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Eastern Michigan's Brian Tolbert celebrates his team's 75-60 victory over Duke in the first round of the NCAA tournament./12C



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Forbes drops out

WASHINGTON — Steve Forbes dropped his improbable quest for the GOP presidential nomination Thursday after using \$30 million of his fortune to push closer to the prize than most anyone had expected. "I made the best investment any of us can make," Forbes told supporters at a Washington hotel. "I tried to make my country a better, stronger and finer place."/12A

'Floaters' study

HOUSTON — More than 300 illegal immigrants are killed each year trying to enter the United States from Mexico to Texas, University of Houston researchers conducting a first-ever study of border fatalities said Thursday. Bodies of illegal aliens that routinely surface in the Rio Grande along the thousand-mile Texas-Mexico border are known by local authorities as "floaters." Many of the victims never are identified./1B

'Weak' crime bill

WASHINGTON — A sharply divided House passed watered-down legislation Thursday to combat crime and terrorism./11A

Traffic jam to 'Net

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. — If you wanted to get on the information highway Thursday via AT&T, you first had to drive along Route 202 to a jam-packed parking lot in this Central Jersey town. More than 5,600 people gathered at an AT&T office building here on a sun-drenched morning to munch hot dogs, swap tales about cyberspace and watch as AT&T flipped the switch on its new Internet-access service./9A

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President Clinton gestures during a press conference with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres in Jerusalem.

Clinton offers Israel funds to fight terror

President pledges \$100 million over two years, but acknowledges that no one can guarantee "a risk-free world."

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Grieving with the Israeli people, President Clinton pledged \$100 million on Thursday to the fight against terrorism. But he acknowledged that no one — not presidents or princes or prime ministers — can guarantee "a risk-free world."

In an emotional trip that coupled meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres with a visit to the grave of Peres' slain predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, Clinton imagined

aloud how Americans would react to the terrorism that confronts Israel. "Our people would be off the wall. They would be angry. They would be furious. They would want action," he said.

To that end, Clinton pledged the \$100 million over two years to pay for anti-terrorism initiatives, including training, bomb-detection scanners, X-ray systems and robotics for handling suspect packages.

Israeli officials said they envisioned using much of the U.S. aid to help establish a separation zone with

the West Bank to try to prevent terrorist infiltration. The idea of the zone, which would include electronic fences, guard towers and bomb-sniffing dogs, was first proposed by Rabin and was approved by the Israeli Cabinet March 3.

In Washington, however, a State Department official said, "The United States does not intend for any of its aid to be used in any kind of permanent separation zone."

Clinton intends to use \$50 million already approved by Congress, and is asking for another \$50 million for the fiscal year that begins in October.

"Fear must be conquered, security must be restored and peace must

Please see TERROR/4A

Murder-for-hire schemer seeks lower sentence

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff writer

The organizer of a murder-for-hire scheme is asking a federal judge to reconsider his 20-year sentence for the crime.

Nancy Malkiewicz, 40, was given 20 years, the maximum sentence allowed, by U.S. District Judge Royal Furgeson last week for her part in hiring a hit man to kill her husband.

Her attorneys have filed a motion asking the judge to reconsider the sentencing. In court documents, the attorneys claim to have grounds for an appeal.

In a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's office, Ms. Malkiewicz pleaded guilty to charges of using interstate commerce facilities in connection with a murder-for-hire plan.

She hired the services of Jerald D. "Bo" Underwood, 19, for \$6,000 to shoot her husband, Stanley Malkiewicz. He has recovered.

Underwood has pleaded guilty to similar charges and will be sentenced on March 20.

Ms. Malkiewicz used Western Union to transfer money to Underwood across state lines in exchange for the murder of her husband.

In that "non-binding agreement" with the government, Ms. Malkiewicz pleaded guilty in exchange for a recommended sentence of nine to 12 years in prison according to what defense attorneys said the level of her offense would warrant under Federal Sentencing Guide-

Please see SCHEMER/4A



A juvenile, left, was taken into custody at the scene of a fire at 410 Sweetbriar Drive. Above, a firefighter sprays down an area still smoldering.

Police arrest 2 juveniles, 14, 15, on arson charge

Staff Report

Two juveniles ages 14 and 15 were taken into custody on charges of starting a fire at 410 Sweetbriar Drive Thursday afternoon, Midland Fire Marshal Lon Dominguez said.

Witnesses said they saw the two around the residence before the fire. Officials arrested them by a fire in an alley two blocks away. The juveniles also were charged with starting an outdoor fire.

The house fire started in the front yard and jumped to the roof.

No one was at the home at the time of the fire. Neighbors called the Fire Department.

It was another busy day for firefighters as grass fires popped up all over the county. In Odessa, a grassfire at East Loop 338 and Grandview burned approximately one square mile.

There were no injuries and no structures were damaged.

Despite the potential for grass fires, Odessa had been fairly quiet, said Captain Johnny Orona of Odessa Fire Department.

"I guess people are heeding our advice and being careful," Orona said.

22-year road to 3-minute slaughter

By Louis J. Salome
N.Y. Times News Service

DUNBLANE, Scotland — Shortly before 9 a.m. Wednesday morning, Thomas Hamilton packed his four guns, put on his coat and cheerily waved goodbye to a neighbor on the way out of his dingy bachelor home.

Half an hour later the fuse that had been growing shorter and shorter inside him for 22 years ran down and Hamilton exploded in mass murder.

As Hamilton, a short, plump loner of 43, drove from the nearby town of Stirling,

Victims remembered/3A

children were laughing and playing soccer in the playground of the Dunblane elementary school six miles away. Sixteen of those children, 15 of whom were 5 years old and one of whom was 6, and their teacher were minutes from being slaughtered in Hamilton's three-minute fusillade.

Since 1974, when he had been removed as a Boy Scout leader, Hamilton had become increasingly rejected and iso-

Please see ROAD/4A

Rylander: It's time to kick into 21st century, save oil producers millions

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

For the first time in its 104-year history, the Texas Railroad Commission is undergoing "a complete reengineering."

And Carole Keeton Rylander, chairman of the commission, said that reengineering could save the state's producers millions of dollars.

Speaking at Thursday's luncheon meeting of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association,

Ms. Rylander unveiled a study now under way to partially deregulate the oil industry in Texas. Presently at staff level, she said she hopes to present the study to the entire commission — herself, Barry Williamson and Charles Matthews — for adoption in the next few months, with implementation to take a year.

According to Ms. Rylander, the new regulations would retain setbacks from lease lines but would eliminate a lot of lease well

Please see RYLANDER/4A



TRC's Carole Keeton Rylander spoke at Thursday's meeting of the PBPA.

Artificial flavoring in junk food actually may be good for you

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A new study suggests health-food enthusiasts got it all wrong. Artificial flavorings in everything from barbecue potato chips to toothpaste actually may be good for you.

The reason: All sorts of artificial flavors contain salicylates, a chemical cousin of aspirin. And aspirin is known to reduce the risk of heart attacks by preventing blood clots.

The new study found that people take in the equivalent of one

baby aspirin a day from the artificial flavorings put in processed foods.

The researchers say that Americans' taste for artificial flavorings may help explain why fewer people are dying from heart attacks.

"We are presenting what we consider to be a plausible hypothesis, but it needs a lot more exploration," said Lillian M. Ingster of the National Center for Health Statistics in Hyattsville.

Please see JUNK/4A

Fire bombings in restaurants kill seven

SITRA, Bahrain (AP) — Masked assailants hurled Molotov cocktails at a Bangladeshi restaurant on Thursday, setting off a blaze that surged through the building, killing seven Bangladeshi laborers.

The attack in Sitra, an impoverished center of anti-government opposition, was the most savage this low-crime Gulf island has known. It came just hours after an arson fire destroyed another restaurant, Robert's, frequented by Europeans.

No one was reported injured in the fire Wednesday night at Robert's, located near Sanabis, another Shiite Muslim village where opposition groups are active.

Bahrain, a financial center and home to a major U.S. naval base in the Gulf, has been wracked by political unrest in recent months as Shiite opposition groups staged protests and security forces of the Sunni Muslim Al-Khalifa dynasty cracked down, arresting hundreds.

No arrests were made in this week's arson fires.

The two attacks were nearly identical and laid bare social conflicts on the island.

At about 6 a.m., five masked people poured gasoline at the entrance to the restaurant in Sitra, just southeast of the capital, Manama, then hurled firebombs at it, authorities said, citing witness accounts.

The blaze surged through the building, killing seven Bangladeshi workers, a Bangladeshi Embassy official said.

Many Bahraini Shiites resent foreigners from the Indian subcontinent, accusing them of taking away jobs and working as police informants. About 20,000 Bangladeshis live in Bahrain.

A Bangladeshi laborer who lives near the now-gutted restaurant said some village residents have been hostile.



An armed police officer guards the remains of a burned-out restaurant in a Shiite village 10 miles southwest of Manama, after it was set on fire by masked men Thursday.

"They always pick a fight with us. But it has never got this serious. We have to be more careful now," he said, requesting anonymity.

A Bahraini government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said opposition groups were suspected of setting the fire.

But the moderate opposition Bahrain Freedom Movement condemned violence and claimed the blaze bore "the hallmarks of suspicious government involvement." It provided no evidence.

Ten hours earlier, six masked assailants lobbed firebombs through the front door at Robert's, on the western edge of Manama, witnesses said.

Fifteen employees and six Western customers fled to safety, waiter Igi Cartozo said. One man jumped off the first-floor roof to escape the fire, he said.

Cartozo said the masked arsonists, carrying knives and steel bars, smashed the windshields of four cars parked in front of the restaurant before they fled.

Meningitis outbreak shows no signs of slowing

GENEVA (AP) — A meningitis epidemic sweeping through western Africa has killed more than 4,500 people and shows no signs of abating, the World Health Organization said Thursday.

Most of the victims are children under 14, and millions of people are at risk, the U.N. agency said.

The epidemic began in January, taking its highest toll in Nigeria. The number of dead there rose to 3,386 — an increase of more than 700 in a week — according to the latest U.N. figures. Almost 19,000 people have been infected.

In Burkina Faso, 7,476 people have contracted the disease and 668 have died. In neighboring Niger, 4,808 people are infected and 503 have died. A total of 244 cases have been diagnosed in Chad, and 19 of them have died.

Meningitis is contagious and can be spread by direct contact with infected people, including sneezing. Vaccination and isolation of suspected carriers are the main forms of prevention.

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"The disease is endemic in the region and a large outbreak occurs every eight to 12 years," said WHO spokesman Philippe Stroob.

However, this one seems to be particularly severe.

He said the severity was likely due to the hot, dry weather and crowded conditions.

"This is an area of extreme poverty and increasing overcrowding, and these conditions cause outbreaks like this and of

other diseases like cholera," he said.

Health teams have delivered 7 million doses of vaccines to the worst hit regions in northern Nigeria.

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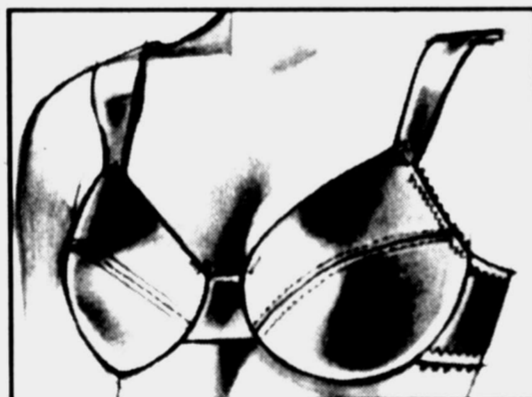
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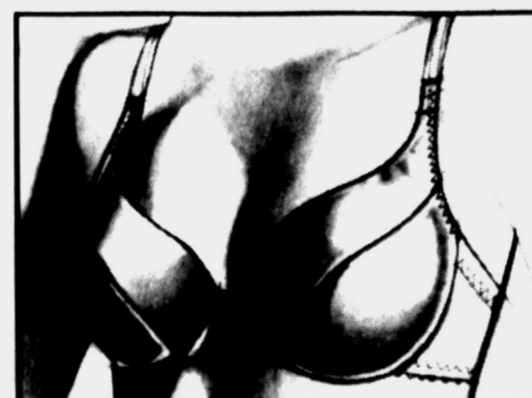
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Taiwan stands fast as China contemplates expanding war games

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Despite signs that China may be expanding its war games to a new area near Taiwanese waters, Taiwan's president has ruled out sending an envoy to Beijing to appeal for a halt to the exercises, his office confirmed Friday.

President Lee Teng-hui has rejected the idea out of concern that conciliatory gestures would only fuel China's belligerence, his office said.

On Thursday, Lee flew to islands near the military exercises and said Chinese leaders are "scared to death" of Taiwanese democracy.

Chinese warplanes held a third day of mock attacks southwest of Taiwan, and also conducted "preliminary exercises" near Fuzhou, a Chinese coastal city 100 miles west of Taiwan's northern tip, the Taiwanese Defense Ministry reported.

Taiwan had warned that China may be planning even bigger exercises before the island's presidential election March 23 in an attempt to discourage Taiwan from declaring independence.

Lee, who is running for another term, was smiling and looked relaxed as he addressed a crowd in the Pescadores archipelago, 45 miles from where Chinese ships and planes were staging mock attacks.

Wearing a tan windbreaker and sneakers, the 73-year-old Lee appealed for unity and reminded the islanders of his efforts to democratize Taiwan politics.

"These are the things the Chinese Communists dare not do: political liberalization, freedom and democracy," he said. "They see freedom and democracy and they are scared to death."

The Nationalist government fled to Taiwan in 1949 after losing a civ-

il war on the mainland to the Communists. China accuses Lee of now discarding the doctrine of reunification Beijing and Taipei had shared.

Meanwhile, an article in a state-run Chinese newspaper on Thursday suggested an effort to rally the citizenry behind the cause of quashing pro-independence sentiment in Taiwan.

"The reunification of the country is of vital importance to the Chinese people. To accomplish it, any cost might have to be justified," said the article in China Daily.

Despite the confrontational words from Beijing, U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry said it was unlikely the maneuvers would escalate into war.

"I believe the Chinese military exercises in the Taiwan Straits probably will not lead to a military conflict," Perry said at a press conference in Caracas, Venezuela,

which he was visiting. "I believe they are trying to intimidate the Taiwanese before the elections."

The war games started Tuesday, and have pushed tensions between the two sides to their worst level since the late 1950s, when Taiwan traded artillery barrages with China from islands near the mainland coast.

Schoolchildren at some Taiwanese schools held annual air raid drills Thursday, timed to coincide with China's eight days of missile tests near Taiwan.

China test-fired three missiles Friday and a fourth on Wednesday. There were no reports of missiles fired Thursday, a day before the launches were due to end.

At the Nanmen School in central Taipei, children were led to a ground-floor corridor and shown how to crouch and cover their faces. Schools that have bomb shelters are using them in drills.

Despite reassurances the government can repel any Chinese attack, many Taiwanese have been hoarding food and buying

U.S. dollars to move their money out of the country.

Up to \$4 billion has left Taiwan, Central Bank governor Sheu Yuan-dong said in a television interview from New York, where he is visiting the Federal Reserve Bank.

Sheu urged Taiwanese to slow their rush to convert savings into U.S. dollars, but promised to supply as much currency as they wanted.

Stores report brisk sales of rice, toilet paper and other basics.

Community remembers slain children

DUNBLANE, Scotland (AP) — Small coats hang in a row in the empty school. There are bullet holes in the windows. The playground is silent.

Outside Dunblane Primary School, a growing pile of flowers measures the town's grief — if anything can.

At the cathedral, people come and go, day and night, praying for 16 dead children, a good teacher and the families who mourn them. They're praying, too, for the recovery of 12 children and two teachers wounded by bullets.

"I saw one family whose little girl had lost nine friends," said the Rev. Jim Benson, who has been counseling shocked residents of this close-knit town of 9,000 at the edge of the Scottish Highlands.

No two people grieve the same," said Benson, of Balquidder Parish Church. Many parents, he said Thursday, were asking him to answer the unanswerable question: Why?

Why did a local man walk into the school's gymnasium Wednesday morning and open fire on a class of kindergartners? Why did he kill 17 people before turning a gun on himself?

Looking for answers, hundreds of worshippers filled the tiny stone Holy Family Catholic Church to overflowing Thursday night for a special mass for the victims. Some spilled out of the huge wooden doors into the cold night air.

Donald Christie, who dropped by the cathedral earlier with his 10-year-old son Jamie, moved to Dunblane a decade ago after deciding it was "a nice place to live."

On Wednesday, he had rushed home from Edinburgh, knowing that there had been a shooting, but not who had died.

"When I found my son alive I broke down in tears," Christie said. "It was the not knowing that gutted me."

At the school, flowers arrived from across Britain and around the world. One bouquet was from a primary school in Perth, Australia.

The flowers came even through the night, and were laid on the pavement by sleepless residents.

Florist Jean Munro, delivering flowers to the school, said some people sent bouquets anonymously. "They are just from other parents," she said.

Two small teddy bears bore the message: "To the friends and

family of the little ones who tragically lost their lives. Our thoughts are with you."

Britain's Mother's Day is on Sunday, but there will be no celebrating in Dunblane.

A newsdealer in the center of town took down the Mother's Day poster from his shop window.

"It will be too hard," said Catherine Buchanan, 37, who has two children at the school. "We will be thinking of the mothers of the children who have died. ... Everybody knows somebody affected."

Dunblane Cathedral will hold a service of "reconciliation and support" on Sunday.

"I'm sure the tragedy that's happened will be uppermost in people's minds," said Sister Dorothy Stella, an Anglican nun. "I think it being Mother's Day will make it more poignant."

"This is a very close community and a very churchgoing community," she said. "The cathedral is always packed on Sundays. I think that will help."

For those wishing to send condolences, the address is: Dunblane Primary School, Doune Road, Dunblane FK15, Scotland.

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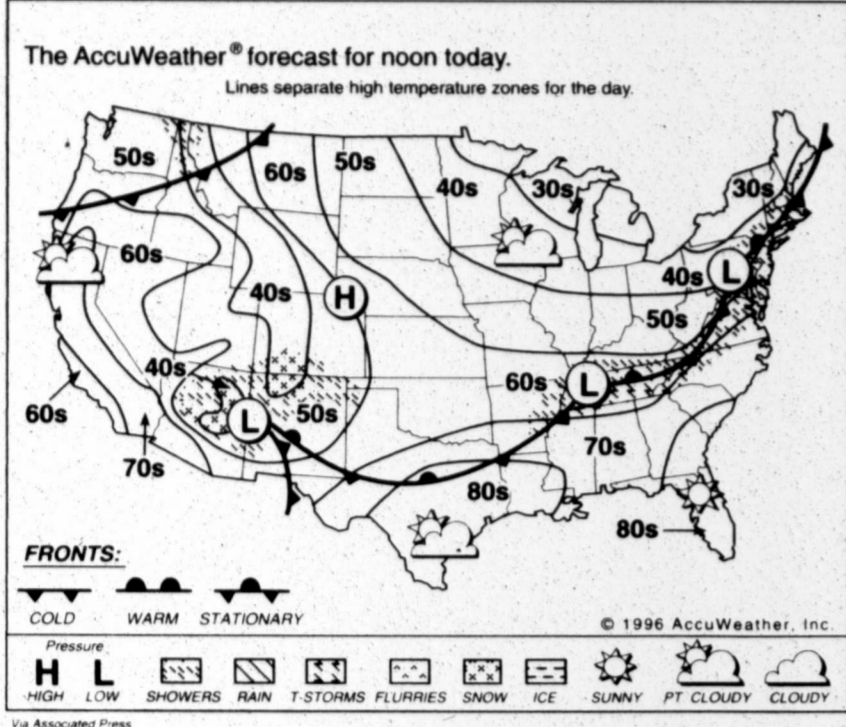
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WEATHER WATCH



Mr. Weather sees cooler day on tap

Today is expected to be partly cloudy and cooler with a high in the upper 60s and winds from the north at 10-20 mph becoming light and variable by afternoon, according to the National Weather Service.

STATE

Skies were mixed across Texas on Thursday, while a southward moving Canadian cold front moved into the Panhandle.

West Texas skies were mostly sunny except for low clouds over the northern Panhandle. Afternoon temperatures were generally in the 40s in the 50s in the Panhandles and in the 60s and 70s elsewhere.

Skies are expected to be partly to mostly cloudy across the region through Saturday. A chance of showers or fog and drizzle is possible over the Panhandle through tonight.

In North Texas, clear skies and temperatures that neared 90 degrees continued as a dry line influenced the region. Today, skies should be partly cloudy with lower temperatures in the northwest two-thirds of the region.

A trough continued to slowly advance across South Texas Thursday afternoon. Partly cloudy skies were the rule behind the trough but mostly cloudy skies prevailed ahead of it.

The forecast for South Texas calls for skies to become partly cloudy by this afternoon with high temperatures reaching the lower to mid-80s.

NATION

A severe thunderstorm swept through Kansas Thursday, battering the state with heavy rain, high winds and golf ball-size hailstones. A lingering storm in the West caused rain and snow in the region.

A severe thunderstorm watch was posted for parts of Oklahoma and Missouri and in eastern Kansas, a hailstone 1.7 inches wide was reported.

It was mostly cloudy but dry across the northern Plains and in the East. Warmer temperatures and clear skies prevailed further south, with Florida, southeastern Georgia and the Carolina coasts in the 50s and 60s.

In the West, a big low pressure system that has dumped more than a foot of snow in the Sierra Nevada since Tuesday continued to cause rain and snow in the region.

More than half an inch of rain fell in Los Angeles Thursday and more than a quarter of an inch fell in Phoenix.

Snow fell in higher elevations, including light snow in Denver, and heavier snow in the San Juan mountains to the south.

Continued rain and snow is expected to continue in California and Arizona with snow in the Rockies and northwest New Mexico.

The storm missed the Pacific Northwest, which had clear skies and light winds with temperatures in the 40s and 50s.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics

Table with columns for temperature, precipitation, and wind speed for various locations in Midland.

Texas temperatures

Table listing highest and lowest temperatures for various Texas cities.

Area forecast

West Texas: Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos - Today, partly cloudy and cooler. Highs in the upper 60s.

Weather elsewhere

Table listing weather forecasts for various cities across the United States.

Border forecasts

NEW MEXICO - Today and tonight, mostly cloudy west and north with scattered snow showers mountain areas and widely scattered to scattered lowland rain and snow showers.

RYLANDER: Chairman says TRC's reengineering

(From 1A) spacing and density requirements and "a lot of unnecessary well testing and production reports."

the rig count up. And like I've always told Mama, we want to keep that rig count up because it means severance taxes to the state, ad valorem taxes to the schools and paychecks and jobs for Texans.

21st century" is the commission's recently announced plans to digitize 30 million pages of records - out of 130 million - and make them electronically available to the state's producers.

costly energy regulatory agency in the U.S. but also the most effective and productive.

TERROR: Clinton grieves with Israelis, offers funds

(From 1A) be pursued," Clinton said. Shlomo Dror, spokesman for the Israel army liaison with the Palestinians, said the U.S. government was being asked to provide special training for bomb-sniffing dog units and for electronic equipment to be used along the separation line.

on Israel made it more complicated. "It's not black and white. It's like climbing a mountain. It is difficult, it takes time. You don't reach the peak in one jump," he said.

Rabin was killed Nov. 4 by a Jewish militant opposed to relinquishing Gaza and most of the West Bank to the Palestinians.

Clinton stopped, as well, at Beit Hinuch, a Jerusalem high school that lost three graduates in the four suicide bombings that have rocked Israel since Feb. 25. Outside, he told reporters: "If you want to be free and safe, you have to stand against terror. It doesn't matter whether you're Israelis or Palestinians."

JUNK: Artificial flavors may be good for your health

(From 1A) Md. Deaths from heart attacks rose steadily through this century until about 30 years ago, when they began to fall. Experts have searched for reasons to explain this and have come up with several, including less smoking, lower consumption of saturated fats, better medicines and more exercise.

it," said Ingster's colleague Dr. Manning Feinleib. Salicylates in food "may be the missing link in explaining why this decline occurred when it did as widely as it did."

One baby aspirin contains 80 milligrams, frequently recommended as a daily dose to ward off heart attacks, particularly in older people.

vorings rose modestly since the 1920s until about 1960, when they went up abruptly. The average amount consumed from artificial flavors alone rose from 90 milligrams per day in 1960 to 125 milligrams in 1970.

SCHEMER: Woman asks for reduced sentencing

(From 1A) lines. However, when the federal probation officer conducted a pre-sentence investigation on Ms. Malkiewicz, he came up with a higher offense level bringing the range of sentencing up to 17 to 20 years.

"Clearly the government's conduct at the sentencing hearing violated the spirit and letter of the plea agreement between the defendant and the U.S. government," the motion states.

The agreement was that the state sentence will not be determined until Ms. Malkiewicz is sentenced on federal charges. She agreed to a sentence of twice as many years as the federal court sentence, minus two years.

The hearing was rescheduled for April 4. Malkiewicz was shot about 9 p.m. Aug. 24 while standing in the driveway of his Greenwood home. The geologist had transferred from Houston to Midland just a few months before the shooting.

ROAD: Unpopular man strove to defend his image

(From 1A) children were inside and people who heard the shots doubted their ears. "I think several people saw him," Chief Superintendent Louis Munn said afterward. "I don't think they had an opportunity to challenge him."

through a friend's chair just as she was getting up. I thought we weren't going to see each other again. We were very scared."

fire a rifle," said Darryl Tuxford, 27, of Perth, Scotland. Tuxford, who works at a Dunblane hotel, was a member as a 12-year-old of The Rovers rifle club that Hamilton operated in the 1980s.

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Three women stay together through 30 years of war, split up under peace

ILIJAS, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The Serb, the Croat and the Muslim lived together over 30 years — in Germany, in Bosnia, through a war. Now in peace, they're splitting up.

The strain of ethnic divisions sharpened by nearly four years of war and codified in the peace accord has become too much. Their tight-knit circle of friends and relatives has broken.

The intertwining lives of Kristina Djurdjic, a Serb, Katica Djurdjic, her Croat sister-in-law, and Umija Lendo, a Muslim and close family friend, tell the story of post-war Bosnia as the peace accord takes hold.

They live in this Sarajevo suburb 20 miles north of downtown, which was handed over from the Serbs to the Muslim-Croat federation on Feb. 29 as part of the unification of the Bosnian capital.

Kristina, the Serb, says she has been harassed by the Muslim-Croat authorities, and is leaving to join relatives in Serbia. Umija, though a Muslim in a predominantly Muslim-controlled area, is fed up with nationalist politics and is joining her brother in Germany. Only Katica, the Croat, is staying, because she owns the home in which the three have lived for 20 years.

"We lived very well here. We were satisfied," said Katica, 53, who is married to Kristina's older brother. "Now there is no satisfaction. There's no more hope here."

The peace plan divides Bosnia between the Serbs and a Croat-Muslim federation, and gives each the power to police its own territory. The police forces have at best shown little interest in encouraging ethnic minorities to remain, and have sometimes joined in terrorizing them to leave.

'We lived very well here. We were satisfied... now there is no satisfaction. There's no more hope here.'
—Kristina Djurdjic
Serb refugee

The NATO-led force implementing the peace, worried about complicating its mission, doesn't want to take on civilian duties, and the international police monitors, authorized by the peace accord and provided by the United Nations, are unarmed and have no power to arrest.

And in areas that are being turned over from one group to another, there is often a gap between the exit of one police force

and the entry of another, leaving residents at the mercy of looters and gangs organized by hard-line political leaders with an agenda of ethnic segregation.

Aid workers worry that the migration from Sarajevo — the last civilian movement in a war marked by ethnic purges — will have lasting and damaging effects.

"This has been a huge blow to the whole idea of multiethnicity, not only of Sarajevo, but the entire country," said Kris Janowski of the U.N. refugee agency.

"We have already had signals from the Serb representatives indicating that the exodus of Serbs from Sarajevo is being used as an excuse not to allow Muslims back into their homes" in Serb areas, he said.

"So all these things are totally interlinked. What happened in Sarajevo... is hugely important for the future of the

country."

The stories of Kristina, Katica and Umija are intertwined in a similar way. The women have known each other most of their lives. Umija and Kristina grew up together in the Sarajevo area, and met Katica, who lived in Croatia, when she would visit her aunt in Sarajevo.

Katica married Kristina's brother Momcilo, and the four of them made their way to Hamburg, Germany, in the 1960s to build a nest-egg working for German companies.

In 1976, Katica and Momcilo moved back to Ilijas, where they had built a two-story house with a broad terrace overlooking a sloping backyard of pine and fir trees.

As they had no children, they invited Kristina and Umija — neither of whom is married — to live with them.

Sweden works on new model for economy

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — The "Swedish Model" used to be a happy medium between socialism and capitalism, between taking care of people and taking care of business.

Soviet leaders openly praised Sweden's welfare state, and some U.S. presidents even gave it grudging respect.

But today, Swedes are deep in debt, taxed to the limit, edgy about unemployment and cynical about the model in which they once took pride. The welfare dream is in crisis, along with the Social Democratic Party that built it.

So the party now is trying to invent a new model: How to save the old one, and itself at the same time.

"Their vision now is to back out of the old vision," said entrepreneur Peder Johnson.

As the party meets this weekend to appoint Goeran Persson to succeed retiring Ingvar Carlsson as prime minister, its leaders will carefully push for a balanced budget, tighter welfare rules and entrepreneurship — decidedly conservative themes.

"There is a growing insight that ... you can't tax a society into equality," said Greger Hatt, speech writer for Carlsson.

That will be tough to sell to rank-and-file members, some of whom have been defecting to other parties. The Social Democrats are struggling just to hold the party together.

"It has no big plan for the future, but only lots of little plans to get through the week," said Johan Hakelius, a conservative editorial writer.

Stolen Muppets return unharmed

WEIMAR, Germany (AP) — Ernie and Bert, the purloined puppets, have returned safe and sound to their fellow Muppets six weeks after they were snatched from an exhibit in eastern Germany.

Police in Weimar returned the pair Thursday to the agency that organized the German tour of 36 original Muppet puppets. Jana Blaschke of the Nordstar agency in Rostock said their authenticity has been confirmed and neither was damaged.

Thieves knocked through a wall and stole the duo from an exhibit Jan. 29 at the Erfurt Garden Show. They also smashed a glass case, trying unsuccessfully to rip Miss Piggy from her display.

The actor who dubs Ernie's German voice, Gerd Duwner, made a radio appeal a day after the theft for the puppets' safe return.

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Russians pound Chechen towns with artillery

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian planes and artillery pounded a village in the hills of western Chechnya on Thursday, and rebels sent reinforcements to try to retain control of key weapons and ammunition depots.

Clashes also were reported in the Chechen capital Grozny, where separatists with grenade-launchers and small arms clashed with Russian forces and fired on them from a downtown 16-story building.

Fearing a second major attack on Grozny this month, Russian troops and Moscow-backed Chechen police were in a state of "heightened battle readiness," a military spokesman told the Interfax news agency.

Reflecting widespread concern about the recent surge in fighting and human rights violations, a U.N. official said a senior envoy will hold talks with Moscow on Monday about setting up a permanent U.N. human rights office in Chechnya.

In Bamut, 35 miles southwest of Grozny on Chechnya's regional boundary with Ingushetia, the drone of combat planes and steady thud of artillery fire signaled Russia's latest push to seize control of the area.

Bamut is a former Soviet missile base and is believed to house Chechen rebels' main ammunition and weapons depots. The rebels also say they are holding some 90 Russian soldiers there as prisoners, a claim the Russians deny.

Citing federal military sources, Interfax said the rebels sent reinforcements to the strategically important area Thursday and were believed to have 400-700 fighters there.

The federal command and officials in nearby Ingushetia said all civilians appeared to have fled



AP Laserphoto
An unidentified Chechen woman, in tears, pulls her belongings behind her in a cart along a road near the Russian checkpoint 20 miles south of Grozny. After heavy Russian bombardment hundreds have fled their homes.

Bamut, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The Grozny fighting came during a brief visit by Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev, who came to Grozny to coordinate measures against rebel attacks like the one March 6 that sparked heavy fighting.

That assault came on the eve of a meeting by President Boris Yeltsin's powerful Security Council in Moscow. There were concerns the rebels might try a similar tactic before the council's scheduled meeting Friday to discuss a peace proposal.

Yeltsin sent some 40,000 troops into Chechnya in December 1994 to crush the separatist republic's self-proclaimed independence. More than 30,000 people, mostly civilians, have died in the fighting.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Jose Ayala Lasso, said in Geneva on Thursday that his agency was pushing to open a permanent office in Chech-

nya. "We are trying to establish a presence in the region," he said. "Obviously with a presence there, we would hope to influence the situation more."

Russia is wary of U.N. involvement in Chechnya, saying it is an internal problem and not the responsibility of the world body.

The International Red Cross, one of the few agencies working in Chechnya, earlier this week sounded the alarm about the deteriorating situation.

It accused both sides of gross human rights violations — the Russians by indiscriminately bombing civilian targets and Chechen rebels by repeatedly taking hostages.

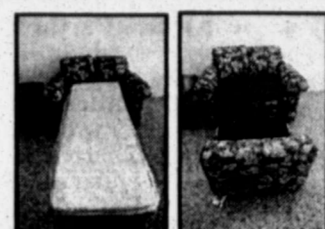
However, the United Nations so far has proved reluctant to condemn Russia, a permanent member of the Security Council.

"There are violations of human rights in Chechnya" was all Ayala Lasso would say.

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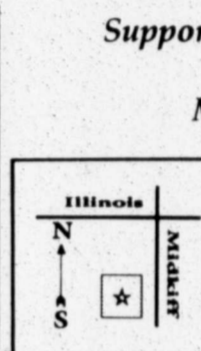
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U.S. sends troops to help secure Armenian region

MOSCOW (NYT) — The Clinton administration has begun an unusually high-level effort to settle the bitter war over Nagorno-Karabakh, a disputed enclave of ethnic Armenians in Azerbaijan, and to help make the region safe for oil development, American officials said Wednesday.

The deputy national security adviser, Sandy Berger, and the deputy secretary of state, Strobe Talbott, have been dispatched to Azerbaijan and Armenia for talks this week.

A short-term goal is to encourage President Gaidar Aliyev of Azerbaijan and President Levon Ter-Petrosyan of Armenia to come to Moscow next month for talks with senior American and Russian officials.

President Clinton is to come to Moscow in mid-April for a summit meeting on nuclear issues. The hope is to use the Moscow meeting to stimulate progress on such thorny questions as how Nagorno-Karabakh might gain autonomy and how to resettle refugees.

The longer-term goal is to deprive Iran of an opportunity to extend its influence in the region.

The United States also wants to ease the harvesting of oil in the Caspian Sea by an international consortium. Several oil pipelines are being planned, including one through Georgia and Turkey, thus depriving Moscow of a monopoly on oil shipments. But the pipeline to Turkey would pass near Nagorno-Karabakh, and fighting in the area would discourage oil production.

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With Dole in lead spot, Buchanan looks for respect

Mike Glover
Associated Press

TAYLOR, Mich. — Pat Buchanan, fresh from his perch atop a shiny blue motorcycle, chuckled deeply when a questioner suggested the commentator might get half the votes in next week's Michigan primary.

"Everybody's seen the polls," said Buchanan. "We were at 25 percent and we've fallen back."

Not an encouraging view from a political candidate, unless that candidate is seeking something far more elusive than the Republican presidential nomination — respect and a place at the table.

As Buchanan toured a factory where motorcycle parts are fashioned, he sounded appealing themes on trade in a region where

foreign competition has cut deeply into the manufacturing base. There was only token discussion, however, of translating that appeal into a breakthrough win.

"I have defeated every other candidate but Bob Dole," said Buchanan. "Unless something happens, clearly he's going to get the delegates for the nomination."

With Dole closing in on the nomination, Buchanan faces a new challenge just to stay in the mix.

The busloads of reporters and photographers who once trailed his campaign have dwindled to a single bus where it's not terribly difficult to find a seat. Gone are the days of the chartered campaign airplane.

But Buchanan presses on, after other rivals have said their farewells. All but conceding the

race, he makes a case for what he's accomplished.

"We started at virtually zero," he said. "No one gave us a chance. We've run a high-tone campaign."

And he expects something in return — at the Republican National Convention in San Diego next summer.

"We will walk into that convention with millions of votes, as entitled as anybody — except for the nominee if it's Bob Dole — to a prime-time speaking slot at the Republican convention," said Buchanan.

Buchanan seems to be assuming doors will be slammed in his face, though there have been overtures seeking peace. In fact, the phrase "slamming the door" pops up frequently.

Dole himself says Buchanan and

vanquished rival Steve Forbes "have raised important issues — issues that will be part of a winning agenda this fall."

But Buchanan complained that "Senator Dole's friends continue to call me a lot of names. They are the ones who are freezing us out of the Republican Party and the Republican convention."

Though he's come up with a string of primary losses, Buchanan made it clear he still wields one weapon. His sharply conservative message has lured a hard core of committed backers, who would make the task for Republicans in November difficult if they failed to turn out for the GOP.

"They can't slam the door in my face and they can't keep my people out if we want a majority party," said Buchanan as he stumped

through Ohio and Michigan.

That would seem to imply breaking with the Republican Party and launching some kind of independent bid — an option Buchanan doesn't entirely foreclose.

"If you keep knocking on the door and they throw you out, then maybe you've got to look for a new home," he said, adding that no decision has been made.

"We want to bring our people into the Republican Party and we don't understand what they're doing to them," he said. "We don't understand why they're calling these people names."

While Buchanan's flirtation unsettles GOP nerves, many

believe it's a bargaining chip. For a politician with a 30-year allegiance to the GOP and a long record of working in the White House, a break with the party in a presidential election would close many doors in the future.

Buchanan says only: "I represent a lot of people."

"If they keep slamming the door in your face, you've got to think about things."

Only occasionally, Buchanan slips and refers to his campaign in the past tense, even while he vows to press ahead.

"I fought a good, clean campaign," he said.

Government issues guidelines to reduce violence at work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Labor Department issued guidelines Thursday designed to reduce workplace violence, including homicides that now are the second leading cause of death on the job.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich said the initial guidelines, which are voluntary, are targeted at the health care and social services industries, where about two-thirds of workplace violence occurs.

Victims include doctors and nurses, pharmacists, home health care workers, nurses' aides and welfare workers.

"It is a sad fact of life that workers who are dedicated to saving lives too often find their own lives endangered," Reich told reporters at a briefing.

"Health care and social service workers often face aggressive patients, visit clients' homes in dangerous neighborhoods, encounter violent situations in hospital emergency rooms or face other dangerous situations."

"But deaths and injuries are not inevitable," he added. "Employers can reduce the risks to

their workers with some common-sense strategies."

Reich said guidelines will be developed for other industries including the night retail industry.

Department data show the rate of workplace violence for private industry is three cases for every 10,000 workers. But for residential care employees, it is 47 cases per 10,000; for nursing and personal care facilities, 38 cases.

In 1994, there were 1,071 workplace homicides — 16 percent of the 6,588 fatal work injuries. Although homicides now are the second leading cause of workplace deaths overall, they are the leading cause of occupational deaths for women.

The leading cause of workplace deaths is traffic accidents. Victims include truck drivers and taxicab operators.

"We recognize that employers cannot prevent every possible violent act, but they can reduce the risk of death or injury ... by modifying the workplace and instituting appropriate administrative controls," said Assistant

Secretary Joseph Dear, head of the department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Among the suggestions included in OSHA's "Guidelines for Workplace Violence Prevention Programs for Health Care and Social Service Workers":

- Install metal detectors to identify weapons.
- Install alarm systems or panic buttons.
- Use bright and effective lighting systems.
- Use curved mirrors at hallway intersections or concealed areas.
- Allow for two exits and arrange furniture to prevent entrapment.

Copies of the guidelines may be obtained by mail by sending a self-addressed label to OSHA Publications, P.O. Box 37535, Washington, D.C. 20013-7535.

The guidelines also are available on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov> under "What's New."

New study links Agent Orange to defects in children of Vietnam vets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Children born to Vietnam veterans may be at increased risk of spina bifida, a serious birth defect, according to the latest scientific review of health problems linked to Agent Orange.

The study, released Thursday by the Institute of Medicine as a re-evaluation of the Agent Orange health questions, found a "limited or suggestive" link between the herbicide and an above-average rate of spina bifida among children born to Vietnam veterans.

An association was also found between the chemical and a nerve

disorder that can cause temporary numbness or pain.

The study is the second in a series of Institute of Medicine reports on Agent Orange. A law passed in 1991 calls for the National Academy of Sciences to review new Agent Orange and herbicide studies every two years to determine if the fresh research finds any added connection between the chemicals and disease. The Institute of Medicine is an affiliate of the National Academy of Sciences.

"We still do not know the precise degree of risk from Agent Orange exposure for individual Vietnam

veterans, but the base of research has improved," Dr. David Tollerud, chairman of the committee and director of environmental medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, said in a statement.

Recent studies, he said, "give us hope that researchers are getting closer to answering the lingering questions about the health effects of herbicide exposure."

About 19 million gallons of Agent Orange and other chemicals were used to defoliate trees in the jungles of Vietnam, starting in 1962.

Studies in 1969 linked Agent Orange to birth defects in laboratory animals and use of chemical defoliants were halted within two years. Tens of thousands of American troops are thought to have been exposed to the chemicals to some degree.

Institute of Medicine scientists evaluated the likelihood of the chemical causing various disorders reported by Vietnam veterans and established categories ranging from those with "sufficient evidence of an association" to those with no valid evidence of association.

Quayle writes book on morals, strong families

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Vice President Dan Quayle agrees with Hillary Rodham Clinton that "it takes a village to raise a child" — as long as the village doesn't include the government.

"The phrase, 'It takes a village to raise a child,' has validity only if the 'village' is friends, extended family, neighbors, and other privately assembled groups who can reinforce the lessons of home," Quayle writes in a new book, "The American Family: Discovering the Values That Make Us Strong."

But if the 'village' is government, then the endeavor is doomed to fail," Quayle said. "Governments don't raise children. Parents do."

Mrs. Clinton took a contrasting stand in her recent best-seller, "It Takes a Village, And Other Lessons Our Children Teach Us." Government does have a role to play in supporting families, she says.

The first lady writes that she chose the book's title as a reminder that "children will thrive only if their families thrive and if the whole of society cares enough to provide for them."

"Of course governments don't raise children," she said in a speech last month. "But of course families need positive help from the entire society."

Quayle bases his book on interviews with five families in cities and small towns across the country. He concludes that strong families are built around such traditional values as respect, education, financial prudence, religious commitment, optimism, and not letting television dominate the household.

He asserts that government policy has undermined the family unit through high taxes, a flawed welfare system, permissive divorce laws, the banning of religious expression from schools, and failure to contain violent crime.

"There's little question that each of these policies has had a negative impact on families," Quayle said. "We must move quickly to repair the damage."

Quayle wrote the book with psychologist Diane Medved.

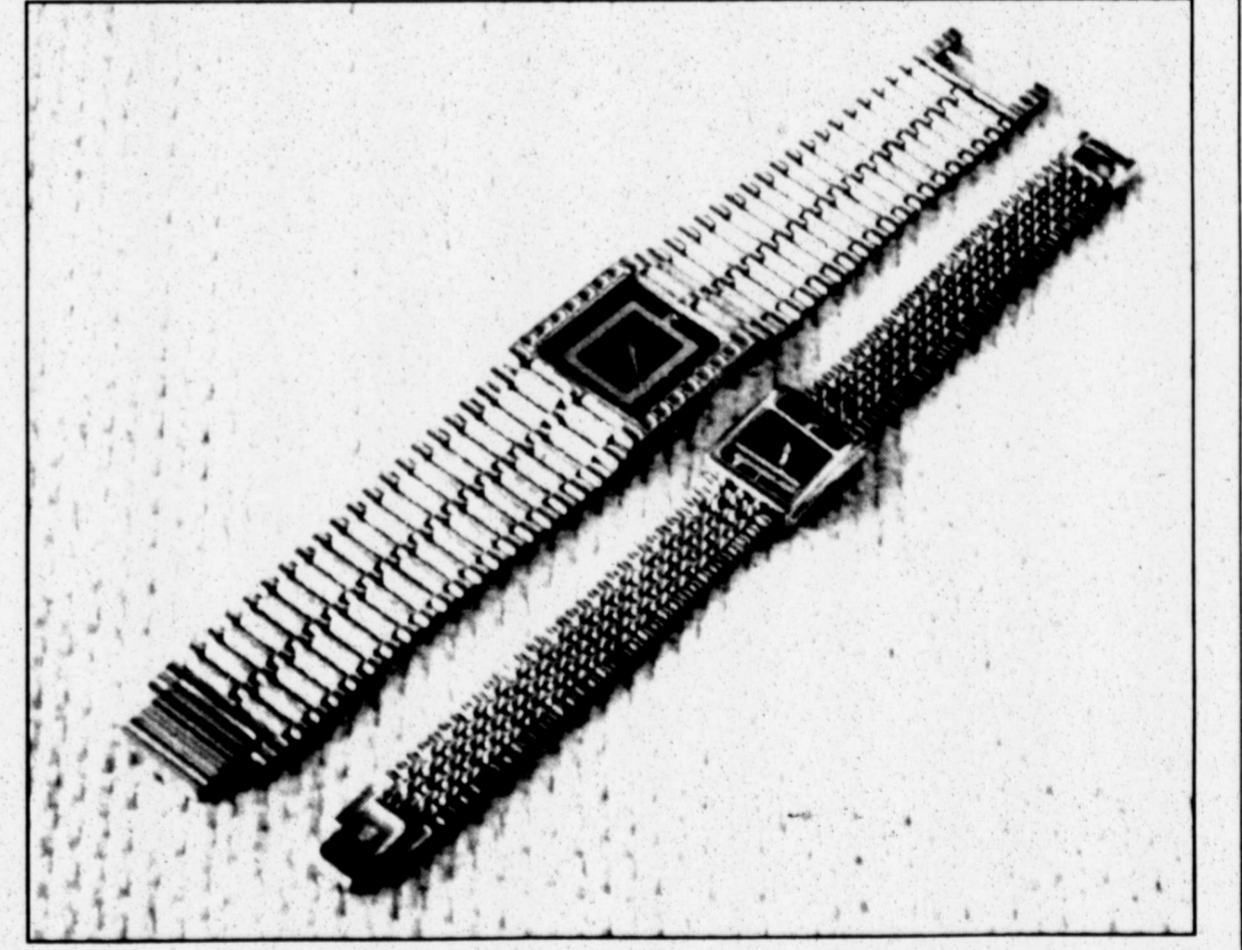
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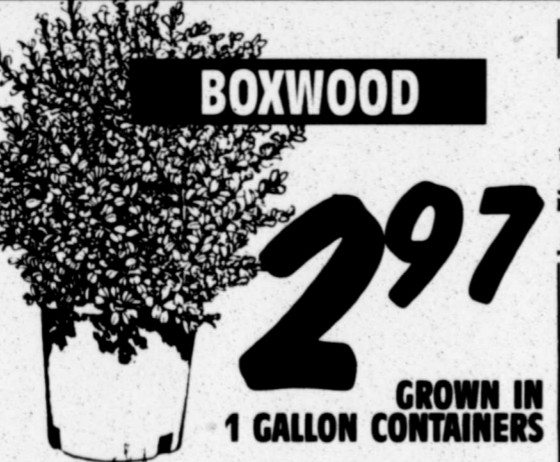
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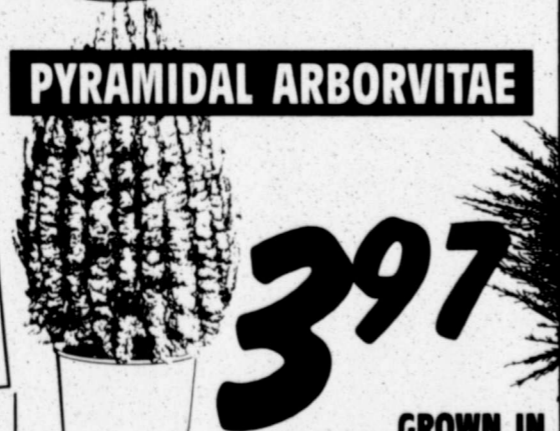
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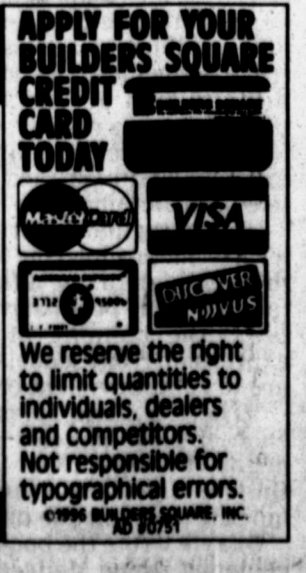


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AT&T runs into traffic jam after tapping into Worldnet

Mark Landler
N.Y. Times Service

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. — If you wanted to get on the information highway Thursday via AT&T, you first had to drive along Route 202 to a jam-packed parking lot in this Central Jersey town.

More than 5,600 people gathered at an AT&T office building here on a sun-drenched morning to munch hot dogs, swap tales about cyberspace and watch as AT&T flipped the switch on its new Internet-access service, called Worldnet.

Mostly, though, they lined up for the free — but exceedingly scarce — computer software that is necessary to actually sign on to Worldnet.

Since AT&T announced its low-cost Internet service Feb. 27, the company has been so swamped with orders that it has been unable to ship the start-up software to most of the 212,000 customers who have requested it so far. So to assuage at least some of the impatient, AT&T threw an old-fashioned grand opening, complete with

balloons, bunting and a high school marching band.

Drive out, AT&T promised in local newspaper ads and voice-mail invitations to hundreds of New Jersey residents, and you could be among the first to get a free copy of the coveted software. (The automobile was not the only technological throwback with a key role in AT&T's cyberfair; the voice mail was sent out by Western Union.)

Despite the sunshine and jaunty spirits, AT&T is learning a hard lesson about the explosive, unpredictable growth of the Internet. Though it offers telephone service to 90 million customers in the United States and is one of the world's consummate corporate marketers, AT&T has been surprised and staggered by the demand for its Internet-access service.

AT&T even managed to run out of supplies Thursday, after stocking more than 5,000 copies of the software and giving local consumers little more than a day's notice of the event. A spokesman said AT&T would mail copies of the software

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to the 253 visitors who went home empty-handed.

"This is crazy, but it's typical of this industry," said Alvis Pauga, a technology consultant from Franklin Lakes, N.J., normally a 45-minute drive south to Bridgewater. He clutched a plastic bag containing his software as if it were a carnival prize.

Pauga said he signed up for Worldnet as soon as he had heard about it, but an AT&T customer-service agent had told him that the company could not put him on line for up to a month because of the tremendous

demand. If AT&T executives were concerned about their miscalculation, they did not show it. "We are excited to see the response; it underscores the importance of this new industry," said Alex Mandl, president and chief operating officer of AT&T, who told the crowd that AT&T would make the use of on-line services as routine as a telephone call.

But industry analysts said that AT&T, by so far providing the Internet equivalent of a busy signal, might be making a costly misstep in its latest — and most ambitious — foray into the on-line business. With so many other companies offering access to the Internet, analysts said, irritating one's customers, even for a short time, is risky.

AT&T said the more than 200,000 requests for Worldnet software to date had exceeded the company's expectations fourfold. And yet, that demand has been stoked by AT&T's own lofty projections when it announced Worldnet late last month and said that its initial target

audience was the estimated 20 million of its long-distance customers who already have computers and modems.

The company has also said that it would offer the Worldnet service to each of its 90 million business and residential telephone customers.

The company is offering unlimited access to the Internet to its long-distance customers for only \$19.95 a month — or up to five hours of on-line time free a month for the first year. Hence the stamped among the modemed masses.

"With a company like AT&T, the impact of slipping up is a whole lot bigger than if Netcom were to have a busy signal for 24 hours," said Greg Wester, the director of Internet research at Yankee Group, a telecommunications consulting firm based in Boston.

Wester was referring to Netcom On-line Communications, a company in San Jose, Calif., which is one of the larger among the hundreds of companies that offer Internet access to customers who own PCs and modems.

Senate lends money to aid custody battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government may be forced to pay the legal bills of a couple who lost their farm after a child custody battle with the Oglala Sioux tribe of South Dakota.

The Senate voted Thursday to take \$250,000 from the Legal Services Corp.'s 1996 budget to pay the couple's legal fees and expenses. Legal Services subsidizes the Idaho legal-aid agency that represented the South Dakota tribe in the long court fight.

The Leland Swenson family of Nampa, Idaho, adopted the half-Indian child six years ago, but the tribe sued to gain custody under a law that allows tribes to intervene in adoption cases involving their members. The Idaho Supreme Court ruled against the tribe and the adoption was made final last month.

The family sold its dairy farm and equipment to pay back family, friends and banks who lent them money during the legal wrangling.

"They bankrupted this family in an attempt to gain custody of this child," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho. "The family won, the happy ending is here, but the family is bankrupt."

Attorneys with Idaho Legal Aid Services, which represented the tribe, said the couple's legal fees did not exceed \$100,000, and half of that was paid from a benefit auction last year. Aides to Craig said the \$250,000 figure was based on a request by Nampa's mayor.

"The tribe was eligible for our services. We get special money to handle that kind of case," said Ernesto Sanchez, executive director of Idaho Legal Aid. "We were doing what we thought we were supposed to be doing."

Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., worried that the case would undermine public support for the Legal Services Corp., long a favorite target of conservatives.

"We're not going to get the support from the members of Congress when these excesses are allowed to go unnoticed. If we can get some discipline over there, I think it will help Legal Services overall," Hollings said.

The Swenson family's compensation was added to a \$160 billion bill that would fund government operations through next September. The House does not have a similar provision in its version of the bill.

The custody battle stems from passage of the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act, which was intended to stop the practice of taking Indian children off reservations.

Jail director loses job after setting wrong inmate free

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The sheriff has suspended his jail director over the mistaken release of a rapist and an apparent jail cover-up about the missing man.

"I'm disturbed that the mistake even happened," said Osceola County Sheriff Charlie Croft. "But what really bothers me is all the appearance that somebody was going to try and hide it."

Steven Baker, 36, was released March 6, within hours of his rape conviction. The victim and the public were not alerted until last Tuesday, when a reporter began asking questions.

Baker was arrested by chance while crossing the Mexican border to Brownsville, Texas.

Capt. Ron Caswell, the jail director, will remain on suspension until an investigation is completed. The sheriff said there were reports that other inmates have been released by mistake without anyone being notified. "The ball was really dropped," Croft said Wednesday. "He went to one location, and the paperwork went somewhere else. The mistake was made here, and it's going to be corrected."

Before leaving town, Baker spent two days at home in Kissimmee.

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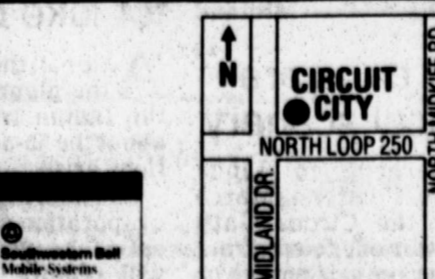
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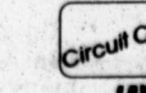


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NHS is in the process of building 23 new homes in Midland as part of a national campaign aimed at creating 10,000 new American homeowners who could not otherwise expect to own a home of their own.

This is an outstanding program to keep the pre-

vious dream of home ownership alive for some of the poorest members of American society.

Mayor Burns noted that the new homes "ought to be a nice addition to our community." He's absolutely correct, and it's exciting that this project is taking place in the Midland community that has long sought to improve the housing available to its needy residents through both development of new housing projects and rehabilitation of existing housing.

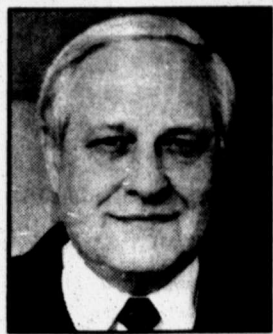
This project will help to ensure that the dream of home ownership — historically one of the most precious to most Americans, although it has been dimming in recent times — will continue to be available to even the most needy of Midlanders. That is good.

JACK ANDERSON

Administration plays politics with debt crisis

WASHINGTON — Many Americans have long suspected that Capitol Hill was for sale, but it took the Clinton administration to put a price tag on it.

Selling the Capitol Building was one of several options listed by Treasury Department officials last spring as a way to stave off default on the national debt. Other measures considered by the administration included dipping into the Social Security trust fund and selling gold and other stockpiled commodities.



Anderson

Confidential documents, obtained by our associate Ed Henry, reveal that the administration had contingency plans to prevent default as far back as last April. That suggests that the doomsday warnings of default issued by administration officials last fall were part of a political ploy to force the Republicans' hand on the budget.

With another showdown over the debt limit looming at the end of the month, the documents also raise questions about the credibility of White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin. Several Republicans have already called for Rubin's impeachment because he disinvested two government trust funds to prevent a default.

The documents, however, punch a hole in the GOP's contention that Rubin acted illegally last November by tapping the trust funds. Treasury and Justice Department officials found legal precedents giving Rubin the authority to do so. But the documents show that Rubin knew this fact well before he told the public.

A Sept. 25 memo to Rubin from General Counsel Edward S. Knight indicates the secretary was informed that 19 lawyers from the departments of Treasury and Justice were working to avoid default. The memo concluded that "their research confirms the analysis we presented to you earlier."

An April 20 memo written by Treasury official Darcy Bradbury outlined several ways to avoid a default. One of the memo's nine options was the action that Rubin eventually took. Among the options not utilized was one that called for selling off "government assets such as the Capitol Building."

Nevertheless, between April and November the administration rattled the markets with alarmist rhetoric about how failure to increase the \$4.9 trillion debt ceiling would wreck the

economy. Panetta said the GOP was going to "let the country go to hell."

The notes of another Treasury official who attended a high-level meeting on the debt limit hint at why the issue was exploited. In an apparent reference to the opportunity for political gains, the official noted: "tactically — debt limit best opp ... Must be patient."

An Oct. 20 memo says that Treasury had set up a task force that was in part helping to develop "political strategies during a debt limit impasse."

Bradbury also wrote a June 27 memo outlining a precise strategy for avoiding default. Under "Scenario I" in a related memo, Rubin would "redeem \$36 billion securities from (the Civilian Service Retirement Fund)" on Nov. 13. As it turns out, Rubin redeemed \$39.8 billion from that same fund on Nov. 15 — just two days after the memo's prediction.

A spokesman told us Rubin did not see the April memo, but he did see the June memo. He added that the options were presented "to put them on the secretary's radar screen. But none of them had been vetted by the attorneys."

When asked if Panetta's rhetoric was disingenuous, his spokesman said: "I'll tell you what disingenuous is. It's Republicans bringing us to the brink of a crisis and then complaining when the administration prevents the crisis

from happening."

At his Nov. 15 press conference, Rubin was also slippery about Social Security: "I am not — and I repeat, not — authorized to use Social Security for debt management purposes, and I will not do so. That is my commitment. And, more importantly, it is the commitment of the president of the United States. No matter how long this crisis lasts, the Social Security trust funds will be used only to pay benefits for Social Security beneficiaries."

But the fourth option in Bradbury's April memo suggests otherwise: "Do not invest cash of the Social Security and other trust funds. ... Trust funds can lose interest as a result of such action. Although not statutorily required to do so, the Treasury has notified the other trustees of the Social Security trust funds of any likely curtailment of investments. Congress has enacted legislation following debt limit impasses to restore earnings, but restoration is not automatic for most of the funds."

The June memo said that "by late October/early November, it will be difficult to fund Social Security benefits unless some funds in the Social Security trust fund are left uninvested."

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WILLIAM MURCHISON

Words, traditions of South keep past in present

What we had in North Texas the other day was a norther — except that we didn't call it a norther. Following the lead of our weather prognosticators, we called it a "cold front."



Murchison

This discrepancy dawned on me as I sat before the fireplace, glancing over a periodical mailed by a chicken-fried organization to which I belong, the Southern League. The league encourages Southerners in the exercise of their indefeasible right to be Southern, never mind Northern reproaches and sneers.

To this praiseworthy end, a certain James E. Kibler Jr. of Whitmire, S.C., exhorts Southerners to speak like Southerners rather than, well, non-Southerners. He'd rather we not just blend in but stand out. "I believe," says Brother Kibler, "we have the capability to assemble lists of ... Southern words and expressions toward the goal of creating a respected Southern idiom and way of speaking."

"Re-creating," it might be more accurate to say. We had the idiom once. We just mislaid it, suh — doubtless while watching TV.

A pertinent example would be "norther." I am not sure what Alabamans and Tennesseans call these blasts of air that roll down

from the frozen Northland, but Texans formerly called them "northers." We have not done so for years — though "norther" is easily more shivery and evocative than "cold front." Nor is there any meteorological substitute for "blue norther" — the species of "front" that, while bearing down on us, imparts to the sky the hue of a Sunday-go-to-meeting suit.

Brother Kibler is full of recommendations to restore distinctiveness in Southern speech. One proposal is that we drop "lunch" and recommence calling the mid-day meal "dinner." The evening repast would once again become "supper."

Johnnie! Susie! Come to supper! The music of iron skillet, the flitting of lightning bugs, is in that antique invocation. Supper, in the South, was the light meal: cereal or sandwiches, sometimes bacon and eggs. No culinary folderol, anyway. All of that belonged to the mid-day repast known as dinner, when the whole family turned up, from office or school, to feast in solidarity on meat loaf and turnip greens.

Brother Kibler's linguistic preferences fly in the face of drastic changes in Southern society made since World War II. We hardly breakfast at all these days. We "lunch" at our desks on vending-machine salads. In the evening, the business day behind us, we finally "dine" — if we dine at all. The language of the older South is the language of the small towns in which most Southerners grew up. Gone with the wind! The culture of the towns, and sometimes the towns themselves, have disappeared.

But Brother Kibler is right: The old way of speaking has charm and value. Language is a part of being. To talk one way is to be something that people who talk differently are not. This means the lords of language sometimes meet with defiance when they mandate change. Brought up saying "ice box" rather than "refrigerator," I would not now dream of speaking otherwise. I am frozen in solidarity with the past, on this question anyway.

Particular customs also can command defiant affirmation. A well-educated Texas woman I know relates how, in the old days, her equally well-educated mother, whenever a black cat crossed her path, would spit and say "damn."

It's a good old custom, the woman still insists — not for any theological purpose it serves but rather as a tiny, feeble thread linking generations. The more such threads we break heedlessly, the more isolated we become in a society seemingly bent on annihilating memory itself. We're not supposed to love the past; we're supposed to hate it. Modernity drums this message into us relentlessly.

Thus, the woman of whom I speak, whenever a black cat crosses her path, spits and says "damn." "Damn" to the cat, "damn" to modernity, and "damn" to all who say it doesn't matter what you say. That's the spirit! One day, she and I and our families will have to sit down and talk about all such matters. Over supper.

William Murchison's column is distributed by Creators Syndicate.

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LETTERS

Fine for old posters would be appropriate

I agree with the letter written by Linda Chambless in regard to circus posters being left posted around town. It does look trashy. So what about all the garage sale signs left posted long after the sale? I think a fine would be quite appropriate, with no question as to what address the "ticket" should go to.

As for the circus or any other event, why not require a partially refundable deposit, in advance, to the city for the removal of advertising signs from designated locations only?

Valerie Painter
Midland

Wal-Mart bags are part of local scenery

With reference to Linda Chambless' letter of March 6 concerning the Circus Gatti posters that litter our town: What about all the garage sale notices on every pole on every corner that remain for months at a time? We

completely agree with you about the circus coming into town and leaving their trash, but this should be a local concern as well.

Our pet peeve is Wal-Mart. Their parking lot may be clean and orderly but in the lots across Briarwood Street and for a mile west of them down County Road 60, their blue plastic bags can be viewed as part of the local scenery. We think instead of a fine that Wal-Mart should adopt a highway or at least adopt the block across the street.

David & Kathy Ham
Midland

Where will water for lake come from?

After all the hoopla surrounding the planned development by the Indian tribe, and especially about the 55-acre lake, a few questions arise.

Considering the average daily evaporation rate in this area, a 55-acre lake (2,395,800 square feet) will require approximately 2.34 million gallons of water per day simply for level maintenance. Pre-

jected over a year (and not counting the positive aspects of any rainfall) it will approach \$18 million gallons of water per year. Additionally, there will be seepage losses, even with chemical treatment of the "lake basin" (which apparently is already under construction). The important question is where will the water come from?

A call to the city utilities department reveals that the average daily water usage of Midland is about 18 million gallons. This means that the lake will demand approximately one-eighth of the existing daily water supplies for level maintenance.

If a large demand is once more placed on the local aquifers, it is certain that existing water tables will be depressed. Will the duck pond become a dust pond? How many existing water wells will go dry? What will be the effect on local farmers who rely on water wells for irrigation? Have any hydrology studies been done? Has the requisite state water district been consulted?

Do we really need such a development, when we may soon see empty buildings along the much-

touted loop development sector? I'm for progress and I love lakes, but the consequences need to be examined first.

William Larkin
Midland

Midland should take advantage of winds

Our Midland area does not have big natural forests, beaches, lakes or a mountain range, but one thing in abundance this time of year is lots of big dry winds. Could we possibly change this "liability" into some sort of asset, perhaps adopt the idea of flying kites, thus turning Midland into a veritable "Kite City?"

Probably groups (or clubs) could be formed and contests held for the most attractive, the best performance (i.e., highest altitude), the oldest, the most original and other ideas. This could provide a healthful diversion for youngsters, together with their families and a lot of fun in the process.

Mrs. A.E. O'Neil
Midland

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, March 15, the 75th day of 1996. There are 291 days left in the year. This is "Buzzard Day" in Hinckley, Ohio.

Today's highlight in history: Forty years ago, on March 15, 1956, one of Broadway's best-known musicals, "My Fair Lady," opened at the Mark Hellinger Theater. Starring Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews, the musical was

adapted from the George Bernard Shaw play "Pygmalion." "My Fair Lady," composed by Frederick Loewe and Alan Jay Lerner as librettist, ran for 2,717 performances.

On this date:

In 44 B.C., Roman Emperor Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

House passes bill to fight crime, reform prisoners' rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an election-year triumph for the National Rifle Association, the House voted Wednesday to scale back proposed expansions of power to the federal government in legislation designed to fight crime and terrorism.

On a bipartisan vote of 246-171, lawmakers made it tougher than originally proposed for government attorneys to obtain convictions in some firearms cases. The same vote also stripped out a provision making it easier for prosecutors to use improperly obtained wiretap evidence in certain court cases.

Also deleted was a provision permitting the government to designate certain organizations as terrorist and to deny entrance visas to their representatives.

Republican leaders confidently predicted the House would approve the bill in a final vote on Thursday. That would pave the way for negotiations with the Senate, and presumably the White

House, on a final compromise.

"We do not need to grant our government any vast new powers," Rep. Bob Barr, a conservative freshman Republican from Georgia, argued as he led the fight to revise the measure. He said some provisions in the bill duplicated existing law, while others were unwise.

Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, seemed incensed at the prevailing mood on the House floor. "I heard a dear friend of mine, a great Republican, say, 'I trust Hamas more than I trust my own government,'" Hyde said in a reference to the terrorist group that has claimed responsibility

for the recent wave of suicide bombings in Israel. He did not identify the other lawmaker by name.

The vote on the amendment came as President Clinton was in the Middle East for an anti-terrorism summit, and the administration immediately registered its objections.

"I am extremely disappointed at today's congressional action," Attorney General Janet Reno said in a written statement. "It bars changes in law that would have made it possible to trace terrorists' phone calls in a way that is now permitted in organized crime investigations. It guts provisions for the swift expulsion of foreign

terrorists and barriers to fund-raising to support terrorism overseas."

Among other groups, the NRA lobbied hard for the changes, writing lawmakers on March 11 that it would "report the vote ... to our members as critical to their constitutional rights."

The vote also underscored the profound suspicion with which many GOP conservatives view the federal government.

The bill is a blend of anti-crime provisions originally passed last year by the House as part of the GOP's "Contract With America," as well as steps to fight terrorism requested by the administration last year in the wake of the bomb-

ing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

It limits the rights of state prisoners to file appeals in federal courts, a provision sponsors say will curtail protracted delays in the carrying out of the death penalty. It also requires criminals to pay restitution to their victims and makes it easier for the government to deport criminal aliens.

House GOP leaders had originally hoped to bring the anti-terrorism legislation to the floor last year, but were thwarted when Barr and others objected to some of its provisions.

Hyde spent months trying to negotiate a compromise with Barr, dropping a provision per-

mitting the military to help fight certain types of terrorism, for example. By late last year, the two men signed a letter to other lawmakers urging support for a revised bill.

A few weeks ago, however, Barr changed his mind. That set the stage for a debate on the floor that was detailed and political by turns.

At one point Barr, a former prosecutor, addressed the presiding officer as "Your Honor," rather than the customary "Mr. Chairman."

On the vote, 178 Republicans, 67 Democrats and one independent voted to accept the changes proposed by Barr, while 117 Democrats and 54 Republicans opposed.

Rostenkowski's case reduced by four charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge has thrown out four of the 17 counts in the political corruption case against former Rep. Dan Rostenkowski.

U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson, in a ruling made public Thursday, dismissed charges that Rostenkowski lied to Congress about alleged schemes involving ghost employees on the payroll, personal purchases at the House stationery store, cash-for-stamps at the House Post Office and vehicle leases in his district.

Johnson's decision was not unexpected given a Supreme Court ruling last May, about a year after Rostenkowski's indictment, that narrowed the scope of a federal false-statements law.

After the high court ruling, a federal appeals court ordered Johnson to re-examine the four counts that charged Rostenkowski with lying to Congress and two others that charged him with lying to the Federal Election Commission.

The law prohibits lying to "any department or agency" of the federal government. The Supreme Court said the law cannot be used to prosecute people for lying to courts, and also implied that people cannot be charged with lying to Congress.

Johnson, in a ruling filed Tuesday, rejected the government's argument that the House Finance Office, which handles payroll and other matters, was an agency.

But she kept alive the two FEC counts, ruling that the commission was an "independent establishment" and could be considered an agency under the law.

Rostenkowski, former chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, was charged in May 1994 with using official funds to pay employees who did mostly personal work for him, converting stationery, postal and district office allowances to personal use and obstructing justice. He pleaded innocent and awaits trial, scheduled to start May 15.

The Illinois Democrat lost his bid for a 19th term in November 1994.

Committee splits immigration bill into two parts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee decided Thursday to split an immigration overhaul bill in two — a move that could kill a proposal to reduce the flow of legal immigrants into the United States.

Committee members voted 12-6 to separate measures that get tough with illegal aliens from a more controversial plan that would reduce the number of immigration visas handed out each year.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., told reporters the split would make it tougher for senators to pass Sen. Alan Simpson's plan to revamp the nation's legal immigration system, a proposal she supports.

"Not having one bill does weaken our chances," Feinstein told reporters after the vote. "There's no doubt in my mind."

Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., who doesn't want to see legal immigration reduced, said he lobbied fellow committee members for the split because the two issues don't belong in one bill. He said he was afraid strong emotional support for cracking down on illegal aliens would lead to an unfair backlash against legal immigrants.

"We're talking here about people who want to come and make a constructive contribution and play by the rules, and I think that should be dealt with separately," he said.

After days of fighting the proposal to split, Simpson, author of the bill, insisted it would make no difference as long as the committee fully debated both issues

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Forbes withdraws from campaign

Cragg Hines
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Steve Forbes ended his Republican presidential campaign Thursday, saying the millions he personally spent on the venture was a good investment and his call for a tax code overhaul had won wide acceptance.

Forbes endorsed Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, praising the character and policy judgment of the front-runner for the GOP nomination whom he had savaged in negative television ads only a month ago.

"Bob Dole has won the support of more voters in the primaries than the opponents did, and in a democracy the candidate who wins the most wins. It's that simple," Forbes, heir to a publishing fortune, told supporters and reporters in a hotel ballroom.

"So I will now support Senator Dole wholeheartedly as he prepares to engage Bill Clinton in the critical election this November," Forbes said. "Senator Dole has truly earned our support and our help."

Dole, whose popularity with voters had been decimated by Forbes' ads in some early voting states, replied warmly in a written

statement and in comments as he campaigned in advance of primaries in four Great Lakes states on Tuesday.

"I appreciate it very much," Dole said in Pontiac, Mich. "And I'm happy to have him as part of our team."

Forbes' departure leaves Pat Buchanan, the former columnist and television commentator, as Dole's only challenger in the GOP race, as the Senate majority leader draws closer to the nomination with every passing primary.

Dole said Forbes "helped put growth at the top of our economic agenda. And he has highlighted our party's commitment to cutting taxes and overhauling our tax system."

Forbes, as he insisted during his campaign, said the country's complex tax code was a "corrosive force." The central theme of his effort was the call for replacing the current code with a flat 17 percent tax on a person's earned income and on business income.

"While there may be debate on the particulars, I think the concept, the principle has already won the hearts and minds of the Republican Party," Forbes said. "And I'm convinced it will win the hearts and

minds of the electorate in this election and future elections. So it's not whether it will happen; it's just a matter of when it will happen."

Buchanan, also campaigning in Michigan, joined in the praise for a flat tax, but one that would preserve deductions for home-mortgage interest and charitable contributions, which would not be allowed under Forbes' proposal. "We must not only terminate unfair trade deals that have gutted our manufacturing and have exported our jobs, we must roll back the tax hikes of recent years that are breaking the back of America's middle class," Buchanan said.

Forbes, in his campaign-closing appearance, said little about Buchanan but repeated his view that a crackdown on free trade — as advocated by Buchanan — was the wrong direction for the United States to go.

Forbes refused to say how much he spent on the race. But when a reporter offered the \$25 million-\$40 million range, he said: "It's in between."

"Being of Scottish descent, it was not easy," Forbes said of the expenditure. "But I believe I made the best investment any of us can make. I tried to make my country

a better, stronger and finer place.

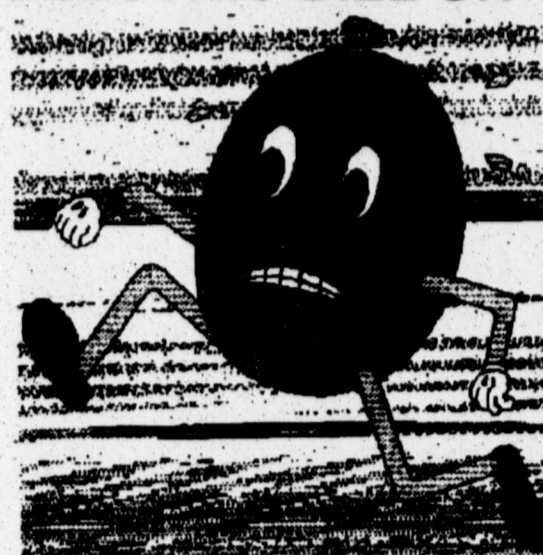
"I do not begrudge the money, even if perhaps sometimes my kids, looking to their future, did," said Forbes, who was flanked at the announcement by his wife, Sabina, and five daughters.



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Lotto winner tries to beat taxes by cheating

BOSTON (AP) — Phillip W. Cappella won a \$2.7 million lottery jackpot. Apparently it wasn't enough, prosecutors say.

How to get more? Cappella allegedly "rented" 200,000 losing lottery tickets from a man who collects them as a hobby, and then claimed a phony \$65,000 in gambling losses to reduce the tax bite on the jackpot.

Now he's one of the richest men awaiting trial in New England.

"The one consistent theme in virtually all white-collar criminal cases is greed, and it's my view that this case is well within that theme," said Mark Pearlstein, chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office Economic Crimes Unit.

Cappella, 34, a house painter from Pelham, N.H., and his tax preparer, 47-year-old Henry Daneault, a former IRS employee from Lowell, were indicted Wednesday on conspiracy charges.

Cappella won \$2.7 million in 1985, receiving \$135,000 annually before taxes. In 1989, Cappella reported \$135,716 in gambling winnings — and claimed a \$65,000 deduction for gambling losses, saving himself about \$20,150 in federal taxes, Pearlstein said.

Taxpayers can claim gambling losses up to the amount of their winnings. If audited, however, they must document the losses with gambling logs, casino receipts or other evidence.

When Cappella was audited, he produced 200,000 losing scratch-off tickets. That means he bought — and scratched off — about 550 tickets a day.

Prosecutors say Cappella actually got them all at once, for \$500 and a promise to return them in a month, from William Jenner, a retiree who collected them from many sources, including the trash.

According to court records, Daneault wrote Jenner: "We understand that we are borrowing these tickets and we will return them in the same condition as which we received them."

Cappella's lawyer, Matt Donahue, blames Daneault.

"Mr. Cappella is a victim of his accountant's schemes," Donahue said. "He did not initiate or participate in any rental of any lottery tickets, nor does he have any knowledge as to who Mr. Jenner is."

Daneault's attorney, Jim Krasnoo, had no comment.

Daneault could get up to eight years in prison and a fine of \$500,000. Cappella faces up to five years and a \$250,000 fine.

Jay Labelle, a regular lottery player, said: "More power to him. Do you know what the government does? You win \$2.7 million but you don't win \$2.7 million. The feds take a good chunk of that, the state takes a good chunk of that and then every moron who comes along wants to get the rest."

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BASIN BRIEFING

'Power Hour'

"Power Hour," the new after-school program offered at Southeast Community Senior Center, will host an open house 11 a.m.-1 p.m. March 30 at the center, 1803 E. Indiana. The program offers educational and recreational activities for area youngsters on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Students can get help with homework, or engage in sports, arts and crafts or line dancing. The program is offered through a collaborative effort of the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program and the Boys & Girls Club of Midland. A United Way Venture Grant provided the development funds for the new program. For more information, call 689-6693.

CD debut

Santa Fe Records recording artist John Kaizer will debut his fourth and latest CD at Best Buy beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 16. In addition, Kaizer will be head on 1510 AM from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday. The performances are sponsored by Santa Fe Records and Best Buy.

Tomorrow Fund

AUSTIN — The state's new program allowing prepayment of college tuition has received 100,000 inquiries in the first 10 weeks. State Comptroller John Sharp said Thursday that calls are increasing as this year's March 31 deadline for enrollment approaches. The Texas Tomorrow Fund program allows Texans to cover the costs of any public community college, state university or private university in Texas. Parents, relatives or others may prepay the costs of tuition and required fees for one to four years. Payment may be made in a lump sum, in monthly installments over five or 10 years, or in monthly installments until the aspiring college student graduates from high school.

Cattle drive

AUSTIN — A state-sponsored cattle drive in West Texas is so popular with tourists that all 20 slots for aspiring cowboys have been filled in this year's spring and fall drives. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said Wednesday the cattle drives will be held in April and October at Big Bend Ranch State Park. Leading the cattle drive will be the park's full-time cowboys, who share instruction and encouragement with the greenhorns.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Myrtle-Tree ministries, Womens' Bible Studies, noon, 312 W. Illinois, 683-1370, 683-5670.

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G. Info, 570-8612.

Southside Lions Club, noon, Southside Lion Club Building, Evening recreation lessons for those with mental retardation, 682-9771.

Tall City Road Riders, dinner ride, 7 p.m., leave from Texas Am. Bank, 684-5310.

SATURDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, 9:30 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity library. For more information, call 520-6069.

Midland Co. Library, volunteers from the Midland Genealogical Society are available 10-12 a.m. to help beginners search their family tree.

Evening for recreation and leisure for those with mental retardation, 682-9771.

Open duplicate bridge, Allison Bridge Center, 7 p.m., 682-4461.

Alpha/Omega Group, 11 a.m., 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite C-41.

The West Texas Amputee Coalition, 11 a.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital, 694-4206 in Midland or 366-5464 in Odessa.

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Development progresses on schedule

Desert Shores planners negotiate with city on platting, zoning changes

Community's officials hope to begin digging of 64-acre lake in June.

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The Desert Shores planned community is staying close to the proposed schedule, with platting and zoning changes now being negotiated with the city.

"We are still hoping to dig that lake in June," said Margaret White, project manager for the Montana Band of Indians who own the northwest Midland property and are funding the lakeside community's construction.

A 64-acre lake will be machine-dug and will have five finger-like extensions to provide 267 lakefront lots for houses, she said. This lake will be the centerpiece for a community of about 1,500 single and multi-family housing units in a wide variety of price ranges.

The zoning changes are not expected to cause a hitch because city officials have been working closely with Desert Shores planners in recent months.

"We are not submitting anything to them that they have not already seen and helped us revise," Ms. White said.

Some local residents have asked where all the water for such a lake will come from.

There is not enough of a surrounding

water shed to keep such a lake full with local rainfall amounts, Ms. White explained.

As the project is designed, runoff water will not be utilized because very pure water will be needed to support the abundance of aquatic life planned for the lake, she said.

In addition, too much flowing water could damage delicate white-sand beach fronts that planners intend to lay down on all sides of the meandering reservoir.

The water will come from ground water and/or bulk water purchases from the city of Midland or the Colorado River Municipal Water District, explained Kyle Womack, an engineer with the firm of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper who is

coordinating the plat and zoning changes locally.

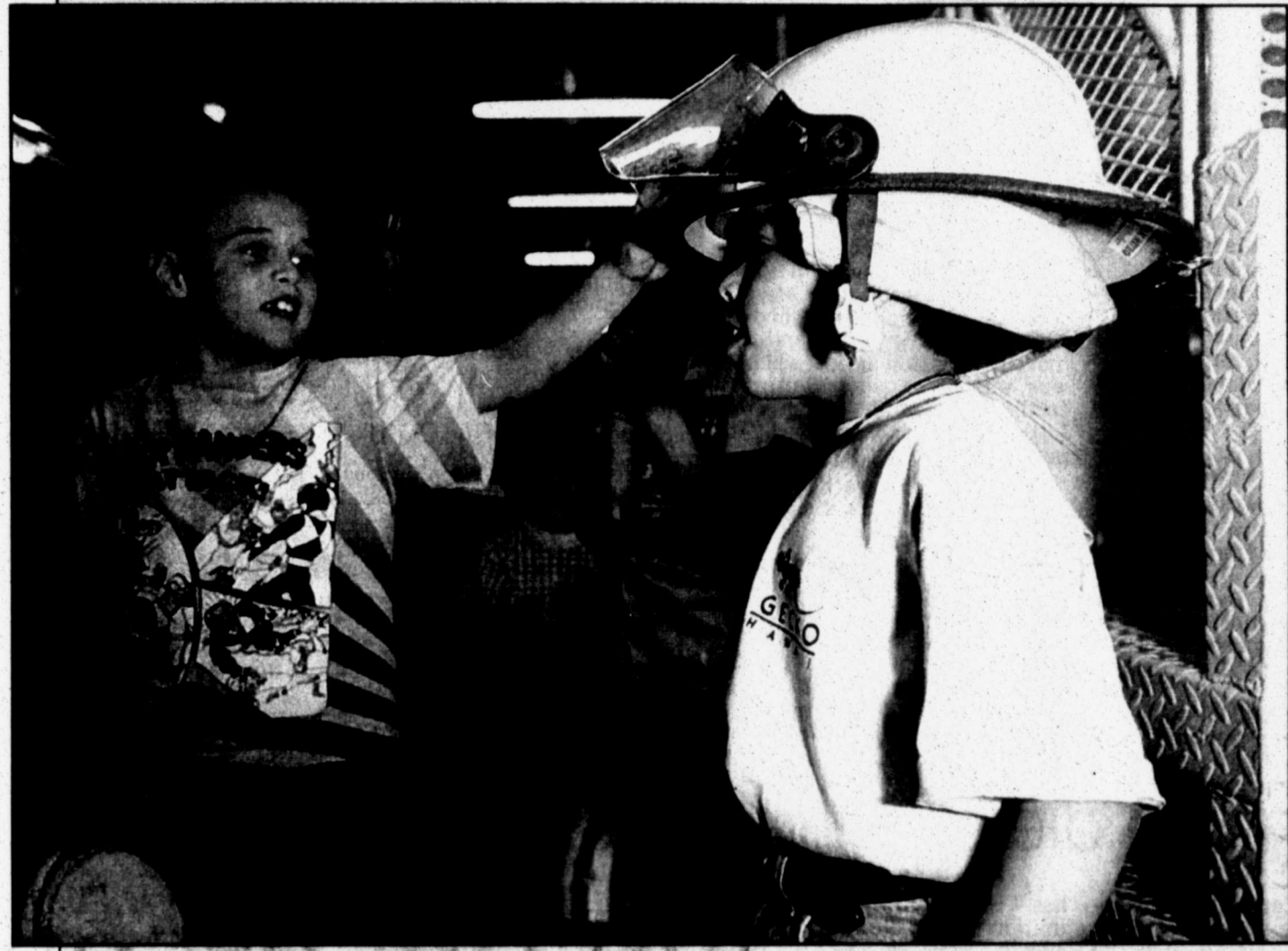
While this might seem like a massive drain on the local water supply, Ms. White points out that this lake will use much less water than does the upkeep of a golf course.

"You need 10 times more water for a golf course — I don't think people understand that," Ms. White said.

The actual surface area of the proposed lake is much smaller than any one of the four golf courses currently inside the city limits of Midland, organizers said.

The evaporation rate in the Permian Basin is four or five feet per year, Womack said.

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Sparking interest

Above, 7-year-old Jonathan Bennett dons a firefighter's helmet while 8-year-old Billy Jenkins steps up for a closer look. The children belong to a Tai Kwon Do studio and were touring the central fire station Thursday as a part of spring break activities. Right, Midland firefighter Will White dons fire-fighting gear for the group.

Photos by Brian Adamcik/
Reporter-Telegram



Boot camp brings spirituality to spring break

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

"Purple team. Where's the purple?" LaNell Dean pleaded on stage in rounding up a mingling but organized mass of youngsters for a lesson in learning Bible verses. "Purple team, raise your hand."

There was a crowd of children bearing various team colors.

"Purple team, raise your hand. Where's the rest of them?"

There was a pause amid the clamor.

"Oh, here they come."

And so the children joined in the singing and swaying and praising in learning Scripture in the three-day "Treasure Island" program

sponsored by the Midland Soup Kitchen Ministry's Children Ministry on Thursday, today and Saturday during their spring break.

"I want you to learn the Scripture," an exuberant Mrs. Dean told youngsters, ages 3 through 12, on stage. Off-stage, she acknowledged that Scripture "is very powerful. The word is living." And Mrs. Dean reflected on Isaiah 62:3, which was introduced to the youngsters: "Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord."

All told, 178 youngsters from Midland's east and south sides turned out for the boot-camp event designed to help build a spiritual foundation in the children, who were organized into 12 color-

coded teams.

"They are important to God and to us in the community," said Kim Bogart, co-organizer of the ministry and boot camp. "Each one of them is a treasure."

The 3-to-5 p.m. Treasure Island program offers children from lower-income homes "a hope."

"A lot of these kids are (potentially) future gang members," Mrs. Bogart said. "And we want to tell them that's not the way to go."

The children are allowed no idle time while being exposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ and the message of salvation through songs, working in crafts, playing

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Five-year-old Ashley Bohling, right, gets help from Natalie Duffy, 14, gluing together ice-cream sticks during a boot camp held for children at the Midland Soup Kitchen Thursday.

Brian Adamcik/
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Hundreds die annually in attempt to enter state illegally, researchers say

HOUSTON (AP) — More than 300 illegal immigrants are killed each year trying to enter the United States from Mexico to Texas, University of Houston researchers conducting a first-ever study of border fatalities said Thursday. Bodies of illegal aliens that routinely surface in the Rio Grande along the thousand-mile Texas-Mexico border are known by local authorities as "floaters." Many of the victims never are identified. And for the families who never find their loved ones killed while making the increasingly treacherous unlawful journey across the river to the United States, they become known simply as "desaparecidos" — the disappeared. In addition, researchers said disposal

of the bodies is hazardous at best, with officials in the seven border counties of Texas too busy with other duties and the counties themselves too poor to conduct adequate and in some cases legally required investigations of the deaths.

"Some of these counties just feel overwhelmed," Nestor Rodriguez, one of the directors of the study of 10 years of

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MC to host public hearing on vocational, applied technology education next week

From Staff Reports

Midland College will be the site of a public hearing on "The State Plan for Vocational and Applied Technology Education: Strengthening the Plan for the Future."

The hearing will be from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center.

It is being sponsored by the Texas Council on Workforce and Economic Competitiveness (TCWEC). The 21-member TCWEC committee has representatives from across the state including Midland College President David Daniel.

The committee is charged with making recommendations to the State Board of Education and making reports to the governor, the business community, and

the general public on the following:

- the state plan for workforce development;
- the adequacy or inadequacy of state action in implementing the plan;
- policies the state should pursue to strengthen vocational education programs.

"The significance of the hearings is that we are changing the way Texas deals with workforce development," Deana Lusk, associate vice-president of instruction, said.

"Texas is consolidating and coordinating training, education and service programs under a local workforce development board approach and converting to the use of block grants on a regional

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DEATHS

Vi Lynch

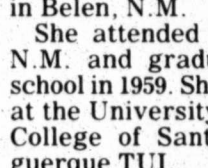
Services for Vi Lynch, 87, are to be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 16, at Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Teeter officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery. Ms. Lynch died Thursday, March 14, in Carrollton. She was born March 18, 1908, in Indian Mound, Tenn. She moved to Midland in 1930. She was a charter member of Asbury Methodist Church. She worked for Dr. Robert Bugg for 15 years. She married Charles Lynch in Vernon in 1927. Survivors include one daughter, Doris Still of Carrollton; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Ida Anaya-Robson

Services for Ida Jo Anaya-Robson, 54, are to be at 1:30 p.m. today at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipken Funeral Home. Mrs. Anaya-Robson died Wednesday, March 13. She was born March 19, 1941, in Belen, N.M.

She attended school in Belen, N.M. and graduated from high school in 1959. She studied fine arts at the University of New Mexico, College of Santa Fe and Albuquerque TUI. She was first lady of New Mexico from 1967-70. She was a legal secretary for 24 years. She was an investigator with the U.S. Department of Labor for three years. She moved to Midland in 1993. She is a sixth generation Hispanic of Belen, N.M. She traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe. Survivors include her husband, Dennis Robson; her sons, David Cargo of Phoenix, Ariz., and Patrick Cargo and Eamon Cargo, both of Albuquerque, N.M.; one stepson, Daniel Robson of Albuquerque, N.M.; two daughters, Veronica Dyer of Midland and Elena Read of Japan; one brother, Henry Anaya of Pasadena, Calif.;

Anaya-Robson



five sisters, Rosalyn Mesquita of Van Nuys, Calif., Margaret Pieropan of Santa Barbara, Calif., Susanna Anaya of El Paso, and Mary Rutkowski and Angela Ana DeRosa, both of Santa Fe, N.M.; two grandsons; one aunt; one uncle; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rosa Notgrass-Everett

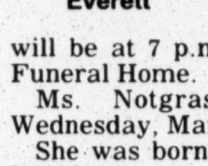
Services for Rosa Notgrass-Everett, 87, are to be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Troy Barrington officiating. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Visitation will be at 7 p.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home. Ms. Notgrass-Everett died Wednesday, March 13. She was born Sept. 5, 1908, in Baird. She was a member of Midland Primitive Baptist Church. She married James Gordon Notgrass on March 2, 1927. He preceded her in death in 1987. She married Jim Everett on April 23, 1994 in Odessa. He preceded her in death in July of 1995.

Survivors include five sons, Burl Notgrass of Stanton, Troy Notgrass of Round Rock, Buddy Notgrass of Carbon, Dale Notgrass of El Paso and Randall Notgrass of Tucson, Ariz.; three daughters, Nita Howard of Stanton, Orita Smith of Wingate and Lynn Dell Ramsey of Odessa; 29 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Alene McClure

Services for Alene McClure, 80, are to be at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gayle Reeves officiating. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Mrs. McClure died Wednesday, March 13, at her Midland residence.

Not grass-Everett



McClure

Survivors include two sons, Donald McClure and Walter McClure, both of Midland; two daughters, Ruth Locklar of Midland and Wilma McClure of Little Rock, Ark.; two brothers, Virtus Morgan of Midland and Doyle Morgan, of Odessa; one sister, Dorothy Biely of Midland; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

John Fox

Services for John L. Fox, 74, are to be at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 17, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Nick Marziani officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Fox died Thursday, March 14 at his residence. He was born March 29, 1921, in Newark, N.J.

He attended prep school at Lawrenceville and college at Lafayette. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He attended the University of Texas at Austin. He moved to Midland in 1955, where he was employed with Santa Fe Drilling Co. He was a volunteer for Little League and Midland Community Theatre. He married Dorothy Fox on April 28, 1945, in Brooklyn, N.Y. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Fox; two daughters, Cissy Fox of Arizona and Cindy Warbuton of Bartlesville, Okla.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702 or Maderia Shaner Scholarship Fund, Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.



Fox

Evelyn Raines

Services for Evelyn Frances Raines, 59, are to be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Mrs. Raines died Thursday, March 14, at her Midland residence. She was born March 17, 1936 in DeRidder, La. She moved to Midland in 1969. She worked at TRW and Sam's Club. Survivors include one uncle, R.C. Hardy of Sulphur, La.; and one cousin, Tolbot Bilbo Jr. of Austin. Memorials can be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702 or Allison Cancer Center, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland 79701.

Butch Beauchamp

Services for Butch Beauchamp, 44, are to be at 3 p.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rollin Morgan and Jim Cates officiating. Beauchamp died Wednesday, March 13, at a Midland hospital. Honorary pallbearers will be Tim Lyles, Cliff Culp, Donny Martin, Tim Martin, Vic Stone, Joe Antonelli, Steve Elder, George Lohmann, Niranjah Sharms and Mitchell Brookshire.

Rebecca Aguilar

Services for Rebecca Hope Aguilar, infant daughter of Francisco and Elva Aguilar of Midland, are pending with Ellis Funeral Home. She died Wednesday, March 13, at a Dallas hospital.

Joe Weatherspoon

Services for Joe Weatherspoon, 57, are pending with Thomas Funeral Home. Weatherspoon died Wednesday, March 13 at a local hospital.

Fred Glasscock

Services for Fred Glasscock, 78, of Midland, are pending with Pipken Funeral Home. Glasscock died Thursday, March 14, at a Midland hospital.

ENTER: More than 300 die each year, study says

(From 1B)

migrant deaths along the Texas-Mexico border, said. "I just wish we could develop some logical system to document. I know these counties have very little money. It would be enormously unfair to them." The study found state figures for migrant deaths, as counted through death certificates, were much lower than the numbers reported by police or fire departments who actually retrieved the bodies from the river or the riverbanks. About 40 percent of the estimated 3,200 bodies accounted for in the study found their way into the Texas vital records system, researchers said. "Officers are decent people," Rodriguez said, denying any intentional wrongdoing by authorities. "They see a body, they call it a floater, it sets in motion a process. It's how we have come to perceive migrants." Elected justices of the peace, who in Texas may rule on cause of death, often decide drowning as the reason for a person's death even though they may have little medical skills to make such a judgment, the researchers said. Along the border, only El Paso County has a fulltime certified

medical examiner and other counties in the populous Rio Grande Valley are reluctant to ship the bodies of "floaters" hundreds of miles to San Antonio, where the medical examiner's office there will charge the county \$500 for an autopsy. Instead, the counties will pay \$70 to local morticians for a "quickie" funeral, held frequently within 24 hours, limiting attempts at notification of next of kin. The problem is complicated because the body already has started to decompose when it surfaces and the odor from a decaying body is offensive. Also, the body often is unclotted and carries no identification. Authorities say people wading or swimming across the river put their clothes in a plastic bag to keep them from getting wet and the bag and the body become separated. They wind up in pauper's graves, a handpainted description on a wooden cross often lists only the date the body was found, the gender of the person and a case number. The writing may last six months in the scorching South Texas sun. While drowning is the most common cause of death, others fall from trains, become victims of violent crime or die in traffic accidents. "No one agency has a complete

list," Rodriguez said. "The information is kept by different agencies." "This is inadequate for a family looking for a body after a few months," said Stan Bailey of the university's Center for Immigration Research. Andrea Delgado, 49, of Houston, has been looking for her brother since 1988, when he last was seen trying to get across the river from Matamoros, Mexico to Brownsville. "The authorities, such as the police, told me that my problem was a Mexican one, not American. That my brother was a wetback," she said. "I've never found my brother's body." "It's become a tragedy for families of those who disappeared," Rodriguez said. "Families are working against terrible or impossible odds. If there's no documentation, families won't find their loved ones." Researchers said the situation is somewhat better on the Mexican side of the border, where records are centralized. Still, their study found while some fatalities were registered as Mexicans, they may have come from elsewhere in Latin America, like Guatemala, Honduras or even South America. They also warned that stepped-up border control efforts will lead to even more deaths as illegal

aliens are forced to try riskier and more isolated crossing points. Rodriguez said he was not advocating elimination of border controls but said immigration authorities must consider the human cost. "These people are so desperate," he said. Berta Rodriguez, an El Paso woman, told Thursday of how her uncle drowned in the Rio Grande while crossing from Juarez, Mexico in 1985. Authorities did not conduct a search, she said, waiting until decomposition forced his body to the surface. "He just wanted to earn some extra money," she said. "You have to understand. These people are in a desperate situation. They do what they have to do to support their families." He refused to get documents to allow a legal crossing because it required "a lot of paperwork and red tape," she said. "He didn't want to go through that process." The eight-month study was financed partially by a \$10,000 grant from the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker group. Researchers said they were planning similar studies of the border in other states.

SPIRITUAL: Camp organizers keep children busy

(From 1B)

games, doing physical training, such as relays, fishing and dining in the Canteen. "There is) absolutely zero idle time. That's the key," Mrs. Bogart said of keeping the children's attention. "Busy children are happy children, and bored children get in trouble." Mrs. Bogart and her co-worker friend, Tammy Bennett, organized the spring-break boot camp and five other annual events to offer "spiritual nutrition" to children

who, in many instances, know the Midland Soup Kitchen as a haven to satiate their physical hunger for food. "Many of these children are totally unchurched children," Mrs. Bogart said. "They never had an opportunity to go to church. Their parents won't take them to church, or they don't have parents." The Children's Ministry events include the weeklong June Summer Boot Camp, the Back-to-School Bash in September, the October Fall Carnival, the Christ-

mas Dinner in December, the Valentine Party in February and the current Mini-Maneuver Boot Camp in March. "I enjoy getting to see the smiles on these kids' faces," Mrs. Bennett said. "They are having fun. They are learning. They are busy" and "not out on the streets." The children were fed sandwiches and fruit early into the program to fill their immediate physical needs. Barbie Nightengale, a mother who is among the 50 volunteers helping out with the boot-camp pro-

gram, pondered the value of the spiritual boot camp to the youngsters. "When they get older and hear the name of Jesus, they are going to remember back to today and that it was a good thing," Mrs. Nightengale said. "They will remember the love they felt." Boot-camp volunteer Ruth Koss, 18, also reflected on the "wonderful program" designed "to spread the love of Jesus to these children in Midland. They are so precious."

Investigators believe slayings were double homicide, suicide

BULVERDE (AP) — A railroad worker fatally shot his wife and teen-age son in their home and later turned a gun on himself as he was driving, sheriff's investigators said Thursday. Stanley Lindsey, 43, was discovered dead on a rural road where his pickup truck wrecked Wednesday morning. It later was determined he suffered a gunshot wound to the head. Troopers who went to the Lindsey home in this suburban community to notify family members about his death discovered the bodies of Penny Lindsey, 43, and

their son Sheldon Lindsey, 18. Each had been shot once in the forehead with a .38-caliber handgun, authorities said. Although final autopsy results were pending Thursday afternoon, Lt. Sumner Bowen of the Comal County Sheriff's Department said it appeared Stanley Lindsey killed his wife and son then committed suicide. "It appears that he shot himself while he was driving at a very high rate of speed," Bowen said. Law officers continued to search for that gun, a Ruger 9 mm, near the accident scene Thursday.

The bullet fired at Stanley Lindsey's head entered from the left, therefore ruling out the possibility that someone could have been in the right passenger seat and fired at him, Bowen said. Along another road 10 miles from the Lindsey home, a gun containing bullets consistent with those that killed Mrs. Lindsey and her son was found on the Guadalupe River bank beneath a bridge. Next to the weapon was Mrs. Lindsey's jewelry box. Both apparently were thrown from the top of the bridge, Bowen said.

What led to the killings remained a mystery. "There are no notes, no explanations, and the people who were involved aren't with us any longer," Bowen said. "We'll never know what really precipitated it." Stanley Lindsey had worked for several years as a welder for Union Pacific. Investigators did not know whether Mrs. Lindsey worked outside the home. Sheldon Lindsey was a senior at Smithsonian Valley High School.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Wednesday Burglary of a vehicle: A passenger door window of a vehicle was pried open and two Pioneer speakers and cassettes were taken. Police are looking for two male hispanic juveniles, one wearing a blue t-shirt and jeans and the other wearing a red bandana. Police said they were driving a blue, four-door Pontiac Grand Am. It was reported by Gilbert Arciaga at 3207 W. Cuthbert at 7:50 p.m. Thursday Vandalism: Tires of a vehicle were slashed at 423 Andrews Hwy., reported West Texas Respiratory at 8:37 a.m. Theft: Tires from a pickup were taken at 2705 W. Wall St., reported Buy-Rite Auto Sales at 8:44 a.m. Burglary of a vehicle: A JVC stereo and keys to the vehicle were taken at 3307 Andrews Hwy., reported Rogers Ford Sales at 9:22 a.m. Anyone having information concerning these crimes should call the Police Department at 685-7108, the Sheriff's Office at 688-1228 or Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

SCHEDULE: Desert Shores officials hope to start digging of lake in June

(From 1B) ack said. Each year, this amount of water loss will need to be added to maintain the level of the lake. If all the irrigation needed to keep a golf course maintained were measured, the annual total would be greater than this five feet, Womack said. Assistant City Manager Rick Menchaca said city engineers and managers are studying the project closely and have not voiced fears about water usage. The municipal water supply could provide water for the project. While there is no regulation of ground water usage, city officials will be "making sure people are not negatively impacted" by the project, Menchaca said. There are 38 consultants working on the project, with expertise in everything from sand to fish and trees, Ms. White said. Some of them are testing available water samples. Representatives from the Montana Indians are expected to be in Midland early next month to review the project's progress.

PEROT: Volunteers launch signature drive

(From 1B) The signatures must be gathered and turned in by May 28 for the group to exist as a recognized third party in Texas. Of the states that have been targeted so far, the Reform Party has been successful in California, South Carolina, North Dakota, Montana and Utah, and failed to get on the ballot in Arkansas. The effort is tied up in court in Maine and Ohio, where five petition circulators are under investigation by county officials. Verney complained that the investigation was akin to the "Salem witch hunt." Until the Reform Party candi-

MC: TCWEC to sponsor public hearing

(From 1B) and technology education, is invited to attend the hearing. Topics will include: the Perkins State Plan, Integration of Academic and Vocational and Applied Technology Education, Programs that Meet the Demands of the Workplace and Labor Market, School-to-Work Transition, Funding Priorities and At-Risk Youth Programs. stopped by the shop Wednesday, asking a series of unusual questions. "They were asking questions about who all worked there, what time they closed, whether there were any male employees that worked there, questions that were out of the ordinary for anyone just going in to get a haircut," said police Sgt. B.W. Smith. However, police suspect the gunman acted alone, Smith said. Police withheld the suspect's identity Thursday night.

Police arrest teen in robbery, homicide

BALCH SPRINGS (AP) — A 15-year-old boy was arrested Thursday in the afternoon robbery and slaying of a 34-year-old woman at a barber shop, police said. A co-worker found the body of hair stylist Seeta Haddadi in a back room at the Iced Treats barber shop Thursday afternoon. The young suspect was arrested about 8:30 p.m. at his home in the east Dallas suburb. A gun was found at the scene, police said. Police said three boys had

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"LOVE IT...OR LEAVE IT!" I know it's a strong statement that seems a bit radical. But some things just stir my indignation. Rising NBA basketball star Mahmoud Abdul Rauf of the Denver Nuggets refuses to stand with his teammates when the national anthem is played prior to each game. Rules of the League clearly state that "players, coaches, and trainers" will do so. But Rauf, the former Chris Jackson of LSU, says he sees the United States as a country of "oppression and tyranny." His Islamic religion, he believes, urges him to refuse respect. Now, I call for focus from God who says, "Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king." 1 Peter 2:16, 17. Yes, like Rauf, we may disagree with some policies, decisions, and laws. When they demand us to violate our religious faith, we are granted the right to object. But respect for that glorious flag and this land of the free is not an option; it is a privilege. America is still the best in the world, and God calls for us to respect and honor our nation and principles of faith and freedom.

Some Texans rank among top recipients of tobacco interest contributions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top recipients of congressional campaign contributions from the cigarette industry tend to be from tobacco-rich states such as Virginia and North Carolina, but a few Texans rank high on the list.

A study issued Thursday by the advocacy group Common Cause examining tobacco interests' contributions from 1986 through 1995 listed Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and House Majority Whip Tom DeLay among the top recipients.

During the decade, tobacco interests made \$11.6 million in political action committee contributions to lawmakers and another \$8.9 million in "soft money" donations to political parties.

The spending is coming at a time when the tobacco industry is under intense government scrutiny, Common Cause President Ann McBride noted.

"With their backs to the wall and standing accused of encouraging cigarette sales to children, the tobacco industry has responded

with record-setting political contributions targeted to buy results," she said.

At a news conference Thursday, an organization called The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids challenged lawmakers to stop accepting tobacco industry contributions.

The industry immediately fired back, saying calls for tobacco interests to stop participating in the political process amount to censorship by anti-smoking activists.

Mrs. Hutchison ranked seventh on the list of senators receiving the most in contributions from tobacco interests in the last decade, with \$45,923. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, was 25th, with \$31,100.

Of the top 10 recipients, Mrs. Hutchison and four others serve on the Senate Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over tobacco.

Hutchison spokeswoman Missi Tessier pointed out that her boss has gone through four elections since 1993, accounting for her higher PAC receipts than most other senators.

Ms. Tessier also noted that major givers such as Philip Morris Co. and RJ Reynolds Inc. are diversified conglomerates with interests well beyond tobacco.

"It may be difficult to separate one activity of the company from another" in examining campaign contributions, she said.

DeLay, R-Sugar Land, ranked 15th among the top House recipients, with \$49,450.

Of Common Cause, DeLay spokesman Tony Rudy said: "They are just living up to their name. Their common cause is to defeat the Republican majority."

"The fact is that Tom DeLay supports an agenda that is pro-growth and against federal government regulations and he gets support from numerous industries, big and small, in support of that agenda. It's not anything specific to the tobacco industry."

House Commerce Committee member Jack Fields, R-Humble, was 21st, with \$44,450; and Rep.

By The Associated Press			Campaign contributions received by Texas' 30 U.S. House members from tobacco interests between 1986-1995, according to a study of contributions by Common Cause, an advocacy group pushing for campaign finance reform.		
Name	Party-Hometown	Receipts	Doggett, Edwards, Fields, Frost, Geren, Gonzalez, Green, Hall, Jackson-Lee, E.B. Johnson, S. Johnson, Laughlin, Ortiz, Smith, Stenholm, Coleman, Combast, de la Garza, DeLay,	D-Austin D-Waco R-Humble D-Dallas D-Fort Worth D-San Antonio D-Houston D-Rockwall D-Houston D-Houston R-Dallas R-Dallas R-West Columbia D-Corpus Christi R-San Antonio D-Stamford R-Friendswood D-San Antonio R-Clarendon D-Lufkin	0 17,700 44,450 8,100 15,800 0 500 8,200 500 1,850 6,000 25,150 9,000 4,850 15,750 2,000 3,000 0 1,000
Archer	R-Houston	0			
Armey	R-Irving	14,900			
Barton	R-Ernis	22,250			
Bentsen	D-Houston	0			
Bonilla	R-San Antonio	5,000			
Bryant	D-Dallas	16,400			
Chapman	D-Sulphur Springs	29,400			
Coleman	D-El Paso	17,750			
Combast	R-Lubbock	15,650			
de la Garza	D-Mission	13,600			
DeLay	R-Sugar Land	49,450			

Greg Laughlin, R-West Columbia, 44th, with \$25,150.
Five members received no tobacco interest money during the period

examined: House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Houston; Ken Bentsen, D-Houston; Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin; Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio; and Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon. Archer accepts no PAC contributions of any type.

May primary looks attractive to some state legislators, GOP, Dem officials

AUSTIN (AP) — With Super Tuesday having become more like Superfluous Tuesday in presidential politics, a Democratic state legislator wants to return the Texas primary to May.

That idea gets support from Texas GOP Chairman Tom Pauken, who said the bid to give Texas more influence in presidential campaigns with a March primary has failed.

State Democratic Party Chairman Bill White says the election season has begun way too early and that all states should reschedule.

Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin, said Thursday that returning the Texas primary to May would shorten the campaign season, reduce the number of times voters go to the polls and lower campaign costs.

"I am glad to see the leadership of both the state Democratic and state Republican parties supporting the idea of moving the primary back to May," she said.

If re-elected, she plans to file a bill to move the primary for consideration by the 1997 Legislature.

Pauken said the Super Tuesday experiment, begun in 1988, has flopped. Despite offering the second-largest number of national convention delegates of any state, the Texas presidential primary has been meaningless, he said.

"It's been over by the time it gets to us," Pauken said.

The Super Tuesday idea was conceived by Southern state legislators. They thought banding together for an early regional primary would give their states more clout and reduce the influence of the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary on presidential races.

But several Southern states held their primaries even earlier this year, and when the presidential race reached Texas this week only three major GOP candidates were left.

"Candidates don't have a chance to spend time (in a state) or even to think. They're rushing from one place to another," Pauken said.

D-FW airport audit finds loose controls, accounting errors

FORT WORTH (AP) — Outside auditors have found accounting errors totalling millions of dollars and loose controls over bank accounts at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport for the second straight year.

No money appears to be missing or misappropriated, auditors Deloitte & Touche said in their fiscal 1995 audit.

The auditors' "Report to Management," obtained by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram under the Texas Open Records Act, outlined more than two dozen "reportable conditions."

For example, an individual in the finance department had access to the airport's stock of blank checks and the automatic check-signing machine at the same time. Bank statements were sometimes reconciled six months late.

Board member Robert Kolba of Fort Worth, a certified public accountant, called for a special task force.

"The audit waves red flags and tells us we have a lot of work to do internally to clean up things," said Kolba, chairman of the board's audit review subcommittee. "We're going to have a series of meetings with staff and representatives from the board to discuss specifics about what we're going to do to fix the problems the audit outlined."

Airport officials have blamed the problems on the finance department's ongoing struggle to shift accounting procedures from handwritten journals to a \$7 million computer system, as well as on heavy turnover in the department. The airport has had three finance directors in the past three years.

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Texas Supreme Court throws out repressed memory-sexual abuse case

Woman did not have any evidence that could be verified independently of her memories, court says.

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A woman's lawsuit against her father for alleged childhood sexual abuse, based on memories she said she had previously repressed, was thrown out Thursday by the Texas Supreme Court.

The court said the woman did not have any evidence that could be verified independently of her repressed memories.

An attorney for the woman said he would ask the court to reconsider its decision, which he said "closed the door on women suffering from repressed memories."

"(Abuses) don't happen on the 50-yard line of Texas Stadium. Little children are not going to be writing notes, or have a tape recorder or video camera rolling when this is going on," said the lawyer, Mike Patterson. "It shows

a real lack of understanding of these issues."

The ruling came in a 1991 case, in which a 20-year-old Dallas woman sued her father for alleged sexual abuse beginning when she was 3 and continuing until age 15.

She asked to be awarded damages of up to \$10 million.

The two-year statute of limitations governing the civil case, which the court said started to run when the woman turned 18, expired four months before she filed her claim.

Under a court standard called the discovery rule, statutes of limitations can be delayed in cases in which alleged harms could not reasonably have been known before the time period ran out.

But the court said to apply the rule in repressed memory cases, there generally needs to be more evidence than testimony from an expert who verifies the repressed memories.

"The question is whether there can be enough objective verification of wrong and injury in childhood sexual abuse cases to warrant application of the discovery

rule," Justice Nathan Hecht wrote for the court's majority.

"We have held only that the bar of limitations cannot be lowered for no other reason than a swearing match between parties over facts and between experts over opinions," he wrote.

The opinion said such things as a confession from the abuser, a criminal conviction, notes or recordings taken at the time of the alleged abuse, or medical records showing signs of abuse would suffice as additional, verifiable evidence.

The decision to throw out the woman's case was 8-1.

Six judges on the court signed the majority opinion. Two others filed concurring opinions. Justice Priscilla Owen dissented.

The case had been thrown out by a Dallas County state district court and later re-instated by the 5th Court of Appeals in Dallas before being dismissed again by the state's highest court.

The woman's father has held throughout that he never abused his daughter. His attorney did not immediately return a telephone

call for comment.

Patterson, the woman's lawyer, said the standard set by the court is so high that almost no one will be able to use repressed memories in childhood abuse cases.

According to the woman, now 25, her father abused her numerous times, including engaging her in sexual intercourse twice. She said she did not recall any of the events until after her mother confided her own abuse as a child.

In court testimony, the woman said she had dreams of a man abusing a girl after her mother's confidence and later realized she

was the girl and her father was the abuser.

She said she filed her complaint during her parents' divorce because her father insisted on visitation rights with her younger sister. The woman said she wanted to keep her father from abusing her sister.

The Supreme Court said while expert testimony in some cases can be enough to apply the discovery rule, there must be a balance between the rights of alleged abuse victims to file their claims and the rights of accused people not to face fraudulent or exces-

sively old cases.

In her dissent, Justice Owen said if expert testimony is enough to support an abuse case based on repressed memories before the statute of limitations expires, it should be enough to support such a claim after the time limit runs out.

"The court ignores the fact that physical evidence may have been available at the time of the molestation but repression of memory and thus the unavailability of such evidence is often the direct consequence of the abuser's reprehensible acts," she wrote.

Popular heart test is less accurate for women than men, study shows

DALLAS (AP) — A widely used test to evaluate the death risk among patients who have had a cardiac arrest is less accurate for women than for men, researchers have found.

A study published in today's edition of the American Heart Association journal Circulation suggests that doctors must look for factors other than the heart's pumping efficiency to predict the death risk for female heart patients.

The measurement is called the left ventricular ejection fraction, or LVEF. It shows how well the heart's main pumping chamber — the left ventricle — is functioning by measuring how much blood the heart pumps out with each beat.

"In men, a low number on that test predicts death," said Dr. Christine M. Albert, a member of the Boston research team. "That was always assumed true for women. But if you're a woman and

you've had a cardiac arrest, the results of that test don't seem to be able to predict whether you will die or not."

Heart disease is often thought of as a male disease, but it strikes six in nine American women — making it far more common than breast cancer, for example. Heart disease killed 237,000 American women in 1990, according to recent figures from the American Heart Association.

The study underscores the importance of studying women's heart disease separately from men's, as well as the risks of generalizing findings from the study of male heart patients, Albert said.

The study used the records of 355 survivors of so-called "sudden death" — a sudden loss of heart function — who were referred to Massachusetts General Hospital in

Boston over a 15-year period.

The 84 women and 271 men underwent testing to find out why their hearts stopped beating.

For men, impaired left ventricular function was the most important predictor. For women, the most important predictor was the amount of coronary artery disease present.

Dallas cardiologist M. Elizabeth Brickner said that although the study would not change how she manages her patients, she would consider a good LVEF reading less of a "safety net" for a woman than for a man.

The study supports emerging research that shows differences in how heart disease affects women and men, said Brickner, an assistant professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

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FAMILY MATTERS

Daughter worried mom may have drinking problem

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: My mother recently moved here so she could be closer to our family. My father died three years ago and mother had been living by herself in (a small town). We've always gotten along well and I did not think there would be any problem having her this close. In fact, I was looking forward to being able to see her more often. My brother lives on the East Coast and mother didn't want to live where it's so cold. But he's been very cooperative and supportive both in money and in calling to check on mother.



May

The problem I've discovered is that I think my mother drinks too much. She and dad always drank, but I never thought they drank to excess. Dad worked for an oil service company so entertaining was always part of his job. Several times over the last few months I've called mother in the evening and she slurred her words and seemed confused. I've been concerned about this, so last week I called her and she slurred her words again. So I took by husband and went to visit her. Sure enough, she

smelled of alcohol and while she was friendly enough, she was clearly uncomfortable that we were there. I wouldn't describe her as drunk but she certainly did sway when she walked and couldn't think very well.

I don't really know what to do next. I don't want to interfere in her life, but I'm concerned that something might happen to her if she's drinking too much. I called my brother and he thinks that we should just wait and see if it gets any worse. My husband thought she was drunk but he thinks she's old enough to drink if she wants to and that we shouldn't interfere. I can agree with both of them, but I'm afraid to wait because she might fall and get hurt.

Also, she takes a number of medications for various health problems and that concerns me too. Do you think that it's normal for a 64-year-old woman to drink like she's doing? Also, do you think that I should do something now or wait? — WORRIED AND SHOCKED

DEAR WORRIED: You have a right to be concerned about your mother's drinking and its potential effects on her well-being, heavy and problem drinking among the elderly and the abuse of prescription drugs certainly are well defined problems.

Interestingly enough, women tend to become problem drinkers much later than men — most often after age 40. Two impor-

tant risk factors for the late on-set of female alcohol abuse are widowhood and retirement.

Older women also tend to be heavier users of psychoactive prescription drugs. The interactions of the drugs with (the drug) alcohol can be potentially deadly. Unfortunately, people often do not inform their physicians of their actual alcohol usage, tending instead to under-report it. The physician then does not have the opportunity to sufficiently warn the patient of potentially dangerous side effects in combining alcohol and the other drugs.

The net of all of this is you should be concerned. One of life's great challenges is discussing perceived alcohol abuse with a loved one. I have rarely had such a discussion, no matter how well intended, be received in the spirit in which it was offered. Denial among the elderly tends to be especially strong. Many older adults also tend to view chemical dependency as a moral issue and may feel ashamed to discuss it. I encourage you to order Charles Vandeputte's book, "Alcohol, Medications, and Older Adults," from the Johnson Institute (800-231-5165) to get additional valuable information for yourself and your brother. I also encourage you to inform her physician of your concerns to enlist his help in warning your mother of the potential problems of alcohol and drug abuse. There are a number of very good

Alanon programs available that can provide additional support for your concerns (call 685-3100 for meeting times). I encourage you to discuss this matter with your pastor or rabbi as chemical dependency is a spiritual disease and I believe that it must be addressed as such.

You also may wish to consider contacting a chemical dependency counselor for more direct professional support.

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Also, April is "Child Abuse Prevention" month and the Centers will be offering special programs. Their free Parenting Hotline number is 520-2282.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 10485, Midland, 79702.

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Midland High School will host the 68th annual CATOICO Coronation 7 p.m. March 23 in the school's auditorium. A dance at Midland Center will follow at 10 p.m. The public is invited to attend the coronation and talent entertainment provided by 11 acts.

This year's coronation marks the first year men have been voted by the student body as a part of the court.

For more information, contact Susan Webb, MISD communications specialist, at 689-1008.

...MIDLAND NEED TO READ is an adult literacy organization designed to provide one-to-one tutoring for adults with low level reading skills. A daytime training session for volunteers will be 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. March 28 at Midland College. For more information about becoming a volunteer, call 685-4572.

...HOSPICE OF MIDLAND will have a volunteer training course each Tuesday and Thursday morning and evening in April. Morning classes will be 9 a.m.-noon. Evening classes are from 7-9 p.m., which repeat the morning sessions. Training is at Hospice House, 911 West Texas. Parking is available in the lot east of Hospice House.

There is no obligation to become a Hospice volunteer and there is no charge for the course.

For more information, or to register, call 682-2855.

...ALLISON CANCER CENTER will present the American Cancer Society's "Bosom Buddies," a Breast Cancer Support program, 7 p.m., March 19 at the Allison Cancer Center. Anne Hover and Judy Johnson will share their personal experiences with breast reconstruction. All interested women are invited to attend. Call 685-6606 for more information.

...COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, a support group for parents who have suffered the loss of a child at any age, will meet 7:30 p.m. April 1 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information, call 682-2855.

...UNITED OSTOMY ASSOCIATION will meet 2:30 p.m. March 17 at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center Auditorium. The program will be presented by Susan McInnis, a clinical dietitian at the hospital. Refreshments will be provided by the Midland and Big Spring groups.

...NEWCOMER'S CLUB will host a luncheon, program and business meeting starting at 11 a.m. March 21 at the Plaza Club on the 6th floor of the ClayDesta building, corner of Wadley and Big Spring Street. Persons new to the area are invited to attend. For reservations or information, call 683-6122 or 699-5145 before noon March 18.

...TUMBLEWEED CHAPTER of the Smocking Arts Guild of America will meet 7 p.m. March 18 in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Presbyterian Church. Gwen Taylor will present "Basic Geometric Smocking." Kits will be available from Ms. Taylor for \$2 to those who are interested. Contact her today at 689-6604 if you would like a kit.

...MIDLAND QUILTERS GUILD will meet 7 p.m. March 19 and 1 p.m. March 20 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, room 100. The program at both meetings will be "History of Texas Quilts" presented by Carolyn Sowell. For more information, call 684-3739.

...COMMUNITY AND Senior Services will host an inservice for new and active volunteers who visit with the elderly. The inservice programs will be presented at 1 p.m. and repeated at 7 p.m. March 26. Guest speaker will be Sue Kerr, a volunteer with Seniors. Volunteers will receive information on communication and interpersonal skills. Please call 689-6693 for reservations or more information.

...MIDLAND CHRISTIAN Women's Club will have a "Tisketa-Tasket" luncheon 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 4 at Midland Country Club. Gayle Pomroy of Rudy Madisons will demonstrate how to make various gift baskets while Jan Hixon will present special music. Former Midlander and guest speaker for Focus on the Family, Marge Caldwell, will share a "Basket full of Wisdom."

Cost of the luncheon is \$10. A free nursery is provided at Northwest Baptist Church. All mothers are asked to bring a sack lunch for their child. Midland Christian Women's Club is non-denominational and has no membership dues. All interested women are invited to attend. For lunch and nursery reservations, call 687-0640 or 570-4246.

By Thomas J. Sheeran

CLEVELAND (AP) — How is a toilet like a tornado?

The Great Lakes Science Center, a high-tech museum opening this summer on the Lake Erie shore, will answer this question and more with dozens of interactive exhibits.

It's hair-raising fun with a point: Instill the love of science in a child today, and that child will be ready for the challenges of the 21st century.

"We're teaching observation skills and that inquiry is wonderful," said Ellen Griffie, director of government relations with the Association of Science-Technology Centers. "It's fun to be curious and to mess around with science."

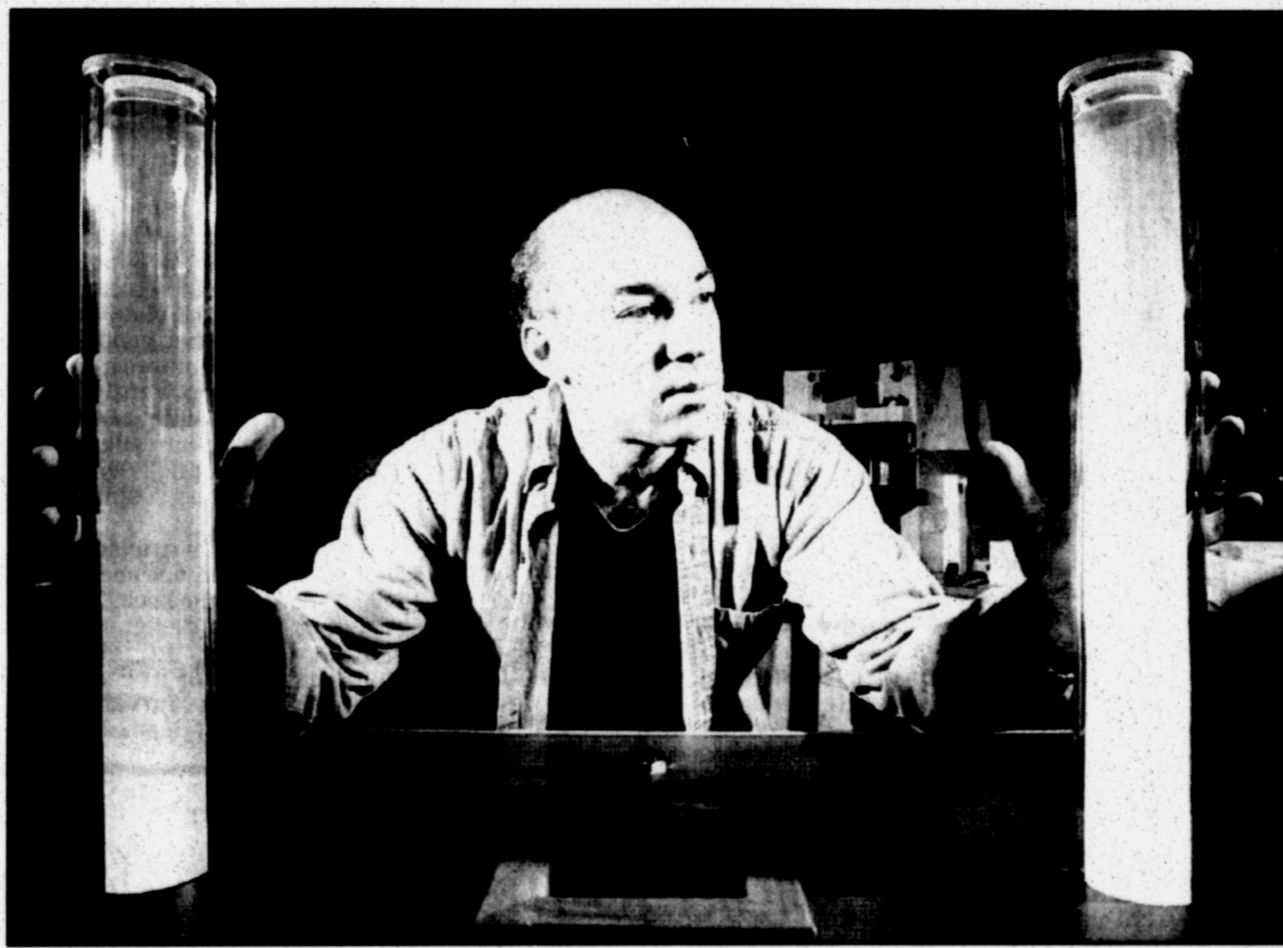
Many exhibits were copied from the popular Exploratorium in San Francisco. Old standards were enhanced and some unique designs were created by the staff of exhibits director Timothy Large and two outside firms.

"This is a real eye-catcher," said Large, standing before a 6-foot glass tank, which the Exploratorium made for the Cleveland center. Filled with 105 gallons of water, the tank drains so fast that it creates a tornado-like vortex.

The shape of the vortex can be altered by controlling the rate of flow. The same principle operates in every home, creating a mystery every 4-year-old has pondered: How does a toilet work?

CLEVELAND'S \$55 million science museum, scheduled to open in July, will rank among the 10 largest in the country and will be the first to focus on the Great Lakes region, according to Griffie's Washington-based association, which represents 382 science museums worldwide.

Under construction beside the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, the Cleveland museum will be filled with hands-on



Production manager Val Davillier "plays" a theremin in a Cleveland warehouse. The device, which changes pitch and volume depending on where a person holds his hands near lighted tubes, is one of dozens of interactive exhibits being built by Davillier and his team for Cleveland's Great Lakes Science Center, scheduled to open this summer.

exhibits which display in simple terms such concepts as why static electricity makes your hair stick out and how sound waves travel through solid materials.

"Every one of these exhibits should be fun. That's the whole point," said Large, 35, who came to the museum staff four years ago from The Science Place in Dallas.

THE MUSEUM will focus on the ecology of the Great Lakes and technological innovations pio-

neered in the nation's manufacturing heartland.

All the time-tested favorites that have made science museums a tourist staple in many cities will be present in Cleveland.

But the Cleveland museum believes its displays go a step further.

A device called a theremin helps demonstrate the effect that solid bodies have on radio waves. Placing your hands in the vicinity of a pair of radio antennae creates

audible variations — "whoop, WHOOP, WHOOOOOP!"

"In our case, we decided to make it a bit more dramatic," said Val Davillier, exhibit production manager. Beside the theremin — named for Russian inventor Leo Theremin — is an oscilloscope, which shows graphically how the signals are affected by hand motions.

USING SIGHT, sound and touch, the exhibit teaches how an

outside influence such as cold air can manipulate mercury in a thermostat and kick on a furnace.

San Francisco-based West Office Exhibition Design came up with a multimedia show explaining steel-making and a you-try-it mockup of a magnetic resonance imaging scanner that will display stored cross-section views of the human body.

WRAPPED AROUND escalators will be a three-story kinetic sculpture with chimes, spinning panels, pivoting mechanics and rolling wheels — an eye-catching artistic summary of science ideas explained elsewhere in the museum.

"People need to know how the world around us works," said Mark Elliott, senior designer with West Office Exhibition. "And the world around us is a technological world, without a doubt."

Cambridge, Mass., designers Eileen Zalisk and Peter Martin have planned a haunted house exhibit highlighting environmental risks. Their "alien species" theater explains about newcomers to the Great Lakes, such as the pesky zebra mussel — an unwelcome intruder which probably arrived in the ballast water of a vessel from Europe.

There will also be a child-friendly remote-controlled boat that travels a shipping channel modeled after Cleveland's Collision Bend, a gooseneck on the Cuyahoga River.

Not everything is serious: a microscope will allow visitors to clearly see Lincoln INSIDE the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the penny. And visitors can press their ears to 10-foot glass tubes to hear that whooshing sound familiar to sea shell collectors.

But Martin says the science comes first.

"We are not trying to make this into an amusement park," he said. "It's got to have content."

DEAR ABBY

Neighbors remain strangers through 25 years of living

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have kept a letter you ran in Newsday (New York) on Aug. 20, 1982, and believe it is even more appropriate today.

If you agree, please consider rerunning it. — JACK PLETMAN, HUNTINGTON STATION, N.Y.



Van Buren

DEAR MR. PLETMAN: I agree. Thank you for sending it.

DEAR ABBY: This is a letter I would like my neighbors to see. Perhaps your column will reach them:

"Dear Neighbors: I am reminiscing today over the 25 years that we have been your neighbors. When we moved here from out of state, we waited for you to welcome us. You never did.

"We are a decent, respectable family. Maybe our children were a little noisy at times, and our grass was uncut once in a while, and our religion was different from yours — so you ignored us.

"Events in our lives — births, graduations, weddings, deaths — came and went with no acknowledgments from you.

"Now that we are all old and the children are gone from the street, shall we be hypocritical and mourn your deaths, or regret your moving?"

"I think not. We are all poorer for having ignored one another, but we survived. May our children extend the hand of friendship to their neighbors." — AGNES IN CULVER CITY, CALIF.

DEAR AGNES: What's done is done, but times have changed. Neighbors need each other today for security as well as for the sake of old-fashioned friendship.

This is a plea for people to reach out and offer their friendship to the newcomers in the neighborhood. And if the welcome is slow in coming, the newcomers should initiate the

dialogue. Nothing separates like silence.

DEAR ABBY: "Steve" and I have been married for three years. I'm 37 and Steve is 30. Steve told me right off the bat that he did not want children. (I was ambivalent.)

Recently I asked him to get a vasectomy as some of his friends have done, because I'm tired of the cost of the pill as well as its side effects, and a vasectomy is easier than female sterilization. Steve absolutely refused even to discuss it with me, much less with a counselor.

Abby, now I'm worried that in a few years down the line he could divorce me and have children with a younger woman, but I'd be too old to get married again and have children.

Is Steve just using me for sex and companionship until he reaches the financial peak of his career?

I am considering getting pregnant "accidentally" so that even if we got divorced, I'd have some child support coming in. What should I do? — ANXIOUS IN ST. PAUL

DEAR ANXIOUS: The questions you have raised indicate that your marriage is on shaky ground. A marriage without trust is no marriage at all. It is possible that your husband is afraid that a vasectomy will be painful, or someone might make him "less of a man." It is imperative that you and Steve reach an understanding about this. "Accidentally" getting pregnant will only worsen the situation.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, "S.O.S. (Sleepless Over Safety)" expressed concern that her mother-in-law had little knowledge of child safety, and she was fearful of leaving her 2-year-old twins in her care.

You advised "S.O.S." to seek safety training for her mother-in-law and mentioned several sources. I would like to add another — the American Heart Association.

AHA offers a Pediatric Basic Life Support course. It is a combination of child and infant safety, CPR and obstructed airway procedures. In a few hours, anyone can learn to handle a pediatric emergency.

I know a new mother who had just finished the course and excitedly told both sets of grandparents about it. Looking forward to caring for their new grandchild, all four enrolled in the next class. As soon as they had completed the course, the grandparents gave the new mom and dad their first (worry-free) night without the baby.

If your readers call 1-800-242-8721, they will be routed to an American Heart Association division office where trained staff can offer information on training availability, as well as on heart disease and strokes. We spend no money on advertising, so a mention in your column will help spread the word. — PAUL GIGUERE, AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, MANCHESTER, CONN.

DEAR MR. GIGUERE: I'm happy to mention such a worthwhile organization. Parents, grandparents and anyone involved in child care should take note. AHA also urges persons at high risk for heart attacks and their spouses to learn CPR. It can mean the difference between life and death.

DEAR READERS: Here's a thought-provoking quote from the late — and great — author, John Steinbeck: "We give the president more work than a man can do, more responsibility than a man should take, more pressure than a man can bear. We abuse him often, and rarely praise him. We wear him out, use him up, eat him up. And with all this, Americans have a love for the president that goes beyond party loyalty or nationality: he is ours, and we exercise the right to destroy him."

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ACTIVE TIMES CALENDAR

CASA DE AMIGOS
Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.
■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.
■ Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCAs
The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults.

For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469; Town West YMCA, 1012 Andrews Hwy., 694-6821.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.

Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.

■ By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.

Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.

■ Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. Aqua Aerobics; by appointment, Water Rehab Therapy.

Scheduled activities for the Town West YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 a.m. Prime Time Water Aerobics; 10 a.m. no-impact aerobics.

■ Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Prime Time Water Aerobics.

■ Monday through Friday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Biking for fitness and Nautilus Weight Training for Prime Time adults is offered.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call Ellen G. Smith, center director, at 685-7231. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie

and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 686-1627. Activities for Jan. 9-13 include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes, exercise and ceramics; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, cards, and dominoes.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. Line dancing for fun; 11:30 a.m. lunch and nutrition program; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes, cards and billiards.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch/birthday party for March; 12:30 p.m. AARP Tax Assistance; 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:15 a.m. line dancing; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing; 10 a.m. benefits counseling; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun, AARP Tax Assistance; 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and quilting; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2510 W. Ohio. For more information call 570-8710. Week-day schedule includes:

■ 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.

■ Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.

Birthdays and visits by the Kitchenettes are monthly.

Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aids present daily. Transportation is insured.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has opportunities for volunteers 55 years and older. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program operates from Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

■ Ushers and house managers are needed to assist the Midland Community Theatre in passing out programs, taking tickets and assisting with seating and refreshments as necessary during performances. This opportunity takes two hours one or two evenings a week and Sunday afternoons.

■ "Tool Time" skills are needed for Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers help in construction of homes for those who are less fortunate. Anything from pouring a slab to roofing is needed. Flexible hours available.

■ RSVP is in need of "Minute Man" volunteers. These opportunities are for those who enjoy short term projects. Four hours twice a month are asked of volunteers, who will assist various agencies with mailings or special events.



Eileen Marin, author of "Chemotherapy Gives New Meaning to a Bad Hair Day," poses in Dallas. Marin, who has been diagnosed with colon cancer and two types of breast cancer, wrote a book about surviving the disease.

Cancer survivor makes humor from struggle

By Linda Jones

Associated Press

DALLAS — It's hard to believe that Eileen Marin could find anything funny about cancer.

After all, since 1992, the single mother from Richardson has been diagnosed with colon cancer and two types of breast cancer. But despite her four years of constant hospital visits, six painful surgeries and related challenges, Ms. Marin has somehow managed to turn some of her suffering into funny sayings and light cartoons.

"The whole point is mixing humor with laughter and tears," says Ms. Marin, who fought wallowing in self-pity by writing her new book, "Chemotherapy Gives New Meaning to a Bad Hair Day." Her cancer is in remission.

The book, which is less than 100

pages, includes cartoons with happy-face characters putting positive and witty spins on the often tough experiences faced by cancer survivors.

A sampling: One cartoon depicts a patient in bed preparing to receive intravenous treatment. The caption: "All I want for Christmas is another good vein."

Another cartoon shows a woman who is bald, apparently from chemotherapy treatments, smiling and looking over her wig collection. The caption: "Decisions, decisions, decisions. Think I'll be a redhead today."

The cartoons, witticisms and serious words of advice account for about 50 pages of the book. The rest are blank pages designed to be used as a journal. "I think it's an important part of the healing process," says Ms. Marin, who has made her share of journal entries

over the years.

The 48-year-old mother of an 18-year-old son is self-employed; she designs consumer-research studies for companies. She also published 2,000 copies of the book herself, after two publishers declined to do so. She believes they may have been uncomfortable about dealing with the subject in a humorous manner.

"I don't think they wanted to step on anybody's toes," she says.

Ms. Marin's friends encouraged her to write the book after she tried to cheer up other cancer patients she knew by writing them uplifting messages and sending gifts. Making them happy made her happy, which made her own situation easier to bear.

"Survivors know that they've all used humor of some sort. But nobody has ever really addressed it in the media," she says.

Those who might recoil at the

thought of someone writing a humorous book about surviving cancer aren't thinking realistically. Ms. Marin notes. She says she hasn't written a humorous book about cancer, but rather a humorous book about the treatment patients must endure.

The Women's Health Boutique sells the book, which retails for \$11.50. This month, Ms. Marin will teach workshops for women cancer survivors at the retail store, which specializes in medical supplies for women. (For information on the workshops, call 214-235-5069.)

"We're all going to die," she says. "The gift of diagnosis for me and many other (cancer survivors) I've met is to fully appreciate and live one day at a time. And, to truly live life, you have to experience both laughter and tears."

DR. PAGE

Midland may be considered 'garden spot' of world

By Henry F. Page, M.D.

A few days ago, while I gazed out the window at the chill, dust-filled gale that had canceled out my golf game, a few errant musings pranced through the hidden recesses of my mind.



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I wondered whether weatherer hath wrongfully or rightfully wrought significant changes on man's well-being.

For instance, the hair on an ape's forearm runs toward the elbow so that the rain can drain. Inhabitants of the bright, sun-lit parts of the globe wear dark skins, while those from sunlight-deprived areas wear light skin. Perhaps the relaxing effects of heat on the body and vocal cords accounts for the proclivity of people from Maine to talk in a pithy, laconic manner, while those from Texas talk to excess.

In a general way, a warm atmosphere affects one like a hot tub and, if excessive, can prove harmful as exemplified by heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat strokes. A virtue of a cold environment lies in the fact that Eskimos can ingest about 9,000 calories per day and maintain weight limits.

Weather constitutes a sublime paradox. Very low humidity is good because it tends to give one a sense of vigor and vitality plus it eliminates annoying perspiration; but it is bad because it causes dry skin, wrinkles, dried-out and irritated nasal and sinus passages, and unsuspected salt depletion.

Conversely, high humidity tends to cause a lazy disposition, the tendency of noses to run more freely, sweaty skin with resultant fungal dermatosis and allergic pollens.

Sunshine is good because it brightens the human spirit, feels good, purifies all that it touches, beautifies the skin by tanning, prevents rickets and helps osteoporosis by producing vitamin D,

and actually generates life on Earth. Sunshine is bad because it can parch the earth, create skin cancers, aggravate various eye conditions, and be a factor in sun-drowning (emotional agitation due to light changes at sunset).

Fluctuations in barometric pressure spawn a multitude of home-grown weather predictors by aggravating rheumatic, arthritic and muscular aches and pains. Low, sea-level pressures result in excessive humidity and make one almost suffocate as if being covered by a wet blanket. High mountain levels are drier, but lack oxygen, so that anyone with impaired lung function becomes air hungry and the blood must compensate by thickening to deliver adequate oxygen to body parts. One good feature is that golf balls fly further.

Violent storms prove beneficial by creating a sense of togetherness and camaraderie ordinarily absent in our present-day lifestyle. Globally speaking, if one adds all

the pros and subtracts all the cons, it logically becomes apparent that the Garden Spot of the World is Midland!

(It is rumored that our local weather forecaster transferred here from St. Louis because the weather there did not agree with him.)

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The Talk of the Town

Colorful editor keeps California's oldest weekly newspaper going strong

By Steve Lawrence
Associated Press

DOWNIEVILLE, Calif. — The Mountain Messenger has three claims to fame: It's California's oldest weekly newspaper, Mark Twain once wrote for it and then there's Don Russell.

Russell, 46, is the newspaper's colorful editor, co-owner, chief reporter and deliveryman, a journalist who never seems to be at a loss for words or targets.

"The paper certainly has a point of view," Russell says. "It's a crackpot point of view. Basically, I'm a Republican anarchist. I take all the cheap shots I can at government."

In his last edition of 1995, Russell suggested Sierra County supervisors were more concerned about finishing their Christmas shopping than conducting county business.

And he accused local school trustees of caving in to "angry people committed to confrontational politics."

When a ruptured hose leaked several gallons of hydraulic fluid, motor oil and diesel fuel onto a "pristine tarmac" used to park road graders, snowmobiles and other vehicles, Russell had fun in January lampooning the cleanup effort.

"Toxic Spill Threat to North Yuba!" a Messenger headline blared. "Life and Limb Endangered. Drinking Water in Per-

il." Near the bottom of the story, Russell revealed there was another "toxic spill" at an inn just across the road: a customer knocked over a salt shaker.

"Before authorities could be notified, a representative of the business leaped into the fray, risking contact with the chemical, and mopped the spill with a material not sanctioned by the state," Russell wrote. "Then she rinsed the dishrag, wrung it out and went about her business with authorities none the wiser."

The Messenger dates back to Nov. 19, 1853, when it was started as a twice-monthly publication with another name in Gibsonsville, an old mining town in the Sierra Nevada.

The paper became the Mountain Messenger in 1854 or 1855 and moved to La Porte and then to Downieville, another Gold Rush community of 325 about 110 miles northeast of Sacramento.

The Messenger has been a continuously published weekly since April or May, 1854, giving it an edge in longevity over another longtime weekly, the Mariposa Gazette, according to Allan Shields, a writer and former San Diego State University professor who lives in Mariposa.

The Gazette opened for business in January, 1854, as the Mariposa Chronicle but ceased publishing for several months in 1855, said Shields, who wrote a research

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— Don Russell, editor and co-owner of The Mountain Messenger

paper in 1993 about the two publications.

Jerry Rankin, editor of the Gazette, concedes that the Messenger published its first edition before the Gazette but disputes Shields' findings about the Messenger being the oldest continuously published weekly.

Russell operates out of a second-floor office in a 144-year-old building on Downieville's narrow main street. He has a part-time secretary-typesetter, an ad salesman, a couple of regular stringers and several columnists. The local fire chief develops the paper's pictures.

Russell puts in 65 to 80 hours a week, frequently working late on Wednesday nights to put the paper to bed, then getting up early Thursday to drive up to 75 miles to Quin-

cy, where the Messenger is printed.

"It beats the hell out of working," said Russell, whose previous jobs have included commercial fisherman, timber worker, laborer and freelance writer. "It's long hours, but I have done hard work. I've pounded nails. I've fished. This ain't diddly."

Publishing a weekly newspaper in a small, lightly populated county — Sierra only has about 3,300 residents — is tough, Russell said. The Messenger has to rely on ads from businesses in neighboring counties to keep going.

"Why it survived I have not a clue," said Russell. "The population of the county took a real dumper in the 19 teens and the paper survived."

Circulation ranges from about 2,500 in the winter to 3,500 in the summer, when tourists and part-time gold miners boost the area's population.

"This time of year we're losing about \$500 a week," said Russell. "We take a deep breath at Christmas and try to hold together until the middle of March."

But the shortage of local advertising does have a bright side. There aren't many people who can threaten to pull their ads if they don't like something in the paper. "All they can do is complain," said Russell.

Or give the editor dirty looks. "People will stop talking to me for a week or give

me hard stares," Russell said. "It ain't personal."

"That's one of the problems," Russell added. "Everyone in the county knows who I am."

Russell has some rules he follows. One is that no one is identified in the sheriff's blotter, probably the most widely read section of the paper, unless they're booked for a crime "or I like you," he said.

Another rule is to avoid over-criticizing local government officials. "You have to remember that even boneheads have good motives," Russell said. "Nobody up here runs (for office) for the money. They are pretty competent people. I try not to be vitriolic but sarcasm is OK."

Local school Superintendent Mike Moore, a frequent Russell luncheon companion, says, "When I get written up (in the Messenger) I figure I deserved it. Don's fair about it. He doesn't nail you when you don't deserve it."

So what about the claim that Mark Twain wrote for the Messenger? Russell says it's true. His girlfriend did some research and found a few articles signed by Twain in back issues of the paper.

"About 1864 there were about two or three stories that were just awful. They stunk," Russell said. "They had every indication of (being written) by a guy that woke up with a hangover and needed money."

Company recalls animal crackers

McCOMB, Ohio (AP) — A company is recalling its animal crackers from stores across the country because an ingredient that can cause life-threatening allergic reactions was not listed on labels.

Consolidated Biscuit Co. announced the recall late Wednesday of products baked at its St. Louis plant and distributed nationally to warehouses and stores.

The McComb-based company did not list on labels that egg whites were used in the crackers. Some people are allergic to albumin, a naturally occurring substance found in egg whites. The

allergic reaction is often severe and can be life-threatening.

The 79,000 cases of crackers were distributed beginning last August.

The recall involves 11-ounce boxes of Royal Crest, Funimals and Jungle Jammers brand animal crackers, and 15-pound boxes of the Danish Delight brand. One-ounce bags of Animal Grahams were also recalled.

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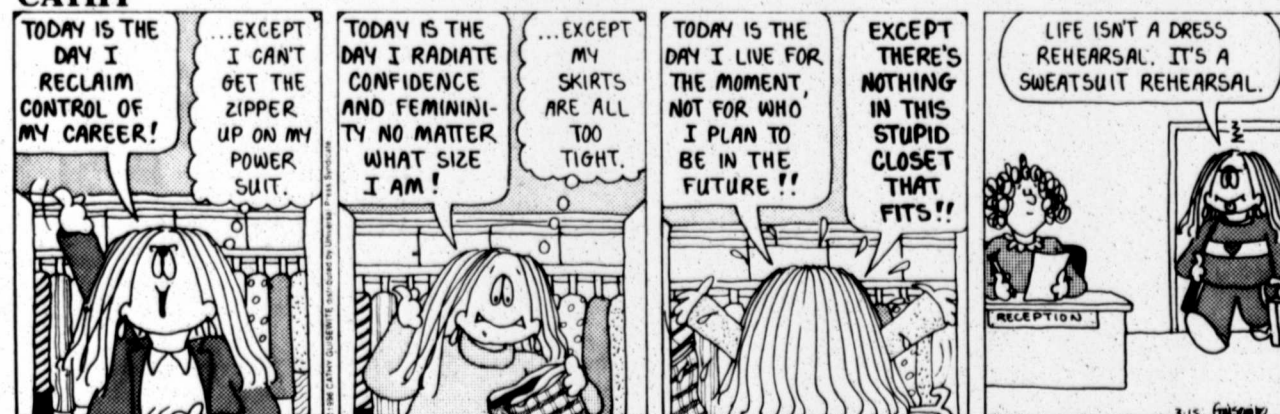
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Surprising developments are linked to your mate or partner. Others may call your reaction unusual, but you know better. Get a handle on the facts before making an important presentation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a new approach to your work, cutting through red tape whenever

possible. Listening to music proves soothing. Seek an older person's advice before making a tough career choice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Big changes lie ahead. A family member may decide to go out on their own. Give yourself time to get your bearings. Sprucing up your living quarters will boost your spirits. Choose soft colors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A light bulb goes off in your head. You stop worrying about being accepted by someone with impossibly high standards. If you want to travel, do so.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Joint financial assets need better management. A conservative approach will further your cause. An older person shows romantic inclinations. You have regrets later on if you rush into a commitment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): An unusual investment opportunity attracts your attention. Follow-up is essential for success. Your love life is better than you expected. Children may occasionally rebel against authority.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You enjoy a greater degree of freedom now. A special individual could greatly influence your professional goals. Sharing a spiritual

experience with a favorite companion will draw you even closer together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stay in the background today. Your efforts to help could be seen as interference. Having two sources of income is a blessing. Be discreet if romantically involved with a business associate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Go ahead and play second fiddle to your partner. Later on, your roles will be reversed. Think carefully before dipping into savings. Although "money talks" with certain people, you may not like what it says.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your skillful intervention could turn a difficult situation around. Help children find hobbies they will enjoy. Be on your best behavior around higher-ups. Co-workers are relying on your leadership. Keep a pledge.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your word to loved ones. Flexible working hours with an occasional rest break would be best for your health. Financial security depends on your talents. Tend to paperwork. Read instead of watching TV tonight.

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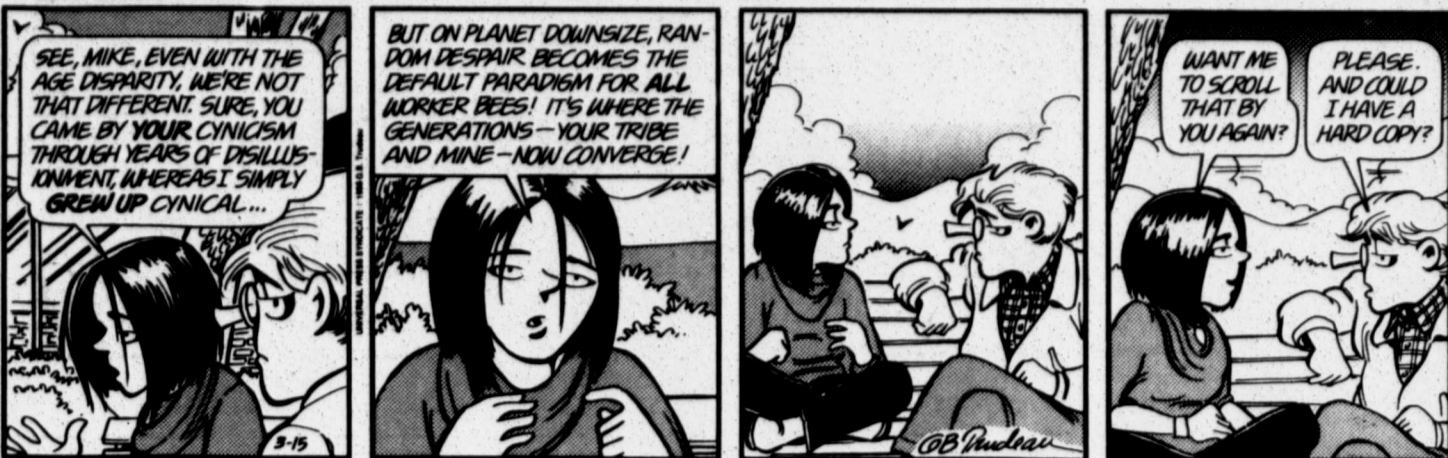
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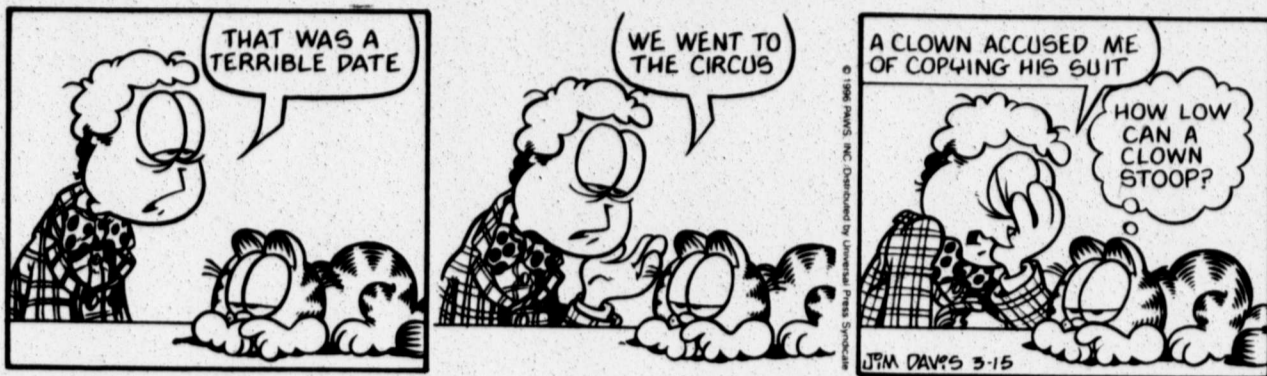


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PEOPLE

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NEW YORK — Get a load of this: Howard Stern, paragon of American virtue. The foul-mouthed shock jock, who appears on the cover of the April-May issue of George, John F. Kennedy Jr.'s political magazine, writes inside that "virtue is honesty, which makes me the most virtuous person in America." ... SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Tom Cruise, who's played many a film hero, filled the role in real life when a woman was struck by a hit-and-run driver. ... LOS ANGELES — When Carol Channing accepts a lifetime achievement tribute next week, it will come from beyond this life. ... MALIBU, Calif. — "Wiseguy" star Ken Wahl, arrested in December after a neighbor complained about loud music at the actor's home, pleaded innocent to disturbing the peace.



Tom Cruise helps hit-and-run victim.



Olympic Dukakis



Ken Wahl pleads innocent.

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DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

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Tragic ending

Judicial skirmish precedes murder in domestic violence case

By Mathew Purdy and Don Van Natta Jr.
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Long before it erupted in murder and an extraordinary bid by a governor to oust a little-known judge, the domestic violence case against Benito Oliver was just another skirmish in a simmering feud between the Brooklyn district attorney's office and Judge Lorin Duckman.

When the case first landed before Duckman in Brooklyn Criminal Court on Dec. 21, Oliver had been in jail just six days on charges of assaulting his girlfriend, Galina Komar, 32. Almost immediately, Duckman talked about releasing the four-time felon, asking Oliver, "How much bail can you make?"

It was another case for the so-called Duck Files, the not-so-secret cache of courtroom comments and decisions by Duckman that prosecutors were compiling to document what they saw as his bias toward defendants and hostility toward young assistant district attorneys.

Over the next month the case was before him, the judge voiced frustration that Oliver, 35, sat in jail on misdemeanor charges awaiting trial. He chided prosecutors for not having more evidence to support Ms. Komar's claims. Finally, on Jan. 25, Duckman lowered Oliver's bail, allowing him to go free.

Three weeks later, Oliver walked into a Queens car dealership where Ms. Komar worked and, in a blast of bullets, killed her and then himself. After the killings, Gov. George Pataki asked the state Commission on Judicial Conduct to investigate Duckman and, if warranted, for the state Senate to impeach him — an action that has not been taken in New York since 1874.

The Oliver case offers ammunition to those like Pataki, who have accused Duckman of ignoring the threat to Ms. Komar's safety. But the court records and interviews with people involved in the case show that Duckman's personal judgment and his feud with Brooklyn prosecutors were not the only issues.

In addition, state law makes it difficult for judges to punish vigorously any but the most horrific domestic violence cases.

The court system lacked the time and the laws to take full measure of the abuse Ms. Komar endured from Oliver.

Despite evidence that Ms. Komar endured more than a year of repeated beatings that twice sent her to the hospital, her injuries did not, under state law, amount to charges against Oliver more serious than misdemeanors.

Under state law, assaults are treated as felonies only when they cause debilitating injuries, such as broken bones. Misdemeanor charges carry a maximum one-year prison term.

"We get victims who come in with their eyes swollen and black and blue and their lips split, and we have to tell them we can't prosecute that as an assault," said Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes, who has proposed toughening the state's assault laws.

Even when an assault is charged, judges and the public often view domestic abuse as a lovers' spat over a specific problem, said Ed Talty, the Bronx district attorney's chief

domestic violence prosecutor. The Oliver case, he said, "is an extreme example of a fairly prevalent attitude about domestic violence."

Ms. Komar was oblivious to those complications. She sought something simple: safety for herself, her mother and her 5-year-old daughter.

"As a domestic violence prosecutor, you work so hard to get your victims to trust the system," said Lisa Smith, chief of the domestic violence unit in the Brooklyn district attorney's office. "To have someone so anxious to cooperate with you and then to lose that person is absolutely devastating and heartbreaking."

The Courtroom: Judge Telegraphs His Skepticism

For the next 41 days, Oliver was jailed in the Brooklyn House of Detention, awaiting trial on misdemeanor assault charges.

It was only by the quirks of courtroom assignments that the case kept coming to Duckman, 48, an irascible, five-year veteran of the state courts' lowest rung.

In the first hearing, Duckman telegraphed his impatience with prosecutors and skepticism of what they told him. When a prosecutor reported that Oliver threatened Ms. Komar in phone calls from jail, Duckman demanded to see the jail

house phone logs.

Although prosecutors thought Oliver was such a danger to Ms. Komar that they put her in a special electronic monitoring program, the prosecutor never described the case against him.

Meanwhile, Larry Hallock, Oliver's lawyer, told the judge that Oliver had tried to stop seeing Ms. Komar but that she pursued him. He blamed the friction between them on a dispute over Oliver's "show dog."

Prosecutors were so intent on keeping Oliver in jail that, when he posted a \$2,000 bond, they arranged for him to be rearrested outside the jail on new charges of threatening Ms. Komar in the telephone calls.

The case ricocheted between courtrooms. On the new charges, Oliver appeared before another judge, Eugene Schwartzwald, who told him "your record is actually a terrible record" and raised the bail to \$5,000.

Three weeks later, the case was back before Duckman. At first, he did not remember the case. But Hallock told him, "I explained to you about the dog."

"I got it," Duckman said. "I remember this case very well."

Duckman was surprised that another judge had raised the bail, and he reduced it to \$2,000. He ordered prosecutors to have the dog returned to Oliver, saying it would "assure further that there is not any problem."

Prosecutors said Duckman's insistence that returning the dog would insure Ms. Komar's safety reflected an unsophisticated view of domestic violence.

But in the judge's view, according to his lawyer, Ronald Russo, prosecutors were slow to prepare the case for trial and were "playing fast and loose with the facts."

The judge asked for evidence of her injuries — hospital records and photographs — and was incredulous when prosecutors could not produce them, even though by law they needed only an affidavit from Ms. Komar, which they had.

Much of the public criticism of Duckman centered on his statement: "There is not actual physical injury, other than some bruising? I am not suggesting that bruising is nice, but there is no disfigurement. There are no broken bones." In fact, Duckman was referring to the legal standard for felony assault charges, which prosecutors had originally brought, but later reduced to misdemeanors. (Ms. Komar refused to press rape charges.)

At several hearings, Duckman accused prosecutors of being unfair and dishonest, saying they incorrectly told him that a conviction of Oliver's in 1989 involved Ms. Komar.

During a contentious exchange, the judge signaled that he knew prosecutors were compiling the Duck Files. He challenged Ms. Frias to order the "minutes," lingo for a transcript.

A defense lawyer who appeared often in Duckman's courtroom, and spoke on condition of anonymity, said the friction between the judge and prosecutors was an open secret at the courthouse.

Russo said that the judge was concerned about Ms. Komar's safety and lectured Oliver to stay away from her, but that he became "more and more disillusioned with the way the D.A. handled the case."

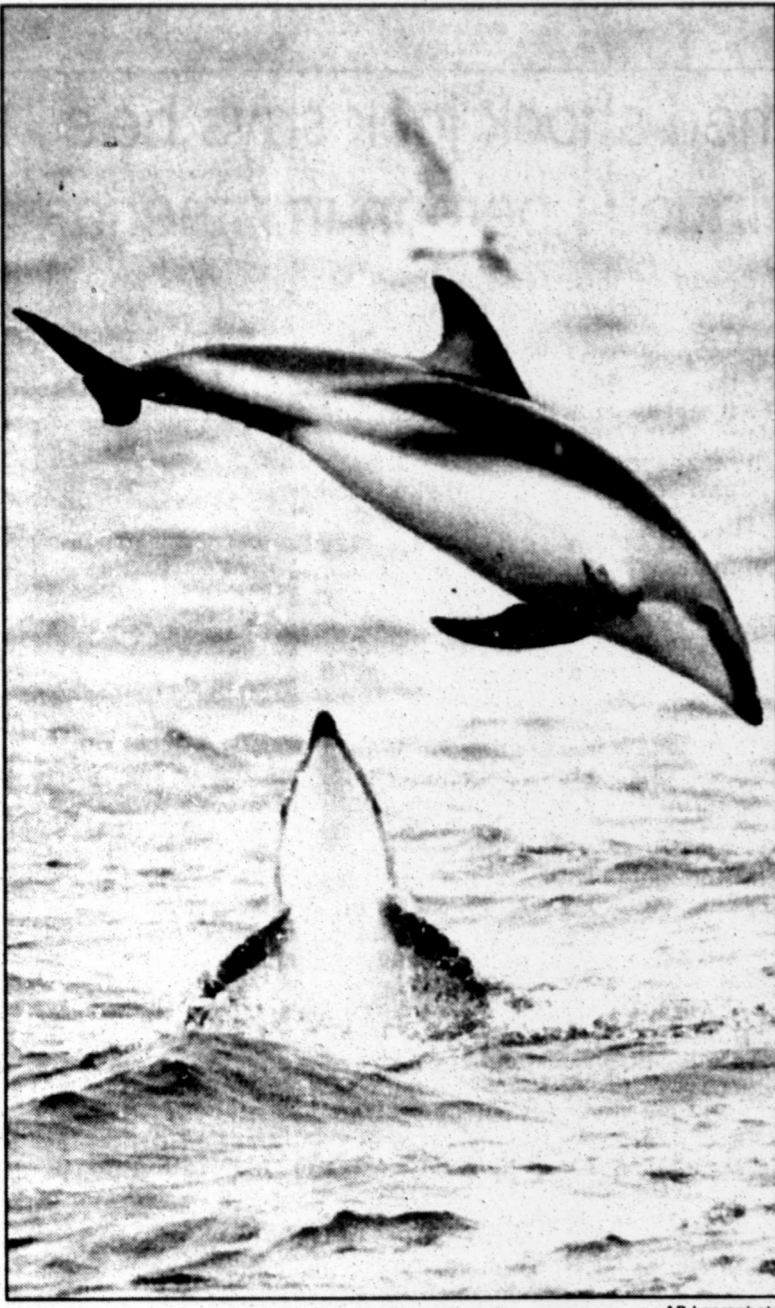
The Release: Terror, Agitation, Threat and Murder

When Ms. Komar learned that Oliver had been released from jail, "she was terrified," a friend, Andrew Ufnal, said. "She was crying. She said, 'I can't stand this anymore.'"

Once out, Oliver's agitation grew. He seethed to relatives that Ms. Komar was "playing me dirty," thinking she was dating someone else. He told his sister that he loved Ms. Komar, but insisted, "I'm not going to do time."

On the morning of Feb. 12, Oliver phoned Hallock, saying he was depressed and did not want to go back to jail. Hallock told him not to worry about the case.

Shortly after noon, just 15 minutes before he killed Ms. Komar at the car dealership, Oliver left this message on her office voice mail: "Galina, you hung me up. Why you hung me up? You looking for a problem? You can get it because I tried to be nice with you and you tried to be clever with me. Don't be clever with me, OK? So long."



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Flipping around

A dolphin, one of a school that enthralled viewers with acrobatic antics off Camps Bay beach, Cape Town, executes a forward flip while one of its companions watches. Dolphins are abundant in the seas around the Cape Peninsula at this time of year, making it a popular tourist attraction.

Phony HIV report meant as joke among friends turns into lawsuit

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — It started at a party, when a close friend showed Jerry Nevins what appeared to be an alarming medical report: Nevins' girlfriend had tested positive for the AIDS virus.

The phony document was meant to be a joke. But Nevins wasn't amused and sued Max Culp and another friend for emotional distress.

"He was led to believe he had contracted HIV," said Nevins' lawyer, Jason Fleishman. "It's more believing coming from someone of responsibility, your best friend."

The lawsuit was settled for an undisclosed sum Tuesday after a jury had been chosen for trial. Nevins' girlfriend, Connie Bailey, also sued Culp. She settled two months ago for \$4,000, Fleishman said.

Fleishman said about 20 people were at the party in 1992 when Culp showed Nevins the document. He said Culp did not immediately tell Nevins it was a joke.

Defense lawyers said that Nevins sued Culp and Elaine January out of revenge over an unrelated matter. The two haven't admitted any wrongdoing.

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NBA BASKETBALL — Denver Nuggets at Chicago Bulls, 7:30 p.m., WGN.
NHL HOCKEY — Dallas Stars at Toronto Maple Leafs, 7 p.m., PRIME.
TENNIS — Champions Cup, men's quarterfinal match, noon, ESPN.
GOLF — Senior PGA, Toshiba Senior Classic, 2 p.m., ESPN. PGA Bay Hill Invitational, 3 p.m., USA.
BOWLING — Greater Albany Senior Open, 7 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

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EXHIBITION BASEBALL — St. Louis Cardinals (ss) 15-6, Houston Astros (ss) 10-0. Texas Rangers 12-3, Philadelphia Phillies 2-5.
SWC BASEBALL — Baylor 12, Texas A&M 1

Sports Today

UIL STATE SWIM MEET — Midland Lee girls at UIL state meet, Jamail Swim Center, Austin.

Lee's Goodwin a sophomore, not sophomore

■ 10th-grader gives Lady Rebels their best chance at the UIL State Swimming Meet.

By Mike Butts
Sports Writer



Amber Goodwin competes in her first high school state swimming championships today. So who does the sophomore turn to for guidance among her veteran Midland Lee teammates?

It could be senior Monica Stroman, who just returned

from swimming in the Olympic Trials. Or senior Susie Carnett, who makes her third trip to the University Interscholastic League state meet. Or even junior Angela Sanchez, making her second trip to state.

Or how about none of the above?

Goodwin is a major part of Lee's realistic chance to finish among the top five girls teams in the state. And, according to her three Lady Rebel elders, she's as much a team leader as any of them.

The three-time Region I champion Lady Rebels try to improve on last year's 15th place finish at the University

Please see SWIM/2C



Midland Lee sophomore Amber Goodwin has taken on a leadership role with her older teammates. The Lady Rebels swim at the UIL state meet today and Saturday in Austin.

Rebels regroup to make playoffs

By Mike Butts
Sports Writer



Midland Lee went 5-7 in District 5 soccer last season and lost some talented players to graduation. But instead of dropping off, the Rebels improved to a second-place finish. That's because lost along with the talent was a little team turmoil, a rookie coach and an unwillingness to play team soccer.

The Rebels came within one game from tying Midland High for the league championship, doubling their wins with a 10-2 record. They end a four-year playoff drought Saturday against 4-13-2 Brownwood. And though most of the team feels they had more talent last year, the Rebels stand poised to win in the playoffs because this year's team has meshed both on and off the field.

Second-year coach John McCulloch is the first coach with a soccer background the Rebels have had. But it may have taken him a year to figure out what the team needed.

"This year he made us all hang out together," said senior midfielder Brandon Doty, who admitted not all the players on last year's team got along. "Last year there were (separate) groups and coach got rid of that this year."

1996 MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Drexel, Princeton pull upsets

Associated Press



Drexel reminded NCAA tournament teams of two things: Beware the No. 12 seed and watch out for those Philadelphia schools.

The Dragons became the latest Philadelphia school to pull off an NCAA tournament shocker, jolting fifth-seeded Memphis 75-63 Thursday in the first round of the West Regional at Albuquerque, N.M.

The Princeton Tigers continued the upset run, knocking off defending champion UCLA 43-41 in the Southeast Regional.

Malik Rose had 21 points and 15 rebounds as Drexel (27-3) extended the nation's second longest winning streak to 15 games. The Dragons will play fourth-seeded Syracuse, an 88-55 winner over Montana State, in the second round Saturday.

Drexel and its 4,073 students get little attention in Philadelphia, where Big Five members Villanova, Penn, Temple, La Salle and St. Joseph's dominate the headlines and recruiting.

"Heck, I didn't know who Drexel was until I took the job," said Bill Herrion, the Dragons' fifth-year coach.

In the NCAA tournament, however, Philadelphia schools have left their mark.

In 1981, St. Joseph's rocked top-ranked DePaul in the second round. Four years later, Villanova sprung one of the great upsets, a 66-64 win over Georgetown in the final.

"We're a game away from the Sweet Sixteen and for a school like us, it's a dream come true," Herrion said.

The Dragons continued a trend of No. 12 seeds thriving in the opening round. In 1994, Tulsa ousted UCLA; in 1993, Santa Clara shocked Arizona.

Elsewhere in the tournament, top seeds Massachusetts, Kentucky and Connecticut upheld tradition.

UMass beat Central Florida 92-70 in the East, Kentucky defeated San Jose State 110-72 in the Midwest and UConn downed Colgate 68-59 in the Southeast to extend the unbeaten streak of No. 1 seeds in the opening round.

No top seed has lost its first game since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985. To keep the streak alive, Purdue had to beat Western Carolina on Thursday night in the West Regional at Albuquerque, N.M.

UMass (32-1) broke open a close



Connecticut's Ray Allen scores two points on a dunk as the top-seeded Huskies beat No. 16 Colgate 68-59 in the Southeast Regional of the NCAA Tournament.

game by forcing turnovers on Central Florida's first six possessions of the second half.

Carmelo Travieso led the Minutemen with 21 points. All-American Marcus Camby had 14 points and 17 rebounds despite sitting out seven minutes of the second half with a gashed forehead, the

result of an elbow by Central Florida's Reid Ketteler.

"My hands were full of blood, my shirt was full of blood, my shorts were full of blood," Camby said. "I just went back and got stitched up."

Another All-American, Ray Allen, Please see NCAA/12C

Pads' owner has money for NFL team

■ San Diego Padres' owner John Jay Moores has set aside enough money to buy an NFL franchise for Houston when the Oilers abandon the Astrodome.



HOUSTON — John Jay Moores, owner of the San Diego Padres baseball team, has arranged enough money to buy another NFL team for Houston once the Oilers leave, a spokesman for Moores said.

"He's got the money. We can start shopping for a team," Austin media consultant Bill Miller told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions.

Moores has said he was seeking other investors to spend \$150 million to \$200 million to buy an expansion team or an existing one and bring it to Houston.

Miller said no teams have been contacted.

"We're just starting what likely will be a long process," he said. "I'm not sure we know what's what. We just want to keep our options open and keep communication free."

NFL officials have said it is unlikely Houston will get an expansion team, because league owners are balking at adding teams, which bite into the television revenues they share.

So Moores likely must rely on buying an existing team. One owner having financial difficulties is the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Malcolm Glazer, whose companies are embroiled in legal problems and who has been unable to get a commitment for a new state-of-the-art stadium in Tampa.

NFL owners on Monday gave Houston mayor Bob Lanier a cold shoulder in his demand for a team to replace the Oilers, expected to begin play in Nashville, Tenn., by 1998.

Lanier told the owners he would build a new football stadium and allow the Oilers to leave now if the city got another team. But amid a feud between Lanier and Oilers owner Bud Adams, the owners appear unlikely to help Houston at this point.

Moores did not attend the NFL owners meeting this week in Palm Beach, Fla., saying he did not want to impose on the presentation Lanier made with Harris County Judge Robert Eckels.

Please see NFL/2C

AMY WOLFENBARGER

JUCO notes: Jury still out on schedule

For the first time ever, the Western Junior College Athletic Conference conducted an 18-game conference race in women's basketball. For the first time since the 1983-84 season, a WJAC team did not win the NJCAA Region V tournament.

Coincidence? Probably so. It would be a little short-sighted, to say the longer league schedule, an increase from the normal 12-game grind, actually caused Howard College, Frank Phillips College and Midland College to fall flat in the regional tourney.

Especially considering the eventual national tournament berth went to undefeated and No. 1-ranked Grayson County. The Lady Vikings, who played a normal league schedule with a home-and-home series against each team, lived up to their lofty ranking with wins over No. 5 Howard and No. 17 Midland.

Grayson coach Bill Brock admitted the WJAC teams seemed a little more "tournament-ready" when the Lady Vikings were struggling to make their first national tournament after qualifying to the regional final four times and to the regional tournament nine times including this year.

That rang true as all Northern Texas teams except Grayson were eliminated in the first round. But perhaps the WJAC teams ran out of juice in the big games, despite focusing on that game all season long.

Even MC coach Ron Jones, who says he likes the schedule, was not over enthusiastic about it as conference play was winding up.

"I'll say I'm 65-35 in favor of it. I'm not completely sold on it. Maybe 70-30," he said.

It's good the WJAC coaches decided to implement the format for at least two years. I think a fair diagnosis would not be possible without another year of experimentation.

Speaking of the Lady Vikings... did you know one of their players, Sutton Helvey, has been responsible for ending Julie Chancellor's career twice. Helvey played for Eulesis Trinity, which ended Midland High's season in Chancellor's senior year with a win over the Lady Dawgs in the Region I semifinals.

Helvey, who was listed from Bonham, actually moved from the 3A community to Eulesis in order to play for a stronger and larger school in hopes of getting a Division I scholarship. She got that when she signed at Texas A&M but after the Lady Aggies replaced their head coach with Candi Harvey who

she didn't agree with, Helvey went back home to Bonham to regroup. That's when she hooked up with Grayson as a transfer.

The regional final... it was impossible not to notice the similarities of the Lady Vikings and the Lady Chaps. Both teams have excellent guard play and quickness, both like to and can run the ball successfully and both understand that post play has and always will be the meat and potatoes of just about any level of basketball. Grayson is traditionally one of the strongest teams in their region while the Lady Chaps are fast developing their tradition in the extremely tough WJAC.

The only difference might be how long (or how short) Midland's wait to make the national tournament will be. The smart money says it won't take Jones and Company nine years to get there.

Finally... The Lady Chaps loss signaled the last gasp for Midland playoff teams (high school and JUCO) and I think I'm actually displaying withdrawal symptoms. I guess I'll just have to be content with watching the rest of the season on television.

I can't wait for November.

Amy Wolfenbarger is a sports writer for the Reporter-Telegram.



THURSDAY'S RESULTS

EAST REGIONAL
At Providence, R.I.
Stanford 66, Bradley 58
UMass 92, Central Florida 70
Arkansas 86, Penn State 80
Marquette 66, Monmouth, N.J. 44

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
At Indianapolis
Connecticut 68, Colgate 59
Eastern Michigan 75, Duke 60
Miss. St. 58, Va. Commonwealth 51
Princeton 43, UCLA 41

MIDWEST REGIONAL
At Dallas
Kentucky 110, San Jose St. 72
Va. Tech 81, Wisconsin-Green Bay 48
Iowa State 74, California 64
Utah 72, Canisius 43

WEST REGIONAL
At Albuquerque, N.M.
Syracuse 88, Montana State 55
Drexel 75, Memphis 63
Purdue 73, Western Carolina 71
Georgia 81, Clemson 74

TODAY'S GAMES

EAST REGIONAL
At Richmond, Va.
Georgetown (26-7) vs. Mississippi Valley State (22-9), 11:15 a.m.
New Mexico (27-4) vs. Kansas State (17-11), 30 minutes after previous game
Texas Tech (26-1) vs. (14) Northern Illinois (20-9), 6:40 p.m.
North Carolina (20-10) vs. New Orleans (21-8), 30 minutes after previous game

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
At Orlando, Fla.
Temple (19-12) vs. Oklahoma (17-12), 11:25 a.m.
Cincinnati (25-4) vs. North Carolina-Greensboro (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game
Indiana (19-11) vs. Boston College (18-10), 6:40 p.m.
Georgia Tech (22-11) vs. Austin Peay (19-10), 30 minutes after previous game

MIDWEST REGIONAL
At Milwaukee
Louisville (20-11) vs. Tulsa (22-7), 11:30 a.m.
Villanova (25-6) vs. Portland (19-10), 30 minutes after previous game
Wake Forest (22-5) vs. Northeast Louisiana (18-13), 6:50 p.m.
Michigan (20-11) vs. Texas (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game

WEST REGIONAL
At Tempe, Ariz.
Maryland (17-12) vs. Santa Clara (19-8), 1:38 p.m.
Kansas (26-4) vs. South Carolina State (22-7), 30 minutes after previous game
Iowa (22-9) vs. George Washington (21-7), 9 p.m.
Arizona (24-6) vs. Valparaiso (21-10), 30 minutes after previous game

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McCULLOCH: Team rallies by coach

(From 1C)

The result has give the team a different feel.

"We're playing as a team, everybody gets along," senior sweeper Sal Bombara said. "Practice is fun and playing games is fun."

With Midland High, Abilene High and Odessa High considered the best teams in the district, Lee was not expected to make the playoffs. But they beat Midland High in a shootout and won every district road game to finish four games ahead of second-place Abilene High.

"I was really surprised because last year was such a disappointment," Bombara said. "I didn't want to put too much expectation on this year."

The Lee players felt they had a playoff-caliber group before the season started. But after going 2-2 in a tough South Grand Prairie Tournament to start the season, they believed they could challenge for the district title, which they did.

"Through the course of the season I think a lot of our players have gotten better individually," McCulloch said. "But the main factor is how we've worked as a team. Last year if we had worked as a team we'd be in the same place we're in now or better."

McCulloch losing that rookie tag has also helped.

"I think he got the year of experience and now he coaches us more than he did last year," Bombara said. "He's gotten more strict and that has helped."

The Rebels had the leading scorer in the league last year in Henrik Madsen. Sophomore forward Troy Henry has taken up some of the slack left by Madsen. And the team has passed the ball better, not being able to rely on one scorer.

In fact McCulloch stressed passing so much before the season started, sometimes the team was over doing it.

"At the beginning of the season when somebody should have kept

the ball and attacked with it themselves they would pass it off," McCulloch said. "Now they know when they should keep the ball and when they should pass off."

And they know how to play defense. The Rebels played 16 games without giving up more than two goals in one contest. They scored nine regulation shutouts.

McCulloch has used two goal keepers, junior Phillip Smith and Mike Ramirez. And senior defender Tim Tipton returned after making second-team all-district last year.

Even when the Rebels have to correct each other's play, they do it with more diplomacy this year.

"We talk about how to let your teammates know what they're not doing right without being negative," McCulloch said. "And they've done a real good job of that."

Nothing, not even the on-field reprimands, has been negative with this year's Rebels.



The Midland Lee Rebels have rallied around coach John McCulloch (with cap) to return to the soccer playoffs Saturday against Brownwood.

Oilers' deal in voters' hands now

By Teresa M. Walker

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The fight over whether the NFL's Oilers relocate to Music City is now in the hands of Nashville's voters, and people on both sides agree that's where it belongs.

"I don't think there's any question that this is best," said Councilman Lawrence Hart who worked with the petition drive. "There's been a lot of controversy. This way allows for a majority rule."

Election officials confirmed Thursday that opponents of using public money for a stadium housing the Oilers succeeded in their petition drive to force a referendum.

The Concerned Citizens of Nashville got 43,640 signatures and needed 28,009 for the referendum. Registrar Michael McDonald said 28,512 signatures were verified, giving opponents enough for the vote expected by May 20.

The Oilers, who still don't know whether they will be playing in

Houston or Tennessee this fall, agreed in the relocation deal to wait for the outcome of any referendum. That gives Nashville voters a final say on the deal, although NFL owners still must approve the move.

Dick Darr, one of five people who have organized Yes for Nashville within the past week to lobby for the stadium, said they decided last week the referendum would help educate voters once and for all.

"Now we all have a chance to understand it," Darr said. "For a change, the people get to decide a major issue."

Now all groups both for and against the stadium must register with the election commission and appoint treasurers for their campaigns. TENNFL, the group that marketed the sales of luxury suites and permanent seat licenses (PSLS) is another group expected to lobby for the Oilers.

The Metro Nashville Council, which has approved issuing up to \$80 million in general bonds to finance construction of a 65,000-seat stadium, will meet Tuesday to ask for a special election. The election commission is due to meet

Wednesday to set a date between May 3 and May 20.

The total relocation deal is \$292 million with Nashville responsible for \$149 million.

Darr, who said he couldn't afford to buy any permanent seat licenses, said his group hopes to raise at least \$50,000 from donations for yard signs, door-to-door pitches and radio advertising.

Yes for Nashville informally polled voters during Tuesday's election, and Darr said their results looked positive.

"We think it's going to pass. We think a majority of the people in the city are in favor of this issue," Darr said.

But Gov. Don Sundquist warned Nashville voters who want the Oilers in Tennessee not to take the referendum for granted. He said he expects voters will approve the deal but that they have a lot of work ahead.

"Here we have an NFL franchise on a platter being served up to Tennessee and we'd better make sure we take advantage of it," Sundquist told the Nashville Banner. "It'd be a huge blow to this community and to this state if it was turned down."

NFL: Houston could get new franchise

(From 1C)

"If we come with the political guys, it would have been a three-ring circus," Miller said. "We would have been a distraction."

But Moores will be watching closely as NFL officials consider dual ownership.

Many owners want the league to ban colleagues from owning franchises in other sports because they want ownership solidly behind

their sport and not sharing interest with another.

But two NFL owners control teams in other sports. The San Francisco 49ers' Eddie DeBartolo owns the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team, and the Miami Dolphins' Wayne Huizenga owns the Florida Panthers hockey club and the Florida Marlins baseball team.

NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said franchise ownership rules will be discussed at the next

league meeting in April.

The owners meeting delayed their vote on the Oilers' proposed move to Nashville until league officials can complete an evaluation on whether the relocation meets their criteria.

Tagliabue said the evaluation should be finished in two days, and owners likely will vote on the move within two weeks.

SWIM: Goodwin leading Lee to state

(From 1C)

of Texas Jamial Swim Center beginning with today's preliminaries. The finals are Saturday.

"Amber can take a nap and get up five minutes before (a race) and go her best time," Carnett said. "She's not like Monica and me. If we get nervous it can hurt us."

Goodwin is plenty anxious about being the state's top seed in her two individual events, the 50-yard freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

"It makes me nervous because I've never been there before," Goodwin said. "If I mess up one turn or if I mess up the start I probably won't come in first."

But if you ask Sanchez, Goodwin is the one who calms down the rest of the team.

"She's our humorous link if you want to think of it that way," said the junior member of the medley and 200 freestyle relay teams. "She keeps us all laughing. She

keeps us all at ease so none of us get too nervous."

Goodwin won her events at region March 2 impressively. Her 24.06 in the 50 freestyle and 57.21 in the 100 backstroke were both two seconds off Senior National "cuts," or qualifying times. City of Midland Aquatics coach Brad Swendig called her performance "unbelievable" and "phenomenal."

Goodwin has experience, swimming in club and Texas Interscholastic Swim Coaches state level meets as well as two Junior National events. But as the sophomore acknowledges, even the Junior Nationals do not have swimmers that have made Seniors cuts, and the UIL meet does.

Still, Midland High-Lee coach Ted Carson has faith in his sophomore phenom, who carries the nickname "Bert" after a typo had her name as "Ambert" on a heat sheet several meets ago.

"What she did at regionals showed us she's a rise-to-the-occa-

sion swimmer," Carson said. "She's not intimidated. She's got confidence, big-meet experience and she's been swimming long enough that I look for her to handle it real well."

Stroman has the top seed in the 200 individual medley. The four Rebels swim on the medley relay team that has the third best time in the meet. Goodwin and the individual medley and 200-freestyle relays may hold the key to Lee's climbing into the top five.

"My goal is still the top ten," Carson said. "I think realistically we can break into the top five if everything were to go perfectly."

The Lee freestyle relay is seeded 12th.

"The relays are the biggest factor because they are double points," Carson said. "If we can get both the relays in the top six that would be a big plus."

Stroman won the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle last year. She takes the fourth seed into

'Boys Hellestrae desert-bound?

PHOENIX (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals have offered Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Dale Hellestrae a contract, his agent says.

Steve Endicott of Dallas told The Arizona Republic on Wednesday the Hellestrae wanted more than the one-year, minimum \$275,000 salary the Cowboys offered.

Cardinals officials said they were unaware of any offer.

NFL schedules

15 Preseason TV Games

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts will play the New Orleans Saints in the Hall of Fame game at Canton, Ohio, July 27, beginning a schedule of 15 nationally televised games that will be used to experiment with a new version of instant replay.

The five networks that televise the NFL will get three games apiece. ABC will have the Hall of Fame game, with NBC, CBS, TNT and ESPN dividing the other games.

Among the highlights will be a game to be telecast July 27 from Tokyo by ESPN at 10 p.m. It will match the last two AFC Super Bowl representatives, Pittsburgh and San Diego.

The other game outside the United States will be Aug. 5, when Dallas and Kansas City meet at Monterrey, Mexico, a game carried by ABC.

The series also includes the first nationally telecast game to be played by the new Baltimore franchise, the former Cleveland Browns. It will be Aug. 10 against the New York Giants at the Meadowlands, and will be carried by NBC.

Buddy, can you spare \$225 million for a team?

Associated Press

SEATTLE — A county official trying to broker a sale of the Seattle Seahawks for at least \$225 million compared the process Thursday to elephants mating: "A lot can be trampled in the process."

Still, King County council member Pete von Reichbauer said, "We're closer today than we have ever been."

Well, maybe. Seahawks owner Ken Behring, who took the team to California in January, says selling the operation is last on his list of options.

But the Los Angeles Times quoted him Thursday as saying he had told Microsoft co-founder and

Portland Trail Blazers owner Paul Allen — considered the likeliest prospect for local ownership — that bidding would have to start at \$225 million, which would make the team the priciest in the NFL.

"If someone laid a staggering amount of money on the table, I'd at least look at it," Behring said.

Behring told The Seattle Times the Kingdome has too many problems and too little revenue potential to work for anyone.

King County executive Gary Locke said Seattle fans "need to keep our fingers crossed" in hoping for sale to a local owner.

The NFL is concerned that "no season-ticket sales are under way anywhere," Locke said. Teams that will face the Seahawks don't know where they'll be playing, and the lawsuit is proceeding, he said.

First-pitch tournament opens last SWC season

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Three-hit games by four Baylor players backed the seventh hit pitching of Kris Lambert as the Bears overwhelmed Texas

A&M 12-1 Thursday in the opening game of the last Southwest Conference First Pitch Tournament.

In the second game, Jacques Landry's seventh-inning grand slam highlighted a powerful Rice attack as the Owls defeated Houston 9-3.

In the opener, Lambert went the distance for his second complete game of the season for Baylor (12-9, 1-0 SWC), walking three and striking out three to raise his record to 4-2.

Matt Blank started for Texas A&M (19-6, 0-1), giving up nine runs, seven of them earned, and 14 hits in 5 1/3 innings.

The Bears' Marty Crawford had

three runs batted in and scored two runs with his three-hit game. Scott Morrison also had three RBIs for the Bears.

Ryan Huffman drove in the Aggies lone run with a sixth-inning single.

In the second game, Cougars lefthander John Box matched Rice's Shawn Onley through five innings, allowing only a Bubba Crosby triple and a solo home run by William Ford.

But Box got in trouble in the seventh and left after allowing five earned runs in six innings. Onley gave up only the three in the seventh inning, tiring after Rice's five-run top of the inning.

The win improved Rice's record to 22-3, 1-0 in SWC play. Houston's mark fell to 13-8 and 0-1.

Texas 9, Texas Tech 5
HOUSTON — The Texas Longhorns scored five runs in the final two innings to beat the Red Raiders in their opening round game.

Atlanta's Olympic stadium a political field of schemes

By Marc Rice

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Although no athlete has stepped on its field yet, Olympic Stadium has become a battlefield for accusations of poor design and financial double-dealing.

The day after the designer of the stadium sued the Olympic organizing committee for allegedly refusing to pay overtime, the organizers called the lawsuit "retaliation" for their demand that the design team pay for repairs at the unfinished arena.

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games issued an unusually strong statement Thursday in response to the suit by the Atlanta Stadium Design Team, a consortium of four engineering firms that designed the \$230 million stadium.

On Wednesday, the design team filed suit in Fulton County Superior Court seeking \$4 million for

47,600 hours of allegedly unpaid overtime. The overtime was built up accommodating myriad changes sought by ACOG under "chaotic conditions," the suit said.

Among other things, the suit said, ACOG "imposed often unnecessary and disruptive bureaucratic obstacles to effective and efficient design and construction" of the stadium.

The contract to design the stadium was "extremely one-sided" in favor of ACOG, but the organizing committee convinced the design team that ACOG could be trusted to act fairly anyway, the suit said.

The designers contend ACOG either doesn't have the \$4 million or knows that it will run out of money and won't be able to compensate them after the Games.

But ACOG said Thursday it is the design team that is not abiding by the contract.

The AP reported recently that it will cost \$3 million to repair and reinforce the stadium. The stadium is scheduled to open for a pre-Olympic track meet in May.

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NBA Results

National Basketball Association By The Associated Press. Eastern Conference: Orlando 17, 734; New York 36, 581; Miami 31, 484; Washington 29, 403; New Jersey 25, 403; Boston 24, 375; Philadelphia 13, 49, 210, 33.

SWC Baseball

Rice 000 110 829-9 8 1; Houston 000 000 300-3 5 2. Houston (114): Hoy 6-12-0-0, Brown 2-6-2-6, Claryon 17-21-23, Mack 5-4-2-2, ...

Exhibition Baseball

Chicago (A) 100 121 000-5 11 1; Minnesota 000 500 100-6 13 1; Tampa, Magrane (4), L. Thomas (7), ...

Transactions

Thursday's Sports Transactions: The Associated Press. Baseball: Baltimore Orioles—Optioned Brian Sackney, pitcher and Brad Tyler and Scott McClain, infielders.

Golf Results

LPGA Ping-Wed's: Laurie Rinker-Graham 37-38-71; Paul Azinger 37-38-71; Mike Heinen 37-38-71; Brad Bryant 37-38-71; Billy Ray Brown 37-38-71.

NHL Results

The Associated Press. Eastern Conference: Philadelphia 000 001 001-2 7 0; Cincinnati (as) 000 000-0 2 1; St. Louis 29 21 11 200 200.

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The Associated Press. Western Conference: Vancouver 27 15 69 269 201; Calgary 27 19 11 200 200; Anaheim 28 31 7 212 200.

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Dubai Classic

Dubai, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Leading scores Thursday after the first round of the \$980,000 Dubai Classic played on a 72-hole, par-72 Emirates Golf Course: Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain 63.

BULLS UNTO NETS

WASHINGTON (100): Howard 9-21-7-25, Wallace 4-12-3-11, Mursan 6-11-4-16, Chesney 1-8-1-3.

LAKERS 100, WARRIORS 103

LAKERS (106): Campbell 10-4-20, Ceballos 4-9-0-9, Davis 6-11-2, Jones 4-6-4-12, ...

CLIPPERS 110, MAVERICKS 106

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PGA Bay Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Scores Thursday after the first round of the PGA's \$1.2 million Bay Hill Invitational, played on the 7,196-yard par-72 (36-hole) Bay Hill Club and Lodge: Tom Kite 33-44-79.

CAVALIERS 88, CELTICS 73

BOSTON (73): Fox 2-0-4-0, Smith 2-1-2-5, ...

CLIPPERS 110, MAVERICKS 106

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PBA Showboat

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Standings Wednesday after the fourth round of the PBA Showboat Invitational: Tom Kite, 7,662.

NCAA, NIT Basketball Tournament Results

NCAA Men: EAST REGIONAL: UMASS 92, CENTRAL FLORIDA 70; CENTRAL FLORIDA (11-9): Kennedy 5-16-7, Porter 0-1-3-8, ...

CONNECTICUT 68, COLGATE 59

COLGATE (15-15): Roberts 3-10-0-7, Bollen 1-10-0-2, ...

PRINCETON 43, UCLA 41

PRINCETON (22-49): Doyal 1-0-0-3, Lowell 4-1-2-10, ...

WEST REGIONAL: WESTERN CAROLINA 71

WESTERN CAROLINA (17-13): Stafford 3-0-0-9, ...

NEBRASKA 91, COLORADO ST. 83

NEBRASKA (17-14): Gainer 4-8-2-10, ...

NCAA Women

NCAA Women: EAST REGIONAL: Texas Tech (25-4): Hester 1-0-0-0, ...

WEST REGIONAL: WESTERN CAROLINA 71

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NEBRASKA 91, COLORADO ST. 83

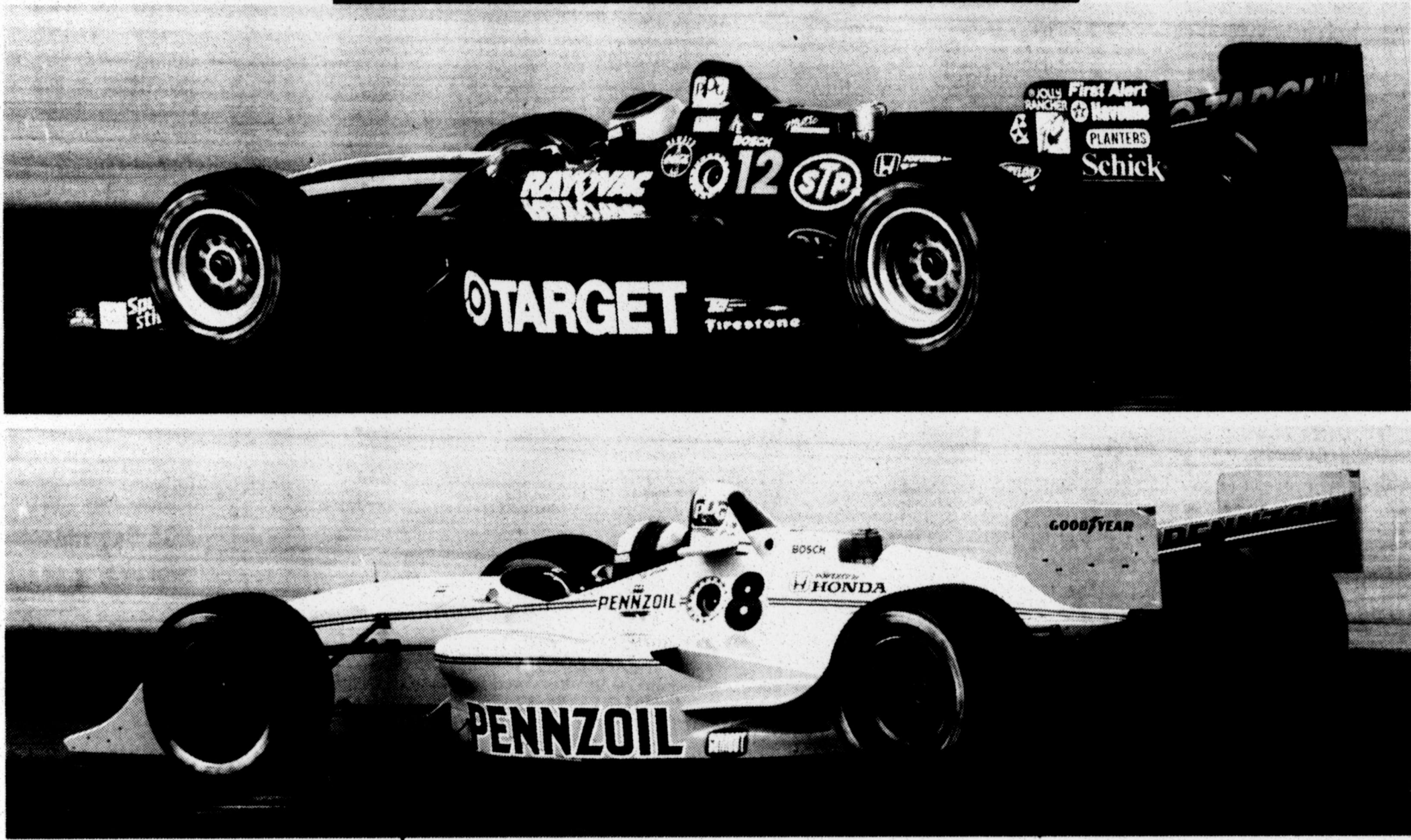
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Women's NIT Glance

The Associated Press. All Times CST. First Round: Texas Tech (25-4) vs. North Carolina State (18-10).

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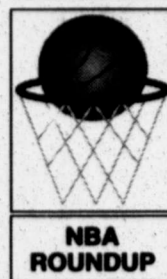
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Bradley triple-doubles as Nets down Bullets

Associated Press



EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Brent Price and Ledell Eackles hit late 3-pointers and the Washington Bullets overcame Shawn Bradley's first triple double to beat the New Jersey Nets 100-92 Thursday night.

Bradley had 19 points, a season-high 17 rebounds and a career-high 11 blocks in getting the triple double he missed by just two points two nights ago.

Juwan Howard had 25 points to lead the Bullets, who won on the road for only the fourth time in 17 games. George Muresan added 16 before fouling out early in the fourth quarter, while Price had 15 and Eackles 13.

Armon Gilliam added 20 points and 13 rebounds for New Jersey, while P.J. Brown had 17.

Eackles helped the Bullets take the lead for good, hitting a 3-pointer late in the third quarter to start an 8-0 run that gave Washington a 72-64 lead.

The lead twice grew to 10 early in the fourth quarter, but the Nets ran off a 12-4 spurt and got within 84-82 on a baseline jumper by Bradley with 3:12 to go.

After Eackles and Fleming exchanged two free throws apiece, Howard missed a jumper. However, Jim McIlvaine, who replaced Muresan after he fouled out, got the rebound and found Price all alone for a 3-pointer and an 89-84 lead with 2:05 left.

Chris Childs hit an off balance jumper for New Jersey to cut the margin to three, but Eackles came back two possessions later and nailed a 3 for a 92-86 edge with 1:03 to go.

The Bullets hit all eight free

throws down the stretch to ice the game.

Cavaliers 98, Celtics 73
CLEVELAND — Chris Mills said he knew right away Thursday night that his jump shot was on target.

"I hit a couple shots early and I said, 'Man, I'm pretty hot,' so I just went with it," the third-year forward said after scoring a career-high 30 points to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers past the Boston Celtics 98-73.

"Every time they had a four-man (power forward) switch out on me, I was going to try to take a shot or drive to the basket," the small forward said. "I was just going to try and take it to the hoop, and if I didn't make the basket, at least draw a foul and get to the line."

Mills made 11 of 14 shots from the field and all six of his free throws. He scored Cleveland's final eight points of the second quarter and first two of the second half.

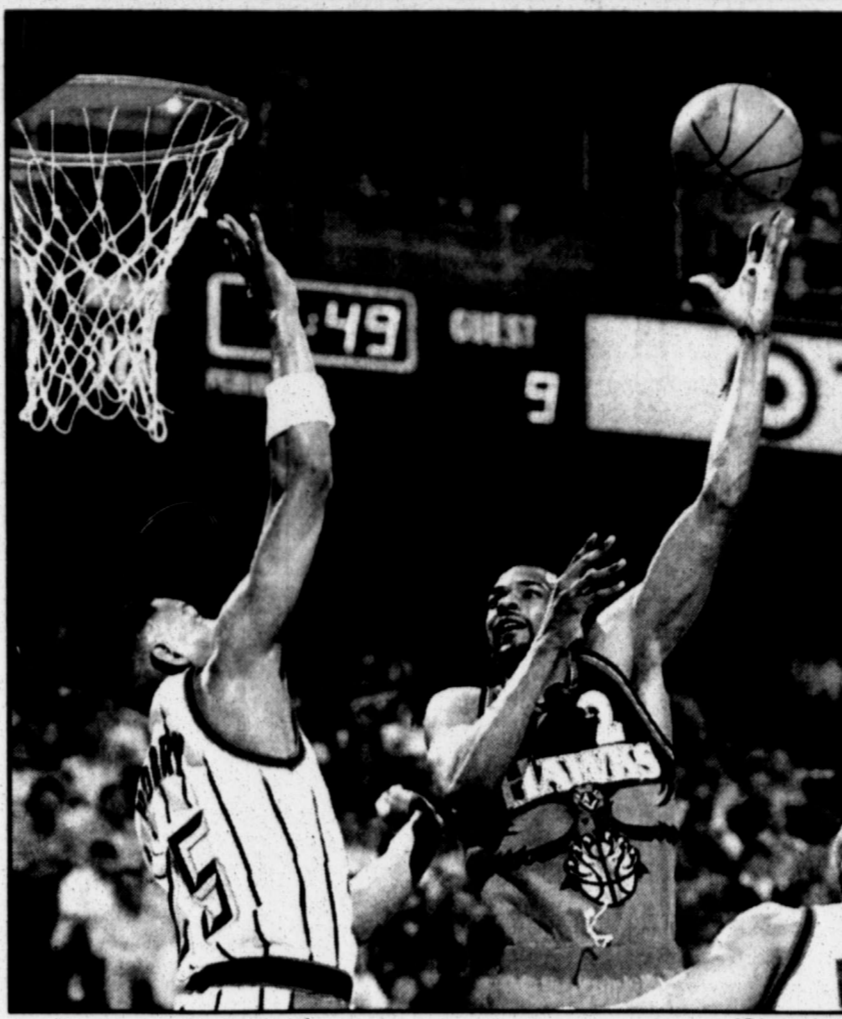
Cleveland, 35-27, continued its quest for a possible homecourt advantage in the first round of the playoffs, pulling within one game of the New York Knicks, who have the fourth-best overall record in the Eastern Conference.

"We're just trying to stay in the race until we get Terrell (Brandon) and Bobby (Phills) back," Mills said. "Those two are so much of a key to everything we do."

Phills missed his seventh straight game with a sprained left knee. Brandon missed his sixth in a row with a bruised tailbone and strained rotator cuff.

In their place, John Crotty and rookie Bob Sura each had career highs in assists with 11 and 10, respectively.

Boston, 24-40, was led by David Wesley with 16 points and Eric Montross with 11.



Atlanta's Stacey Augmon (2) gets off a hook shot over Houston's Robert Horry Thursday during their NBA game at the Omni in Atlanta.

Sore knee, Atlanta can't stop Olajuwon

By Michael A. Lutz
Associated Press



HOUSTON — Maybe Hakeem Olajuwon should skip practice and play hurt more often.

Playing despite a sore right knee, Olajuwon scored 38 points and led a third-quarter charge that carried the Houston Rockets to a 114-106 victory over Atlanta Thursday night.

Olajuwon's knee started bothering him in practice on Tuesday but he elected to play against the Hawks, and it was good for the Rockets that he did.

"This is really a big win starting off a home stand, particularly with a little question about Dream's health," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "But he put any doubts to rest early. He was phenomenal. He was really smooth out there tonight."

Trailing 59-53 at the half, the Rockets outscored the Hawks 25-6 from the start of the third quarter and took a 78-65 lead with 3:38 to go

in the period, snuffing out Atlanta's upset try.

Olajuwon was in the midst of that charge, too, scoring eight points in the period as the Rockets took an 86-76 lead into the final quarter.

"I guess it was just concentration and playing team basketball," Olajuwon said. "I had no problem with it (knee). I didn't know how it would hold up because I haven't practiced in a couple of days, but once I started running, I knew it would be OK."

The Rockets pounded the Hawks from 3-point range, especially in the second half when they were 10 of 14. They hit 13 of 27 for the game.

Sam Mack, who hit 5-of-8 from 3-point range, including three during Houston's big third quarter, led the long-range assault, finishing with 15 points. Breaux hit 3-of-4 3-pointers for 17 points.

Olajuwon, who also had nine rebounds and six assists, got the Rockets off to a fast start, scoring 15 points in the first quarter.

Smith finished with 29 points to lead the Hawks and Mookie Blaylock had 17.

Robinson, Spurs burn Heat by 20

Associated Press



SAN ANTONIO — David Robinson scored 28 points Thursday night to lead the San Antonio Spurs to their eighth consecutive victory, a 120-100 win over the Miami Heat that saw four players ejected for

arguing calls. Vinny Del Negro added 27 and Chuck Person 25 for the Spurs. Tim Hardaway led Miami with 26.

Person hit seven 3-pointers, giving him 1,002 in his career and tying him with Danny Ainge for third on the all-time list.

San Antonio trailed 31-17 after the first quarter, but outscored Miami 103-69 the rest of the way.

Officials called 10 technical fouls

in the game, one against Miami for an illegal defense, the other nine for arguing over calls.

Miami's Rex Chapman and Walt Williams and the Spurs' Will Perdue and Monty Williams were ejected from the game, while Miami's Chris Gatling, Kurt Thomas and coach Pat Riley also were assessed technicals.

San Antonio led 56-51 at the half, rallying from a 16-point deficit in the second quarter. Robinson, who sat out most of the first period with foul trouble, led the comeback with 14 points, including seven in the final 2:25. Del Negro added 11 in the period and had 16 at the half.

Miami started fast, leading the entire first period and holding the Spurs without a basket for 3:46. The Heat led 31-17 at the end of the quarter, shooting 59 percent from the field to 27 for the Spurs.

Washington State 92, Gonzaga 73

PULLMAN, Wash. — Mark Hendrickson scored 24 points as Washington State beat Gonzaga 92-73 in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament Thursday night.

Washington State will play Nebraska on Tuesday at a site to be determined.

Lorenzo Rollins was one of the few bright spots for Gonzaga, scoring 30 points.

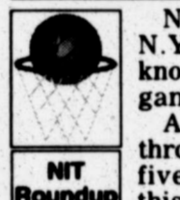
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Nebraska 91, Colorado St. 83

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Erick Strickland scored 19 points and Jaron Boone added 15 as Nebraska used balanced scoring to defeat Colorado State 91-83 in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament Thursday night.

St. Joseph's pulls out close NIT win over Iona

Associated Press



NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. — St. Joseph's knows it can win close games.

After battling through a school-record five overtime games this season — including two losses to Massachusetts, the Hawks can take the pressure.

Dmitri Domani added 21 points, Reggie Townsend 13 and Terrell Myers 11 for the Hawks (16-12), who play Providence or Fairfield next Tuesday in the second round.

Bryan Matthew scored a career-high 27 points for the Gaels (21-8). Mindaugas Timinskas added 15 points, and Mikkel Larsen and Greg Barr each had 14 for Iona, which led 8-0.

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Lady Raiders hoping for championship repeat

By Gene Mendez
Fort Worth Star-Telegram



Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp admits that this season's Lady Raiders are not as experienced, not as savvy as the Tech team that won the national championship three years ago. She won't concede, however, that this team is not as good or not capable of achieving the same end.

Tonight, the Lady Raiders begin their attempt to match the amaz-

ing run put together by Tech's 1993 national-championship team. This year's title chase starts against 13th-seed Portland in an NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional first-round game at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

To match the national-championship team though, the Lady Raiders will need to cure their recent tendency to disappear offensively — something that hurt them in the loss to Texas A&M in last weekend's Dr Pepper Southwestern Conference Classic title game.

"We worked really hard this

week to improve our offensive consistency," Sharp said. "That is our weakness. We are young, and we are still trying to get there. Our chemistry has improved this past week."

"We're a different look (than the 1993 team) right now, but not necessarily a worse look."

Tech (25-4), the fourth seed in the Midwest, is scheduled to play the Pilots (23-6) 30 minutes after the conclusion of the game between No. 5 seed Purdue (20-10) and 12th-seed Notre Dame (22-7), scheduled to start at 6 p.m. The Pilots are led by senior forward

Laura Sale, the West Coast Conference player of the year.

The first-round winners play at 8:30 p.m. Sunday at the Coliseum for the right to advance to the Sweet 16.

"I guarantee you we'll need a lot of positives to get out of this group," said Sharp, who has brought the Lady Raiders to four consecutive Sweet 16 appearances.

"I think it's the best subregional in the country. I really think when you think about the four teams that are here, it could be the most competitive subregional there could be."



Arnold Palmer saves par with a chip out of the sand on No. 2 Thursday during the first round of the Bay Hill Invitational.

Three tied for top spot at Bay Hill Invitational

Associated Press



ORLANDO, Fla. — Despite the changes Arnold Palmer ordered on the course, Mark O'Meara, Paul Goydos and Glen Day showed Thursday why the Bay Hill Invitational usually comes down to good putting.

Each shot a 5-under-par 67 to share the lead after the first round at Bay Hill Club, where the greens got faster and the play got slower as the round progressed.

Day's threesome finished in just more than five hours. It wasn't uncommon for two groups to be waiting on Nos. 14 and 17, the pars on the back nine. And play was delayed even more when a sprinkler began gushing water on the 18th as Curtis Strange prepared to putt.

Corey Pavin, Tom Lehman and Billy Mayfair were in a group at 3-under 69. Greg Norman and Nick Price were at 72.

LPGA PING-Welch's
TUCSON, Ariz. — If a downpour in the desert or the stir created by Muffin Spencer-Devlin's disclosure of her lesbianism bothered anyone in the Ping-Welch's Championship, it wasn't apparent in the play of Pat Bradley, Liselotte Neumann and Trish Johnson.

Bradley, an LPGA Hall of Famer starting her 23rd year on the tour, persevered through a squall Thursday to finish at 4-under-par 68 and catch up with Neumann and Johnson for a share of the lead.

"Under the circumstances, with the strong winds starting off and then intermittent rain on the back nine, I was really pleased," said Bradley, who birdied the first three holes in her best start ever.

"It was a little bit of a battle because of the changes in the weather."

Neumann, who won the year's first tournament and is second on the money list, echoed Bradley's surprise at the elements.

"The card looks good, but it was ugly out there," she said.

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Vicki Rice
Greathouse Elementary
Fifth Grade

On the first day of school in Vicki Rice's classroom, students are introduced to a funny story about teaching. Her purpose for reading *Miss Nelson Has a Field Day* is simple. "In a humorous way, it reflects the influence a teacher has over his/her children and the importance of teamwork in being successful. By bringing a sense of humor and flexibility to their daily routines, teachers promote spontaneity and originality from their children." Rice has earned the respect and admiration from many of her colleagues. William Maurer writes, "Vicki Rice creates a productive, positive learning environment in her classroom and enforces the highest standards of achievement." Rice continues her professional development by attending numerous workshops and seminars. She has participated in the New Jersey Writing Project, Kagan's Cooperative Learning, Impact, Environmental Studies, TESA, AIMS and numerous others. She is also a member of the CEIC, DEIC, Science Curriculum Committee and the Math and Science Textbook Selection Committee at her school.

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The Midland Chamber's Education Combination committee each year solicits Teacher of the Year nominations. Individual school campuses select their teacher of the year, as well as runners-up.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Main table of stock market data including columns for stock symbols, prices, and changes. Includes sections for 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'NASDAQ', and 'AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE'.

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Thursday \$21.16
Previous Close \$20.58
Year Ago \$17.94

POSTED
Today \$19.75
Previous Close \$19.00
Year Ago \$16.25

Dollar rebounds

NEW YORK — The dollar finished up against the German mark and Japanese yen Thursday following a lethargic trading session largely unaffected by new U.S. economic data.

The dollar finished mixed against other currencies. The dollar was quoted at 105.50 Japanese yen, up from 105.10 yen late Wednesday, and 1.4708 German marks, up from 1.4703.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Wednesday: 1.1869 Swiss francs, down from 1.1872; 5.0445 French francs, up from 5.0375; 1,565 Italian lire, down from 1,567; and 1,3680 Canadian dollars, unchanged.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.5292, up from \$1.5230.

Markets rise

NEW YORK — Stocks climbed in heavy trading Thursday after fresh government data, countering reports last week, suggested inflation is under control.

While the Dow Jones industrial average closed up 17.34 points at 5,586.06, it had been up more than 60 points at one point Thursday.

Advancing issues led decliners by more than 3 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange. Big Board volume was 491.38 million shares, the eighth-largest volume ever, according to the New York Stock Exchange, and well above Wednesday's 409.47 million.

Broad market indexes also rose. The NYSE's composite index gained 1.54 to 343.40, the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 2.30 to 640.85, the Nasdaq composite index rose 2.43 to 1,091.07, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 1.01 to 561.78.

The 30-year Treasury bond finished unchanged on the day at 6.69 percent.

Oil stocks advanced as April oil futures gained more than 60 cents a barrel on concerns about short-term supplies and low U.S. oil reserves.

Among the oil components of the Dow index, Chevron rose 1 to 56, Exxon rose 1 to 81, and Texaco rose 1 3/8 to 84 1/2.

Record bank profits

WASHINGTON — Commercial banks reported record profits for a fourth straight year, but borrowers are increasingly late paying credit cards and consumer loans, industry surveys said.

Thursday's news that commercial banks earned \$48.8 billion in 1995 was tempered by a \$1.2 billion fourth-quarter increase in delinquent consumer loans and a 10-year high for late credit card payments.

Mortgage rates up

WASHINGTON — Thirty-year, fixed rate mortgages averaged 7.83 percent this week, up from 7.38 percent last week, according to a national survey released Thursday by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

It was the highest since Aug. 24, when rates averaged 7.88 percent. Rates had fallen to 6.94 percent during the week ended Feb. 15 — a two-year low — before they started to rise.

On one-year adjustable rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.55 percent, up from 5.40 percent last week.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for those refinancing mortgages, averaged 7.32 percent this week, up from 6.87 percent a week earlier.

The rates do not include add-on fees known as points.

Oil climbs past \$21 on supply concerns

■ Reports that U.S. stockpiles are at 19-year lows concern traders.

By Tara Burghart
Associated Press Writer

Crude oil prices hit a 3 1/2 year high Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange amid lingering concerns about tight supplies and uncertainty about negotiations to allow Iraq to sell a limited amount of oil.

Stockpiles of crude oil have been at their lowest levels since mid-1977, when the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries nearly doubled the price of oil.

Refiners now are scrambling to snap up oil to produce gasoline as the summer driving season nears.

Although the American Petroleum Institute reported on Tuesday a larger-than-expected increase of close to seven million barrels of crude oil, analysts said supplies are still tight.

"That's not really enough to make people feel, 'Oh well, there's plenty of crude oil around,'" said Tim Evans, an energy analyst for the Pegasus Econometric Group in New York.

Also, Evans said, many investors were short on crude oil, betting that before the April contract expired, there would be an agreement with the United Nations to allow Iraq to sell \$2 billion in oil to buy food and medicine.

But Evans said reports indicate the United Nations and Iraq might require a third round of talks before any deal is reached. The second round of talks began this week.

April crude rose 58 cents to \$21.16 a barrel, surpassing the old contract high of \$20.86 a barrel. It was also the highest price for a nearby contract since October 1992. Local crude purchasers raised their posted price 75 cents to \$19.75 a barrel.

April heating oil rose 48 cent to 55.07 cents a gallon; April unleaded gasoline rose .84 cent to 62.45 cents a gallon; and April natural gas rose .7 cent to \$2.247 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Group sues Exxon over chemical runoff

HOUSTON (AP) — An environmental group filed suit Thursday against Exxon Co. USA, accusing the petrochemical giant of illegally dumping chemical runoff from its Baytown refinery into the Houston Ship Channel.

The federal court suit filed by the group Texans United claims Exxon illegally has poured processed wastewater into the Houston Ship Channel from 1989 to 1995.

"The problem is with Exxon," said Rick Abraham, spokesman for Texans United. "Exxon is polluting our waters."

Although Exxon is allowed to discharge storm water kept in a retaining pond near its Baytown plant, it is not allowed to mix processed wastewater with the storm water and then let both drain out together, the lawsuit says.

"Exxon's process wastewater contains pollutants ... including chemical and industrial wastes containing toxic and conventional pollutants such as benzene, total suspended solids and phenol," the suit claims.

The group's suit, which is filed on the behalf of four Baytown residents, seeks a court order requiring Exxon to comply with the law. The plaintiffs also ask for penalties to be assessed for the alleged violation of the law.

In a prepared statement, Exxon rejected the accusations.

"Contrary to false allegations by Texans United, there have not been any unauthorized bypasses around Exxon's wastewater treatment facilities to the Houston Ship Channel or Galveston Bay," Exxon said.

"If during an authorized discharge, a specific permit limit is exceeded, the incident is promptly reported."

Exxon was fined \$600,000 by state officials a year ago for improper wastewater discharges into retaining pond.

To date \$460,000 has been paid. Exxon and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission agreed the remaining balance could be cleared with company-funded supplemental environmental projects.



A jump start

Monica Gilmore shows her son Cory, age 18 months, the Storybook in JumpStart Toddlers, a software program designed to teach young children the basics of computer learning.

Morales sides with AT&T, MCI on local lines

AUSTIN (AP) — State Attorney General Dan Morales is siding with long-distance giants AT&T and MCI in a battle that could determine how easy it is for the companies to offer local telephone service in Texas.

Morales has filed a legal brief agreeing that a new federal telecommunications law takes precedence over a state law, which bars the long-distance companies from offering local service unless they build expensive networks.

If the Public Utility Commission

agrees with Morales, AT&T could offer local service as soon as this fall, said company spokesman Vaughn Aldredge.

John Loehman of local service provider Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. downplayed the legal brief's significance.

He said Morales was acting as a lawyer for two clients with a stake in the outcome — not as a detached observer, but "like another industrial customer."

The state agencies represented by Morales' office are the General Ser-

vices Commission, which provides telecommunications services for the state, and the Advisory Commission on State Emergency Communications.

Federal law says states can't erect barriers to competition. Loehman said Texas' law doesn't bar competition but tells companies how they can compete.

Morales also said when local telephone companies lease phone lines to businesses that plan to resell the service, they must provide discounts larger than the state law's 5 percent.

Wholesale prices slip after eight months

By John D. McClain
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Inflation at the wholesale level retreated in February for the first time in eight months as milder weather curbed heating costs. First-time claims for jobless benefits also fell, the latest suggestion of an improving economy.

The Producer Price Index for finished goods was down a seasonally adjusted 0.2 percent, the first decline since an identical drop last June, the Labor Department reported Thursday. The largest previous drop was 0.4 percent in October 1994.

Energy costs, which had shot up 6.4 percent during December and January because of the severe weather, tumbled 0.7 percent in February.

Food prices fell 0.3 percent, the second straight decline. And excluding the

volatile food and energy components, the core index crept up a barely perceptible 0.1 percent.

"It says there was no inflation," contended Robert Brusca, an economist with Nikko Securities Co. in New York.

Marilyn Schajda and John Bailey, economists with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. in New York, concurred. "Not only were finished goods prices reported to have declined in February, but intermediate goods prices and crude goods prices also fell," they noted.

An example of crude goods would be wheat; intermediate goods would be flour; and finished goods, bread.

The lack of any inflationary pressures buoyed Wall Street, where stock and bond prices both rose Thursday. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 17.34 at 5,586.06.

The PPI measures cost pressures before they reach the consumer. The gov-

ernment report on consumer inflation is due Friday, and many analysts expect a 0.2 percent increase at that level, half the January advance.

The Labor Department, which earlier reported creation of 705,000 new jobs in February, also said Thursday that new applications for unemployment insurance dropped by 10,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 353,000.

The total was the lowest since claims dipped to 316,000 during the week ended Jan. 13. Many analysts had expected a slight increase. Claims totaled more than 380,000 through much of January and the first half of February.

The widely watched four-week moving average of claims fell too, down 7,000 to 364,000, also the lowest level since Jan. 13. But while the claims report supported recent signs of economic growth, analysts said it did not suggest a boom.



INVESTOR'S GUIDE

'T-plus-3' does not apply to muni-bond trustees

By Bill Doyle

Q: When my municipal bond was called in for early redemption, I mailed the bond certificate to the appropriate bank shortly after the call date. Upon not receiving my check for more than a week, I phoned the bank and was told the "normal" length of time for this transaction is 10 to 14 days after receipt of the bond certificate.

I finally received my check — dated 12 days after the date the bank received my certificate. I received the check three days later.

When I purchase securities, I am required to pay my broker within three days. Are not banks which handle municipal bond transactions bound by the same rules?

A: Unfortunately, no. And that's a kick in the rump for investors in situations such as yours. The "T plus 3" rule adopted by the

Securities and Exchange Commission last June mandates that security transactions be settled within three business days — down from five previously. This means you have three business days to pay up when you buy or make "good delivery" when you sell.

But the SEC has no jurisdiction over banks that act as trustees for municipal bond issues. Neither does the Municipal Bond Rulemaking Board. That self-regulatory authority of the "muni" bond business holds sway only over bond dealers.

Every bond issue has a trustee — usually a bank. The trustee collects fees from the issuer, but is supposed to look out for the interests of investors who buy the bonds.

Because muni bonds are issued by states and their political subdivisions, such as counties, cities and school districts, the politicians involved often have cozy arrangements with bond trustees. As a result, bond owners sometimes get short shrift.

When a bond matures or is called for early redemption and you present the certificate to the trustee in person on the maturity or call date, you should be paid off right then and there.

Having sent your certificate by mail, a payment delay of a day or so is understandable. But the song and dance you got about a 10-to-14-day delay being "normal" and your actual 15-day wait are unconscionable.

Based on your letter, you have a legitimate gripe. Take it to banking regulatory authorities.

Q: Exactly where should one file a complaint against a bank?

A: That depends on the type of bank. If it's a nationally chartered bank, with the word "National" in its name or "N.A." after its name, contact the Office of Compliance Management, Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, DC 20219.

For state-chartered bank members of the Federal Reserve System, contact the Office of Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Board, Washington, DC 20551.

For state-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System, contact the Office of Consumer Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Washington, DC 20456.

Also, get in touch with state regulatory authorities in your state capital to complain about all state-chartered

banks. Q: My husband and I, senior citizens, insist on having certificates for securities we buy delivered to us. He calls it "buy and ship."

Now, most securities are "book-entry," recorded on computers with no certificates printed. If there any place a person can find a listing of municipal bonds which can be purchased in the old way?

A: There's no central listing I could locate. But any securities brokerage firm worth its salt should be able to come up with names of a representative number of muni bonds available in both book-entry and registered form.

Your dissatisfaction with book-entry munis is understandable. Unlike most other book-entry securities, munis must be held through a bank or brokerage firm, where costs can mount up.

Bill Doyle is a syndicated columnist for King Features. He welcomes written questions, but is able to provide answers only through the column.

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SHORT TAKES

Top weekend movies

Weekend of Mar. 9-10, 1996
All dollar figures in millions

Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
The Birdcage \$18.3, one week, 1,950 screens	\$18.3
Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco \$8.6, one week, 2,119 screens	\$8.6
Up Close and Personal \$22.2, two weeks, 1,628 screens	\$8
Down Periscope \$14.1, two weeks, 2,026 screens	\$5
Hellraiser: Bloodline \$4.5, one week, 1,465 screens	\$4.5
Broken Arrow \$58.8, five weeks, 1,929 screens	\$4.2
Rumble in the Bronx \$24.2, three weeks, 1,794 screens	\$3.5
Happy Gilmore \$28.9, four weeks, 1,945 screens	\$3.3
Mr. Holland's Opus \$96.6, eight weeks, 1,564 screens	\$3
Muppet Treasure Island \$28.5, four weeks, 1,629 screens	\$2.7

Top 10 lists

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. All lists c. 1993, Billboard Publications, Inc.

VIDEO RENTALS

1. "Under Siege 2: Dark Territory," (Warner)
2. "Dangerous Minds," (Hollywood)
3. "Waterworld," (MCA-Universal)
4. "The Usual Suspects," (PolyGram)
5. "Copycat," (Warner)
6. "The Net," (Columbia TriStar)
7. "Virtuosity," (Paramount)
8. "Desperado," (Columbia TriStar)
9. "To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything! Julie Newmar," (MCA-Universal)
10. "Nine Months," (Fox)

TOP SINGLES

1. "Because You Loved Me," Celine Dion (550 Music)
2. "Nobody Knows," The Tony Rich Project (Laface) (Gold)
3. "Sittin' Up In My Room," Brandy (Arista) (Gold)
4. "Not Gon' Cry," Mary J. Blige (Babyface)
5. "One Sweet Day," Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men (Columbia) (Platinum)
6. "Down Low (Nobody Has to Know)," R. Kelly featuring Ronald Isley (Jive)
7. "Ironic," Alanis Morissette (Maverick)
8. "Missing," Everything But the Girl (Atlantic) (Gold)
9. "Follow You Down — Til I Hear It From You," Gin Blossoms (A&M)
10. "One of Us," Joan Osborne (Blue Gorilla)

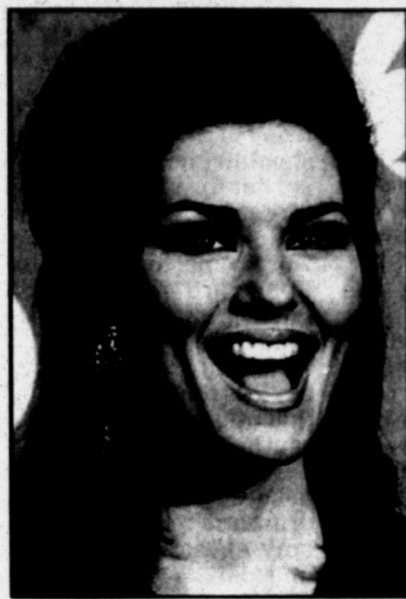
TOP ALBUMS

1. "Jagged Little Pill," Alanis Morissette (Maverick-Reprise) (Platinum)
2. "All Eyez On Me," 2Pac (Death Row-Interscope)
3. "The Score," Fugees (Ruffhouse)
4. "Daydream," Mariah Carey (Columbia) (Platinum)
5. "Waiting to Exhale" Soundtrack, (Arista) (Platinum)
6. "The Woman in Me," Shania Twain (Mercury Nashville) (Platinum)
7. "The Presidents of the United States of America," The Presidents of the United States of America (Columbia) (Platinum)
8. "(What's the Story) Morning Glory?," Oasis (Epic) (Platinum)
9. "Gangsta's Paradise," Coolio (Tommy Boy) (Platinum)
10. "Relish," Joan Osborne (Blue Gorilla) (Platinum)

COUNTRY SINGLES

1. "You Can Feel Bad," Patty Loveless (Epic)
2. "The Beaches of Cheyenne," Garth Brooks (Capitol)
3. "Walkin' Away," Diamond Rio (Arista)
4. "If You Loved Me," Tracy Lawrence (Atlantic)
5. "To Be Loved By You," Wynonna (Curb)
6. "Hypnotize the Moon," Clay Walker (Glenn)
7. "Too Much Fun," Daryle Singletary (Glenn)
8. "I Know She Still Loves Me," George Strait (MCA)
9. "I'll Try," Alan Jackson (Arista)
10. "No News," Lonestar (BNA)

REVIEWS AND PREVIEW EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON



Further evidence of the mainstreaming of country music is the gigantic crossover successes of such acts as Shania Twain and Garth Brooks.

Young, educated, married couples keep format on top

By Jim Patterson
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — They're a little bit country and a little bit rock 'n' roll. Country music fans are not the rural, truck-driving and beer-swilling folks suggested by stereotypes. They are young, educated, married couples who would rather vacation in Honolulu than Branson, Mo. And, when they listen to radio, they want to hear new acts like Shania Twain but also the eternal favorites like Patsy Cline. Sometimes, they just want a dose of rock 'n' roll.

"We now are the mass appeal, mainstream, contemporary format that we always wanted to be," radio programming consultant Rusty Walker said at a recent seminar on country radio at the

Opryland Hotel in Nashville. "And along with that goes the responsibility of maintaining that status quo."

Country music is the most popular radio format in the country, with 2,727 stations out of 11,214 nationwide, according to the Broadcasting & Cable Yearbook. Adult contemporary is next with 2,135, followed by religious, 1,178; oldies, 1,004; news-talk, 820; top 40, 657, and the remainder all other formats.

At the seminar, station managers tried to figure what they're doing right so they could keep their 2-to-1 lead over all other listening formats.

The Eagle Group of Denver helped them to understand. The research company conducted a random telephone survey of 502 adult country radio listeners between Jan. 4-31, 1996. Their findings provide a snapshot

of country radio, if not the country music industry itself.

First some background: Country music accounted for 16.7 percent of all CD and tape sales in 1995, according to The Recording Industry Association of America. That's a gain from 16.3 percent in 1994, but still down from the peak of 18.7 percent in 1993.

Country music acts dot Performance Magazine's list of top 50 grossing touring acts of 1995. Alan Jackson was the top country act, ranking 10th. Reba McEntire, George Strait, Vince Gill and Brooks & Dunn were in the top 24.

Further evidence of the mainstreaming of country music is the gigantic crossover successes of such acts as Garth Brooks and

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EXECUTIVE DECISION



Five miles above the Earth, an elite team of six men brave the ultimate danger to save 400 lives on board a 747, and 40 million more on the ground below in "Executive Decision." Kurt Russell, pictured at top and above, stars as an American intelligence analyst and expert in international terrorism; Steven Seagal, at right, plays the Special Forces leader of an elite anti-terrorist unit; and Halle Berry, above, stars as a flight attendant on board the plane.



Film puts Seagal on higher plane in supporting role

By Michael Price
N.Y. Times News Service

Weigh the safety of the populace of Washington, D.C., against a "mere" 400 lives aboard a doomed airliner, and you've got the elemental quandary that sets "Executive Decision" in motion.

This one feels considerably more real than all those other Steven Seagal movies — mainly because it's the first Steven Seagal movie to relegate the action star to a supporting role.

Kurt Russell, a talent of more serious dramatic credentials, actually has the top-lining honors here, and he's a generous enough player to let Seagal show off. Halle Berry, still a long way from her cherished plan to do a biopic about social activist Angela Davis, plays an in-flight attendant who helps Seagal and Russell take a stand against airborne terrorism.

Russell is an intelligence analyst who determines that a hijacked plane — originally offered in trade for an imprisoned terrorist leader — is actually loaded with a nerve toxin and set on a collision course with Washington.

Now, if that payload were a "nerd toxin," then Russell's egghead character would have something to worry about. But being a pretty nifty sort despite his introversion, Russell aligns himself with Special Forces tough guy Seagal in a scam to dock with the captive jet five miles over the Atlantic. Everything goes wrong that can.

Amid all the noise and explosive hoo-hah customary with this variety of picture, screenwriters Jim Thomas and John Thomas have gone to some character-development pains. The terrorists represent convenient stereotypes, but the rescuers are a varied and intriguing mix, including John Leguizamo, B.D. Wong and Whip Hubley. First-time director Stuart Baird puts to good use all the pacing experience that comes with his background as a veteran film editor.

Stunt actors risk life, limb, but are shunned by Oscar

By John Horn
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The studios roll the dice for millions every time the cameras roll. Actors gamble future paychecks whenever they take on a tough role. But stunt performers actually risk their lives — not simply livelihoods — in jaw-dropping action scenes.

The Oscar voters recognize — and reward — the accomplishments of the studios and actors. But the essential and more dangerous work of stunt players is shunned by the Academy Awards.

"There's no recognition. The industry doesn't know how to deal with us," says Mike Ryan, a 20-year stunt driver whose credits include "Terminator 2: Judgment Day."

Only in the last three years have stunt coordinators been invited to join the Oscar voting ranks. Some of the newcomer stunt members predict there will be a stunt

"They're afraid if they hang the brass ring up there, somebody will die jumping for it."

— Mike Ryan
stunt driver

sequence trophy presented by the decade's end. Others are skeptical, noting that stunt players only get attention when something goes wrong.

More important, perhaps, is that a stunt Oscar might even be dangerous: An Academy Award may encourage an unsafe can-you-top-this mindset. Says Ryan: "They're afraid if they hang the brass ring up there, somebody will die jumping for it."

As the action film has emerged as the world's most

popular genre, stunt performers and coordinators have become one of Hollywood's most sought-after (but unheralded) specialists. Good stunts — such as the 700-foot bungee jump off a dam in the 1995 James Bond movie "Goldeneye" — can distinguish a movie from its bombs-and-bullets brethren, creating powerful audience interest and huge ticket sales.

Stunts are a perfect distillation of the make-believe behind moviemaking. Special effects can put Tom Hanks in John Kennedy's White House, but only stunt players can make Sylvester Stallone look like a rock climber in "Cliffhanger" and Chris O'Donnell appear to be a gymnast in "Batman Forever."

The demand for stunts is not entirely good news. Veteran stunt coordinators say the thirst for more and more stunts comes just as the studios are trying to hold production budgets down. Consequently, stunts are going

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OSCAR: Stunt actors get shunned

(From 9C)

wrong and people are being hurt — or worse.
Stuntwoman Sonja Davis was killed in a stunt sequence in Eddie Murphy's 1995 movie "Vampire in Brooklyn" and Janet Wilder, a member of a respected Hollywood stunt family, was killed when a boat jump backfired in the upcoming "Gone Fishin'."

Accidents have marred the productions of several other upcoming films, several stunt performers say, but the studios have silenced publicity about those mishaps.

Stunt coordinators with spotty safety records, seasoned stunt coordinator Dennis Scott says, continue to get work. He notes that no criminal charges were filed in the "Gone Fishin'" accident, even though to his mind the stunt's planning was fatally flawed.

"There's no penalty for doing things wrong and there's no reward for doing things right," says Scott, whose stunt work appeared in "Free Willy" and "The Indian in the Cupboard."

Producers are so eager to film the unfilmable that when one stunt performer says a scene can't be done the producers will go out and hire somebody else who says it can. "I can go out there today and find somebody who will land on their head," Scott says. "No one will care — or stop you."

That largely unregulated system hints at the strange limbo in which stunt performers and coordinators find themselves. "The reputation is we're daredevils and idiots. You don't get any press for doing your job right," Scott says.

Thanks in part to a petition filed with the Academy by some of Hollywood's top filmmakers and stars (including Harrison Ford and Arnold Schwarzenegger), the Academy accepted two stunt coordinators for membership in 1993.

Twenty-five stunt experts have been added to the Academy's rosters since, but the membership is still disproportionately low considering some 2,500 members of the Screen Actors Guild claim to be stunt performers. Visual effects members have their own branch (as do actors, directors, and so on) within the Academy, but stunt performers have not

yet been granted branch status. "The long-range plan is to try to get some recognition," says David Ellis, one of the first Academy stunt members, whose work on 50 films includes "Waterworld" and "Clear and Present Danger." "But the best way to handle business is to tread lightly. We've been making some gains and I think (an Oscar) is going to happen. The Academy is open to change."

Besides recognition, stunt players also lack the profits actors pull in for a movie. Only a very few stunt performers and coordinators make a good living. Some can bring in as much as \$350,000, but, according to several stunt veterans, fewer than 50 stunt people make more than \$100,000 annually. And only about 200 earn \$25,000 or more a year.

Assuming stunts might eventually be recognized, who — or what — will be honored? The movie itself? The stunt coordinator? Ellis thinks the award should go to the year's best stunt sequence, but that narrow focus is usually reserved for offbeat awards programs like the MTV Movie Awards, not the staid Oscars.

A better idea might be an honorary award, recognizing a stunt veteran for a body of work.

Competing for awards, Ellis says, won't make stunts any more dangerous. "There's competition in all aspects of filmmaking," he says. "And visual effects have allowed us to do things more safely than ever before."

Furthermore, Ellis says, a stunt Oscar — and the attending film clips — could enliven the international Academy Awards broadcast. "For production value, it would be exciting for the viewer," he says. "You could have a stunt award instead of another dance number."

TRAILERS: Hopeful the execution is as good as the setup, Interscope Communications has paid a reported \$1 million or more for a 13-page book proposal called "Superstition." The planned novel, by David Ambrose, is described by Daily Variety as a ghost story. Interscope made the "Three Men and a Baby" film and its sequel.

Sometimes sentiment dominates Oscars

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — If the Motion Picture Academy selects Massimo Troisi of "The Postman" as the best actor of 1995, it will mark the second time an actor has received the Oscar posthumously. It could also confirm what many locals believe: Sentiment plays a role in the awards.

So far the only posthumous award for an actor went to Peter Finch for his mad TV anchorman Howard Beale in "Network" in 1976.

Would he have won anyway? Possibly so, but he faced strong competition from William Holden in the same film, as well as Robert De Niro in "Taxi Driver" and Sylvester Stallone in "Rocky."

Posthumous Academy Awards are not uncommon. Sidney Howard was voted one in the script of "Gone With the Wind" in 1939 (though several others con-

tributed to the writing). Douglas Fairbanks Sr. (1939) and Robert Benjamin (1979) were given honorary awards after their deaths. Audrey Hepburn was voted another in 1992; she died before it could be presented.

Several composers, art directors and technicians have been honored posthumously. Howard Ashman won for his lyrics of "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) after he had died of AIDS.

"The Oscars are often given a year late," William Holden once remarked.

That appears to have been true for Bette Davis when she won for a B picture, "Dangerous," in 1935. Critics thought she deserved it for "Of Human Bondage" the year before. But 1934 was the year of the "It Happened One Night" sweep.

Joan Fontaine took the prize for "Suspicion" in 1941, though her more impressive role came in "Rebecca," 1940.

James Stewart was unforget-

table as the crusading senator in "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" (1939). He won the following year for the comedy "The Philadelphia Story." Voters may also have been swayed by the fact that Stewart was one of the first stars to enlist in the armed services.

Marlon Brando delivered a classic performance in "On the Waterfront" (1954), his first Oscar. But shouldn't he have won three years earlier for his signature role in "A Streetcar Named Desire"?

Holden himself gave an Oscar-worthy performance in "Sunset Boulevard" in 1950. Three years later he got the big prize for "Stalag 17."

A study of Academy history reveals other examples of awards that might have been influenced by sentiment:

James Cagney could have been honored for one of his powerful dramatic roles. Instead, the Academy chose him for the wartime musical, "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (1942).

Overlooked for his most memorable role in "Casablanca" (1943), Humphrey Bogart finally was rewarded for "The African Queen" in 1951.

Some performers are honored

for their body of work, rather than a specific performance. John Wayne, for example, took home an Oscar in 1969 for playing a scratchy outlaw-turned-federal marshal in "True Grit." Don Ameche at the age of 77 received his first nomination and won for his role in Ron Howard's "Cocoon" in 1985.

Besides Wayne and Ameche, other performers appear to have been honored for their body of work rather than individual performances. Among them: Henry Fonda, "On Golden Pond" (1982); Paul Newman, "The Color of Money" (1986); Katharine Hepburn, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" (1968).

Handicaps may also play a role, as with the handless war veteran Harold Russell ("The Best Years of Our Lives," 1946) and the hearing-impaired Marlee Matlin ("Children of a Lesser God," 1986), though both performances were impressive.

And did Elizabeth Taylor really deserve the Oscar for "Butterfield 8" (1960) which she herself denounced? Or did she win because of the headlined illness that reportedly threatened her life?

Braveheart: Altered rental less sweeping

N.Y. Times News Service

The Academy Awards are crazy for "Braveheart" ... maybe not fond enough to pitch any acting nominations at Mel Gibson's epic Highland fling, but certainly enamored of his directing and the technical credits.

Starting with nominations for Best Picture and Best Director and sweeping on down into the production categories for a total of 10 nominations, "Braveheart" is rough-and-ready Oscar bait ... and rental bait, since its arrival on videotape this week.

But the "Braveheart" most people will see on video is radically altered from the "Braveheart" that began playing in movie theaters last spring.

The two-cassette packaging means an intermission that was not part of the original pacing. The film has received the pan-and-scan treatment, which means its

wide-screen cinematography (an Oscar nomination for camera chief John Toll) has been cropped, or "formatted," to fit a TV's boxy dimensions: This process has been likened to watching a baseball game through a hole in the fence.

But many big-screen customers watched "Braveheart" through clenched fingers, anyway; so relentless and grisly is the film's portrayal of a conflict between an evil king (Patrick McGoohan) and a rebellious Scot (Gibson) in the British Isles of the 13th century.

First, Gibson treats the audience to a display of the devil-may-care physical comedy and swashbuckling roguishness that filmgoers have come to expect from his "Lethal Weapon" character. Enjoy it while it lasts, for "Braveheart" ultimately winds up with a higher body count than all four "Texas Chain Saw Massacres" put together.

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Book of obituaries: Author looks into wry side of death

By Robert Barr
Associated Press

LONDON — In life, Maj. Donald Neville-Willing found his dentures a liability in romance: "I'm unlikely to be successful if the moon is bright."

In death, The Daily Telegraph's obituary remembered Neville-Willing's dental anxieties, his colorful but entirely unreliable stories, and his belief that World War II was "the best thing that ever happened to English homosexuals."

During his time as editor of the Daily Telegraph's obituary page, Hugh Massingberd played up the odd and the entertaining, and created one of the most consistently readable pages in the paper.

"Foes and friends of the subject should be able to derive pleasure from it," said Massingberd, whose favorites recently were collected in a book, "The Daily Telegraph Book of Obituaries."

"Reading over them again, I don't think there is any malice there. There was mischief in some cases, but not malice," Massingberd said in an interview.

"I think you want more people to say, 'Gosh, what a remarkable life,' and give them a laugh along the way."

Subtitled "A Celebration of Eccentric Lives," the book blends the worthy, the shameful and the sublimely ridiculous, sometimes in a single obituary.

John Allegro, "the Liberator of biblical scholarship," whose promising career as a scholar of the Dead Sea Scrolls degenerated into a series of books claiming that Christianity was a hallucinogenic mushroom cult; indeed, that Moses, David and Jesus were fungi. The obituary recalled a reviewer's opinion that Allegro's books "gave mushrooms a bad name."

Nerea de Clifford, author of "What British Cats Think About Television," who had concluded: "Most cats show an interest of some kind, though it is often of hostility."

Lawrence Isherwood, who painted celebrities as he imagined them in the nude. The obit recorded Lt. Col. A.D. Wintle's opinion — "What I like about Isherwood's paintings is that there is no doubt about which way they hang" — and reminded readers that Wintle was "celebrated for debagging his solicitor" (removing his lawyer's pants).

Felix Hope-Nicholson, whose household once included "a certain Miss Huntley, a former governess to the Spanish royal family, who had a mania for mending household linen."

Peter Langan, the erratic restaurateur: "Often he would pass out amid the cutlery before doing any damage, but occasionally he would cruise menacingly beneath the tables, biting unwary customers' ankles." Admittedly, most of the obituaries in the Daily Telegraph record the passing of

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— Hugh Massingberd author

military heroes, aristocrats and other worthies.

But it also made for Len Chadwick, outdoor columnist for the Oldham Evening Chronicle, with an obituary which might leave readers regretful, or relieved, that they never met him:

"A classic autodidact, as he strode along Chadwick would regale the young boys who were his most frequent companions (he was homosexually inclined) with interminable but inspired monologues — often in Esperanto — on subjects ranging from the history of socialism or his prisoner-of-war experiences to the poetry of Ebenezer Elliott."

Massingberd said his term as editor, from 1986 to 1994, was "just a lucky time... a time when so many legends of the century were dying."

That applies especially, he said, to the old warriors of World War II. "They are marvelous stories. We're not going to see their like again."

The entertaining warts-and-all obituary can be as misleading in its way as more conventional tributes.

"I particularly enjoyed doing the obit of Sir Hugh Rankin. But only the other day I spoke to an aunt of mine who said he was absolutely impossible in real life," Massingberd said.

Sir Hugh was variously runner-up in the All-Britain Sheep Judging Competition, president of the British Muslim Society, vice president of the World's Buddhist Association, and an avowed "blood-red militant communist" as a member of the Perth County Council.

In celebrating life, the Daily Telegraph ignores funeral plans, rarely dwells on the cause of death and never reports the date.

Massingberd recalled arguing with the Daily Telegraph's former editor, Max Hastings, about whether the cause of death should be included.

"The very day after he had more or less ordered me to do so, someone had died of a penile implant which had imploded," Massingberd said. The subject was dropped.

Massingberd is mining the archives for a second collection of obituaries, this one devoted to military men. And there may be another volume about adventurers, he said.

"What interests me is how many eccentrics there will be in the future," said Massingberd, who thinks the breed has been decimated by modern life. "There are plenty of people posing as eccentrics, but the true eccentric is unaware."

FORMAT: Young, educated fans keep country on top

(From 9C)

Shania Twain.

Matt Hudson of the Eagle Group saw opportunity when radio programmers had trouble explaining their success. So the company decided on its own to find out what was going on. Highlights of Eagle's survey was provided free to the country seminar. The full report sells for \$100. The error rate was plus or minus 3.5 percent.

Some of the findings:
—85 percent of country radio listeners are white, 5 percent are black, 4 percent are Latino or Spanish and 1 percent are Asian. Men and women evenly like country music, and it has support from ages ranging from 18-54.
—32 percent call themselves

Republican or conservatives, 27 percent say they're Democrats or liberals, and 19 percent are independents.

—Country music listeners are educated: 32 percent completed high school, 30 percent had some college experience with 23 percent graduating. Three percent had done graduate work.

—62 percent were married, 30 percent single and 8 percent divorced.

—Asked to name a dream vacation spot, 23 percent said Hawaii; 17 percent said the Caribbean; and 13 percent said Europe.

In short, country music is a very inclusive commercial music form. That accounts for the success, but being all things to all peo-

ple can be difficult to sustain, said radio consultant Jaye Albright.

"We have to look for common threads in content," she said. "The challenge is finding the things that unite Generation X, the thirtysomethings, and the boomers."

"Some of those things are family, patriotism, nature, outdoors, exercise, relationships. Obviously, lyrics deal with all these things."

Some results that didn't surprise conventioners but may surprise fans were that 80 percent of fans primarily get their fix off the radio.

Radio industry insiders said they were surprised that country music fans would most likely lis-

ten to a station that mixed hot new records with oldies, as long as they weren't too twangy. That debunks the current trend of sticking with the newest, hottest singles.

Thirty-one percent of country music fans also said they listened to rock music and rock 'n' roll stations.

But just like all trends, there is an ebb and flow.

Twenty percent of those surveyed, and 26 percent in the 18-24 age bracket, said they were buying less country music products than a year ago mainly because their taste in music had shifted.

"It's not surprising, but alarming," Albright said. "Here comes alternative."

Film uses stunt actors, electronics to monkey with baseball

By Michael Price

N.Y. Times New Service

Ask anybody who has worked with apes on a movie set. The creatures may seem endearing on the screen, but they can be a pain in the neck — if not downright scary — in person.

So why not take the safe and intelligent route and get an animated primate? If it worked for "Mighty Joe Young" — whose title gorilla was supposed to be 10 feet tall — then it'll work for a normal-size chimp.

That's the masterstroke behind "Ed," an ape comedy whose title character is actually an elaborate motor-driven chimp outfit, occupied by stunt actors and controlled by electronic devices. The robotics are there if you know what

to look for, but most viewers will be content to let the fantasy transport them.

The human quotient is accounted for by Matt LeBlanc, of network TV's "Friends." LeBlanc plays a careworn minor-league ballplayer who learns how to loosen up and enjoy life by becoming the best of friends with this team-mascot chimp named Ed (as in Sullivan). LeBlanc is quite effective as the uptight soul, and his impersonation of a working ballplayer includes quite a bit of convincing game play.

Of course, the real champ is the chimp, who, when sent into play as a prank, proves to have a lightning arm and an impossibly narrow strike zone. That's the gimmick, and it's a crowd-pleaser.

David Mickey Evans' screen-

play is as pleasantly predictable as any of those "Francis the Talking Mule" pictures that were all the rage during the 1950s and that, by no coincidence, have gained a new relevance via video with the very kid audience that will make or break "Ed" at the box office.

Director Bill Couturie uses Evans' refreshing avoidance of one-liner gags to concentrate on visual humor, and the operators of the chimp-a-tronic mechanisms reward this opportunity with a rambunctious, fluid performance.

Couturie first registered with a general audience as a cartoon animator for "Sesame Street" on television. But he also owns a Best Documentary Oscar as producer of "Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt," the 1989 collection of human dramas behind the AIDS

statistics, and with "Ed" he merges an antic sense of comedy with a profound compassion.

For in the final resolve, "Ed" is a tale of beings — human or not — from vastly different backgrounds, who develop a lifesaving friendship. It's good-humored and good-hearted in about equal measure, and this quality will stay with the viewer long after the film's easier laughs have been forgotten.

"Ed"
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Forbes would have to be president for Carvey's new show to be success

By Caryn James

N.Y. Times News Service

Dana Carvey did one hilarious new impression in his sketch comedy show Tuesday night, but here's what it would take for that character to become a breakout hit: Steve Forbes would have to become president.

Carvey's Forbes had a glassy, wide-eyed gaze, a plastered-on thin-lipped smile, and a naive that made him fondle a sack of money and call for a comforting cup of cocoa. That kind of dead-on impression once made Carvey seem like George Bush's evil twin.

But on the evidence of the first show, the Carvey series on ABC looks almost as lifeless as the Forbes campaign. The debut already looked tired and old.

The first sketch set the tone, veering between the stale and the strained. Carvey did a passable Clinton impression that went foul when he tore off his shirt to show several surgically implanted breasts, and then suckled a baby, two puppies and a cat.

The show, officially called "The Taco Bell Dana Carvey Show" in goody honor of its sponsor, never got much better. Pepsico has optimistically agreed to back the first nine episodes, and next week's title will plug another of the company's products, as "The Mug Root Beer Foam-Filled Dana Carvey Show." (The show is taped Sundays to be shown Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m., so it is not available for preview.)

Both the title's mockery and the effort to be topical were wasted. There was a dancing taco and a dancing bell. In a flat "Nightline" parody, Bob Dole (played by

Robert Smigel) said it looked as if he was winning the Super Tuesday primaries, though in reality his sweep had been declared by then.

Carvey did his very funny but familiar Paul McCartney impression, boyishly gushing about finding peanuts in a candy bar. But his Ted Koppel seemed amateurish, and he has surrounded himself with some stiff cohorts. Steve Carell's Pat Buchanan (munching on the heart of an illegal alien) and Smigel's Dole were buried in makeup, and offered no sense of each man's style.

The best jokes tackled the issue of whether Carvey could play characters he made famous on NBC's "Saturday Night Live." When David Letterman left NBC, of course, the network claimed the Top 10 List and the character of Larry (Bud) Melman as its "intellectual property." Carvey has now claimed the rights not only to his Church Lady but to the Top 10 and Larry (Bud), too. It was a funny idea; too bad he had already used it on the Letterman show last Friday.

On the new show he even recycled the Top 10 he did on Letterman, with the Church Lady reading "New Titles for Princess Diana." No. 3 was "Slut." No. 2 was "Slut," and the only clever one was, "The slut formerly known as princess."

Maybe Carvey thought he was offering a juicy preview on Letterman, but if he's that hard up for material already, the show is in deep trouble. Right now, the Carvey writers had better be thinking up something edgier than a dancing mug of root beer.

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UMass, Arkansas march into second round

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Central Florida managed to hang around for a half, then top-ranked Massachusetts took over.

The Minutemen (32-1) led by just four points at halftime, then forced turnovers on Central Florida's first six possessions of the second half on the way to a 92-70 victory Thursday in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

Massachusetts will meet ninth-seeded Stanford (20-8), a 66-58 winner over Bradley, in the second round of the East Regional on Saturday. The same teams met in the second round last year with the Minutemen prevailing 75-53.

Marcus Camby, the All-American center for the Minutemen,

missed seven minutes of the second half when he was cut on the forehead. He returned with a band-aid at his scalp but was never missed as his teammates pulled away.

In 1989, the Providence Civic Center was the site of the closest a No. 16 seed has ever come to beating a top-seeded team. Princeton scared the daylight out of Georgetown, but lost 50-49. The drama was nowhere near the same Thursday, but it had to be the highlight of the season for the Golden Knights (11-19), one of two teams in the field of 64 with a losing record.

Arkansas 86, No. 18 Penn St. 80
PROVIDENCE, R.I. — It's tournament time again and Arkansas, as usual, is ready.

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The Razorbacks, NCAA champions in 1994 and second to UCLA in 1995, have their worst record in nine seasons but still had plenty to upset 18th-ranked Penn State 86-80 Thursday night.

Arkansas, 19-12 and seeded 12th in the East Regional, plays in Saturday's second round against Marquette.

Trailing 74-58, Penn State made one last charge. Matt Gaudio's basket with 3:55 to go started a nine-point surge that ended with Pete Lisicky's 3-pointer with 3:17 remaining that cut the lead to 74-67.

But Arkansas called timeout to regroup and led by at least six

points the rest of the way.

The Razorbacks were led by Kareem Reid with 21 points and Darnell Robinson with 15.

Penn State, seeded fifth, fell to 21-7 with its fifth loss in eight games. It was led by Calvin Booth with 20 points, Gaudio with 19 and Lisicky with 17.

No. 20 Marquette 68,

Monmouth 44

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Marquette finally established its inside presence and the fourth-seeded Golden Eagles were able to pull away to a 68-44 victory over Monmouth on Thursday night in the opening round of the NCAA East Regional.

Marquette (23-7) advanced to Saturday's second round against 12th-seeded Arkansas (19-12), which beat fifth-seeded Penn State 86-80.

Monmouth (20-10), making its first NCAA tournament appearance, was able to stay close for awhile, trailing 22-21 with 2:43 left in the first half. But the Golden Eagles closed the half with a 9-0 run for a 10-point halftime lead and the Hawks were never closer than seven points the rest of the way.

Aaron Hutchins led Marquette, which was ranked 20th in the final poll of the season, with 17 points, while Chris Crawford added 13.

Corey Albano had 14 points for 13th-seeded Monmouth, while John Giraldo added 13.

Stanford 66, Bradley 58

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Brevin Knight scored 26 points and Stanford overcame Anthony Parker's one-man show for a 66-58 win over Bradley in the first round of the NCAA East Regional today.

Parker scored 29 of Bradley's first 45 points and finished with a career-high 34. He also tied a school record by making eight 3-pointers.

Stanford (20-8) advanced to a probable second-round matchup Saturday with top-ranked Massachusetts for the second straight year. UMass, which faced Central Florida in today's second game, dominated Stanford in last year's tournament 75-53.

Bradley, seeded eighth in its first NCAA tournament since 1988, finished the season 22-8.

Tech's Battie growing into dominant center

By Mike Jones

Fort Worth Star-Telegram



RICHMOND, Va. — Texas Tech coach James Dickey recalls the day that Tony Battie showed up in the doorway of his office the August before his freshman year.

"I'll never forget him walking through that door," Dickey said. "I couldn't believe it was the same player we had recruited. He was 6-7 when we signed him, and when he showed up that day his head almost hit the top of the door frame."

Battie, now 6-foot-11, continues to reach new heights.

"Tony has turned into one of the best centers in college basketball," Red Raiders point guard Jason Martin said. "He's grown leaps and bounds since we started the year off and a millennium from where he was last year."

Battie's presence in the middle will be crucial as Tech attempts to advance in the NCAA Tournament, beginning at 6:40 tonight when the Red Raiders face Northern Illinois. The Huskies' 6-8 freshman center, T.J. Lux, the Midwestern Collegiate Conference newcomer of the year, is Northern Illinois' leading scorer (15.4 points per game) and shot blocker (36).

"He's a nice player around the basket," Battie said, drawing on film knowledge. "He has a nice drop-step move, and he can move

out and shoot, too."

Kind of like Tech's center?

"Maybe," Battie said. "But he's not as tall."

Lux, however, might be as much of a surprise force as a freshman as Battie has been in his sophomore season.

"We knew that T.J. was going to be a good player," the Huskies' Chris Coleman said. "But we couldn't have predicted he would be as good as he is now."

Huskies coach Brian Hammel said Lux plays with unusual poise for a freshman.

"He plays within himself," Hammel said. "He gives me an easy stomach. No coach likes surprises, and T.J. is a very consistent player. He's not quite the same kind of player as Battie, but he's a good scorer and rebounder."

In the seven games since missing two games in February because of injury, Battie has scored 78 points, pulled down 64 rebounds and blocked 25 shots. That kind of force in the middle is another weapon in Tech's considerable arsenal.

"Battie is an anchor for their defense," Hammel said. "Defensively, they get up and after you. And when you have a shot-blocker like Battie back there, you can be more risk-oriented on the perimeter."

Dickey said he hopes the tapes opposing coaches watch on Tech include some of Battie's acrobatic shot swats.

"Tony has such long arms," Dickey said. "And something people don't talk about much is his



Texas Tech coach James Dickey has led the Red Raiders to their best season ever with a 28-1 mark and a No. 3 seed in the NCAA East Regional. Tech's first-round game is tonight against Northern Illinois.

tremendous timing. He also has excellent defensive awareness. He's constantly directing traffic back there.

"Most of his shot blocks don't come on his man. They come on weakside help, which means that he's got to have awareness that somebody's broken open, that something has broken down somewhere else. That presence he puts in the back of people's minds —

that he's going to be there — that means a lot."

Battie already had his game face on yesterday, sitting solemnly in Tech's dressing room after an intense hourlong workout at Richmond Coliseum.

"There are a lot of things going on around us that I've tried to push out of my head and just stay positive," Battie said. "Right now, I'm in a serious state of mind."

Purdue survives Western Carolina

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Survival once again turned out to be Purdue's most pressing mission.

The three-time Big Ten champions escaped with a 73-71 win Thursday night over little Western Carolina, thus avoiding the infamy of becoming the first top-seeded team in NCAA tournament history to lose to a No. 16 seed.

Purdue (26-5), which had to overcome adversity away from the court this season en route to a No.

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4 national ranking and another Big Ten title, got an offensive rebound layup from Brandon Brantley with 1:29 left for the game-winning basket.

Georgia 81, Clemson 74

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The oldest starting lineup in college basketball this season taught a lesson to the youngest.

Georgia, the eighth seed, won its first NCAA tournament game in 11

years Thursday night, 81-74 over ninth-seeded Clemson.

Drexel 75, Memphis 63

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Bill Herrion doesn't take offense when people with puzzled looks on their faces ask, "Drexel who?"

"Heck, I didn't know who Drexel was until I took the job," said the fifth-year coach who guided the small Philadelphia school to the first major upset of the tournament.

Malik Rose had 21 points and 15 rebounds as the 12th-seeded Dragons stunned fifth-seeded Memphis 75-63 in the first round of the West Regional.

Syracuse 88, Montana St. 55

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Syracuse couldn't stop Quadre Lollis, but Montana State couldn't come close to stopping the Orange-men.

John Wallace scored 18 points and Todd Burgan had 17 as fourth-seeded Syracuse routed Montana.

NCAA: High seeds tumble in first round

(From 1C)

scored 12 of his 24 points during a 15-0 first-half run that led UConn over Colgate.

The Huskies (31-2) led by 17 at halftime and increased the margin to 22 before a late surge by Colgate (15-15) made the final score

respectable. Adonal Foyle led the Red Raiders with 21 points, 14 rebounds and six blocks.

The victory could prove costly. UConn lost key reserve Ricky Moore with a separated shoulder late in the first half, and he probably will miss the rest of the tournament.

Kentucky (29-2) led by only six points at halftime, but wore down San Jose State (13-17) with depth and pressure defense.

"We absolutely hit the wall," San Jose coach Stan Morrison said.

San Jose trailed by only 12 points with 12 minutes left before Kentucky broke it open by scoring on

seven straight possessions. Walter McCarty led the Wildcats with 24 points, matching his career high.

"I think the thing I'm most proud of is we never panicked," Wildcats coach Rick Pitino said.

In other early games, Stanford beat Bradley 66-58 in the East, Eastern Michigan defeated Duke

Kentucky thrashes San Jose State

Associated Press

DALLAS — If losing last weekend wasn't enough of a jolt to Kentucky, then perhaps the first half against San Jose State will be.

The top-seeded Wildcats led by only six points at halftime Thursday, then wore out the Spartans in the second half for a 110-72 victory in the first round of the NCAA Midwest Regional.

Walter McCarty scored 24 points, Tony Delk had 22 and the Wildcats (29-2) forced 26 turnovers. San Jose State, one of only two teams in the tournament with a losing record, finished 13-17.

After Kentucky lost to Mississippi State in the final of the Southeastern Conference tournament, Wildcats coach Rick Pitino said the loss would help his team realize it wasn't invincible.

San Jose State may have reinforced the point. The Spartans spent most of the first half trading leads with Kentucky, and led by four on two occasions. They shot 61 percent in the half and outrebounded the Wildcats, and only trailed 47-41 at the break.

The second half was a different story. San Jose State was just 3-of-

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15 with eight turnovers in the opening eight minutes, and Kentucky took advantage and widened its lead to 66-52.

Jahi Bacon made a shot with 11:46 remaining to get the Spartans within 66-54, then Kentucky buried them by scoring on seven straight possessions. Delk finished the run with a 3-pointer that made the score 81-59 and the Wildcats continued to widen the lead after that.

Olivier Saint-Jean scored 18 for San Jose State. Tito Addison added 16 and Sam Allen had 15.

The Spartans' last lead was 37-35 on a layup by Addison with 4:38 left before halftime. They made just two field goals the rest of the half, missed three free throws and committed three turnovers as Kentucky took the six-point halftime lead.

Saint-Jean looked like the best player on the floor at times in the first half, but he wasn't on the floor long enough. Three fouls limited him to just eight minutes.

Va. Tech 61, Wisc-GB 48

DALLAS — Shawn Good made

five 3-pointers and scored a career-high 25 points Thursday as Virginia Tech defeated Wisconsin-Green Bay 61-48 in the first round of the NCAA Midwest regional.

Good, a senior, hit 5-of-7 3-pointers and Ace Custis added 15 points for the Hokies. Virginia Tech (23-5) will play top-seeded Kentucky on Saturday in the second round. The Wildcats (29-2) routed San Jose State 110-72 earlier Thursday.

Jeff Nordgaard scored 22 points to lead Wisconsin-Green Bay (25-4) and Ben Berlowski added 13.

Virginia Tech enjoyed a huge advantage at the free-throw line, making 19-of-28 attempts. The Phoenix only got to the line four times.

Utah 72, Canisius 43

DALLAS — Brandon Jessie, taking over the scoring load for flu-stricken Keith Van Horn, scored 23 points Thursday night and Utah rolled into the second round of the NCAA Midwest Regional with a 72-43 victory over Canisius.

In making a short stay of Canisius' first visit to the NCAA tour-

namment in 39 years, Utah (26-6) advanced to meet Iowa State on Saturday in the second round of the NCAA Midwest Regional at Reunion Arena. The Cyclones beat California 74-64 on Thursday.

Mickey Frazier was high for the Golden Griffins (19-11) with 10 points.

Iowa St. 74, California 64

DALLAS — Dedric Willoughby scored 23 points Thursday night and Iowa State withstood foul trouble and a second-half rally by California to beat the Golden Bears 74-64 in the first round of the NCAA Midwest Regional.

The fifth-seeded Cyclones (24-8) held Cal's sensational freshman, Shareef Abdur-Rahim, to just seven points. The Pac-10's player of the year came in averaging nearly 22 points per game for Cal (17-11), which never led.

Tremaine Fowlkes scored a career-high 26 points for Cal before fouling out with 3:08 remaining and the Bears trailing by eight.

Kenny Pratt had 18 points and 10 rebounds for Iowa State. The Cyclones only outrebounded four opponents all year.

Princeton shocks champion UCLA

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — This time, Princeton and Pete Carril did it. And they did it against the most storied team in college basketball.

In one of the greatest upsets in NCAA tournament history, the Tigers rocked defending national champion UCLA 43-41 Thursday night with classic Princeton basketball.

"We just knocked off a giant," Carril said.

With the score 41-41 Gabe Lewulis scored with 3.9 seconds left on a backdoor layup, a Princeton trademark.

UCLA, 11-time national champion, called a timeout but Toby Bailey's jumper from the corner was an airball at the buzzer, giving Carril the most dramatic victory in his 29 years at Princeton.

The Tigers scored the game's final nine points and avoided making Thursday night's game Carril's finale. After winning the Ivy League title last Saturday, he announced this would be his last NCAA tournament.

The ruffled coach embraced UCLA coach Jim Harrick after the buzzer while Princeton fans rejoiced. UCLA's Kris Johnson left the court with his jersey over his head.

"We played with heart," Princeton's Sidney Johnson said. "We tried to downplay the retirement."

The Tigers, who have not won an NCAA game since 1965, will play Eastern Michigan on Saturday in the second round of the Southeast Regional at the RCA Dome.

Connecticut 68, Colgate 59

INDIANAPOLIS — Ray Allen scored 24 points, including 12 during a 15-0 first-half run, as top-seeded Connecticut opened the NCAA Southeast Regional today with a 68-59 victory over Colgate.

The Huskies (31-2), who lost to eventual champion UCLA in the West Regional final last year, dominated the Red Raiders from the opening minutes of the game. They built a 22-point lead in the second half and held off a flurry late in the final period.

The Red Raiders (15-15), who gained their second NCAA berth by winning the Patriot League tournament, managed only one tie at 8-8 after a layup by Mike Roberts four minutes into the game. But their only baskets over the next eight minutes were on two 3-pointers by Seth Schaeffer.

Leading 16-14, UConn scored 15 straight points to take a 31-14 lead. Allen, a first-team All-American, had two 3-pointers and three 2-point baskets during the spurt, while Rashamel Jones had a steal, layup and free throw.

Colgate, which lost to top-seeded Kansas in last year's tournament, shot only 27 percent in the

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first half and fell behind by as many as 19 points after another steal and layup by Jones.

E. Michigan 75, Duke 60

INDIANAPOLIS — Earl Boykins and Eastern Michigan managed to do what no other team has since 1955 — beat Duke in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Boykings scored 23 points and Brian Tolbert added 20 as the Eagles upset the Blue Devils 75-60 Thursday in the Southeast Regional.

Eastern Michigan, the ninth seed, will play first-seeded Connecticut in the second round on Saturday.

Tolbert was fouled by Taymon Domzalski on his first shot in the second half and converted the free throw to break the 26-26 halftime tie. Duke was called for goaltending 15 seconds later, and Eastern Michigan took the lead for good at 31-26 with 18:39 left.

The Eagles extended their lead to 39-39 with 14:19 remaining as Derrick Dial rolled off six quick points during an 8-2 run. Greg Newton answered with two dunks and had cut the Eagles' lead to 5 with 12:17 left, but the Blue Devils got no closer.

Jeff Capel and Greg Newton led Duke with 15 each, and Ricky Price added 14. But they were no match for Boykins, who thrilled the crowd with his quick feet and superb ball-handling skills. The 5-foot-7 guard dished out a game-high five assists, including one to Theron Wilson that gave Eastern Michigan its final basket with 15.8 seconds to go.

Mississippi St. 58,

Va. Commonwealth 51

INDIANAPOLIS — Mississippi State's shooting was bound to get better, but not by much.

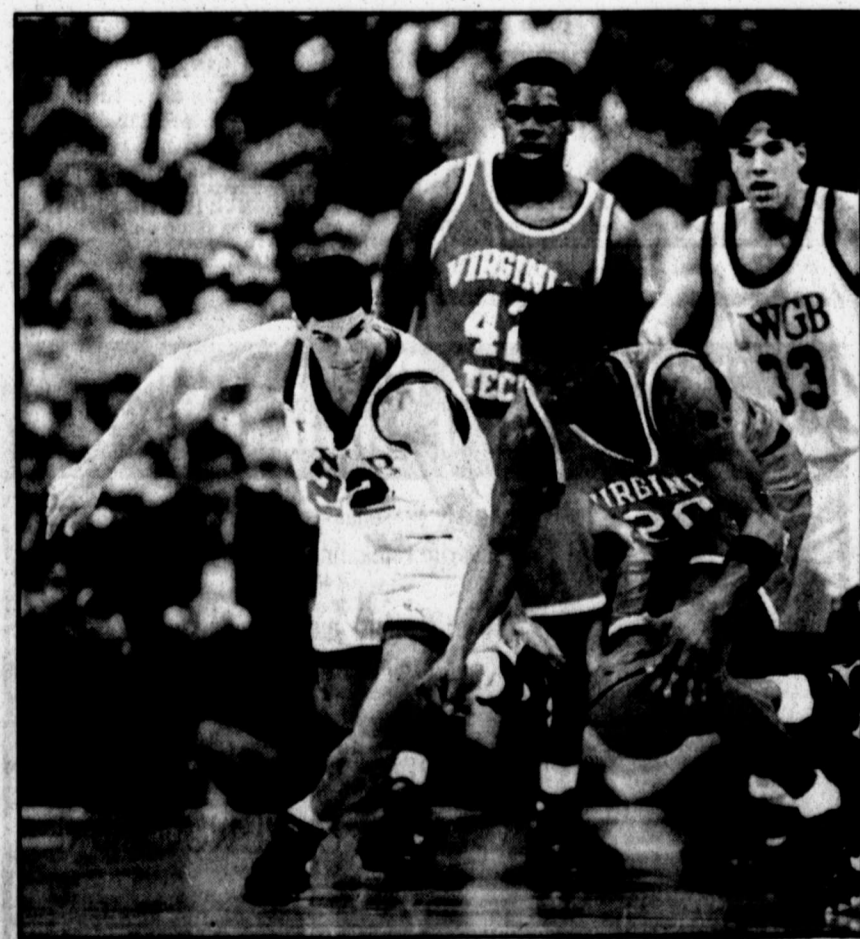
Darryl Wilson scored 15 points Thursday night as the Bulldogs survived a miserable shooting slump and beat Virginia Commonwealth 58-51 in the first round of the NCAA Southeast Regional.

The only thing that saved Mississippi State (23-7) was its defense, which forced the Rams (24-9) to shoot even worse, limiting them to 31 percent for the game.

The victory sent the fifth-seeded Bulldogs into Saturday's second round against either UCLA or Princeton.

Mississippi State, which lost to UCLA in the regional semifinals last year, began to pull out of its slump early in the second half.

Dampier and Dontae Jones added 13 points apiece for Mississippi State.



Wisconsin-Green Bay's Gary Grezsek (22) tries to steal the ball from Ace Custis of Virginia Tech in the first half of their NCAA Midwest Regional game at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Virginia Tech won, 61-48.

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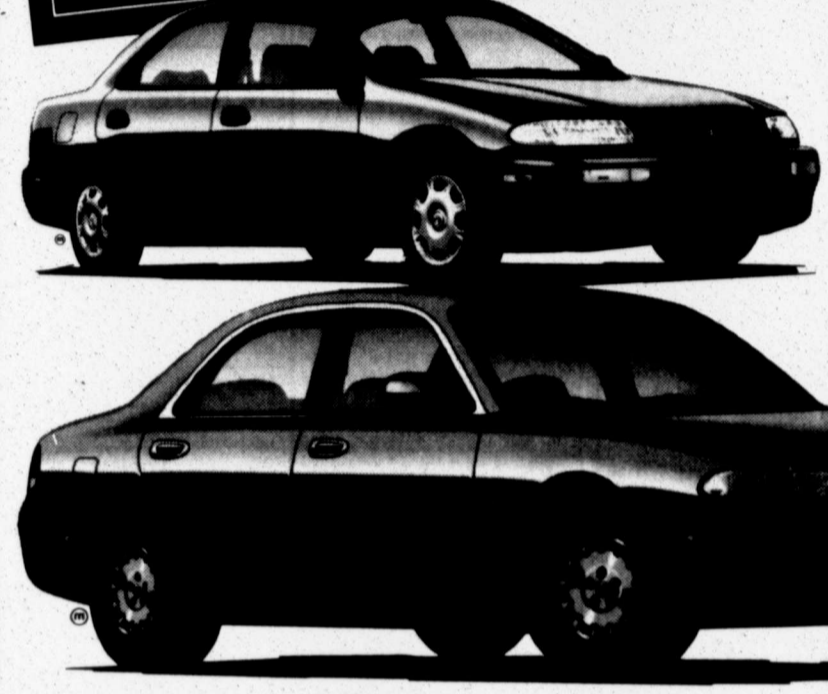
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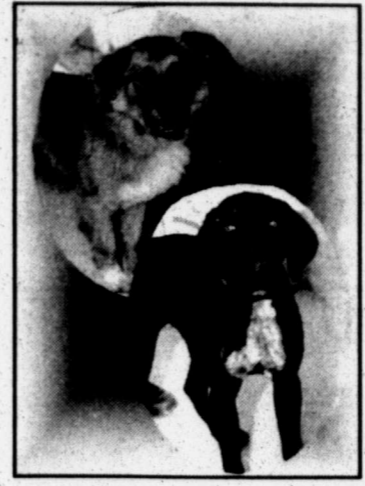
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318 Management Help Wanted

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REPORTER - The KOSA-TV News Department is looking for an enthusiastic, energetic reporter to join our award winning staff. A college degree in broadcasting is a must, as is working news room experience. Qualified candidates must also be total team players, able to write clear, concise news copy, shoot and edit videotape, and deliver compelling stories. Top-notch entry level candidates will be considered. Rush resumes and non-returnable BETA 3/4 or VHS tapes to: Pat Monacelli, News Director, KOSA-TV, 1211 N. Whittaker, Odessa, TX 79763. Absolutely no phone calls. Briefcase Broadcasting of Odessa is an equal opportunity employer.

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PART-TIME position available, weekends, 3 pm to 11 pm (Friday, Saturday). Must be quick learner. Must have an outgoing and friendly personality. Apply in person only. 1003 S. Midkiff, Lexington Hotel Suites.

SECRETARY. First Presbyterian Child Development Center seeks part time secretary. Computer skills required. A unique position for a unique individual. Please call 683-0851, 689-7533, 694-1837.

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UPSTAIRS/ DOWNSTAIRS - The leading childrens clothing retail store is for sale. Serious inquiries only. 682-4000 days. 682-2028 evenings.

430 Household Goods

GLASS TABLE 4 high back chairs, Papasan chair, Baby bed, changing table, car seat. 520-6259.

WOOL BERBER carpet, year old. Hendredon down couch. Microwave, like new. Bar. Oriental painting. 694-0273.

TWO STUDENT Desks with chairs, wooden. \$75 each. 684-7686.

NAVY VELVET Sofa in good condition, \$175. 2-30 inch high bar stools, \$50. 689-2012.

DINING ROOM Suite, China Cabinet, Table with 6 chairs. \$950. 689-6932.

LEATHER Off-white couch with queen sleeper, only 9 month old. \$500 obo. Bleached coffee table and 2 lamp tables. \$50 obo. 570-9898.

COLOR TV, 19" portable, remote control, cable ready. \$90. 19" portable color TV. \$50. 697-1558 or 699-1454.

REPO! 24 Above Ground Pool-500 gallon. 563-1807.

KING SIZE Waterbed, includes head mirror, dark wood, 12 drawer pedestal. Make offer. 689-4037.

QUEEN SIZE bed with headboard \$200. 3 sets of queen sheets, \$30. 684-2415.

ANTIQUE Duncan Phiffe Dining Table, 4 chairs, \$850. Excellent condition. 570-9072.

FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. Fast pickup. 567-5221.

QUEENIZE bedding. Good condition \$60. 689-8901.

MOVING! Dining room table \$50. 682-7936.

GLASS DINING TABLE, \$125. Queen sleeper couch, \$150. Mint condition. 699-1321.

5 PIECE luggage, sofa bed & recliner. Please call 684-4794.

QUEEN Size hide a bed, excellent condition, \$275. Couch, Loveseat set, good condition, \$150. King size bed, good condition, \$125. Weekdays 9 am-9 pm, 570-5840.

2 BLUE Matching recliners, \$100 each. Good condition. 694-3272.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

GOLF CLUBS, mowers, space heaters, stoves, furniture, China cabinets/dinets, recliners, appliances, bar stools, Volkswagens. \$50-4851.

3 X 9 SOLID CORE formica work bench tops. \$45 each. 520-7780.

SCHWINN AIR DYNE with seal cushion and wind deflector. Excellent condition. \$250. Call 694-1404.

KENMORE Gas Grill, double burner on wheels with propane bottle. \$50-8737.

LOSE 12-24 in 2 weeks thermogenically. Melatonin helps delay aging! 689-8520. Una de Gato.

5 HP POWER - Pro. 22" high wheel mower - mulcher. Used twice. \$95. 697-7205.

2 ORION Hot Set-up amps, bought at Baldwin Electronics, 300 watts bridgeable. \$150 each. 366-4664.

FOR SALE OR TRADE Cab over camper for a 17 plus bass boat and trailer only. 694-2829.

BARGAINS on vacuum cleaners. New and rebuilt. All makes. Rainbow, Kirby, Hoover, Eureka, Panasonic, Royal, Sharp. You name it. Repair all makes. 520-6464.

MOVING SALE! Gas Stove, Refrigerator, Small microwave oven, Magnavox 2 cassette stereo. Twin size Sealy bedding set with steel frames, like new. 2 metal toddler beds with rails and bedding, large blue lamp, power tools, lawn equipment. 1104 Chestnut Lane. 1995 6500 WATT Honda Generator, used less than 50 hours. \$2,500. 940-5675.

MUST SELL water softener. 1 year old. Will take best offer. 520-0617.

ABOVE GROUND pool and deck. \$1,500. Call 689-4720.

SIZE 12 candlelight formal wedding gown. Head piece and shoes. Never worn. \$350 for all. 520-7811 after 6 pm.

QUALITY handmade wood bunk beds & accessories made to order. GR's Bunk Beds Etc. 553-2875.

METAL OFFICE Desks & chairs. Call 570-8538 or 556-3853. Great for computers!

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Washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves. Free Delivery. 90 day warranty. 550-6540.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards - Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

VICTORY STAIRSTEPPER, excellent condition, \$125. Amara refrigerator, white, under warranty, excellent condition, \$400. 520-2655.

SEARS Console 25" TV. \$75. Emerson, 13" TV. \$50. Litter microwave, \$50. Call 689-7176.

ANTIQUE table and 5 chairs, queen size sofa waterbed, 6 months old, white and brass trundle bed, miscellaneous furniture, queen size waterbed, full motion. 520-9262. 570-1304.

SILF PROPELLED Hoover vacuum cleaners, completely rebuilt. 1 Year guarantee. \$59. Limited time. 520-6464.

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GARAGE SALES

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FURNITURE LIQUIDATION-ALL ITEMS MUST BE SOLD
DRESSERS • TABLES • CHAIRS • RECLINERS • MIRRORS • HEADBOARDS • NIGHTSTANDS, ETC.

ROCKY FORD MOVING VANS, INC.
3411 W. Industrial • Midland
Sat. & Sun. March 16 & 17
8 am to 6 pm

MOST ITEMS LESS THAN \$25

495 For Free

MIXED PUPPIES, 8 weeks old. Call anytime. 687-5538

FEMALE Spaniel Bird Dog mix. 10 months. Very lovable. 694-6312

FOUND: 2 Liver Color Weimaraners. Call 699-0034 to claim.

FOR FREE: Neutered male Dachshund. Loves kids. Call 694-1476.

HELP need homes for abandoned dogs small to large. 570-9413

FREE HAMSTERS To good home. Call between 4:30-10:00. 689-7558.

FREE PUPPIES to good homes only Call 570-6857, after 5 pm.

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DREXEL Queen size bed unit, 2 armchairs, light board. Paid \$3,500 new. Will take \$1,500. Excellent condition. Matching writing table, \$200. Entertainment center with 2 speakers, \$200. 570-9072.

SOLID OAK entertainment unit, excellent condition 60" X 58" X 20". \$350 or best offer. 520-7906.

BUNK BED- Double on bottom, single on top. \$75. Queen waterbed with bookcase headboard. \$60. 699-1001.

16 FT. Hot Point refrigerator. All-mold color, like new. \$225. 697-7205.

IMMACULATE queen size bed, Sealy bed box springs, old mahogany chest of drawers and matching mirrored dressing table, glass top wicker table with 4 matching chairs, 2 desks, floor lamp. 682-1233.

SOFA SLEEPER. Patchwork design, very good condition. \$100. 694-7098.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

WHITE GE Washer \$100. 2 Kenmore Dryers gas \$85, electric \$65. 520-8146.

BRAND NEW, still in plastic, any size mattress. 453-5123. Free frame or delivery. 550-5123.

NICE TAN Couch & Chair, \$150. Call 570-1519.

DREXEL walnut king bed with upholstered head board. \$300. Custom king spread, \$300. 2 Thomasville pecan twin beds, \$300 each. Twin comforter & dust ruffle, \$100. 2 hand painted Italian lamps with silk shades, \$100 each. Antique fainting bench, \$250. Small mahogany Butler table, \$125. Pictures- beautiful pastel wool rug 11 1/2 ft. x 8 1/2 ft., paid \$1,680, asking \$700. 694-8159.

450 Sporting Goods

FULL SET Ping Eye 2 Irons 2-SW New Callaway mallet putter. 9.5 Graphite shaft Taylor Made driver. Full set honeycomb cavity back irons 2-SW Big Gun driver- various other metal woods. 8 Dozen brand new Titleist golf balls, DT's Professionals and Balata, both 90's and 100's, bargain priced. Call 520-4606.

SOLOFLEX FOR Sale. Good condition \$500. Ask for Jay, 687-6282

500 Pets & Supplies

PERSIAN CAT for sale. Has shots and paper. 7 Months old \$100. Call 570-0874.

SACRIFICING!! 2 Amazon Yellow Nape parrots. Both with large vocabulary, both with cages, both hand raised. \$600 each. 1 Pocket parrot with cage. \$100. Call 915-682-5158.

GERMAN SHEPARD, very large male, approx. 1 1/2 year old, needs large fenced area and lots of love. \$25. 684-9825

P.B.O.T.C. Obedience Classes Start March 27. Call for information and application, 570-HEEL or 689-6441.

ADORABLE BABY Bunnies, 6 weeks old. \$10. 683-7114, after 9:30 am.

DOG TRAINING in your home. Obedience and problem corrections. 520-3175.

BEAUTIFUL SIAMESE Seal Points, Red Points, young breeders. Kittens for registered stock. (806) 296-6110.

AMERICAN ESKIMO AKC Registered 6 month old female for sale to good home. Call 682-2427.

BRITANNY Pups. Born 1/15/96. tails docked, dew claws removed. Parents AKC registered and gun dogs. 694-6531 686-9995.

AKC Registered Dalmatian puppies, 6 weeks old, shots, declawed and wormed. \$200. 362-8991 leave message.

AKC German Shepherd, 2 year old male, house broken, basic training. Black & Tan. \$400. Only to a good home. Call after 6 pm. 689-7830.

AKC Chihuahuas AKC Yorkshire Terriers. Shots, vet checked. J & L Kennels. 334-8946 appointment only.

AKC Boxer puppies, fawn, white & black 4 Male, 4 female. 6 weeks old. 699-4602.

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460 Antiques & Art

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Patio Sale

Saturday 10:30 - 6
Sunday 1 - 5

2101 W. Wadley Suite 9

505 Livestock & Poultry

LARGE ROUND Bale Hay, 4 or less \$40 each, 5 or more \$35 each. 915-459-2389 (Stanton).

ALFALFA HAY for sale. 1700 W. County Road 150, 915-570-0593, 915-570-6450.

HAY- Alfalfa, Alfalfa grass mix, Colorado grown, truck loads only. Cheap! (970) 247-4547.

4 CALVES for sale from 250 lbs to 450 lbs. 684-5638.

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TENNIS BALL thrower. Automatic. Used fewer than 20 hours. Excellent condition. Portable. Oscillates. Holds 150 balls. \$500. Call 263-7147.

JIM'S CLUBS. Repairs: Custom Clubs. Taylor Burner Metalwood- Bubble Shaft (clone) \$90. Big Bertha Irons (clone) \$200 set. Regrip \$3. 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

BIG BERTHA driver, 8". Call 684-5443.

THE CLUBMAKER. Bubble Shaft Driver \$80- Irons, \$99 set- Grips, \$2.00. Repairs 2605 W. Kentucky. 683-2614.

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SATURDAY 8-5, Sunday 9-3. Baby furniture, exercise equipment, furniture, books, toys, old Schwinn bicycle, misc. 711 W. Storey.

PAYING CASH for old comic books. 689-7344 after 6.

402 NORTH D Street. Clothes, TV, toys, comforters, etc. Saturday only 7 to whenever.

DISPLAY HOT Tubs- 6 to choose from- Save 40%. Terms and Delivery available. 563-1807.

GARAGE SALE- 2008 W. Golf Course Road. Saturday, 8-3. Dishwasher, boys bike, intercom system, rattan swing, board games, toys, etc.

YARD SALE. 201 E. Pine. Friday 8 am - 3 pm. 4 Tires with chrome wheels; adult & childrens clothes, shoes, Justin boots, toys, furniture, and lots of misc. Cheap Prices!

GARAGE SALE- 3209 Sentinel. Thursday-Friday. Old pocket watches, old straight razors. Razor strop, Old pocket knives, Old coins. Stack of four antique tables. Old lace quaker tablecloths, blankets, quilts, chairs. Lennox, Fostoria; Silver pieces. Lots of handwork! Miscellaneous!!

GARAGE SALE- 3300 Mariana, Thursday-Friday only, 9-5. Clothes, Queen size headboard, miscellaneous!!

GARAGE SALE- Lots of clothes, waterbed, sewing machine, vacuum, and lots more! Friday-Saturday, 1602 N Fort Worth.

ESTATE/YARD SALES!! 602 W. Estes and 1201 N. Pecos, Friday and Saturday 9 am. Tools, hardware, reel mowers, electronics, jeans, clothing, kids toys and books, games, household items, collectibles, WW II parachute. No Checks.

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7:30 AM FRIDAY ONLY. Carpet, toys, craft supplies, baskets, ping pong table. Atari, household goods. 1610 W. Louisiana.

CLOTHES SALE! Ladies size 10-14, nothing over \$5- Some new! Also, Shoes size 8. 100 E Hamby. Friday, 8 am-7 pm.

MOVING!! Big Indoor Sale! Furniture, kitchen items, lots miscellaneous. Friday 8 to 4 & Saturday 8 to 12. 1906 N. Main.

ANTIQUES, Little Tikes, Power Wheels, baby furniture/ accessories, TV's, VCR, stereo, living room/ bedroom/ kitchen furniture, microwave, vacuum, mower, edger, fitness, miscellaneous. 2840 S. Rankin Hwy. 9 am.

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FRIDAY ONLY, 8 till ? 3700 Anetta. Bicycle and lots of miscellaneous items.

3303 TANNER. Large clothes, Avon collectibles, wood stove, lots of misc. Thursday & Friday 8-?

WOMENS 8-10's clothes, few odds and ends. Thursday-Saturday, 8-6:30, 3411 Sycamore.

GARAGE SALE: Friday only, 8-4. Refrigerator, furniture, motionless waterbed, lots, lots more! 3515 Baumann.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday March 16th. Dresser, desk, office chair, scroll saw, radial arm saw, mower, edger, rototiller and miscellaneous. 4309 Mercedes Dr. between Jane Long School and Midland Drive.

FRIDAY & Saturday 9-5. Lawn mower, edger, full size bed, Home Interior items, lots of clothes, interior doors, tools, lots of misc. 4325 Douglas.

79705

MOVING SALE- Furniture, clothes, lots of miscellaneous. Friday, 8 am-? 707 Shell.

GARAGE SALE- Lots of Little Tikes toys, Fisher- Price 3 in 1 table, clothes, bedding. 2309 Culpeper, Saturday, 8-12.

INSIDE SALE- Table, clothes, miscellaneous items. 4201 N. Garfield, Apt. 148, Friday-Saturday, 8-5.

MOVING SALE. Furniture, beds, appliances, clothing, etc. Friday & Saturday 9-2. 1612 W. Pine.

GARAGE SALE: Friday only, 8 am-2 pm. 1004 Stanolind. Clothing, household items, baby carseat, patio umbrella table, weed eater, kitty litter box, many miscellaneous items!!

★ LOTS OF great things for everyone!

417 Neely, Apt. B (in the alley), Saturday only, 9-4.

3301 WARD (in alley). Saturday 8 am to ? Baby clothes, clothes and furniture.

2516 SHELL AVE. Furniture, appliances, baby bed, changing table, highchair, adult & childrens clothes, Little Tikes toys, cassette player and more. Saturday 8:00-5:00.

FRIDAY, March 15th ONLY! 8-5. 2827 Frontier, Midland. Bar set & stools.

★ MOVING SALE! Exercise equipment, Prom dresses, Teen clothes, Clown and Unicorn collections, Music boxes, Assorted household goods. 4910 Fields Place, Friday, 8-4. Saturday, 8-2.

WINTER, Spring, Summer & Fall, we have it all! 4 Families! Clothes, semi-formals & formals, \$25-\$100, rugs, big screen TV \$400 firm, treadmill, some furniture, household goods. Cash only 2807 Durant. Friday 5 pm -7 pm, Saturday 9-3.

SATURDAY only 8:30-2. Spring & Summer clothes, bedding, dorm fridge, color TV, misc. 2305 Metz Place (in alley).

SATURDAY ONLY, 8-? 1609 W. Pine. Queen Clean waterbed, bar stools, Jeep bikini top, Indian pottery, Room AC. Clothes, Household items, Miscellaneous!!

2302 W. SHANDON. Saturday only! Stroller, carseat, high chair, bounce, baby boy clothes, old clocks, Electrolux Miscellaneous!

★ SATURDAY only 8-3. 3104 Tealwood Place. Household items, dishes, pots and pans, ladies clothes and shoes, World books and Child Craft books, lots of miscellaneous.

SATURDAY Garage Sale- Lots of kids stuff. 2609 Cimmaron. 8 am. No early sales.

3 FAMILY Garage Sale- 8 am-12 Noon. Friday, 2407 Dengar. Bikes, IBM & Apple software, Scribe printer, storm door, fuel tanks, toys, clothes, stereo, rowing machine.

★ 2 FAMILY Garage Sale. King size bed, chest of drawers, prom party dresses, dishes, curtains, lots of misc. Friday & Saturday 7 am. 206 E. Shandon.

FRIDAY- SATURDAY, 8-6. Pair twin headboard, 4 cane & bentwood chairs, 2 antique rockers, lamps, stepper machine, rowing machine, 2 sets golf irons, bicycles, toys, clothing, kitchen items, Xmas tree, toys & games. 1003 Shirley Lane, Go 2 blocks West of "A" Street on Neely, then turn North on Cumberland, 1 block.

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YARD SALE- Clothes, miscellaneous household, keyboard. 4203 \, Saturday only, 8-2.

4208 GLENEAGLES, Saturday, 8-2. Childrens clothing and toys, furniture, lots of odds and ends.

3500 NORTHFIELD, Friday 4-7 pm, Saturday 9-2. Brass/ glass dinette, 4 chairs; wood dining table, leaf, 6 chairs; VCR; RO system; Little Tikes; cordless phone; mens, ladies, childrens clothing; dog kennel, girls bike; bedding.

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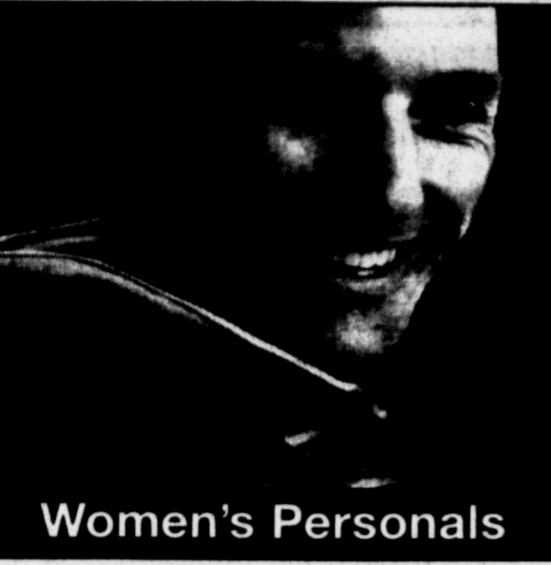
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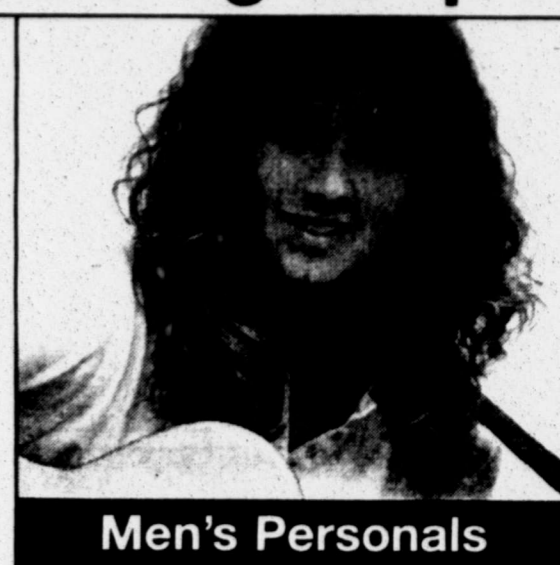
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Seeks Jane average. Divorced white male, professional, mid 30s, seeking same in single or divorced white female. #87975

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Blond, blue eyes, loves partying, smoker and joker. Loves poetry, music, concerts, tattoos. Wild, but mature. #63430

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THORNWOOD APARTMENTS- Spacious 1, 2 & 3 bedroom flats and townhomes in a great location. Many freshly remodeled. Call for prices and appointments. 682-5381.

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610 Apartments Unfurnished

SMALL PRIVATE Efficient House. Nice carpet, refrigerator, stove. Recently redone (No separate bedroom) 689-0930, 699-4142. No pets.

DUPLEX NICE 1 bedroom, 1 bath, Washer/ Dryer. All appliances, covered parking, fenced yard, outside storage. \$350 per month, deposit plus references. 921 N. Bentwood 699-4243 or 685-0878

3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 Bath, 1 car garage, \$450 month plus deposit. Drive by 3605 Apache and call 520-9848.

2 BEDROOM, 1 Bath Duplex, Quiet neighborhood. All appliances provided. New carpet, paint. \$425 month, \$350 deposit. 4805-B Bedford. 699-6724.

3 BEDROOMS, 2 baths, 2 car garage. 2303 Wedgewood, \$800 Monthly, \$400 deposit. Call for appointment 682-2892, leave message.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 1 car garage, southwest, nice, clean, \$575 a month, \$575 deposit. Must have good references. 570-5262.

NICE LARGE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 garages, \$535 monthly, Available April 1. Agent 694-9853.

625 Houses Unfurnished

4308 SENTINEL Brk 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, stove, evaporative fans. References \$495 monthly. \$150. 694-6087

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Thursday's unlisted clue: MUZZLE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Friday's unlisted clue hint: SERVED IN A TALL GLASS

Baked Alaska Frappe Italian ice Sorbet
Banana split Frozen yogurt Popsicle Spumoni
Bombe Gelato Sherbet Sundae
Coupe Ice cream Snow cone

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Houses Unfurnished

4504 RUIDOSO COURT Available April 1. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace. Appliances furnished and many extras! \$750 monthly. Call Wayne Robinson, Penny Willhite & Associates, 683-0883 or 570-7508.

2 BEDROOM Rockhouse, 604 E. County Rd. 129. \$400 per month, \$200 deposit. 682-9847.

NICE 2 bedroom, 1 bath, carport. 3402 Cunningham. \$350 monthly. Agent 694-9853.

TOWNHOUSE for rent/option. 2,200 sq. ft. 3 Bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, formal dining, 2 car garage, pool. (970)927-1088 after 6 pm.

SMALL 2 bedroom near Central YMCA, some carpet, refrigerated air. No pets please. Call 682-0708.

CLEAN 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. 4727 Country Club Drive. \$650 month, \$650 deposit. Call Karen Foster, 570-8200.

4315 CEDAR SPRINGS, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, fenced yard, patio, refrigerator, stove. \$475/\$225. 689-7538.

FOR LEASE: Ruidoso, 2 story house. Handy location, Cree Meadows Golf Course. Reasonable. (505) 257-5738.

DUPLEX FOR LEASE

3305 Moss Court, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, 2 car garage. \$650 monthly. No pets.

697-4306
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2207 W. KENTUCKY, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, \$100 deposit, \$275 monthly. No pets. 683-3296. Monday thru Thursday.

2103 NORTHRUP Fannin M H S. Squeaky clean, 2000 + 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 living area with fireplace, new carpet and flooring, fresh paint. \$500 deposit, \$800 month, 1 year lease. No pets. Yard maintenance available. 682-0796. Available today!

LARGE DUPLEX - West Storey, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, double garage. Range, refrigerator, fireplace, washer-dryer connections. Water paid. No pets. Available April 16th. \$550 monthly plus deposit. 694-0423 or 699-1968.

LARGE DUPLEX - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, double garage with opener, skylights, 2 court yards near Midland College. \$700/month, \$700/deposit. 683-2996.

640 Condos & Townhouses Unfurn.

TOWNHOMES: 2 bdrm. & 2 bdrm Dens, 2 1/2 ba, single & double garages, 1,305 -1,391, fireplace, washer-dryer connections, pool. \$550 - \$610. 689-8116

TOWNHOMES & Apartments. 1 - 2 bedroom, 1 - 1 1/2 bath, 616 sq. ft. to 1186 sq. ft., 2 car garage, stackable washer and dryer, pool, ceiling fans. \$240 to \$660. 689-8115

3524 SHELL, 2 bedroom/2 bath with fireplace. Appliances furnished. \$650.00 monthly. Call Wayne Robinson, Penny Willhite & Associates, 683-0883 or 570-7508.

PRESTIGIOUS LIVING. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, covered parking, intrusion alarms. Convenient to ClayDesta. 697-7974.

TOWNHOMES 1, 2, 3 bedroom, 900 sq. ft. to 1537 sq. ft., 2 car garage, washer/dryer connections, pool, ceiling fans, 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, as low as \$610. 697-9768.

2 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATHS. Covered parking, appliances, pool, immaculate! Some restrictions. \$450. \$250 deposit. No pets, references. 685-5066 or 697-6515. 6 pm - 9 pm.

GOLDEN PARK CONDOS

MIDKIFF/CUTHBERT Midkiff/Kansas area. Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex style condos. Recently updated inside & out. Washer/dryer included. Centrally located in quiet neighborhood. Senior citizens welcome. Call for specials.

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667 Commercial Property

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Great building for auto body shop, commercial painting or furniture refinishing. Approx. 5600 sq. ft. steel building with fenced yard. Has two offices, two bathrooms with central heat and air. Big shop area with 3 phase electrical, a 24x20x10 ft. Binks professional spray booth, 5 horse power air compressor and 2 10x10 overhead doors. Also has fire and security systems.

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667 Commercial Property

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Elegant Lafayette Place Townhouse. Larger than most individual homes. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. \$1,250. 684-0996.

\$49 PAYS MARCH Rent 1 and 2 Bedroom lots and townhomes. 694-5950.

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FAIRGATE Townhomes - 4400 Fairgate Drive. 2 & 3 Bedrooms 12 and 6 month leases. 1,600 sq. ft. Approx. All appliances furnished. Fireplaces, garage. Northwest side. 697-9566.

650 Mobile Homes Furnished

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, carpeted, partially furnished including refrigerator & stove. Covered porch. Greenwood district. 684-5920.

655 Mobile Homes Unfurnished

CLOVERDALE - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, new carpet. \$300/\$150 deposit. NO PETS. 694-2047.

3 BEDROOMS, 2 bath. Paid water and trash. \$200 deposit, \$395 monthly. No pets. Call Robert at 684-0004.

GREENWOOD School, Clean, small 2 bedroom, semi-furnished, fenced. Off 158 & 1140. 557-2432, 682-8787.

EXTRA NICE Mobile home for rent. Deposit & references required. 687-6324.

NICE 2 Bedroom, bath garden tub, step up kitchen, fenced, Greenwood school. No Pets 570-7549.

660 Mobile Home Space for Rent

CLEAN large mobile home park. Dumpsters, paved roads, free water, cablevision available. \$39. 563-3510, 550-7505.

WESTGATE Mobile Home Park. Security lights, free satellite TV, free water. Free move & set up. 520-9416.

LOOK AT THE REST- THEN CHOOSE THE BEST
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MOBILE HOME PARK
Between Midland & Int'l Airport
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665 Business/Property Office Space Rentals

BUILDING at 2309 W. Louisiana, 1,375 sq. ft. covered carport. 682-7946 or 683-6641.

FOR RENT or lease. Available December 1st, 1995. Approx. 3,600 sq. ft. of office space with over 2,900 sq. ft. of warehouse, fenced plus additional fenced lot for parking and/or storage. Very accessible location, at 2415 E. Hwy 80. Call for more information or showing 520-4663.

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VACANT - 1802 - 1804 Rankin Hwy. 2 stores, brick, 3,300 sq. ft., refrigerated. Former Lounge. Only \$500 for both stores. 684-8222.

WAREHOUSE/ BUILDING 2,500 sq. ft. 3201 W Industrial. \$350 month, some bills paid. 686-9408.

RETAIL/ Office Various sizes. Fairmont Park Shopping Center. 3323 N. Midland Drive. B & J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff. Call 683-8681. Owner managed.

OFFICES from \$100 monthly. Adequate free parking. Receptionist/secretarial services. \$100 monthly. Large office suites also available. Downtown 600 Baird or 4500 W. Illinois. 620-1500- Midland.

ONE Room Office, \$70. Two room office \$120. MEC Building. Call Beverly Vaughan 686-2008.

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907 S. GARFIELD, 4 offices, 2 baths. Offices have executive built in desk with bookshelves. Great for accounting practice, insurance, income tax, etc. Approximately 1,800 sq. ft. \$525 monthly. 682-1819 or 699-7451.

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667 Commercial Property

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"WAREHOUSE SPACE" Andrews Hwy, 480 sq. ft. Overhead Door, 694-5959.

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RUDDOSO Cabins, Homes, Condos - nightly, weekly. Some with hot tubs. Don Harmon, Four Seasons Real Estate. 800-822-7654.

RUDDOSO Rentals nightly. Cabins, condos, some hot tubs. Century 21, Aspen Realty. 800-657-8980.

680 Out of Town Rentals

ARE YOU Moving to Houston? Our daughter has been transferred away from Houston; needs to sell her townhouse there - 3 extra large bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, double garage, well equipped kitchen - all in excellent condition; very desirable location - 5 or 10 minutes from Galleria on Nantucket. Owner is very "motivated" as she needs to live in Phoenix! Call us here in Odessa for more information, 915-366-2986.

685 Hunting Leases

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690 Oil & Gas Leases

MINERALS FOR Sale: 24.85 net mineral acres out of the section. 276.1 acres of Section 40, Block 32 T-1-N, P & P Railroad Company, Howard County Texas. \$275 per net mineral acre. Call 915-683-5767.

OLD San Andres Unit in Cochran County, Texas - approximately 9,000 acres (with some deep rights near flowing Fulselman wells), has produced 10,000,000 B O E 40 acre spacing. Contact operator (505) 623-2733.

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\$207 MONTH. \$28,900, 1996 doublewide! Only one left! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, storm windows, skylight, built-in stereo, garden tub, plywood floors, oak cabinets, 5 year warranty, 360 months, 8.25 V.A.R. A.P.R. Homes of America Odessa, TX 1-(915)-363-0081, 1-(800)-725-0881.

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RECENTLY REDUCED NO \$59,000 - Lee Dist 4-bd/2-ba/2-liv/firepl. \$7,000 equity. Call ANNA Crawford 687-0595 or 699-4434 nites.

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BRICK HOME w/2-bd/2-liv. carport, gar. & wk. shop. \$43,000, owner will pay closing. Call DENE Kelly 687-0595 or 686-7809 nites.

DREAM TOWNHOUSE w/master dwntstairs. 2-bd & ba. upstairs. Lo-maint, cozy firepl., formal din, elegant! Call LYNN Cook 687-0595.

MORE ELEGANCE-Trinity Est. Gardenhome to die for. Call ANNA Crawford 687-0595.

REDUCED GREENWOOD Just \$53,900. New paint, carpet. 3-bd/2-ba/2-gar, 1/2 ac. Call DENE Kelly 687-0595 or 686-7809 nites.

\$22,500!!! 3-bd/1-ba, fenced yd. Nice condition. Call DENE Kelly 687-0595 or 686-7809 nites.

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GREENWOOD W/POOL 3/3/2, Apprx. 2160 sqft. on 2 ac., 2 liv. Call LISA Buescher 687-0595.

2302 W. Wadley
687-0595

HUNTERS: 100 acres west Texas ranch south of Midland near Sanderson. \$495 down. \$183 per month. Deer, Turkey, Quail, Dove. Owner financed. No credit check. (210) 921-6476

11 ACRES, well, septic, and barn. Cleared, partially fenced. Sell or trade for town property. 699-0855.

MISSION RIDGE Estates: Country life/ City convenience. 2 + acres, city utilities, north Midland. 3,000 sq. ft. minimum, restricted - no mobile homes. Great sunsets, horses welcome. For plat call 684-3864.

MIDWAY Country Estates: 1788 to 40, between Midland/Odessa. Acre lots, \$3,500. 1/2 acre lots. \$2,000. Owner financed. 689-2429.

369 ACRES, 6 miles north of Loop 250 in Martin County. 686-8094

160 ACRES Northeast of Stanton. 915-756-3293.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY, 2,560 acres or 1,280 acres with 640 acres under irrigation. Nice home. Large barn. Improved pasture. Priced to sell. Jesse Lockhart, Broker. (210) 234-3415

RUIDOSO area land: 1/3 acre lot, \$2,900. Call (505) 825-0145.

OH Ivie Lake, Mesquite Acres Sub Division on Highway 1929. Office open Friday through Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm. 915-483-5440 or call Monday - Thursday 800-687-2922.

5 ACRES Lakefront Proctor Lake, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fully furnished. Fireplace, Carport, Well, Patio & Deck, Mower-tractor, 20 HP Deluxe Boat, 260 HP with drive on trailer. Will sacrifice at \$110,000! 817-879-2594.

TRAILER for sale at Oak Creek Lake, Sportsmans lodge, completely furnished with 5 beds. 563-3300 days. 520-8827.

BRICK HOME on Best Site, Sweetwater Lake. Has Everything! Will finance. For information, Call Jack Choate, 915-235-3820.

LAKE BROWNWOOD home. Excellent waterfront, many extras, fishing dock, boathouse with electric lift, best location on lake. 915-784-5417.

LAKE IVIE - purchase your future today. Large lake lots. Secluded, beautiful, affordable, private boat ramp and shoreline. Owner financed and no credit check. Call (915) 732-4720 or voice mail 1-(800)-881-9837.

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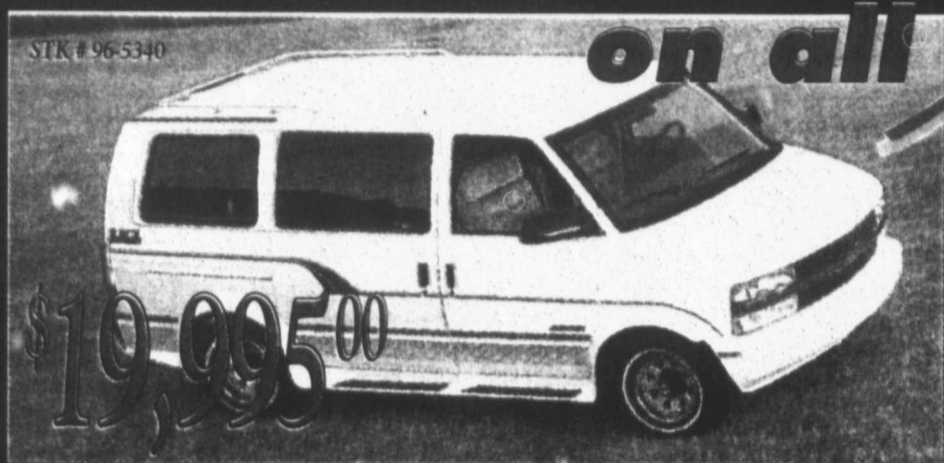
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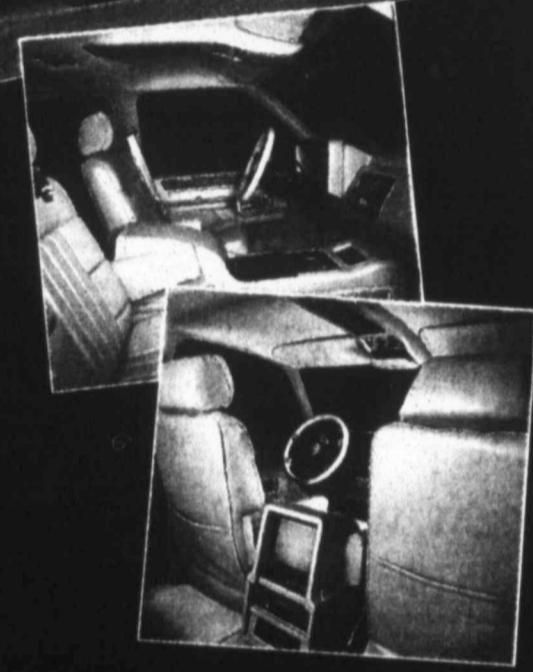
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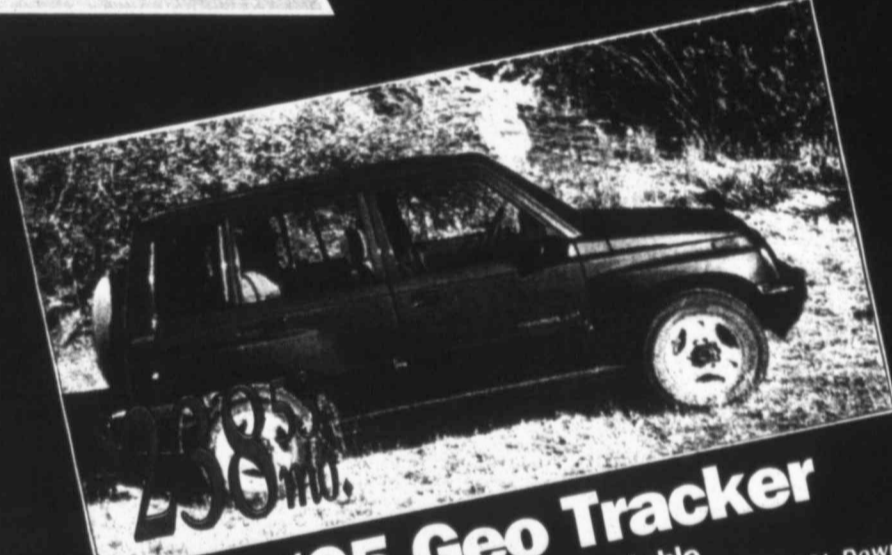
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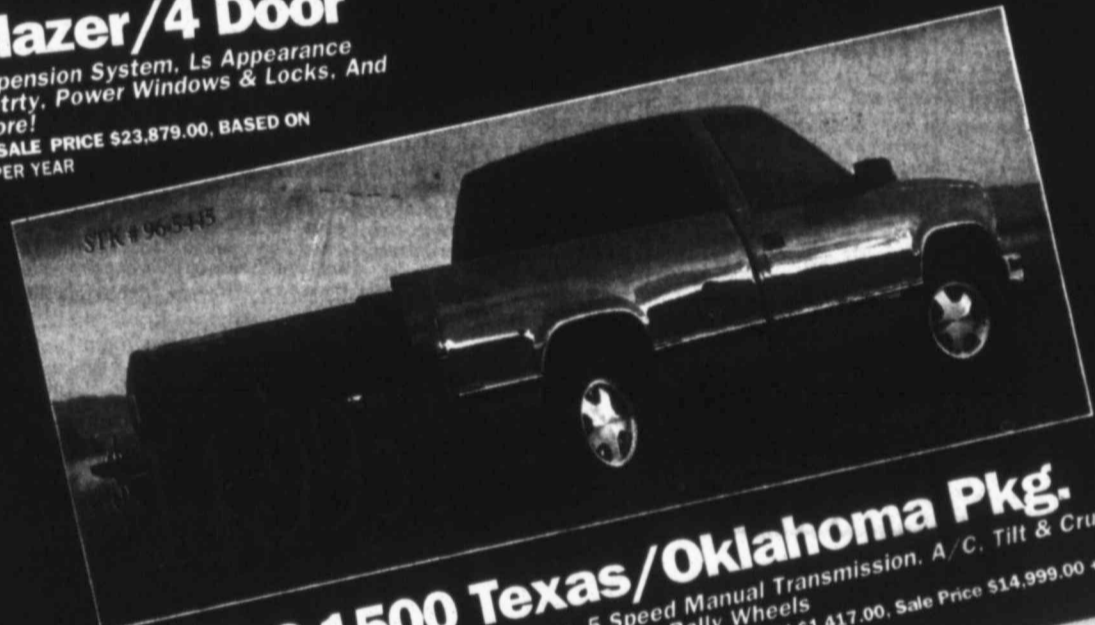
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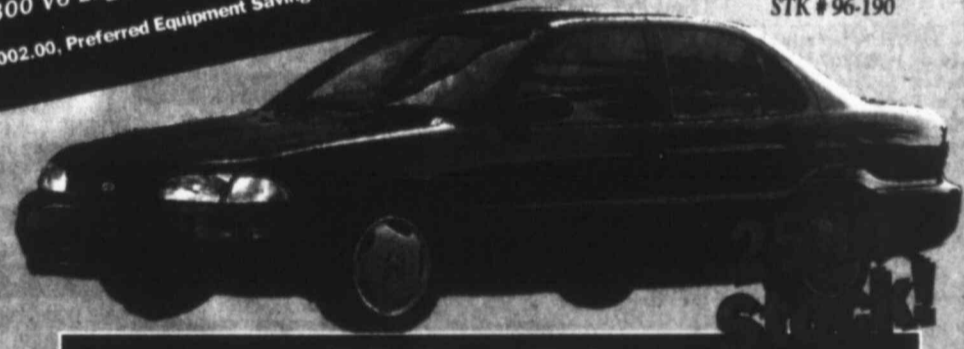
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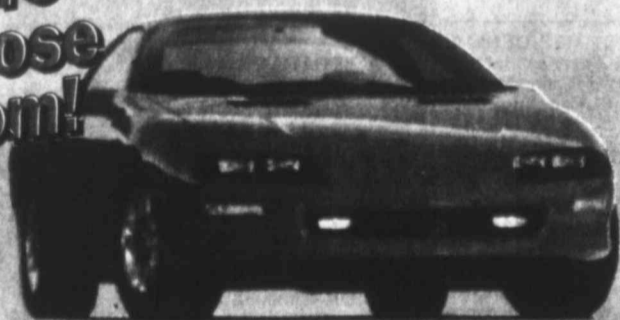
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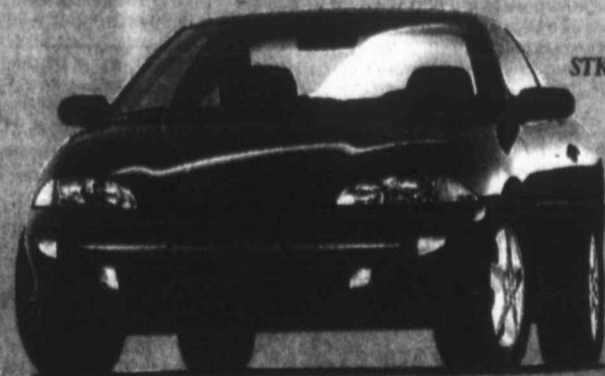


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Mo. Payment	Amount Down	# Of Mo.	% APR	Amt. Financed
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