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Supreme Court upholds ban on child pornography

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WASHINGTON (AP) — States may outlaw all possession and viewing of child pornography — even in one's own home, the Supreme Court ruled today.

By a 6-3 vote, the court upheld an Ohio law that makes it a crime to possess so-called kiddie porn. The decision extends a 1982 ruling in which the justices said production and distribution of sexual depictions of children can be outlawed.

The justices had been told the Ohio law is the toughest kiddie porn legislation in the nation.

Nonetheless, the court on narrower grounds struck down the conviction of Clyde Osborne of Columbus.

The justices said the jury was not instructed properly. They ordered a new trial for Osborne, who had been sentenced to six months in prison and fined \$100 for possessing nude photos of a boy believed to be 13 or 14.

The case pitted the sanctity of the home against the safety and welfare of children.

Justice Byron R. White, writing for the court, said Ohio legitimately seeks to "destroy a market for the exploitative use of children" by making possession of child pornography a crime.

"Given the importance of the state's interest in protecting the victims of child pornography, we cannot fault Ohio for attempting to stamp out this vice at all levels in the distribution chain," he said.

White also said Ohio's law is not too broad because it specifically forbids possession of lewd material or material that focuses on genitals.

A prosecution could not be based on possession of innocuous photos of one's children wearing no clothes, he said.

White was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Harry A. Blackmun, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia and Anthony M. Kennedy.

In a dissenting opinion, Justice William J. Brennan

said the court is sacrificing privacy rights in its zeal to crack down on child pornography.

"At bottom, the court today is so disquieted by the possible exploitation of children in the production of the pornography that it is willing to tolerate the imposition of criminal penalties for simple possession," he said.

"Mr. Osborne's pictures may be distasteful, but the Constitution guarantees both his right to possess them privately and his right to avoid punishment under an overbroad law."

Joining Brennan's opinion were Justices Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens.

The court for over 30 years has allowed states to outlaw the sale and distribution of obscenity, ruling in a series of cases that obscene material is not constitutionally protected.

But the court in 1969 barred states from outlawing the mere at-home possession of obscene materials.

The court in 1982 carved out its newest exception to free-speech rights. It let states outlaw material depicting

children in sexual performances or poses — even if not obscene.

Today, the court said the at-home possession of kiddie porn is not entitled to the same protection given to at-home possession of obscenity depicting adults.

Osborne was 61 when he was prosecuted in 1985 for possessing the nude photos of a youngster. Prosecutors said Osborne got the pictures from a Florida mail-order business, and had placed them in a photo album in his home.

The photos were discovered after police searched Osborne's home on a tip that he had bought the material.

Ohio's law bans possession or viewing of "any material or performance that shows a minor ... in a state of nudity." Exemptions were included for parents and, among other things, for photos with an artistic, medical or scientific purpose.

In upholding Osborne's conviction, the Ohio Supreme Court narrowed the law's ban to possession of "lewd" depictions of children under 18.



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Gen. Cavazos, left, speaks to educators in White Deer while public school superintendent David Sharp looks on.

Cavazos urges educators to challenge their students

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — Gen. Richard Cavazos, U.S. Army retired, the first Hispanic to reach the rank of four-star general, spoke here Tuesday night at the annual teacher appreciation banquet, urging educators to challenge their students.

Cavazos, brother of Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos, said when he attended Texas Tech and tried out for the football team as a walk on, he was treated badly by today's standards because he is a Mexican-American.

But, he said, he withstood being called "Chile" and eventually won the respect of his coach and team, finally becoming the first Hispanic to make the team.

Cavazos said of himself. "What we want is to have all the ugliness of life bring forth something beautiful in the final call."

Cavazos said the standard of living in the United States is consistently going up while the quality of life is constantly going down.

"I can't accept what that is doing to the human spirit," he complained.

"We've come to believe our doubts and doubt our beliefs."

He said such an environment makes the world ripe for leadership that will exploit the population because of their charisma and influence millions of "conviction-less" people.

Asked about the current situation in Soviet-bloc countries, Cavazos said the recent push for democracy has created dangerous political instability.

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"Was (the coach) a bigot, by today's standards?" Cavazos asked. "Probably. But he gave me the chance to prove myself, and if that's being a bigot, so be it."

He also noted, "It was not wrong of him to make me prove myself. It caused me to now belong to a select fraternity of doers."

Cavazos insisted that those "wanting a free ride," Mexican or otherwise, should be flatly denied, but that everyone should be given the opportunity to prove themselves.

"I'm really surprised by our country. It took a 5-year-old kid who couldn't speak the language and made him a four-star general,"

"I think we're in the most dangerous period in my lifetime," said Cavazos, who led troops in hand-to-hand combat in Korea and Vietnam. "A dictatorship is stable. Russia is highly unstable today. Six months ago I gave Gorbachev two years, so he's got 18 months running on my prediction."

"What if a convulsion occurs between the Whites and the Reds in Russia? What if war breaks out internal to Russia? Who would believe in my lifetime the Berlin Wall would come down? But this is not a time to get too excited, but if we can just ride the next two years out, then we will see."

He said in the midst of such turmoil, it is important that educators display a respect for human dignity and work to bring out the best in people, which, he said, will in turn cause them to accept only the best from those in leadership positions.

Realtor encourages diversifying economy

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Happy days are here again in the Lone Star State, the president of the Texas Association of Realtors told an audience at the monthly membership meeting of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.

Doyle Krueger of New Braunfels used the luncheon at the Pampa Community Building to personally confirm statistics from the State Comptroller's office that the economic down trend in the state is over and Texas is on its way to full economic recovery.

But, he said, for Pampa to get in on the coming prosperity, local voters must pass a proposed 1/2 cent local sales tax, which, by law, would be used only for economic development.

Krueger noted that 40 cities around the state would also be voting on a similar local-option proposal on Saturday, May 5, and that Pampa could not lure businesses and industry to the city if they were not equally competitive with those communities.

Amarillo has already passed the 1/2 cent tax.

Krueger pointed out that money from the tax would be used to market the city and bring in new jobs.

"There is a lot of optimism among Realtors around the state of Texas about how their business is doing," Krueger said. "When we get our predictions from the comptroller for what he sees and what he is predicting, it looks like the decade of the '90s is going to see Texas on a growth pattern."

"If his figures work out, we're going to pick up 150,000 jobs in the state and about 2 million people. We're going to be the second largest state (in population) to California and will displace New York."

However, Krueger said that oil and agricultural prospects will not improve during the new decade and Pampa must bring in new industry if it is to survive.

"There is no staying the same," Krueger insisted of city populations. "You either grow or you shrink in population, you do not stay the same."

He said it takes aggressive lobbying of business to bring in new jobs, since thousands of cities around the nation are competing for the same businesses.

"When we see what's happening in real estate activity (around the state), we are seeing improvement," Krueger said. "But the growth area is in the service area. The mining sector, that which is oil and gas, is going to be pretty flat."

That being the case, Krueger said Pampans must decide they desire to diversify the economy with new industries or tourist attractions that would bring people to the eastern Panhandle.

Two areas of the state that should see population explosions during the decade are Dallas and the border, Krueger explained, because of their recruitment of businesses away from the north-eastern United States.

"We see San Antonio bringing in a lot of tourists as well," Krueger said. "We see Houston taking the oil and gas thing and diversifying in spite of their oil and gas base and seeing new opportunity."

Krueger said cities like Abilene, Midland and Odessa have made community decisions to move away from oil and agriculture dependence and promote economic development through new sales taxes.

If Pampa is to keep up, he said, it must do the same.

Red McNatt, chamber manager, said if the 1/2



Doyle Krueger

cent sales tax is approved by voters, it will mean approximately \$500,000 a year with which the city can pursue or develop new business, convention and tourism opportunities.

Lithuania's gas and oil supplies not cut off

By MARK J. PORUBCANSKY
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MOSCOW (AP) — Gas and oil supplies that Moscow threatened to curtail unless Lithuania rescinded pro-independence laws were not disrupted today as had been feared, authorities in the Baltic republic said.

The Lithuanians had expected the Kremlin to carry out the economic blockade promised by Mikhail S. Gorbachev and begin cutting oil and natural gas supplies today, leading to idled factories and layoffs.

The Soviet president had given Lithuania until Monday to rescind laws implementing its March 11 independence declaration or face an embargo of critical supplies.

Lithuanian leaders have made no move to meet Gorbachev's demands, but say they are willing to negotiate. Gorbachev has refused to meet them and the official Soviet news agency Tass said his message caused a sharp debate Tuesday

among deputies, some of whom advocated more compromise.

The secessionist republic's Parliament met again today in its capital of Vilnius, said Julius Paulunas of the legislature's information office.

Fearing a cut in gas and oil shipments, worried Lithuanians have flooded the republic's government with phone calls and stocked up on fuel.

Lithuania's president, Vytautas Landsbergis, said Tuesday the republic's declaration of independence was "irreversible" and that any hardships would strengthen the republic's resolve to split from the Soviet Union.

Lithuanian gas officials received a telegram late Monday from the acting general director of the Soviet Union's western gas network saying natural gas supplies would be "sharply reduced from the 17th of April."

But Runya Kontouteite, a spokeswoman for Parliament, said by telephone today that a check with the central gas pipeline duty officer

indicated no signs of a drop in pipeline pressure.

Oil supplies were being received as usual at a major refinery in the town of Mazheikiai, which produces high octane gasoline for export, she said.

Edward Tuskenis, also of Parliament's information office, told the British Broadcasting Corp. that "a gradual cutoff of some sort is very possible ... a sudden cutoff is, amongst other things, probably technically unfeasible at this moment."

In his ultimatum, Gorbachev said Moscow would demand hard currency from Lithuania for materials the Soviet Union sells abroad for convertible currency. Oil and gas are the Soviet Union's biggest earners of foreign currency.

Lithuanian officials were discussing shifting some oil and gas from industrial production to use in homes and hospitals if the cuts occur, but had not publicly discussed a conservation program.

The republic uses 18.5 million cubic meters of natural gas a day,

including 1.1 million cubic meters for homes.

The Baltic republic's energy minister, Leonas Asmantas, told a news conference in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius late Tuesday that he had no official word, but believed cuts were imminent.

Lithuania's prime minister, Kazimiera Prunskiene, said Lithuania had been contacted by U.S. and Canadian petroleum companies who "are inclined to come to our rescue," but did not specify which companies or how they could deliver supplies.

President Bush said in Washington the United States was considering "appropriate responses" if supplies were cut. But he also said he did not want to damage superpower relations.

Italy's foreign minister, Gianni De Michelis, met Gorbachev on Tuesday and quoted him as saying he had to uphold the Soviet Constitution but was still looking for a peaceful way out of the dispute "without abrupt moves."

Bush to observe Earth Day by going fishing

By TOM RAUM
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House says the environment is the theme of the week. For President Bush, that means mostly golfing, fishing and boating.

Brushing aside fresh assaults on his environmental scorecard, Bush's top advisers in recent days have bent over backward to trumpet the president's keen interest in outdoor sports as a manifestation of his concern for the environment.

Thus, Bush will honor Earth Day on Sunday by fishing in Florida for tarpon and bonefish.

Bush needs no prompting to get in touch with the elements. But the elements he's been getting in touch with — the well-manicured greens of country clubs, the azure waters off

the Florida keys — may not exactly match environmentalists' notions of the endangered biosphere.

"I don't think what he's done qualifies him to proclaim himself the environmental president," said Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine. "He's got a long way to go."

And, while praising Bush for helping forge a compromise on clean air legislation, Mitchell said the president "missed a golden opportunity" in not taking a more assertive role on global warming.

In fact, Bush received sharp criticism from environmentalists from around the world this week for the go-slow approach he advocated at a conference in Washington on global warming — a conference he convened.

Bush often boasts about his envi-

ronmental record. But he has been criticized by many for moving too slowly and too timidly on a range of issues — from global warming to wetlands policy to offshore oil production.

"The fishing is pretty darn good near these drilling rigs," Bush said in a relaxed interview with a group of outdoors writers.

The interview was one of a series of events organized for the president over the past few days to stress conservation and environmental themes leading up to Earth Day.

"I'm not suggesting that's the reason to have drilling," Bush continued on the subject of oil rigs as fishing grounds. "But I am saying that ... we cannot become totally dependent on foreign oil and offshore (drilling) offers some potential."

Bush's drilling comment did not seem designed to win him points with Florida environmentalists. Offshore platforms are a touchy subject there.

Shortly after taking office, Bush imposed a temporary moratorium on drilling in environmentally sensitive areas off the Florida and California coasts. But his administration has done little since, short of a proposal to move shipping lanes used by oil tankers further offshore.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater called Bush's visit to the Florida Keys this weekend a final installment in a week-long effort to showcase the environment.

"On Sunday, Earth Day, he will fish with Curt Gowdy for an American Outdoorsman special that will air later this spring," Fitzwater said at a news briefing.

Week of protests polarizing student body at UT in Austin

By SUSAN HIGHTOWER
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AUSTIN (AP) — Several University of Texas students say a week of protests have left them worried that campus tempers may be ready to boil over.

Mark Bunker said incidents involving campus activists and conservatives are polarizing the student body. "I think we're sitting on a bomb. It's just going to come to a head. It's been growing all year," he said.

On Tuesday, about a dozen University Atheists were shoved by an estimated 400 members of fraternities and conservative groups as the atheists tried to burn an American flag.

Witnesses said some of the students involved and issues raised Tuesday reflected last week's rallies to protest racist incidents.

"I've been here for three years. This semester it

seems like everything's gone haywire," agreed student Salim Bhaloo. "People's emotions have been suppressed and they're coming out now in one big shot."

Eddie Ludvig, an Austin Community College student, said some of the counter demonstrators used homophobic insults and wore shirts emblazoned with Confederate flags and the slogan "Save Jeff Davis."

Blacks and other student activists have asked the UT administration to remove a statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis from campus.

Two weekends ago, during an annual fraternity-sorority celebration called Round-Up, two fraternities painted racial epithets on a car and sold T-shirts depicting a "Sambo" caricature.

Last Wednesday, a peaceful march on one fraternity house organized by the Black Student Alliance was disrupted by a white student carrying a "Keep Sambo" sign.

And last Friday, a speech about the incidents by UT

President William Cunningham was disrupted by 1,000 angry students who shouted Cunningham down.

Bunker said "average" students are caught in the middle of the unrest.

"As a heterosexual white male I feel like there's going to be a rally against me out here, even though I personally have not done anything," he said.

Derek Roberts, anthropology sophomore and a member of University Atheists, told the *Daily Texan* he had participated in Tuesday's flag burning protest to support the First Amendment right to burn the flag and to confront people's attachment to symbols and objects.

"I think it proved my point that worship of the object over reality makes people do hateful things," he told the campus newspaper.

Witnesses said the counter-protest was organized by the campus group Young Conservatives of Texas and joined by fraternity members and at least one ex-Marine.

Andy Panos, a freshman business student and officer of the College Republicans, said the attempted flag burning was "a rehash of Sixties liberalism."

"This (the counter-protest) proves that people are really fed up, and that there's a prevailing change of thinking going towards moderate to conservative ideas," he said. "We think that they should be out there burning their bras and draft cards, not the flag."

Brian Wordell, head of the Young Conservatives, said, "I think it shows that a lot of people have pride in America, and most of us still love it."

Campus Police Sgt. Silas Griggs said although the crowd, armed with fire extinguishers and water bottles, encircled the protesters, shouted abuse and wrested the flag from their hands, no one was hurt in the melee.

Griggs said nine uniformed officers escorted the protesters away when they realized they were in danger and would be unable to burn the flag.

Bundled up



(AP Laserphoto)

Wesley Morrison, 8, of San Angelo keeps himself bundled up from the wind Tuesday afternoon as he heads home from school. San Angelo's high reached only into the low 50s, contrasting with Monday's warm and sunny weather. The cold front plaguing the northern Texas regions is expected to pass, with clearing skies and warmer temperatures forecast for the rest of the week.

House nears tax showdown with Clements

By PEGGY FIKAC
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AUSTIN (AP) — After failing to find enough budget cuts to pay for a school finance bill, the Texas House is prepared to test the strength of Gov. Bill Clements' no-new-taxes vow by considering a half-cent sales tax increase.

But Clements, who has repeatedly promised to veto any state tax increase, said there are "plenty of places" to cut more than the \$114.4 million tentatively trimmed Tuesday by the House.

Laying off state government workers might be one way to raise more money for court-ordered school finance reform, the governor said.

"There's been an unusual amount of employee growth, so we're going to take a hard look at that," Clements said.

The layoff suggestion, however, was labeled "unfair and unkind" by

Rep. James Hury, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

Hury's committee voted 8-3 to send the full House a bill to raise the state sales tax from 6 cents to 6.5 cents on the dollar.

The measure would raise \$480 million to \$600 million the first year, depending on when it takes effect, Hury said.

That tax increase was endorsed by a coalition of educator associations.

"I think that we will pass this revenue-raiser and, joined with the cuts, that we will send it to the governor," said Hury, D-Galveston.

The bill could be considered by the 150-member House later this week.

Hury said he didn't know whether 100 members would support it, the number required to override a veto by Clements.

The House has approved a

school reform bill that would cost \$450 million in 1990-91. The Senate went further, approving a \$1.2 billion measure.

A House-Senate conference committee is trying to work out differences between the two, and House Speaker Gib Lewis said \$550 million is being considered as a compromise price tag.

Lewis, D-Fort Worth, said because the House failed to find enough cuts to pay for the education bill, he "will be supportive of whatever revenue measures are necessary to raise the additional funds to meet that obligation."

Clements favors a \$234 million school bill and proposed paying for it with cuts in other parts of the budget and raising the state fee for obtaining driving records.

Cuts tentatively approved by the House included:

- \$57 million from the \$154.5 million set aside for restoring the State Capitol.

- \$7 million from the \$26 million set aside for debt service on bonds issued for the Superconducting Super Collider.

- \$8 million from the governor's \$9.2 million emergency fund.

- \$42.4 million from the state's "rainy day" fund. This is a separate bill from the other proposed cuts.

Another vote is required to send the bills to the Senate for consideration.

Lawmakers are midway through their second 30-day special session to address a Texas Supreme Court ruling that the school finance system is unconstitutional because of disparities in funds available to property-rich and property-poor school districts.

The first session on the subject ended without passage of any bill.

The \$13.5 billion-a-year school finance system relies on a combination of state aid, local property taxes and some federal funds.

Senators say lottery death-knell premature

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
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AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal to establish a lottery in Texas may be near death in the House, but some state senators say it is alive and well in the Senate.

Sen. Hector Uribe, D-Brownsville, has several proposed constitutional amendments to implement a lottery. One of those would dedicate lottery profits, estimated at \$600 million annually, to public schools.

"Like Lazarus, it is resurrected from the dead," Uribe said Tuesday.

State Sen. John Montford, chairman of the State Affairs Committee, said he wants to push a lottery bill out of his committee with the rec-

ommendation that it be approved by the full Senate.

Montford, D-Lubbock, said Gov. Bill Clements' inflexible no-new-taxes stand makes a lottery necessary to help balance the state budget, which he said will be running a \$4 billion to \$6 billion deficit for the budget period beginning September 1991.

"I am horrified at the deficit we're looking at for the next biennium," Montford said. "I think we better pull it together and do some things now to obviate what I consider a potential situation that is almost untenable."

On Monday, House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, ruled out a Texas lottery as an option to help

fund education.

He said there aren't the necessary 100 votes in the 150-member House to place a proposed constitutional amendment on creating a state lottery before voters.

Lawmakers are in their second 30-day special session to address the Texas Supreme Court's ruling that the current method of financing public schools is unconstitutional because it allows huge disparities in funding available to property-rich and property-poor schools.

But Uribe said the House has two choices, a lottery or a tax increase to rake in the money a lottery would have generated.

"I think what the House is, in effect, saying is that 'taxes come

first and lottery will come second.' I think they got it bass-ackwards. Texans prefer to have a lottery first before we look at further taxation for public schools," Uribe said.

State Rep. David Hudson, D-Tyler, however, said a lottery would not provide the immediate funds needed for education. "It's never been a choice of vote for a lottery or a tax bill," he said.

Polls show Texans prefer a lottery by an almost 2-1 margin, but Hudson said that doesn't mean lawmakers should "rubber stamp" proposed constitutional amendments.

No action was taken by the Senate State Affairs panel on the lottery because a quorum of the committee failed to attend the meeting.

Easter weekend sales up statewide from last year

By SUSAN FAHLGREN
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Easter weekend sales in Texas jumped 11 percent over last year — another sign that the state's economy is continuing to improve, a market analyst says.

The number of checks presented to Texas retailers between April 13-15 also rose this year, climbing 13 percent over Easter weekend last year, said Ken Wait, vice chairman and founder of TeleCheck Southwest.

But while the overall number of checks went up, Wait said Tuesday that the average check size in the state dropped by 2 percent to \$99.26.

"The economy is still improving," Wait said. "This shows there are a bunch of people out there who, maybe last year didn't have enough money to buy these things, but this

year they did."

Wait said more consumers are rejoining the buying market, but they are not necessarily able to spend as much as those who have already resumed retail purchasing.

"As the economy improves, there is a group of consumers who are the first to leave when the economy gets bad and the last to return," said Wait.

"This is what happens as you bring people in (to the buying public) who are at the lower scale," Wait said. "As the economy improves, their lot is better and they have some non-committed funds that they can spend. You still have people who have plenty of money to spend, but these do not have that much."

TeleCheck Southwest is a credit approval system operating in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico. Wait said the four-state area

improved its Easter sales by 12 percent, with the usage of checks rising 13 percent. The average check size for the area was \$98.84.

TeleCheck began surveying retail purchases March 22 to track trends for Easter buying, ending with the three-day pre-Easter surge. Wait said the figures may be low because Easter came so late in the year.

"Merchants get their new spring line in March 1," Wait said. "Easter came late this year and it may be that people already bought material before March 21, so the figures maybe should be higher."

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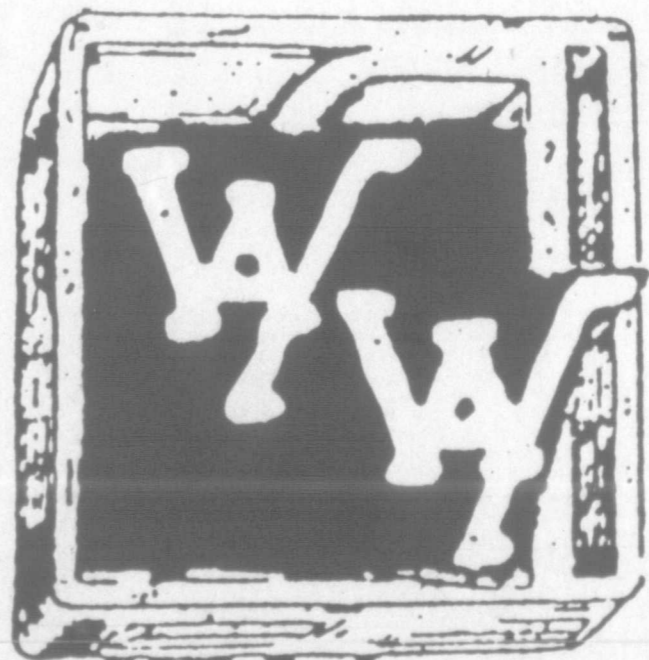
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Newspaper says settlement reached with families in Alton bus accident

MALLEN (AP) — A soft drink company has agreed to pay \$67.5 million to settle claims in the deaths of 15 students who died in the state's worst school bus accident, according to a published report.

The *McAllen Monitor* reported Thursday that the agreement involves Valley Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Inc. paying a structured settlement of \$4.5 million to victims' families for each death.

The settlement would guarantee families monthly payments of thousands of dollars for the rest of their lives, the newspaper reported.

A lawyer who was not identified told the newspaper, "We have an agreement in principle. It's just a matter of taking this before a court for approval and I don't see a problem with that."

McAllen lawyer Morris Atlas, who was brought in to assist the negotiations, declined to comment on reports of a settlement, the newspaper reported.

Atlas did not return phone calls Tuesday to The Associated Press.

"There's not anything I can talk about relating to any negotiations," Ramon Garcia, an Edinburg attorney who represents the families of three students who died and several of the injured, said.

"We have been negotiating for some time now," Garcia said.

Lawyer David Hockema, whose McAllen-based firm, Flores, Munoz, Hockema & Reed, represents several victims' families, told the *Monitor* he could not discuss ongoing negotiations.

The accident occurred Sept. 21, 1989, in the South Texas town of Alton.

Twenty-one students died and 60 were injured when a truck owned by Valley Coca-Cola knocked the school bus into a water-filled pit.

The soft drink company agreed two months ago to pay \$1.5 million in a structured settlement with a family of one of the dead students. It is the only wrongful death settlement finalized in the case to date.

Of the 60 students injured, only three cases have been settled, each for \$250,000.

San Antonio attorney Ruben Sandoval, who represents one family that lost a child in the wreck, told the AP he knew of some negotiations, but that his client had not agreed to any settlement.

"We're going to talk to our client and it's up to her," Sandoval said.

Viewpoints



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Opinion

Private airports growing concept

Privatization's dexterous hands may soon unravel the last snag in airport travel: inefficient government operation of airports and air traffic control. Both private and government participants recognized this at a Reason Foundation seminar, "Airport Privatization: Can It Work?," held recently in California.

Reason President Robert Poole said privatization is catching on because the airport capacity crunch has decreased service provided by many airports. The concentration of one dominant airline at some hubs has increased costs an average of 18 percent, because the hubs are run as government monopolies. And airport privatization is working wonderfully overseas.

Since decontrol of the airlines in 1978, only airport operation and air traffic control remain in government's inefficient hands. But if airlines, airport restaurants, rental cars and other services can be run efficiently and for a profit, there's no reason why the airports and air traffic control should remain the inefficient parts tying knots in Americans' air travel.

Roger Kitley, international director of British Airport Services, spoke with direct experience of how well privatization of two British and four Scottish airports has worked. He said that the British government policy is that air travel is a mature industry with no need at all for government ownership. He said privatization has boosted productivity and helped workers; staff size was not reduced, and 90 percent of workers own stock in the privatized company, compared to zero percent ownership in the old government monopoly.

He cited an example of how the British Airport Authority, the private corporation created in 1987 to run the six privatized airports, is building a private train from Heathrow Airport to the center of London to carry only airline passengers. It will reduce travel times from 50 minutes to 16 minutes. He said only private financing could have built the project; before privatization, innumerable bureaucratic hassles prevented action by government.

This development has obvious attraction to travelers in many of our larger cities who have sat fumbling on the freeways leading to such airports as those in Dallas and Houston, sometimes spending more time in the car than on the airplane.

Government officials at the conference warned to privatization. Clifton Moore, director of the Los Angeles Airport, liked the idea of running airports as a public utility like the phone or power companies. Outright privatization without government control could be better, but Moore's suggestion might be a practical first step. He noted that the city of Los Angeles would greatly benefit from privatization, gaining a one-time windfall from the airport's sale and long-term revenue from private property taxes, which public facilities do not generate. Dallas and Houston, among others, might also reap similar benefits should airports be privatized.

The tone of the conference suggested that airport privatization is just over the horizon, however difficult it will be to arrange a smooth landing.

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Mickey Mouse and the old folks

WASHINGTON — Question: When is a "home" not a home? Answer: When the home is a nursing home where residents want to watch a rented movie. It's a story with two sides.

When videocassettes and VCRs became popular a few years ago, the directors of hospices and nursing homes saw a chance to give residents the same kind of pleasure they might have enjoyed in their own living rooms. The directors began to rent videotapes for viewing in the common room where the old folks gather after dinner.

For a time, everything went happily. The elderly gathered together, some in wheelchairs, some on walkers. They all watched a movie on the TV set. Some snoozed and some nibbled on popcorn, and no one dreamed that they were — gasp! — in violation of the law!

Ah, but they were. The Motion Picture Licensing Corp. (MPLC) got wind of this invidious practice. In July 1987, the corporation budgeted \$3.5 million for a two-year campaign to educate the old folks in the error of their ways.

The campaign began in a few Eastern states. The idea was partly to educate the directors and partly to scare them silly. The campaign worked.

Thus a chain of nursing homes in Delaware and Maryland learned a little copyright law the hard way. One home received a bill for \$16,975 in unpaid license fees.

Residents of the Emily P. Bissell Hospital, a nursing care facility run by the state of Delaware, wrote Delaware's Sen. Bill Roth that they had been told the showing of home videos without a license was "illegal."

It turned out that the moguls of the MPLC had distributed a notice warning the homes in no uncer-



James J. Kilpatrick

tain terms that they are required to obtain a "public performance license" before showing videotapes.

Home videos may be shown, without a license, only "in the home to a normal circle of family and its social acquaintances." Offenders faced civil damages of at least \$250 for each illegal showing. Panic!

Residents of the Bissell home were plaintive: "Emily P. Bissell Hospital is our home, just as other nursing care facilities are home for their residents. It is not by choice that we are here, but we are, and our lives are now changed in many, many ways. For the most part we are not able to get out into the community to do the things that most people take for granted, such as going to the movies, or going to the video store."

"If the staff from our Activity Department could show us some of the movies available on videocassettes, however, it would certainly bring us a lot of pleasure, and we do not see how this type of situation could be defined as a 'public showing' as the law currently sees it."

The appeal touched a soft spot in the senatorial heart. Roth has introduced a bill (S.1557) to amend the copyright laws. Rep. Benjamin Cardin of Mary-

land has a companion bill in the House.

The measure would grant a carefully drawn exemption for showings in any hospital, hospice, nursing home, retirement home or other such facility providing health-related care on a regular basis.

The MPLC, not wishing to be perceived as an organization of blood-sucking ogres out to feed upon the frail bodies of little old ladies, has been squirming. One studio after another has written Roth to say how sympathetic they are to the plight of the oldsters.

The Disney studios will offer a 20-year, royalty-free license agreement to any eligible facility in exchange for a \$10 contribution in Disney's name to the United Way. Time-Warner would go for a 25-year agreement. Columbia Pictures would grant licenses for \$1 a year. Paramount and the Turner Home Entertainment people would not ask for any special payment.

But all of them are fighting the Roth-Cardin bill, which they fear would seriously erode the "public performance doctrine" as it now appears in copyright law.

Roth's response is that without his amendment, the hospices and nursing homes would remain vulnerable to prosecution whenever the MPLC changes its collective mind.

My own thought, having visited a number of nursing homes, is that these homes are homes in every sense of the copyright act. Elderly people live there. These homes are the only homes they have.

The movie industry's desire to protect copyrights is understandable, but to pick on elderly invalids is indefensible. There oughta be a law! If Roth prevails, there will be.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 18, the 108th day of 1990. There are 257 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

On this date:

In 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires. About 700 people died.

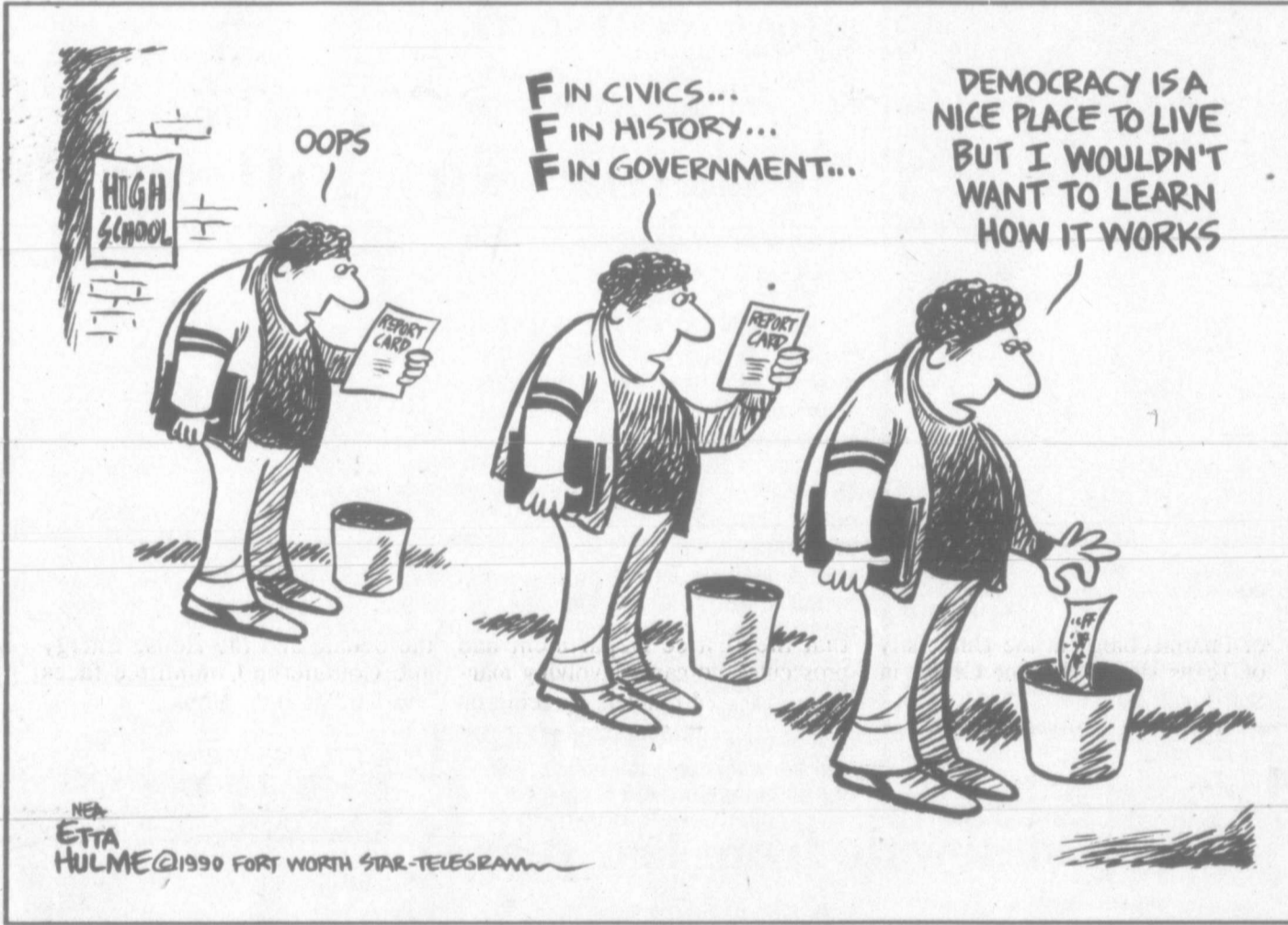
In 1934, the first laundromat, called a washateria, opened in Fort Worth, Texas.

In 1942, four months after Pearl Harbor, an air squadron led by James H. Doolittle bombed Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

In 1942, the U.S. Armed Forces published the first issue of *The Stars and Stripes*.

In 1945, war correspondent Ernie Pyle was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.

In 1946, the League of Nations went out of business.



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Science reporter Lowell Ponte, researching his current *Reader's Digest* article on trees, discovered that the largest living thing — past or present — is not a dinosaur.

It's one of the great Sequoia or redwood trees of California. One of those weighs as much as six blue whales.



Paul Harvey

The tallest is 70 feet taller than the Statue of Liberty.

But the most significant finding of Ponte's research was the "kinship" of the trees in a forest. You cannot remove one without affecting others.

At Oregon State University, where tree seedlings are grown side by side, it is apparent that their roots are often joined by a type of fungus.

If one seedling is then put into shade, unable to get the sunlight it needs for survival, it can draw needed food from the tree next door.

Through their joined roots, trees also share nutrients and water.

A forest, in other words, is not just a bunch of

individual trees; it is a cooperative network of trees working together for survival.

David Rhoades, chemical ecologist at the University of Washington, Seattle, was first to discover that trees "communicate." They send unseen signals to one another. When willows are attacked by webworms or tent caterpillars, they give off a chemical that alerts nearby willows. The neighboring trees respond by pumping more tannin into their leaves, making the leaves more difficult for insects to digest.

Southern California was once mostly desert. Early settlers planted groves of orange trees and changed the climate of the state.

When the Los Angeles basin was a forest, it was cooler by several degrees.

After World War II the trees were chopped down and paved over and today's Southern California climate is hotter by 6 degrees.

So Californians spend \$2 billion a year cooling their homes. Ponte computes that each homeowner could save \$175 a year if each would plant one tree.

There is some of the poet in Lowell Ponte. He remembers that one of the dearest friends of his childhood is 30 feet tall. We should all have such a friend.

Earning his First Amendment stripes

By CHUCK STONE

If ever I earned my First Amendment stripes, the first week in April was the week.

Free speech and I got a good workout on Monday, April 2, at the State University of New York in Albany, on Wednesday in front of the *Philadelphia Daily News* (my home newspaper) and Thursday at Temple University.

In that four-day period, I spoke in a SUNY-Albany forum about free speech and black-Jewish relations, watched a group of blacks picket the *Philadelphia Daily News*, then spoke at Temple's 46th Annual Press Tournament, where I was given its Free Speech Award.

The award was especially serendipitous, coming the day after a small group of prominent blacks had picketed the newspaper where I work. But the issues at my paper and SUNY-Albany come down to the same question: Do we have the right to place limits on free speech when those practicing it use it to scurrilous-

ly attack minorities or hold them up to contempt?

At Albany, Jewish students expressed their commitment to the First Amendment. Yet they were justifiably incensed by certain incidents, such as Stokely Carmichael's denunciation of "Zionist pigs" at their university.

What was even more dismaying was the silence of the black students. None of the black campus organizations condemned Carmichael's racist canards. And that was a tragedy.

In front of the *Daily News*, the black pickets protested the paper's coverage of African-Americans as being racially negative. The pickets offered a spurious correlation: 40 percent of the paper's readers are black (true), but only 2 percent of the paper's coverage was devoted to blacks (outrageously untrue) and very little of that 2 percent was positive (totally off base).

But the picketing of the *Daily News* didn't really have anything to do with its coverage of black issues. The pickets were close personal advisers,

political allies and city employees of Philadelphia Mayor W. Wilson Goode, who has earned a permanent place in American history as the first black mayor to bomb his own city.

Goode's bomb might have been forgotten if he had gone on to perform with distinction. He hasn't. Instead, he has bombed out as one of the nation's most aggressively mediocre big-city mayors.

Newspaper columns (including my local one), editorials and stories exposing Goode's ineffectiveness have embittered him and angered his black supporters, who are embarrassed that the city's first black mayor can't seem to get his act together.

So, they have elected to "shoot" the messenger (in this case, the *Philadelphia Daily News*) for bringing the bad news.

This reaction is symptomatic of a national syndrome among African-Americans, who feel, with some justification, that a Reaganized America has turned its back on them and, even worse, is encouraging a decidedly

anti-black Supreme Court to turn the clock back.

Instead of following God's advice to Job to "gird up thy loins," many blacks, like the boycotters in Philadelphia, are choosing to sulk.

"We're fighting each other," said the Rev. Clyde Brooks, president of the Chicago branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. "We're critical of this and that, and one has to raise the question, 'Is there a community anymore?'"

Yes, there is a community. Even in the crucible of tensions between blacks and Jews at SUNY-Albany and the assault on freedom of speech by the small group of black Philadelphiaans, community exists. Families may fight, but they still remain families.

And no matter how deep our divisions, the First Amendment right to free speech serves all of us and best guarantees what Jefferson called a boisterous democracy. Earning the right to serve that amendment is one of the happiest privileges of my job.

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STALKING BIG GAME — A BUS

Former King associate Rev. Abernathy dies at 64

By GARY L. CARTER
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ATLANTA (AP) — The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, who shared 17 jail cells with Martin Luther King Jr., marched with him in Selma, cradled his bloody head in Memphis and broke with his followers over a tell-all memoir, is dead at 64.

Abernathy died Tuesday at Crawford Long Hospital while being prepared for a lung scan to locate a suspected blood clot, hospital spokeswoman Tisha Burland said. The cause of death was not immediately known.

As King's chief lieutenant, Abernathy was at his side at almost every key battle of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s and took his place as leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference after King's 1968 assassination. But the fame and adulation enjoyed by King never quite extended to Abernathy.

In a 1986 interview, he lamented that during a visit to a school in Connecticut, "not a single student knew who I was."

In 1989 he was reviled as a traitor to the cause for writing about King's alleged marital infidelity in his autobiography, *And The Walls Came Tumbling Down*.

Abernathy wrote that King spent time with two women and had a violent argument with one in the 24 hours before his assassination.

King's widow, Coretta Scott King, was among those who praised Abernathy on Tuesday. She issued a statement from Zimbabwe, where she was attending celebrations of that country's

10th anniversary of independence.

"When our home was bombed and our lives were threatened, he was there," she said. "His strength as a tactician and a counselor to Martin during our struggle has been eloquently recorded in Martin's own writings and in the annals of the American civil rights movement."

King's son, Fulton County Commissioner Martin Luther King III, called Abernathy's death "a very tragic loss to our nation."

President Bush hailed Abernathy as "a great leader in the struggle for civil rights for all Americans and a tireless campaigner for justice."

The Rev. Joseph Lowery, who succeeded Abernathy as president of the SCLC, described Abernathy on Tuesday as "a faithful servant of the cause of liberty and justice."

Abernathy had been in the hospital since March 23 for treatment of a sodium deficiency and had suffered strokes in 1983 and 1986. At the time of his death he was pastor of West Hunter Street Baptist Church.

Born in Linden, Ala., the son of a farmer, Abernathy joined with King in 1955 to lead the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott that lifted King to national fame. For the next 13 years King and Abernathy were virtually inseparable.

They co-founded the SCLC in 1957, and Abernathy was in a nearby cell when King wrote his famous "Letter from the Birmingham Jail" in 1963, setting forth the goals of their movement.

Later that year, Abernathy was at King's side for the "I Have a Dream" speech that climaxed the march on Washington, the biggest demonstra-

tion in U.S. history.

He was in Sweden when King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, and the two led the Selma-to-Montgomery march for voting rights in 1965.

And on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn., Abernathy took King's bloody head in his hands moments after an assassin's bullet cut him down.

King had directed that Abernathy succeed him at the SCLC despite Abernathy's reluctance. Abernathy led the 1968 Poor People's Campaign that brought thousands to Washington.

But the SCLC lost its leadership role in the civil rights movement as key aides such as Andrew Young and Jesse Jackson left to follow their own paths.

Abernathy stepped down from the SCLC leadership in 1977 and slipped back into King's shadow while other black leaders stepped to the fore.

After publication of his autobiography, Abernathy was criticized in a statement signed by 28 prominent blacks, including Young, Jackson, Lowery and Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

His alma mater, Alabama State University, rescinded its decision to name a dormitory after Abernathy.

Abernathy's survivors include his wife, Juanita; two sons, Kwame and state Rep. Ralph David Abernathy III; and two daughters, Juanda-Lynn and Donzaleigh.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete.



(AP Laserphoto)

Rev. Ralph David Abernathy stands in front of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference headquarters in Atlanta in 1970.

Scientists claim to locate gene linked to alcoholism

By BRENDA C. COLEMAN
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CHICAGO (AP) — A claim by scientists to have found a gene that may make people prone to alcoholism should be regarded with extreme caution, says a leading researcher.

Dr. Henry Begleiter of the State University of New York Health Science Center said such research is usually done on living members of the same family, not cadavers, as was done in the study in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

"I would be — at the very, very least — extremely cautious ... to report that the gene had been identified," said Begleiter, who is studying 800 families in the nation's largest research project on the role of heredity in alcoholism.

In the new study, scientists reported finding a particular gene on a chromosome previously linked with alcoholism to be far more common in alcoholics than non-alcoholics.

If verified, the finding would represent the first specific identification of a genetic root for alcoholism and would give added weight to the argument that alcoholism is a disease and not a moral weakness.

Alcoholism afflicts about 18 million Americans and tends to run in families. Environment also has been implicated as a contributing factor.

Scientists exploring possible genetic factors have named three of the body's 46 chromosomes as possibly playing a role. But no one previously isolated one of the 100,000 genes on those chromosomes as likely culprits.

The gene pinpointed in the new

study has two forms, each of which governs formation of a nerve cell called the dopamine D2 receptor, believed to play a key role in experiencing pleasure.

The researchers looked at both forms of the gene — the "A-1 allele" and the "A-2 allele" — in brain tissue from the cadavers of 70 subjects, 35 alcoholics and 35 non-alcoholics.

"We found a very high association of the A-1 allele with alcoholism and a very high association of the A-2 allele with non-alcoholism," said Dr. Ernest P. Noble, the study's co-leader and director of the Alcohol Research Center at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The A-1 allele was present in 69 percent of the alcoholics and in 20 percent of non-alcoholics, the researchers reported. Such a high correlation was surprising, given that alcoholism comes in a number of forms and is almost certain to have a number of causes, they said.

"We really can't say that indeed we found the alcoholism gene per se," said Kenneth Blum, the study's co-leader and chief of the Addictive Diseases division in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Antitrust, clean air bills await returning lawmakers

By MATT YANCEY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress returns today from a 12-day Easter recess, but the weekend death of a senator and a House turf battle over clean air are delaying action on major legislation.

Both the House and Senate were scheduled to convene at noon. But the death on Sunday of Sen. Spark Matsunaga, D-Hawaii, and plans by several senators to attend services for him in Honolulu make significant floor action this week unlikely.

The House plans to vote Thursday on a measure allowing the government to take over or revoke the charters of banks and savings and loan associations that "launder" money for drug dealers.

Also scheduled for a House vote is an antitrust bill, opposed by the administration, that would make it easier for consumers to sue manufacturers and retailers engaged in vertical price-fixing.

The House passed a similar bill in 1987 after Democrats complained that the Justice Department had prosecuted no cases involving manufacturers and retailers agreeing on

minimum retail prices since 1981, when Republicans took over the White House. The Senate, however, never acted on it.

Operators of discount stores also have complained about manufacturers refusing to supply them under the practice, which is illegal under the Sherman Antitrust Act.

The Office of Management and Budget said it will recommend that President Bush veto the bill, contending it would inhibit manufacturers and distributors from making "pro-competitive" agreements.

Bush and his aides, meanwhile, are focusing criticism on Congress for delays in approving his \$800 million package of new foreign aid for Panama and Nicaragua, including \$47 million to help resettle Contra rebels and their families now living in Honduras.

The House approved a version of the aid package before the Easter recess, and the Senate originally was scheduled to act on it this week. However, that was before Matsunaga's death.

Clean air legislation approved by the Senate and the House Energy and Commerce Committee faces new hurdles in the House.

The Public Works Committee is concerned about language in the bill that would require the Environmental Protection Agency to cut off federal highway funding to states that don't implement pollution-reduction plans.

Also, the House Ways and Means Committee wants to convert certain fees in the bill to excise taxes.

House leaders do not expect the bill to be ready for floor action until sometime in early May.

After weeks of negotiating behind closed doors, members of the House Budget Committee hope this week to agree on Bush's \$1.2 trillion budget for fiscal 1991. Majority Democrats on the panel want to cut the president's proposed \$303 billion in defense spending next year by \$8 billion.

Next week, the Senate may take up a long-awaited bill to alter the way congressional campaigns are financed.

Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, plans to bring a Democratic version to the floor primarily to prod negotiations on finding an elusive compromise.

Democrats want to impose ceil-

ings on how much candidates can spend, while the Republican focus is on eliminating the influence of corporate and labor political action committees.

Members of both parties, while jockeying for political advantage, also proclaim a desire to reduce the influence of unreported money raised and spent by outside groups and the parties themselves.

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Fiesta Beef Pot Pie takes first place at American Pie Competition

ATLANTA, GA. - Mary King, Kansas' finalist in the American Pie Celebration National Competition, sponsored by Crisco, was named the Grand Prize Winner for her Fiesta Beef Pot Pie, an original recipe using boneless beef chuck, green peppers, onions, tomatoes, corn, mushrooms and olives in a hearty cheese-flavored Crisco crust topped with shredded Cheddar cheese.

Honorable mentions, symbolized by bronze rolling pins, were awarded to:

Most Original Recipe - Wincie Hughes of Arkansas for her Best Pumpkin Pie;

Best Filling - Fanchon Resler of Indiana for the Hoosier Harvest Apple Pie;

Best Appearance - Earl Burdette of Wisconsin for his Cherry-Berry Delight Pie;

"The quality, not only of the recipes, but also the expert executions, show that home cooking from scratch is still an important part of our lives," said John Shuster of Crisco, the American Pie Celebration coordinator.

All of the entries in the National Finals will be published in the second volume of the "American Pie Celebration Cookbook." The recipes, rewritten for consistency and retested in the Crisco Kitchens to insure that every cook's pies will be worthy of blue ribbons when they come to the table, will be available in July 1.

Fiesta Beef Pot Pie

- Crust**
 1 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
 1/3 cup yellow corn meal
 2 tablespoons toasted wheat germ
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/3 cup finely shredded Cheddar cheese
 3/4 cup Crisco Shortening
 5 to 7 tablespoons cold water
- Filling**
 1 pound lean boneless beef chuck, cut into 1/4 to 1/2 inch chunks
 1 tablespoon Crisco Shortening
 1/2 cup chopped green pepper*
 1/2 cup chopped onion*
 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) Mexican style stewed tomatoes*
 1/2 cup water
 1/3 cup tomato paste
 2 teaspoons sugar
 1 teaspoon chili powder
 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper (optional)
 1 can (8 1/2 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
 1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
 1/3 cup sliced black olives
- Glaze**
 1 egg, beaten
 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Topping**
 1/3 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Heat oven to 425°F.
 For crust, combine flour, corn meal, wheat germ and salt in bowl. Cut in cheese and Crisco with pastry blender (or 2 knives) until all flour is just blended in to form pea-size chunks.

Sprinkle with water, one tablespoon at a time. Toss lightly with fork until dough forms ball. Divide dough into 2 parts. Press between



Fiesta Beef Pot Pie submitted by Mary King was the grand prize winner in the American Pie Celebration National Competition sponsored by Crisco.

hands to form two 5 to 6 inch "pancakes."

Flour rolling surface and pin lightly. Roll dough for bottom crust into circle. Trim one inch larger than upside-down 9-inch pie plate. Loosen dough carefully. Fold into quarters. Unfold. Press into pie plate. Trim edge even with pie plate.

For filling, brown beef in shortening in large skillet. Remove beef with slotted spoon. Cook green pepper and onion in dripping until tender. Add beef, undrained tomatoes, water, tomato paste, sugar, chili powder, cumin, salt, red pepper (if used), corn and mushrooms. Cover. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat. Simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Stir in olives. Spoon hot filling into unbaked pie shell.

Roll top crust same as bottom. Lift onto filled pie. Trim 1/2 inch beyond edge of pie plate. Fold top edge under bottom crust. Flute. Cut slits or designs in top crust or prick with fork for escape of steam.

For glaze, combine egg and salt. Brush lightly over top crust.

Bake at 425°F for 30 to 40 minutes or until crust is golden brown.

For topping, sprinkle with

cheese. Serve hot or warm.

*Use plain stewed tomatoes if Mexican style is not available. Increase green pepper and onion to 2/3 cup each. Add 1 tablespoon diced jalapeno pepper and 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder.

Best Pumpkin Pie

- Crust**
 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup Butter Flavor Crisco
 3 to 4 tablespoons ice water
- Filling**
 1 3/4 cups canned pumpkin
 1 1/4 cups evaporated milk
 2 eggs, beaten
 3/4 cup granulated sugar
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Topping**
 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 3 tablespoons Butter Flavor Crisco
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup chopped pecans
 10 to 12 pecan halves
 Sweetened whipped cream (optional)

Heat oven to 350°F.
 For crust, combine flour and salt

in bowl. Cut in Butter Flavor Crisco using pastry blender (or 2 knives) until all flour is blended in to form pea-size chunks.

Sprinkle with water, one tablespoon at a time. Toss lightly with fork until dough will form ball. Press between hands to form 5 to 6 inch "pancake."

Flour rolling surface and pin lightly. Roll dough for bottom crust into circle. Trim one inch larger than upside-down 9 inch pie plate. Loosen dough carefully. Fold into quarters. Unfold. Press into pie plate. Fold edge under. Flute.

For filling, combine pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, granulated sugar, cinnamon and salt in bowl. Stir until smooth and creamy. Pour into unbaked pie shell.

For topping, combine flour, brown sugar, Butter Flavor Crisco,

cinnamon and salt. Mix with fork or pastry blender until coarse crumbs form. Stir in chopped nuts. Sprinkle evenly over or around outer edge of filling. Garnish with nut halves.

Bake at 350°F. for 45 to 55 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool to room temperature before serving. Garnish with sweetened whipped cream, if desired.

- Hoosier Harvest Apple Pie**
Crust
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons granulated sugar
 1 teaspoon salt
 3/4 cup Butter Flavor Crisco
 1/4 cup cold water
 1 small egg, lightly beaten
 1 1/2 teaspoons apple cider vine-

gar
 Sugar and cinnamon

Filling
 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 tablespoon Butter Flavor

Crisco

6 cups peeled, sliced tart baking apples (about 2 pounds)
 3 tablespoons fresh apple cider
Glaze
 Milk
 Granulated sugar
 Heat oven to 375°F.

For crust, combine flour, granulated sugar and salt in bowl. Cut in Butter Flavor Crisco using pastry blender (or 2 knives) until all flour is blended in to form pea-size chunks

Combine water, egg and vinegar. Pour into flour mixture. Mix lightly with fork until dough forms ball. Divide dough in half. Press between hands to form two 5 to 6 inch "pancakes." Wrap in plastic or foil. Refrigerate.

Flour rolling surface and pin lightly. Roll dough for bottom crust into circle. Trim one inch larger than upside-down 9 inch pie plate. Loosen dough carefully. Fold into quarters. Unfold. Press into pie plate. Trim edge even with pie plate.

For filling, combine brown sugar, granulated sugar, flour and cinnamon. Cut in Butter Flavor Crisco with fork until crumbs form.

Toss apples with crumb mixture. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Sprinkle cider over filling.

Roll top crust same as bottom. Use State of Indiana cookie cutter to make cutout in center. Remove cutout. Sprinkle lightly with sugar and cinnamon. Bake separately. Place on top of pie halfway through baking time. Moisten edge of bottom crust. Lift top crust onto filled pie. Press edges together. Cut even with edge of pie plate. Use tiny apple cutter to make vents in top crust for escape of steam.

Use cutter to make additional tiny apple cutouts from extra pastry. Brush rim with water. Press apple cutouts gently in place all around edge.

For glaze, brush top with milk. Sprinkle with granulated sugar. Bake at 375°F for 30 to 40 minutes. Cover edge of pie with foil last 10 minutes, if necessary to prevent overbrowning. Cool until barely warm or to room temperature before serving.

Wisconsin: Earl Burdette

Cherry Berry Delight Pie

- Crust**
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
 1/3 cup Butter Flavor Crisco
 6 tablespoons cold water
 2 teaspoons vinegar
Cherry layer
 3 to 3 1/2 cups frozen unsweetened pitted red tart cherries*
 1/2 cup juice drained from cherries

1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar, divided
 1 tablespoon plus 1 1/2 teaspoons quick cooking tapioca, divided

1 tablespoon cornstarch, divided
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Cream cheese layer
 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup confectioners sugar
 1/3 cup chopped almonds
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Raspberry layer
 1 cup fresh raspberries, drained

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Borger Pastor To Speak At Faith Christian Center

Jim Loper will be the featured speaker at Faith Christian Center Thursday night, April 19th, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Jim is Pastor of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in Borger, Texas. He is a graduate of John Osteen's Bible Institute in Houston, Texas.

In addition to pastoring Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, Pastor Loper has made several mission trips to Mexico where he taught and evangelized in local churches. He has recently returned from India where he ministered to pastors and evangelists at the South India Charismatic Christian Seminar. Pastor Loper is heard weekly on radio through the "Word of Life" radio broadcast on KQTY.

Each month Faith Christian Center at 118 North Cuyler has a Home Fellowship Rally and brings all of the weekly Home Fellowships together for a powerful time of Praise, Worship, and the word. Pastor Ed Barker and the congregation extends to you an invitation to attend this service. Nursery will be provided.

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Lifestyles

Museum lecture series continues Sunday with Dr. Bobby Weaver of Oklahoma City

Dr. Bobby Weaver of Oklahoma City will present a slide show and lecture on "German Folk Islands in Northwest Texas". This is the third in a series of lectures "Impacting a Region" being sponsored by the Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle. The lecture is at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 22 in the Education Center.

Weaver has degrees from Texas Tech University and Texas A&I University with a doctors degree in history from Texas Tech. He is assistant director of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.



Dr. Bobby Weaver

Weaver was formerly the chief curator of the Panhandle Plains Museum. He has published numerous publications on this region's history, including, "Harvest of

Memories - The St. Francis Story", "One Hundred Years of Panhandle

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Pie Contest

2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
Topping
1 egg white, lightly beaten
Granulated sugar
Chopped almonds (optional)
Flake coconut (optional)
For crust, combine flour, salt and baking powder in bowl. Cut in Crisco and Butter Flavor Crisco with pastry blender (or 2 knives) until flour is just blended in to form pea-size chunks.
Combine water and vinegar. Sprinkle over flour mixture, one tablespoon at a time. Toss lightly with fork until dough forms ball. Divide dough in half. Press between hands to form two 5 to 6 inch "pancakes."

Flour rolling surface and pin lightly. Roll dough for bottom crust into circle. Trim one inch larger than upside-down 9 inch pie plate. Loosen dough carefully. Fold into quarters. Unfold. Press into pie plate. Trim edge even with pie plate.

For cherry layer, thaw and drain enough cherries to yield 2 to 2 1/2 cups fruit and 1/2 cup juice. Combine cherries, 1/3 cup granulated sugar, 1 tablespoon tapioca, 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch, almond extract and vanilla in large bowl. Combine 1/2 cup reserved cherry juice, 1 tablespoon granulated sugar, 1 1/2 teaspoons tapioca and 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch in small sauce pan.
Place on medium heat. Cook, stirring constantly, 3 to 4 minutes. Cool slightly. Pour over cherries. Mix gently until cherries are coated. Set aside.

For cream cheese layer, combine cream cheese, confectioners sugar, almonds, almond extract and vanilla in medium bowl. Beat at medium speed of electric mixer until well blended. Spread on bottom of unbaked pie shell.

For raspberry layer, combine raspberries, granulated sugar and cornstarch. Mix carefully. Spoon over cream cheese layer. (If desired, place raspberry mixture in saucepan. Cook briefly until thickened. Cool until slightly warm before spooning over cream cheese layer.)
Heat oven to 400°F.
Spoon cherry mixture over raspberries. Moisten pastry edge with water.

Roll top crust same as bottom. Cut into ten 1/2 inch strips. Place 5 strips evenly across filling. Fold every other strip back. Lay first strip across in opposite direction. Continue in this pattern, folding back every other strip each time you add cross strip. Trim ends of lattice strips even with crust overhang. Press together. Fold edge under. Flute.

For topping, brush pastry with egg white. Sprinkle lightly with granulated sugar.

Bake at 400°F. for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350°F. Bake for 40 minutes. Sprinkle with chopped almonds and coconut 5 minutes before end of baking time, if desired. Cool until barely warm or to room temperature before serving.

* If using fresh cherries, use 3 to 4 cups in pie. Mash and press additional cherries through sieve or colander to obtain 1/2 cup juice.

Apple Pie

Filling
3 pounds tart apples (Granny Smith or Winesap), peeled and sliced 1/4 inch thick (about 7 1/2 cups)
1 cup sugar
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons apple juice or cider, divided
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cloves
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1/2 teaspoon vanilla (optional)
Crust
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup chilled Crisco Shortening
1 egg, beaten
6 tablespoons cold water
1 tablespoon lemon juice or white vinegar
Glaze
1 tablespoon honey
1 teaspoon water
Granulated sugar
Heat oven to 400°F.

For filling, combine apples, sugar, 3/4 cup juice and pie spice in large sauce pan. Place on medium heat. Bring to boil.
Combine cornstarch and 2 tablespoons juice. Stir into apples. Boil one minute or until translucent. Stir in butter. Add vanilla if apples are very tart. Cool to room temperature.
For crust, combine, flour and

Banking", "The Last Migration: European Folk Islands in Northwest Texas" and "German Settlement in the Panhandle Plains of Texas."

The lecture series is sponsored by the Carson County Square House Museum, with partial funding from a grant by the Texas Committee for the Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The final lecture on April 28 will be on "The Polish," presented by Carolyn Rapstine of White Deer. Dr. Frederick Rathjen, professor of history at West Texas State University and the Humanities Advisor for the lecture series, will present a brief overview of the four lectures following Rapstine's presentation.

For further information contact the Museum at 537-3524.

Small size is big problem for woman of short stature



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I've been thinking about that letter from "Big and Battered" — the extra-large woman who recited the trials and tribulations of being big. She said, "Petite women are given more courtesy and consideration." Well, that ain't necessarily so.

I happen to be 4 feet 10 inches, 21 years old and petite. And I've had my share of insults. I've been accused (at my age) of trying to get into R-rated movies while being underage. When I go to a bar, I have to bring two IDs to convince them that I'm actually 21. Also, taller people pat me on the head, and I don't know whether to bark like a dog or cry like a baby.

Some people assume I'm empty-headed because I look like a Kewpie doll. And when some nice person patronizes me with "good things come in small packages," there's always some wise guy who adds: "So does poison."

I hear there's a club for little people. Will you please print the address?

ITTY-BITTY BETTY IN BOISE

DEAR BETTY: Actually it's an organization. It is called **The Little People of America Inc., founded by Billy Barty in 1957.** Those interested in learning more about this well-established national organization may write to **The Billy Barty Foundation Inc., 4007 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank, Calif. 91505.** Please enclose a long (business-size), self-addressed, stamped envelope, and Mr. Barty will put you in touch with the chapter or district director in your area. Don't delay — the LPA national convention will be July 20-28 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

DEAR ABBY: A few years back, you published a letter in which a reader told you off, saying that God alone was the only truly qualified "family planner."

I clipped it out to save and now I can't find it. If you recall that letter, will you please run it again? I thought your answer was one of your best.

RUTH C. IN LA JOLLA

DEAR RUTH: I found it. And here it is:

In my class at law school in Tacoma is a wonderful man, Dixon McDonald, who works as a hospital administrator during the day and attends Puget Sound Law School from 6 to 10 p.m. four nights a week. Dixon will be past 70 when he becomes a practicing lawyer. His daughter, Kimberley, is a lawyer in Seattle, and his goal is to practice law with her. Their shingle will read: "McDonald and Father." My hat is off to him!

JAN RINKER HEWITSON,
GIG HARBOR, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: I am utterly disgusted with people who whine because they were born in the month of December when people sometimes combine their birthday gift with their Christmas gift.

I have my own theory about birthday gifts: I think everyone should send his mother a gift on his own birthday. After all, who but his mother gave him the most precious gift of all — life?

And as far as Christmas gifts are concerned, that has turned into a gigantic commercial circus. If Christians want to celebrate the birth of Christ, let them make a donation to their church.

No name, please. I have to live in this town.

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Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to: Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Roberts County Museum receives \$10,000 grant

Roberts County Museum in Miami has received a grant of \$10,000 from the Meadows Foundation of Dallas.

Betty Arrington, finance chairman, said the grant was requested to provide heating and air conditioning for the new "Old Miami 1900-1910" addition to the Museum.

Algur H. Meadows with his wife, Virginia, created the Meadows Foundation in 1948. Since that time over 1,300 institutions in Texas have received grants.

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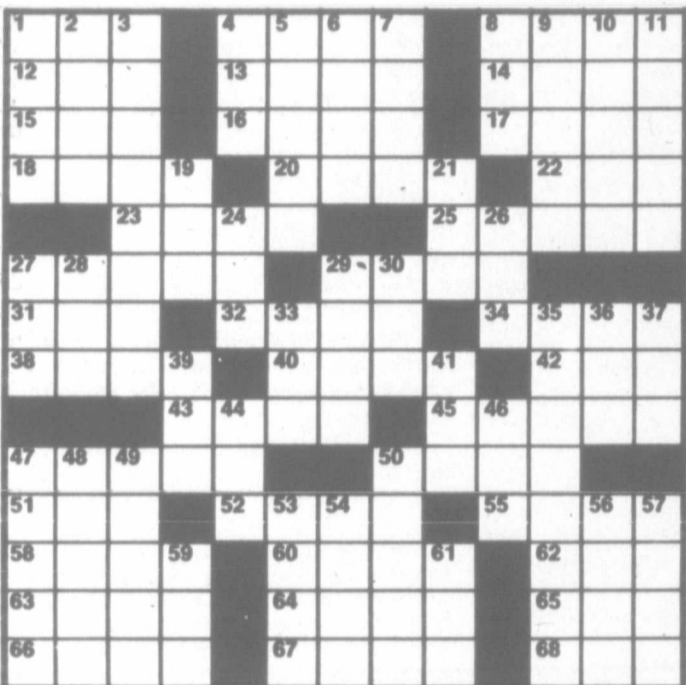
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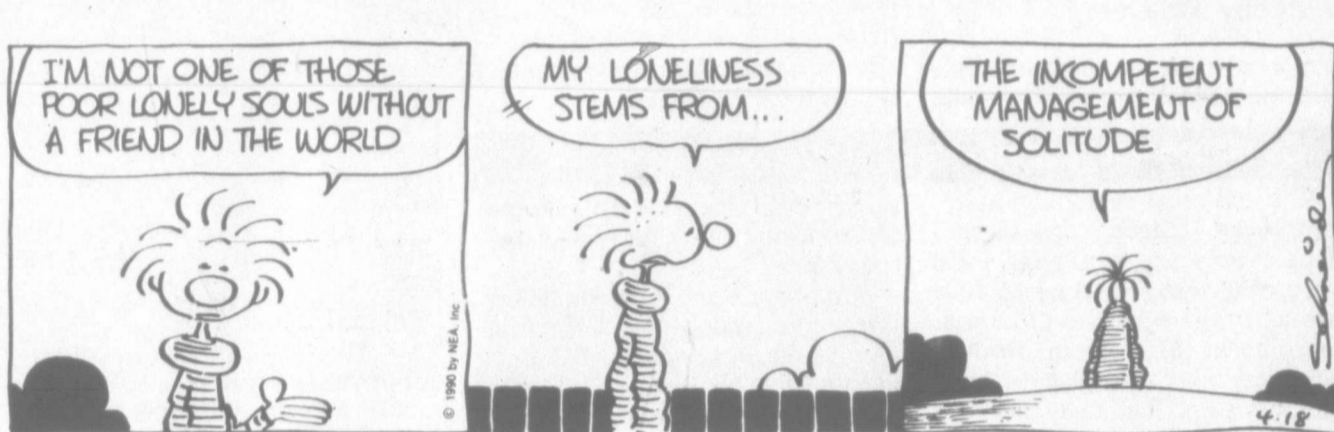
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Handle everything in a businesslike fashion today if you're involved in a situation with friends where money is an issue. Carelessness could cause errors, as well as hard feelings. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your possibilities for success will be substantially reduced today if your objectives are not well defined. Prioritize your goals and put them in their proper order.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you keep looking for ulterior motives in everything a companion does today, you're bound to find something that will give you justification for your suspicions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not take anything for granted today where an important matter is concerned. There could be some unexpected developments and these shifts might not be in your favor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's best you count to 10 before you express what's on your mind today, even if you think you're in the right. You might be able to keep your pride intact, but your behavior could put you in the dog house.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually you work reasonably well with co-workers, but this might not be true today. Everyone could be a bit grumpy and not in a mood to excuse one another's temperament.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) All of your good resolutions about not spending more than you should could go by the boards today if your "I gotta have it now" inclinations take over.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you might place heavier demands than usual on yourself and try to get more things done than you can comfortably manage. It won't work if you try to force square pegs into round holes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be extra careful if you have to work with facts or figures today. Mental tasks could prove rather frustrating and you might run the risk of having to correct later what you do now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An endeavor in which you're presently involved could end up costing you more money than that for which you budgeted. Be sure your projections are in line with current developments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Success could be denied you today if you do things in half measures. Once you've committed yourself to a specific course of action, don't vacillate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You won't be in the mood today to have someone tell you exactly how something should be done. Unfortunately, you might have to deal with two strong-willed individuals who may attempt to do so.

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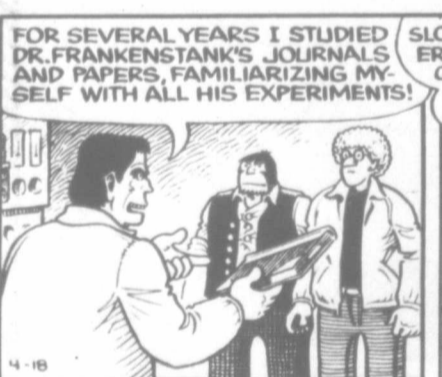
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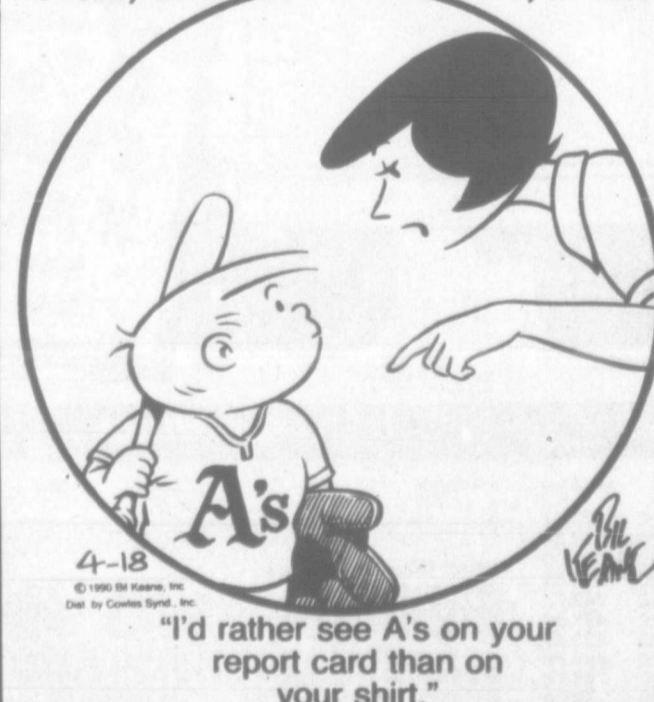


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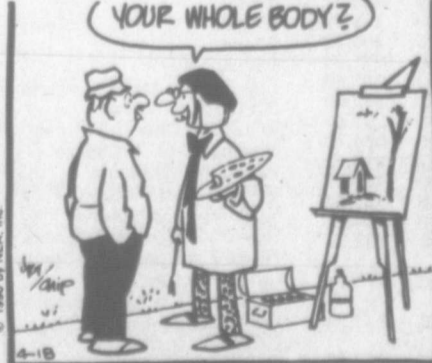


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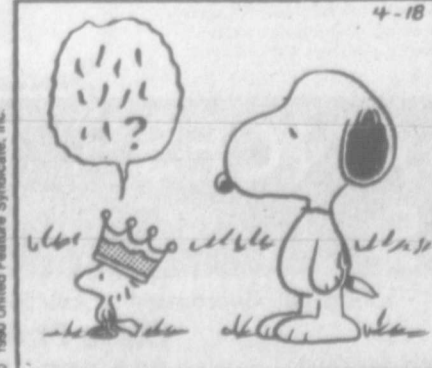


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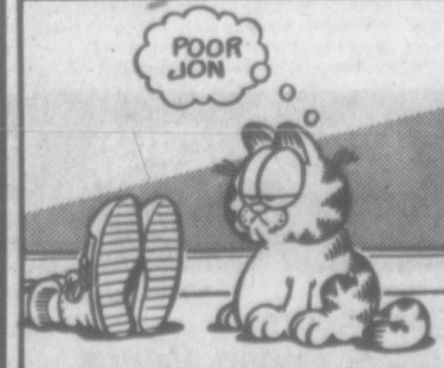
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(AP Laserphoto)

National Park Service Ranger John Hannan looks at stalactites hanging from cracks and joints in the ceiling of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington recently. Two of Washington's most famous landmarks, the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, are slowly crumbling under the ravaging effects of water seepage and air pollution.

Religious leaders urge no-cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — Five church leaders urged state lawmakers to reject cutting welfare services at the financially troubled Texas Department of Human Services and not "play brinkmanship with urgent human needs." The Human Services agency faces a projected budget deficit of \$550 million by Aug. 31, 1991 because of an increased demand for services and increased federal payment requirements. The groups said Monday the Legislature should "take any and all necessary steps to guard against interruption in delivery of vital human services."

Those endorsing the statement were Phil Strickland of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, Frank Dietz of the Texas Conference of Churches, Thomas Quigley of the Greater Dallas Community of Churches, Patrick Flood of the Austin Metropolitan Ministries, and Richard Daly of the Texas Catholic Conference.

Memorials crumbling from 'toxic effects of nature'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two of Washington's most famous landmarks, the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, are slowly crumbling under the ravaging effects of water seepage, air pollution, littering tourists and a pesky little bug called the midge, experts say. Private consultants hired by the National Park Service say the most glaring problem was found at the 68-year-old Lincoln Memorial, where dripping rainwater has caused deterioration of huge concrete slabs that support a broad cobblestone walkway and the grassy terrace surrounding the building.

At the Jefferson Memorial, completed in 1943, cracks have been detected in the concrete shell of the inner dome. Officials also are worried that the main plaza and marble steps may be sliding gradually into the waters of the Tidal Basin. The Park Service said none of the problems is serious enough to require immediate attention or pose a safety hazard to visitors. "Both memorials are in excellent shape overall, and we want to assure they stay that way," said assistant Park Service superintendent Vikki McGraw. "There is absolutely no danger to the public."

Said Rebecca Stevens, historical architect for the Park Service's national capital region: "At this

point, I'm sure they'd be standing for another 200 years even if we did nothing." Nevertheless, the team of outside architects and structural engineers commissioned to make an exhaustive, \$2 million study of both monuments concluded that repairs must begin in the next few years.

"The increasingly toxic effects of nature have begun to erode this totally exposed monument," the consultants said in a report issued after a year-long inspection. They were referring to the Lincoln Memorial, but used nearly identical terms to describe the Jefferson Memorial.

"If steps are not taken immediately to ... determine a specific course of action, nature will continue to destroy this memorial," they said. "Very serious structural problems exist right now."

Park Service officials say they hope to award a major repair contract in 1993 after further tests. The consultants estimated total costs at \$12 million.

This week officials started an experimental one-hour delay in nighttime lighting of the Lincoln Memorial in an attempt to discourage a messy infestation of midges, small winged insects that breed in the muddy flats of the nearby Potomac River.

Swarming into the air at dusk for mating, the midges are attracted by

the memorial's lights and smash into its limestone and marble walls, splattering them with egg masses. The protein remains of the midges attract spiders, which in turn lure sparrows and starlings to the scene.

As a result, Park Service crews must give the great marble statue of Abraham Lincoln and adjacent walls and floors a daily scrubbing. "If we can solve the midge problem, we probably will go a long

way to solving the bird problem," said Ms. Stevens.

The Park Service also has installed four electronic sensors in the dome of the Jefferson Memorial to make hourly measurements of the cracks in its concrete shell. The signals are radioed to a computer in Texas to help scientists determine whether the cracks are a symptom of the dome's instability or a natural response to structural stresses.

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