The current debate shows that lifting restrictions set by white rulers won't end battles over what constitutes acceptable art and entertainment.

At center stage is the African National Congress' Department of Arts and Culture. At a conference the department sponsored this month, ANC speakers repeatedly urged delegates to "walk the last mile to the election booth with us."

Enter the National Arts Initiative, a nationwide network formed last year by hundreds of artists of all races who say they, not politicians, should set cultural policy. Its general secretary, Mike van Graan, has accused the ANC, the country's leading black group, of trying to "manipulate the arts in ways not too dissimilar to our past rulers."

Van Graan's group claims the ANC is trying to sideline the independent organization. It criticized the conference for appointing 15 arts trustees — mainly ANC members and supporters.

For the moment, the trustees' main mission will be to administer grants under a Foundation of Arts and Culture launched with \$100,000 donated by comedian Jackie Mason. But if the ANC takes power, the group could have extensive influence over the new government's arts policy.

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"With horror, we watch again as the arts are sacrificed on the altars of political expedience," van Graan charged in a bitter letter published in The Weekly Mail newspaper.

Allegations of strong-arm tactics are not new to the ANC, which has been accused by rival black and white groups of neglecting democratic principles in its bid for power.

The ANC denies van Graan's charges and says it invited the National Arts Initiative to participate in the conference, but was turned down. The group attended as an observer.

The ANC conference was held at the Johannesburg Civic Theater, a reminder of cultural policies that have angered the ANC.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't hesitate to do what you want to do. Only TAURUS (April 20-May 20) allows you to find a few backfires. The art of diplomacy GEMINI (May 21-June 20) dealing with a legal matter but pace yourself, as you CANCER (June 21-July 20) partnership and be will take time for more reflection. LEO (July 21-Aug. 20) everything falls into place. A friend will help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Seek out a solution that will willingly assume authority. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) makes you tick and how travel. Tonight: Go for a SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) more information, but tonight: Say yes. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) base with a friend who in new directions. Tonight: CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) goals and don't get lost. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) what is happening on making you feel down. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) are ungrounded, and change in plans. Tonight: IF MAY 20 IS YOUR what drives you, especially in your immediate develop a relationship. THE ASTERISKS (*) 1-Difficult.

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ATTENTION CALENDAR USERS: Support groups will be listed regularly in Thursday's life! section. Bingo listings appear on Sunday Springboard.

Today

•Booth rental available for the Heart of the City Festival, scheduled for June 5. Cost is \$35. for 10x12 area. Applications at Big Spring Main Street office, or call 267-4801.

•Spring City Senior Citizens Center offers dance practice from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

•The Coahoma PTA and the Howard County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring the fingerprinting of preschool and school age children at the Coahoma Elementary School from 8:30 to 3 p.m. For information call Woodie Howell at 393-5666.

•West Texas Legal Service offers legal help on civil matters at the Northside Community Center for those unable to afford their own attorney. For information call 1-886-0647.

•"Crude Diamonds", Big Spring Chapter of Texas Country/Western Dance Assoc. will meet at 7-8 p.m. for basic lessons and 8-9 p.m. for advanced lessons at Elks Lodge. For information 267-1040 or 267-7043.

Thursday

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

•Big Spring Senior Citizen Center offers art classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Spring City Senior Citizens Center offers Bingo from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

•Masonic Lodge #1340 will meet at 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

•The Big Spring Choir Concert will be held at 7 p.m. in the BHS auditorium. The 6th, 7th, 8th, and high school choirs will be performing.

•Human Services Council will meet 10 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Individuals representing any organizations, club or group providing human services to our community are invited. For information call Naomi Hunt 264-2237.

•The Big Spring Humane Society will have a meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the animal shelter. Public invited.

Friday

•Friday night games of Dominoes, Forty-two, Bridge and Chickentack from 5-8 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn Dr. Public invited.

•Spring City Senior Center will have a Country/Western Dance from 8-11 p.m. Area seniors invited.

•Spring City Senior Center: Fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Ages 55 and older.

•Today through Sunday - Big Spring Shrine Club first annual "Whoop & Holler" Chili & Barbecue cookoff, Old golf course area, Wrinkle/McMahon Air Park. Cooks meet at 9 a.m. Saturday. For more information call Max Green at 263-8448 or 263-4720. 50/50 drawing, cold beer, entertainment. Come early, stay late.

Saturday

•Spring City Senior Center will have a Country/Western Dance from 8-11 p.m. Area seniors invited.

•The Coahoma PTA and the Howard County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring a bicycle safety rodeo on the parking lot south of the Coahoma Elementary School at 10 a.m. For information call Woodie Howell at 393-5666.

•YMCA State Gymnastics Championships will be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 800 Birdwell Lane. 9-11:30 a.m., Levels 4 & 5, ages 7 & 8, and 12 & up. 1-3:30 p.m., Level 5, ages 9 to 11. 6-9:30 p.m., Levels 6, 7c, 7d and 8 (most advanced). For information call Glynn Mouton at work, 263-8395, or home, 267-3356.

•Big Spring Birdwatchers will meet at 8 a.m. at Comanche Trail Park. For information call 263-4607.

•Big Spring Model Aircraft Assoc. will display their RC aircraft at the Big Spring Mall from 10-4 p.m. Members will be available to answer any questions about our hobby and club.

Monday

•There will be gospel singing at the Kentwood Center on Lynn Dr. at 7 p.m. For information call 393-5709.

Tuesday

•Big Spring Senior Center ceramics class from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 55 and older invited.

Charity begins work in local community

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

Buying the necessities doesn't come easily to some people, so Odessa-based Servants of the Poor supplies area residents, including Big Spring, with assistance such as food, clothing, furniture and other items.

In the 10 years of their existence, Servants of the Poor has grown to serving the entire Permian Basin area, said Clay Cunningham, manager of the organization's thrift store.

"Not only do we give away clothes, but we get donated items, and sell them at low prices in the thrift store," Cunningham said. "We take the profits and are able to help people in need; if they are about to have their utilities shut off, they need food or baby clothes."

He added the area the group reaches is growing rapidly, due to increasing donations and surrounding community organizations and individuals needing assistance.

Since April 1992, Thrift World, started contracting with Servants of the Poor, which works with other Odessa-based groups like Orphanage Rescue.

"We've been able to do a tremendous amount more than we ever had," he said. "We've worked with groups like the Red Cross, West Texas Opportunities and the Department of Human Services."

Operated by a board of directors comprised of Odessa business leaders, Servants solicit donations from area residents, with profits from the item sales and donations earmarked for surrounding communities, he said.

"We also help people who have lost their homes; whatever we can do because we get furniture donations," Cunningham said. "If any organization in the area doesn't have a particular resource, and they come to us, we will give it to them if we have it."

In January, the group visited Big Spring to give away clothing at the Department of Human Services child protective services division, officials said.

Beth Wheeler, coordinator of clothing distribution for surrounding communities, said a larger giveaway is scheduled for Big Spring during the summer.

"We just want to be there to serve, and put back into the community," she said. "If a child is in need, it doesn't matter where the help comes from, just as long as there is help available."

The group also buys and donates items to the Permian Basin Food Bank.

For more information, contact Cunningham at 580-7722 or Wheeler at 363-0947.

Brown: Serve local people first

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

Help for the needy may not be welcomed if there are questions about the distribution of donated items, a local official said.

Marianne Brown, director of the Northside Community Center, disagrees with an Odessa-based official's notion on how help could be administered in Big Spring.

The Permian Basin's Servants of the Poor solicits donations from communities in and around the Permian Basin. It gives direct and indirect assistance, like clothing and furniture, to those communities.

"We do not need an organization, if (local) people are under the impression that donations are not going to stay in town," Brown said. "If (the Odessa-based organization) is asking for donations in the Big Spring community and redistributing the items, there may be a duplication of services."

Brown said groups like the Salvation Army and Northside center are already working to distribute items donated locally.

Beth Wheeler is the give-away project coordinator for the Odessa-based Servants and president of Orphanage Rescue, also based in Odessa.

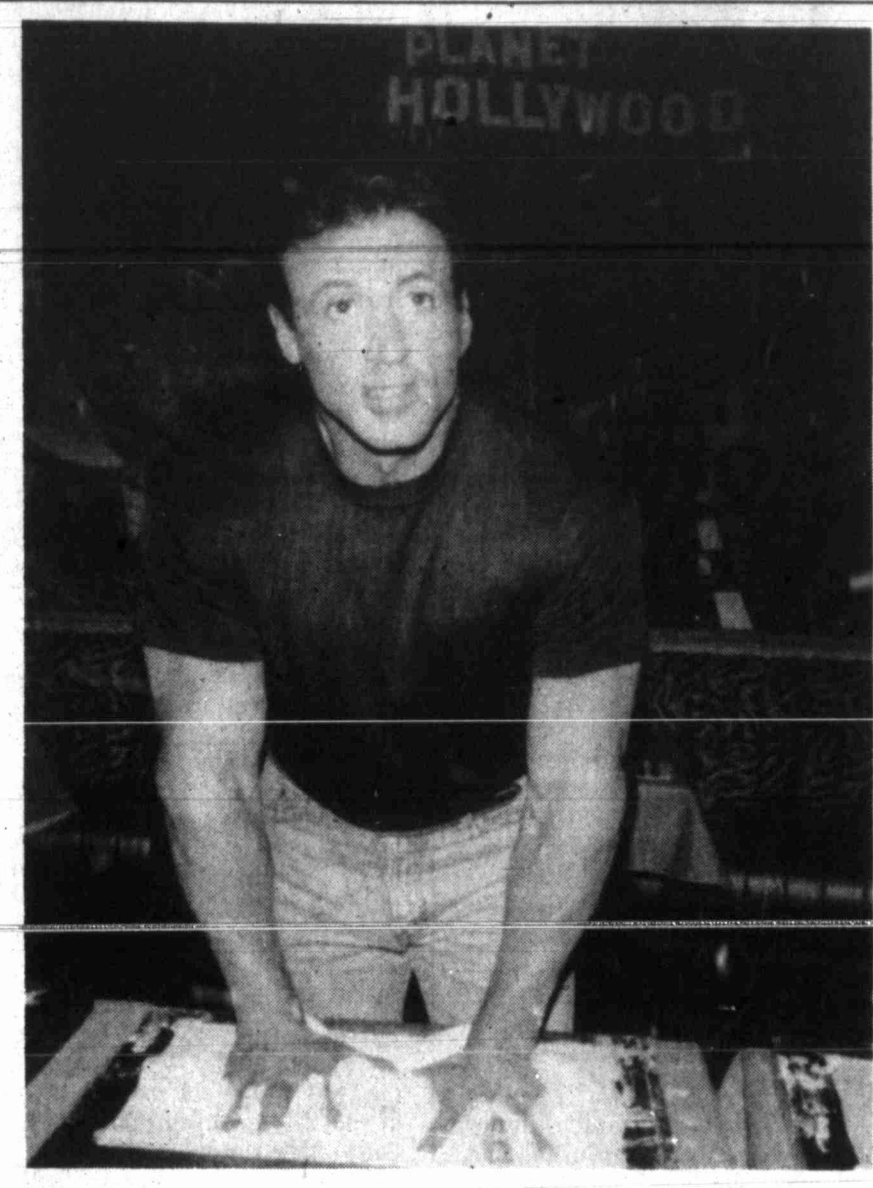
"We are not in competition with (Big Spring organizations), but we want to work together with them," Wheeler said.

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His place
Action star Sylvester Stallone imprints his hands in cement during the opening of the restaurant Planet Hollywood in London Monday. He owns it with Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Salad for every occasion

The word salad derives from the Latin word for salt, sal.

Salads with a simple beginning of edible herbs or plants and dressed only with salt have evolved to a wonderful assortment of ingredients to include meats, fish, cheese, fruits, vegetables or a combination of same.

Most generally they are topped with some form of dressing and can be cooked, uncooked, hot or cold. Salads should be works of art to excite the palate and eye.

When preparing a salad of greens, it is important to dry the leaves thoroughly after washing or the dressing tends to "slide off" the wet surface and the end result can be a diluted mess. If you refrigerate 30 minutes before adding dressing and serving they will be crisp and dry. Avoid "drowning" your salad with dressing or it will be limp and not very eye appealing.

Are you bored with the same old tried and true, garden variety tossed lettuce and tomato salad? You may want to get adventurous and put some pizzaz in your meal with salads of a different "flavor."

With hot weather upon us there is nothing quite so refreshing as a cold gelatin type salad. Daiquiri Jell-O Mold and Sweet 'n' Spicy Beet Salad are both examples of summertime delights to cool the taste buds. The Chicken-Wild Rice-Nut becomes the main attraction of lunch or supper as a beautiful salad entree. Then, of course, we all rely on the traditional "bean" salad recipe to take to picnics, potlucks and cook-outs. My Unique Boutique Salad fits the bill for such a purpose.

DAIQUIRI JELLO MOLD

- 1 (3-oz.) package lemon Jell-O
- 1 (3-oz.) package lime Jell-O
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 small can frozen lemonade
- 1 small can frozen limeade
- 1 (8-oz.) container Cool Whip
- 1 (14-oz.) can crushed pineapple, well drained

Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water and add thawed lemonade and limeade. Chill until partially set. Whip until foamy. Add Cool Whip and mix well. Stir in pineapple; pour into an 8-cup mold and refrigerate.

SWEET 'N' SPICY BEET SALAD

- 1 (3-oz.) package cherry Jello
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 can pickled beets, chopped
- 1 cup liquid from pickled beets
- 1 Tbsp. horseradish, drained
- 1/2 cup celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup onion, minced
- 1 large carrot, grated

Mix Jello with boiling water until dissolved. Add liquid from pickled beets and horseradish. Mix well. Add the other vegetables and chill until firm. If you like a more tart flavor,



Sue Haugh
add a little lemon juice.

CHICKEN-WILD RICE-NUT SALAD

- 1 lb. boneless chicken breast, cooked and cut into bite size pieces
- 8 oz. wild rice, cooked according to directions and drained
- 1 cup pine nuts (walnuts or pecans can be used)
- 1/2 cup canola oil, plus 1 Tbsp.
- 1 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced thick
- 4 stalks celery, thinly sliced
- 1 cup chopped green onions, use all
- 1 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- 1/2 cup rice wine vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

Toast nuts in oven at 350 degrees for 7-8 minutes. In skillet heat 1 Tbsp. canola oil and add mushrooms. Cook about 5 minutes. In large bowl place chicken, cooled wild rice, nuts, mushrooms, celery, green onion and parsley. In small bowl combine vinegar, mustard, black pepper and cayenne. Stir. Whisk in 1/2 cup canola oil and beat until creamy. Toss rice mixture with dressing and season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover and refrigerate or serve immediately. Serves 12-14. This will hold in refrigerator up to 4 days.

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE SALAD

- 1 can cut green beans
- 1 can red kidney beans
- 1 (7-oz.) can pitted ripe olives, sliced
- 1 (8-oz.) can sliced mushrooms
- 1 (15-oz.) can artichoke hearts, quartered
- 1-1/2 cups celery, sliced diagonally
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced

Dressing:
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. sugar
1 Tbsp. salad herbs
1/4 tsp. Tabasco
1/2 cup salad oil
1 Tbsp. capers (optional)

Thoroughly drain all canned items. Combine them with celery and onion. Combine dressing ingredients in jar or blender; shake or beat until well blended. Pour over vegetables. Refrigerate overnight. Serves 10-12.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: No one ever injured his eyesight by looking on the bright side of things.

Sue Haugh's food and recipe columns appear Wednesdays.



Scrpps Howard News Service

Brand names are entering the produce departments of supermarkets more and more. Oddly enough, this is happening at a time when marketing studies suggest consumers are looking to economize with store brands.

Examples of branded produce: Green Giant Mini Gourmet Potatoes. A 12-ounce square see-through plastic box presents the tiny white potatoes in an attractive manner. Those are not redskins, but the potatoes are just as moist, waxy and tender-skinned as the more traditional red-skinned new potatoes.

Excellent for potato salads, or steamed and served with nonfat sour cream and fresh dill. Best cooked whole in the skins: microwaved, boiled, steamed or roasted.

Keep the potatoes in a fairly cool place (not in the refrigerator — refrigerating raw potatoes makes the starch turn sweet) for a couple of weeks before getting around to cooking them, but no harm had come to them, not a single sprout or "shrivel."

Campbell's fresh sliced mushrooms. Displayed alongside the see-through plastic boxes of whole button mushrooms. This is a definite time-saver, but I wouldn't count on keeping the mushroom slices more than two days in the refrigerator. Obviously, washing should be held to a minimum; the greater surface area exposed by slicing would allow the mushrooms to absorb more water. The slices appeared to be cleaner than whole mushrooms.

Del Monte fresh pineapple chunks and juice. These are marketed in a see-through plastic pouch and offer incredible convenience.

Reducing fat

Reducing our diets to no more than 30 percent calories from fat is a desirable goal to help prevent obesity, heart disease and some forms of cancer. But that doesn't mean every dish has to be less than 30 percent calories from fat.

Nutritionists mean that's an average to aim for over time, so that both high- and low-fat food choices balance out. If you eat a slice of pie, for instance, cut down on fatty foods the rest of the day. By the end of the day or week, the ideal diet should then be 30 or less.

But isn't 30 percent calories from fat a meaningless mathematical goal? How do we translate that into everyday life?

One way is to use a fat budget. For example, a woman who needs 1,500 calories a day would have a fat budget of 50 grams (30 percent of 1,500 is 450; fat has 9 calories per gram, so divide 450 by 9 to get 50 grams). That means she should strive to consume no more than 50 grams of fat each day.

Beans everywhere

Beans continue to get more respect in upper culinary echelons, and we're not talking imported French lentils or black beans. No, even kidney beans are found on fancy restaurant menus these days.

For example, one of the most requested dishes at Cliff Young's Restaurant in Denver, Colo. — listed by Food and Wine magazine as one of the most distinguished restaurants in North America — is "Exquisite Lemon-Grilled Veal Chop With Kidney Bean Ragout."

Here's Cliff Young's coveted bean recipe:

Add 1 cup kidney beans that have been soaked 24 hours to 2 cups cold water and 2 cups beef bouillon. Simmer until they start to soften; then strain.

In a small saute pan, add 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1/4 cup each chopped carrots, celery, red onion, 1 bulb fennel (cut julienne) and 3 garlic cloves. Sauté until tender and add, along with 2 cups beef bouillon, to partially cooked beans. Simmer until the kidney beans soften; finish by adding 1 cup sun-dried tomatoes, cut julienne.

Spring cleaning Is your outdoor furniture ready?

By The Associated Press

If you misplaced the hangtags that spell out how to care for your outdoor furniture, or if you bought the pieces secondhand without instructions, here are some how-to's to get your furniture on the way to a cleaner, prettier summer.

The advice is courtesy of Fortunoff's, a suburban New York and New Jersey retail chain that specializes in outdoor furniture.

If your furniture was cleaned properly before it was stored last fall, it should require only a routine pre-season cleaning. Cleaners formulated specifically for your furniture type — aluminum, resin or wood — are recommended, but a nonscratching cleanser or mild soap and water will do.

The following are some guidelines:

oil, linseed oil and teak oil lubricate and protect. One of these should be applied once a year. For redwood, use a clear oil-based stain or a pigmented stain if you prefer the red color.

— The electrostatically-applied, powder-coated finish on most aluminum and iron and steel furniture is similar to automobile paint and should give good service over many years. When nicks and scratches appear, touch up the furniture by cleaning the surface area, using fine sandpaper and then applying a few thin coats of paint. After the paint is dry, polish the piece with car wax.

— To clean aluminum furniture frames, use a nonabrasive cleanser and apply a coat of car wax for a glossy finish.

— Vinyl straps can be cleaned with mild soap and water or a commercial cleaner.



Thomas Martin of Freiburg, Germany, appears engulfed in his collection of chewing gum Friday. He has 2,561 different brands from countries around the world and got a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Associated Press photo

TV has plenty of dysfunctional families

By The Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Father really did know best — or at least more than Al Bundy — while raising a television family as America watched.

Robert Young's best, featured in "Father Knows Best" from 1954-1963, made a list of "psychologically healthy TV families" compiled by a Cabrini College researcher.

Al Bundy's family from the current "Married... With Children" did not. "I really hope no family is like that," Catrina Horning said.

Horning surveyed 12 TV families from 40 years of television and compared them to the textbook criteria for well-adjusted households.

Topping the roll of the right-living families were those portrayed on "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Life Goes On," which tied for the highest ranking. They were followed in order by "The Hogan Family," "Happy Days" and "Little House on the Prairie" (another tie) and "Father Knows Best."

The Bundys, with a powerless father, oddball mother, even ditzier daughter and sex-crazed son, were at the bottom of the heap. Emerging upward were, in order, "All in the

Family," "The Simpsons," "The Patty Duke Show," "The Donna Reed Show" and "ALF."

"I was expecting all the early TV to be healthier because they were all supposedly family oriented," Horning said.

"I was expecting ('Donna Reed') to be the healthiest show I would find," Horning said. "It wasn't what it was supposed to be. It was utopian. It was very unreal. I was very surprised."

Horning, who graduated from Cabrini last fall with degrees in psychology and history, evaluated the shows based on 15 criteria considered indicative of a psychologically healthy family.

The topics, taken from Dolores Curran's 1983 book, "Traits of the Healthy Family," included: communication, shared meals, support, respect, trust, play, balanced interaction, shared leisure time, shared responsibility, sense of right and wrong, rituals and traditions, shared religion, privacy rights, service and admitting problems.

Catrina Horning, researcher

ing it. "There are solid family units (on television now). TV's not creating it, but reflecting it. TV's gotten more mature," Horning said.

Vicki Abt, a professor of sociology and American studies at Penn State's Ogonz campus, strongly disagreed. She called TV "the worst thing that ever happened to America."

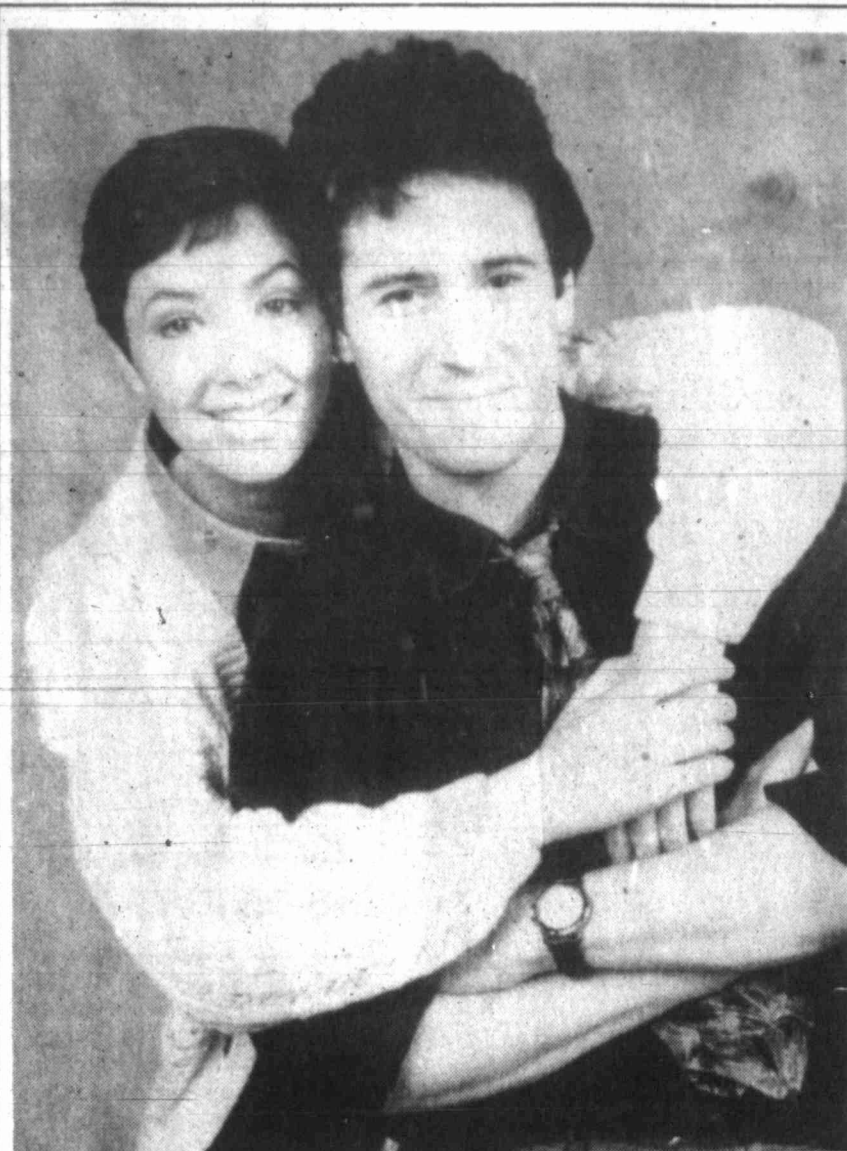
"The families that are depicted are generally totally misrepresented," Abt said.

"The single parent — they have a lot of money like Murphy Brown. Most illegitimacy is among the very young, teenagers," Abt said. "It's not usually a free choice that I'm going to have a baby out of wedlock."

Robert Alexy, a University of Richmond professor who prepared a 1970s documentary on TV families, took exception to comparing old shows with the new.

"If you examine the world of the family in the 1950s and the role of parents, you have a whole different perspective on how children should be dealt with," he said.

He also took exception with the limited scope of the study, saying "Leave It to Beaver" and "The Waltons" should surely have landed on the good-TV list.



Rob Morrow and Janine Turner star as Joel and Maggie on "Northern Exposure." Critics' and fans have taken aim at the series, griping about the plots, characters and advertising promotions.

'Northern' on ice

Fans scrutinize, love weekly farce

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It's almost as if some prankster slapped a bull's eye on "Northern Exposure's" Morty the moose and then declared hunting season open.

Critics and fans have taken aim at the series, griping about the plots, characters, even advertising promotions.

A pushing match between Joel and Maggie (Rob Morrow, Janine Turner) turns passionate and the show draws complaints that it's glorifying violence. The enviro-dogma of hypersensitive bubble man Mike raises hives in some viewers. A beermaker's plan to feature mascot Morty in displays is slammed by TV Guide, which says the residents of Cicely, Alaska, already tend to hit the bottle under stress.

Let's make it clear: Folks aren't kicking the Monday night CBS series when it's down. In its fourth season, the tale of an angst-ridden New York doctor marooned in icy Alaska still ranks among the top 20 shows.

"Northern Exposure" earned its following honestly, with humor, sexy charm and the best dream-fantasy sequences this side of "Wizard of Oz."

Where else in TV could you get a wry, very alive Sigmund Freud counseling a character? Or a picnic in which a star-crossed woman is confronted by her assorted dead boyfriends, all chewing ruthlessly on burgers and her psyche?

The series set in tiny, fictional Cicely offered viewers an informed wit that — can they DO that on television? — even required a bit of reflection.

Chris Stevens (John Corbett), who doubles as Cicely's disc jockey and name-dropping philosopher, cites the likes of St. Augustine, Einstein and T.S. Eliot in plumbing life's mysteries.

"What do women want? Same things we do, only in prettier colors," he pronounced on one occasion.

"Northern Exposure" regularly mulls spirituality and religion, both generally foreign to the one-dimensional television landscape. Native Americans characters get a rare chance to step outside stereotypes.

And it hasn't been head without heart. Maggie and Joel's prickly mating dance has been engaging and affecting, acted out skillfully by Moss Turner and Morrow.

Equally good is the ensemble cast, who make the most of their only-in-Cicely characters.

So was it all just too marvelous to last? Turning out regular TV schlock is one thing, creating a classic each week quite another.

The series has stumbled on occasion, losing the emotional resonance that makes it more than just another drama or sitcom. We greedy souls expect to be surprised, amused AND touched by "Northern Exposure."

Producers Andrew Schneider and Diane Frolov admit it's hard to keep fresh year after year — but they're trying.

"We don't phone it in," says Schneider. The pair claimed an Emmy for a script they wrote last season.

Schneider dismisses conjecture that the series has changed because its creators, Joshua Brand and John Falsey, neglected it trying to save the low-rated medical drama "Going to Extremes."

"Josh and John are as involved as in the previous season. The writing staff is essentially the same," he said.

Viewer devotion to the series may be one reason for the zealous scrutiny, its producers say.

"Our fans are very proprietary and very passionate," said Schneider. "I think it speaks to the level of interest in the show and identification with the show."

"If we take what some people perceive as a misstep," he said, "then they really let us have it."

Says Frolov: "It feels strange to be the object of such scrutiny. We've been in the business a long time and never experienced this phenomenon, to be part of a show that's like a cult thing."



Big Spring

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•Saturday — State Gymnastics Tournament at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Call Linda Perez at 267-

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Steve Reagan

Send awards in care of Jordan, Mario

I think the National Basketball Association and the National Hockey League can save everybody a lot of time and trouble and just give their MVP trophies to Michael Jordan and Mario Lemieux for as long as the two guys can suit up.

It's boring, yes, but the two are so far ahead of anyone else currently playing their sports that an actual vote on the awards seems pointless.

And it's not just that the two are the best scorers in their league — which they are — or that they make megabucks on their contracts — which they do — but they also happen to be two of the most courageous people in sports.

Jordan rules

Before the NBA playoffs began, people were talking about how suddenly human Jordan and the Chicago Bulls were. Yep, the vaunted experts were saying, it looks like this is the year the Bulls finally crumble.

Well, the playoffs are nearing the conference finals, and now everybody is wondering if the Bulls will lose a game, much less a series.

The reason for Chicago's regained invulnerability is Jordan, plain and simple.

My theory is that Jordan heard all the talk from the vaunted experts and took it personally. And, being the resident super-hero that he is, he proceeded to make sure all the vaunted experts ate about as much dirt as he could dish out.

Two playoff opponents, two sweeps — Jordan and Bulls, at least until now, have seemed blessed.

And it's not as if Jordan has been 100 percent physically. Against Atlanta, he played part of the series with a badly sprained ankle and his wrist was killing him against Cleveland.

No matter, though. All he's done is average somewhere just below 40 points a game in the playoffs and done all the other miraculous stuff we have come to expect from Mr. Endorsement.

Gee, I wonder what he'd play like if he were healthy?

We'll find out soon enough, I guess. The Bulls face the New York Knicks in the Eastern Conference finals beginning Sunday and most of the vaunted experts who were predicting the Bulls' demise are being strangely silent.

I guess when your team's go-to guy is someone who transforms the sport almost on a nightly basis, you have to like your chances.

Super Mario

If the sports world in general ever gave an award for most courageous player, the unanimous vote would go to Mario Lemieux.

Yeah, I know, the guy plays hockey (Isn't that the sport with the puck, Mabel?) but he's tougher than month-old laundry.

How tough is he? Well, how about leading his team to the second round of the NHL playoffs despite chronic back troubles (which have required surgery more than once) and Hodgkin's Disease?

Hodgkin's, for the unaware, is a form of cancer, fatal in many cases. And Lemieux had it. Underwent radiation treatment for it this year, as a matter of fact. And he still made it back in time to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to the NHL playoffs.

Penguins were recently eliminated by the New York Islanders, but hey, I guess even superstars have their limit, eh?

I don't care how tough you think you are, unless you've looked the Big C in the face and spit right at it, you're just another piker.

Lemieux, for now and forevermore, deserves canonization or whatever beatification rites the NHL offers. The fact that he has all these health problems and is still able to skate for a living qualifies him for sainthood. Add to that the fact that he continues to be the preeminent goal scorer in the game and you begin to wonder if the guy's mortal.

Stallings exits a winner

By MIKE BUTTS
Sports Editor

STANTON — If Brian Wilkinson deserves a spot in Sports Illustrated, maybe Stanton's Jeremy Stallings belongs there too.

Wilkinson, a California high school senior, showed up in the magazine's Faces in the Crowd feature May 10. His time of 1:49.5 was the best among high school 800 meter runners nationally.

But no more.

Stallings tied the 800 state record and won the state 2A championship Saturday in Austin with a 1:49.2. The race marked a fitting climax to the senior's amazing high school track career.

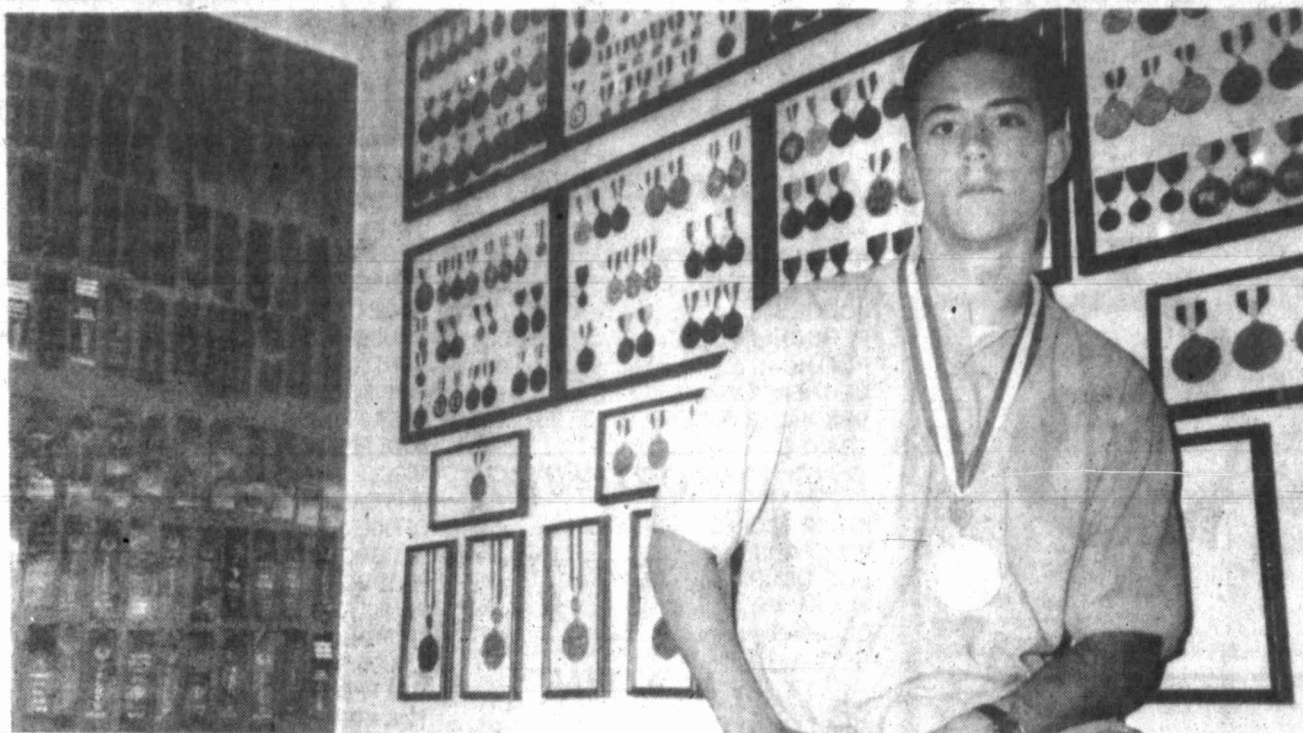
As a sophomore Stallings won state in both the 800 and 1,600 meter runs. His junior year he broke the 2A state record in again winning state in the 800.

A search of Texas high school track and field records shows just how remarkable Stallings record-setting achievement on Saturday was. Only three of the state's current 32 track and field records were set earlier than 1980. And only two, Houston Memorial's Dave Morton's 1:49.2 in the 800 and the boys' 1600 meter mark, go back to the '60s.

Twenty-six years after he set the 800 mark, Morton called Stallings from Dallas to congratulate the three-time state 2A 800 winner on his latest accomplishment.

"He just said it was nice to see somebody after all those years that worked hard enough to run that time," Stallings said, unwinding in his parent's house in Stanton Tuesday after having competed in three events in Austin. "I think he was just happy to see somebody get back down there (under 1:50) again. I don't think anybody's broken 1:50 in Texas since he did."

Stallings said he expected to break 1:50 in Austin. He had the times he needed in his splits (or sections of the run) written down before hand and



Jeremy Stallings of Stanton High School sits in his room before the many medals and ribbons he has won during his four-year high school track career. Stallings

recently won a gold medal in the 800 meter run at the state UIL track meet in Austin.

checked the clock during the race. At each split he was on schedule to tie Morton's mark, set eight years before Stallings was born.

"When I came off that curve where they start the 300 hurdles (100 meters into the second lap), that's when everybody started getting off their feet and really yelling," he said. "The announcer was calling off my splits and by that point everybody knew I had a chance (to tie the record) ... I tried not to tighten up. I was scared if I tried too hard I would."

Graduation comes in two weeks for the Stanton runner. And thoughts about the end of his high school athletic career are beginning to take hold. He will run in three high school national invitationals this summer, but he said those won't be the same as competing for Stanton.

"It's started getting depressing here since I got back from state because I know it's over," Stallings said. "(The national meets are) not as

big as state, and out here when I run everybody knows me. It's gonna be a while before (that happens) again."

After four years of Jeremy Stallings, Stanton's track program may never be the same. Track had hit a low point at the school when Stallings came in as a freshman.

"We had eight people on the track team and six were freshman," Stallings remembered. "We had absolutely no success. Our top sprinter (Phillip Hinojosa) was a shot putter this year."

Only two athletes, Stallings and then sophomore Kenny McAllister, got out of district that season for Stanton.

Things didn't change much the next year. So Stallings said he and McAllister began recruiting for a mile relay team. The relay team won the Coahoma meet and student interest in track turned around.

The state gold medalist admits that his success also helped make track a more popular sport at Stanton. But

he said relay successes garnered the most interest because athletes felt it was something they could be part of.

In Stallings' junior year the Buffaloes tied Iraan for first in the district in track. In his senior year they finished second by four points. This season, Stanton's boys' track team numbered about 45.

Stallings will attend the University of Florida next fall. A time of 1:47.5 in the 800 automatically qualifies runners for the NCAA national meet. Stallings said he can run in the 1:47s by next spring.

He said it was mostly self-motivation that got him to break the 1:50 mark Saturday.

"I put a lot of pressure on myself. I think in my case the pressure was good because it kept me from settling for average."

When the folks in Stanton and surrounding towns talk about Jeremy Stallings in the years to come, one word they will never use is "average."

Briefs

Steers top Andrews in practice contest

Big Spring made it three wins in a row over Andrews this year with an 8-3 victory Tuesday at Jack Barber Field. Brandon Rodgers gave Big Spring the lead for good with a three-run home run in the bottom of the first inning.

The Steers used four pitchers two innings each in the contest. The game was played to get some practice in for the teams, which are both in the state playoffs. The Steers are now 16-9 on the year and Andrews falls to 21-8.

Big Spring's Luis Bastamante got the win by throwing the first two innings without allowing a run in the eight inning game. Frankie Martinez also threw two shutout frames.

A David Akin RBI single put Big Spring up 4-0 in the fourth. Andrews scored two runs in the fifth off John Kennedy. But the Steers answered with their own two in the bottom of the inning to go up 7-2.

Big Spring plays Friendship Friday at Midland Angel Stadium in an area round playoff game. Andrews faces Plainview at Lubbock Christian University in a best-of-three series Friday and Saturday.

UGSA roundup

Big Spring's Division IV girls softball team opened its season Friday in Andrews with a 16-9 win over the Andrews team.

Karma Morrow starred on the mound for Big Spring and Lisa Hernandez was the game's top offensive player. Morrow struck out five and walked two in giving up four hits in four and 2/3 innings. Hernandez went four for five at the plate. She hit a grand slam in the first inning.

Jackie Martinez had three singles and Morrow added two base hits for Big Spring. Sandy Franco had two singles for Andrews.

DREAM TEAM 9, T.L.C. 3

Dream Team went to 3-0 on the year last Tuesday. Heather James struck out eight for the winners and added three base hits.

Mandy Morrow and Sarah Fannin each had two hits for Dream Team, which is now 2-0 in Division III league play.

Getting base hits for T.L.C. were Jessica Cobos, Erica Lansperly and Sonny Smith.

DREAM TEAM 10, BRADY'S BUNCH

Dream Team won over Brady Bunch, a Coahoma team, last week. Heather James threw eight strike outs in four innings of work. Second baseman Amanda Eggleston and first baseman Hollie Zant combined for a double play for Dream Team.

Zant had two base hits in the game and Eggleston and Sarah Fannin each had one hit.

Jammerz rake in more medals

LEWISVILLE — The Big Spring SK8 Jammerz pulled off another first place win Sunday at the Valley Ranch Outdoor Racing series.

Though represented by only six skaters, the Jammerz brought home more trophies than any of the 12 teams representing Texas and Louisiana.

The Jammerz nine-year-old Willis Morrison won a race against national champion Jordan Malone by lunging for the finish line, a move that caused him to crash land on the concrete track. Morrison has been picked up by the national outdoor Olympic training team - Texas X-press.

Texas MLB roundup

5-run 5th helps Giants to win

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Off to the best start of his career, John Burkett never worries about getting enough run support from his Giants teammates. He figures a big inning is always just around the corner.

On Tuesday night, it came in the fifth inning, when the Giants scored five runs with two out. They went on to beat the Houston Astros 7-2, making Burkett (7-0) the National League's first seven-game winner.

"That's huge for your confidence," said Burkett, who allowed seven hits in stretching his win streak to a career high. "I don't care if we go six or seven innings zero-zero, we're going to come back and win the ball game. That's the kind of attitude I have out there."

With their seventh win in eight games, the Giants extended their NL West lead to three games with their second straight victory over



Houston pitcher Darryl Kile tips his cap after hitting San Francisco's Matt Williams with a pitch Tuesday night.

the second-place Astros.

Burkett drove in San Francisco's first run and started an inning-ending double play in the first to stifle an Astros uprising.

Burns comes to Rangers' rescue

By The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Texas pitchers were getting hit so hard recently that manager Kevin Kennedy was ready to give Jose Canseco a chance to relieve.

Instead, Todd Burns came out of the bullpen and started Tuesday night for the Rangers, and stopped Seattle long enough for a 3-2 victory.

Texas pitchers were tagged for 31 runs on 40 hits, including eight home runs, in two games. The Rangers gave up 23 hits in Monday night's 16-9 loss to the Mariners.

"I said before the game I wanted six innings out of Todd and he gave us six-plus," Kennedy said. "Todd did the job to get us there. That was it. I said we'd have Bohanon and Henke behind him ... and Canseco."

Prior to Tuesday, Rangers pitchers had gone through an eight-game stretch during which their

ERA soared from a league-low 2.93 to 3.96.

Burns gave up two runs on seven hits in 6 2/3 innings.

"Well, we needed a win, that's the bottom line," Burns said. "I felt good coming out of the chute, then I got tired late."

Texas trailed 2-1 when Rafael Palmeiro led off the seventh with a single and was sacrificed to second. Doug Strange, facing Rich DeLucia (1-2), hit his second homer of the season.

"That's all it takes, one pitch to ruin a good day," DeLucia said. "I tried to throw a hard fastball. It's very frustrating. I had great stuff."

Brian Bohanon (2-0) retired one batter and got credit for the victory. He left in the eighth after allowing a single to Rich Amaral and walking Ken Griffey.

Tom Henke struck out pinch hitter Mackey Sasser, then catcher Ivan Rodriguez threw out Amaral at third base on a steal try. Henke finished for his seventh save.

Knicks finish Hornets; Texas teams down 3-2

By The Associated Press

The New York Knicks have struggled to reach the NBA Eastern Conference finals, where it doesn't get any easier.

"It's going to be tough, but we're looking forward to it," Knicks coach Pat Riley said of his team's next foe: the two-time defending champion Chicago Bulls on Sunday.

New York, tested in all five games, outlasted the Charlotte Hornets 105-101 Tuesday night, winning their best-of-7 series 4-1. Chicago wrapped up its semifinal series against Cleveland on Monday without a loss, duplicating its first-round success against Atlanta.

NBA PLAYOFFS

In other games Tuesday, Seattle defeated Houston 120-95 and Phoenix defeated San Antonio 109-97. Both winners took 3-2 leads in the Western Conference semifinals, where every game has been won by the home team.

While the Knicks were victorious, not much separated them from the Hornets.

"They know we gave them a tough series every minute of the way," said Charlotte rookie center Alonzo Mourning.

How right he was.

While the Knicks won Game 1 by 16 points, the teams were tied at 80 entering the fourth quarter. New York won Game 2 in overtime, lost Game 3 in double OT and captured Game 3 when Rolando Blackman hit a jumper with five seconds remaining.

SUNS 109, SPURS 97

Charles Barkley, deciding to shoot the ball, broke out of his playoff-long slump and scored 11 points in a two-minute span of the fourth quarter to rally the Suns from behind in Phoenix. Barkley scored 19 of his 36 points in the final period after San Antonio took an 85-78 lead on Sean Elliott's dunk with 11:04 remaining.

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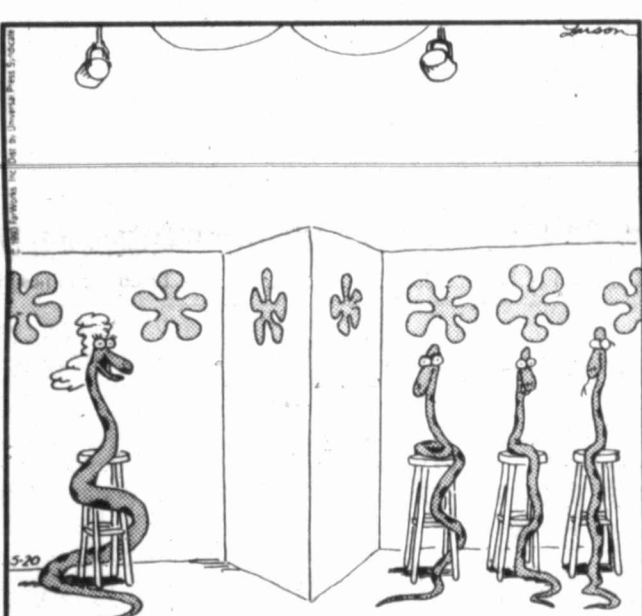
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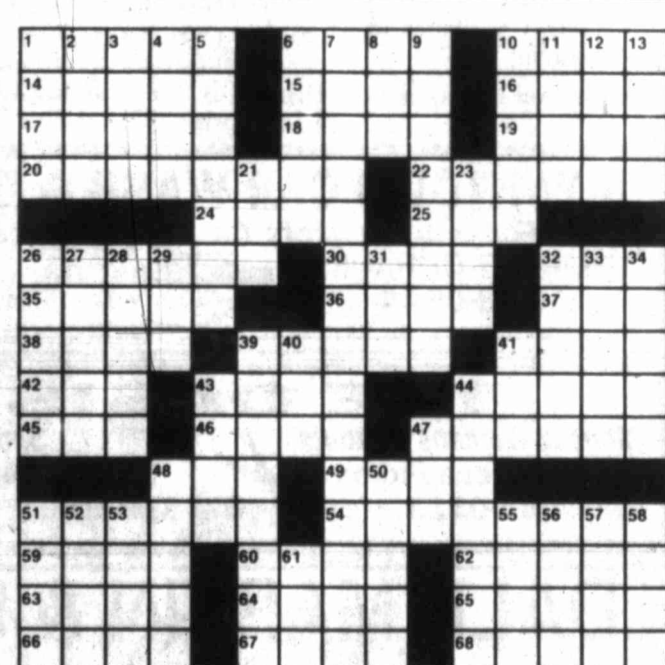
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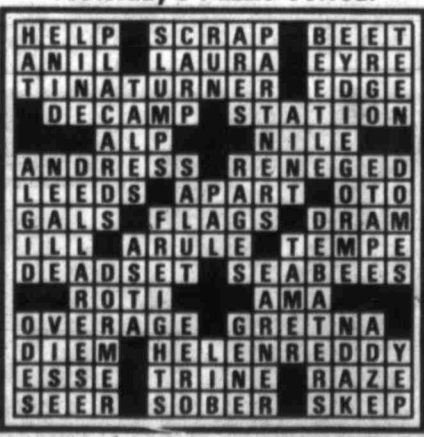
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 - Once — lifetime
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 - "The — and the Pendulum"
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 - Wipe out
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- DOWN
- Attire
 - Hero
 - Marquand's sleuth
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 - Slavery

- Narrow gorge
- Possible aquatic creature
- Simian
- Alamo et al.
- lily
- Space
- Domin
- Auxiliary verb
- Fleming
- A Bancroft
- Tropical fruit
- "Let's Make —"
- Della of song
- Blazed a trail
- Make lace
- Boat attachments
- A Starr
- Water mammal
- Bad marks
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- Save
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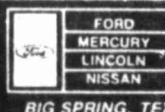
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Boston	20	18	.526	3 1/2
Toronto	20	18	.526	3 1/2
Milwaukee	16	19	.457	6
Baltimore	15	22	.405	8
Cleveland	15	24	.385	9

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	23	14	.622	—
California	20	16	.556	2 1/2
Texas	20	17	.541	3
Seattle	19	20	.487	5
Kansas City	17	19	.472	5 1/2
Minnesota	16	21	.432	7
Oakland	14	21	.400	8

Monday's Games

Cleveland 2, Baltimore 14
Toronto 9, Boston 3
New York 11, Minnesota 5
California 11, Chicago 4
Detroit at Milwaukee, p.p.d., rain
Seattle 16, Texas 9
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 7, Cleveland 0, 7 1/2 innings, rain
Toronto at Milwaukee, p.p.d., rain
New York 5, Minnesota 3
Chicago 7, California 4
Texas 3, Seattle 2
Kansas City 6, Oakland 1

Wednesday's Games

New York (Wickman 4-0) at Minnesota (Erickson 2-4), 1:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Scudder 0-0) at Baltimore (Sutcliffe 3-2), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Stewart 0-0) at Boston (Darwin 3-4), 7:35 p.m.
California (Langston 3-1) at Chicago (McDowell 7-1), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Doherty 3-2) at Milwaukee (Boddicker 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Hanson 5-0) at Texas (Brown 4-2), 8:35 p.m.
Oakland (Hillegas 1-3) at Kansas City (Pichardo 3-1), 8:35 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Cleveland (Cook 2-1) at Baltimore (Williamson 1-1), 12:35 p.m.
Detroit (Wells 4-1) at Milwaukee (Wegman 3-5), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 3-0) at Boston (Viola 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Leary 2-1) at Texas (Leibrandt 4-1), 8:35 p.m.
Oakland (Davis 0-4) at Kansas City (Cone 1-5), 8:35 p.m.
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	27	10	.730	—
Montreal	22	16	.579	5 1/2
Chicago	19	17	.528	7 1/2
Pittsburgh	19	18	.514	8
St. Louis	19	18	.514	8
Florida	16	23	.410	12
New York	12	25	.324	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	26	14	.650	—
Houston	22	16	.579	3
Atlanta	23	18	.561	3 1/2
Cincinnati	19	20	.487	6 1/2
Los Angeles	16	22	.421	9
San Diego	15	23	.395	10
Colorado	12	27	.308	13 1/2

Monday's Games

San Francisco 8, Houston 7, 10 innings

Philadelphia 10, Florida 3
Pittsburgh 9, New York 4
Atlanta 5, Montreal 2
St. Diego 4, Colorado 0
Los Angeles 5, Cincinnati 4, 10 innings
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 6, Florida 0
Pittsburgh 10, New York 8
Montreal 1, Atlanta 0
Chicago 4, St. Louis 1
Los Angeles 9, Cincinnati 1
Colorado 2, San Diego 1, 11 innings
San Francisco 7, Houston 2

Wednesday's Games

Houston (Harnisch 4-1) at San Francisco (J.Brantley 2-3), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Daleon 2-0) at Florida (Hammond 2-4), 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cooke 1-2) at New York (Tanana 2-2), 7:40 p.m.
Montreal (Shaw 0-0) at Atlanta (Glaivine 5-0), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago (Morgan 2-6) at St. Louis (Arocha 3-0), 8:35 p.m.
Colorado (Painter 0-0) at San Diego (Gr.Harris 3-5), 10:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Pugh 3-3) at Los Angeles (Candotti 1-4), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Colorado (Reynoso 2-2) at San Diego (Taylor 0-3), 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Browning 3-2) at San Francisco (Wilson 1-3), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Nabholz 3-3) at Philadelphia (Schilling 4-1), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago (Guzman 4-3) at St. Louis (Tewksbury 3-3), 8:35 p.m.

College scores

Tuesday's College Baseball Scores

EAST
Ohio St. 6-8, Penn St. 0-7

MIDWEST
Wright St. 3, Purdue 2

FAR WEST
CS Northridge 10, Pepperdine 9, 10 innings

TOURNAMENTS
Big East
St. John's 5, Villanova 3, 10 innings
Seton Hall 6, Connecticut 5
Colonial Athletic Association
Play-In Round
Richmond 7, William & Mary 5
Midwestern Collegiate Conference
First Round
Butler 12, Xavier, Ohio 6
Detroit 10, LaSalle 5
Evansville 5, Dayton 1
Notre Dame 18, Duquesne 4

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	27	10	.730	—
Montreal	22	16	.579	5 1/2
Chicago	19	17	.528	7 1/2
Pittsburgh	19	18	.514	8
St. Louis	19	18	.514	8
Florida	16	23	.410	12
New York	12	25	.324	15

West Division

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San Francisco	26	14	.650	—
Houston	22	16	.579	3
Atlanta	23	18	.561	3 1/2
Cincinnati	19	20	.487	6 1/2
Los Angeles	16	22	.421	9
San Diego	15	23	.395	10
Colorado	12	27	.308	13 1/2

Monday's Games

San Francisco 8, Houston 7, 10 innings
Philadelphia 10, Florida 3
Pittsburgh 9, New York 4
Atlanta 5, Montreal 2
St. Diego 4, Colorado 0
Los Angeles 5, Cincinnati 4, 10 innings
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 6, Florida 0
Pittsburgh 10, New York 8
Montreal 1, Atlanta 0
Chicago 4, St. Louis 1
Los Angeles 9, Cincinnati 1
Colorado 2, San Diego 1, 11 innings
San Francisco 7, Houston 2

Wednesday's Games

Houston (Harnisch 4-1) at San Francisco (J.Brantley 2-3), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Daleon 2-0) at Florida (Hammond 2-4), 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cooke 1-2) at New York (Tanana 2-2), 7:40 p.m.
Montreal (Shaw 0-0) at Atlanta (Glaivine 5-0), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago (Morgan 2-6) at St. Louis (Arocha 3-0), 8:35 p.m.
Colorado (Painter 0-0) at San Diego (Gr.Harris 3-5), 10:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Pugh 3-3) at Los Angeles (Candotti 1-4), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Colorado (Reynoso 2-2) at San Diego (Taylor 0-3), 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Browning 3-2) at San Francisco (Wilson 1-3), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Nabholz 3-3) at Philadelphia (Schilling 4-1), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago (Guzman 4-3) at St. Louis (Tewksbury 3-3), 8:35 p.m.

College scores

Tuesday's College Baseball Scores

EAST
Ohio St. 6-8, Penn St. 0-7

MIDWEST
Wright St. 3, Purdue 2

FAR WEST
CS Northridge 10, Pepperdine 9, 10 innings

TOURNAMENTS
Big East
St. John's 5, Villanova 3, 10 innings
Seton Hall 6, Connecticut 5
Colonial Athletic Association
Play-In Round
Richmond 7, William & Mary 5
Midwestern Collegiate Conference
First Round
Butler 12, Xavier, Ohio 6
Detroit 10, LaSalle 5
Evansville 5, Dayton 1
Notre Dame 18, Duquesne 4

Wednesday's Games

New York (Wickman 4-0) at Minnesota (Erickson 2-4), 1:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Scudder 0-0) at Baltimore (Sutcliffe 3-2), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Stewart 0-0) at Boston (Darwin 3-4), 7:35 p.m.
California (Langston 3-1) at Chicago (McDowell 7-1), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Doherty 3-2) at Milwaukee (Boddicker 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Hanson 5-0) at Texas (Brown 4-2), 8:35 p.m.
Oakland (Hillegas 1-3) at Kansas City (Pichardo 3-1), 8:35 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Cleveland (Cook 2-1) at Baltimore (Williamson 1-1), 12:35 p.m.
Detroit (Wells 4-1) at Milwaukee (Wegman 3-5), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 3-0) at Boston (Viola 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Leary 2-1) at Texas (Leibrandt 4-1), 8:35 p.m.
Oakland (Davis 0-4) at Kansas City (Cone 1-5), 8:35 p.m.
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Monday's Games

New York 101, Indiana 91

LA Lakers 86, Phoenix 81
Chicago 117, Atlanta 102
Utah 89, Seattle 85

Monday, May 3

Charlotte 119, Boston 89
Houston 111, LA Clippers 99
Tuesday, May 4

Chicago 98, Atlanta 88, Chicago wins series 3-0

Indiana 116, New York 93
Utah 90, Seattle 80
Phoenix 107, LA Lakers 102

Wednesday, May 5

Charlotte 104, Boston 103, Charlotte wins series 3-1

San Antonio 107, Portland 101
Cleveland 93, New Jersey 84
LA Clippers 93, Houston 90

Thursday, May 6

New York 109, Indiana 100, OT, New York wins series 3-1

Seattle 93, Utah 80
Phoenix 101, LA Lakers 86

Friday, May 7

New Jersey 96, Cleveland 79
San Antonio 100, Portland 97, OT, San Antonio wins series 3-1

Saturday, May 8

Houston 84, LA Clippers 80, Houston wins series 3-2

Seattle 100, Utah 92, Seattle wins series 3-2

Sunday, May 9

Cleveland 99, New Jersey 89, Cleveland wins series 3-2

Phoenix 112, LA Lakers 104, OT, Phoenix wins series 3-2

Conference Semifinals (Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 9

New York 111, Charlotte 95

Monday, May 10

Seattle 99, Houston 90

Tuesday, May 11

Chicago 91, Cleveland 84

Phoenix 98, San Antonio 89

Wednesday, May 12

New York 105, Charlotte 101, OT

Seattle 111, Houston 100

Thursday, May 13

Chicago 104, Cleveland 85

Phoenix 109, San Antonio 103

Friday, May 14

Charlotte 110, New York 106, 2OT

Saturday, May 15

San Antonio 111, Phoenix 96

Chicago 96, Cleveland 90

Houston 97, Seattle 79

Sunday, May 16

New York 94, Charlotte 92

San Antonio 117, Phoenix 103

Houston 103, Seattle 90

Monday, May 17

Chicago 103, Cleveland 101, Chicago wins series 4-0

Tuesday, May 18

New York 105, Charlotte 101, New York wins series 4-1

Seattle 120, Houston 95, Seattle leads series 3-2

Phoenix 109, San Antonio 97, Phoenix leads series 3-2

Thursday, May 20

Phoenix at San Antonio, 7 p.m.

Seattle at Houston, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 22

Houston at Seattle, TBA, if necessary

San Antonio at Phoenix, TBA, if necessary

HOCKEY

NHL playoffs

All Times EDT

DIVISION SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)

Sunday, April 18

Pittsburgh 6, New Jersey 3

St. Louis 4, Chicago 3

Los Angeles 6, Calgary 3
Washington 3, N.Y. Islanders 1

Buffalo 5, Boston 4

Quebec 3, Montreal 2, OT

Monday, April 19

Vancouver 4, Winnipeg 2

Tuesday, April 20

Pittsburgh 7, New Jersey 0

Buffalo 4, Boston 0

Quebec 4, Montreal 1

N.Y. Islanders 5, Washington 4, 2OT

Wednesday, April 21

Detroit 6, Toronto 2

St. Louis 2, Chicago 0

Calgary 9, Los Angeles 4

Vancouver 3, Winnipeg 2

Thursday, April 22

Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 3

N.Y. Islanders 4, Washington 3, OT

Buffalo 4, Boston 3, OT

Montreal 2, Quebec 1, OT

Friday, April 23

Toronto 4, Detroit 2

St. Louis 3, Chicago 0

Winnipeg 5, Vancouver 4

Calgary 5, Los Angeles 2

Saturday, April 24

N.Y. Islanders 4, Washington 3, 2OT

Buffalo 6, Boston 5, OT, Buffalo wins series 4-0

Montreal 3, Quebec 2

Sunday, April 25

New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 1

St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, OT, St. Louis wins series 4-0

Toronto 5, Detroit 4, OT

Los Angeles 9, Calgary 4

Winnipeg 4, Vancouver 3, OT

Wednesday, April 28

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