

NATION

Controlled flooding

Water erupts into the Colorado River from Glen Canyon dam in an attempt to manage resources in the Grand Canyon./8A



SPORTS

Prep soccer losses

Midland Lee boys, Midland High girls soccer seasons end with regional quarterfinal losses./1C

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A.M. BRIEFING



Dole cements '96 GOP role

Nominee-to-be serves notice he won't concede California

Presidential hopeful Sen. Bob Dole leads the cheers at a victory party in Washington Tuesday. Dole claimed victory in three Western primaries.



Associated Press

Sen. Bob Dole easily won the California, Washington and Nevada primaries Tuesday to complete a 25-state March sweep that transformed him from teetering to triumphant in the Republican presidential race.

Early returns in all three states showed Dole defeating Pat Buchanan by lopsided margins. Even before the polls closed, Dole dropped his calculated caution and claimed victory — one week after securing a majority of delegates.

Setting his sights on President Clinton, Dole cast the Democratic incumbent as the obstacle to welfare reform, tax reform, a balanced budget and tougher judges.

Buchanan won the first primary five weeks ago in New Hampshire but has had little to celebrate since. In California, he conceded Dole will be the Republican nominee and we have to congratulate him on his victory.

Both Dole and Buchanan were eager for the August GOP convention. Please see CEMENTS/4A

Muskie dies at 81

Edmund Muskie operated at the highest reaches of American politics but he was remembered on the day he died for his intellect and honesty, not for the jobs he held.



Mary McIntyre

Hostage shoots

CONCORD, Calif. — For Mary McIntyre, the only way out of a hostage standoff with an obsessed admirer was to obey his order to shoot him.

Brewing tobacco

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Public gives city feedback on I-20 corridor planning

By Michael Kashgarian Staff Writer

Residents' concerns about plans to improve development along Interstate 20 highlighted a public hearing Tuesday before the City Council.

The public feedback — largely positive — revolved around recommendations made in a recently released Interstate 20 study, conducted as part of an effort to spur development along a 6 1/2-mile corridor.

City interest in interstate development began last year when city staff and a planning consultant — Dallas-based J.T. Duncan and Associates — conducted an assessment of land use, zoning and driver accessibility around the interstate.

The study was commissioned to update the city's comprehensive master plan, essentially a guideline for future growth and development. The recommendations are expected to be presented to the City Council in about a month to be considered for adoption.

J.T. Duncan summarized some of the Please see FEEDBACK/4A

Talk of building border fences a world away for Laredo, sister city

By Susana Hayward Associated Press

LAREDO — While some border towns talk of building walls to keep out illegal immigrants, this city and its sister across the Mexican border want to construct a 10-lane bridge to make it easier to cross the Rio Grande.

Americans' ill mood toward illegal immigrants — reflected in presidential campaign rhetoric — seems distant from Laredo and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Indeed, for more than two centuries, the two Laredos have considered themselves something of a nation apart.

"This border is different from others," said Raul Cardenas, Mexico's consul on the Texas side. "There are good relations. We have a long history of considering each other citizens of both sides."

One reason the two cities want to work even more closely together is their shared role as the busiest trade crossing

Please see FENCES/4A

School board spars on putting teeth in truancy policy, OKs it in split vote

By Myra Lee Salcedo Staff Writer

School-board trustees began chipping away at the teeth in the truancy policy before they were put back in razor sharp and approved in a split vote Tuesday night.

An administrator said high school principals were collectively against some of the absolutes in the plan. Principals fear it will increase failures and students dropping out of school. Trustee Jackie Hightower said parents also are opposed to making the policy stricter.

"It is imperative we bite the bullet and



Photos by Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

The sprinkler system at Texas Burger was left on Monday night and employees came to work Tuesday to find shrubs and trees covered with ice. Below, a soccer fan at the Lee-El Paso Hanks game peers out of a blanket.



Calendar may say spring, but winter returns to basin

From Staff Reports

Complete weather/4A

Which would you rather play on a cold day — softball or soccer? With softball a player can dress a bit warmer, but with soccer a player can move around more.

On a day like Tuesday, it was much better to be a fan.

Getting out at all may not even have been on one's agenda Tuesday as other Midlanders sought ways to stay warm.

An arctic cold front that settled in the area two nights ago will be moving east today as a result of a weather disturbance, said forecasters at the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport.

The area was under a winter weather advisory until about 10 a.m. today. NWS forecasters had predicted a 50 percent chance of rain, sleet or snow Tuesday night.

However, not much precipitation is expected, forecasters said.

Only 0.10 of an inch of precipitation is likely, they said.

Forecasters are calling for clearer skies and warmer weather by Thursday, when temperatures should be back up in the 70s.

Today's forecast calls for a 30 percent chance of light freezing rain and decreasing clouds in the afternoon with a high in the mid-50s and winds from the southwest at 5-15 in the afternoon, according to the NWS.

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies with a low in the upper 30s. Thursday is expected to be partly cloudy with a high in the upper 70s.

The high for Tuesday was 37, compared to the record high for that date of 90, set in 1956. Tuesday's low was 29. The record low is 20, set in 1965.



MHS students, including Preston Willis, demonstrated Medispense 96 at Tuesday's school-board meeting. The device, invented by MHS students to dispense medications, won first place in the Texas National Engineering Design Challenge contest. Other team members are Sarah Alderks, Elaine Wright, Melissa Broyles, Soren Frey, Ainsley Stelling and Cathryn Vedaie. Curt Wilcott Reporter-Telegram

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Iranian soldiers train Bosnian army, NATO says

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The NATO-led force said Tuesday it has proof that Iranians are training Bosnian government soldiers, despite President Alija Izetbegovic's insistence that there are no Iranian soldiers in the Bosnian army.

"A threat does remain from foreign forces in Bosnia," said U.S. Navy Capt. Mark van Dyke, NATO's chief spokesman. "It's a threat from terrorist activity, and it's also a violation of the Dayton peace agreement."

"We want to see immediate action to remove those forces," he said.

Izetbegovic, in a letter published Monday, said some 50 to 60 former Iranian soldiers remain in Bosnia, but they became civilians after their military unit disbanded in January.

He and senior Bosnian army officials deny that Iranian soldiers or instructors are working with the Bosnian army.

The dispute leaves NATO and the Bosnian government at loggerheads over a key military issue, and threatens \$100 million in U.S. aid that the Bosnian army desperately needs to train and equip its forces.

Under the Dayton accord, all foreign military forces were to leave Bosnia by Jan. 19. In mid-February, however, French troops arrested three Iranians when they raided a military training camp in central Bosnia.

"We have information which would lead us to believe there are other sites, and if we find them we will take similar action," van Dyke said.

Western intelligence sources believe there are up to 10 small, secret training camps, most of them in central or north-central Bosnia.

NATO sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said scores of Iranians, mostly top military instructors, remain in the country under the umbrella of the Agency for Investigation and Documentation, a new intelligence agency that is directly responsible to Izetbegovic.

Izetbegovic insisted in his letter that the foundation and the work of the agency is in accordance with the Dayton agreement. The letter was written to U.S. Sens. Bob Dole and Joseph Lieberman, who demanded that cooperation between Iran and Bosnia be stopped.

In the letter, Izetbegovic also

pledged that Bosnia would remain a multiethnic, open society committed to human rights and democracy.

Without specifically explaining, he said the 50 to 60 former Iranian soldiers could not go home.

"It is not in accordance with the moral code of our nation to expel people who have fought with us and have no place to go because they cannot return to their countries," the letter said.

But Col. John Kirkwood, another

NATO spokesman, said, "We have evidence there are foreign forces here beyond those discussed in the letter."

Over the course of the 3 1/2-year war, about 2,000 foreigners fought in Bosnia, according to the latest Western military estimates. They were mainly from Islamic countries, but also included American, British, French and German mercenaries.

Most left after the peace agreement was signed in December.

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IMF to offer Russia new loan package worth \$10.2 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The International Monetary Fund agreed Tuesday to offer Russia new loans worth \$10.2 billion over the next three years, nearly doubling what Russia owes to the organization.

The total is the second-highest the fund has offered in its 52-year history, exceeded only by a package of \$17.8 billion in new loans to Mexico last year.

Russia already owes the fund \$10.8 billion. The World Bank calculated Russia's total debt last year at \$115.9 billion. It estimates that this year Russia is due to pay out \$6.9 billion in principal and interest on what it owes.

The loan will provide a major boost for Russia's cash-strapped government as President Boris Yeltsin prepares for the June presidential election. It was immediately welcomed by the Clinton administration.

"This ... program is ambitious and will help Russia build free markets and achieve the benefits of reform if the program's macroeconomics and structural reform measures are vigorously implemented," said U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin.

Yeltsin's government has slashed spending and sharply boosted borrowing in recent months to raise cash. The new loan money will go to meet some of Russia's debt obligations and finance imports.

Sergei Dubinin, the head of Russia's central bank, said earlier Tuesday that his country met all of the conditions the IMF had made for the loan, including abolishing most export duties and taking steps to boost government revenues.

IMF loans are offered on conditions designed to free international trade and rein in spending by the borrowing government. On Monday, Russia agreed to free trade by dropping plans to restrict imports of alcoholic drinks and to ban imports of

American frozen chicken.

The loan money is paid out periodically and disbursements are often suspended if conditions are not met.

Approval came from the fund's 24-member Board of Executive Directors, representing the 180 member governments, including the United States — the fund's biggest contributor — and Russia itself.

Earlier this month, the Russian central bank said it had no plans to raise import tariffs. An earlier plan to raise tariffs by as much as 20 percent was rejected by the government.

Under the deal with the IMF, Russia pledges to continue tough anti-inflation policies and expand its efforts toward privatizing government enterprises and reforming agriculture and trade policies.

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Major rejects farmers' demand to kill older cattle

Major tries to calm frightened consumers while political enemies accuse him of incompetence.

Associated Press

LONDON — Farmers demanded Tuesday that Britain order the destruction of its oldest cattle to calm public fears of the mad cow disease, but Prime Minister John Major refused and blamed the entire crisis on his political opponents.

Major struggled to calm frightened consumers but his political enemies added to the sense of crisis, accusing him of "mind-boggling" incompetence and jeering him in a raucous House of Commons session.

The National Farmers Union suggested the public could be reassured if Britain ordered the death of thousands of older cattle that are believed likely to have contracted the fatal disease from eating sheep offal.

If the government ordered the cattle destroyed, it would be legally required to reimburse the farmers for at least the herds' market value.

The cattle would likely be killed with a pistol shot to the brain, a common practice in slaughterhouses here. The animals would then be burned in a large commercial incinerator, as has been done for years with cattle infected with mad cow and other diseases.

Scientists say sheep offal — waste parts like entrails — caused the outbreak of the disease formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy but that use of such feed was outlawed in 1989, meaning most of Britain's 11 million cattle are believed to be at no risk.

No evidence exists showing the disease can be passed from cows to calves — scant reassurance to British cattle owners.

Britain's beef industry has been reeling since March 20, when Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell announced that scientists believed

the mad cow disease was the "most likely" source of 10 cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, a similar illness in humans. Eight of the victims have died.

Britain suffered another blow Tuesday when specialists it dispatched to Belgium failed to persuade the European Union's veterinary experts to drop proposals for a worldwide ban on British beef exports.

The EU veterinary committee said there was no change in Monday's recommendation for an indefinite ban.

The ban will go into effect immediately if the 20-member EU executive commission backs the panel's recommendation in its weekly meeting today. Of the EU nations, only Denmark and Ireland now allow imports of British beef.

U.S. military officials in Germany, meanwhile, ordered commissaries in the Mediterranean region and Scotland to pull British beef products from their shelves. The order affects U.S. commissaries in Italy, Spain, Turkey, Greece and Scotland, the only ones in the region selling British beef.

Major was quick to blame his

political opponents for fomenting public fears at home and abroad about British beef.

During bad-tempered exchanges in the House of Commons, opposition lawmakers jeered Major, who insisted that the chances of contracting the brain-wasting disease from eating British beef were remote.

Paddy Ashdown of the Liberal Democrat party asked Major: "What has he got to say to farmers, to abattoir (slaughterhouse) managers, to cattle market operators who all morning have been ringing to say: 'My doors are closed, my market is gone, and in two weeks my business will be in ruins?'"

Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers Union, proposed culling older cows that are more likely to have eaten feed supplemented with sheep offal.

"It is vital to restore confidence in consumers not just in the United Kingdom but also throughout Europe and the world," Naish told BBC radio. The killings could involve as many as 15,000 animals per week, the farmers union said — and millions of dollars in costly compensation from the government.

The Scottish branch of the farmers union made a slightly different proposal: that cattle older than 30 months — about 4.5 million British cattle — not be used for human food.

Yet another recommendation, from the Meat and Livestock Commission, was that 500,000-800,000 dairy cows nearing the end of their milking cycle be destroyed for safety reasons.



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China demands Taiwan prove its commitment to reunification

BELJING (AP) — Taiwan must show that it sincerely wants reunification by giving up attempts to join the United Nations and establish diplomatic relations with other countries, China said Tuesday.

Only after Taiwan's leaders prove they are not seeking independence will China discuss improved economic ties and high-level meetings, Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang said.

In Taipei, Taiwanese Premier Lien Chan said the island is ready to restart talks on trade, economic cooperation and eventual reunification, but offered no compromise on President Lee Teng-hui's campaign for more diplomatic recognition of his isolated government.

"I sincerely urge the Chinese Communists to give up the erroneous thinking that they could resolve problems with us by military means, and usher in benign, mutually beneficial relations," Lien told parliament.

China froze high-level talks with Taiwan in June and began staging war games and missile tests on July 25, after a U.S. visit by Lee that China saw as an attempt to build up Taiwan's international standing before declaring independence.

Reunification has been the avowed goal of both sides since the Nationalists lost the mainland to the Communists and fled to the island in 1949.

China's Politburo, the Communist Party's highest policy-making body, has decided to give Lee two months to show he isn't trying to move Taiwan toward independence, Hong Kong's South China Morning Post reported.

If he doesn't, the Post said, China will resume the missile tests and war games meant to reduce popular support for Lee.

The latest round of war games ended on schedule Monday, two days after Lee won a landslide victory in Taiwan's first direct presidential election.

Although Shen was quoted over the weekend as saying the "door to negotiations is still open," on Tuesday he blamed Taiwan and its foreign weapons suppliers for closing it.

"The door should be opened by them, but how? The Taiwan authorities must stop their activities to create" an independent country "and foreign forces must stop their interference in China's internal affairs," Shen told reporters.

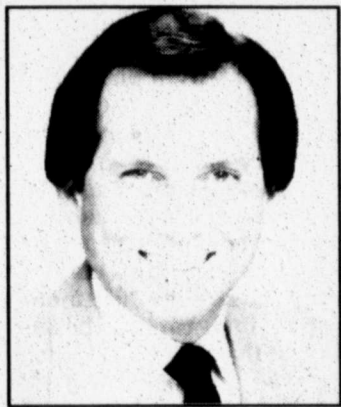
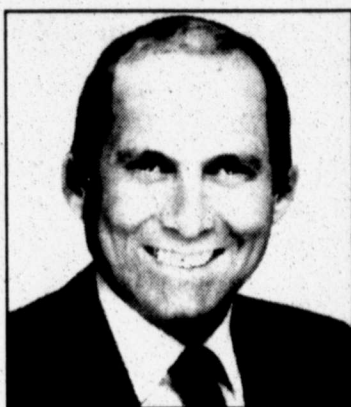
Asked about trade ties and negotiations, Shen said repeatedly that Taiwan's leaders must first end their pursuit of independence.

They "must not maintain official, or governmental or state-to-state relations with the outside world. Still less, their activities to find access to the United Nations are not acceptable," Shen said.

He urged "a certain country," clearly the United States, and others to do their part to relax tensions by not selling Taiwan sophisticated weapons.

The United States is obligated to arm Taiwan with defensive weapons under a law passed after Washington switched recognition from Taipei to Beijing in 1979.

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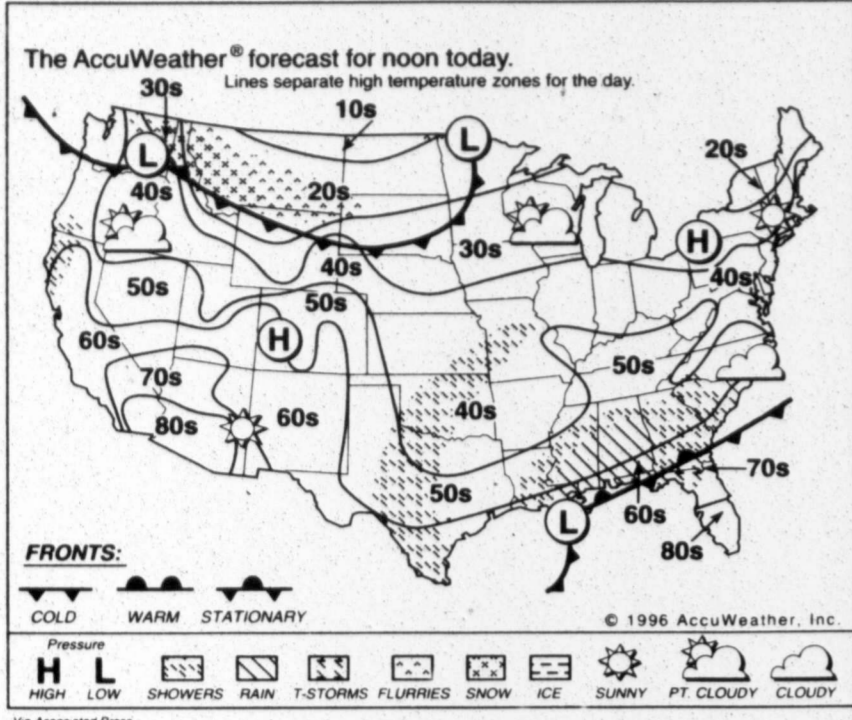
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WEATHER WATCH



STATE

It may say spring on the calendar, but winter returned to Texas on Tuesday.

Sleet or freezing rain prompted forecasters to issue a winter weather advisory for much of western North Texas. In addition, showers dampened East Texas and Corpus Christi had hail.

Skies were cloudy statewide and winds were north to northeast at 10 to 20 mph across the southeastern two-thirds of the state, shifting to the south at 10 to 20 mph in Far West Texas.

Temperatures were low, ranging at 3 p.m. from 32 degrees at Abilene in West Central Texas to 55 degrees at Brownsville in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

The North Texas forecast is for today to be cold with occasional rain in the east and a chance of rain in central and western portions. Highs will be 45 to 52 degrees. Tonight, there is a chance for rain in the west and occasional rain and isolated thunderstorms in central and eastern portions. Lows will be in the 40s and 50s.

South Texas is to be cloudy, windy and cool with highs only in the 50s and 60s. Lows will be in the 40s and 50s.

Forecasters said West Texas will have freezing rain or snow ending from the west with decreasing cloudiness today. Highs today in the 40s and 50s except for 60s in the south. Lows tonight in the 30s and 40s.

NATION

Temperatures fell to record lows Tuesday across the north-central part of the nation, with readings well below zero. Light snow was scattered along the lower Great Lakes.

Record lows included 22 below zero at International Falls, Minn.; 14 below at St. Cloud, Minn., and 10 below at Minneapolis. And at 9 below, Wausau, Wis., tied its record for the date that had been on the books since 1899.

Elsewhere, Fargo, N.D., had a record low of 12 below; Mason City, Iowa, had a record reading of zero, and Valentine, Neb., had a record 6 below.

The cold air also extended across parts of the Northwest, where Salem, Ore., cooled to a record 25 and Eugene, Ore., tied its record at 28.

A weather system along the East Coast produced scattered light rain and snow showers across New England.

It also contributed to snow squalls along the lower Great Lakes that extended from northeastern Ohio through northwestern Pennsylvania and into western New York. Snowfall amounts were generally less than 2 inches, although 3 to 5 inches of snow was reported south of Buffalo, N.Y.

Elsewhere, rain was scattered over the central Gulf Coast region and the southern Atlantic Coast, with more than an inch of rain at New Orleans.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics

FORECAST
Today, thirty percent chance of light freezing rain in the morning with decreasing clouds in the afternoon with a high in the mid-50s. Winds from the southwest at 5-15 mph in the afternoon.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:
Yesterday's High: 37 degrees
Overnight Low: 29 degrees
Sunrise today: 7:04 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow: 6:43 a.m.

PRECIPITATION:
Last 24 hours: trace
This month to date: 0.1 inches
Year to date: 0.9 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

6 p.m.	47	5 a.m.	30
7 p.m.	44	7 a.m.	29
8 p.m.	42	8 a.m.	29
9 p.m.	40	9 a.m.	29
10 p.m.	38	10 a.m.	30
11 p.m.	37	11 a.m.	30
midnight	36	noon	31
1 a.m.	35	1 p.m.	33
2 a.m.	34	2 p.m.	35
3 a.m.	34	3 p.m.	36
4 a.m.	33	4 p.m.	35
5 a.m.	32	5 p.m.	35
		6 p.m.	33

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT.

	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	42	28	0.02
Austin	48	39	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	57	48	0.07
Bryan-College Station	50	41	0.03
Corpus Christi	59	49	
Dallas	51	35	0.01
El Paso	52	32	
Fort Worth	51	33	0.07
Galveston	55	50	0.04
Houston	54	47	
Laredo	56	46	
Longview	52	36	M
Lubbock	44	24	
Marfa	46	30	
San Angelo	49	38	0.04
San Antonio	56	45	0.13
Victoria	56	45	
Wink	48	32	

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 6:31 p.m. CST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otk
Albuquerque	50	26	clr	
Atlanta	66	46	m	
Baltimore	56	50	clr	
Boston	62	49	cl	
Charlotte, N.C.	73	51	cl	
Chicago	23	15	cl	
Cincinnati	36	22	cl	
Cleveland	49	37	cl	
Denver	49	11	cl	
Detroit	28	19	cl	ody
Indianapolis	34	17	cl	
Kansas City	37	12	cl	
Las Vegas	69	48	cl	
Los Angeles	74	51	cl	
Los Angeles	41	26	cl	
Louisville	46	32	cl	
Memphis	46	32	cl	
Miami Beach	77	73	cl	
Milwaukee	17	13	cl	
Nashville	47	31	cl	
New Orleans	56	48	1.13	m
New York City	59	49	cl	
Oklahoma City	44	23	m	
Orlando	85	64	cl	
Philadelphia	57	53	cl	
Phoenix	78	53	cl	
Pittsburgh	40	28	cl	
Reno	63	22	cl	
Sacramento	67	41	cl	ody
St. Louis	38	20	cl	
Salt Lake City	51	25	cl	
San Diego	66	53	cl	
San Francisco	66	46	cl	
Seattle	52	37	cl	
Tampa-St. Ptsburg	85	61	.03	ody
Tucson	70	47	cl	
Washington, D.C.	60	50	cl	

Area forecast

West Texas: Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Today, mostly cloudy morning. A chance of light freezing rain or sleet in the morning, mainly eastern Permian Basin. Decreasing clouds in the afternoon. Highs from the mid 50s to around 60. Tonight, fair. Lows in the upper 30s.

Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs from the mid 70s to near 80. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 40s. Extended forecast, Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-70s to near 80. Saturday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the 70s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s. Highs mid-70s to near 80. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Today, mostly cloudy. A chance of light rain, possibly mixed with sleet or light freezing rain early. Highs from around 40 north to around 50 in the south. Lows from near 40 to the mid-40s.

Border forecasts

NEW MEXICO — Today, mostly sunny north and west. Mostly cloudy south central mountains and southeast with scattered morning snow showers diminishing in the afternoon. Highs in the 40s to mid-60s mountains and northwest, mid-50s and 60s southwest and mid-40s and 50s southeast. Tonight, mostly clear skies statewide. Lows in the 30s and 40s mountains and northwest with 20s and 30s elsewhere. Thursday and Thursday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain and mountain snow showers northwest. Mostly fair skies elsewhere. Breezy to windy statewide Thursday. Warmer east and south. Highs in the 40s to middle 60s mountains.

FENCES: 2 Laredos want 10-lane bridge across Rio Grande

(From 1A)

on the U.S.-Mexican frontier. An estimated \$107 billion worth of goods passed through the two cities in 1995.

Laredo, 125 miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico, is at the northern end of the highway to Mexico City and the southern end of Interstate 35, which runs through America's heartland to Canada. More than 4,000 trucks cross from Mexico each day, and the cities' two highway bridges and one rail crossing are the main port of entry for U.S. exports headed south.

Nuevo Laredo has 400,000 residents and Laredo has 155,000, and many cross the border to shop or work. Combined with the trade traffic, the two road bridges are jammed with cars, trucks and pedestrians.

That's why leaders of the two cities are discussing a fourth bridge. The proposed 10-lane, \$110 million road crossing would be the widest connecting the countries.

But some people worry that a growing anti-immigrant mood in the United States — emerging in a presidential campaign year — could poison the relationship.

Pat Buchanan, on a campaign stop in San Diego on Monday, said illegal immigration was one of three most important issues in determining the outcome of the presidential race.

Texas billionaire Ross Perot, who made the rejection of the North American Free Trade Agreement one of the major issues of his presidential campaign four years ago, has been making more appearances recently and said he could run again.

"We have a Desert Storm-type of climate along the border," said Miguel Chamber, president of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, referring to Washington's moves to increase vigilance along the border.

"I am dismayed because the numbers don't justify the wave of isolation in the country," he said. "People don't understand that the

SPARS: MISD board approves truancy policy, 4-3

(From 1A)

"If you table this issue again, what is going to happen?" Landreth said. "We have a serious problem. The high schools are getting 250 calls a day about absences."

After much debate, trustee Michael Dobej made a motion to cut much of the controversial penalties. His motion died for a lack of a second.

Trustee Jack Hightower made a motion to accept the tougher policy as written. Trustee Dianne Anderson seconded the motion and it passed 4-3, with trustees Adela Marmolejo, Dobej, and Jackie Hamilton opposing the motion.

MISD Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. said teachers would commit to their grade policy at the beginning of the school year. The policy — which will be implemented in the 1996-97 school year if it passes on the second reading — would allow teachers to deduct up to 30 points on a makeup assignment turned in from a truant student. Teachers could deduct up to 10 points on work made up after an unexcused absence.

Ricardo Torres, MISD executive director of secondary education, said the "no exceptions" policy — in which students would be marked truant if their parents have not contacted the school within three days of the student's return to school — "takes away the ability of principals to make exceptions."

Administrators expressed concerns that principals are accountable for dropout rates and failures, but the tougher policy could increase those numbers.

"The high school principals are collectively concerned that — at a time when their campuses are low-performing (partly due to dropout rates) this stricter policy will impact those rates," Torres said.

"We are trying to give the message that we want you to be in school," Ms. Anderson said. "We want to give students more opportunities to learn."

MISD Board President Robin Hightower said, "The problem is students have found it too easy to

FEEDBACK: City Council holds public meeting on I-20

(From 1A)

study findings at the start of the public hearing. Recommendations made are aimed at two primary development areas: traveler service and employment such as manufacturing and industry.

Duncan said the top three hindrances of interstate development are: utility availability, access on and off the roadway and appearance.

The foremost utility concern is the need for water lines along that stretch of interstate, Duncan said.

Meanwhile, a main sewer line installed along the interstate last year has addressed some infrastructure concerns. But lateral sewer lines are needed to increase availability, Duncan said.

Area residents who attended the public hearing generally applauded the city's effort to extend municipal sewer and water lines to the area.

Another development concern raised was

CEMENTS: Dole completes 25-state March sweep

(From 1A)

some rest, a luxury afforded by a campaign calendar that puts Pennsylvania next on April 23.

Buchanan was heading home to Washington to meet Thursday with top advisers to decide his next step. Some supporters want him to quit the GOP and run as an independent.

Dole claimed the 165 delegates in winner-take-all California — by far the biggest single-state prize in the nomination chase — and won all 14 in Nevada as well. He was on pace to pick up at least 11 of the 18 delegates at stake in Washington.

That would give him 1,195 delegates — with 996 needed for nomination. Buchanan had 109 by comparison.

Early counts showed Dole get-

ting 67 percent in California, to 15 percent for Buchanan. In Washington, it was 63 percent for Dole, 18 percent for Buchanan. In Nevada, Dole had 52 percent to 19 percent for Steve Forbes, who quit two weeks ago after the mail-in balloting was under way. Buchanan had 15 percent.

Saluting his vanquished rivals, Dole said, "The issues they have raised and the voters they have appealed to will be a crucial part of a winning Republican coalition this fall."

Yet he had little patience left for Buchanan's daily demands about shaping the GOP platform. "The longer he just hangs in there the more he helps Bill Clinton," Dole told AP in an interview.

The 72-year-old Kansas senator locked up the nomination with a

Absentee issue splits cluster committee

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

MISD cluster committee members who have continued to meet — even without a quorum — said they take exception to an absentee member being allowed to give a presentation to the board.

At Tuesday night's school-board meeting, committee members appointed by the interveners said J.E. Mendez — representing the board appointees who are meeting in a subcommittee — has been absent four times and is no longer a member of the committee, in accordance with committee policy.

However, Mendez and school-board trustees Dianne Anderson and Robin Hightower said disoriented members were quibbling, and while no longer allowed to vote, Mendez should be permitted to give a presentation to the board at the April 9 meeting.

"We all understand, under the guidelines, I'm not a voting member. That is not the issue. The fact that I make a presentation is irrelevant. James Fuller gave a presentation," Mendez said, drawing disagreement from trustee Fuller.

"I didn't give a presentation. I answered a question," Fuller said.

Mendez agreed. "You contributed," he said.

Resident JoAnne Luehring said she has been attending the meetings of the committee appointed under the Agreed Judgment plan to study integration. She said she thought the intervenors should be required to present a plan they

are developing to the school-board appointed committee members, who have broken off into a subcommittee.

"It doesn't seem right that one side of the committee should be allowed to supersede going to the other side of the committee and go straight to the board," Ms. Luehring said.

Fuller said the intervenor-appointed members, would in effect, be presenting a plan to their own members since they haven't been meeting with the subcommittee.

Committee chairman Steve Buck — in response to a complaint that the intervenor-appointed members will have a presentation ready April 9, but did not ask the board for an extension of the April 1 date — said the faction of the committee had no power to vote on such an item.

"Let me set the record straight," Buck said. "Since I came on board there has not been a quorum."

Committee member Manuel Lujan said, "In my opinion, I feel the committee has failed to carry out what the Agreed Judgment said. We have gotten off the beaten path."

Lujan said the committee, in part, was charged at looking at pulling naturally integrated schools out of the system of busing.

He said he regretted not insisting a magistrate or legal counsel be called in to clarify the charge. "We have different interpretations and we were given six months to try to fix a 20-year problem."

are developing to the school-board appointed committee members, who have broken off into a subcommittee.

"As intervenors, we are parties to the lawsuit. We are under the instructions of the Agreed Judgment and the federal court, not under the instructions of the school board," Lujan said.

"I am disturbed by this whole thing," said MISD Board President Robin Hightower. "That you (intervenor representatives) are making a huge deal out of someone (Mendez) who has spent a lot of time on this process is disturbing."

Ms. Anderson said the intervenor representatives were "making a big issue out of something irrelevant."

"It's relevant to us," said Margie Titus.

Buck asked the board to put the committee presentation on the April 9 board agenda at 7:15 p.m. He said each half of the divided committee should be given 20 minutes to give their separate presentations.

Despite all the accusations and arguing over fine points, MISD Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. said both groups of the divided committee are sincere.

"We have 24 or more individuals in this community who have donated their time working — not together — for the future of this city." He noted, however, that the cluster system of integration cannot be changed without some kind of consensus and federal approval.

Baressi said committee members would present plans for public input at two community forums after April 9.

tee guidelines before voting on final approval of the policy.

In other actions, trustees approved the secondary school enrollment Agreed Judgment plan in a 5-2 vote with Fuller and Ms. Marmolejo opposed.

A new summer science camp for disadvantaged children also was approved.

motorist access along the interstate. "How you get people on and off the interstate and how you bring them in the city is very important," Duncan said.

One possibility — to have the state change I-20 from rural status to urban status — to improve accessibility sparked some residents' concern. That's because a change in status and interchange design generally means making service roads one-way.

Two people who live on County Road 1223 — south of I-20 between Loop 250 and Midkiff Road — said making service roads one-way would substantially inconvenience residents and hinder fire and ambulance response.

City officials responded that it would be highly unlikely to go one-way anytime soon and that the state might be persuaded to make changes without the one-way stipulation.

In addition to making the roadway more user-friendly by improving access and infrastructure, the study revealed a need to beautify the area.

A fountain and landscaping welcoming motorists were among suggestions made by Duncan. "There needs to be some identity ... something that begins an image," Duncan said.

Residents added some suggestions to improve appearance: clean up litter and illegal dumping, modify signs to better direct motorists to restaurants and lodging, and provide lighting.

Another change suggested to improve development was zoning along the interstate. Although a concern, Duncan said, zoning wasn't as great a hindrance as city officials initially thought.

Nevertheless, the study includes zoning plans to make development more user-friendly for prospective businesses. One resident said Midland has lost interstate businesses to Big Spring because of the bureaucratic red tape in the Tall City. Mayor Bobby Burns said zoning changes deal with that concern.

As Dole looked toward a showdown with Clinton, he could not ignore the lurking shadow of Ross Perot, who began a busy stretch of travel to promote his new Reform Party just as the presidential primary calendar finally gave Dole the chance to plan a vacation.

"If you think a new party is a good idea, we'd love to have you join," Perot told a Tuesday night Texas A&M audience.

Correction

In the package of stories Tuesday concerning the proposed airport terminal building, a Continental Airlines spokeswoman was quoted as saying the airline doesn't endorse or oppose new terminal proposals.

Since that interview — during a recent visit to Midland — Greg Brennerman, chief operating officer of Continental, said the airline has come out in support of the proposal to construct a new terminal building because it will not result in increased landing-user fees.

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Second education summit opens with focus on standards, technology

PALISADES, N.Y. (AP) — With the latest school software whirring on nearby computers, the nation's governors and top business executives convened an education summit Tuesday aimed at raising academic performance and bringing technology to America's classrooms.

Unlike the first education summit in 1989, which called for world-class national standards by the year 2000, the final document expected to emerge after two days of meetings here will focus on state standards.

"The American people have spoken. They do not want national standards," IBM Corp. Chairman Louis V. Gerstner Jr. said.

The governors, most of them Republicans, asked Gerstner and

other business leaders to lend their political clout to the cause. The governors also want businesses to insist that future workers know how to read, write and do basic math when they graduate from high school.

President Clinton, who as Arkansas governor was a co-host of the 1989 summit, will address the group today.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Clinton would "certainly engage those Republican governors who believe that the federal government ought to cut its responsibilities and ought not to invest" in education.

"He'll talk about the fact that standard-setting is really something that has to involve everybody," McCurry said.

The president believes that the process starts with parents, teachers and schools at the local level but that expert evaluation at the national level should not be ignored, he said.

The Clinton administration's biggest education reform initiative, Goals 2000, was an outgrowth of the 1989 summit in Charlottesville, Va. Passed by Congress when Democrats still held power, the program has been targeted by Republicans because of fears among the public that it would lead to a national curriculum and give the federal government jurisdiction over education.

Still, some of the business leaders attending Tuesday's meeting appeared to be in favor of national standards.

Paul H. O'Neill, chairman of the Aluminum Company of America, said there are certain things students should know at various grade levels. A ninth-grader should be able to pinpoint Pennsylvania on a map and anything less should be unacceptable, he said.

"There is something really important to do here and it's not to accommodate those who say we have to do the basic things 50 times," he said.

Gerstner quickly replied: "The political reality of national vs. state standards is that it is a political issue, not a rationale issue."

Virginia Gov. George Allen said he opposes federal government involvement in educational standards.

"In Virginia, we didn't wait around for the federal government to come up with national standards; we came up with our own," Allen said.

He said states that end up with similar standards should form partnerships to reduce the cost of tests that can measure students'

performance. Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, chairman of the National Governors' Association, said there have been preliminary discussions with unnamed groups about setting up a "war room" or "clearing house" that could do state-to-state comparisons.

Early breast-cancer detection is mixed blessing, study finds

CHICAGO (AP) — Thousands of women every year undergo mastectomies — perhaps unnecessarily — to remove an extremely tiny type of breast cancer that may not spread or endanger their lives, researchers say.

The tumors — called ductal carcinoma in situ, or DCIS — are contained in the milk ducts in the breast. Most are too small to be felt and show up only on breast X-rays.

Women with these minuscule early tumors might instead take a more conservative approach than removal of the breasts, such as lumpectomy — removal of just the cancerous tissue — plus radiation, researchers say.

Researchers say the advent of mammography is leading more women to have their breasts removed to treat this type of cancer. Between 1973 and 1992, mammography led to more than a five-fold increase in the rate at which such cancers were discovered, according to a study based on data compiled by the National Cancer Institute.

Milk-duct malignancies led more than 10,000 women to have their breasts removed in 1992 — many possibly needlessly, the researchers reported in today's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

"We believe that a minority of these will progress to invasive cancer," said lead author Virginia L. Ernster, an epidemiology professor at the medical school at the University of California at San Francisco.

But since doctors don't know which tumors will progress and which ones will remain harmless, "the current practice is to treat essentially all of them surgically," Ernster said by telephone Monday. "Very few go untreated."

Early cancer in the milk ducts may be less dangerous than early cancer in other parts of the breast, and some milk-duct cancers — depending on their cell type — may require only close watching, Ernster said. More research will be needed to tell them apart, she said. One previous study of untreated

milk-duct cancers found seven of 25 progressed to invasive cancer within a decade of diagnosis, Ernster and her colleagues noted.

And the tumors are very common — 6 percent to 18 percent of women who die of causes other than breast cancer have milk-duct malignancies discovered during autopsies, the researchers said.

About one-third of all breast cancers detected are this type of cancer, Ernster said. The researchers estimated 23,000 milk-duct cancers were diagnosed in 1992.

Rates of mastectomy, or total breast removal, for such tumors have fallen as doctors have discovered that lumpectomies, often with radiation after the surgery, are effective.

Seventy-one percent of milk-duct cancers were treated with mastectomies in 1983, but only 43.8 percent by 1992, the study found.

"I would hope, by 1996, where we are today, it's an even lower percentage," Ernster said. No newer figures are available, she said.

At the same time, the actual

number of mastectomies for milk-duct cancers rose from 3,478 in 1983 to 10,242 in 1992.

In the 1983-92 period, the rate of milk-duct cancers treated by lumpectomies rose from 25.6 percent to 53.3 percent, the study found.

Astronauts to wear jet packs during first Mir space walk

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA took extra precautions for today's spacewalk by two shuttle astronauts outside the Russian space station Mir, equipping them with jet packs just in case their lifelines broke.

No American has ever performed a spacewalk at Mir before. Space shuttle Atlantis, which is docked at Mir, could not immediately dash after astronauts Linda Godwin or Michael "Rich" Clifford if their tethers snapped. The jet packs were intended to propel them back to the safety of the Atlantis-Mir complex.

To facilitate a shuttle getaway in the unlikely event a tether broke and a jet pack failed, NASA ordered the hatches closed between Atlantis and Mir before the six-hour spacewalk. Godwin and Clifford also test-fired the

tiny thrusters on their jet packs, inside the cabin, to make sure everything worked.

One of the jet packs was tested during a 1994 shuttle flight. The other has never been used in space before.

Once outside, Godwin and Clifford planned to attach cosmic dust catchers, paint samples and other science experiments to Mir and test tools designed to fit either U.S.

or Russian spacesuits. It's the kind of work that will be performed by spacewalkers at the future international space station.

Godwin and Clifford were under strict orders not to go beyond Mir's orange docking tunnel.

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New air terminal building best way

While Midland voters will get the chance May 4 to either approve or turn thumbs down on the city of Midland borrowing \$21 million to fund construction of a new terminal building at Midland International Airport, the issue actually involves much more than one construction project. At the most elemental level it involves whether to spend \$33.2 million to build an all-new, state-of-the-art facility that will last many years into the future or pay out more than \$15 million to renovate an existing facility that engineers concede still will not alleviate all its problems.

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During the past few years, Midland International has grown to the scope of a regional airport for this part of the Southwest. The combined population of Midland and Ector counties now is about 225,000, and if projections for future growth come to pass, the population could stand at 280,000 or more within a few years. While that doesn't necessarily translate into increased air traffic, the trend of the past few years indicates more flights and more air passengers will come through Midland International in the future.

Midland International also serves a large area of West Texas and southeastern New Mexico. Midland Mayor Bobby Burns recently said, "Without a doubt, it clearly serves the region and Midlanders need to take a regional approach to it."

He's absolutely correct, but there is another reason fiscally responsible Midlanders will want to think long and hard before vetoing the air terminal plan. City officials and community leaders who've carefully examined the city's airport plans over the past five years have concluded that building a new air terminal rather than merely renovating the existing facility just makes more economic sense.

City officials already have noted that if voters turn down the plan to build a new terminal facility, the city still will have to renovate the existing terminal building. That renovation is essential to bring it into line with such requirements as installation of a fire protection system, provisions mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act, building codes and so forth. To put the situation in a nutshell, Mayor Burns said, "We have a sick building."

In fact, even if all the needs were addressed in a renovation project, engineers have said that in a decade the city will have to look at more work to keep the terminal building functional.

And there are other problems — such as the fact that air traffic controllers do not have a clear view of all aircraft with the terminal building in its present location. Is that the kind of airport Midlanders want? As to the ongoing debate

about whether the city's use of Federal Aviation Administration funds and Passenger Facility Charges constitute use of tax dollars, when a city such as Midland has a need for a new facility such as a terminal building, there are only a few ways to finance it. Midland city officials could have chosen other ways to build the terminal building or not to build one at all. But they chose a plan that is not only fiscally responsible, but resolves various problems with the aging terminal building while providing for anticipated future growth, based on Midland's past experiences and the projections of federal government officials.

The fact that those who use the airport terminal building will pay for it — be they from Midland, Odessa or a wide area surrounding the two cities — makes the plan even more sensible.

In fact, the financing plan itself is, in our opinion, the best part of it all.

Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs), collected from a \$3-per-passenger charge on tickets, will provide \$15.5 million with PFCs totaling \$4.5 million already collected and set aside. Airport revenues from parking, airline landing and space rental fees will provide another \$5.5 million. And the data used in the estimates is based on conservative, not inflated, numbers. FAA grants will pay another \$7.7 million with a commitment for \$3.7 million already secured and another \$4 million expected to be appropriated for the years 1997-98-99. Fears expressed that future grants might not be forthcoming are unfounded, in our opinion, and actually constitute scare tactics by opponents rather than serious doubt.

We strongly agree with Mark Earle, director of aviation for Lubbock International Airport, when he said that, on the contrary, a long-term delay in building the facility could almost guarantee that it eventually would be built with tax dollars.

As for financing, we're lucky. Both the Lubbock terminal building and McAllen International Airport, he points out, are being paid for, in part, by tax dollars.

Opponents who believe Midlanders should be included in the decision of whether to build a new terminal building petitioned the city to have the vote put on the May 4 ballot. That is as it should be. Midlanders should have a role in determining the future of this community and of a project of this importance.

In this instance, however, all available facts point to the construction of a new terminal building as the most reasonable and responsible approach for Midland and this region.

We urge all Midlanders to vote in favor of the city of Midland borrowing \$21 million to finance construction of a new air terminal building at Midland International Airport.

JACK ANDERSON

Shrewd Zedillo quells Mexican rebellion

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico — Subcommander Marcos cuts a romantic figure in the southern state of Chiapas, just across the border from Guatemala. Always on the run from Mexican military officials, he dashes from one tropical jungle village to another, invigorating Indian guerrillas known as "Zapatistas" for a fight that hasn't seen a shot fired in many months.



Anderson

A non-Indian himself, Marcos occasionally meets outsiders to espouse his philosophy, which he developed as a veteran of the Latin American leftist movements of the 1970s. For the time

being, however, the black-hooded Marcos has agreed to bring his movement to the bargaining table with the government of Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo. Both Mexican and American sources told our associate Dale Van Atta, who visited the area, that Marcos has been effectively marginalized by the Zedillo administration in one of the most deft political initiatives in recent Mexican history. Though peace negotiations will go on for a year or more in this city, and Zedillo will accede to some of the Indians' legitimate demands, the "rebellion" has fallen off the map of major concerns for the government at the moment.

The rebellion broke out when armed Zapatistas took over parts of this city in the Mayan highlands of southern Mexico — including the media — on Jan. 1, 1994. The takeover lasted only a few hours, but the effects were felt much longer. It was timed to coincide with the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which many locals said would fail to lift the local farmers out of poverty. The guerrillas were quickly driven out of the city by the Mexican army, with dozens of rebels dying in the process.

As the rebellion wore on, then-President Carlos Salinas de Gortari re-thought the deployment of troops, though most of his top advisers were strongly in favor of crushing the rebellion. "We're going to mop up these people," one official gleefully boasted on the week of the rebellion.

Alarmed at the prospect of mass bloodshed, the Clinton administration quietly made a move. According to a U.S. official in Washington, President Clinton sent a carefully phrased "piece of advice" to Salinas.

"Mexican officials do not respond to warnings

or any kind of dictation," this U.S. official said. "So we could only convey our strong concern, with a warning about what a massacre would do to the Mexican image in the world — non-Mexican investors would flee, the peso would plummet and Mexicans themselves would pull their money out and invest elsewhere." The official added that Salinas paid close attention to the economic argument, which was thought to be "more effective than Americans spouting about human rights."

Not long after, Salinas altered course and began a political discourse with the Zapatistas. As a result, the fidgety Mexican stock market quickly calmed down and foreign reporting on the uprising soon diminished.

Zedillo has continued that Salinas policy and expanded on it, partly by pumping tens of millions of pesos into this poor southern state and acceding to other Indian demands such as land reform.

Some accords have already been signed, and more agreements will be finalized over the next year.

Negotiating on the Zapatista side are ski-masked Commandante Tacho and Commandante David. (While there are several com-

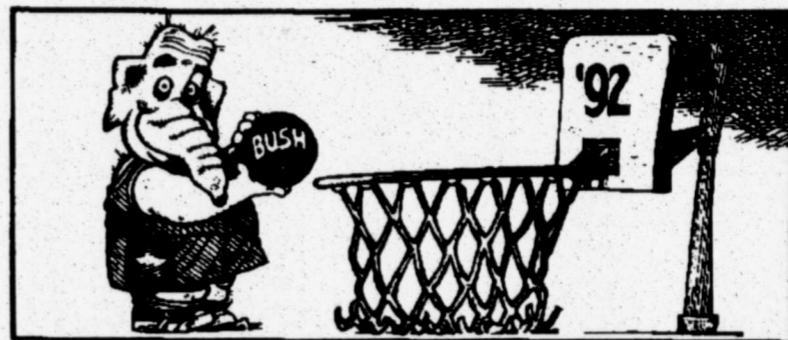
manders, there is only one "sub-commander," Marcos, who doesn't directly negotiate with the government.)

Representing the Zedillo government is a deft negotiator, Marco Bernal, who has won praise even from the Zapatistas for his patience and understanding of the issues. It is slow going, Bernal agreed in a Mexico City interview. "The main problem when you are at the negotiating table is to be confident and to be patient — because all the incidents that might come up while we are negotiating are stones thrown on the table that must be slowly removed to have a better dialogue."

But, Bernal continued, "the government is confident ... that we will solve this by political means and not by violence. We think that is the thing we have to do, even though it is hard to do."

Zapatista sources told us that they are hoping for the same — and have come to believe in the last year that it might be possible to resolve the underlying problems without another shot being fired.

Jack Anderson's and Michael Binstein's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



ART BUCHWALD

Washington bashing not option in '96 election

The biggest problem that Bill Clinton and Bob Dole face in running for president is that they will have difficulty bashing Washington. Since they both live here, it is going to be hard to promise the voters that, if elected, the candidate will be sending a different message to Washington.



Buchwald

Bashing Washington is a major political sport in the United States, and people make a lot of money on it.

It produces standing ovations from the crowds and brings comic relief to the grandstands.

With this in mind, both Clinton's and Dole's

campaign handlers are hard at work figuring out how to bash this town even though both candidates have called it home.

The capital's top political consultants are Basher, Basher, Basher & Spit. Since bashing Washington is not a conflict of interest, the firm represents both Clinton and Dole.

Freddy Basher, who has the Clinton account, said that he was going to knock down the rumor that the president lives in Washington. "Bill and Hillary only rent the White House — they don't own it."

"Where do they live?" I asked. "Whitewater, Ark. That's where they pay their taxes and mortgage."

Basher has his people writing speeches, blaming Washington bureaucrats for the lack of a balanced budget and Amtrak train wrecks. "The president and his wife can't wait to get back to God's Country in Little Rock," he told the press.

"How can the president persuade the people that he despises Washington as much as they

do?"

"By promising that if he is elected he will move the national capital to Cleveland."

Ira Basher, who represents Dole, says he's going to notify everyone that the only reason Dole still remains in Washington is so he can pick up his monthly check at the Veterans Administration.

"Dole crosses himself every time he goes inside the Beltway," said Ira. "Our job is to make sure the senator has no connection with Washington and that everybody knows being Senate Majority Leader is a voluntary job. We're going to put out the word that the senator has to stay in D.C. because his wife has a good job with the American Red Cross."

"We are also going to announce that, if Dole is elected, he is going to move the nation's capital to Denver, so all the senators and representatives can get their luggage as soon as they get off the plane."

Art Buchwald's column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

LETTERS

Animal Control offers caring, needed service

This letter is to let the citizens of Midland know of a special service that is available for us.

Recently I had to have one of my beloved pets put to sleep. In the middle of the dark clouds there was a rainbow. Missy's vet was so attentive to our needs and then Missy was picked up by Animal Control and cremated. All the circumstances surrounding this sad time in our lives was cushioned by these caring people.

I want to thank Animal Control for this service available to the public. It is not a free service, but is definitely affordable with many different plans offered for various fees. You can claim your precious animal's ashes or you can have them handled by Animal Control.

I just wanted you to know that they are caring people who offer a service that helps in such a time of sorrow.

We don't like to think about these times, but they do come, and I just wanted you to know you can contact Animal Control and they will help you.

June Dotson
Midland

Headline hides positive in situation

There is nothing more wonderful than to see the birth of your

child. I am the mother of an adopted daughter and I was there to see the birth of my daughter and for support of our birth mother.

This experience we had together was something we will share for the rest of our lives. We still keep in touch and there is a love here that will never go away. Without her we would not have a beautiful child, and she chose us to give her child a loving family, which she could not do herself. This experience has been incredible and very positive, unlike your choice of words in the title of your article last Sunday ("Mothers who give up children for adoption suffer in shadows").

The title was not only depressing but very negative to any women having to make a decision about an unexpected pregnancy.

Kim Corbitt
Midland

Public school should teach differences

After reading the newspaper for the past few days, I determined that our school leaders needed to hear from what I believe to be the silent majority in our community. I appreciate the efforts they have made in writing the "Celebrations" unit to be added to the social studies curriculum in our schools.

One of the most important reasons to send children to public

schools is for them to learn that the rest of the world is not like them. I feel it greatly benefits children to learn of different customs, belief systems, languages and all the myriad differences that comprise our world today. Children need to learn to think about their own beliefs in relationship to others — not in order to change them necessarily — but to realize that there are differences, and to develop a tolerance for those differences. America was founded because of

the need for religious tolerance, a fact that seems to have been forgotten by many.

Thanks to Dr. Patty Smith, chairman of special studies, and her committee for all of the time and hard work spent in developing a way to teach children to recognize and appreciate their differences.

Cindy Zoller
Midland

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Nation mourns death of ex-secretary of state Muskie

WASHINGTON (AP) — Edmund Muskie operated at the highest reaches of American politics but he was remembered on the day he died for his intellect and honesty, not for the jobs he held. "His brand of tireless public service is vanishing," said a former Senate colleague.

Muskie also will be recalled as the man who may have lost a presidential nomination by choking up in public.

The former secretary of state died of heart failure early Tuesday, two days shy of his 82nd birthday. He underwent surgery last week in Georgetown University Hospital for a blocked artery in his leg, then suffered a heart attack a few days later.

His was a life of public office. Three-term state legislator in his native Maine, twice governor of the state, U.S. senator for 22 years, Democratic nominee for vice president in 1968, candidate for president in 1972.

He left his beloved Senate, where he had championed clean air and clean water legislation, to become secretary of state in the Carter administration. As such, he helped oversee the successful efforts to free 52 Americans held hostage by Iran.

"I have never known any American leader who was more highly qualified to be president of the United States," Carter said in tribute. "His coolness under pressure and his sound

judgment helped him play a crucial role in bringing all the American hostages home from Iran to safety and freedom, and he was always careful to give credit to others for this achievement."

President Clinton called Muskie "a leader in the best sense."

"He spoke from his heart and acted with conviction," Clinton said.

Praise for Muskie, a Democrat, came from both political wings in the Senate.

"Ed Muskie was a patriot," said Republican leader Bob Dole. "The state of Maine and America are better because of Ed Muskie's life and career."

To Sen. Fritz Hollings, D-S.C., Muskie was "perhaps, the most cogent persuader on the floor of the United States Senate. ... Time and again, he gave of himself. His brand of tireless public service is vanishing."

And Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., called him "a senator's senator. I liked to think of him as being the foremost authority on the environment." Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said, "Senator Muskie's place in history is assured."

Muskie leaves Jane, his wife of 47 years, two sons, three daughters and seven grandchildren. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday after a funeral Mass in the Little Flower Church in Bethesda, Md.

A crucial incident, devastating to his campaign for the 1972 Democratic presidential nomination, occurred in New Hampshire while Muskie was speaking outside the Manchester Union Leader newspaper, denouncing a story critical of his wife.

He broke down in angry emotion; it was not clear whether he was crying or his face was wet with snow.

No matter. The episode "changed people's minds about me, or what kind of guy I was," he later told author Theodore H. White. "They were looking for a strong, steady man, and here I was weak."

The man who won the nomination, George McGovern, said Tuesday, "I never believed that ... diminished him in the least. Indeed, it was an indication of his humanity and his essential decency."

McGovern lost in a landslide to Richard Nixon in the general election. Muskie returned to the Senate.

Years later, the Senate voted 94-2 to confirm him for secretary of state. Even Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who voted against Muskie as a protest against Carter's foreign policy, joined in the applause for him.

Muskie's lasting accomplishment in the Senate was written in laws to control water and air pollution. It got him known as "Mr. Clean."

Electronics industry pioneer Packard dies of pneumonia at 83

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — David Packard, who co-founded electronics pioneer Hewlett-Packard Co., and built it into a billion-dollar company with a philosophy of encouraging employee creativity, died Tuesday. He was 83.

Packard died of pneumonia at Stanford University Medical Center, where he had been since March 16. His children were with him when he died shortly after 11 a.m., said company spokeswoman Mary Lou Simmermacher.

Packard and William Hewlett founded their company in 1938 with a borrowed \$538 in a rented garage, building it into Silicon Valley's largest employer with 100,000 workers and more than \$31 billion in revenues last year.

Packard retired from active management in 1978, but

remained the company's chairman until 1993.

Hewlett, in a brief statement, called his partner's death "a loss to the company and to the country that he loved so well."

The two appeared together in January at Stanford University to hear a speech given by Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates.

"I admired him," Gates said Tuesday. "What he and Bill Hewlett did is amazing. They built a company that really weathered change."

Packard was one of the most respected executives in American business. He and Hewlett were renowned not only for their company's success but for their widely imitated management style, which fostered innovation, high-quality products and loyal employ-

ees.

Hewlett-Packard chief executive officer Lew Platt said, "We've lost a friend and a great leader who will be missed immensely, but with our eye to the future, we'll do what Dave would want us to do —

to build on what he and Bill Hewlett began in 1939."

Individually, Packard was credited with being the company's dynamic manager, thinking strategically and making tough decisions.

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1) President Clinton and the leaders of 26 other nations met in the North African country of ... recently at a "summit of peacemakers."

2) The summit was called to declare solidarity with the ongoing peace negotiations between ... and the Palestinians led by Yassir Arafat.

3) With the withdrawal of Steve Forbes from the GOP presidential nomination race, only (CHOOSE ONE): Lamar Alexander, Pat Buchanan and Alan Keyes remain to challenge Bob Dole, the GOP frontrunner.

4) Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth visited the small town of Dunblane in ... the site of a tragic shooting that left 18 people dead and 12 more injured.

5) The big tobacco company (CHOOSE ONE): Brown & Williamson, Liggett Group) agreed to settle a class action lawsuit and claims brought by five states that cigarettes are addicting and cause illnesses.

NEWSNAME

(15 points for correct answer or answers)

I recently caused a controversy in Argentina because I'm playing Eva Peron in a movie. Who am I?

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61 to 71 points — Fair

3-Selena; 4-Tom Gullikson; 5-Frank Bruno.
PEOPLE & SPORTS: 1-Gerry Adams; 2-The Beatles.
MATCHWORDS: 1-C; 2-a; 3-e; 4-d; 5-b.
NEWSNAME: Madonna
4-Scorland; 5-Liggett Group.
WORLDSCOPE: 1-Egypt; 2-Israel; 3-Pat Buchanan.

MATCHWORDS

(2 points for each correct match)

1-freight	a-motionless
2-dormant	b-saturate
3-itinerant	c-shipment
4-rudimentary	d-basic
5-permeate	e-vagrant

PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1) Sinn Fein leader ... walked in New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

2) "Anthology 2," the second of three retrospective CDs by the legendary rockers, ... was released recently.

3) Thousands of women and girls turned out recently to audition for the role of Tejano singer ... who was murdered last year by a deranged fan.

4) The United States Tennis Association has named (CHOOSE ONE): Brad Gilbert, Tom Gullikson) the head coach for the U.S. Olympic team.

5) Mike Tyson reclaimed a portion of the world heavyweight championship by defeating WBC champ ...

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How Philip Morris brews tobacco at factory is at heart of allegations

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

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CHESTER, Va. — Deep in the heart of tobacco country, the world's largest cigarette maker meshes stems and other plant debris into paperlike sheets, soaks them in steaming nicotine and turns them into smokeable tobacco.

How the Park 500 factory squeezes the most cigarettes from tobacco debris is at the center of allegations, repeated in federal affidavits unveiled last week, that Philip Morris controls every drop of nicotine along the way.

Philip Morris, maker of best-selling Marlboro cigarettes, vehemently denies the charges, and has fought back by opening some portions — but not all — of a factory long shrouded in mystery. "There is a terrible, terrible lot of confusion about reconstituted tobacco," contended Philip Morris engineering chief Dave Merrill.

Cigarettes once were made entirely of rich tobacco leaves, and the stems, dust and other debris were sent to landfills.

To save money, Philip Morris and other tobacco companies learned to turn that debris into a cheap filler called reconstituted tobacco that today is used in almost every cigarette. Basically, they mesh tobacco debris into paperlike sheets, much as paper mills create newsprint.

The process washes natural nicotine out of tobacco fibers. The issue is how Philip Morris puts the nicotine back — and in what amounts.

Philip Morris told Congress it doesn't adjust the nicotine and measures it just twice, once in raw tobacco and once in finished cigarette smoke. Indeed, reconstituted tobacco always has some 20 percent less nicotine than raw tobacco. Scientists say nicotine is the chemical that hooks smokers, but tobacco companies contend it is not addictive.

But sealed documents from Philip Morris' now-settled libel lawsuit against ABC-TV, obtained by The Associated Press in January, accused Philip Morris of running a "tobacco extract factory" where employees repeatedly measured nicotine as the tobacco brewed.

The Food and Drug Administration had not seen such testing in a visit to the Park 500 factory. So the FDA investigated again. And former Philip Morris research director William Farone told the agency last week.

"By controlling the ingredients that go into making reconstituted

tobacco, the industry controls the chemical and physical properties... including its nicotine content."

When whole tobacco leaves are set aside for cigarettes, their stems and other dusty debris go to Park 500. There, hot water separates plant fibers from nicotine, sugars and other "solubles" naturally in tobacco.

The pure plant fibers, the consistency of wet sawdust, are cut up in grinders. Jets spray the waterlogged mix over huge screens that are dried into light brown, paperlike sheets.

Meanwhile, the chocolate-brown "solubles" drain into huge pipes for separate processing. Leftover fiber is screened out. Excess water is evaporated until the "concentrated extract" contains a ratio of 52 percent water to 48 percent solubles, including nicotine and sugars.

This is openly measured on the factory floor, and important because if the ratio is off, the tobacco will be too wet to use when the extract is added back to it, explained Merrill, the Philip Morris engineer.

Then Philip Morris removes nitrates, a potentially poisonous natural chemical, and pours in final ingredients from large vats.

Then comes the most controversial part: measuring the nicotine extract in a sophisticated machine called a gas chromatograph before the liquid gushes onto the dry tobacco sheet — and again when newly nictinized tobacco dries.

Farone and 23-year Philip Morris employee Jerome Rivers told the FDA the chromatograph checks nicotine levels, as often as once an hour. They said batches with the wrong amounts are reprocessed.

Nicotine levels can be changed by adding tobacco stems with naturally higher nicotine to that mix, explained Rivers, who worked at a neighboring factory but told the FDA both factories measure nicotine the same way.

Philip Morris is challenging Rivers' affidavit, and Merrill said the chromatograph simply measures flavoring, never the level of nicotine.

The company never showed visiting FDA scientists the chromatograph so they could settle the issue. "They didn't ask," said Merrill.

Nor would he let The Associated Press see the testing.

Government floods Grand Canyon to bring it closer to its natural state

PAGE, Ariz. (AP) — Four monstrous arcs of foamy white Colorado River water shot out of a dam with a roar Tuesday as the federal government began a weeklong flood designed to turn back the clock on the Grand Canyon.

As the Colorado River below the dam crept higher up the salmon-colored, sandstone canyon walls, several dozen scientists in hardhats looked on at their effort to bring the canyon closer to its natural state.

"The roar of the water is like what Mother Nature would've been doing naturally this time of year," said David Wegner, program manager for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the agency that manages the nation's dams.

Because sediment settles out of the water as it sits behind the Glen Canyon Dam, the once warm and muddy river downstream now runs cold and clear green. The flood should stir up sediment and redistribute it through the canyon, creating hundreds of new sandy shores where vegetation can take root to feed birds and fish.

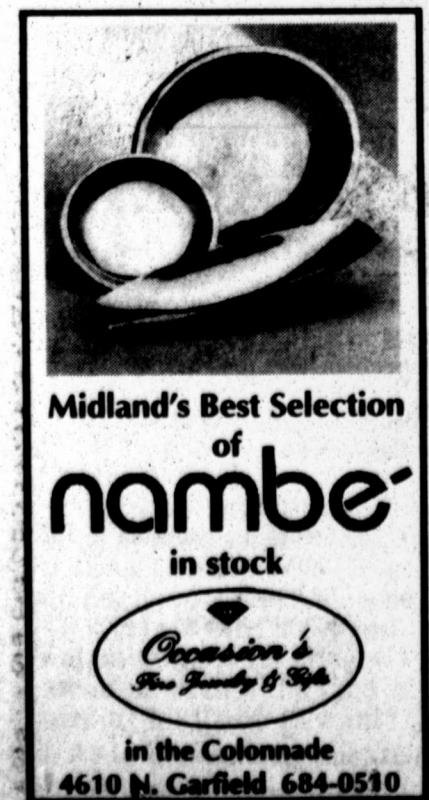
Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt called it "a new beginning" as he pushed a button, cranked a lever and turned a wheel to open the first of four huge valves, releasing millions of gallons of the Colorado River from behind the dam.

It is "a new era for ecosystems, a new era for dam management, not only for the Colorado but for every river system and every watershed in the United States," Babbitt said. Water systems in the Pacific Northwest and in Florida's Everglades also will adopt operating policies giving a higher priority to the environment.

The scientists behind the \$2.7 million experiment, the government's first scientifically documented arti-

ficial flood, said it was intended to mimic seasonal flows restricted by the 33-year-old dam.

The scientists have warned that the flood may wash away fragile fish eggs and some plant life, but they expect flora and fauna to return in greater abundance.



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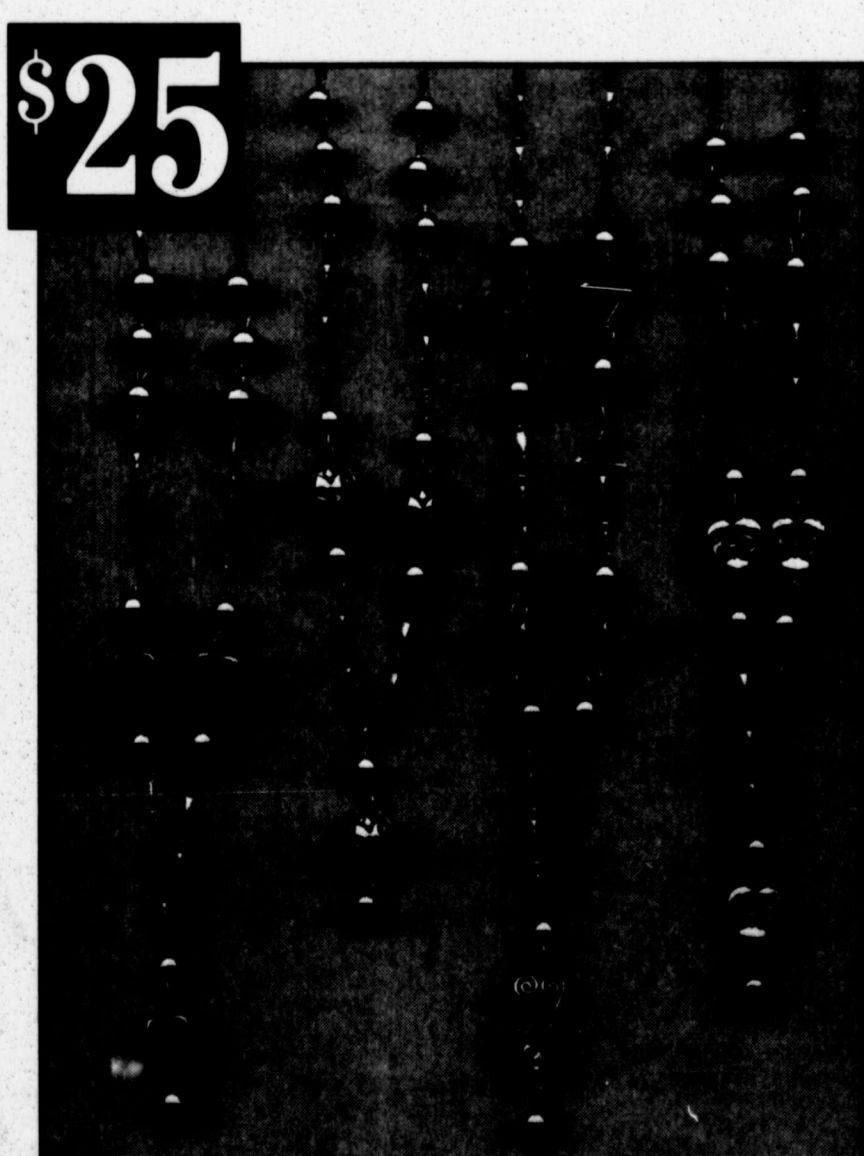
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BASIN BRIEFING

Officer's medal

Midland police Officer David C. Edwards received a medal of valor Saturday for saving an officer's life. Last year, Edwards shot and killed a man who was attacking another officer with a hatchet. Neither officer was injured in the attack.

Conference

Ben Milam Elementary School, 301 E. Dormard Ave., will host the mini-conference "Parents and Teachers Helping Students" (PATHS) 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday. The conference is designed to bring parents, students and citizens together to demonstrate how parents can play a larger role in their children's education. It will also describe ways members of the public can get involved in schools.

Super Shuttle

The Cherry Coke/Sega Saturn Super Shuttle will be in the Hastings Books, Music and Video parking lot from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today. The shuttle, donned with a giant inflatable balloon, will offer visitors a chance to premier the latest Sega Saturn games. Soft drinks and other prizes will be given away.

Lunch speaker

Nicholas Paul Banner, author of "Jeff Davis' Camel Corps on the Western Frontier," is to speak at the Petroleum Museum Brown Bag Lunch set for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

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.

Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Marienfeld 3rd Floor Conference Room.

Gamblers Anonymous, 4601 Neely Ave., Room 6, 7:30 p.m., 24-hour hotline 567-7916.

Midland Articulators Chapter of International Training in Communication (ITC), 4400 N. Big Spring St. 689-7875 or 682-8820

TALL CITY Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3193 (Bob Clohessey).

Singles Group, First United Methodist Church, 6:30-8 p.m., parlor.

Uptown Chapter of the Business & Professional Women luncheon meeting, The Petroleum Club 683-3000.

ARCO Articulators, 11:30 a.m., ARCO Building, 688-5760.

Company D, 403rd MP BN, Company D, Texas State Guard 7:30 p.m. Texas National Guard Armory.

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G. St. Information 570-8612

Midland Downtown Lions Club noon, Midland Center.

MCC Womens Golf Association 9 a.m.

MIDLAND COUNTY Advisory Committee on Aging, 10 a.m., County Commissioners' Courtroom.

UTPB Alumni Writers' Forum, 7:30 p.m., 8719 Pica St., Odessa.

NARFE, PB Chapter 1281, 2 p.m., 3303 Illinois Ave., 699-5023.

American Business Club, noon, Holiday Inn West.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Permian Aerie 2982 meets every Wednesday, 8 p.m. Aerie Home, behind Rogers Ford, W. Highway 80 service road on Brinson Lane.

Midland Genealogical Society Volunteers available 1-4 p.m. afternoons, Midland Public Library, to help beginning genealogists.

Midland Daybreak Rotary Club, 7 a.m., Ranchland Hills CC, 683-3000

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Basin's unemployment figures improve

Midland-Odessa's jobless rate drops from 6.6 percent in January to 6.3 percent in February.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland-Odessa's unemployment rate showed some improvement in February, according to figures released Tuesday by the Texas Employment Commission.

The TEC's Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area recorded an unemployment rate of 6.3 percent in February, down from 6.6 percent in January and the same as February 1995.

The city of Midland posted a 4.7 percent unemployment rate, down from 5.1 percent in January and from 4.9 percent a year ago.

In the Odessa-Midland MSA, the civilian labor force numbered 119,700, down 100 from 119,800 in January, but up from 117,800 last year. Of those in the labor force, 112,200 were employed, up from 111,900 in January and from 110,400 a year earlier.

The number of unemployed residents also dropped, to 7,500 from 7,900 in January but is above 7,400 recorded last February.

There were 49,856 Midlanders in the labor force, down slightly from 49,909 in January but up from 49,179 last year. There were 47,523 Midlanders employed, up from 47,385 in January and above the 46,750 employed last year. Of those in the labor force, 2,333 were unemployed,

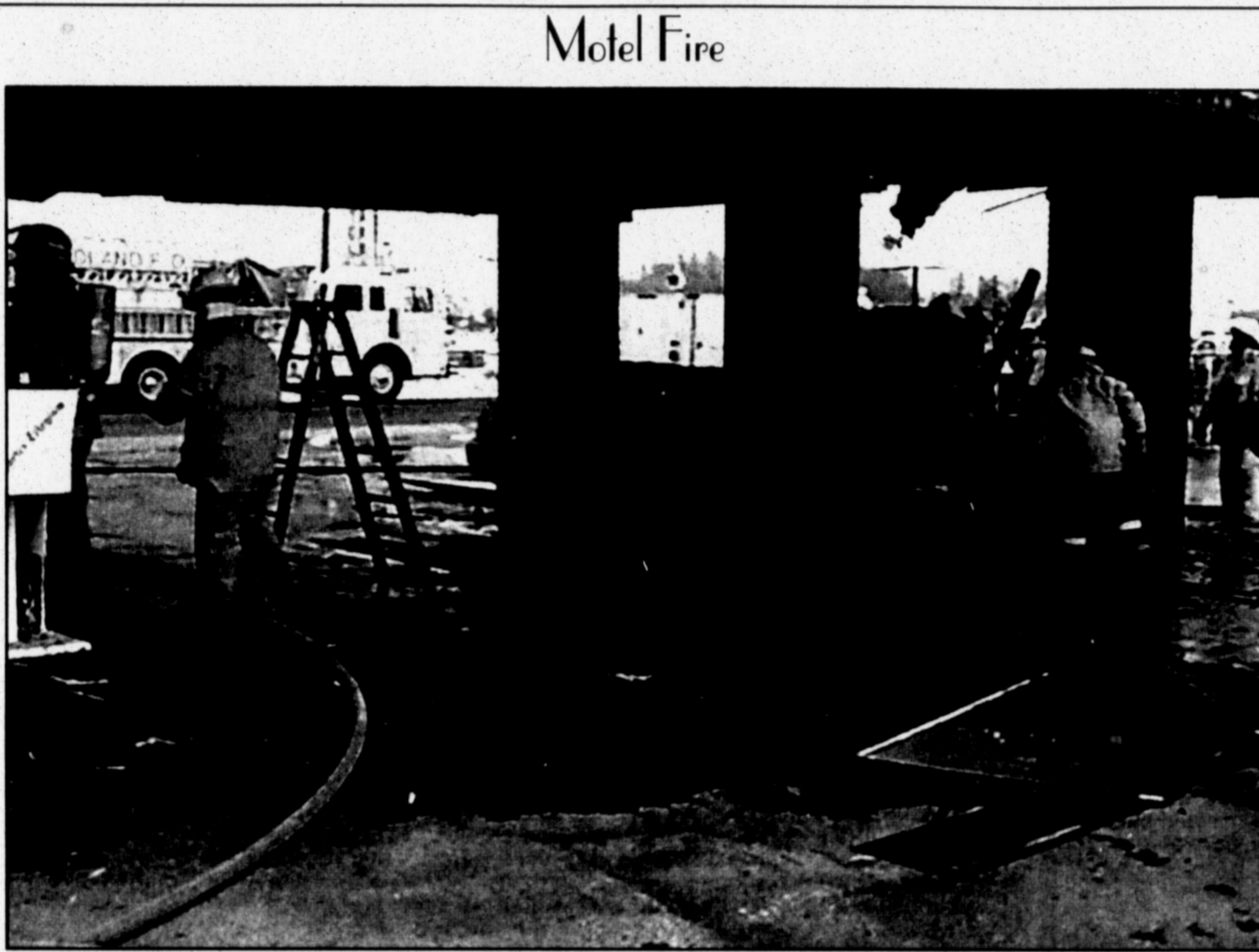
down from 2,524 in January and from 2,429 a year ago. Rachel Porras, employment supervisor, said that the unemployment picture improved in February and predicted that improvement would continue as the weather improves.

"You'd be surprised at how many seasonal workers there are here," she said. "They've been in a lull since December."

She said that TEC's Midland office is seeing the most job orders it's had in several years.

"There are jobs available," she said. Odessa-Midland ranked 15th among the TEC's 27 MSAs. The lowest rate in the state was Bryan-College Station with 2.7 percent, followed by Austin-San Mar-

Please see JOBS/2B



Midland firefighters battle a blaze at the West Wind motel in the 3800 block of Wall Avenue. The car under the covered driveway caught fire, setting the motel on fire.

Dick Hardin/Reporter-Telegram

Flames from car ignite carport, vacant motel rooms

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Fire damaged a carport and several rooms at the West Wind Motel Tuesday, when a vehicle ignited under an overhanging roof.

There were no injuries in the blaze, according to Midland Fire Department reports.

Shortly before noon, an employee at the motel tried to start her 1992 Grand Prix under a roof outside the office of the motel, which is located at 3808 W. Wall Ave.

"She got in her car and tried to start it and it made a funny noise," said Debbie Carrell, who manages the motel. Smoke began wafting up through the steering column, Ms.

Carrell said. While the employee and her husband were searching for an extinguisher, the vehicle burst into flames, which quickly ignited the overhanging roof.

"I've never seen a car catch on fire before ... It went up really quick," Ms. Carrell said.

Ms. Carrell asked someone to call 911 and went next door to retrieve a fire extinguisher.

When the flames erupted, witnesses tried to move the car before calling the Fire Department, according to firefighters at the scene.

Those few minutes of delay, between the time that smoke

Please see BURN/2B

Girl's pediatrician, psychologist testify in sexual assault of child trial

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff Writer

Testimony began Tuesday in the sexual assault trial of a man accused of having sex with a child after buying her sexual favors from her father in exchange for drugs.

Ray Stewart "Butterball" Marion is accused of having sex with the child, who was under 13 at the time.

The girl, a minor, is the daughter of Charles Richard Wooden, who was convicted last summer of aggravated robbery.

Under a new state law, during the punishment phase of a trial any allegations of wrongdoing may be made

for a judge or jury to weigh in the sentencing.

After testimony regarding the allegations of selling his daughter's sexual favors for drugs, 142nd District Court Judge Jody Gilles sentenced Wooden to 40 years in prison.

A pediatrician testified Tuesday and during Wooden's punishment phase that an examination of the girl indicated she is not a virgin.

Marion testified during Wooden's punishment under use immunity — meaning anything he said couldn't be used against him in his trial — and said Wooden had approached him several times offering his daughter in exchange for money.

A psychologist testified Tuesday and in Wooden's tri-

al that the child, who was 14 last year, had the mental capacity of an 8-year-old.

He said the girl suffered from post traumatic stress disorder, which he said is consistent with a sexually abused child.

The doctor said the child was easily confused and influenced by other people. He said she can be manipulated during questioning.

The girl told the psychologist that her father "gave" her away for a \$10 rock of crack cocaine and she "went all the way with Butterball" on three occasions while her dad lay next to her instructing her to "open her legs."

Marion remains in custody in the Midland County Detention Center.

Community and Senior Services makes it easier for woman, 110, to get around

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Getting in and out of the shower can be tough for some senior citizens, and at 110 years of age, Midland's oldest citizen could use a little help.

Maria Mendoza received help in the form of a new handle and grab bar that will make getting in and out of the shower safer. Bob Elwood of Community and Senior Services installed the handles Thursday.

Among the services offered by CSS is handy work around the homes of elderly residents.

Ms. Mendoza, born on Jan. 13, 1886,

received commemorative plaques two years ago from the city of Midland and the state of Texas honoring her as Midland's oldest person.

She recently celebrated her 110th birthday with a big get-together of the entire family. Relatives came to Midland in a chartered bus from San Antonio and as far away as California and Grand Canyon, Ariz., said Dolores Tucker, Ms. Mendoza's daughter.

With her daughter translating, Ms. Mendoza said she loves music, and did not want to leave the party even as 1 a.m.

Please see HELP/2B



Bob Elwood, with Ellwood Enterprises, shows Maria Mendoza, 110, the safety rail that he is installing in her bathroom. Community and Senior Services is having the safety equipment installed for Mrs. Mendoza.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Man admits on stand to head-butting, hitting wife, shaving her head

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff Writer

A man accused of sexually assaulting and assaulting his estranged wife testified he head-butted and beat her.

Bill Monroe Dixon, 48, stands accused of an incident that occurred June 10, 1993, when he allegedly beat and sexually assaulted his estranged wife before shaving her head and taking her to the truck stop where she worked.

The victim left Dixon on May 21 and was staying at a motel. During the time Dixon and his wife were separated, she was seeing her supervisor at the truck stop.

The woman testified Dixon picked her up in the parking lot of a local bar, where she was applying for a job, and took her back to his 12-by-8-foot camper at a trailer park.

Dixon said the attack was instigated by his wife's

admission to sleeping with another man while they were separated.

Dixon admitted on the stand Tuesday that after his wife admitted she was seeing her boss, he head-butted her, causing a knot to raise on her forehead with "blood pouring everywhere."

He said she declined medical attention and they put a rag on the cut. He said her eyes became bloodshot and "droopy looking."

He said he calmed down, but later they "started back again." Dixon said he hit her "quite a few times in her body area ... You wouldn't hit a face that looked like that," he said.

He said he shaved her head because "I figured if she's not so damn attractive then men wouldn't be chasing her."

The victim said he used a knife to cut off her long hair

before shaving her head. He denied cutting her hair before shaving it.

He said he shaved her head "because she was still mine."

The victim also testified that Dixon penetrated her with a pocket knife during the attack. Dixon denied that allegation as well.

He denied the victim's allegations that he twisted, pinched and pulled on her breast during the attack, despite photographs showing extensive bruising on her breasts.

Dixon also said he didn't recall stomping her with his boots on as she alleged.

He said "she sure hasn't been telling the truth." A woman who worked at the truck stop with the vic-

Please see ADMIT/2B

Irvin, 3 others appear before grand jury probing drug arrest

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys star Michael Irvin and three others who were in a motel room where police found cocaine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia appeared before a grand jury Tuesday in answer to subpoenas.

Irvin, former Cowboys tight end Alfredo Roberts, Angela Beck and Jasmine Nabwangu were tight-lipped about the behind-closed-door proceedings with the panel investigating the events that led to Beck's arrest on drug charges.

The All-Pro wide receiver — wearing dark glasses, a dark blue suit and a black mink coat — signed an autograph for one courthouse visitor, but refused to discuss the day's events with reporters.

"Why do I have to tell you guys anything?" Irvin asked as he boarded an elevator at the Frank Crowley Criminal Courts building.

Attorneys also had little to say. "We can't comment on anything that occurred today," Irvin's attorney, Kevin Clancy, said as he left the courthouse with his client

as grand jurors recessed for lunch. "I can't discuss anything right now."

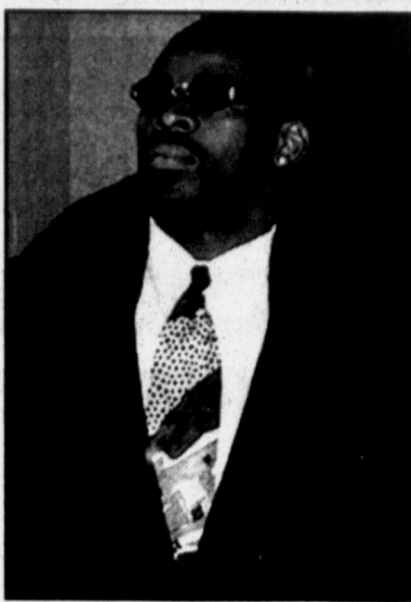
Irvin and his attorney met with prosecutors Monday but declined comment, citing a gag order issued by state District Judge John Creuzot.

The judge, who issued the five-page decree, said Tuesday he was concerned about the amount of attention the high-profile case has received.

"It's obvious that there's been a lot of pretrial publicity surrounding all these grand jury proceedings. To be perfectly honest, I've seen so much in the media that is factually not true," Creuzot said, refusing to elaborate.

He said he was also concerned about the ability of somebody to get a fair trial in Dallas, should the grand jury return an indictment in the case.

Creuzot's order says "it appears to the court that the extensive pretrial publicity by way of interviews of the lawyers for both the state and defense and possible leaks of



AP Laserphoto
Dallas Cowboys star Michael Irvin appeared before a grand jury Tuesday in answer to subpoenas.

confidential information have compromised the ability of the grand jury to conduct its investigation ... in a fair, impartial and secret manner."

The grand jury has a three-month term that lasts until the end of March.

Texas to take fight over affirmative action in university admissions to Supreme Court

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas will take the fight over affirmative action in university admissions to the U.S. Supreme Court, state Attorney General Dan Morales said Tuesday.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last week struck down the University of Texas Law School's admissions policy, saying UT failed to justify favoring some racial groups. The decision came in a lawsuit filed by four white law school applicants.

Morales said he expects the Supreme Court to agree to consider Texas' case. If it doesn't, he said, it could be years before a similar case is presented. Nearly two decades have elapsed since the court last issued a formal opinion on affirmative action, he said.

"It has the opportunity in this litigation to speak to, I think, one of the more important issues facing us as a society," Morales said, predicting arguments in the case would be scheduled for the fall.

Morales said he will ask for a stay of the 5th Court's ruling while the case is under appeal. A stay would allow universities to use whatever admissions system they see fit until the case is finally decided, he said.

UT institutions, which had suspended admissions after the 5th Court's ruling, got the go-ahead Tuesday from UT System Chancellor William Cunningham to resume admitting students for summer and fall.

But Cunningham said the institutions must operate under the appellate ruling's guidelines, meaning race or ethnicity can't be taken into account.

UT System spokesman Monty Jones said if a stay is granted, the university likely would return to its

previous affirmative action policy. "We want to obey the law," Jones said.

The state's case will be aided by Harvard Law School professor Laurence Tribe, a noted constitutional scholar, Morales said. Tribe will help in submitting the case to the Supreme Court and will handle arguments if the court agrees to hear the case, he said.

"I believe that we will be successful in helping the court come up with a constitutionally permissible, allowable manner by which we can continue to promote the very worthy goals of diversity and inclusiveness in higher education and in our society in general," said Morales, whose decision to appeal followed demonstrations by hundreds of university students in support of affirmative action.

"We need doctors, lawyers, engineers, business people, educators, journalists, government officials coming from all socioeconomic groups, coming from all races, representing all ethnicities — particularly in a state like ours which is comprised of close to 40 percent minorities," Morales said.

He added that Texas wants to help find a mechanism for promoting diversity that's not only constitutional but has broad public support.

"I am of the opinion that the vast majority of Texans are not racists. The vast majority of Americans are not racists. I think that as a rule, the majority of citizens in our country support the goals of inclusiveness, the goals of diversity," he said.

Morales had said Monday that

some civil rights advocates didn't believe the UT case was one of the stronger ones that could be presented to the Supreme Court on affirmative action in higher education.

But he said Tuesday, "We have found ourselves in a situation where I think the harmful consequences of this ruling, if allowed to stand, upon our state and upon higher education compel the action that we have decided upon."

"If I were going to take a case up to the U.S. Supreme Court on this issue, would I put together this particular policy and this particular fact situation and individual circumstances and details? The answer would be no," he said. "However ... sometimes you just have to play the hand you're dealt."

Perot fields skeptical questions from Texas students

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Ross Perot, intensifying his campaigning for a new third-party presidential effort, portrayed the recent Republican primary campaigns as "beyond sick" on Tuesday. But he bristled at suggestions from a student audience that he had little to offer in the way of new ideas.

After a week of appearing on broadcast programs to promote himself and his new party, the Dallas billionaire hit the road Tuesday for a speaking tour that aides said would eventually take him to nearly every state.

Perot is seeking to get his new Reform Party on the ballot in all 50 states. And although he keeps insisting the effort is "not about me," he was sounding increasingly like a full-fledged candidate.

Addressing students at Texas A&M University here Tuesday evening, the Dallas billionaire characterized his own stepped up effort as "getting off the chair and doing something that has to be done."

"If you think a new party is a good idea, we'd love to have you join," Perot told an audience of over 1,000 students.

Perot was not asked nor did he talk about whether he would run for president.

He attacked Democrats for ignoring efforts to balance the budget and Republicans for not following through with their Contract With America.

Of negative advertising and dirty campaigning, Perot said, "even mud-wrestling has rules. ... Politics has no rules." Of the winding down GOP primary season, Perot said, "It was beyond sick." And he predicted "another round" as the general-election campaign heats up.

During a question and answer period following his speech, Perot was peppered with skeptical questions.

One student asked him where he was when Republicans in the Senate failed by a single vote to pass a balanced budget measure, or when a proposed congressional term-limits narrowly failed.

Becoming more agitated, Perot asserted, "we were on the front lines" and said the balanced budget would not even have been on the congressional agenda had it not been for his 1992 campaign, when he got 19 percent of the vote.

"We pulled that little skunk up by the teeth," he said. "We were there. ... That's why we have to create a party with a little less talk and a lot more action. Next question."

But, when a student told Perot that her generation had grown cynical from politician's promises and asked him, "Why should we vote for your party?" Perot snapped:

"I don't care whether you vote for our party or not. I've already made that clear."

As to the issue of cynicism, Perot said, "Fine, that guarantees our country will fail. ... If we all go in that direction, we all will fail."

The student, Misty Hataway, 20, a political science major, said later that Perot "was rude and arrogant. He totally avoided the question."

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More couples retire to Mexico to benefit from economic lifestyle

LAKE CHAPALA, Mexico (NYT)— On a budget of about \$2,000 a month, Tim and Mary Anne Hogan are living the kind of retirement many Americans only find in their dreams. The Hogans found it in Mexico.

They moved to this small town in central Mexico almost three years ago, joining the most popular English-speaking enclave abroad.

The Hogans are renting a spacious two-bedroom home, with a swimming pool and double garden, on a hillside golf course with a panoramic lake view. Included in their \$800 monthly rent are utilities plus a full-time maid and gardener.

"We live pretty high on the hog for \$800," says Tim, smiling at his fate.

Thanks to a year-round spring-like climate, the Hogans are able to golf about three times a week. On weekends, they'll often splurge on a beach getaway, making the four-hour drive and spending \$100 to \$150 total for two nights' accommodations, dinners and breakfasts in the resort town of Manzanillo.

"We have a quality of life that I don't think we could equal in the U.S., with great weather and a cost of living that's about 25 percent lower than in the States," says Tim, a retired newspaper and public relations man from St. Louis.

"Moving here has been a tremendously good decision." Are the Hogans an unusual or especially lucky case? Al contrario.

Approximately 350,000 Americans live in Mexico at least part time, says Pete Dickinson, the Prescott author of Retirement Edens Abroad and editor of the "Retirement Letter," a publication on investments.

"A lot of people do sojourning, spending six months in a place instead of becoming permanent residents," Dickinson said. Together, the part-time and full-time Mexico retirees have spawned many English-speaking colonies.

The corridor between Guadalajara and Lake Chapala, 35 miles to the south, "is the Number One English-language retirement community outside the U.S. in the world," says Barry Prince, partner in South of the Border Enter-

prises, which organizes Mexico retirement-preview tours and seminars, and publishes "Retire in Mexico Updates & Business News."

About 40,000 Americans and Canadians live in the Guadalajara-Chapala area. Another 20,000 more live in coastal towns on the Baja California and Baja California Sur peninsula, according to Prince.

In central Mexico, the colonial towns of Cuernavaca and San Miguel de Allende have attracted expatriate populations of 5,000 and 3,500, respectively, while San Carlos, Sonora, has a community of 3,500. Other transplant colonies are scattered throughout the country in places such as Alamos, Sonora and Puerto Vallarta.

The influx seems to be undaunt-

ed by Mexico's internal problems. The country is straining under the pressures of a badly battered economy, and the 60-year-old authoritarian political system has only marginal support.

The banking system and mail service can present problems for newcomers: And not everyone can adjust to a place where you can't get help from a plumber or electrician on Sundays, or where stocking up on groceries can take several stops — to the produce market, the butcher shop, the bak-

ery and the general store.

But Mexico, nonetheless, has been enticing retirees to leave the United States since the 1950s. Recently, Arthur Frommer, a leading travel-book author, included Mexico on a new video featuring his five best picks for retirement locations in the United States and abroad.

"The main selling points for moving to Mexico are the people, the climate and the lower cost of living," says Zoe Bunnell, who moved a year and a half ago.

Hometown honors Rosie Lee Moore, Aunt Jemima

By Jenny Nelson
Bryan-College Station Eagle

HEARNE — Rosie Lee Moore smiled at America for 17 years, but few Americans knew her name.

Now, 30 years after her death, her hometown is producing a brochure to honor the woman who most knew only as Aunt Jemima.

The Hearne native represented the Quaker Oats Company as Aunt Jemima from 1950 until she died in 1967. Her picture stayed on the products for about 10 more years.

"People have heard she was from Hearne and come through and ask about her," said Cindy Wallace, Hearne Chamber of Commerce director. "We're developing a brochure to explain her history and including a map to her gravesite."

In 1988, the Hearne Heritage League decided it was time to honor their hometown star, so they placed a grave marker on her gravesite.

Wallace says the city of about 5,100 donated money to honor her memory in 1994, but there was no foundation or account established for the project at that time. The city agreed last week to fund the brochure.

Marilyn Kern-Foxworth, a professor at Texas A&M University, has written a book that includes the

history of Aunt Jemima. The book is titled "Aunt Jemima, Uncle Ben and Rastus: Blacks in Advertising Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Foxworth said she was involved in the Aunt Jemima gravesite project in 1988 and thinks the exposure generated by the brochure would help raise awareness of Aunt Jemima.

"There are still people who don't know about it," she said. "One of the reasons I came to Texas A&M was to study the history of Aunt Jemima in Hearne."

Algie Moore Bullocks, 89, and Luejean Moore, 79, Rosie Lee Moore's sisters, still live in Hearne. They are proud that their sister's memory will be shared with the public.

"I think the brochure is real nice," said Bullocks. "It lets me know more people are thinking about her than just me."

The sisters remember the Aunt Jemima stories Rosie Lee Moore would tell them during her annual Christmas visits to Hearne.

"She would tell these crazy stories," said Luejean Moore. "She loved to talk and we just listened to her stories about being Aunt Jemima." The Chamber hopes to finish the brochure in a couple of weeks. Copies will then be available at the chamber office.

Bullocks and Moore said their famous sister was a brave woman for taking the Aunt Jemima job.

"I saw her perform once in Dallas, and I was scared sitting in the audience," Bullocks joked. "She had guards on either side of her protecting her. I wanted her job (as Aunt Jemima) when she died, but I changed my mind."

Bullocks decided she didn't want to "stand up in front of all those folks cooking. I'd have to be looking."

Rosie Lee Moore spent her adult

life in Oklahoma City, where she began working in the advertising department for Quaker Oats. It was there that she applied for the job of Aunt Jemima.

When she would return from Oklahoma, Luejean Moore said she did not give her sister Rosie much of her time. However, she now wishes she had listened closer to her Aunt Jemima stories.

Moore says she remembers her famous older sister as funny and friendly.

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Man goes astray after sons take to crime, drinking

DALLAS (AP) — Former Forest Hill Fire Chief Paul Philbin, who faces life in prison in connection with two bank robberies, says his life unraveled after his two sons were sent to prison and he began gambling.

The crack cocaine and alcohol problems of one of his sons, along with the jailing of a second, played a part in his own undoing, Philbin said.

"Part of the stress I was under was keeping the city fathers from knowing the fact that I had two boys in prison," he told The Dallas Morning News in an interview at Law Sterrett Justice Center.

Gambling played a role in his downfall, too. Philbin wagered in casinos and bet on horses, but he says most of his trouble came in the volatile commodities market. By late 1995, he was — by his account — losing \$10,000 a day in commodities trading.

Philbin's slow unraveling ended, authorities said, with a bungled January bank robbery, a desperate car chase and a shootout in which his partner, Ronald Ray O'Burke, was killed.

Philbin faces two federal bank robbery charges, two federal weapons charges and three counts of attempted capital murder of a police officer. He has pleaded innocent to all charges.

If convicted, he could spend the rest of his life locked up.

Philbin doesn't deny his role in a robbery at suburban Ferris, but says he never fired at officers. Police say he also confessed that he and O'Burke robbed the First Texas State Bank in Cedar Hill of \$50,000 on Nov. 27.

He denies confessing to the Cedar Hill heist.

Philbin and O'Burke, 44, made an unlikely pair of bank robbers.

Philbin enjoyed wide respect as a retired fire chief in Forest Hill, a Fort Worth suburb of 13,000 people. O'Burke was a former Forest Hill fire marshal.

Philbin admitted he had one vice — gambling, in the form of high-risk investments, horse racing and Las Vegas blackjack.

O'Burke worked as a marshal in Forest Hill from the spring 1994 until he was laid off a year later. But he quickly hit it off with Philbin, according to O'Burke's 71-year-old father, Robert O'Burke, himself a longtime former fire chief of suburban Duncanville.

Rather than being despondent over getting laid off, O'Burke planned to become an arson investigator after graduating in March from the Cedar Valley Community College police academy, his wife, Peggy O'Burke said.

Friends suggested that O'Burke fell under Philbin's spell.

Philbin, however, said O'Burke was "a little man with a small man's complex," always bubbling over with wild schemes.

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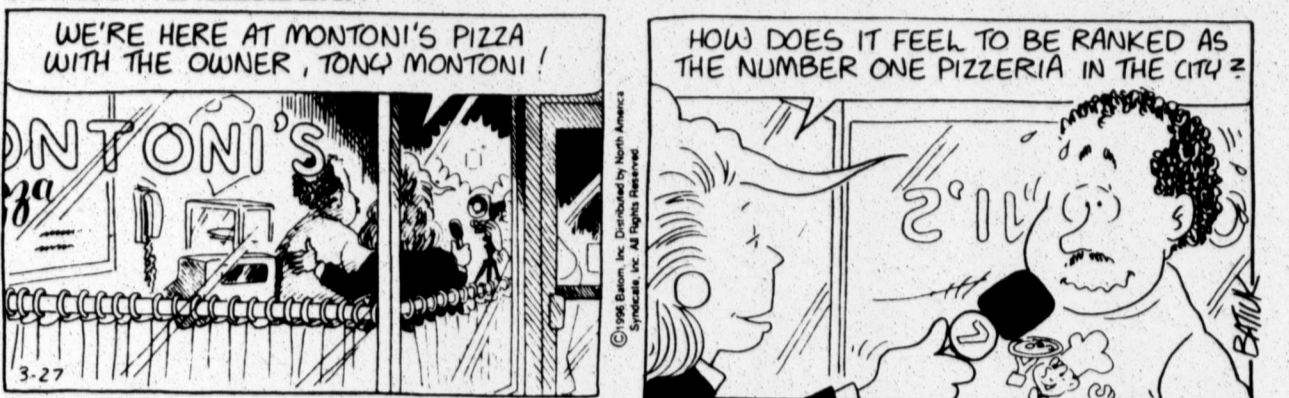
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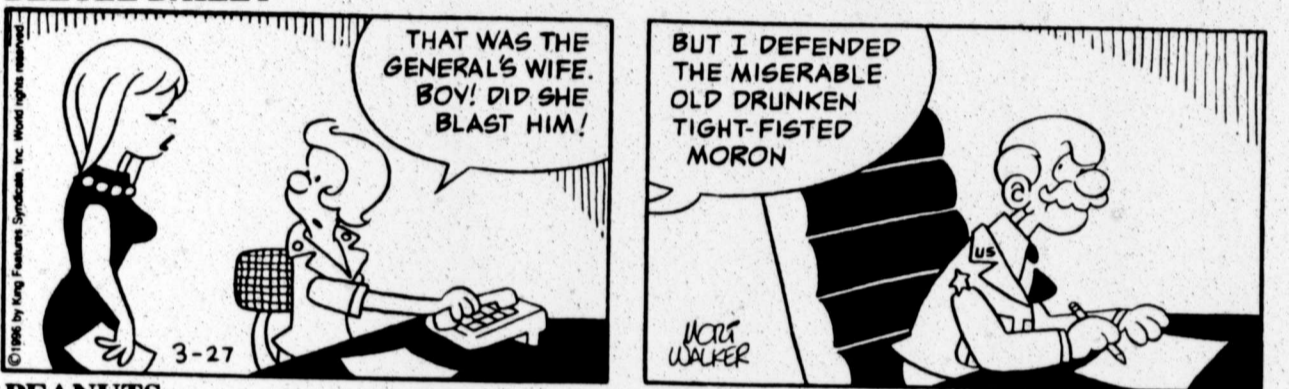
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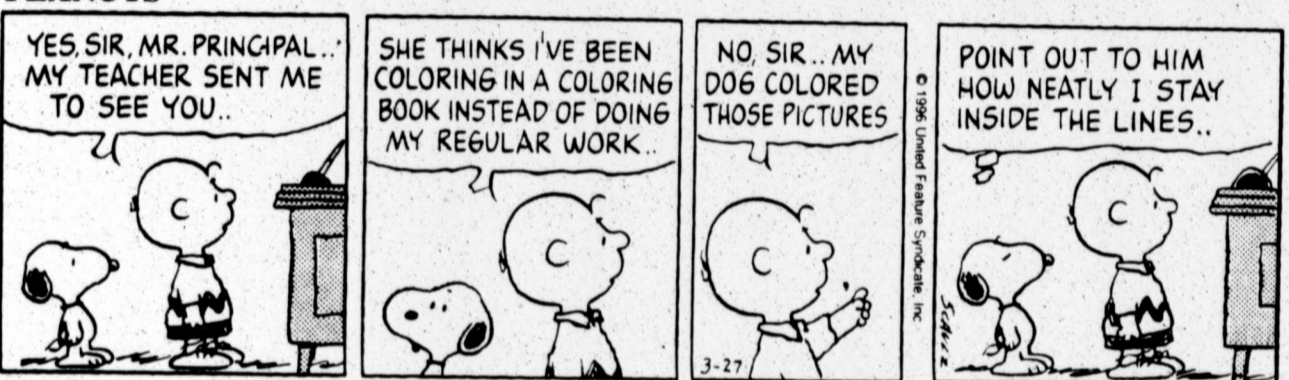
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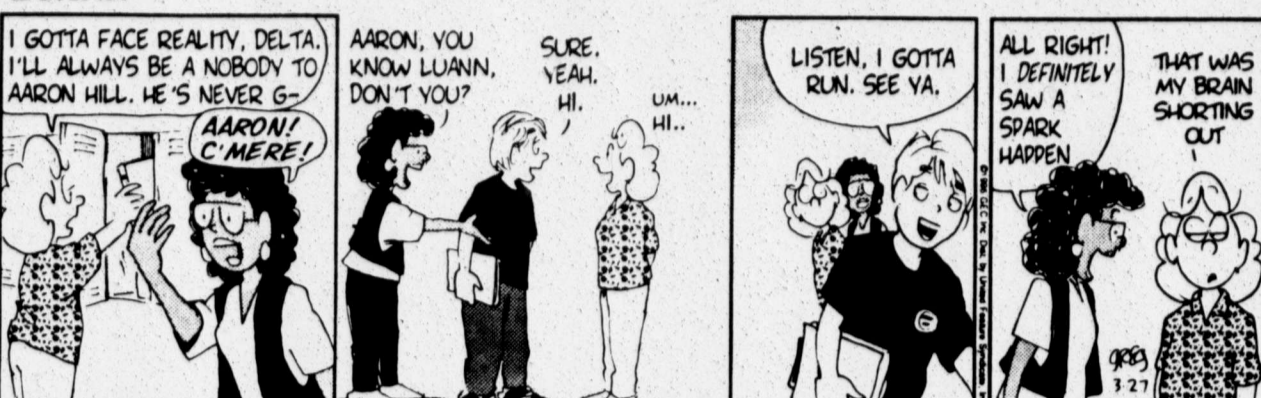
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New interests, including charity work, will take your mind off a recent loss. Welcome additional responsibilities at work. Higher-ups know they can count on you in a crunch. Remind them at bonus time! CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your energy level is at an all-time high. Nothing can dent your zest for life. The assignments you tackle gain a special sparkle. A romantic interlude could leave you breathless. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Yesterday's lucky trends continue. Make the most of an opportunity to fatten your bank account. Your employment or romantic prospects receive a welcome boost. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Seize a chance to show others how adaptable you are. Obstacles left in your path will not stop your march to success. This evening, an unexpected visitor or phone call causes a flutter of excitement. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If yesterday was busy, today will be even busier! Someone new to your social circle makes life seem full of possibilities. A delightful friendship gets underway. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

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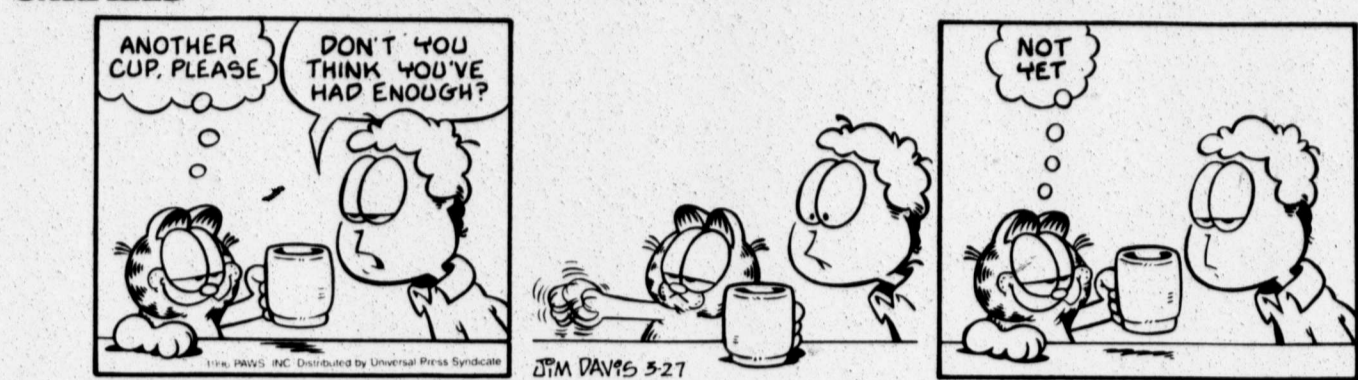
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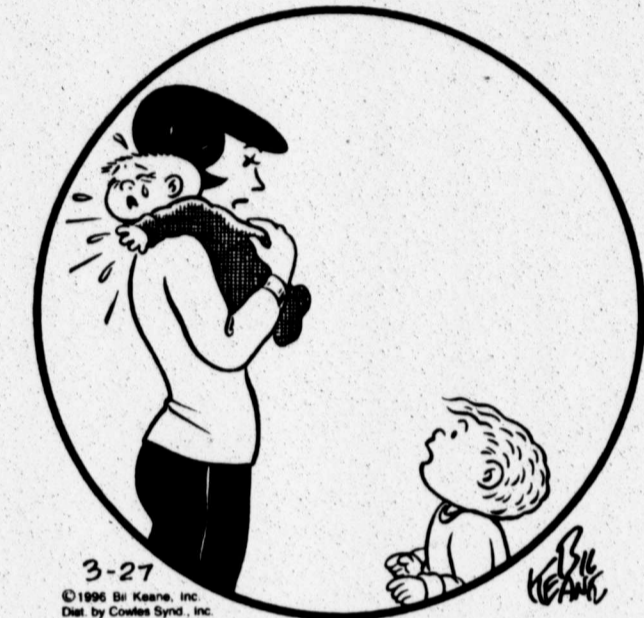
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PEOPLE

Shere Hite makes her self-imposed exile official, is now German citizen

BERGISCHE GLADBACH, Germany — Feminist author Shere Hite has made her self-imposed exile official. She's now a citizen of Germany.



Feminist author Shere Hite becomes a citizen of Germany.

Hite, 53, left the United States to escape the hostile reaction to her 1987 book, "The Hite Report: A Nationwide Study of Female Sexuality," which argued that most women felt alienated in their relationships with men.

"Essentially, I was put on 'media trial' for my feminism," Hite wrote in an essay published in the Sunday Observer in London.

Hite, who moved to Europe in 1987, did not return a phone call to a residence listed under the name of her husband, German composer Friedrich Hoericke.

But she told the Observer her decision to adopt German citizenship this week was a protest against "the growing clamping down on independent thought in the U.S., a new McCarthyite period."

Her autobiography, "The Hite Report on Herself," chronicles her life from childhood in St. Joseph, Mo.

PUEBLO, Colo. — Singer Wayne Newton was honored as an unsung hero by men who risked their lives to save others.

Newton received the Jimmie E. Howard Award at a banquet for 17 recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Newton, the only American entertainer to perform in Vietnam, Lebanon and the Persian Gulf, was introduced as the man destined to fill the shoes of Bob Hope, who has performed for U.S. troops since World War II.

Newton said that he had done "pales by comparison" with the accomplishments of others at the banquet Monday.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Computer technology could make it harder for actors to retain creative control of their work, says "NYPD Blue" actress Sharon Lawrence.

"At some point, they will be able to take my voice and my hair and my eyes and digitalize it and create a character, a virtual actor to do what I could do, but won't necessarily make the choices that I make," she told students Sunday at the University of North Carolina.

"Whenever our livelihoods are threatened by technology there is a certain

fear," said Lawrence, a graduate of the university's School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

She is a two-time Emmy nominee for her performance as prosecutor Sylvia Costas on the television series.

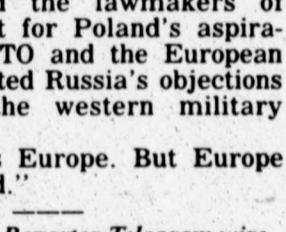
BRANFORD, Conn. — The woman accused of repeatedly trespassing on David Letterman's property is in trouble again. Now, she claims she's a government agent.

Margaret Ray, 43, was arrested Monday after security guards caught her stealing \$50 worth of groceries from a store, police Lt. Raymond Wiederhold said. She was charged with larceny.

Police said Ray was caught leaving the store with a bag of groceries that included several cans of a diet drink and make-up.

She claimed she was a Secret Service agent, code name "Poobah," police said. Ray has been arrested several times for trespassing on the talk-show host's property in New Canaan. In 1988, she was stopped while driving Letterman's Porsche. In 1993, she allegedly camped on his tennis court and washed her clothes in his swimming pool.

WARSAW, Poland — Queen Elizabeth II assured Poles on Tuesday that no country can bloc their nation's efforts to join the European Union or NATO.



Queen Elizabeth speaks before the Polish Parliament.

In a speech to a joint session of Parliament's two chambers, the queen recalled close ties between the two countries during World War II.

"We will never forget, in my country, the courage of the Polish pilots, part of the 'few' to whom Churchill rightly said so much was owed," Queen Elizabeth told the deputies and senators.

Thousands of Poles who had fled German occupation of their country fought alongside the British in the war.

She reassured the lawmakers of Britain's support for Poland's aspirations to join NATO and the European Union, and rejected Russia's objections to expanding the western military alliance.

"Poland needs Europe. But Europe also needs Poland."

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

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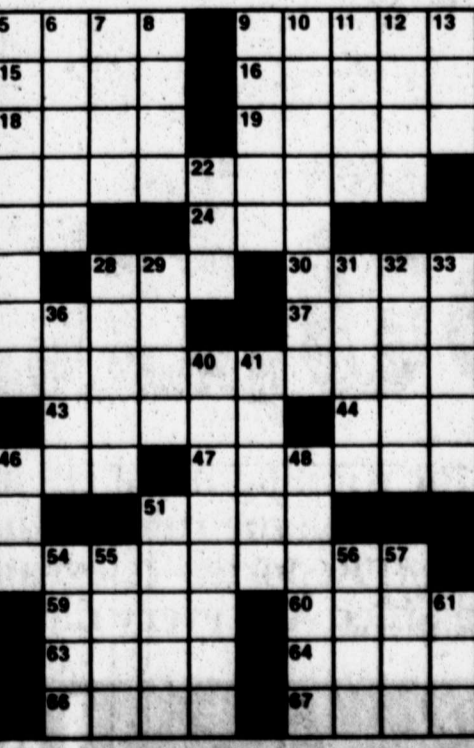
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Hostage obeys captor's order to shoot him, ends standoff

CONCORD, Calif. (AP) — For Mary McIntyre, the only way out of a hostage standoff with an obsessed admirer was to obey his order to shoot him.

She shot, ending a five-hour ordeal.

Jociel G. Bulawin was killed Monday night at McIntyre's embroidery store with a shot to the head.

McIntyre, 35, does not face any charges and, in fact, won praise from police.

"She was very calm, very at ease," police spokesman Maurice Jennings said.

McIntyre, who never handled a gun before, said she was anything but calm. "I was so terrified," she said. "He was sitting right there with two guns right next to me."

She said Bulawin, a 33-year-old former employee, held her hand on a gun during the standoff and aimed it at his head, ordering her to fire. "You ruined my life. You might as well end it," she quoted him as saying.

But she was afraid that the gun was not loaded and that Bulawin planned to shoot her with the second gun if she pulled the trigger. She told him she wouldn't shoot him, but he threatened her life repeatedly.

Five hours into the standoff, he convinced her.

"There was no other way to get out alive," she said.

"I thought if I do this, I'm just going to do it and run. I was afraid of him pulling a fast one on me," she told reporters. "I'm so relieved that I know he will not be coming back."

The siege began when Bulawin entered McIntyre's Contra Costa Trophy and Embroidery store with two semiautomatic handguns. Most of the employees fled, except for a woman who hid under a desk, unseen throughout the standoff.

McIntyre tried to run, too, but Bulawin grabbed her hair and dragged her back into the shop.

Bulawin was an architectural draftsman who worked part time designing embroidery for school jackets and other merchandise for the store, said his brother Jay Bulawin. McIntyre said he was fired because she did not like his work.

In court documents, McIntyre, who is married with two children, said Bulawin began to claim the two had a relationship last spring. McIntyre said Bulawin continued calling her, sometimes two or three times a day.

"His accusations are disturbing, and it seems to be something different each week. In the last phone call, he asked, 'What about that baby you promised me?'" she wrote in a petition for a restraining order.

McIntyre had phone blocks installed to stop the calls, and a judge issued a restraining order against Bulawin. But McIntyre said she was never able to have the papers served.

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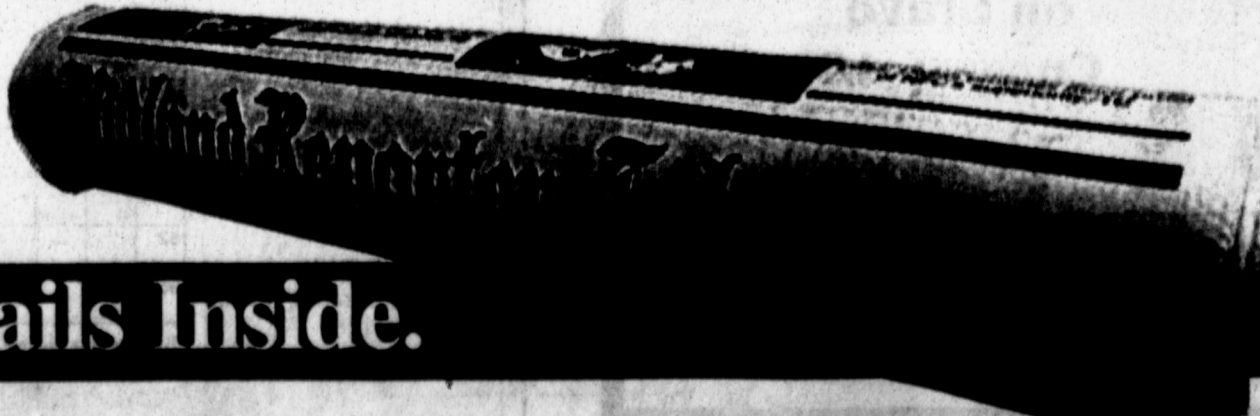
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4-5A Baseball

	District			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Ablene High	4	0	1.000	13	4	.764
Ablene Cooper	2	1	.667	11	7	.611
SA Central	2	1	.667	10	9	.526
Midland Lee	3	2	.600	11	10	.524
Midland High	2	2	.500	13	6	.684
Odessa Permian	1	3	.250	13	7	.650
Odessa High	0	5	.000	7	11	.389

Tuesday's Results
Midland High 5, Odessa High 3; Midland Lee 7, Odessa Permian 5; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, ppd., weather. Abilene High was open.

Thursday's Game
San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 4 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Midland High at Abilene, 2 p.m.; Abilene Cooper at Midland Lee, 2 p.m.; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m. Odessa High is off.

4-5A Softball

	District			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Midland High	6	1	.857	18	7	.720
Midland Lee	6	2	.750	17	4	.810
Ablene Cooper	5	2	.714	11	7	.611
Odessa Permian	4	3	.571	15	5	.750
Ablene High	3	5	.375	17	8	.680
San Angelo Central	1	5	.167	8	12	.400
Odessa High	0	7	.000	4	11	.267

Tuesday's Games
Midland Lee 8, Abilene High 1; Midland High at Abilene Cooper, ppd., snow; Odessa High at San Angelo, ppd., rain. Odessa Permian def. Fort Stockton in non-conference game.

Thursday's Games
Midland High at Abilene High (makeup); Odessa High at San Angelo (makeup). All games 4:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Odessa Permian vs. Midland High, Bill Williams Softball Complex; Midland Lee at Odessa High; San Angelo at Abilene Cooper. Abilene High is open. All games at 2 p.m.

Irvin subpoena

DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys star Michael Irvin and three others who were in a motel room where police found cocaine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia appeared before a grand jury Tuesday in answer to subpoenas.

See story Page 3B.

Anderson arrested

HOUSTON — Willie Anderson of the New York Knicks was arrested for allegedly failing to pay child support when he arrived at The Summit with teammates Tuesday for a game against the Houston Rockets.

Constables took the 29-year-old guard to the Harris County Jail, where he was held in lieu of \$130,000 bail. A contempt warrant alleges nonpayment of child support to a Houston-area woman.

"We've had the warrant since 1995, but he hadn't been here since then," said J.C. Mosier, assistant chief of the Precinct 1 constable's office.

Anderson remained jailed late Tuesday while his attorney in New York was making arrangements for bail, authorities said.

"He was a complete gentleman, very well-mannered and behaved," Sgt. Layne Tand said.

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Lemieux's baby

PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux's newborn son is expected to remain on a respirator for a few days after being born three months early.

Lemieux's wife, Nathalie, gave birth to their third child on Sunday while the Pittsburgh Penguins were in New York.

The 2-pound, 5-ounce boy was expected in June.

Lemieux, who did not play Sunday, had five goals and two assists in the Penguins' 8-4 victory Tuesday night over St. Louis and Wayne Gretzky. The seven points raised his league-leading total to 146.

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EP Andress eliminates Lady Bulldogs, 2-0

■ Lady Eagles fight through for two second-half goals, end Midland High's soccer playoff run.

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

EL PASO — Rarely does playoff success happen the first time. It takes experience and taking some lumps the first time around.

The Midland High girls soccer team found that out as the Lady Bulldogs looked like a team feeling the playoff pressure for the first time Tuesday.

El Paso Andress took advantage of that

and got two second-half goals to defeat MHS 2-0 in the regional quarterfinals of the UIL playoffs, and, in the process, ended MHS' season at Andress High School.

"We felt we were able to beat this team," said MHS coach Scott Hodgkinson. "I felt we would play better. They just put the ball in the net."

Midland High stayed even with the Lady Eagles (21-5) for most of the game despite being taken out of their passing game. The Lady Eagles, who had flirted with a score on a number of opportunities in the first half, got the break they needed when Dia Castanzo lobbed a ball into the middle of the MHS penalty box. A bad bounce directed it away from MHS keeper Tina Richardson,

who came out in the middle of the crowded area. The ball went directly to the waiting foot of Angela Toth. Toth had plenty of time to get control of the ball and knock it past Richardson, who made a last gasp effort to recover.

Castanzo then ended whatever chances MHS had to come back with an unassisted goal in the 74th minute. The shot from 10 yards was lobbed off MHS' outstretched keeper and into the upper right corner of the net.

The goals were not exactly text book scores which makes this loss frustrating for Hodgkinson, whose team is playing in its first

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MHS, Lee load up on all-district

Nine Midland representatives make up the first-team girls all-district soccer team, including Coach of the Year Scott Hodgkinson, and seven Midlanders were selected to the boys team, including Coach of the Year John McCulloch, as the top players for the season were announced Tuesday.

See stories Page 4C.

Rebel day turns to Knights, 2-1

■ El Paso Hanks scores two first-half goals, holds off Midland Lee in regional quarterfinal.

By Mike Butts
Sports Writer

Midland Lee's soccer year ended on a cold and cloudy Tuesday afternoon. But the Rebel season still turned the Lee soccer program's outlook to balmy.

El Paso Hanks took a 2-0 first-half lead and went on to win a region quarterfinal at the Lee soccer field, 2-1. The teams played evenly with the Knights making one more scoring play than the Rebels. Midland Lee will return several key players next year after this their longest-ever playoff run.

"It was a great year," said Lee senior captain Sal Bombara. "No one expected us to do anything and that's the most satisfying part."

There was, however, little to satisfy the Rebels in Tuesday's loss. Lee fell behind by two goals for the first time since their district opener against Midland High Jan. 16. Jensen Chavez answered the Knights' second goal in two minutes with the game's last tally. A scoreless second half finished Lee at 15-5.

The Rebels outshot the Knights 8-7.

"It was disappointing because I know we could have won," Bombara said. "The defense just made a couple of mistakes and they (Hanks) capitalized on both of them. The most disappointing games are the games you lose when you know you could have won."

Hanks (16-2) scored when Rick Chavez made a pretty, long pass in the box to Aaron Forrister, who headed in a goal. Later in the half it got the only other goal they needed on Anthony Acosta's direct kick from about 20 yards out.

"I feel like someone just punched me in the stomach," Lee coach John McCulloch said. "I feel bad for all the seniors and just the whole team in general. They played a great game. We just couldn't even get the ball into their box to score."

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Midland Lee's Gabriel Hidalgo (2) battles for the ball with an unidentified El Paso Hanks player Tuesday afternoon at the Lee soccer field during the Knights' 2-1 regional quarterfinal soccer win.

1996 DISTRICT 4-5A BASEBALL

MHS rallies for 5-3 win over OHS

■ Bulldogs avoid big chill, big heat from Broncho mound as they score four runs in fourth to win league game.

By Sean Wallace
Sports Writer

Midland High beat two opponents on Tuesday: Odessa High and the weather.

The Bulldogs sent 10 men to the plate in the fourth inning and scored four runs, rallying to beat the Bronchos 5-3 in a District 4-5A baseball game in bone-chilling conditions at Christensen Stadium.

Near-freezing temperatures and a wind-chill factor which dangled single digits

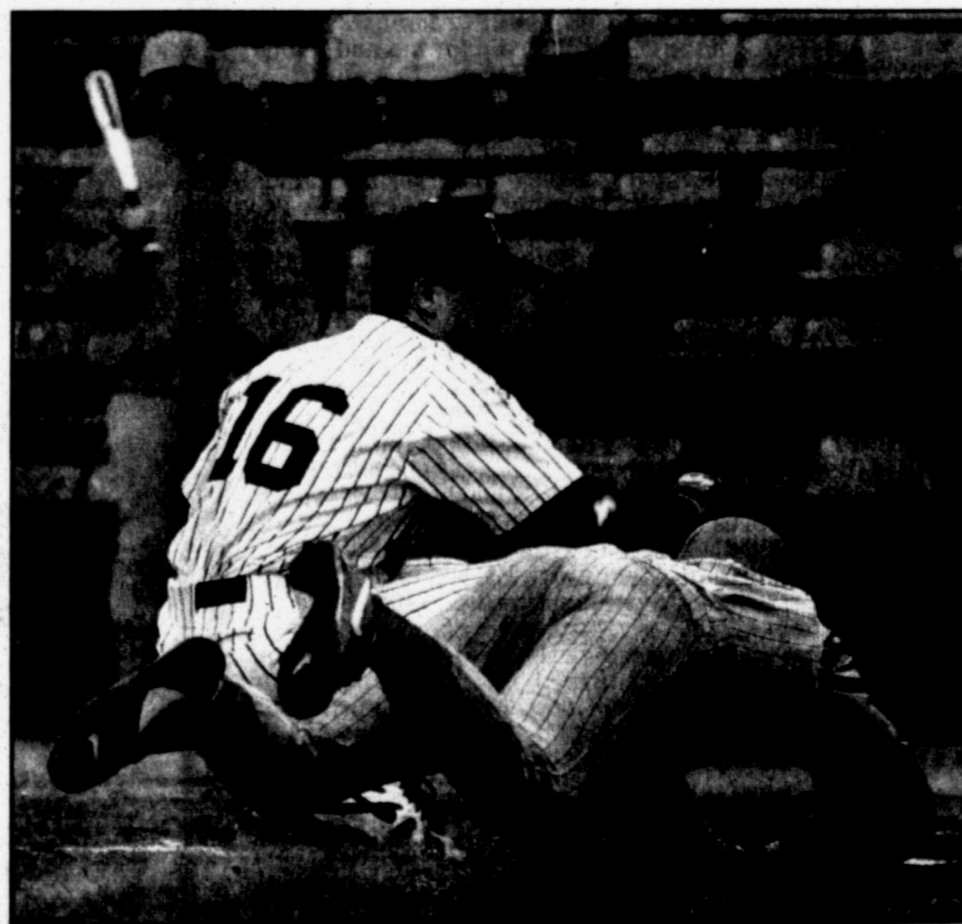
were not enough to keep the Bulldogs (13-6, 2-2) from winning their second straight district contest and seventh-of-11 overall.

Junior Russell Dunlavy (4-0) pitched four innings in relief of Joseph Hudson to pick up the win, allowing just two hits and striking out seven. Odessa's Mario Gardea (0-2) took the loss.

"I was a little tight coming out of the outfield and it took a little while for me to get loose, but after that I felt pretty good," Dunlavy said.

The win also moved the Bulldogs ahead of Odessa Permian, which lost to Midland Lee 7-5 Tuesday, into fifth place in the district and only two games back of front-running Abilene High.

Odessa High played its closest district game this season but dropped to



Midland High pitcher Joseph Hudson tries to place the tag on Odessa High's Humberto Aguilar Tuesday at Christensen Stadium. The Broncho runner scored as Hudson tried to cover the plate after a passed ball. MHS won 5-3.

7-11 and 0-5 with the loss.

"Boy, I'll tell you, they're going to beat somebody in this district," MHS coach Lew Kennedy said. "With the cold weather and everything, it was just mind over matter and we tried not to let the cold affect us."

The Bulldogs were caught not only in the icy grip of Mother Nature in the early part of the game but a very good Mario Gardea fastball. The Odessa High hurler allowed just one run and three hits over the first three innings when the Bulldogs got to him in the fourth.

"Last year he threw a lot of curve balls at us and that's what we were

Joe D. Williams/Reporter-Telegram

looking for," said senior center fielder Clay Johnston, who went 2-4 with three RBIs and drove in the game-winner.

"He had a really good fastball early on. Maybe it was too cold for him to throw the curve ball."

The Bulldogs had cut Odessa's lead to 3-1 when designated hitter Keith Lant opened the fourth with a single, moved to third on two passed balls but Gardea got back on track, at least for the next two batters. He struck out Jeff Perez and Phillip Atnipp and almost escaped the inning when he uncorked a wild pitch and allowed Lant to score, cutting

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Lady Rebel bats heat up Abilene

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Maybe the cold weather was just the thing needed to heat up Midland Lee's softball bats.

The Lady Rebels laid claim to sole possession of second place in the District 4-5A softball race at the Lee Softball Complex Tuesday with an 8-1 victory over Abilene High.

■ 4-5A Softball

The victory boosted Lee to 6-2 in the league race, breaking a second place deadlock with Abilene Cooper, who saw its game with Midland High postponed Tuesday because of sleet in Abilene. Cooper remains at 5-2 by being idle and MHS stays in first place with a 6-1 mark.

Against Abilene High, Lee ripped off nine hits after being shut out on three hits against MHS last Saturday. It also came in a game where temperatures dipped near freezing conditions, but you couldn't tell it from the zing of the Lady Rebel bats.

Lee erupted for six runs in the fourth inning to secure the win, but it was two blasts that told the story of Lee's resurging bats. Chrystal Smith lined a drive off pitcher Kelly Armbruster's leg for a double to score Lee's first run of the inning. The ball was hit so hard that it went all the way to the fence in left center. Somehow, Armbruster stayed in the game, but Lee followed with four more hits in the inning to easily claim the win and second place.

"That ball was really hit hard," Smith said. "I couldn't believe it when they told me the ball went all the way to the fence. It's funny, but when we played in Abilene, I got hit in the chest (while pitching) on a line drive."

Smith's shot set the tone for the inning and Adrian Nobles ended it with a three-run homer over the 210-mark in center. Again it was a line drive that just cleared the eight-foot fence.

"I hit the ball good, but I didn't even

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ALL-DISTRICT 5 SOCCER

Eight Tall City girls, coach honored on list

Staff Report

Win games and respect will follow. That statement could not be more true as you look at the 1996 All-District 5 girls soccer team.

defender Marri Hill. Scott Hodkinson, whose team reached the region quarterfinals after finishing the 1995 season at 4-10 and 2-10, was named coach of the year.

Lee had four players selected to the list. They were senior midfielder Angie Boyd, senior keeper Jennifer Connell, senior defender Jennifer Smith and sophomore forward Ritha Belzaira.

- Abilene High. 1996 All-District Girls MVP Offense: Stacy Metcalf, Abilene Cooper; Christi Johnson, Lee.

MHS, Lee boys get 3 each, Rebel coach tabbed

By Mike Butts Sports Writer

Three-time league champion Midland High and playoff newcomer Midland Lee each placed three players on the All-District 5-5A boys soccer team released Tuesday.

is forward and leading MHS scorer Dustin Huber and goalkeeper Eric Rogers. For Lee senior sweeper Salvador Bombara, sophomore forward Troy Henry and junior midfielder Adrian Castresana made the first team.

Bulldogs, Rogers, a senior, helped MHS record eight shutouts. Henry scored 12 goals and had two assists for 26 points in his first year on the varsity.

- resana, jr., Lee, Danny Lopez, jr., Odessa High; Patrick Garcia, jr., Abilene High.

Lee has four players on the second team and MHS has three. Odessa High's Pat Salgado was defensive MVP.

Huber scored 10 goals for the

second team honors for MHS went to Robert Evans, Marcelo Lopes and Jeremy Jones.

- Midland High: Shane Orr, Scott Kamis, John Hardell, Jason Paredes, Midland Lee: Matt Renfro, Jensen Chavez, Ryan Dodd, Abilene High: Sonny Young, Marty Palmer, Marlon Cardenas, Odessa High: Fernando Olivas, Travis Overton, Blythe Bales, Odessa Permian: Jeremy Hudman, Chris Bryant, Tommy Carrasco, Sune Erdosson, San Angelo: Ryan Johnson, Abilene Cooper: Brent Camp, Jeff White, Peter Abrigg

BOYS: Hanks ends Rebels soccer playoff run

(From 1C)

Lee's offense didn't look like itself from the beginning. Leading scorer Troy Henry never got a shot off and the Rebels' other starting forward Sergio Arrieta had only one shot.

stronger team than us," Hanks assistant coach Brian Forrister said. "We're more of a touch and move team, more of a finesse team overall.

Knights will play in the Region I tournament beginning Friday in Bedford. "They were quick," McCulloch said. "They were so fast off the ball and on the ball, (but) we did a good job of keeping up."

tion. "(The team) just got better and better and better as the year went on," McCulloch said.

GIRLS: MHS, despite loss, leaves tradition

(From 1C)

post season. "The goals were fluky and that is what makes this loss painful," said Hodkinson.

Band and the usual faithful. "It was very important," said Romero. "We know the field and had the fans. It was sweet. Now we will have to adjust to the astroturf at regionals."

and the district's defensive MVP Sonya Lackey) and others (Bridget Walker, Aleya Hill, Cathryn Vadala and Chelsea Perrier) who were a part of a season where MHS won a team-high 17 games.

Numbers don't tell whole story for Kentucky-UMass

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) -- While his team has the numbers, Kentucky coach Rick Pitino doesn't believe that necessarily will add up to an advantage over Massachusetts Saturday night in the Final Four.

basketball team because there is very little difference between certain positions, where for them there is.

playing time. "Everybody has started a game, from the freshmen on up. They had their chance. Everybody knows how the coach gives you that chance and how you should take advantage of it."

UH settles "whistleblower" lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — A former University of Houston assistant football coach has accepted an offer to settle a "whistleblower" lawsuit he filed against the school.

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involved in this case. "The University of Houston is satisfied with the settlement and is ready to move past this matter, which stems from incidents that took place several years ago."

LEE: Lady Rebels pound Abilene High

(From 1C)

think it was going out," Nobles said. "It was my fifth homer of the year, but it was the first one I've hit in this park. All my other homers have been in road games."

an RBI. Trish Carrasco drove in a run with a single, scored a run and made a nice catch in right off the bat of April Letz to save extra bases and a sure run in the fifth.

MHS: Bulldogs pull within 2 of first place

(From 1C)

Odessa's lead to one run. Gardea then walked Shane Jobe and MHS tied it on an RBI single by Mike Carrasco.

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Year Ago \$17.00

Prices retreat

NEW YORK — Crude oil futures prices fell Tuesday along with most other energy contracts as traders took profits following strong gains won during the prior two sessions.

The lone exception was heating oil, which rose on continuing concerns about low supply.

West Texas intermediate for delivery in May fell 21 cents to \$22.19 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Local crude purchasers lowered their posted price 25 cents to \$20.75.

Natural gas for delivery in May fell 8.8 cents to \$2.267 per 1,000 cubic feet. "This is simply profit-taking off the recent two-day move on the upside of the contract," said George Gaspar, an analyst at Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc., a Milwaukee-based investment firm.

Expectations that further declines in inventories would be reported by an industry group after the close of trading caused prices to rise, Gaspar said. Those concerns proved well-founded.

The American Petroleum Institute reported that stocks of distillates fell last week to 90.94 million barrels from 96.33 million barrels the previous week. Crude oil stocks fell slightly, dropping to 299.18 million barrels from 299.73 million barrels.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar edged higher against the German mark and Japanese yen Tuesday as the head of the German central bank hinted at interest rate cuts while the Federal Reserve left U.S. rates unchanged.

Overall, the dollar was mixed against major currencies as traders focused on central bankers.

The dollar traded at 1.4785 marks, compared with 1.4781 late Monday. The dollar fetched 106.47 yen, up from 106.16 yen.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Monday: 1.1930 Swiss francs, up from 1.1917; 5.0570 French francs, down from 5.0585; 1,568 Italian lire, up from 1,559; and 1.3616 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3629.

The pound rose to \$1.5225 from \$1.5215.

Markets climb

NEW YORK — Stocks were mostly higher and the Dow Jones industrial average closed in a record Tuesday as the Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged and its chairman said the economy seems "to be running at a reasonably good clip."

After a morning slump, the Dow Jones industrial average recovered to end up 26.74 at 5,670.60, but below its best levels of the day. It was the second-highest finish ever for the blue-chip indicator, which set a record close of 5,683.60 on March 18.

Oil stocks were prominent gainers among the Dow issues. Chevron rose 1 1/4 to 57 1/8 after the company said it had made a new oil discovery in Colombia. Exxon rose 2 1/4 to 85 7/8, and Texaco added 1 to 88 3/8.

Advancing issues led decliners by 10 to 9 on the New York Stock Exchange. Big-Board volume was moderate at 397.75 million shares, up from Monday's slow pace.

Broad indexes ended mostly higher. The NYSE's composite index rose 1.26 to 350.03. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 2.93 to 652.97. The Nasdaq composite index fell 1.26 to 1,088.35. But the American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 0.93 to 588.71.

Stocks spent the morning at slightly lower levels waiting for action by Fed policy makers, who met behind closed doors. The Federal Open Market Committee adjourned at late morning without changing interest rates.

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Fed leaves interest rates unchanged

■ Greenspan breezes through confirmation hearing with Senate banking committee.

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alan Greenspan breezed through his confirmation hearing for a third term as Federal Reserve chairman, with senators raising few questions about an audit criticizing Fed finances or the central bank's decision Tuesday not to lower interest rates.

Greenspan and two other nominees, White House budget director Alice Rivlin and St. Louis economist Laurence Meyer, were praised extensively during the four-hour hearing by both Republicans and Democrats for their qualifications to be on the Fed board.

After the hearing, Banking Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato, who called Greenspan the "world's preeminent central banker," said his panel would vote on the nominations Wednesday. He predicted the full Senate would act this week.

Greenspan, 70, was first selected as Fed chairman by Ronald Reagan in 1987, renominated by George Bush in 1992 and then by President Clinton last month.

While the hearing was under way, the Fed announced that central bank policymakers had decided to leave interest rates unchanged after cutting them at their previous two meetings in December and January.

The Fed had been widely expected to

stand pat after a March 8 report showed the unemployment rate dropping to 5.5 percent from 5.8 percent.

Analysts said the Fed's decision to leave interest rates unchanged and the optimistic comments by Greenspan, Rivlin and Meyer on Tuesday could be signaling a prolonged period when the Fed leaves policy unchanged.

"The economy seems at this stage to be running at a reasonably good clip," Greenspan told the committee. Only a month ago, he had worried about a "dismal" start to the year.

"In general, Greenspan gave a remarkably upbeat assessment of economic prospects," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York. Jones said the Fed may be content to leave rates alone until after the November election.

After Republicans took control of the Senate in 1994, Clinton never seriously considered anyone other than the Republican Greenspan for the chairman's post. As part of a package deal he put forward two prominent Democratic economists to fill two other vacancies on the seven-member board, including Rivlin as vice chairman.

However, all three nominees sounded if they were reading from the same economic textbook Tuesday.

"The Fed has to keep its eye on inflation," said Rivlin. Meyer called price increases the "single most important thing" the central bank has to be concerned with.

After Rivlin and Meyer offered their



Federal Reserve Board nominees Alice Rivlin and Larry Meyers, right, talk to members of the Senate banking committee on Capitol Hill Tuesday prior to the start of their nomination hearing. From left are Committee Chairman Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y.; Sen. Phill Gramm, R-Texas; Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., and Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla.

views, Greenspan said he felt no need to add anything.

Greenspan was questioned about a critical General Accounting Office audit

released Monday. It contended the central bank was doing a poor job of controlling costs, with expenses soaring by 50 percent since 1988.

Simon, DeBartolo sign \$3 billion deal

■ Simon, who owns Midland Park Mall, acquisition would create nation's largest real estate company.

By N.Y. Times News Service

Indianapolis — Simon Property Group Inc. agreed to acquire DeBartolo Realty Corp. for about \$3 billion, creating North America's largest real-estate company, with market capitalization of \$7.5 billion.

The transaction joins two of the country's largest shopping-center operators, family-run companies that were among the earliest mall developers. Indianapolis-based Simon Property will pay about \$1.46 billion in stock and take on DeBartolo's debt of about \$1.5 billion, giving the transaction a total value of \$3 billion.

The acquisition will allow Simon Property to expand in the fast-growing Sunbelt and cut costs, against a backdrop of dismal retailer earnings and a string of chain-store bankruptcies.

"Simon just gained access to some of the most favorable markets in the country," said Tom Pire, an analyst at Heitman PRA Real Estate Fund in Chicago.

Youngstown, Ohio-based DeBartolo gives Simon Property a presence in the fast-growing Florida market, complementing its shopping malls in Texas and the Southwest. Simon Property, meanwhile, has the funds DeBartolo needs to renovate its aging malls. About 40 per-

cent of DeBartolo's malls are in Florida, analysts said.

The transaction cements together the Simons and the DeBartolos, who were pioneers in the shopping mall concept that helped spur the growth of suburban communities. The DeBartolo family said it will keep its investment in the company.

Edward J. DeBartolo Jr., son of the late founder Edward J. DeBartolo Sr., wasn't active in the day-to-day operations of the retail real-estate business, focusing instead on the San Francisco 49ers football team and riverboat gambling ventures.

"We are combining the two most recognized names in the retail real-estate business into an organization of unparalleled size, talent and financial resources," said David Simon, president and chief executive of Simon Properties Group. The combined company, to be called Simon DeBartolo Group, will hold 110 million square feet of real-estate space in 32 states. The companies together have about 7 percent of the U.S. shopping-center market. Simon Property also manages Mall of America near Minneapolis, the largest shopping center in the country. The new company's portfolio will include 111 regional shopping malls, 66 strip shopping centers and six specialty retail centers. The properties generated a combined \$16 billion in retail sales in 1995, Simon Property said.

The acquisition means Simon Property will have more leverage in negotiating

leases, analysts said. "It gives the combined company tremendous leasing clout," Pire said.

Simon DeBartolo's debt will represent about 50 percent of its capital, compared with Simon Property's debt-to-capital ratio in the mid-40-percent range last year, said Michael Mead, an analyst at Legg Mason Wood Walker in Baltimore. Moody's Investors Service confirmed its "Baa3" investment-grade rating on Simon Property's senior debt under shelf registration.

Simon Property management told analysts that the acquisition won't reduce its earnings. Wall Street expected the company to earn \$2.40 this year, based on the average estimate of nine analysts polled by Nelson's Publications.

Merging the two businesses will result in cost savings, the companies said. Savings can be achieved by eliminating duplicate functions and by improving operating efficiencies, said David Simon. Savings on overhead costs alone could come to more than \$9 million, he said.

Simon Property Group agreed in principle to pay 0.68 share for each of DeBartolo's 89.6 million shares outstanding as of Dec. 31. At Simon Property's closing price yesterday of \$24, the transaction is valued at \$16.32 a share, or \$1.46 billion.

The agreement is subject to a definitive agreement, approval by both companies' shareholders and other conditions, and is expected to be completed during the summer.

Commission votes against railroad merger

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed merger between Union Pacific Corp. and Southern Pacific Rail Corp. is not in the best interest of Texas and should not be allowed to go forward, the Texas Railroad Commission said Tuesday.

In a unanimous move, the three-member commission voted to oppose the merger unless a number of changes were made.

"This merger, as it is proposed, is not beneficial for the state of Texas," said Railroad Commissioner Carole Keeton Rylander. Added Commissioner Barry Williamson, "The proposed Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger would be detrimental to the economic health of the state."

Texas and other states are presenting their positions on the proposed merger to the federal Surface Transportation Board, an arm of the U.S. Transportation Department, which will decide the issue later this year.



Railroad Commission Chairman Carole Keeton Rylander takes a break during Tuesday's hearing.

The changes asked for by the Texas commission include:

— Divestiture of certain lines by Southern Pacific.

BUSINESS SCENE

Midland radiologist to open Midland Imaging Center

By Mella McEwen

Dr. V.T. Reddy will open MIDLAND IMAGING CENTER next week at 5000 Andrews Highway.

He said he will offer magnetic resonance imaging, CAT scans, X-rays and ultrasound; additional services will be added in coming months.

Reddy is a radiologist, board certified in radiology and neuroradiology.

Just opened at 406 Andrews Highway is DAISY'S BRIDAL BOUTIQUE.

Owner Rosa Flores carries bridal and quinceanera gowns, gowns for bridesmaids and mothers of the bride or groom, christening and communion sets, evening and casual gowns, shoes, wedding accessories and cake decorations for all occasions.

Flores decorated cakes out of her home for a number of years before deciding to expand into a full-line wedding service business.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Midland Park Mall has welcomed GREAT AMERICAN COOKIE COMPANY, located in the former Original Cookie Company location at the top of the Food Court.

Great American Cookie Company's flavors change constantly, but the store always offers chocolate chip cookies and at least five other flavors.

Cookies are sold individually or by the half-dozen or dozen. Customers can also buy 12-inch or 16-inch round cookies, 24-inch pan cookies or heart-shaped cookies, decorated for any special occasion. There are approximately 79 designs offered or the customer can provide his own design.

Also available are soft drinks and raspberry, strawberry and lemonade-flavored granitas, frozen drinks made from fresh fruit and juices.

Jerry Daviss has come to Midland, opening DESERT RAIN SPRINKLERS.

He brings over 35 years experience to his business, installing and repairing sprinkler systems for both residential and commercial customers.

He can be reached at 570-6888.

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, which has three flights out of Midland International Airport, has launched Phase One of its Internet Web site, flycontinental.com, providing travelers with information and entertainment pertaining to every stage of flight, as well as a section devoted entirely to members of the OnePass frequent flyer program. Continental plans to enhance its Web site to include on-line ticketing by year end.

Continental's Home Page on the World Wide Web offers four paths to an extensive well of information about the airline and travel. The Home Page features a clickable graphic, divided into

quadrants that lead to sections of the site entitled OnLine Travel Planner, Enjoying Your Flight, Flying the Net and 62 Years of Flight.

The OnLine Travel Planner offers Continental's flight schedules, route map and reservations information, including instructions on electronic ticketing. The airline plans to offer on-line ticketing, and car and hotel reservation capabilities in this quadrant by the end of 1996.

Enjoying Your Flight, focuses on the in-flight experience, including scheduled movies and meals.

Travelers can learn about Continental's fleet and the flight crew in Flying the Net, the third quadrant.

The fourth quadrant, 62 Years of Flight, offers corporate information, including a history of the airline.

An entire section of Continental's Web site is devoted to OnePass members.

Mella McEwen is a business/foil writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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"Celebrity Read-a-Thon," presented by West Texas Storytellers Guild, will be March 30 at Midland Park Mall featuring 30 local educators and community personalities reading and telling "Bunny Stories From Around The World."
"Breakfast with the Bunny" will be 7 a.m. at the mall. Stories will be read until 9 p.m. in Bunnies Nest, the previous location of Baker's Shoe Store. Also included in the event will be visits from "Mother Goose and Friends" and live rabbits from Jerry's Perfect Pet Store. All interested people are invited to attend...

...AMERICAN LUNG Association's Better Breathing Club will meet noon April 2 at Westwood Hospital. For more information call 522-2273...

...COWBOY CLASS of Midland High School 1984-88 will have a reunion July 19-20 in Midland.

Picnic will be 5 p.m. July 19 at Dennis the Menace Park. Reunion party will be July 20 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge, 1301 Brinson Lane. Registration will be 5:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple if paid before April 30; after that date cost will be \$35 per person or \$60 per couple.
Former ag students from Lee High School 1984-88 are invited. For information call 699-1140...

...LT. WILLIAM Brewer chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and National Society DAR, will meet 1:30 p.m. April 2 at Midland Woman's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Don Merritt will present a butterfly exhibit...

...MIDLAND SOCIETY of University Women will meet 10 a.m. April 19 at 3702 Casady Court. Ginny's Accessories will present the program...

...WEST TEXAS Singles will meet 7:30 p.m. March 29 at Mr. Gattiland, 2750 N. Grandview in Odessa. The group will meet for a dance 8 p.m. March 30 at American Legion Lodge on East 8th Street in Odessa...

...MIDLAND ARTS Association will have a Small Works Show and Sale during April at Midland Woman's Club. Entry date is 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. April 1; pick-up date is 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. April 30. Works included in the show must not exceed 16x20-inches, including frame. The show will be open to the public 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For more information call 694-0076...

...KAPPA DELTA Alumnae Association will have its annual rush meeting 10 a.m. April 9 at 1500 Winfield. Information on participating in rush will be distributed and the sorority's philanthropy project will be discussed. All area Kappa Deltas are invited to attend. For more information call 682-3376 or 682-5851...

...PETROLEUM MUSEUM will host a Brown Bag Lunch 11:30 a.m. April 2 at the museum. Nicholas Paul Banner, author of "Jeff Davis' Camel Corps on the Western Frontier," will be guest speaker...

...NEWCOMERS' CLUB will meet for informal coffee 9:30 a.m. April 4 at 2113 Bradford Court in Polo Park. Persons new to the area are invited. For more information call 682-4221 or 687-0401...

...MUSEUM OF the Southwest is accepting donations of "white elephant" items for its May fund raiser, The Elegant Elephant Sale. Donated items will be for sale in the Thomas and Turner Galleries of the museum for a preview party May 2. The sale will be open to the public May 3-4. Funds raised will benefit museum operations, with a percentage designated for acquisitions. For information or to donate items, call 683-2882...

...50TH CELEBRATION of West Elementary School in Midland will be April 27. The event will include reunions from 2-3 p.m.; festivities, 3-5 p.m.; presentation, 4-4:30 p.m.; and a barbecue, 5-6 p.m....

CONSUMING INTERESTS

Romantica passes test

By Linda Anderson

A friend of mine recommended that I try a new ice cream dessert called Romantica. Since I trust this woman's judgment — and since she just loved Romantica — I thought I'd give it a try.



Anderson

Romantica Premium Ice Cream Dessert, from Breyers, is a layered ice cream dessert that is shaped kind of like a cake. Our particular Romantica was chocolate and vanilla, but it's also available in other flavors.

Price for one 16.8-ounce dessert is \$3.95. According to its label information, it makes eight servings (that's only 2 ounces each per serving).

Nutrition information lists one serving as containing 180 calories with 90 of them from fat. So you can see this is not an especially high-calorie dessert (provided you stick with one serving), but it is a high-fat one.

Label advertising described our "New" Romantica like this: "Chocolate and Vanilla Ice Cream, with Layers of Chocolate Flavored Cookie and Coating, Topped with Chocolate Coated Crunch Pieces, and Garnished with Shaved Chocolate."

On the back of the box, the advertising gets even more elaborate: "Breyers has created this shamelessly seductive ice cream

dessert called Romantica. An extravagant combination of rich ice cream, layers of cookie and crunches, and enticing curls of chocolate. Perfect for any occasion with family and friends.

"One slice is never enough." In other words, Romantica looks like a round layer cake, with different flavors of ice cream substituted for the cake layers, and chocolate crunchies, cookie bits and chocolate curls substituted for the frosting.

I don't know how "romantic" an ice cream dessert can be, but if you serve it to your children, they will probably love it. Mine did. Forget that eight-serving recommendation — my kids polished off one Romantica in about a two-hour period. They didn't especially think of it as romantic — they just thought of it as ice cream. Which it is.

I too loved the Romantica. (The kids actually left enough for me to sample it too.) The biggest problem I had with it is that it costs a lot. But then it occurred to me that if you can spend more than \$1 on one scoop of ice cream at a premium ice cream store, then \$3.95 for eight (small) servings of Romantica doesn't sound so bad.

It's still a lot more than I want to pay for ice cream — very often anyway. I have to go back and try the other flavors, as soon as I can afford it.

Price listed is from a local supermarket. Prices at other locations may vary.

Linda Anderson is a Reporter-

TORTE: Garnish chocolate torte with sliced almonds, bright berries

(From 1D)

Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until cake springs back when touched lightly in center.

Dust cake with 1 tablespoon cocoa; cover with clean, dry towel. Cool in pan on wire rack.

Cut cake into 4 equal pieces. Remove paper or foil before placing on serving plate. Prepare Cocoa Whipped Cream: reserve 1/2 to 1/3 cups to frost sides and ends of cake. Place one layer on plate; spread with Cocoa Whipped Cream. Repeat layering, ending with whipped cream. Spread reserved whipped cream on all sides of assembled cake. Garnish as desired. Refrigerate until serving time. Cover; refrigerate leftover dessert. Makes 12 servings.

COCOA WHIPPED CREAM

In a large, cold bowl, combine 1/2 cups cold whipping cream, 1/2 cup sugar, 3 tablespoons cocoa and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract; beat with cold beaters until stiff. Makes about 3 cups whipped cream.

NOTE: To toast almonds, heat oven to 350 degrees. Spread cup blanched slivered almonds in thin layer in shallow baking pan. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until light golden brown. Cool. To grind, process in food processor.

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Recipe from: Hershey's Cocoa

DEAR ABBY

Woman doesn't long for youth

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am now joining the ranks of those who have read your column for years, but have never written until now.



Van Buren

As a 65-year-old woman, I was appalled with the piece you printed on the glories of youth. According to you, everything that is positive is equated with being young: vigor, self-confidence, hope, courage and beauty. But everything negative is equated with being old, such as fear, pessimism, cynicism and hopelessness.

Abby, have you any idea how ageist this is? It makes being old abhorrent and depressing. When I proudly tell people that I am 65, they say, "Oh, you don't look that old," as though they were paying me a compliment. In reality, it is an insult. What is a 65-year-old woman supposed to look like?

I am no longer young and have no desire to pass as "young." At my age, I am more creative, have more self-confidence, hope and spirituality than at any other time in my life.

Abby, we have learned a lot about racism and sexism; let us now open our minds to ageism. We need to proclaim "old" as something positive.

In closing, let me share a quote I saw on a button where there were many senior citizens.

"Youth is a gift of nature; age is

a work of art." —JOAN CATLOVER, GULFPORT, FLA.

DEAR JOAN CATLOVER: Your philosophical attitude is admirable and well worth remembering. Thank you for writing; I'm saving your letter for encouragement in my old age.

DEAR ABBY: My live-in boyfriend of eight years has recently begun a pen pal correspondence (via computer and actual mail) with three young females in various parts of the country. He says this shouldn't upset me because he just wants to be "friends" with these women, but I notice he writes only to women and tries to make his letters as charming and witty as possible. (He has never mentioned me.) There is also the possibility that he could secretly meet with one of these women who happens to live fairly close.

I call it "selling" himself, but he denies it. Nevertheless, these sound very much like the letters he used to send me during our courtship.

I am angry because I think this is inappropriate for someone who has a commitment to someone else. It is starting to hurt our relationship. What do you think? —CONFUSED IN CINCINNATI

DEAR CONFUSED: If, after eight years of living together, your boyfriend is seeking female pen pals to charm, I would question his degree of commitment, as well as his level of honesty. Trust your instincts. I suspect they are correct.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 62-year-old mother of seven. I have not spoken

to my oldest daughter in 20 years. There has been no communication in any form between us. We live 2,000 miles from each other.

I would like to come to peace with her. How can I do this? Her siblings tell me she is happy with things the way they are. — A GRIEVING MOTHER IN WYOMING

DEAR GRIEVING MOTHER: Since you want to make peace with her, extend the olive branch by writing her a letter, expressing your feelings. You have nothing to lose.

If she rebukes your offer to bury the hatchet, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you tried.

DEAR ABBY: My mother has plenty of money. In fact, she's obsessed with it. We keep telling her to spend it and enjoy life, but she doesn't listen. It's like money is her god.

The topper came on my daughter's birthday. My mother sent her a card with nothing in it! I never thought she'd be so tight she'd deprive her grandchild. Believe me, \$10 wouldn't have hurt her at all.

Since talking to her only makes her angry, if you print this letter, maybe she'll see it, recognize herself and wise up. —UPSET IN DULUTH

DEAR UPSET: Please keep in mind that no one is obligated to give birthday gifts. Gifts are voluntary. Many grandparents cease giving gifts when children fail to send thank-you notes.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

COOK: Best children's parties bring smiles, laughter

(From 1D)

PARTY POPCORN
1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup chopped nuts, any type
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow creme
8 cups popcorn, popped
Candy sprinkles (optional)

Place popped popcorn on large greased pan (cookie sheet or cake pan). Melt chocolate chips, butter or margarine and marshmallow creme in sauce pan; stir in nuts. Pour over popcorn. Refrigerate until firm. Let children add colored sprinkles as the final step.

If you would like to be featured in

"What's Cooking?" or know someone you would like to see featured, please send the person's name, address and phone number to Lifestyle editor Elizabeth Edwin, Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, or call 687-8862. The featured person must be willing to be photographed and share recipes for publication.

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Slice and serve Chocolate Cream Torte for Passover. Garnish the torte with toasted, sliced almonds and fresh berries.

Flourless Torte perfect for Passover

Associated Press

The following recipe for chocolate cream torte contains no flour. Garnish the torte with toasted, sliced almonds and colorful berries.

CHOCOLATE CREAM TORTE

1 cup plus 1 tablespoon cocoa, divided
2 cups boiling water
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 eggs, separated
1/2 cup sugar, divided
1/2 cup finely ground blanched toasted almonds
Cocoa Whipped Cream (recipe follows)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line bottom of 15 1/2 x 10 1/2-inch by 1-inch jellyroll pan with parchment

paper or line with foil, extending slightly over sides; grease foil.

In small bowl, stir together 1/2 cup cocoa and the water until mixture is smooth. Stir in butter and vanilla; cool.

In large bowl, combine egg yolks and 1/2 cup of the sugar; beat on medium speed of electric mixer until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Add chocolate mixture and almonds, beating until well blended.

In another large bowl, using clean beaters, beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually add remaining sugar, beating until stiff peaks form. Fold 1/2 of the egg white mixture into the chocolate mixture. Add remaining egg whites, folding well.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Please see TORTE/8C



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Bunny Patch Dessert takes just a handful of ingredients to make. Top the dessert with flaked coconut, jelly beans and other Easter candies.

Hippity Hop for these luscious tastes

Associated Press

Festive, but easy to make, "bunny patch" dessert calls for a handful of ingredients. Lemon poke cake is another delicious dessert.

BUNNY PATCH DESSERT

10 1/2-ounce package frozen pound cake, thawed and cut into 10 slices
21-ounce can pie filling, any flavor
12-ounce frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 cup sweetened flaked coconut
Green food coloring
Jelly beans, Easter decorations

Line bottom of a 12x8-inch baking dish with cake slices. Top with pie filling and all of the whipped topping. Refrigerate one hour or until ready to serve. Tint coconut pale green with food coloring. Sprinkle over center of whipped topping. Decorate with Easter candies and decorations. Makes 15 servings.

LUSCIOUS LEMON POKE CAKE

2 baked 9-inch round white cake layers, cooled

2 cups boiling water
18-serving size package lemon-flavor gelatin dessert
12-ounce tub frozen whipped topping

Place cake layers, top sides up, in two 9-inch round cake pans. Pierce cake with fork at 1/2-inch intervals. Stir boiling water into gelatin in bowl at least 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Carefully pour 1 cup of the gelatin over one cake layer. Pour remaining gelatin over second cake layer. Refrigerate three hours.

Dip one cake pan in warm water for 10 seconds; unmold onto serving plate. Spread with about 1 cup of the whipped topping. Unmold second cake layer; carefully place on first cake layer. Frost top and sides of cake with remaining whipped topping.

Refrigerate at least one hour or until ready to serve. Decorate as desired. Store leftover cake in refrigerator. Makes 12 servings.

Recipes from: Kraft Foods

WHAT'S COOKING?

C IN THE KITCHEN Clowning Around

By Linda Anderson
Staff Writer

No doubt about it — clowning around is a full-time job. So is raising a family. Just ask Greenie the Clown, a.k.a. Linda Greene, who is a master of both.

Mrs. Green has been clowning for 14 years, she said, "but only six years for the general public. Up until then it was for friends and family."

She and her husband, Mark, are the parents of four — Tim, 20; David, 19; Rebecca, 15; and Paula, 13 — so she has had plenty of experience raising children too.

And feeding them, not to mention sometimes cooking "for a couple of buddies and friends" as well, she added.

Cooking for a large family — and their friends — is not the easiest of tasks, and can't really be learned in a classroom. Mrs. Greene said her cooking teachers were "my mother and my mother-in-law. My mother was always the nutritious-type cook. Everything had to have some nutritional value."

"My mother-in-law is a good, ol', Southern cook," she laughed. "There were 11 brothers and sisters in her family, so it was mass quantities, large portions, and they never thought about fat content!"

Between those two experts, Mrs. Greene learned culinary skills — and picked up a few tricks of her own. "I love to take leftover roast, (dice it up), put in taco sauce and a can of pinto beans, drained slightly, and about a cup of water. You cook that down and make quick burritos! And they are good!"

Another personal favorite trick of hers is to make "homemade pizza (with an already-prepared crust) with everything on it — mushrooms, onions, bell peppers, all those things the kids won't eat — homemade pizza supreme!"

Her cooking skills are tried and true, kid-pleasing — and so are her clowning skills. She has performed at birthday parties for children as young as 4 and as old as 101, Mrs. Greene laughed. The 101-year-old lived in a nursing home, and "is the oldest birthday party girl I've ever done."

Mrs. Greene has found a lot of satisfaction in her chosen profession of clowning. "I wish for everyone in the world to have a job that is so filled with happiness and joy and smiles and hugs and kisses."

"Every event, whether as a volunteer at the hospital or nursing home, or a birthday party, you are just so appreciated (by whoever the clown is visiting) because here is this big cartoon character who has come to be with them for a few minutes!"

Everybody loves a clown, she said, smiling. And who better than a clown have the secret for the perfect children's party: "Keep it simple. The child would rather have a well-rested mom who can enjoy the party than a mom who is stressed out because she tried to do so much."

"And keep the birthday cake for the family, and serve cupcakes at the party," Mrs. Greene said, adding that helping decorate the cupcakes make children feel even more special and helps make the party a success.

Here is Greenie the Clown's recipe for birthday party success:

RECIPE FOR A GREAT BIRTHDAY

Take one well-rested birthday child. Add generous serving of good food, minimal sweets before the party. Sprinkle generous portions of hugs and kisses and happy memories about the birthday person all day. Add a special thanksgiving prayer for the birthday person. Coat with lots of loving patience on the special day. Most kids are not themselves on their birthdays. They might be hyper or extremely shy from all the excitement. Blend in lots of friends and family. Top with large amounts of laughter, giggles and silliness to taste.

And to help make the party a culinary success, here are some other recipes from Mrs. Greene:

GAN GAN'S PEANUT BUTTER CREAM

(Gan Gan is Mrs. Greene's mother-in-law. Mrs. Greene's four children love this dish, she

said.)
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 can evaporated milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 pint whipping cream
1/2 cup peanut butter
Whole milk (see below)

Beat eggs one at a time. Continue beating while adding sugar, evaporated milk, whipping cream and vanilla in that order. Stir in peanut butter with a spoon. Stir in enough whole milk to fill up 1/2-gallon ice cream freezer. Prepare in freezer. When serving, a little chocolate syrup drizzled on top makes a great chocolate and peanut butter treat.

GRANDMA KENT'S HUMMINGBIRD CAKE

(This recipe, another favorite of the Greene children, is from their other grandmother, Mrs. Greene's mom.)
3 cups flour
2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 eggs, beaten
1 1/2 cups salad oil
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple

undrained
1 cup chopped nuts
2 cups chopped bananas
Combine dry ingredients in large mixing bowl; add beaten eggs and salad oil, stirring until dry ingredients are moistened. Do not beat. Stir in vanilla, pineapple and bananas. Spoon batter into three well-greased and floured 9-inch cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool in pans for 10 minutes; remove from pans and cool completely. Spread frosting (see recipe below) between layers, on top and sides. Sprinkle with nuts.

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

1 cup soft margarine
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 packages (8 ounces each) softened cream cheese
2 packages powdered sugar
Cream margarine and cream cheese until smooth. Add powdered sugar; beat until fluffy and light. Add vanilla and spread on cakes.

Other favorite party recipes include:
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1/2 cup water
1/2 cup flour (add flour for thickness desired)
2 cans evaporated milk
1 pound processed cheese loaf
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon white pepper
1 can (7 ounces) chopped green chilies
1/2 cup thick picante
1 jalapeno pepper, chopped (optional)
Mix water and flour in small bowl until smooth. Pour flour mixture, milk, seasonings and cheese into large pan. Heat at medium temperature (do not boil), stirring frequently. After cheese has melted, add picante and green chilies (and jalapeno, if desired) and stir.

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Add a new twist to an old favorite

Associated Press

For a new twist on an old favorite, serve clam chowder with the delicate flavor of sweet potatoes. You can use canned, minced clams in the recipe.

SWEET POTATO CLAM CHOWDER

2 6 1/2-ounce cans minced clams or
1 pint shucked fresh clams
2 slices bacon
1 cup finely chopped onion
1 1/2 cups cubed, pared sweet potatoes
1 cup cubed, pared potato
1 teaspoon instant chicken bouillon granules
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 cups milk
1 cup light cream
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

Chop shucked clams, reserving liquid, or drain canned clams, reserving liquid. Set clams aside. Add water to reserved clam liquid to make 1 cup. Set aside. In a large saucepan, cook bacon until crisp. Remove bacon, reserving 1 tablespoon drippings in the

pan. Drain bacon on paper towel; crumble and set aside.

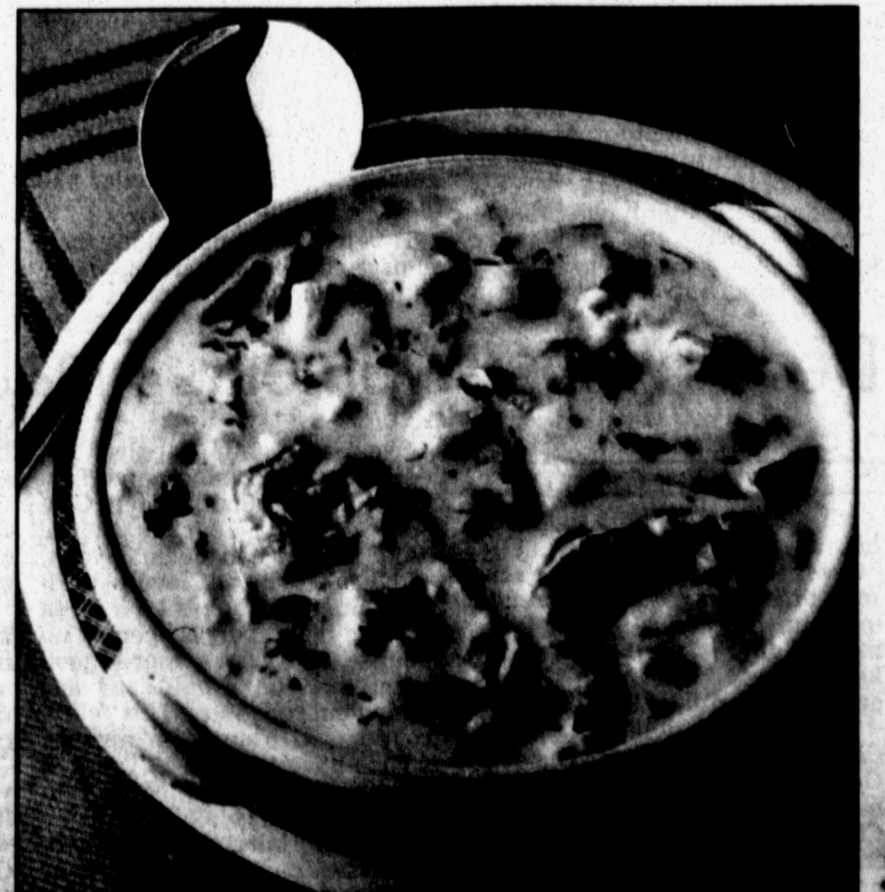
In bacon drippings, saute the onion for about 5 minutes. Add the reserved clam liquid (1 cup), sweet potatoes, potato, bouillon granules, Worcestershire sauce and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 10 minutes, or until potatoes are fork-tender.

Combine milk, cream and flour until smooth. Add to the potato mixture. Cook and stir until slightly thickened and bubbly. Stir in clams and cook about 3 minutes more. Top each serving with crumbled bacon. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 431 cal., 23 g pro., 21 g fat, 36 g carbo., 498 mg sodium, 100 mg chol.

Recipe from: The Sweet Potato Council of the United States Inc.

Sweet potatoes add delicate flavor to traditional clam chowder. Sweet Potato Clam Chowder is also flavored with chopped onion and potato, and topped with crumbled bacon.



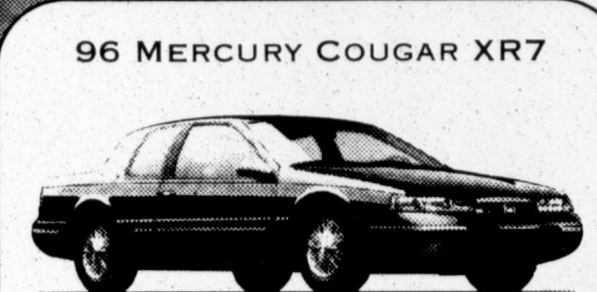
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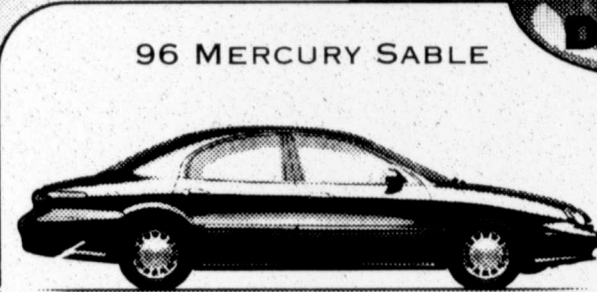
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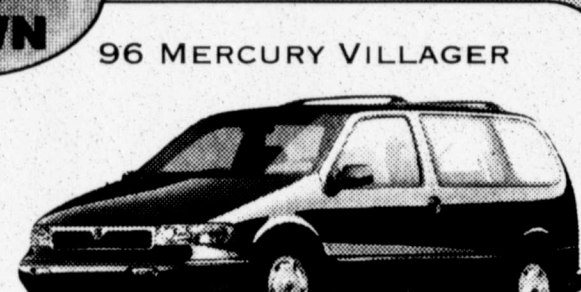
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