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## NEWS WATCH



AP Laserphoto Attorney F. Lee Bailey, right, is led off by a federal marshal to be taken to prison on Wednesday.

### Bailey jailed

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — F. Lee Bailey, who has spent his career trying to keep famous clients out of jail, was hauled away in handcuffs and leg irons Wednesday and began serving a six-month jail sentence for failing to produce \$25 million in stock from a drug dealer he once represented. U.S. District Judge Maurice Paul had given the 62-year-old defense attorney until 5 p.m. to come up with the \$2.3 million he needed to get the stock released by a Swiss bank, or be jailed for contempt of court.

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### Rape convictions

NAHA, Okinawa — Three U.S. servicemen were convicted Thursday in the rape of a 12-year-old Okinawan girl and sentenced to 6 1/2 to 7 years in prison in a case that became a symbol of America's controversial bases on this southern island. The verdict, handed down by a panel of three judges at the Naha District Court, followed six months of protests against the U.S. presence.

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### Lotto: \$18 million

AUSTIN — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$12 million. The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 1, 2, 8, 20, 33 and 35.

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# Dole grabs support of Bushes, ex-rivals

Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — GOP presidential frontrunner Bob Dole, garnering support from Texas Gov. George W. Bush and former President George Bush, called Wednesday on his remaining rivals for the Republican nomination to "close ranks" behind his candidacy.

One day after winning eight presidential primaries, Dole swept into Texas to pick up the formal endorsement of the state's popular governor and the backing of the governor's father.

"It seems to me now that what we ought to do as a party is to come together," Dole said at a news conference here moments after a meeting

with the former president. "We ought to come together ... and start focusing on our real political target — not each other, but President Clinton in November 1996."

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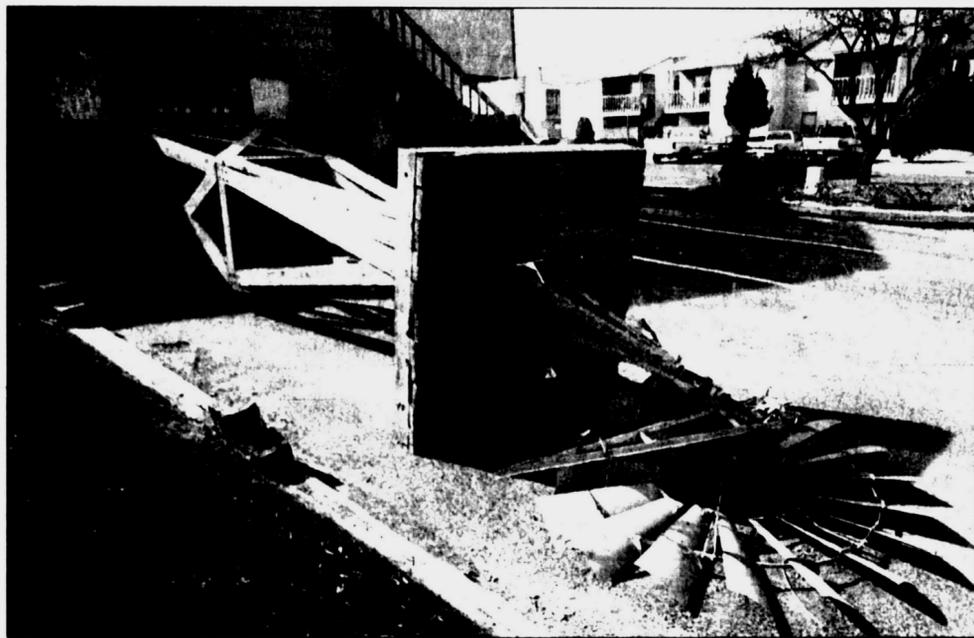
Dole's barnstorming was designed to boost his momentum in a bid to drive conservative commentator Patrick J. Buchanan and magazine publisher Malcolm S. ("Steve") Forbes Jr. from the race.

Earlier, Dole said outside the governor's man-

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AP Laserphoto Above, Republican presidential hopeful Bob Dole gives a thumbs up as he proceeds to a meeting with former president George Bush at Bush's office in Houston, Wednesday. At left, Gov. Bush gives Dole his endorsement Wednesday at the Governor's Mansion.



At top, the windmill at Windmill Park Apartments on North Loop 250 was toppled by the high winds Wednesday afternoon. At right, a road worker on North Loop 250 bundled up against the wind. At far right, Shawn Martin battles the fierce winds as he walks along A Street.

Photos by Curt Wilcott Reporter-Telegram



## Winter visits Midland bringing wind, snow

By Joe Gaines Staff Writer

Local temperatures dropped as a strong cold front blew its way across Midland and gusts reached 45 mph as the area was put under a wind advisory Wednesday night.

The front brought a pool of cold air that had been massing in the north and winds averaging 25-30 mph. The cold front also brought snow, if you want to call it that. Coupled with the winds, at times it looked more like it was snowing dirt.

## From blow to snow



The National Weather Service called for 1 inch of accumulation Wednesday night and issued warnings about slick roads.

Pushing a cart, John Lujan, a courtesy clerk at Furr's grocery store grinned as he loaded customer's groceries into their cars.

"You don't look forward to days like this," he said. "It's days like this that make you wish you had some other kind

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# Historian: 'Alamo is monument to self-sacrifice'

By Ed Todd Staff Writer

The volunteers in the 1836 Battle of the Alamo in Texas's quest for independence from Mexico were heroes who were "fighting, not to prove their individual courage, but to create a secure and representative government, so that sacrifice would end and life would go on," historian Roger Olien said Wednesday to commemorate Texas' independence from Mexico.

The Alamo is a "monument to self-sacrifice, to the ability of Texans to accept their common responsibility to maintain a decent and peaceful society, and to pay the ultimate price when it is demanded," Olien said.

Olien, an author and professor of history at The University of Texas at the Permian Basin, spoke at the Yucca Theatre to members of the Midland Downtown Lions Clubs on the 160th anniversary of the fall of the Alamo.

On the dawn of March 6, 1836, troops commanded by Mexican Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna twice stormed the Alamo mission before they breached the wall and, ultimately, slew the 200 defenders.

By the time of the final attack, Santa Anna's force built up to between 2,500 and 3,000 soldiers, Olien said.

Four days earlier, on Washington-on-the-Brazos, a delegation of rebellious Texans declared their independence from Mexico.

And a week before that, on Feb. 24, the

Alamo's young commander, William Barret Travis, dispatched a plea for reinforcements, which never came, while Santa Anna's growing forces were bombarding the Alamo.

In his determination to conquer the Alamo and its defenders, Santa Anna had ordered an elite force, but 670 of the battalion's 800 soldiers died in the effort. They were "brave men (who were) sacrificed to support the political career of a ruthless military dictator," Olien said.

Santa Anna, he said, was "known by his critics in Mexico as 'fifteen hands,' (in) referring to his reputation for bribery and corruption." About six weeks following the Alamo's fall,

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Historian Roger Olien spoke Wednesday at the Yucca Theatre.

Eugene Ott talks in his home in Erie, Pa., Friday. Ott's son, Reggie, was charged with firing a gun into the air New Year's Eve, which sent a stray bullet into the skull of 14-year-old Emily Perilla. AP Laserphoto



## Stray bullet

### Severe charges have community crying racism

By Niki Kapsambellis Associated Press

ERIE, Pa. — When he heard about the stray bullet that picked 14-year-old Emily Perilla out of a New Year's Eve crowd, Eugene Ott scraped together \$475 to help pay her medical bills.

A month later he learned his only son, Reggie, had fired the bullet into the air from nearly a mile away.

Now, Ott and many in Erie's small black community are accusing prosecutors of

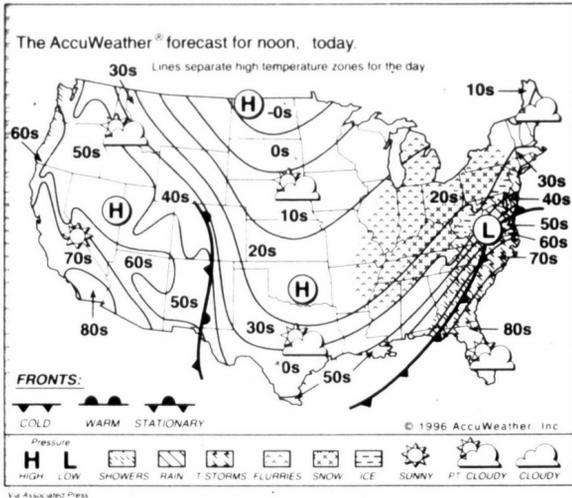
racism for pursuing charges so severe that Reggie could get 32 years in prison. Reggie Ott, 21, is black; Emily is white.

"It seems that every time there is a case of this sort, they use a black minority to make an example," said the Rev. Herlies Murphy, pastor of the Community Missionary Baptist Church.

Sister Anne McCarthy, a spokeswoman for the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, said: "We don't know what would have happened if Mr.

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WEATHER WATCH



COLD: Today to be warmer, 50s

Staff Report

(From 1A)

of job. Inside, the weather was on everyone's mind. Roy Reyes was taking the weather into consideration while shopping for his children's breakfast...

becoming southeast in the afternoon, according to NWS.

The low temperatures will stick around until Sunday, when forecasters call for highs to be in the 70s or 80s.

Tonight should be clear with a low in the upper 20s. Friday will be partly cloudy with a high in the low 50s.

After an overnight low of 30, Wednesday's high reached 72, compared to the record high for that date of 90 set in 1946. The record low was 15 set in 1989.

STATE

Texas temperatures varied by 81 degrees Wednesday as an icy blue norther bisected the state.

Blustery north winds pushed the front into the state, leaving arctic air and snow flurries in its wake. At 3 p.m., readings ranged from 96 degrees at Harlingen in the Lower Rio Grande Valley to 15 degrees at Dalhart. South Texas had balmy southerly breezes while winds to 35 mph caused wind chill readings of 20 degrees below zero in the Panhandle.

Skies were partly cloudy with showers along the leading edge of the system, which stretched at mid afternoon from Shreveport to Austin to Del Rio.

A tornado watch was issued for East Texas because of the unstable air mass aloft. A 30-mile-wide band of showers and thunderstorms was tracking eastward across the region.

The North Texas forecast for today is for decreasing clouds, continued gusty winds and colder temperatures. Highs will range from 43 in the northeast to 53 in the west. It will be clear and very cold tonight with lows in the 20s. Sunny and not as cold Friday with highs from 46 north-east to 62 southwest.

South Texas is to remain mostly cloudy through today, with highs in the upper 40s to mid 60s. Winds will shift to northerly at 20 to 30 mph. Tonight will be clear and cold with lows from the mid 20s in the Hill Country to 30s along the coast.

NATION

Thunderstorms battered the South with heavy rain and deadly tornadoes Wednesday, and in the West nearly 2 feet of new snow piled up in the mountains of Colorado.

Thunderstorms swept across much of the South during the morning, spawning tornadoes, and caused damage in Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. Six people were killed in central Alabama.

Hail the diameter of nickels was reported in parts of Tennessee. Birmingham, Ala., collected almost 3 inches of rain. In Georgia, the Atlanta area got 3 to 3 1/2 inches of rain in just 11 hours, flooding streets and basements in some suburban areas.

More storms were possible in the South, and a flash flood watch was posted for northeastern Mississippi with a warning that 2 to 3 inches of rain could fall during the night.

Afternoon thunderstorms over northeastern Texas produced wind gusts to 60 mph.

Along the central Rockies, a storm dumped nearly 2 feet of snow on western Colorado, including 21 inches in 24 hours at the town of Marble in Gunnison County. 16 at the Snowmass ski area and 14 inches at Aspen.

Rain fell along much of the East Coast and upper Ohio Valley.

More wet weather was headed into the region and winter storm warnings were in effect through today for east-central Ohio, western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia and western Maryland, with storm watches for southeastern Pennsylvania and central New Jersey.

Midland statistics

Table with 2 columns: Forecast and Local Temperatures. Includes data for today, yesterday, and various times of day.

Texas temperatures

Table with 4 columns: City, Hi, Lo, Pcp. Lists temperatures for various Texas cities like Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, etc.

Weather Elsewhere

Table with 4 columns: City, Hi, Lo, Pcp. Lists weather for cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, etc.

Area forecast

WEST TEXAS Permian Basin - Today, sunny. Highs in the 40s to the lower 50s. Tonight, clear. Lows in the 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s. Friday night, fair. Lows in the 30s.

Area forecast

NEW MEXICO - Today, mostly sunny skies. Warmer most sections. Highs upper 30s to the 50s mountains and northwest with mid 50s and 60s elsewhere. Tonight, turning breezy and colder over the eastern plains with skies becoming partly cloudy. Fair skies elsewhere. Lows in the 30s and 20s mountains and northeast with upper 20s to lower 40s lower elevations south. Friday, partly cloudy and cooler east with fair skies elsewhere. Highs in the low 30s to middle 50s mountains and northeast with 50s and 60s elsewhere. Friday night, fair skies statewide. Lows in the single digits and teens mountains with upper teens and 20s northeast and 20s to mid 30s elsewhere.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 1-2-8-20-33-35. Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$12 million.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-4-2.

BACKING: Dole calls for Republican unity

(From 1A)

sion in Austin before flying here that he hoped the results of the New York presidential primary today, where 102 delegates are at stake, would persuade Buchanan and Forbes "that it's time ... to close ranks and start efforts to defeat Bill Clinton."

Dole's appearances in Texas on Wednesday and his scheduled day-long campaign in Florida today were designed to clinch victories for the Senate majority leader in the six-state "Super Tuesday" contests next week. Texas, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Oregon will provide 351 of the 996 delegates needed to secure the GOP presidential nomination.

Dole has 276 delegates following Tuesday's victories. Forbes has 69, and Buchanan has 51.

Dole, apparently hoping to avoid another slugfest with his rivals, said he had not yet reached a decision on taking part in a candidates' debate scheduled Friday night in Dallas.

Lamar Alexander and Richard Lugar withdrew from the GOP race Wednesday, prompting House Speaker Newt Gingrich to proclaim, "Dole is nominated."

But Buchanan said he was in the race to stay, even if Dole's nomination "appears inevitable." Forbes, whose withdrawal had been predicted, instead vowed to press on and won the endorsement of former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp.

In his Houston office, former President Bush, who defeated Dole for the GOP presidential nomination in 1988, offered the Kansas Republican a gesture of support that fell just short of a formal endorsement.

Bush let Dole sit in the same high-backed leather chair that he had used as president in the Cabinet Room at the White House.

"This is the president's chair," Bush told Dole.

"I'm sitting in the president's chair," Dole replied enthusiastically.

Asked if the chair fit, Dole quipped: "It's all right. I could get used to it."

Bush called Dole "a real leader, a great friend" with "great credentials for president of the United States - mature leadership and character and things of that nature."

Bush said that he was "staying neutral" in Tuesday's Texas pri-

mary, in which 123 delegates will be chosen, but would be "speaking strongly and enthusiastically" for Dole later in the campaign.

Dole welcomed the comments, saying, "These kinds of nonendorsements are very helpful."

Earlier, before the meeting, Gov. Bush downplayed suggestions that his father's support was lukewarm.

"Make no mistake about it - these two men are friends," the governor said. "George Bush holds Sen. Dole in the utmost respect. He knows him to be a decent, courageous, fine leader."

The governor's endorsement was anything but arm's length. The younger Bush told the veteran Washington insider, "Senator, you are made of steel, and America needs your strength." Earlier, Gov. Bush had endorsed Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, but Gramm dropped out last month.

Dole blended his appeals for GOP unity with efforts to steal some of the political thunder from his determined rivals. He said Buchanan has "touched on some problems that ought to be addressed," including workers' fears that international trade jeopardizes their jobs. Dole

promised that as president he would fight more "aggressively" than Clinton has to "level the playing field to protect American workers."

Dole also sought to rebut Buchanan's attacks on international trade in this trade-dependent state of 18.4 million that has voted Republican in five of the seven presidential races since 1968.

"Building a wall around America - obviously that is not the answer," Dole said, noting that 700,000 Texas jobs rely on the state's annual exports of \$42 billion worth of goods. "We need to reach out; we need to trade," Dole insisted.

Dole also tried to co-opt Forbes' proposal to simplify the federal income tax code with a 17 percent flat tax that would eliminate deductions.

"We want a flatter and a fairer and a simpler system," Dole said. "But before we put it in stone, we need to take a look at it and have hearings and have input and hopefully end up with a system that is going to be fairer, going to be flatter and going to be simpler."

CRY: Community accuses prosecutors of racism

(From 1A)

Ott had been a white college student, drinking a few beers and shooting a few shots into the air.

While Emily and her family watched fireworks on Perry Square, Reggie Ott attended a house party. He and fellow revelers fired their guns into the air shortly before midnight in a New Year's tradition police have tried to discourage.

The bullet that struck Emily burrowed 6 inches into her brain and stopped at the base of her skull. A ballistics test traced it back to Ott's gun, which was found when he and a friend were arrested last month for car theft.

In a videotaped interview with police, the 21-year-old Ott admitted firing his 9mm pistol.

"It was New Year's, you know. I just wanted to shoot off my gun," he said. "I just pointed straight in the air."

At a preliminary hearing last week, Gary Nemenz, the fiancé of Emily's mother, Doris, recalled the night the girl was wounded.

"We were watching the fireworks, and I heard a little noise that just didn't sound right to me," he said. When he turned to Emily, "Her eyes were closed and she fell backward. I tried to catch her, and I didn't get there in time."

Emily now walks with a cane, but her doctor expects her to make almost a complete recovery.

Ott is in jail, charged with aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, possessing an instrument of crime, carrying a

firearm without a license and discharging a firearm within city limits. His \$80,000 bail has been reduced to \$25,000, and still his family can't raise the money.

Ott's supporters want prosecutors to drop all but the firearms charges, both misdemeanors.

Eugene Ott wonders how authorities could believe Reggie intended to hurt Emily, and how they could press so many charges - especially aggravated assault. Erie County, population 275,000, is 5 percent black.

"Reg is a nice guy. He's a very nice guy. He'd give you his heart if he could," the father said.

District Attorney Joseph Conti denied racism played any role in the case. He said intent to harm is not necessary for aggravated

assault - only recklessness.

A high-school dropout, Reggie Ott has no criminal record as an adult, though car theft charges from the Feb. 11 incident are pending. Prosecutors say he has a juvenile record of five charges ranging from simple assault to reckless endangerment. He bought his gun at a sporting goods store in June after being attacked by gang members one too many times, his father said.

Thoughts of Emily have been troubling to Eugene Ott, who was moved by her plight long before he knew his son was involved.

"That's my son, but I feel sorry for that family. It hurts, it hurts," he said. "There were nights when I couldn't sleep for thinking about my son, that gun, and that girl."

SPEAK: Historian talks to Lions about Alamo

(From 1A)

Texas soldiers under the command of Sam Houston - who became president of the Republic of Texas in 1836 - defeated Santa Anna's army at San Jacinto.

The republic was in existence from 1836 until 1845 when Texas claimed statehood.

"It was, of course, one thing to declare independence and create a new government and still another to make it good," Olien said.

The "great story of dramatic events beginning with the Alamo and ending with San Jacinto (pro-

vide) strong and constant reinforcement for the development of a distinctive blend of value, of ideals long embodied by the brightest and best in the Lone Star State," Olien said.

Among those values and ideals, Olien said, is "the willingness to take risks on long odds," including the development of the petroleum industry in Texas.

While there have been "risk-takers in all nations and in all cultures," Olien gave assurance that "courage has been a highly esteemed character trait in Texas

- in the heritage of the Alamo and San Jacinto.

"It has always been right to stand by your convictions - and to respect the convictions of other people - in Texas," Olien said. "And I hope that Texas will always remain the land of people who, in rough times, will show that they are made of 'tough fibre,' in the words of the great Texan, (the late historian) J. Evetts Haley."

And the "heroes of the Alamo" reflect another aspect of character that is "rooted in the great

events of the (Texas) Revolution: the ability to subordinate individual gain when the community's interest is at great risk."

The Alamo Day's emcee, Lion Robert R. Truitt Jr., who is also a historian, reflected on the legend of Travis drawing a line across which his comrades joined him in defense of the Alamo against overpowering odds.

"Nobody forgets the line," Truitt said in quoting Texas historian-folklorist J. Frank Dobie. "It is drawn too deep and straight."

Dole owes debt to religious right

By Christopher Hanson  
Hearst News Service

ATLANTA - If front-runner Bob Dole wins the GOP presidential nomination as expected, he will owe a huge debt to the religious right.

Many Christian conservatives have backed him rather than ex-commentator Pat Buchanan, a more passionate social conservative who had hoped to consolidate the entire movement under his banner. Had Dole not managed to win a big slice of this constituency, his nomination quest could be in deep trouble. But he did. And now he owes them.

Thus the religious right seems destined to have a profound impact on the Republican nominee's selection of a vice presidential running mate and on the direction of the campaign.

Exit polling from Tuesday's primaries showed Dole cut into Buchanan's core support in several areas, including among those who identified themselves as Christian conservatives, abortion opponents and people worried about the economy.

The exit polls in Georgia, Maryland, Colorado, Vermont, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode

Island were conducted by Voter News Service, a cooperative of The Associated Press, ABC, CBS, CNN and NBC.

Dole got one-third of the religious right vote, making inroads into a group that is vital to Buchanan and made up about one-fourth of voters. Buchanan won four of 10 ballots among the religious right.

The backing of the religious right is not without a price, and as Dole struggles to lock up the nomination and prepare a general election campaign against Bill Clinton he will have to start paying it.

Religious conservatives could make it impossible at the San Diego convention for Dole to woo social moderates by picking a pro-choice running mate, says University of Virginia politics professor Larry Sabato.

Meanwhile, the large numbers loyal to Buchanan are expected to insist that their man be allowed to address the convention in prime time and wage his cultural war in millions of living rooms, as he did in 1992 at the Houston convention. There is no doubt Buchanan could rally the faithful, but he also could turn off many moderate voters who otherwise might be inclined to vote Republican.

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## Wales adds up its losses in massive oil tanker spill

CASTLEMARTIN, Wales (AP) — "Oil on beach," reads the jarring red sign on the dunes.

Down on Freshwater West, a popular surfing beach and wildlife haven, someone has placed a gas can full of black and red fabric flowers at the foot of oil-blackened rocks.

"There are no words for it. Marine life is dying," said beachcomber Brian Watts, who comes to gather laverbread, a kind of seaweed, and watch the gobis, butterflyfish and crabs that usually crowd the rock pools.

"This is a nature reserve — but look at it," said Watts, near tears as he pointed out blotches of oily scum on the golden sand.

Three weeks ago, the 77,350-ton tanker Sea Empress ran aground three miles to the northwest, at the mouth of the Milford Haven estuary, spewing 21 million gallons of crude oil into the sea.

Britain has ordered an inquiry into the Feb. 15 accident, one of the 10 biggest tanker spills in history. Oil has fouled beaches, threatened tourism and put a multi-million-dollar fishing industry on hold.

Critics say the government made the situation worse by ignoring its own recommendations and not keeping on hand the type of equipment that could have prevented the accident. They also have accused the government of covering up the extent of the oil's

spread and its effects on wildlife.

Ron Davies, the opposition Labor Party's spokesman for Wales, said the potential poisoning of the area was far greater than anyone had publicly admitted. Legislators from his party are seeking an outside investigation, saying the government's investigation will not be independent enough.

The oil has affected 120 miles of coastline and 26 important wildlife sites — including Britain's only marine wildlife sanctuary, the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park.

Some 3,000 seabirds have died, and the number could rise as tens of thousands of others fly in to breed in coming weeks, conservationists say.

"There is no doubt that this is a disaster for wildlife," said Dr. Robin Crump, director of studies at the Orielton Field Center near Milford Haven, where students come from all over Britain to study marine ecology.

Crump mourns the "extensive death of limpets and a large number of other snails." He predicts a dramatic change in the ecology of the shore, starting with a heavy growth of seaweed unchecked by hungry limpets.

The oil also threatens a colony of the rare brooding cushion starfish, a small green creature with brown markings found in only six sites.

## Canadians indignant at U.S. challenge of coast waterway

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — In a new twist to a long-running salmon war, politicians and fishermen are outraged by a U.S. challenge to Canada's sovereignty over a strait along the coast of British Columbia.

"This is our water, our coast, our fish," said British Columbia's premier, Glen Clark. "We cannot be intimidated."

The waterway in question is the 750-mile Inside Passage, which links Washington State and the Alaskan panhandle — a vital passageway for boats that otherwise would have to sail on the open Pacific Ocean. About 250 miles of the waterway runs between the Canadian mainland and Vancouver Island.

For more than a century, U.S. boats have had unimpeded access through the waterway. That changed briefly in 1994 when Canada, irked at U.S. salmon-fishing practices, imposed a fee of roughly \$1,500 on U.S. boats using the passage.

The fee was lifted once the Americans returned to talks on establishing fishing quotas to preserve salmon stocks. But talks on the treaty have broken down again, and now Canadians are

fuming over an amendment passed by Congress that challenges Canada's right to ever levy such fees in the future.

Because the Inside Passage offers the safest and most convenient link between Alaska and Washington, the United States contends international maritime law requires Canada to grant U.S. fishermen legal rights to it.

The amendment to the Fisherman's Protection Act was passed by Congress in November, but most Canadians became aware of it only this week when the first news stories about it appeared. The amendment urges the State Department to recover the approximately \$300,000 in transit fees collected by Canada and warns that the United States will not tolerate any future action that would "impede or otherwise restrict" U.S. boats' right to use the passage.

Clark, on learning of the amendment, was so indignant that he asked Canada's federal government to reimpose the transit fees as a show of defiance.

"We have to take action to show the Americans that we're not afraid of defending our sovereignty on these questions," he said.

## Mandela's in good health, tests show

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Doctors pronounced Nelson Mandela to be in good health Wednesday after two days of hospital tests aimed at convincing skeptics that he is in good shape for a man his age.

Rumors began circulating last month that Mandela was ill — perhaps with a heart problem — prompting the value of the South African rand to slip and concern to grow about the country's continued stability.

After repeated denials, the 77-year-old leader checked into a Johannesburg clinic Tuesday for three days of tests to disprove the rumors.

A hospital statement late Wednesday proclaimed Mandela "extremely well."

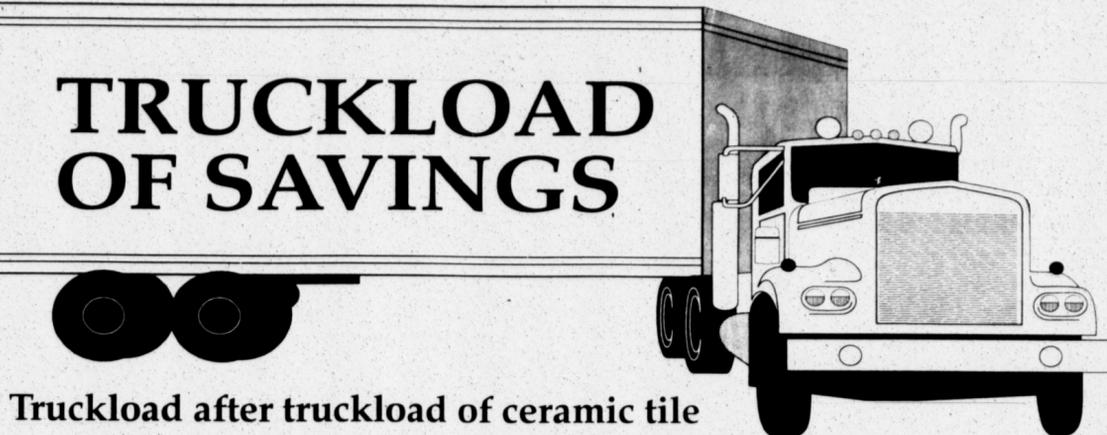
"His heart condition is satisfactory — there is absolutely no evidence of coronary artery disease. The condition of his lungs is equally excellent. There is no evidence whatsoever of cancer of the prostate," the statement said.

It said the results were so good that Mandela will check out Thursday, a day earlier than planned.

"He is in excellent condition," said Dr. Michael Plit, Mandela's physician for the last four years. "All this hype about him being unwell and having had a heart attack is absolutely incorrect."

Despite the glowing prognosis, signs of some change in the president's health have emerged.

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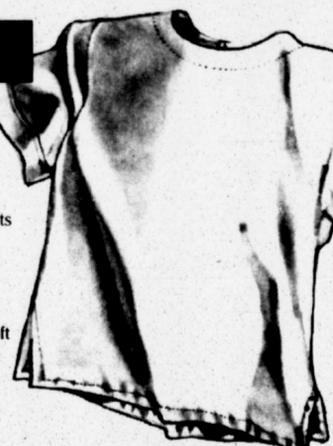
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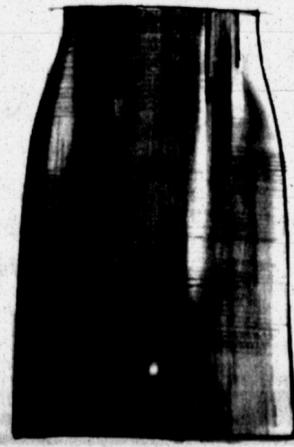
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# Arafat's police join Israeli crackdown on Hamas to save peace process

JERUSALEM (AP) — With Israel in control of the West Bank, Palestinian police joined Wednesday in the crackdown on Muslim militants whose deadly bombings are tearing apart the Israel-PLO peace.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's forces on Wednesday raided the Gaza Strip's Islamic University — a hotbed of support for the militant Hamas group. The night before, they joined Israel in an arrest sweep in the West Bank for the first time.

Palestinian police sources said more than 400 have been arrested in Gaza and the West Bank in the last 10 days, including four activists on Israel's wanted lists. Tuesday night's joint sweep netted relatives of a suicide bomber behind one of four explosions since Feb. 25 that killed 57 people and the bombers.

Arafat also approved a life sentence

with hard labor Wednesday for the man accused of recruiting three of the four bombers. Mohammed Abu-Wardeh was not in court Tuesday night when he was convicted and sentenced by a Palestinian tribunal.

After the bombings, Israel clamped a curfew on refugee camps and hinted it may deport Hamas activists — a tactic not used in more than three years.

The Israeli army's return to areas that had been formally taken over by Palestinian police brought a flurry of activity from PLO officials seeking to join Israel's war on Hamas.

"We are in a state of war with terrorism and terrorists," said Attorney General Khaled Kidra. "The entire world is fighting terrorism, and we are part of the world. We are not standing by and watching."

Such statements are part of Arafat's campaign to calm Israelis who are seriously questioning whether the Mideast peace process was a mistake. Arafat has conducted arrest sweeps after previous Hamas attacks. In most cases, suspects were quickly released — much to Israel's displeasure.

Arafat appeared to be going further this time, although it was too early to know if he would — or could — destroy Hamas.

Palestinian police said citizens who harbor activists wanted by police or who hide weapons and explosives in their homes will be punished.

In the raid on Gaza's Islamic University, Palestinian police broke down doors, seized student records and took control of the school's mosque. Police had taken over 15 Hamas-supported mosques a day earlier, forcing imams, or preachers, to

declare loyalty to Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

An Israeli military source said Israel also wanted Arafat to take over a network of schools and clinics that are run by Hamas as a "state within a state" and constitute a breeding ground for terrorism.

In the Al-Askar refugee camp near the northern West Bank town of Nablus, about 20 Palestinian police and Israeli soldiers carried out their first-ever joint raid. The family of suicide bomber Raed Shaghroubi had taken shelter in the camp; police arrested his father, mother and two other relatives.

Col. Moshe Elad, a liaison officer with PLO police in the West Bank, said Arafat's forces "understand that we have to tighten our belts and start working seriously" — but that they still were not doing enough.

The Israeli military source said the main goal was arresting the 10 to 15 key leaders of Izzedine al-Qassem, Hamas' semi-independent military wing. The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Arafat may not know where all of them are but "he could find out."

It is not clear whether that would stop the bombings, since signs of divisions within Hamas are becoming more apparent.

Two new leaflets purporting to be from Hamas members appeared Wednesday, one praising the "heroic" suicide bombings and another pledging to stop military action against Israel.

The first was signed "Hamas." The second was signed by the "wanted brothers" in Hamas' military wing, who said they would halt attacks "because we care about Palestinian interests."

## Tehran's mayor a rising political star for Iranians

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — In a gray suit, with Calvin Klein glasses and a neatly trimmed beard, Tehran's mayor looks more the Western businessman than one of the most powerful figures among Iran's ruling clerics.

No matter what he wears, Gholam Hossein Karbaschi's sustained drive to clean up this polluted, congested capital has made him the rising star of Iranian politics.

The 42-year-old Karbaschi is seen as a potential successor next year to his close ally, President Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Iranians vote Friday to elect all 270 members of the Majlis, or parliament. Independents and opposition figures have been barred from running.

Though neither Karbaschi nor Rafsanjani is on the ballot, the election is an important test in the rivalry between politicians who are best known for improving living conditions and clerics who emphasize Islam above bread-and-butter issues.

The election will set the tone for next year's presidential election, when Rafsanjani must step down after his second four-year term.

Karbaschi is so popular that ordinary Iranians — who normally complain about the government — gush when they speak of his achievements.

"The most important problem in Tehran is the uncontrolled growth of the population over the past 20 years," Karbaschi told a news conference Wednesday. "As a result, we have many problems — traffic jams, air pollution, housing shortages."

A former religious student, Karbaschi has tackled Tehran's mountainous problems and added a splash of color to this dour city of 8 million people.

City buses have been painted sassy shades of pink, lavender and orange, though they remain strictly segregated by sex, with women in the back.

On a more practical level, he's built new roads and restricted vehicle access to downtown Tehran. He's established small parks, with armies of workers planting trees and flower beds throughout the city.

## Muslims, Croats move in, control Sarajevo suburb

HADZICI, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Thousands of jubilant Muslims and Croats poured into this deserted Sarajevo suburb Wednesday as Serbs gave it up to their enemies' control.

The crowds appeared unfazed by an overnight attempt by some Croat policemen to thwart the handover and undercut the Muslim-Croat federation that is to govern half of Bosnia, including all of the capital Sarajevo.

The Croats' challenge to the federation's authority underscored growing disputes between Muslims and Croats within their federation, formed under U.S. pressure in March 1994 after a year of fighting.

It also threatened Bosnia's fragile peace: If the federation cannot function, then the country is likely to disintegrate, with the Serbs merging with Serbia, Croat lands uniting with Croatia, and a small Muslim state struggling to survive between them.

The Muslim-Croat federation was forged under U.S. pressure in 1994. Under the terms of the Bosnian peace agreement signed last year, the federation is to govern 51 percent of Bosnian territory and the remainder will be under Bosnian Serb control, with a weak central government handling foreign policy and monetary policy.

Hadzici was the third of the five Serb-held Sarajevo suburbs to come under the control of federation police, who are to take over the entire capital by March 19. Almost all of its Serb residents fled before the handover, their own fears of reprisal from wartime enemies fanned by Bosnian Serb leaders who incited them to leave.

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## Kaufman offers needed changes

The race for the Republican nomination for sheriff in Midland County has raised pointed questions about qualifications, experience, integrity and other matters. Every resident of Midland and Midland County should be concerned about those and other issues because this election will determine the man who will direct the activities of the Midland County Sheriff's Office for the next four years.

Gary Painter, who now is serving in his third term as sheriff, faces opposition in the Republican primary from a newcomer to law enforcement and a relative newcomer to Midland County, Mike Kaufman. In an election where the only issue was law-enforcement experience, Painter would undoubtedly be the hands-down winner.

But there are more concerns at play here than simply experience. The first in the minds of many Midlanders is Painter's long-running feud with the Midland County commissioners over his department's budget and his seemingly unconcerned about regularly exceeding his budget. While Painter has noted that he typically is asked by commissioners to request an amount significantly lower than he knows he will need and then to amend it later, his attitude is not conducive to either conservative budgeting practices or good relations with the commissioners who bear the burden of being fiscally responsible to the county's taxpayers.

While that may be Painter's most visible problem, it is not his only one. Another is the concern expressed by some Midlanders that the sheriff has allowed a subordinate to essentially control much of the sheriff's department activities, which is not a good practice at any time. Painter should recognize that he alone is answerable to the voters of Midland County and he must direct his department ... and

although he should, of course, have supervisory assistance, he should not allow the perception that he is not totally in charge to go uncorrected.

Concerns also have been expressed about criminal cases in the department not being prepared properly, which has led to an unusually high number of dismissals because of insufficient evidence. That is a major concern because it insinuates that the sheriff's department is not doing the job it is charged with doing — and blame for that fault must be laid back at Painter's feet.

All this said, Painter still has enjoyed widespread support among residents and has been re-elected by wide margins each of the previous times he ran. That in itself says that he has been doing something right.

More than in any previous year, though, Midlanders are calling for a change in the sheriff's department, and Mike Kaufman appears to offer a reasonable approach to bringing that change. He identifies the three main problems he sees in the sheriff's department as 1) budgetary mismanagement, 2) poor cooperation/coordination with other law-enforcement agencies and offices, and 3) abuse of power. He says he'll bring change that will correct all three problems.

Although Kaufman's background is not in law enforcement, he appears to be a good candidate for bringing about the needed changes and he points out that he will have nine months after being elected to become certified as a law-enforcement officer. He correctly points out that his administrative abilities will stand him in good stead in a job that is, to a great extent, one of management. We agree.

We also think it's time for a change in the sheriff's department, and we call on Midlanders to cast their ballots for Mike Kaufman for sheriff.

GEORGE WILL

## Buchananism won't go over well with Texans

AUSTIN, Texas — In his statehouse office, adorned with baseball souvenirs from his life before he sank to the governorship of Texas, George W. Bush, who helped run the Texas Rangers, tells a story germane to Tuesday's Republican presidential primary.



Will

in the days before Texans vote.

Pat Buchanan, who likes to go native in some of the states he visits, dressed like a cowboy in Arizona and whistled Dixie in South Carolina and did not convince either state. He may come here preaching protection and dread of people named Jose. If he does, Bush might mention a man named T.J. Rodgers.

Rodgers, who cheerfully describes himself as "an excess of the 1980s," is founder and CEO of Cypress Semiconductor, from which he has made a lot of money. He is mistaken if he thinks liberals will forgive that impertinence merely because in 13 years he has created 1,900 jobs and contributed to the U.S. balance of trade. When Rodgers recently was here to announce construction of a new \$700 million plant, he was asked if he fretted about politicians trying to stir up protectionist fervor. He allowed as how he did, considering that 35 percent of what Texans will manufacture at the new plant will be exported to many nations, including Japan.

Japan might not be in an understanding, or importing, mood if President Buchanan imposes a tariff on all Japanese goods as punishment for, among other inscrutable slights, refusing to buy the proper number of American cars. Buchanan evidently thinks it is no excuse for the Japanese to note that not until recently did American companies send cars with the steering wheels on the right side to Japan.

Buchanan has been misreading the states he has been wooing. In Arizona he denounced NAFTA as a job-destroyer, but a University of Arizona study says NAFTA has meant a net increase of up to 5,000 jobs in the state. In South Carolina he seemed eager to die a martyr's

death in defense of the flying of the Confederate flag over the state capitol, and of the right of The Citadel to exclude Shannon Faulkner. But if there is one thing South Carolinians dislike more than disrespect for that flag, it is Yankee politicians wrapping themselves in it. And South Carolina, which may have the nation's strongest military presence and tradition, could not be expected to cotton to a man who not only has less military experience than Ms. Faulkner, but who is a rarity, a Republican who opposed the Gulf War.

If Buchanan, who likes to play dress-up, comes to Texas, and especially to this capital of the nation's second most populous state, in a 10-gallon Stetson, with spurs jingling and six-guns blazing, he will find his act anachronistic. Michael Barone, author of *The Almanac of American Politics*, notes that at Austin's main campus of the University of Texas the number of engineering professors recently doubled, and this city may soon be the nation's third most important high-tech manufacturing center, following California's Silicon Valley and Route 128 outside Boston.

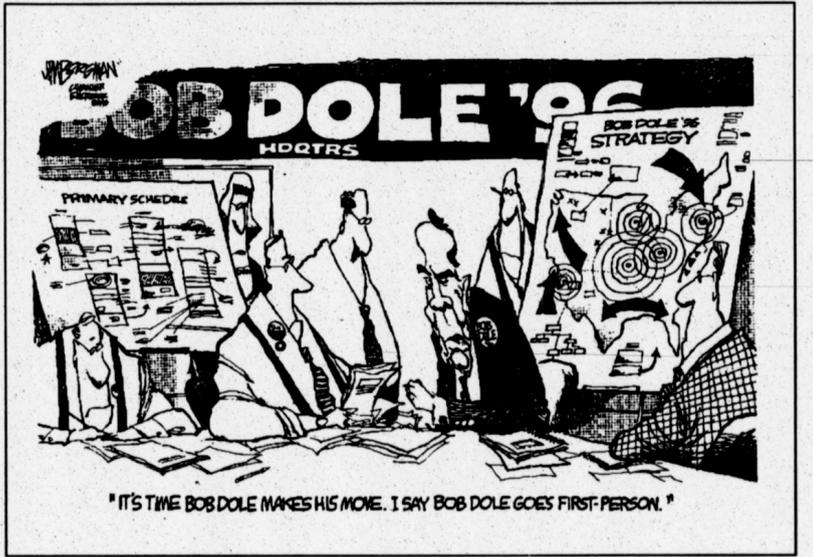
Texas businesses export \$60 billion worth of goods and services worldwide annually, \$24 billion worth to Mexico. Exports support, direct-

ly or indirectly, 15 percent of Texas jobs. The states, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, are required to keep track of jobs lost because of NAFTA, but there is no requirement to measure jobs created by it. Texas says that between Jan. 1, 1994, when NAFTA went into effect, through Jan. 30 of this year, 3,647 jobs were lost because of NAFTA. During those 25 months Texas had a net gain of 545,000 nonfarm jobs. So NAFTA losses are about six-tenths of one percent of net gains.

In something of an understatement, Bush says he is a NAFTA enthusiast because "I want Mexico to do well." Indeed, so more Mexicans will want to live there. Texas has a much longer border with Mexico than California has, but much less of a problem with illegal immigrants. Bush believes that one explanation of this is the fact that Texas' basic welfare payment is about one-third as large as California's.

Booming, conservative Texas probably will not be susceptible to Buchananism, the ideology of the costumed candidate.

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ART BUCHWALD

## Charles', Di's divorce stirs wedding day memories

The news of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's split has hit Americans very hard. Most of us were at the wedding — well maybe not at the wedding itself — but we watched it on television and we saw a lot more of it than many of the guests who were in attendance.



Buchwald

I saw it on Martha's Vineyard under unusual circumstances. Virginia Durr, the Queen Mother of Vineyard Haven, announced that she wanted to see the wedding from start to finish, which meant turning on the set at 5 in the morning.

When my wife and I realized we had to get up at that hour, we decided to have a wedding breakfast and invite our friends. I went to Hallmark and bought all sorts of royal decorations, including a paper crown that we placed on Vir-

ginia's head.

I also stopped into the British Consulate in New York and talked them out of a large blowup of Charles and Diana, which we hung in the window.

Guests were in the kitchen making omelets, while others were glued to the set watching what many of us assumed would be the marriage of the century. The pageant and the music lived up to everyone's expectations, and when it lagged a little we held up our coffee mugs and toasted Virginia Durr.

Midway through the ceremony the phone rang. It was the writer, Ward Just. He had just arrived on the island with a friend named Anthony Haden-Guest, a reporter from the London Sunday Observer. Ward had heard about the party and was wondering if he could bring Guest over.

"Of course," we said, delighted that we would have an expert to fill us in on the details that Barbara Walters didn't know.

Haden-Guest arrived and was given a seat of honor at Virginia Durr's feet. He was able to identify all the people in their ermine-trimmed robes and velvet britches.

He even knew the names and titles of the bridesmaids. We felt blessed to have had a pure-blooded Englishman with us on this historic occasion. The party was a great success, and we cheered our lungs out when the Archbishop of Canterbury pronounced the couple man and wife.

Our role in the wedding took on added significance when Haden-Guest wrote a long story in the London Observer called, "How the Americans Celebrated The Charles-Diana Wedding." He depicted us as a typical family in the new colonies who were still thrilled with the pomp and circumstance of a royal wedding. His description of our breakfast touched all of England. From that day forth everything the royal couple did was eagerly followed by our group, which is why there is so much sadness now. Not only for Charles and Diana, but also because we know that we'll never have a breakfast like that again.

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

## LETTERS

## We need lawman, not soldier for sheriff

I am a new Midlander so I have developed a great interest in the local political races. The two races that have really attracted my attention are the races for sheriff and county attorney.

My observations of Gary Painter have led me to the conclusion that he has dedicated his life to law enforcement, whereas Mike Kaufman has dedicated his life to the military. If you need surgery, you don't consult an accountant, you see a doctor. We need a lawman, not a soldier for sheriff.

For county attorney I have noted that since completing law school, Ms. Hinshaw has worked for the state or the prosecution. Malm went into private practice. One has served society, the other himself. Janice Hinshaw should be elected and given the chance to continue her service to the public.

Troy Richard  
Midland

## Sheriff needs law enforcement training

After reading the information in the Voters Guide section of your paper, I would like to ask, in a public way, some questions of Mike Kaufman.

You say that you have experience in the F-15, were a commander of a key logistics squadron and numerous other things in the mil-

itary. You know what, nowhere in all of your so-called qualifications, do I find any mention of experience in any kind of police work. Would you know how to look for evidence at a crime location, what kind of evidence to gather and what to do with it after you obtained it? I doubt it very much. So far as I know, Sheriff Painter has never flown an F-15, but the way you think, he is qualified to fly one without any experience. (I don't think so.) If you received a call from the dispatcher who said there was a 10-10 in progress, and there was a possible 10-32 involved, what would she be telling you? After you received the message, what would you say? Arriving at the scene, what would you say? All of this may sound like nothing that important, but it could mean someone's life if you did not know what you were getting into.

H.W. Kirby  
Midland

## Reeves gave county needed change

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er. She also has completely computerized and remodeled the office to improve direct relations for the public.

As employees of Reeves, we support her 100 percent and believe the changes have been effective. She has many ideas for the future and we look forward to implementing them together.

Beverly Engeldahl,  
chief deputy,  
Midland County Tax Office

## It's time for change in Sheriff's Office

The sheriff is once again using the power of his office to

Billie Ross  
Midland

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 7, the 67th day of 1996. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

On this date: In 1849, horticulturist Luther Burbank was born in Lancaster, Mass.

In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

In 1875, composer Maurice Ravel was born in Cibourne, France.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican border as a precaution in the wake of the

Mexican Revolution.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversation took place, between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1975, the U.S. Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

In 1981, anti-government guerrillas in Colombia executed kidnapped American Bible translator Chester Allen Bitterman, whom they accused of being a CIA agent.

# Rebels attack Grozny while Yeltsin readies plan to end Chechnya war

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Rebels attacked Russian troops in the Chechen capital Wednesday, burning down police stations and blowing up water-pumping depots in some of the fiercest fighting in Grozny since the war began.

They made their bold assault on the eve of a Moscow meeting of military and government leaders, where President Boris Yeltsin is expected to announce a plan to end the 14-month-old war that has killed about 30,000 people and crippled his bid for reelection in June.

Blasts from machine guns, mines and exploding grenades shook the city as soldiers fought about 300 rebels on several fronts. News reports said Russian helicopter gunships flew over the center of Grozny, a city already ravaged by intense fighting in January 1995 and sporadic attacks since.

At least 10 soldiers died Wednesday and more than 30 were wounded, Russian news agencies reported. There were no reports of rebel casualties, but the Interfax news agency said police and civilians also were killed.

Separatist rebels attacked at dawn from several directions, striking Russian checkpoints on the outskirts of Grozny, then moving deeper into the city, the ITAR-Tass news agency said. Russian tanks moved toward downtown and reinforcements rushed in.

Guerrilla fighters seized at least two police stations, setting them on fire, and made repeated attempts to reach the airport. The rebels also blew up three water-pumping stations — jeopardizing the city's water supply — and seized a heating plant, Interfax said.

ITAR-Tass said the rebels captured many civilian hostages, but it gave no details. In past raids, Chechen fighters have taken hostages from outside their tiny southern republic and kidnapped Russians working in Chechnya.

It appeared to be the worst fighting in Grozny since the Russians took the capital a year ago and the war for Chechen independence moved into the countryside. However, Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev played down the reports of fighting.

"One does not need 100 people to aggravate the situation in the city," Interfax quoted Grachev as saying. "Five to six rebels firing in three or four districts would be enough to trigger panic."

Chechen separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev, in a five-minute speech on Grozny television, said he ordered Wednesday's assault and told fighters to seize government buildings.

The commander of Russian troops in Chechnya, Gen. Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, linked the attack to the Security Council meeting. The rebels wanted to "show off their strength on the eve of the meeting," he told ITAR-Tass.

Details of Yeltsin's new plan have not been released, but lawmaker Alevtina Aparina told ITAR-Tass that Yeltsin told a meeting of women politicians Wednesday that the war would end by May.

Also Wednesday, the Russian military said a Chechen commander who led a bloody hostage-taking in January had died. Salman Raduyev died of head injuries sustained during an internal dispute among separatists, news agencies reported. But the reports could not be confirmed.

# Sinn Fein leader: IRA prepared for another 25 years of warfare

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The IRA is ready for "another 25 years of war" with the British and won't agree to disarm unless there is a negotiated settlement to the conflict, Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams says.

Adams, whose party supports the IRA but says it can't control the outlawed group, gave his account of a secret Feb. 28 meeting with IRA commanders in his regular column in the Irish Voice, a news weekly published in New York. Later, the IRA leaked excerpts of its latest policy statement to the Irish national broadcaster RTE in Dublin. The excerpts also suggested the IRA was unwilling to

resume its truce despite the British and Irish governments' decision to set a June 10 date for all-party talks, the longtime demand of the IRA-Sinn Fein movement.

A statement attributed to an IRA spokesman, due to be published in full on Thursday in the IRA-Sinn Fein newspaper An Phoblacht-Republican News, said the promise of negotiations was not enough to "move us all away from conflict," RTE reported.

Both governments say Sinn Fein cannot participate until the IRA restores the cease-fire it broke last month.



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# Court convicts three U.S. servicemen in rape of 12-year-old Okinawan

NAHA, Okinawa (AP) — Three U.S. servicemen were convicted today in the rape of a 12-year-old Okinawan girl and sentenced to 6 1/2 to 7 years in prison in a case that became a symbol of America's controversial bases on this southern island.

The verdict, handed down by a panel of three judges at the Naha District Court, followed six months of protests against the U.S. presence. Support for American troops on Okinawa is at one of its lowest points since World War II.

None of the three U.S. GIs — Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, of Woodville, Texas; Marine Pfc. Rodrico Harp, of Griffin, Georgia; and Marine Pfc. Kendrick Ledet, of Waycross, Georgia — showed any emotion when the sentences were read.

Gill and Harp were sentenced to seven years and Ledet received 6 1/2 years, to be served in Japanese prisons.

The reason for the difference in sentences was not immediately clear. The sentences are relatively stiff by Japanese standards.

All three had confessed to some role in the case. On the trial's opening day, Gill said that he raped the girl, while Ledet and Harp said they helped abduct her, but only

because Gill bullied them into joining him.

Prosecutors said the three forced the girl into their rented car on the night of Sept. 4 as she left a stationery shop after buying a school notebook. They allegedly beat and bound her as Gill drove to a deserted road amid fields of sugar cane.

The girl was raped there, and abandoned. Still bleeding, she wandered to the nearest house and tearfully called home. Gill, Ledet and Harp were arrested by military police two days later.

Prosecutors argued before the judges — there are no jury trials in Japan — that all three participated in the rape and deserved equal punishment.

Although TV cameras were not allowed inside the courtroom, in keeping with Japanese legal custom, the proceedings were closely followed on this small, crowded island. About 300 people lined up Thursday morning for a lottery for the 34 seats available in the courtroom.

In the trial's first session last November, the victim's father said he wished he could kill the three Americans himself. Later, the interpreter broke down in tears as she rendered into Japanese

Gill's graphic account of the rape. Emotions outside court have also been high.

Record numbers of Okinawans have rallied against the heavy U.S. military presence here since the rape. The largest protest, held in October, drew more than 60,000 people, many of whom shouted demands for the immediate withdrawal of the 27,000 U.S. troops.

Outside the court Thursday, about a dozen red-stenciled anti-base signs had been hung up, some reading "American Animals Get Out" in English.

Okinawa Gov. Masahide Ota, a longstanding opponent of the U.S. bases, has called for the troops' removal by 2015, and his government has drawn up detailed plans for the departure.

"Some American troops still believe Okinawa is U.S. territory," he said in an interview earlier this week. "Okinawa is ours, not yours."

Even so, for decades, much of the island has been off-limits to Okinawans.

Although Okinawa accounts for less than one percent of Japan's total area, roughly 75 percent of all Japanese land reserved for exclusive U.S. military use is concen-

trated here. One-fifth of the island is taken up by the bases, and it is hard to take even a short drive without seeing at least one U.S. military facility.

Ota and other opponents of the bases say the return of land now used by the U.S. military would allow the construction of roads, civilian airports and resorts to bolster tourism, Okinawa's main industry.

Without bases, Ota says, tourism could be doubled, to 6 million visitors a year — an issue he says is all the more urgent because Okinawa is the poorest region in Japan, with about half the national average yearly wage and twice the unemployment rate.

Okinawa's pleas have been received with guarded expressions of sympathy in Tokyo and Washington. But while Okinawa is expected to top the agenda when President Clinton visits Japan next month, neither country wants to renegotiate their mutual security treaty.

Adm. Joseph Prueher, commander of the U.S. Pacific forces, said last week that he expects no

change in the number of troops in Japan — 47,000 — or on Okinawa in the near future.

Ota countered a few days later that as long as U.S. troops are on

Okinawa, more trouble is inevitable.

"As governor, I'm always worrying if something will happen," he said.

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# 'Net hits schools; educators mull value

By Neil MacFarquar  
N.Y. Times News Service

TENAFLY, N.J. — Before her third-grade class waded into the Internet, Mary Anne Denner, a teacher at the Maugham Elementary School here, selected the White House home page as an engaging first exhibit where they might be able to extract information for future reports.

The first group of four pupils elbowed one another for space in front of the computer screen, clicking the buttons to bring up a picture of President Clinton riding a horse or an image of Socks, the White House cat, that actually meowed through the speakers. "Meow!" the boys and girls shouted back.

"If you were watching the news you might not know what Clinton does because of the news he just talks," said Jeffrey Brunswick, who is 8 years old. "And you couldn't hear the cat go meow anywhere else."

The World Wide Web was a hit. Then the computer access system clogged and no other pupils could hook up. "Technology is the worst thing to teach with," Mrs. Denner sighed.

In fits and starts, the Internet is pushing its way into elementary-school classrooms nationwide. Its fans argue that it will expand and invigorate the way many subjects are taught because it puts the entire world at students' fingertips. Skeptics call it technological razzle-dazzle that will ultimately only distract children from learning.

"Computers in classrooms are the filmstrips of the 1990s," said Clifford Stoll, a computer critic and author, recalling his own elementary school days in the 1960s. "We loved them because we didn't have to think for an hour, teachers loved them because they didn't have to teach, and parents loved them because it showed their schools were high-tech. But no learning happened."

Still, most states are pushing their schools online, and educators

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are scrambling to adapt the Internet to the classroom. No one is quite sure how to weave such an amorphous mass of unedited information into teaching reading, writing and arithmetic.

"People are trying to figure out how to bring it into the core of the curriculum rather than just a fun thing that we do on the side," said Rod Haenke, the assistant principal at Oxbow Creek Elementary School in Champlin, Minn., where students have been working on the Internet for four years.

"Even though the projects are fun and exciting, they have to be able to show that the kids are actually learning what they are supposed to."

Schools are signing onto the Internet at breakneck speed compared to the general public. The most recent figures from the U.S. Department of Education indicate that 50 percent now have access to the Internet, up from 35 percent in 1994, well ahead of the estimated 6 percent of the general public with either Internet or online access. The number of actual classrooms connected has jumped from 3 percent to 9 percent nationwide in the past two years.

School connections are likely to accelerate even faster given Clinton's announcement in February that the federal government would invest \$2 billion toward getting every classroom in the United States connected by the year 2000.

"What teachers talk about is that this is the first real set of resources that significantly expand the text-

book and the library in phenomenal ways," said Linda G. Roberts, the director of technology at the Education Department.

"From the parents' point of view it is a question of skills students need for the rest of their lives. Technological literacy is the new basic the public believes is important."

On Saturday, March 9, about 200 California high-tech companies organized by Sun Microsystems will hold Net Day, a day with the goal of getting all 13,000 schools in California to connect five classrooms and their library to the Internet on that day alone. Currently, 2,000 California schools are linked to the Internet, said John B. Gage, chief scientist at Sun.

The problem is that beyond the wiring lies an abyss. Once a classroom is connected to the Internet, there is no formula for what to do with it, and the amount of material can be overwhelming. Ask the computer to search for information on the word "biology," for example, and it will come up with 400,000 Internet entries. No teacher could dig through them all.

"There are many statewide programs throughout the United States devoted to wiring, but there are not a lot of good educational applications," said Dr. Edward A. Friedman, a professor at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.

Stevens is part of a growing band of private corporations, government agencies and educational institutions seeking to shape teaching materials for the Internet, and to steer teachers to well-organized World Wide Web sites.

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# Study: Dogs more calming than spouses

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — When it comes to times of stress, researchers find, the most reassuring companion isn't your sweetheart — it's your schnauzer.

A new study found that people who were put into stressful situations showed the least amount of tension when accompanied by their dog. The stress levels were highest when the subjects were with their spouses.

"I think that dogs are non-evaluative, and they love us," explained Karen Allen, a research scientist at State University of New York at Buffalo's medical school.

Allen is to present the results of her study today at a meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society in Williamsburg, Va.

"A pet dog was clearly more effective in controlling physiological reactions in stressful situations than other conventional approaches," she said Wednesday.

The study involved 240 couples, half of whom owned dogs. Researchers set up three stressful situations — giving a speech, performing math problems and dipping a hand in cold water.

They had one spouse perform the tasks alone, with their spouse, with their dog, or with their dog and their spouse. For couples that did not own a dog, a friend was substituted.

The participants' blood pressure and heart rates showed that having only a spouse present was of the least benefit to reducing stress.

# McDougal criticizes White House aides; judge slows opening

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — James McDougal accused Bill Clinton's lawyers Wednesday of giving the president bad advice on the Whitewater affair, charging that White House aides had created "a cover-up without a crime."

"I think Bill wants to come down but he's surrounded by a lot of Washington and New York lawyers who don't want him to testify anywhere," McDougal said.

McDougal and his ex-wife, Susan, were former partners with Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Whitewater land development in northern Arkansas that gave independent counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation its name. McDougal wants Clinton to testify in person at his fraud and conspiracy trial that started this week.

The McDougals and Gov. Jim Guy Tucker are accused of arranging nearly \$3 million in improper loans from a pair of federally backed lending companies, including McDougal's Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan. The Clintons haven't been charged but face questions from the Senate Whitewater Committee about their dealings with the McDougals.

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## Sheep cloning feat may breed genetic change in farm animals

NEW YORK (AP) — In a feat never before accomplished in mammals, scientists have found a way to turn a laboratory dish full of cells into hundreds of genetically identical sheep.

Scientists in Scotland took cells from an embryo, grew thousands of copies in the lab and then used copies to produce sheep from ewes.

Experts said if the technique can be perfected, it will be a major gain in the ability to make genetic changes in livestock for research and to quickly produce animals that give more or better milk or meat, resist diseases or display other desirable traits.

"It is a great achievement," commented Robert H. Foote, professor emeritus of animal physiology at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

The work was reported in Thursday's issue

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of the journal Nature by Ian Wilmut, Keith Campbell and colleagues at the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh, Scotland. The institute does agricultural research on animals, with government and industry funding.

Currently, scientists can produce genetically identical farm animals by such techniques as breaking a single embryo into pieces and implanting each piece in a womb to form a new animal. But that approach yields fewer than 20 copies, rather than hundreds.

Scientists can already plant genes into farm animals by injecting the genetic material into fertilized eggs. But the new technique can generate thousands of cells to receive genes, giving scientists many more chances to achieve successful gene transfers.

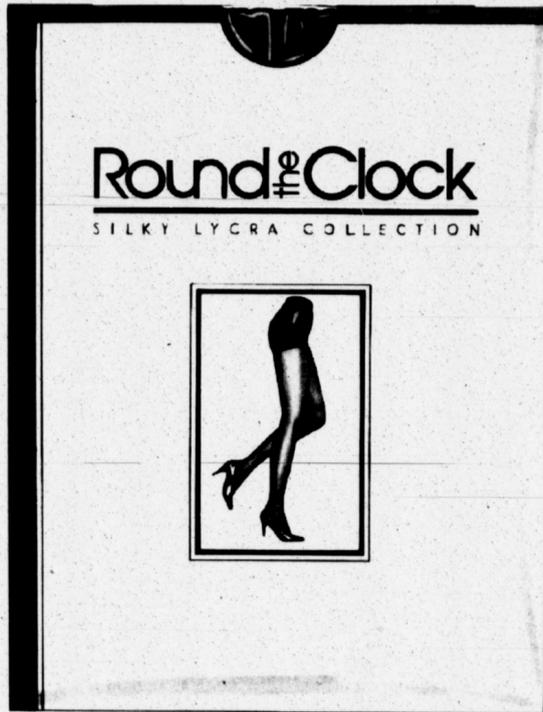
As a result, scientists would be able to insert genes more precisely, swap new genes for old or inactivate particular genes in an animal, said animal gene expert Caird Rexroad Jr.

That would offer major advantages for studying farm animal genetics and eventually producing better barnyard stock, Rexroad said.



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## DAY WATCH



Mike Seibold will speak on pros and cons of a new airport terminal.

### Airport talk

Engineer Mike Seibold, western region manager for customer service and marketing for TU Electric, will list the pros and cons of a new airport terminal during a meeting of St. Mark's Methodist Men at 6:30 p.m. today. Dinner tickets are \$5; reservations may be made by calling the church, 1701 N. Main St., at 683-3339.

### A.D.D.A.P.T. meeting

Psychologist Dr. David Koch will be the guest speaker at the meeting of A.D.D.A.P.T. at 7 p.m. today at the Cerebral Palsy Center, 802 Ventura Blvd. For more information, call 520-9955.

### Poetry society

The Permian Basin Poetry Society will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Midland County Library. Linda Bond, executive director of the Arts Assembly of Midland, will be the guest speaker. Ms. Bond, a native Midlander, wrote "Swingtime Canteen," a musical that played off-Broadway for 10 months. She started and directs Summer in the City, which has provided free entertainment in downtown Midland since 1994. For more information, call 694-5193 or 1-915-366-4210.

### Author appearance

Harlan O.L. Wright, DO, a long-time resident of Lubbock and author of "Letters to My Patients: A Guide to Healthy and Happy Living," will be appearing at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 2 p.m. Saturday. Wright will give a brief presentation and also take questions on nutritional therapy as it relates to the maintenance of health and the treatment of illness. Wright, who stresses the importance of good nutrition and lifestyle habits, is an osteopathic physician specializing in nutritional medicine.

### Greenwood voters

The Greenwood school system will be the site of the Republican and Democratic primary elections on Tuesday for Greenwood residents. Voters in the Republican primary should go to the GISD Administration Building on FM 1379. The Democratic primary will be in the foyer of the elementary auditorium facing FM 307. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call Pat Eastup at Midland County Elections Office, 688-1222.

### Music series

Cellist Brant Taylor and pianist Shari Santorelli will perform at 7:30 p.m. today at First Presbyterian Church. This program is the second in a series of five concerts in the Spring Festival Music Series sponsored by the church's Music Ministry. All concerts are free and open to the public. A reception will follow the performance, which will include works by Bach, Barber, Max Bruch and Manuel de Falla.

### 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.

Survivors Group for Sexual Abuse, Rape, Incest Victims, 6 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 South FM 1788, 563-1200.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Building, 15 Smith Road, 11:30 a.m., 687-7286.



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# Ropes program excites school

## MISD board approval gets Washington Elementary faculty 'fired up'

■ Ropes is outgrowth of Outward Bound adult survival, team-building course.

By Myra Lee Salcedo  
Staff Writer

When Midland school board trustees approved the Ropes program for Washington Elementary School Tuesday night, Washington staff members let out a whoop of joy.

"We are that excited. We are really fired up," said Washington Principal Melva Cardenas Wednesday. The prin-

cipal and her staff said the character-building program is going to make a difference in young lives.

"Ropes is learning by doing. It's participatory learning," Michael Schooler, resource teacher, told board trustees Tuesday. "It involves putting a student at point A, and getting them to point B. In the process they learn life skills."

Schooler said the program — which employs ropes, walls, cables and poles — is an outgrowth of the Outward Bound adult survival and team-building course. He said officials at a school in San Marcos said the benefits of the program included higher test scores and

decreased discipline problems. "An unexpected result was the amount of learning that went on in the classroom," he said.

Washington will offer the team-building program in cooperation with Permian Basin Community Centers for Mental Health Mental Retardation. It will be called Project TRUST (Teamwork Responsibility and Understanding for Students and Teachers).

Ropes activities challenge students physically, mentally and emotionally.

"Bringing this course to Washington is a personal dream of mine," district psychologist Roy Amick told trustees Tues-

day. "The numbers of emotionally disturbed children are rising and we are seeing a lot more mental illness than we have seen in the past. An increasing number of students are violently acting out and there is a need for social behavior training."

Kay Odell of MHMR said the organization offers a children's program that serves 50 children from Midland County. "All of the children are in MISD and about one-third of them are in special education," Ms. Odell said.

She said MHMR will provide a therapist. Please see PROGRAM/2B

# Jurors convict teen, sentence him to 10 years

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel  
Staff Writer

Jurors deliberated only two hours before finding Tommy John Rains guilty of murder, then deliberated only an hour before deciding he committed the crime in "sudden passion" and sentenced him to 10 years in prison.

Rains, 17, was convicting of stabbing 18-year-old James Irvin "Jip" Poole to death on July 28 during a fight. Poole died from a single stab wound to the chest that penetrated his heart and lung.

Poole was stabbed at 1010 S. County Road 1233 — the roadway leading to Midland Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital off Loop 250 — about 2 a.m. July 28 — just two hours after he turned 18.

Emotions ran high on both sides of the case following the announcement of the sentence.

Defense attorney Floyd Holder said he plans to file an appeal in the case. Rains is eligible to remain free on an appeal bond since the sentence was less than 15 years.

During closing arguments before the Please see TEEN/2B

# 3 passengers rob Midland cab driver

By Joe Gaines  
Staff Writer

A driver for Yellow Checker Cab was robbed early Wednesday morning by three of his passengers.

Fredrick Ramos, 40, had picked up three people in the 2200 block of North Big Spring Street at 1:13 a.m. and was taking them to Oasis apartments on North Midland Drive when the robbery occurred, according to police.

One of the passengers, a male, was sitting in the front seat and complained that he was sick and asked Ramos to stop the car. When he stopped, a male passenger in the back seat reached over and put Ramos in a head lock, police said.

The front-seat passenger grabbed Ramos' hand and demanded his money. As the back-seat passenger hit Ramos in the face, breaking his glasses, the front-seat passenger took the driver's wallet and the cab company's money bag, which contained an undisclosed amount

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## Goin' for



Alamo Junior High School students celebrate demic excellence. Wednesday during a pep rally to honor their aca-

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

# Southwestern Bell system to speed up communication

By Gary Shanks  
Staff Writer

Southwestern Bell's new digitized switching system offers an option for super fast computer communication in Midland.

Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) will make its debut in the Southwest, said Bell spokesman Victor Villalba.

Villalba and various merchandisers presented the new technology Wednesday at Midland Center.

The new digital switching technology provides the option for sending large

amounts of information at faster speeds than before — up to 27 times faster, Villalba said.

The new system "allows more information to travel at higher speeds over regular telephone lines, enabling customers to compete more efficiently. For instance, a telecommuter — someone who works out of their home — can use ISDN to send a fax, talk on the phone and transmit data to another computer simultaneously over a single phone line," Villalba said.

The new technology also allows customers to access information through the

Internet 4 1/2 times faster than with today's fastest standard-type analog modems, he said.

"This brings a city like Midland to the forefront as far as being able to communicate with other cities," Villalba said. "ISDN services in Midland/Odessa translate to more efficient use of the communication equipment and computers that are such an integral part of our everyday lives."

To showcase the new technology, a technician in St. Louis was presented via two-way transmission on a large screen

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# Boys & Girls Club volunteer, programs receive recognition

By Joe Gaines  
Staff Reports

The Boys & Girls Club of Midland recently received awards for one of its volunteers and two of its programs from the West Texas Area Council of Boys & Girls Clubs.

Jerry Hays, vice president of business operations at Arco Permian, was honored as the top volunteer.

Hays said he enjoys his work with the development of youth and his role in providing them a chance to be involved in athletic and academic activities.

Hays was a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Wichita Falls when he was a youth. He rode his bike to the club for swimming, basketball, reading and

woodshop activities.

Hays' father died when he was 10. He said his local club gave him the support and supervised activity he needed.

"I want to recognize the help they gave me as a child by giving back," he said.

Hays has been involved in the Midland club for three years. He is working to expand the club's Taylor Park facility, which serves more than 250 members. In the future, Hays hopes to add a gym.

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**'I want to recognize the help they gave me as a child by giving back.'**

— Jerry Hays, who was honored as the top volunteer

# Three-day show of Rembrandt's etchings earns 'wonderful' response from viewers

By Georgia Temple  
Staff Writer

Rembrandt's Midland premiere was "Killer!" one visitor noted in the register at the Museum of the Southwest.

Others called the three-day showing of 24 etchings by the Dutch master — "Wonderful." Visitors thanked the museum for "the experience" and for "the culture."

"We had no idea there would be such a tremendous response, not only programmatically but financially," said Tom Jones, director of the museum.

Eleven of the works found new homes, including "The Raising of Lazarus" (the Larger Plate), "The Golf Player" and "Three Oriental Figures." Prices of the

works ranged from \$2,950 to \$39,500.

"It was a tremendous success for Midland," Jones said of the attendance. "The community was really cued up. They were there waiting on us Saturday when we opened up and again Sunday before we opened up. Rembrandt was for Midland what Vermeer was for Washington. Both Rembrandt and Vermeer were Dutch masters. Had we extended the show here, I'm sure we would have had that traffic every day."

The showing Friday through Sunday brought more than 1,100 visitors from Midland and the Permian Basin to the Museum of the Southwest to view the 300-year-old works by the master etcher and

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### Ed TODD

# Season of empty promises, blame-itis rolls around again

One more time, this is the season of promises, promises and more promises and cases of terminal blame-itis.

It is the time for politicians to experiment with rhetoric — theirs or their hired speech-writers' — and to toy with vote-manipulating ideas from high-dollar consultants and pollsters.

It is time, too long going, for the candidates to declare their grand plans and schemes, preferably vaguely, on how to fix the nation's ills and woes and how to deal, selectively, of course, with those problems beyond the country's borders.



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This is the season, long in passing, of temporal and tinny sound bites — a sounding of brassy cymbals instead of a full orchestra. It is a time of grandstanding both by politicians and by broadcast commentators who, like the politicians, yak on yak.

Gone, for now, are the nation's orators and eloquent politicians, including the 1950s egghead presidential candidate, Adlai E. Stevenson, who wrote his own speeches. Amen.

Shoved aside, for now, at least, is the opportunity for the electorate to sense and appreciate or deprecate the reasoning and analytical abilities of the candidates.

Forum for discourse and thought goes begging. Debate as an art form among national politicians is in a drought.

In the popular, commercial broadcast news media, there is a dearth of insightful and provocative commentators, such as Eric Sevareid, Edward R. Murrow and Edwin Newman.

Public radio fares far, far better. There is too much ego, too much money, too much flap, too much tinsel, too much plastic faces and double-talk, too much waffling, too much of nothing and too much noise and clanging that signifies too much of nothing much.

Americans would appreciate, surely, honesty in politicking — as oxymoronic as that might appear. They would treasure a genuine love of country and not greed for graft among their politicians.

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# DEATHS

## Maggie Morrow

FRANKLIN — Services for Maggie Ann Morrow, 90, were Saturday, March 2, at St. Joseph Church of God in Christ in Franklin with Carl Hornsby officiating. Burial was at Chapel Hill Cemetery in Calvert under the direction of Robertson Funeral Home in Marlin.

Ms. Morrow died Tuesday, Feb. 27.

She was born Feb. 15, 1906, in Franklin.

She married Pope Watson on Dec. 24, 1929.

She was a Sunday school teacher, Y.P.P.W. president and secretary at St. Joseph Church of God in Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sons, Theophilus Watson and Earnest Watson.

Survivors include seven daughters, Barbara Hester and Eula Jo Watson, both of Midland, Florine A. Autry of Houston, Birdie M. Walker of Bryan, Georgie M. Camper and Gloria J. Thompson, both of Hearne, and Erma F. Jones of Odessa; three sons, Lee Watson of Crane, James E. Watson of Midland and Freddie D. Watson of Spartenburg, S.C.; two sisters, Ada Morris of Clovis, N.M., and Sadie Thomas of Houston; one brother, Carey Morrow of Franklin; 42 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren.

## R.A. Carrell

ODESSA — Services for R.A. Carrell, 71, of Odessa, are to be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 8, at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors Chapel with the Rev. John Tyson officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Carrell died Wednesday, March 6, at an Odessa hospital.

He was born Nov. 30, 1924, in Brady.

He married Floetta Alton on May 23, 1949, in Monahans.

He moved to Odessa from Monahans in 1966. He worked for Lewis Montgomery Trucking until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his wife Aug. 12, 1994.

Survivors include four sons, James Carrell, Terry Carrell, both of Odessa, Doran Carrell of Denver and Rick Carrell of Ponchatoula, La.; two sisters, Faye Benskin of Tow and Gene Spoon of Eules;

one brother, Sam Carrell of Merton; and 10 grandchildren.

## Homer Brinson

Services for Homer Lee Brinson, 84, are to be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Sammy Hayes officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Brinson died Wednesday, March 6, at a local hospital.

He was born May 23, 1911, in Queen City.

He married Anna May Wright in Eldorado, Ark. in 1929.

He worked in the oil fields of southern Arkansas before moving to Graham in 1943 to be production superintendent of Dahm Oil Co. He bought the company shortly after.

He moved to Midland in 1950 and formed Brinson-Collins Oil Co. and Milestone Drilling Corp. He formed Brinson Development Co. in the 1950s and began home construction.

In the 1960s, he went into the copper mining business. He started Builders & Homeowners Supply in 1972. After his retirement, he continued to operate his oil properties and his ranch.

He was a 32nd degree Mason and was a member of Young County Lodge No. 485 and the Dallas Scottish Rite Temple. He was a member of the Petroleum Museum, Midland Farm Bureau, Texas & Southwestern Cattle Association, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Republic of Texas, Sons of the Confederacy and the Midland Country Club.

He attended the First Assembly of God Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1992 and by one brother, Jake L. Brinson, on Jan. 29, 1979.

Survivors include two sons, Homer Vaughn Brinson of Dallas and Dolan Artwell Brinson of Aspermont; one daughter, Relda Brinson Sale of Midland; one sister, Mable Gardner of Midland; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

## Ila Hill

Graveside services for Ila Newton Hill, 98, are to be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Mark Alexander officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hill died Wednesday, March 6, in Midland.

She was born Aug. 24, 1897, in Edith.

She graduated from high school in Robert Lee. She attended Draughan's Business College in San Angelo.

She married William Houston Hill on Oct. 22, 1922, in Waxahachie.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Burnet.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 253 in Midland and Burnet.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1992, one son, Charles E. Hill in 1993, one great-grandson, one brother and five sisters.

Survivors include one son, James H. Hill of Midland; one daughter, Billie Ann Baker of Midland; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church in Burnet.

## Robert Easterly

Services for Robert Easterly, 61, are to be at 11 a.m. Monday,

March 11, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 3, 1914, in Hood County.

He married Tina McMurray in Big Spring.

He lived in Odessa since 1956. He was a retired sales manager for Richard Hinkle Enterprises. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Margaret Louise Lee, on Dec. 6, 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Tina Roberson of Odessa; two daughters, Betty Millican and Doris Millican, both of Odessa; three brothers, Marlin Roberson of Gail, Ancil Roberson of Crowley and Daniel Roberson of Virginia; four sisters, Estelle Courtney of Odessa, Othelle Nichols of Big Spring, Donnie May of Fort Worth and Andalee Canen of Burleson; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was born March 18, 1934, in Knoxville, Tenn., where he was raised and educated.

He moved to Midland in 1976. He was an independent carpenter and contractor. He was active in Little League baseball.

He married Garlean Snodgrass on July 29, 1978, in Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Garlean Snodgrass Easterly of Midland; one son, Bobby Easterly of Midland; his mother, Eula Mae Easterly of Knoxville, Tenn.; one brother, Bill Easterly of Wake Forest, N.C.; three sisters, Carol Fielden, Faye Easterly and Mary

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Rossen, all of Knoxville, Tenn.; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made to American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, Midland 79703.

## Polly Bagley

Services for Polly Bagley, 78, are to be at 3 p.m. Friday, March 8, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Ms. Bagley died Wednesday, March 6, at a local hospital.

She was born June 10, 1917, in Marion, Ill., where she was raised and educated.

She married Eugene Bagley in Hobbs, N.M., in 1955.

She moved to Midland in 1970 from Odessa. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include two daughters, Oleta Madry of Midland and Delores Buchanan of Livingston; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702.

## A.J. Roberson

ODESSA — Services for A.J. Roberson, 81, of Odessa, are to be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Roberson died Tuesday, March 5, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 3, 1914, in Hood County.

He married Tina McMurray in Big Spring.

He lived in Odessa since 1956. He was a retired sales manager for Richard Hinkle Enterprises. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Margaret Louise Lee, on Dec. 6, 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Tina Roberson of Odessa; two daughters, Betty Millican and Doris Millican, both of Odessa; three brothers, Marlin Roberson of Gail, Ancil Roberson of Crowley and Daniel Roberson of Virginia; four sisters, Estelle Courtney of Odessa, Othelle Nichols of Big Spring, Donnie May of Fort Worth and Andalee Canen of Burleson; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

# POLICE REPORTS

## Midland Police Department

**Tuesday**  
**Theft:** Two cases of beer were taken at 13220 W. U.S. 80 Highway, reported Friends Convenience Store at 5:22 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
**Vandalism:** A windshield of a vehicle was broken at 3800 Gulf Ave., reported Sheila Studeville at 2:59 a.m.

**Burglary of a business:** A report was made at 3609 Caldera Blvd. at 8:20 a.m. by Windscape Apartments.

**Theft:** One vehicle was damaged when it was used to try to steal another vehicle at 3915 W. Wall St., reported Village Lincoln at 9:26 a.m.

**Midland County Sheriff's Office**

**Tuesday**  
**Theft:** A report was made at 10909 E. County Road 104 by Tim Livley at 7:04 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
**Theft:** A report was made at 2100 W. County Road 116 by Barbara Durr at 10:06 a.m.

*Anyone having information concerning these crimes should call the Police Department at 688-7108, the Sheriff's Office at 688-1228 or Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.*

## PROGRAM: ROPES excites faculty

(From 1B)

pist for those children in the Ropes program who need one. She said start-up costs of the program could be funded through MHMR grants, pending MHMR board approval.

"Due to funding cuts, we are no longer hospitalizing children or putting them in residential treatment like we used to. So, they are going to be here in the community," Ms. Odell said.

She said MHMR would provide some after-school and summer programs for Washington as well.

"The focus of the program will be to instill team efforts, team

building and social skills," Ms. Cardenas said. "The skills will be incorporated from course to classroom and it can be used for team building with staff."

Students will be on the challenge course about two hours every other week. "The program comes out of the instructional day, but it ties back to the classroom," Ms. Cardenas said. "We are going to offer it to all children. We feel like it is going to have direct positive impact on discipline and academic achievement."

If all grants come through, Ms. Cardenas said the program could start at the Washington campus this summer.

## BELL: Firm demonstrates system

(From 1B)

at Midland Center. The technician answered questions by those in attendance.

Without ISDN this kind of "broad bandwidth" information would choke communication lines because of the sheer amount of information being transmitted back and forth, he said.

ISDN facilitates the high-speed transmission of voice, data and video services over a single telephone line at 27 times the speed of traditional analog phone lines, Villalba said.

For communication-oriented businesses, the new system can be a boon, but for the average Internet hobbyist at home, the new system can be expensive. The basic system, DigiLine, requires a \$500 hookup fee and \$55 a month for unlimited usage.

However, there may be options for waving the hookup fee as an introductory offer for Midlanders, Villalba said. For more information on first-time hookup offers, call 1-800-SWB-ISDN.

Two other ISDN systems aimed at commercial users include "SmartTrunk," which provides 23 channels over one line.

"SelectVideo Plus" allows customers to select the exact bandwidth necessary for each video conference or data transmission.

The new technology can provide such services as allowing physician consultation between doctors thousands of miles away — including the transfer of X-rays and other medical data, he said.

Schools can enhance curricula through "distance learning" where students interactively participate with classes in remote locations, he said.

## TEEN: Rains gets 10-year prison sentence in stabbing death

(From 1B)

guilty verdict was rendered, Holder told the jury that Poole's death was a tragedy, but said Rains acted in self-defense and had no choice but to stab Poole when he lunged at him.

He said Rains was not brave enough to stand up to the peer pressure and avoid the fight.

Midland County Assistant District Attorney Robin Malone Sams called Rains a "vengeful, angry teen-ager."

She said the death was not self-defense. She said he took the weapon to the fight with the intention of hurting someone. She said "he was practically begging for a fight."

"Then he drives the knife to the hilt 4 1/2 inches into Jip's chest. Happy birthday Jip," she concluded.

Before the jury was ushered back into the courtroom for the announcement of the verdict, 385th District Court Judge Willie DuBose advised the audience to contain their emotions and not to shout or cheer.

Rains showed no emotion when the jury returned the guilty verdict after a little more than two hours of deliberation. Family members of the victim and the defendant sobbed quietly in the courtroom.

During the punishment phase of the trial, the prosecution entered

documents detailing Rains' juvenile adjudication of delinquency (which is the equivalent of a felony conviction for juveniles).

He was found delinquent in relation to an April 8 incident in which he and four others stole a purse from a vehicle and used a credit card and two checks.

The teens wrote a check for \$300 at Dillard's and purchased clothes, including a shirt that was found in Rains' possession.

Rains was placed on juvenile probation on July 11 — less than three weeks before he killed Poole — for burglary of a vehicle, credit card abuse and forgery.

A Lee High School sophomore — a neighbor of Rains who is also a sheriff's deputy — a former Midland police juvenile officer and the Midland County sheriff all testified that Rains has a bad reputation when it comes to following the law.

The defense called Rains' mother to the stand to confirm that her son has no other felony convictions in adult proceedings.

The jury had the option of sentencing Rains for first degree murder, which carries a sentence ranging from five to 10 years probation, five to 99 years in prison or life in prison. If they believed the crime was committed as an act of

sudden passion, then they could sentence him for second degree murder, which has a sentence range of two to 10 years probation or two to 20 years in prison.

During closing arguments in the punishment phase, Holder told the jury that Rains didn't have a chance to give his probation a good try and asked the jury not to send him to prison to learn how to be a career criminal.

He said Poole provoked the stabbing by being threatening and enraged at Rains. He also said Rains' "rage" was the result of the pressure of feeling he had to fight even though he was scared.

Ms. Sams asked the jury to look at the offense and the offender and called murder the "most heinous crime you can commit."

She said probation didn't work for Rains and mentioned that Rains never expressed any remorse for his actions when he testified. She said that not even his mother denied that he had a bad reputation.

The eight-woman, four-man jury deliberated a little more than one hour before they rendered the sentence of 10 years of incarceration, finding that Rains committed second-degree murder as an act of sudden passion arising from a

## CAB: Passengers take money, keys

(From 1B)

of cash, police said.

The passengers broke the cab's microphone — disabling the radio — and took the cab's keys. The three were last seen eastbound in the 800 block of West Golf Course Road.

The three passengers are described as two black males and a black female in their late teens to early 20s. One of the males was wearing a white T-shirt, Levis pants and was clean shaven. The other male was wearing a red-and-black flannel shirt and glasses. The female had short hair, police said.

Ramos was not seriously injured. He had one cut under his

eye, police said.

Ramos doesn't carry weapons on him or in his cab. "I just don't believe in them," he said. "The people who robbed me didn't have any weapons."

"I wasn't even sure I was supposed to work that day. They called me in around 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday," Ramos said.

Ramos usually works a 12-hour shift, from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. on his days off at his job as a convenience store clerk.

Ramos said he doesn't know if he'll return to driving a cab. His wallet had his driver's license and taxi permit in it. "I'll have to think about that," he said.

## TODD: Election-time rhetoric comes again

(From 1B)

America and Americans plea for statesmanship and an earthly saviour in today's troubled times as Prime Minister Winston Churchill was to Great Britain in World War II.

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Ed Todd is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

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## Youth detention facilities across state near capacity

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Almost a year after legislators passed a law designed to get tough on young offenders, some Texas Youth Commission facilities are dangerously close to capacity, an agency spokesman says.

"We are in trouble," youth commission spokesman Jerry Dollar told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in Wednesday editions.

"If we run out of room, our only recourse is to release some kids. We certainly don't want to do that. We can either release some we already have or shut the front doors," he said.

Counties throughout the state have been sending more and more youngsters to youth commission facilities, Dollar said.

Officials predict more than 2,300 young people will be sentenced to detention centers this fiscal year.

Already, more than half that number have been sent to such facilities in the first six months of the fiscal year, records show.

Statewide totals show that detention facilities are 114 youths over the six-month target.

"The vast majority of the counties are doing just fine and are under where they are supposed to be," Dollar said. "It's a few of the bigger counties — Dallas, Travis, Bexar — that are having problems and will make it hard for everyone."

Officials said longer juvenile sentences and Texans' tougher attitude toward juvenile crime have increased the number of youths being referred to detention facilities.

"Certain areas have adopted a 'get-tough' attitude and are looking at public safety first," said Susan

Dow, spokeswoman for the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. "They are creating public policies that end up increasing commitments."

Last year, state lawmakers passed a new juvenile justice bill that lowered the age at which young people can be tried as adults, required parental attendance at juvenile hearings, extended minimum sentences for youths sentenced to the TYC and changed other aspects of juvenile justice law.

"The old family code we were working under set a priority: to remove the taint of criminality from juveniles," said Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano.

"Well, it wasn't working. With the new juvenile justice bill, the primary concern is accountability and responsibility for a juvenile's

own actions," she said. "It's a 180-degree change, and I believe it will be to the benefit of the juvenile and the community."

People ages 10 to 21 are sent to youth commission facilities for sentences from nine months to 40 years. But those sent to youth commission centers represent a small percent of those referred, Dow said. In 1995, there were about 136,000 referrals statewide. Fewer than 2 percent of those youths were remanded to TYC, Dow said.

This year, 481 beds are being added to juvenile facilities around the state, and officials are working on other solutions to handle the demand for space, Dollar said.

"These new beds are the only thing keeping our heads above water," he said.

## CLUB: W. Texas area council gives local chapter awards

(From 1B)

expanded computer room and library.

"Usually towns the size of Midland have three to four locations, but we only have one," Hays said. "In three to five years, we hope to have that many."

Even though he won the award, he said he couldn't have done it alone and that his work is part of a team effort.

Hays was chairman of Golf Marathon, which raised more than \$80,000. He also has served on various committees for the club.

One of the club's two programs to be recognized is Ghost Town Explorers. Fifteen boys,

ages 10-14, visit local ghost towns to give them a firsthand look at Texas history.

The focus of the program is to get children out into nature. "Some of these kids haven't been outside of Midland. On our trips, the kids do camping and fishing," said Jon Farr, club executive director.

The boys camp at nearby Boy Scouts' facilities and they use donated metal detectors to search for artifacts and souvenirs, Farr said.

The boys have been going to ghost towns one weekend a month for the past eight months. They explore ruins, abandoned buildings, cemeteries and interpretive markers. They have been to the ghost towns of Santa Rita,

Pyote, Lajitas, Langtry and Cuthbert.

The other program, Gallery, was recognized for giving 25 children, ages 6-18 the opportunity to express themselves through art. Each child used pencil drawings to convey the way they perceived their world, community, themselves and their lives.

Works were displayed at Taylor Park and Midland Park Mall.

The West Texas Area Council of Boys & Girls Clubs include Abilene, Amarillo, Brownwood, El Paso, Lamesa, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Snyder and Roscoe.

## SHOW: Basin response pleases sponsors

(From 1B)

painter. Out-of-state visitors signed in from New Mexico and Colorado. From around the state, the showing and sale drew viewers from San Angelo, Muleshoe, Dallas, Haskell, Meridian and Colorado City.

Andrew Swartz, speaking for himself and Sherry O'Kelley as sponsors of the exhibition, said, "We are gratified with the wonderful response from Permian Basin residents to the exhibition."

"It indicates the interest that people of this area have in Old Master art. We are pleased that we could sponsor this showing to benefit and enrich so many lives in our area."

Etching began in western Europe in the early 1500s. Rembrandt, who has been called the greatest genius of Dutch art, lived from 1606 to 1669. He made his first copper plate when he was in his early 20s.

Etchings were then considered merely a way to copy art, and master artists didn't do their own, except for Rembrandt. Using his imagination, he would draw on the copper plate and create an original etching. A master storyteller and genius in his use of light and shadow, Rembrandt continued etching until a decade before his death.

"My guess was that we would sell three or four, so we were floored," said Jones, noting that plans are under way to do a show next season featuring works by an Old Master, an impressionist or a modern master, definitely "a

name."

"There's obviously a market here for that type of thing."

Only around 90 original plates survived Rembrandt's death, and imprints haven't been made from them in 100 years, said Chris Kelley, executive director of Titus Fine Art in Beverly Hills, Calif., the gallery that brought the works to Midland.

Of the etchings on display and for sale at the Museum of the Southwest, seven were created in the artist's lifetime. The rest were posthumous images from the 18th and 19th centuries.

"Regardless of when the image was pulled, they are all very rare," Jones said. "There aren't that many Rembrandts on the market."

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## CEED auditorium dedication honors memory of Noel

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — The auditorium at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin's Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED) was dedicated Tuesday in memory of the late W.D. "Bill" Noel.

UTPB President Charles Sorber and Ellen Noel, wife of the late business and civic leader, unveiled the bronze plaque bearing Noel's name. A plaque will be mounted adjacent to each set of auditorium doors.

"Without a doubt, UTPB and the communities it serves have benefited from remarkable leadership such as that shown by W.D. Noel throughout the years," Sorber said. "He believed that the university, through the creation of the CEED, could play an important part in the area's economic stability."

"The whole family appreciates the dedication of this facility in Bill's name," Mrs. Noel said. "It truly fulfills the purpose he saw for it. This center will continue to develop, expand and be a strong influence for the good of the entire Permian Basin."

Noel, who died in 1987, played an active part in the establishment and growth of UTPB, including his service as a member and chairman of the UTPB development board. He founded the world's largest inland petrochemical complex in Odessa in the 1950s and served as chairman of the board of Rexene Corp. and El Paso Products Co. He was known for his support of education and economic development in the Permian Basin.

The dedication of the auditorium followed the 1996 Ellen and Bill Noel Research lecture presented by UT Austin petroleum engineering professor Ben H. Caudle.

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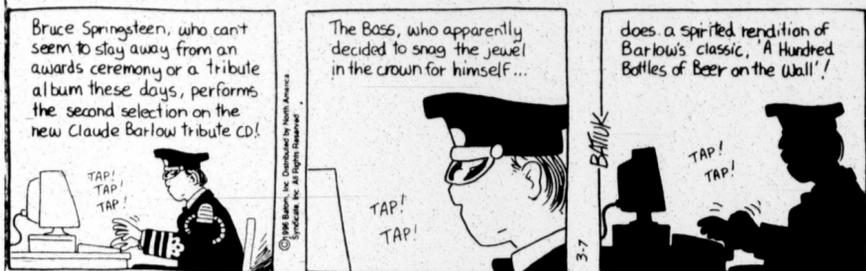
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♣ 5 4

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♥ 8 6 5  
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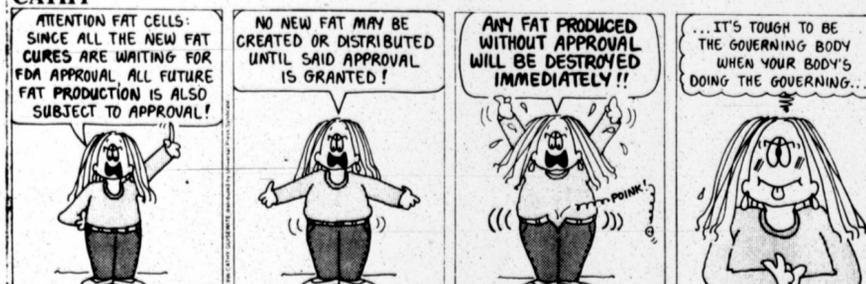
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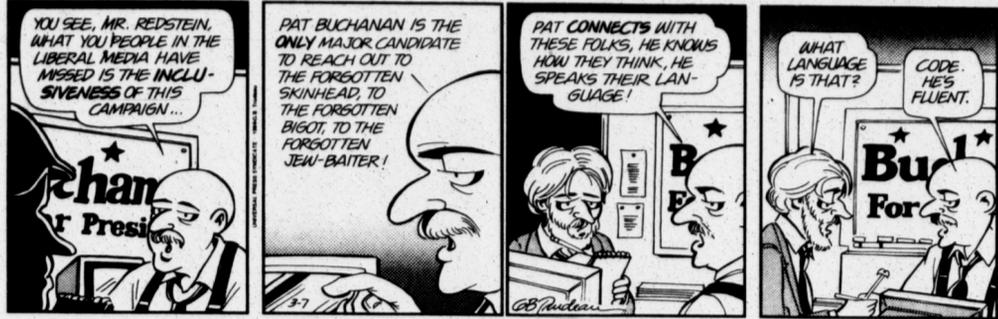
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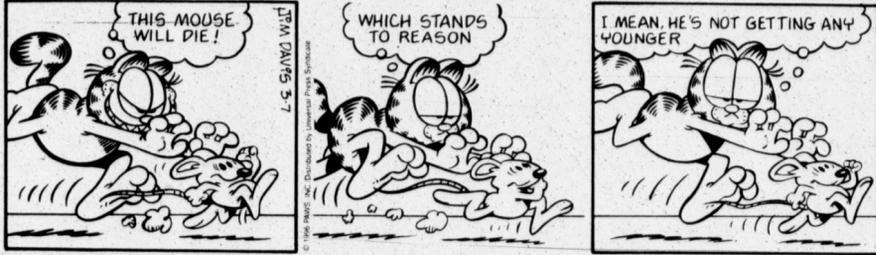
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Highest-paid woman in movies gets brush off when she calls president

WASHINGTON — The next time Demi Moore calls, the White House will snap to attention. Particularly if it involves a wet suit.



Demi Moore's upcoming film involves a woman in a Navy special forces unit.

The highest-paid woman in movies got the brush-off when she called President Clinton seeking help with some research on a part. The staff shuffled her along to a low-level Pentagon aide.

Actually, McCurry said, Clinton was not aware that Moore had called last month trying to get the Pentagon to help out on her movie, which is about a woman in a Navy special forces unit resembling the SEALs.

Her call was routed to Cabinet Affairs and then the Pentagon, which handles frequent requests for help from Hollywood.

Just in case Moore calls back, "I've now given them my phone number," McCurry quipped.

LLOS ANGELES — The family name may have helped Randy Spelling get a part on his dad's new show, but his background won't come in very handy in playing the role.

Randy plays Flipper Gage in Aaron Spelling's latest production, "Malibu Shores," which premieres Saturday on NBC.

Does that mean 17-year-old Randy is trading on the family name?

"I know some people are going to think

that and say that. But that's what happens," Spelling said Wednesday. "I'm not going to worry about it."

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Martin Sheen concedes that politically he's "about as liberal as the traffic will allow."

The star of "Apocalypse Now" and "Gandhi" is campaigning for Democrat Michael Jordan, who is seeking the seat being vacated by Rep. Anthony Beilenson.

Last week, he appeared in a performance of the play "Love Letters" to raise money for Jordan.

On his political philosophy, Sheen paraphrased Gandhi: "Think of the most wretched individual you know and ask yourself, 'Would this decision help or hurt this person?'"

RICHMOND, Va. — Mystery writer Patricia Cornwell reportedly has signed a \$20 million deal for three more books, placing her among the best-paid novelists in the country.

The deal with G.P. Putnam's Sons would cover the ninth, 10th and 11th books in Ms. Cornwell's series about crime-fighting medical examiner Kay Scarpetta. The seventh Scarpetta work is due out this summer and an eighth is written.

An unidentified source close to Ms. Cornwell confirmed the deal. The Richmond Times-Dispatch reported Wednesday. Hollywood Reporter newspaper said Tuesday the deal's value places Ms. Cornwell just behind megawriters John Grisham and Tom Clancy.

ONDON — A week's rest changed Princess Diana from "very upset and decidedly sad" to smooth and smiling for a hospital visit Wednesday.

The pink-suited princess made her first public engagement since agreeing to divorce Prince Charles, shaking hands with hospital officials while ignoring more than 100 photographers crowding the entrance.

Last week, Diana said she had agreed to divorce the Prince of Wales, but her announcement included details the palace denied had been settled. The princess then cancelled public appearances and retreated to her Kensington Palace apartments.

Queen Elizabeth II has since ordered the divorce negotiations to be kept strictly private.

The couple married in 1981 and announced their formal separation in December 1992. They have two sons, Princes William, 13, and Harry, 11.

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## Judge orders defense attorney F. Lee Bailey handcuffed, to jail

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — F. Lee Bailey, who has spent his career trying to keep famous clients out of jail, was hauled away in handcuffs and leg irons Wednesday and began serving a six-month jail sentence for failing to produce \$25 million in stock from a drug dealer he once represented.

U.S. District Judge Maurice Paul had given the 62-year-old defense attorney until 5 p.m. to come up with the \$2.3 million he needed to get the stock released by a Swiss bank, or be jailed for contempt of court.

At 4:34 p.m., a grim-faced Bailey bolted from a car in front of the federal courthouse and strode through a throng of reporters, spreading his arms and bowing over several on his way into the U.S. Marshal's Office. He refused to answer shouted questions.

Bailey was searched, fingerprinted and photographed. About an hour after his arrival, he was led out the back door of the courthouse in handcuffs and shackles, his tie removed, and driven to the federal jail in Tallahassee.

Bailey's lawyer, Roger E. Zuckerman, declined to comment shortly before Bailey was taken to the prison.

Bailey was housed in an individual cell for a screening period all inmates go through to determine if they pose a threat to — or are in danger from — other inmates, prison spokesman Tony Kelly said.

After that period, which can last several days, he will be moved to one of the facility's regular two-man cells, said Kelly.

Bailey contends the assets from a former client were for his fee and expenses. Prosecutors claim that

most of the money belongs to the government because the drug dealer forfeited his assets as part of a plea bargain.

The judge had demanded that Bailey turn over the stock while the question of ownership is decided.

Bailey, whose clients have included O.J. Simpson, Patty Hearst, the Boston Strangler and Dr. Sam Sheppard, had pleaded with a federal appeals court in Atlanta for more time, insisting he had a made a good-faith effort to come up with the money.

But on Tuesday, the court turned him down. Appeals Judge Ed Carnes said Bailey had been "clutching, clawing and scraping" to keep the assets.

The dispute involves 400,000 shares of stock in Biochem Pharma, a Canadian company. The stock once belonged to Claude Duboc, a drug dealer Bailey represented. It is being held by Cred-it Suisse, which won't release it unless Bailey comes up with \$2.3 million to pay off a lien he took out on the stock.

Duboc pleaded guilty to drug charges in 1994 and awaits sentencing. He fired Bailey last month.

It wasn't the first time in F. Lee Bailey's long and illustrious career as a criminal defense lawyer that he has angered a judge, but it was the first time he went to jail after a courtroom showdown.

The former Marine fighter pilot was conflict-oriented throughout his 36-year career long before he moved from Boston to West Palm Beach in South Florida in the mid-1980s.

In one of 17 books he wrote, "The Defense Never Rests," he says: "If I ran a school for criminal



AP Laserphoto  
Attorney F. Lee Bailey is taken by car to a federal prison after surrendering in Tallahassee, Fla., Wednesday.

lawyers, I would teach them all to fly. The ones who survive would understand the meaning of alone."

Bailey was alone on Wednesday. And going down in flames. There was plenty of sympathy from other attorneys, but no one seemed to be coming to his defense.

"It could have been a lot worse than six months," said attorney Gerald B. Lefcourt of New York. He noted that some judges leave people in jail on contempt charges indefinitely, until they come up with what the judge wants.

"At any rate, it's very unfortu-

nate that someone with such a career has come to this point," said Lefcourt, first vice president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Bailey was named America's most admired lawyer in a 1993 public-opinion poll by the National Law Journal.

Attorney E.E. "Bo" Edwards of Nashville, co-chairman of the national group's forfeiture abuse task force, said it was rare for agreements on assets to not be put in writing by both the prosecution and the defense.

## Jurors find 8 gang disciples, associates guilty in drug plot

CHICAGO (AP) — Eight members and associates of a gang that used a corporate approach and strict street discipline to build a multimillion-dollar drug business were convicted of drug conspiracy on Wednesday.

The case was the first test of the federal government's six-year "Operation Headache," which used wiretaps, informers, and even a tiny recording device tucked into a prison visitor's badge to infiltrate the Gangster Disciples, Chicago's largest street gang with a murderous history dating to the 1970s.

"We view this as a great first step," U.S. Attorney Jim Burns said after the verdict was read. "But I can assure you that the battle has just begun."

Police say the grip of the Gangster Disciples extends over much of the city's South Side and suburbs and beyond, with thousands of members working strictly defined territories in the sale of crack and other drugs.

Among those convicted was Sonia Irwin, a former officer with the Chicago Police gang crimes investigation unit. Her lawyer said she was snared unjustly when she followed her heart and became involved with a top gang leader.

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Ron Safer said a small seafood joint Irwin owned, June's Shrimp on the Nine, "became Gang Central." Secret recordings showed that drugs and gang affairs were the restaurant's main business.

"It was egregious, it was criminal," Safer said of Irwin's involvement.

All eight defendants were con-

victed of drug conspiracy, which carries a possible life sentence.

Four high-ranking "governors" of the gang, Keith McCain, Sherman Moore, Russell Ellis and Eric Wilson, also were convicted of conducting a criminal enterprise, which carries a mandatory life sentence, and using minors to further their business. They were acquitted on several lesser charges.

Defense attorneys said they planned appeals. U.S. District Court Judge Paul Plunkett hasn't scheduled a sentencing date.

Reputed gang kingpin Larry Hoover, currently in prison for murder, was among 39 people indicted last summer. A second trial is to begin in May and a third trial, for Hoover and several other defendants, is scheduled Oct. 5.

Jurors listened to hours of tapes during the trial, including several of Hoover's conversations, which were recorded with a tiny transmitter tucked into a visitor's pass at an Illinois prison. The tapes caught Hoover bragging that his gang was so powerful it could corrupt officials at will, even persuading a prison worker to make keys at the gang's request.

Prosecutors described a tightly organized gang hierarchy that included two boards of directors — one on the street and one in prison. Ranking members, titled "governors," "associate governors" and "regents," commanded thousands of less powerful gang members.

One day a week, all profits made on the street went to the gang — up to \$300,000 in a business that netted hundreds of millions of dollars each year, prosecutors said.

## Devastating storm in Alabama kills six, injures dozens

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — Tornadoes, high wind and heavy rain killed six people at two trailer parks Wednesday, and forecasters said even worse weather could be on the way.

As cleanup efforts began over miles of devastated rural landscape in west-central Alabama, forecasters said a second storm front was approaching, raising threats of severe flooding and more tornadoes.

Four people died when a tornado struck trailer homes in Dallas County north of Selma. Two more deaths were reported at a trailer park in east Montgomery, about 50 miles east of Selma.

In Dallas County, the storm cut a wide and destructive 10-mile-long path from the Potter's Station community west of Selma to trailer parks and a subdivision north of

the city. Trees were snapped, cars and trailers tossed aside, and billboards curled up like wet sheets of paper.

Henrietta Smith, 65, was sitting on her couch at the Spark's trailer park when the twister swooped down from the dark, rainy skies.

"I froze. I said, 'Just take me if you want,'" said Mrs. Smith, whose trailer suffered only minor damage.

Across the street from Mrs. Smith's home, remains of one trailer were scattered for at least 50 yards on both sides of the road. Wood paneling and a big, white garbage can were stuck among tree limbs. A kitchen sink lay in a gully on one side of the street; a bath tub was stuck between two trees across the way.

Witnesses reported seeing rapid-

ly flickering lightning just before the tornado struck between 4 and 4:30 a.m. Many had been awakened hours earlier by howling winds and were bracing for the storm.

Dallas County Coroner Franklyn Bailey said a husband and wife were killed when a tornado hit their trailer in the Summerfield area, and an older man and 18-year-old died when the twister ripped through their trail-

er at Potter's Station. About 40 people in the county were injured, Tinsley said.

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## Charges in ER double the cost, researcher finds

BOSTON (AP) — Anyone who has ever gone to the emergency room for a sore throat or cold knows the bill can be breathtaking. Now a study shows why: Hospitals charge double what the treatment actually costs.

Emergency room bills are so exorbitant that insurance companies often try to discourage people from making needless ER visits by requiring them to pay a large share of the bill. Some insurers refuse to pay anything if, for instance, chest pain turns out to be indigestion rather than a heart attack.

A researcher at the University of Michigan set out to see how much a routine trip to the ER actually costs the hospital. His conclusion: A typical non-urgent visit costs hospitals \$62, but they charge \$124.

"This study shows that the average cost of a non-urgent visit to an emergency department is much lower than commonly believed," Dr. Robert M. Williams wrote in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The reason ER bills are so much higher than costs is that half of all patients never pay. So those who do pay subsidize those who don't.

Emergency rooms are required by law to treat all emergencies, regardless of whether patients have insurance or are willing to pay their own bills.

Williams based his findings on a survey of 24,010 visits to the emergency rooms at six community hospitals in Michigan in 1993. One-third of these visits were for such non-emergencies as sprains and earaches.

He concluded that the emergency room cost compares favorably to what a doctor charges for seeing a new patient in a private office. Nationally in 1993, that averaged \$53.

In an editorial, journal deputy editor Robert Steinbrook calculated that the markup for non-urgent ER visits nationwide could amount to \$5 billion to \$7.2 billion. However, he cautioned that Williams' figures might not apply to hospitals everywhere, especially big-city ones.

"All the same," he wrote, "the data suggest that much of the purported savings achieved by keeping patients out of the emergency room may never materialize."

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## Forbes gains millions in tax refunds from father's estate

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the campaign trail, Steve Forbes stumps for lower taxes on everything from wages to inheritances. Back home in New Jersey, he successfully sued to secure millions in tax refunds for his late father's estate, records show.

Forbes, who is the executor for his father's huge estate, convinced a New Jersey tax court in 1994 that the taxable value of the estate should be lowered through federal interest deductions.

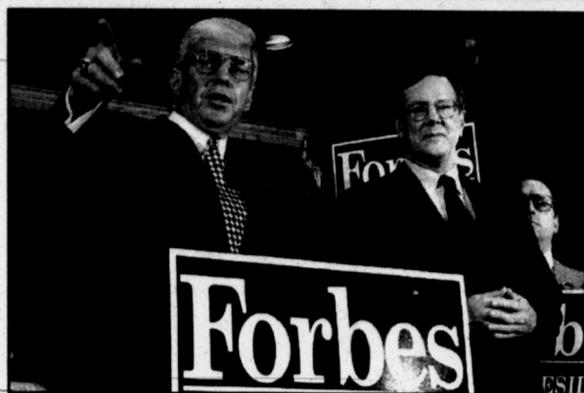
The administration of Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, Forbes' friend and neighbor, initially appealed the decision but later dropped the matter. Forbes advised Whitman's 1993 campaign on a plan to cut income taxes.

"After thinking about the case some more, the state decided there was little likelihood of winning on appeal," Deputy Attorney General Joseph Fogelson said, insisting no politics were involved.

The result ensures tax refunds over the next decade for the estate, according to New Jersey tax court records. The estate's beneficiaries include Forbes, his three brothers and one sister.

A lawyer familiar with the case said the family would get back several million dollars through 2004.

Campaign aides declined to say how much in tax refunds the estate has already received. "He'll continue to file for the refunds he's entitled to," spokeswoman Gretchen Morgenson said.



Jack Kemp, former Secretary of HUD, endorses GOP presidential hopeful Steve Forbes, right, Wednesday in Albany, N.Y.

Under the flat tax proposal that's the cornerstone of Forbes' presidential campaign, the multimillionaire and his family wouldn't have to pay any taxes at all on their fortune. The proposal would institute a flat 17 percent income tax and would exempt individuals from paying taxes on inheritances, among other things.

The Forbes family's refunds are on top of already drastically reduced taxes on the fortune of Malcolm Forbes, who died in 1990.

The flamboyant publisher, famous for throwing lavish parties and squiring Elizabeth Taylor, was worth between \$400 million and \$1 billion, according to published reports. Court records show Forbes' heirs paid \$16.9 million in estate taxes in 1992. Based on federal and state tax rates, lawyers familiar with the case estimated the estate is worth about \$100 million for tax purposes.

"The case is rare because of the amount of money involved," said Ronald Cappuccio, a New Jersey

attorney specializing in estate. "Not many estates are worth as much as Malcolm Forbes'."

The elder Forbes sheltered the fortune from tax collectors by buying life insurance and through other maneuvers, according to published reports.

His son, who inherited control of his father's publishing empire, has been successful as well in holding down taxes.

First, he took advantage of a law allowing heirs of family businesses to pay off federal estate taxes in installments over several years. The government charges the heirs interest, which can then be used as a deduction to lower the estate's taxable value.

Forbes sued New Jersey in 1993, arguing he should be allowed to use the interest deduction to lower the state taxes on the fortune as well. His lawsuit sought a \$535,000 refund on the state taxes paid on his father's estate the previous year. It also sought a guarantee for future refunds.

## Internal GOP fissures mar Dole's morning after

By John Kling  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There was little doubt in Republican circles Wednesday that Bob Dole was on a glide path to the presidential nomination. Yet victory does not beget unity, and there was instant evidence of the fissures Dole must heal before he can turn full attention to President Clinton.

Spoiling Dole's celebration, Pat Buchanan labeled the presumptive nominee "bereft of ideas," questioned his commitment to the anti-abortion cause, and suggested he had helped ship American jobs overseas by supporting global trade deals.

Those are staple Buchanan criticisms. But his delivery of such stock lines with gusto the morning after Dole won an eight-state primary sweep was proof that Dole will not coast to nomination, big lead or not.

Hours later, former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp endorsed rival Steve Forbes, underscoring Dole's often shaky relationship with supply siders in the GOP's economic conservative wing.

Their actions flew in the face of a concerted rally around Dole movement that swelled after his big victories Tuesday night.

"The general election started today," said Ohio Rep. John Boehner, a member of the House GOP leadership.

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"Let's accept the inevitable," said former Vice President Dan Quayle.

"I think it's over," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Good soldiers Dick Lugar and Lamar Alexander quit the race and endorsed Dole. Texas Gov. George W. Bush offered his support, too, as did brother Jeb Bush, a popular Republican in his adopted homestate of Florida. Texas and Florida are the big prizes next Tuesday.

Unity is a GOP tradition, one which Republicans believe has made them more successful than fractious Democrats in national politics.

"My mission and our mission as Republicans is to unify the Republican Party and close ranks and face the real political target — Bill Clinton," Dole said in Austin. "That is my obligation. That is my responsibility."

For the next few weeks, at least, it may also be his headache.

Buchanan, for example, acknowledged he had little hope of overtaking Dole. Yet he launched another scathing critique of the front-runner, calling him "clueless" about the economic anxiety of middle-class Americans.

Dole aides make no secret of their worry that Buchanan could hurt Dole among conservative blue collar workers critical to winning the major Midwest industrial battlegrounds in November.

Buchanan also said he considered himself spokesman for the party's social conservative wing and would not flatly rule out bolting the party if he wasn't satisfied with the outcome of its August convention. "We're going to write the platform" was his defiant pledge.

"The biggest question in the party now is what role does Buchanan get at the convention," said GOP pollster Ed Goetz.

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## Report: Family patterns show more stability

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a widespread belief that the American family is disintegrating, family patterns in the 1990s are showing much more stability than they were 10 years ago, according to a private study.

One reason: The baby boom generation has reached middle age.

The American family of the 1960s was a married couple with two or more children in which the husband was the sole breadwinner, says the study by the Population Reference Bureau.

The family of the 1990s "typically has only one or two children and both parents work outside the home," it says. "Changing marriage and divorce patterns, the influx of married women into the labor force, the stagnation of men's wages, and the aging of the baby-boom generation all have played a role in the transformation of the family."

"Middle age is the time of life when family responsibilities come to the fore," researcher Carol DeVita told a news conference.

One-third of families have children under 18, two-parent married couple families are on the increase and the average number of children women will have in their lifetime now is 2.0, the highest since 1972, she said.

"The major changes in the family structure are probably past," DeVita said.

California, of course, remains by far the most populous state with 31.6 million residents. Texas has assumed second place with 18.7 million, edging New York with 18.1 million. The rest of the top 10 in order last year were Florida, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey and Georgia.

Wyoming is the least populated. The country's minority population is 26 percent. The District of Columbia leads the 50 states with a 75 percent nonwhite population.

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1989	2,896,180	366,810				63,473	(303,337)
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1991	4,855,779	29,717		123,825	1,164,547	79,691	1,338,346
1992	4,492,236	259,576		79,466	1,020,994	91,740	932,624
1993	6,020,995		130,368	75,809	1,045,105	75,397	2,226,479
1994	6,279,993	52,540		139,450	2,274,850	104,471	2,466,231
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# Three Texans on some observers' list as GOP vice-presidential candidates

WASHINGTON (NYT) — With Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole on the verge of locking up the Republican presidential nomination, political junkies have turned to a new guessing game: Who will be the Kansan's running mate?

Three Texans, U.S. Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison and Gov. George W. Bush, are on the lists of some political observers, along with former presidential candidates and other prominent governors.

"The vice presidency is a job not traditionally coveted. John Nance Garner, a Texan who was vice president during Franklin Roosevelt's first two terms, said it 'isn't worth a pitcher of warm spit.'"

But Dole, if elected in November, would start his term at 73, the oldest of any U.S. president at inauguration. If he became ill or chose not to serve a second term, the vice president would become the heir apparent.

Still, there is no rush for the job. Gramm, who withdrew from the presidential race last month, has not encouraged speculation that he might be interested, although he has been campaigning vigorously for Dole.

"I'd like to be president," Gramm said. "I know the difference."

Hutchison said "it's not the time

for me." But she got a plug on Cable News Network on Wednesday from, of all people, Geraldine Ferraro, who was the Democratic vice presidential candidate in 1984.

Bush, whose father was vice president for eight years before becoming president, indicated Wednesday in endorsing Dole that he didn't want the No. 2 job either.

But Richard Murray, professor of political science at the University of Houston, said Bush "is the most popular of the three" Texans seen as potential running mates.

"Picking him would be reaching out to the moderates of the party," said Murray, who added that "if Bob Dole is going to take a Texan, Gramm is No. 3."

Gramm did not make a strong showing in the primaries and Hutchison, while well known in her home state, is not a national figure.

Traditionally, the vice presidential candidate is supposed to balance the ticket, either ideologically or geographically. But recent selections have confounded experts who had trouble explaining why George Bush picked Dan Quayle of Indiana as his running mate in 1988.

"Ever since Danny Boy Quayle got picked, I've given up trying to figure it out," said Claibourne Darden, a Atlanta pollster. "Historically, you looked for someone

who could bring you a state." All three Texans are considered longshots in the view of Thomas Mann, a political expert at the Brookings Institution, primarily because Texas is likely to vote Republican in the presidential election.

"I hate speculation about running mates because it suggests that it's important," Mann said. "There's a long list of names and,

really, the names are interchangeable."

The name at the top of most lists is Gen. Colin Powell, the retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who said he did not want the No. 2 job when he withdrew from presidential consideration last fall.

Another name frequently mentioned is that of Gov. Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, whose selection would aim to

appeal to female voters.

The two candidates who dropped out of the race Wednesday, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander and Sen. Dick Lugar of Indiana, downplayed any interest in the job. "I wouldn't be a very good second fiddle," Alexander said in Nashville after announcing his withdrawal.

Lugar said at his withdrawal announcement in Washington, "Bob Dole can find somebody better than me."

Also in the running, political observers said, are centrist governors Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin and John Engler of Michigan.



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## State congressman seeks to add immigration measure restrictions

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — One of the original authors of the immigration-reform measure scheduled for debate in the House this month said he will seek to add restrictions on employers who easily bring in foreign workers to fill U.S. jobs in technology, health care and fashion modeling.

U.S. Rep. John Bryant, D-Texas, said he wants to ensure that "not a single American job" goes to a foreign worker when a properly trained U.S. citizen could fill it.

The restrictions would apply to the foreign workers whose employers certify that they are "professionals of distinguished merit and ability" or — under a quirk in the law — fashion models. As many as 65,000 such workers are allowed to enter the U.S. each year and can stay for up to six years.

The high-tech and health-care industries claim such workers are vital to fill jobs that U.S. workers cannot and to effectively compete against foreign companies by luring the brightest of foreign workers.

Bryant said the U.S. companies' time, effort and money would be better spent training U.S. workers to fill those jobs.

"We're just going to have to disagree" with Bryant, said Harris Miller, president of the Information Technology Association of America, a Virginia-based trade organization for the software industry. "I wish he would spend five minutes working for a high-tech company as a recruiter."

Bryant, who is currently working to win the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate in Texas, was the original co-author with U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, of the "Immigration in the National Interest Act" that will be considered by the House during the week of March 18.

Smith had not seen a written amendment from Bryant late Wednesday and could not comment, said his spokesman, Allen Kay.

Bryant said his proposals for tightening the limits on skilled workers were removed from the final bill, and he will seek to add those with some support from the U.S. Labor Department.

Employers obtain permission for hiring the specialized foreign workers from the Labor Department, which has just seven days to say yes or no.

## Attorney general drops Garza case; dad's no deadbeat

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — The state attorney general's office Wednesday dropped a contempt of court case against a legislator accused of falling behind in his child support payments.

The state dismissed its case against state Rep. Eddie de la Garza, D-Edinburg, after learning he had been paying the proper amount to his ex-wife, Carmen, for the care of their four sons.

"Unbeknownst to the parties until this morning, he had been paying her directly," Assistant Attorney General Barbara Kuvet said.

The state filed a contempt motion last month after Mrs. de la Garza reported her ex-husband was behind in his payments. Records at the district clerk's office here showed de la Garza was about \$1,000 in arrears.

However, de la Garza produced documentation on Wednesday showing he had kept up by paying his ex-wife directly.

"Mr. de la Garza has met all obligations as a father to his children," said his attorney, Richard Alamia. "He has never been delinquent in his child support payments."

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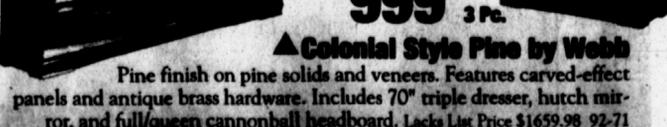
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### TV Sports

**SOCCER** — U.S. National team vs. Mexico, 10 a.m., PRIME.  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL** — NCAA Basketball, Atlantic 10 Conference, quarterfinal, at Philadelphia, 11 a.m., ESPN.  
Conference USA, quarterfinal, at Memphis Tenn., noon, noon  
Big East Conference, quarterfinal, at New York, 1 p.m., ESPN.  
Conference USA, quarterfinal, at Memphis Tenn., 2:30 p.m., PRIME.  
Southwest Conference Tournament third quarterfinal, 6 p.m., PRIME.  
Atlantic Coast Conference, first round, at Greensboro, N.C., 6:30 p.m., ESPN.  
SWC Conference Fourth Quarterfinal, 8 p.m., PRIME.  
Big East Conference, quarterfinal, at New York, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.  
Stanford at Arizona (same-day tape), 10 p.m., PRIME.  
**GOLF** — PGA Golf, Honda Classic, first round, at Coral Springs, Fla., 3 p.m., USA.  
**NBA BASKETBALL** — NBA Basketball, Detroit at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., WGN.

### Texas Scores

**JUCO BASKETBALL** — Midland College 76, Frank Phillips College 74.  
**SWC BASKETBALL** — Women, No. 7 Texas Tech 90, Baylor 79. No. 24 Texas 109, Texas Christian University 78.  
Texas A&M 91, Rice 63.  
Houston 81, Southern Methodist University 76.

**NBA BASKETBALL** — San Antonio Spurs 100, Denver Nuggets 90.  
**HOCKEY** — NHL, Dallas Stars at San Jose Sharks, late.  
**EXHIBITION BASEBALL** — Texas Rangers 10, Minnesota Twins 1.  
Cleveland Indians 7, Houston Astros 4.

### Sports Today

**JUCO BASKETBALL** — Region V Basketball Tournament Final, Odessa College Sports Center, 7:30 p.m.  
**SOCCER** — Girls, San Angelo Central at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.  
Boys, Midland High at San Angelo, 5:30 p.m.  
**SOFTBALL** — Odessa High at Midland Lee, 4:30 p.m., Lee Softball Complex.  
Midland High at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m., UTPB.  
**BASEBALL** — Lee Baseball at Duncanville Tourney.  
MHS at Lubbock Tournament, vs. Canyon Randall, 6 p.m., Lowry Field.

### UIL Games on TV

**IRVING** — The University Interscholastic League's Class 5A and 4A basketball championship games in Austin will be televised live Saturday on cable by Prime Sports.  
The 4A game will be televised at 4 p.m. The 5A game will be at 8 p.m.

### Robinson injured

**SAN ANTONIO** — David Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs left Wednesday night's game against Denver in the second quarter with a lacerated right middle finger.  
He was taken for X-rays and would not return to the game.  
Robinson was injured when he attempted to block a shot by the Nuggets' Bryant Stith with 3:44 left in the period.

### District 5 Boys

District	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Midland High	10	1	.909	13	4	.764
Midland Lee	10	2	.833	12	4	.750
Odessa High	5	6	.454	10	7	.588
Ablene High	5	6	.454	10	8	.556
Odessa Permian	4	7	.363	8	9	.470
San Angelo Central	3	8	.272	5	12	.294
Ablene Cooper	2	9	.181	4	11	.268

Thursday's Games  
Midland High at San Angelo, 6:30 p.m.; Odessa High at Abilene High; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian; Midland Lee is open.

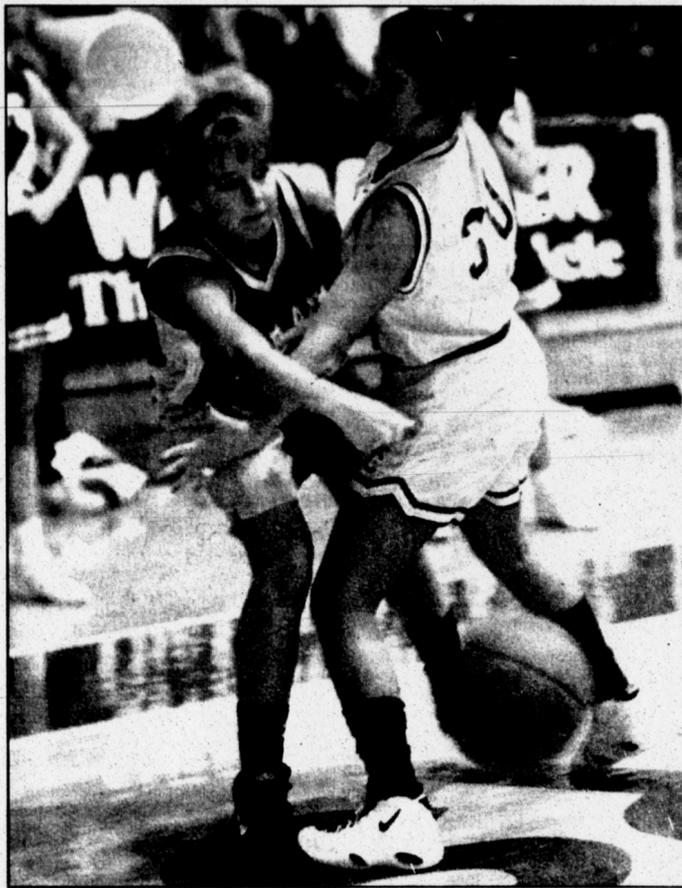
### District 5 Girls

District	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Midland Lee	10	2	.833	15	4	.789
Ablene Cooper	9	2	.818	14	3	.823
Midland High	8	2	.800	14	4	.777
San Angelo Central	6	9	.400	7	8	.469
Odessa Permian	4	7	.363	8	11	.421
Odessa High	1	10	.091	3	13	.188
Ablene High	1	10	.091	3	15	.167

Thursday's Games  
San Angelo Central at 8:00, 4:30 p.m.; Abilene High at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m.; Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper, 5:30 p.m.; Midland Lee is open.

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Midland College's Julie Chancellor passes the ball by Frank Phillips College's Errin Martin. Midland College won the semifinal game of the Region V Tournament played at the Odessa College Sports Center. Midland College plays Grayson County College today at 7:30 p.m.

## Midland College one game away

■ Lady Chaps defeat Frank Phillips College 76-74, advance to Region V final against No. 1 Grayson County College.

By Amy Wolfenbarger  
Sports Writer

ODESSA — "It feels like we're the best team in the conference. That's what it feels like."

Freshman point guard Kellina Bradshaw said it all in the minutes following Midland College's 76-74 victory over Western Junior College Athletic Conference women's basketball foe Frank Phillips College here Wednesday night at the Odessa College Sports Center.

The win propels the Lady Chaparrals (27-5 overall) into the finals tonight of the National Junior College Athletic Conference Region V women's basketball tournament. The Lady Chaps, in their second year of existence, continue to make history, winning their second playoff game in three tries and qualifying to the regional finals for the first time.

Midland College, ranked No. 17, will face No. 1 Grayson County of Denison in the finals tonight at 7:30 p.m. Grayson helped Bradshaw's "best" claim by beating No. 5 Howard College 59-53 in the earlier semifinal Wednesday. Howard and Frank Phillips finished the regular season tied for first place, one game ahead of the Lady Chaparrals.

But it's coach Ron Jones team that will be representing the WJCAC against the Eastern JAC's best team.

"It feels great," Jones said. "But I told the girls they could enjoy it for about 10 minutes because we've got to play another game before we can celebrate. Grayson's the No. 1 team in the nation and, obviously, we're going to have to play another great game tomorrow night."

Lady Chap sophomore Pam Hicks nailed both ends of a 1-and-1 bonus foul shot with six seconds remaining in the game as Midland held off the 11th-ranked Lady Plainsmen when sophomore Malysa Thorngren intercepted a desperation pass from FPC's Hazel Taylor.

"We wanted it more," said Thorngren, who scored 13 as four Lady Chaps finished in double figures.

"We could have played 10 times and they could have beaten us all 10 times but we won tonight and that's what matters," said sophomore Julie Chancellor, who finished with a career-high 15 points coming off the bench.

Freshman post Ndiassa Ndiaye led the Lady Chaps with 19 points, coming off a 25-point performance Tuesday night against Weatherford College. Hicks finished with 13 to round out the double-figure scoring.

The Lady Chaps actually evened the score with the Lady Plainsmen, who after falling to MC in their first conference matchup won the next two, including one on Midland's home turf at Chaparral Center.

Frank Phillips, behind 25 points from post Sherry Ann Louison and 18 from forward Hazel Taylor, led or were tied with Midland for most of the game except for

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## Stroman pleased with first trip to Trials

■ Lee swimmer comes away happy from the experience at the U.S. Olympic Trials after finishing 22nd.

### Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — In her Olympic Trial swim Wednesday Monica Stroman faced pressure usually reserved for those much older than 18. She overcame it by relying on childhood instincts.

City of Midland Aquatics swimmer Stroman finished 22nd in the competition that decides who will swim for the United States Olympic team. In a telephone interview from Indianapolis, she was down right giddy with her result in the 400-meter individual medley at the Indiana University Natatorium. And she credited a calm performance in the high-pressure meet for her satisfying 5:00.29 swim.

"I was very, very happy. I did not think I would do

that well time-wise or place-wise," said Stroman. "I guess I was so naive to it all, I felt like a little kid. It was so overwhelming it didn't seem pressured."

The 18-year-old Midland Lee senior finished only six places away from making the consolation finals.

Stroman did not match her Olympic Trial qualifying time of last summer. But she improved on her most recent national competition. And she and COM coach Brad Swendig considered that a big plus.

"I knew I would not go what I did last summer because I haven't trained meters," said Stroman, who will join three Lee teammates at the high school state championships March 15 and 16 in Austin. "(But) it was a great swim. I stayed under control and that was my goal."

The time again qualified Stroman for Senior National competition and was four seconds away from the trials qualifying time.

"She reacted to the pressure real well," Swendig said. "The first couple of Seniors she went to we felt like she

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MRT Photo  
Midland's Monica Stroman, seen above during a meet last summer, competed at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Indianapolis Wednesday. Stroman took 22nd in the 400-meter Individual Medley.

## Greenwood tourney kicks off today

■ March Classic gets rolling today as Greenwood will host top field.

### Staff Writer

Four games today kickoff the third annual West Texas March Classic high school baseball tournament at Christensen Stadium. Five of the eight teams participating were in the playoffs last year, which means winning the tournament for host Greenwood or anybody else won't be easy.

"Most of the teams were in the playoffs last year and they've started out with a bang this year," said Greenwood Ranger coach Tony Pallanez said. "The last I saw Alpine, Kermit and Seminole had only one loss. It's going to be a tough tournament with pretty even competition."

Class 3A Abilene Wylie will face Class 3A Kermit at 11 a.m. in the tournament opener and Class 4A Pecos will take on Class 3A Seminole in the 1:30 p.m. contest.  
Class 3A Alpine will take on Class 3A

Crane at 4 p.m. while host Greenwood will meet Van Horn at 6:30 p.m. to complete the first day of action.

The Rangers are 3-5 after dropping four games last weekend in the Big Spring Tournament and falling to the Steers in a non-tournament game last week.

"Our strength of course is our seniors," said Pallanez, who starts seniors Chad Barry and Josh Jones on the mound. Sophomore Frankie Keller is the Rangers' third starter.

Alpine won the tournament the first two years. The Rangers finished fourth last year. They will start Barry today and Jones on Friday.

The tournament resumes at 11 a.m. Friday and again at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The Saturday championship game will be at 5:30 p.m.

If Greenwood defeats Van Horn today, the Rangers will meet the winner of the Pecos-Seminole game at 6:30 p.m. Friday. If the Rangers fall, they will meet the Pecos-Seminole loser at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the consolation bracket.

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## Michi Atkins gets record, Tech gets tourney victory

### The Associated Press

DALLAS — Michi Atkins needed 24 points to become the Southwest Conference's all-time leading scorer in women's basketball, and her teammates made sure she got the ball.

Atkins scored 26 points Wednesday night, leading the No. 7 Lady Raiders past Baylor, 90-79, in a first-round game of the SWC Women's Basketball Classic.

Atkins now has 2,030 points, surpassing the 2,027 that Baylor's Maggie Davis-Stinnett scored from 1987-91. Atkins pounded away at the Baylor interior, connecting on 10 of 14 field goal attempts.

"I just clapped for Michi Atkins and her SWC scoring record in the dressing room," Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "The bottom line is that we look to Michi first on every offensive possession, and it helps that we can kick the ball out when people surround her," Sharp said. "That's where freshman Rene Hanebutt



AP Laserphoto  
Tech's Michi Atkins (left) gets the rebound against Baylor's Tonia Harris (20) and Agle Wilson.

came in. When Baylor collapsed around Atkins, Hanebutt penetrated from the outside. She made only two field goals, one of them a three-pointer, but sank 15 of 19 free throws to finish with 20 points. Tech shot 51 free throws in a game that lasted more than two hours, with Hanebutt making 15 of 19 charity shots to fin-

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## District 5 soccer titles at stake as Midland High tackles Central

By Stewart Doreen and Mike Butts  
Sports Writers

Please excuse the Midland High girls soccer team if it is little up beat this week going into its regular season finale.

After all, the Lady Bulldogs can join Midland Lee at the top of the District 5 final standings with a over San Angelo Central at MHS at 4:30 p.m. The MHS boys can take home sole possession of its third-straight title when they travel to the city on the Concho for their game with Central at 5:30 p.m.

The Midland High girls (14-4 and 9-2 in district) will tie Lee, who has already ended its season at (15-4 and 10-2 in district). Abilene Cooper will play Odessa Permian in Abilene to make it a triumvirate atop the standings. But the story is MHS, who finished the district at 2-10 in 1995, and its rise to the top in this go around.

"Going from 2-10 to 10-2 is an accomplishment," said MHS coach Scott Hod-

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kinson. "The girls will have a chance to do what no other (MHS) team has done before. I will not have to rant and rave to get them pumped up. If we can't get pumped up to win the first title, nothing will do it."

The Lady Bulldogs face a Central team (7-8 and 5-6) coming off a 2-0 win over Odessa Permian on Saturday. The Bobcats have slid this season after reaching the playoffs in 1995. A win today would bring Central to .500 for the season and district, but the Lady Bulldogs, who beat the Lady Bobcats 3-0 at Central on Feb. 10, do not want to see that happen nor are they going to take the Lady Bobcats lightly.

"If we play our game, we will win," said midfielder Anna Laengberg. "We are going to play for it and give them a game. We can't go out and fool around."

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## A&M draws task of facing No. 7 Texas Tech in final SWC tourney

By Denne H. Freeman  
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Texas A&M coach Tony Barone has drawn the daunting task of preparing his team to play the No. 7 ranked Texas Tech Red Raiders in Thursday's first-round of the Southwest Conference basketball tournament.

He calls Tech "the best team I've seen in the last five years." However, the Aggies almost upset the Red Raiders before losing 66-63 in February at College Station.

Can they duplicate the feat of the 1987 A&M team that was the No. 8 seed and shocked Baylor to win the tournament?

Texas Tech coach James Dickey said it could happen even though his Red Raiders won every SWC regular season game to post a 25-1 mark, tying the school record for the most wins in a season.

"Texas A&M played us tough, and we were darn lucky to win in College Station," Dickey said on Wednesday as teams prepared for the final SWC Tournament. "I felt good about our season until I found out we would have to play A&M again. We dodged a bullet with



Barone

them." Barone said. "It gives us hope to see all the upsets going on across the country. It's why they call this time of the year 'March Madness.' If we could pull off the upset, it would really be something."

Last year at this time, Tech was sweating an NCAA bid after losing to Texas in the SWC Tournament finals. The bid never came.

The Red Raiders don't have to worry this time and could get a high seed and play in Dallas in the first- and second-round of the Midwest regionals next week.

"I have no idea what would happen if we didn't win the tournament," Dickey said. "All I know is, you've got to win in March. We just need to take care of our

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## U.S. fastest 400 IM swimmer disqualified at Olympic Trials

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The fastest woman didn't swim the 400-meter individual medley final in the U.S. Olympic Trials on Wednesday night. The second fastest woman did and she won.

Kristine Quance blew away the field by four seconds in the morning preliminary heats only to be disqualified for an obscure violation rarely called at the world-class level.

Allison Wagner, the second-fastest qualifier, easily won the final in 4 minutes, 41.61 seconds to earn a spot on the Olympic team. Whitney Metzler of Glen Rock, Pa., claimed the second berth by finishing second in 4:46.28.

Quance's elimination for using an illegal stroke created a new controversy for U.S. swimming officials on the opening day of the Olympic trials, a meet already overshadowed by the presence of freestyler Jessica Foschi, who tested positive for steroids last year.

Wagner didn't get caught up in Quance's controversy, preferring to concentrate on her own performance.

"It's unfortunate and I'm sure she's sad, but I'm glad I made it," Wagner said. "I would have liked to swim a best time, but they don't choose the Olympic team on best times so first was enough. Hopefully in July I can go faster."

Jenny Thompson was the day's other surprise. She failed to make the team in the 100 freestyle, an event in which she is a former world record holder and the 1992 Olympic bronze medalist.

Thompson was the only swimmer to break 56 seconds in the prelims. She did so again in the final, but it wasn't enough.

Amy Van Dyken of Englewood, Colo., became the first swimmer on the 1996 Olympic team with a victory in 55.27.

"I was really confident," she said. "I decided to take it out as hard as I could."

Angel Martino, who was kicked off the 1988 team for an illegal drug test, made up ground on the second lap to pass Thompson and take second in 55.39. Thompson was third in 55.45, and earns a berth on one

of the relay teams in Atlanta. "I didn't expect to end up third," Thompson said. "I don't know what happened. I just tightened up the last 25 meters."

The first spot on the men's team wasn't decided until several minutes after the 100 breaststroke.

Kurt Grote of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., thought he won, and the scoreboard seemed to confirm it when a '1' was posted next to his name.

But the touch pad failed to correctly register Jeremy Linn of Harrisburg, Pa., in lane two. The board assigned him the eighth-place time, but after an adjustment, he was declared the winner in 1:01.94. Grote dropped to second in 1:02.03.

"It was jubilation," Linn said.

Eric Wunderlich, a '92 Olympian, and Seth van Neerden, who shares the event's American record, finished third and sixth, respectively.

Joe Hudepohl, Jon Olsen and Greg Burgess — all '92 Olympians — were shut out in the 200 free.

John Piersma, a Michigan junior, came in as the third seed, but won in 1:48.97. Josh Davis of San Antonio, who won the prelim, finished second in the final in 1:49.29.

Quance led all qualifiers with a time of 4 minutes, 42.28 seconds, but the letters 'DQ' were posted next to her name on the scoreboard as soon as the race ended.

"She would have been a legitimate medal contender," said Dennis Pursley, national team director.

Meet officials said Quance swam illegally during the transition from backstroke to breaststroke starting the third leg of the four-stroke race.

The rule states once the wall is touched, the swimmer may turn in any manner but the shoulders must be at or past the vertical toward the breast when the swimmer leaves the wall. The swimmer must have attained breaststroke form before the first arm stroke.

"Technically, she was past vertical toward her back when she left the wall," meet referee Robert Brown said. "Unless I personally



Kristine Quance of Northridge, Calif. is consoled by her coach after being disqualified for an illegal turn during the 400-meter individual medley at the U.S. Olympic Trials.

observe the alleged infraction, I do not have the power to reverse the decision."

There is no provision in the rules that would allow the call to be changed, despite the availability of video replay.

Brown refused to identify the turn judge who made the call, saying only that he has the minimum four years of national officiating experience required to work the trials.

"That call never would have been made in a World Championships or an Olympic Games," said Mark Schubert, who coaches Quance at Southern California. "I think it's extremely unfortunate that call was made."

Schubert immediately requested a video review by Brown, the turn judge and a stroke judge. The three men went over the tape frame by frame in an NBC truck outside the Indiana University Natatorium.

"I was shocked," said Quance, of Northridge, Calif. "I had no idea what I could have done. I'm upset because I considered it my best shot to make the Olympic team and win a gold medal."

Quance has three more chances to make the Olympic team, in the 100 breaststroke, the 200 breaststroke and the 200 IM.

Schubert was asked about the fairness of allowing Foschi to compete, while Quance was ousted from her best event on a technicality.

## Loyal fans follows Lady Chaps

By Amy Wolfenbarger  
Sports Writer

ODESSA — It didn't take long for the Midland College Lady Chaps to gain a loyal fan following. And for most of those fans, 20 miles was not too far to travel to back "their girls."

For the last two nights, Midlanders have packed the stands exactly what organizers of the National Junior College Athletic Association Region V women's basketball tournament hoped they would when they planned to schedule the Lady Chaps in the late game each night.

About 1,200 fans packed the OC Sports Center to watch the Lady Chaps reach the regional tournament finals with a thrilling 76-74 win over WJAC conference foe Frank Phillips College.

"We go to all the out-of-town games except for Frank Phillips (in Borger) and New Mexico Military Institute (Roswell, N.M.) and we go to all the home games," said David Barton, a long-time fan of both the men's and women's teams.

But Barton and his wife Pat, along with a group of three or four

other couples have really taken to the women's team, even from the program's very beginnings two years ago.

"We love the girls," Barton said. "They play the game below the rim and win games with their outside shooting. We love the fast-paced play. You've got to be in good condition to play the way they do."

"But it's something we both enjoy doing together," Barton said. "She likes it as much as I do. We sure hate when basketball season ends."

Following the Chaps seems to be a family affair, as Bob, Dot and Stacy Fielding prove. Stacy is the daughter of Bob and Dot and the three go to several sporting events in Midland, including Midland Lee games, Chaps games and then to Midland Angels baseball when basketball season is over.

"We used to bowl a lot and when we quit doing that we had to find something else to do," said Dot, whose family has called Midland home for about 20 years. "For a first-year program they did great. And this year they are doing even better."

The Fieldings like the athleticism of the Lady Chaps, who aver-

age close to 90 points a game with their up-tempo game plan.

"I used to not like girls sports because they played like sissies most of the time," Dot said. "But they do not play like sissies."

Stacy added, "We like all the girls but Malyssa (Thorngren) has turned out to be our favorite because she's so physical. She'll get out there and foul somebody."

"They can run some of these teams off the court," Dot added.

Like the Fieldings and the Bartons, Alan Hanzel was a men's fan before there was a women's team. But he too likes the talent level of the Lady Chaps.

"They're very talented and they're exciting to watch," said Hanzel, who has been a Chap fan since the days of Spud Webb. "There's a few of them that are friends of mine plus they all have real good attitudes and are very polite."

Now the Lady Chaps are in the Region V final and they hope that same support the fans have given them in the first two games of the tournament will be repeated.

If the fans Wednesday night was any indication, it will be a packed house tonight.

## MC: Midland College will play Grayson at 7:30 p.m

(From 1C)

a couple of lapses in the first and second halves.

FPC coach Johnna Pointer said those lapses are what killed her No. 1 seeded WJAC team.

"I think for us there was a lull of about two minutes in the first half and about three minutes in the second and if that didn't happen I think it might have been a different outcome," said Pointer, who in her second year has led the Lady Plainsmen into the regional tournament twice. "But these are both very good teams and I think if we played 10 times we would probably half it. Look at it now, it's two and two."

"But Midland's a good team and I don't feel ashamed for losing to a good team," said Pointer, whose team went one round farther in the regional tournament after losing in the first round last year.

After taking a 72-66 lead — MC's largest of the game — with 1:57 to

play on a steal and a layup by Bradshaw, Midland fell victim to its own lapse as the Lady Plainsmen battled back within 72-70 before Chancellor hit a layup with 56 seconds to play to five MC a 74-70 lead.

But Frank tied it up 74-74 on a jumper by Errin Martin and an inside bucket by Louison with 15 seconds to play.

Midland had two chances to win it at the line as Chancellor was fouled in the final seconds by Martin. But Chancellor, the Lady Chaps' best free throw shooter, shot too hard on the one-and-one shot. But Midland got the rebound and Taylor unwisely fouled Hicks with six seconds to play.

Hicks sank the first to the delight of the mostly-Midland crowd. The second free shot practically guaranteed the victory. Thorngren's interception of the Taylor pass ended the Frank Phillips' threat.

In the other semifinal, Rameeka Lowe scored 18 points to lead

Grayson (31-0) to the win over Howard (27-4), eliminating all but one WJAC team. Grayson held a narrow 27-26 halftime lead but outscored the Lady Hawks 32-27 in the second half for the win.

Howard's Joyce Howard led her team with 21 points but the Lady Hawks lost the game when the clock wasn't running, hitting just 16 of 27 from the free throw line.

Midland College 76, Frank Phillips College 74

Midland College (27-5): Kellina Bradshaw 27 0-0 4; Amber Follis 0-0 0-0; Fatou Cisse 3-9 0-0 7; Shannon Jordan 2-4 0-0 5; Pam Hicks 4-8 3-13; Mandi White 0-2 0-0 0; Stacie Johnson 0-2 0-0 2; Julie Chancellor 6-13 0-2 15; Malaysia Thorngren 5-12 0-0 13; Ndisaie Ndisaie 8-9 3-19; Totals 30-66 6-12 76.

Frank Phillips (27-5): Christine Johnson 0-0 0-0; Amy Herchcock 1-8 0-1 3; Stephanie Pratt 0-0 0-0 0; Bridgette Murphy 1-2 2-4; Micah Crutcher 1-3 0-0 2; Erin Martin 4-9 0-0 10; Hazel Taylor 7-19 4-8 18; Sherry Ann Louison 10-18 5-25; Summer Lawrie 0-1 0-0 0; Sabree Krueber 5-6 2-12; Totals 29-66 13-18 74.

Halftime Score: Midland 39, Frank Phillips 39. Three-point Goals: Midland 10-36 (Bradshaw 0-3, Cisse 1-4, Jordan 1-3, Hicks 2-5, White 0-2, Johnson 0-2, Chancellor 3-10, Thorngren 3-7); Frank Phillips 3-11 (Herchcock 1-4, Crutcher 0-1, Martin 2-5, Taylor 0-1). Rebounds: Midland 34 (Ndisaie 9), Frank Phillips 34 (Louison 11). Turnovers: Midland 21 (Cisse 6), Frank Phillips 23 (Taylor 7). Total Fouls: Midland 16, Frank Phillips 17. Fouled Out: none. Technical Fouls: none.

## SWIM: Stroman will join Lee at state meet

(From 1C)

reacted negatively to the pressure and this is the biggest event she's ever been to. We don't think the pressure got to her at all."

Stroman finished fifth in her preliminary heat. She was seeded eighth in the heat. Only the first and second place finishers in the finals, held later Wednesday, make the Olympic team.

"I felt good in the water," Stroman said. "I didn't cramp up, I didn't freak out or anything. I made sure I stayed in control of the race and didn't let the competition bother me."

The second-seeded swimmer at the trials in the 400 IM, Christine

Quance, swam in Stroman's heat and was disqualified for a stroke infraction on one of her turns. Swendig said Quance could have won an Olympic medal for the U.S. team.

The atmosphere at what is probably the most important regular swimming event in the country had Stroman in awe.

"It was really overwhelming," she said. "They had so many TV cameras — one under water, one on a crane that would swoop down and one that would run up and down the pool. It was very professional."

Stroman had difficulty on the second lap of the butterfly portion

of her swim. Her time for the first butterfly lap was 31 seconds and for the second 36.6.

"The one thing that really hurt her was the last 10 or 15 yards of the butterfly," Swendig said. "She tightened up a little."

"That's where the meters training would have helped," Stroman said. "It was about the last 10 meters of every leg of every length. I'm used to a wall being there and it's a different feeling."

For Stroman the best result was finding a comfort zone among the stiffest competition in the country.

"I think she feels like this is the level she needs to be competing at," Swendig said.

## GWOOD: Classic starts at 11 a.m.

(From 1C)

The Abilene Wylie-Kermit winner will advance to the 4 p.m. Friday meeting with the Crane-Alpine winner. Those two losers will play at 11 a.m. Friday in the consolation bracket.

Every team will play three games in the tournament. That means that there will be a winner when the 5:30 p.m. contest ends Saturday. There will be no need for "if" game since there is a championship bracket and a consolation bracket. It will be much like most of the basketball tournaments that are held across West Texas.

The third place game Saturday is 3 p.m. The consolation championship contest is at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and the seventh place contest is 10 a.m. Saturday.

### West Texas March Classic

#### Thursday

Game 1: Abilene Wylie vs. Kermit, 11 a.m.  
Game 2: Pecos vs. Seminole, 1:30 p.m.  
Game 3: Crane vs. Alpine, 4 p.m.  
Game 4: Van Horn vs. Greenwood, 6:30 p.m.

#### Friday

Game 5: Wylie-Kermit loser vs. Crane-Alpine loser, 11 a.m.  
Game 6: Greenwood-Van Horn loser vs. Pecos-Seminole loser, 1:30 p.m.  
Game 7: Wylie-Kermit winner vs. Crane-Alpine winner, 4 p.m.  
Game 8: G'Wood-Van Horn winner vs. Pecos-Seminole winner, 6:30 p.m.

#### Saturday

Game 9: Loser of 5 vs. Loser of 6, 10 a.m.  
Game 10: Winner of 5 vs. Winner of 6, 12:30 p.m.  
Game 11: Loser of 7 vs. Loser of 8, 3 p.m.  
Game 12: Winner of 7 vs. Winner of 8, 5:30 p.m.  
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## SOCCKER: Boys go after third-straight title

(From 1C)

Laengberg came to the MHS program from Sweden and has been one of the key ingredients in the title run of '96. The senior midfielder joins the team's sophomores like Shelby Berry, Marri Hill, Brenna Byerlotzer, Carin Vadala and Mary Elizabeth Prentice, who are enjoying the program's immediate success. However, Laengberg knows that this teams' base is with the seniors who have been there through the good and bad times.

"I feel honored to be playing with such good players," said Laengberg. "They want to win, especially the seniors. It is exciting."

The seniors, who playing in their last home game, are Laengberg, Tina Richardson, Bridget Walker, Sonya Lackey, Jacque Ketter, Chelsea Pervier and Cathryn Vadala.

Midland High's boys can win district for the third year in a row with a victory. The Bulldogs beat San Angelo 2-0 in Midland Feb. 10. If they win the league they will have a bi-district round bye and will not play until the area round on March 18 or 19.

If the Bulldogs (10-1, 13-4) lose to San Angelo, they will fall into a

### District 5 girls scenario

If there is a two-way tie for first (either Cooper or Midland High loses).

The two teams (Lee and whoever) will play Saturday or Tuesday for District 5's No. 1 seed.

If there is a three way tie for first (Cooper and Midland High wins)

Case 1: The three teams will play an on the field playoff for the three spots. The seeding for that playoff will be done by a coin flip. One team will get the bye for a final game that will most likely happen on Tuesday. The other teams will play Saturday with the winner going to Tuesday's showdown for the first spot. The loser of Saturday's game will get the third seed. This scenario is the more likely of the two.

Case 2: The three teams will get their seedings in the playoffs by way of the coin flip. This will prevent any extra games to be played on the field.

Two teams tie for second (Both Midland High and Cooper lose) MHS and Cooper will meet on Saturday or Tuesday in a playoff for the second and third seeds.

first-place tie with Midland Lee and have to play the Rebels for the third time this year to determine the district's first seed.

Midland High got by Abilene High Saturday in a shootout, 3-2. The two goals were the most the Bulldogs have allowed since a 6-3 win over Odessa High Feb. 8. But MHS is on a four-game winning streak, and it can better its league marks of the last two years by beating the next-to-last-place Bobcats (3-8, 5-12). Midland High is now 30-5 in District 5 in the last

three years, having finished 10-2 the last two seasons.

The Rebels (10-2, 13-4) will play the third place team from the three-team District 6, Brownwood. Brownwood is 0-3 in district and ends its league season Friday vs. first-place Stephenville. The third district spot will go to the winner of today's Abilene High-Odessa High game in Abilene. The team that comes out of that game plays District 6's second-place Cleburne (3-8-3, 2-2) in the first round of the playoffs.

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# HOOP: Tech will play Houston in semis

(From 1C)

ish with 20 points. The Lady Raiders (24-3) will meet Houston in a semifinal game at 2 p.m. Friday. Houston upset Southern Methodist, 81-76, in another first-round game.

Tech led 49-31 at the half, but the Bears closed to within 81-72 and 83-74 in the final 2:59 before the Lady Raiders used free throws to ice the victory.

"Give Baylor credit for being very aggressive and taking it to us," Sharp said. "They didn't back down and we had to fight for every shot."

Christie Holler led Baylor (11-19) with 20 points, backed by Kacy Moffitt with 18 and LaToya Ellis with 17.

Tech forced 21 Baylor turnovers, but the Bears had a 45-34 edge in rebounds. Baylor connected on 32 of 72 shots to just 25 of 50 for Tech, but the 26-point advantage at the free throw line more than made up for it.

"I'm very proud of our players for their fight and scrap," Baylor coach Sonja Hogg said. "We came in expecting a miracle, and we came close to getting it. Our young players really stepped it up as the season continued."

## No. 24 Texas 109, Texas Christian 78

DALLAS — Texas coach Jody Conratt went to her bench early and often, but the No. 24 Lady Longhorns still broke the scoring record for a Southwest Conference Women's Basketball Classic game.

Amie Smith scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as Texas beat Texas Christian, 109-78, in a first-round game Wednesday night.

The 109 points broke the tournament mark of 108 set by Texas in a 108-61 victory over Rice in 1988.

The Lady Longhorns (20-7) advance to a semifinal match against Texas A&M (18-11), which beat Rice 91-63.

"There were times this year where I wondered if we might reach 20 wins, and this is a nice place to be. This team has overcome a lot of adversity," Conratt said.

"We didn't have any rah-rah type of pep talks. We had watched part of the Houston-SMU game and realized how conference tournaments can give a team new hope."

Houston upset Southern Methodist, 81-76, hurting the Lady Mustangs' hopes of making the NCAA tournament.

Although no player got more than 12 points for Texas, the Lady Longhorns had a season-high six players in double figures.

Jackie Jenkins led Texas Christian (2-24) with 29 points, seven rebounds and four steals. Leah Garcia scored 15 points and had five steals for the Lady Frogs.

Texas led 47-30 at halftime. Vanessa Wallace, Angela Jackson and Taryn Brown scored 12 points each for Texas, and Amber Hasenmyer added 10.

The Lady Longhorns shot 59 percent (43-for-73) while holding Texas Christian to 37 percent (27-for-74). Texas had a 52-38 edge in rebounds.

The game was the final SWC game for TCU, which is moving to the Western Athletic Conference next season along with SMU and Baylor. Four other SWC teams — Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor — will join the current Big Eight teams in a new Big 12 Conference.

"I have very mixed emotions about coaching the last SWC tournament game at TCU," said Lady Frogs coach Shell Bolin Robinson, who played under Conratt at Texas a decade ago.

## Houston 81, Southern Methodist 76

DALLAS — Fleceia Comeaux hit three 3-pointers and made all 10 of her free throws as sixth-seeded Houston upset third-seed Southern Methodist in the first round of the Southwest Conference women's tournament.

The Lady Cougars, losers in nine of their previous 11, advances to a second-round game against the winner of Thursday night's game between top seed Texas Tech and Texas Christian.

Comeaux's 25 points led Houston (12-15). Tandra Rucker hit five 3-pointers and had 23 points.

The Lady Mustangs (19-10) led 51-47 before falling apart late. The game was played at Moody Coliseum, their home court, but they failed to advance and may have put in jeopardy their hopes for a third straight NCAA at-large bid.

SMU was led by 25 points from Kim Brungardt. Kim Brandl added 15, Jennifer McLaughlin scored 12 and Karen Blair had 10.

All-SWC pick Pat Luckey was suspended from the starting lineup for missing part of Tuesday's practice. Luckey, who averages 22 points per game, scored just 10 and had seven rebounds.

## Texas A&M 91, Rice 63

DALLAS — Lana Tucker and Lisa Branch combined for 39 points to lead Texas A&M past Rice 91-63 in the opening game of the women's Southwest Conference tournament on Wednesday.

Branch finished with 19 points on 8-for-12 shooting. She also had six



AP Laserphoto  
Texas' Vanessa Wallace drives against TCU's Jackie Jenkins during the first half of their SWC quarterfinal game.

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# Injuries dominate Spurs' 10th straight win over Nuggets

By The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Rough night at the Alamodome.

David Robinson, Antonio McDyess and Sean Elliott were all injured Wednesday night as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Denver Nuggets for the 10th straight time, 100-90.

Robinson lacerated his finger, McDyess broke his nose and Elliott cut his ear. Elliott was the only one to return.

"It was kind of a war of attrition out there," said Robinson, whose right middle finger had to be stitched up. "Those flying elbows are dangerous."

Vinny Del Negro paced the Spurs with 29 points, including three straight baskets as San Antonio opened the second half with 10 points in a row for a 61-50 lead.

Denver, which led for much of the first half, never made a serious run in the second half. The Spurs twice led by 16, including 100-84 before the Nuggets scored the last six points.

"It was great to see the team step up their game because they knew he wasn't there," San Antonio coach Bob Hill said of Robinson. "Fortunately, we haven't had to do it too often."

Robinson lacerated his finger trying to block a shot by Bryant Stith. He needed stitches to close the wound and did not return, finishing with six points to end his 157-game streak of reaching double figures in points.

"It was a freakish thing," Robinson said. "I didn't think much about it until I looked down at it. It looked awful. I decided then we'd better take it in."

Robinson said he expects to play Friday night against New Jersey.

McDyess suffered a broken nose by colliding with teammate Dikembe Mutombo in the third quarter. Despite playing only 22 minutes, McDyess led the Nuggets with 16 points.

Elliott followed him to the dressing room at the start of the fourth with a laceration of his left ear. He returned later in the period.

**Bullets 99, SuperSonics 88**

LANDOVER, Md. — Seattle's franchise-record 14-game winning

streak came to an end Wednesday night as the SuperSonics had their worst shooting night of the season in a 99-88 loss to the Washington Bullets.

Seattle shot a season-low 29.8 percent (25-for-84) from the field and had its third-lowest point total of the season.

It was the first loss since Feb. 1 for Seattle, which trailed by at least 10 throughout the fourth quarter. Washington beat the Sonics for the first time in nearly nine years and only the second time in the last 22 matchups between the teams.

Juwan Howard had 21 points and 11 rebounds and Rasheed Wallace added 20 points, seven rebounds and four blocks for the Bullets, who won their third straight game and broke a 13-game losing streak to the Sonics dating back to March 19, 1987.

**Jazz 101, Pacers 94**  
SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone had 24 points and 20 rebounds and Utah took advantage of an off night by Reggie Miller to win its fifth straight.

It was the 19th victory in 23 games for the Jazz, who stayed one game ahead of San Antonio in the Midwest Division race.

Miller was just 5-of-20 from the field and missed a 3-pointer and committed a turnover in the final minute. He and Rik Smits had 16 points apiece for the Pacers, who lost their second straight game after winning six in a row.

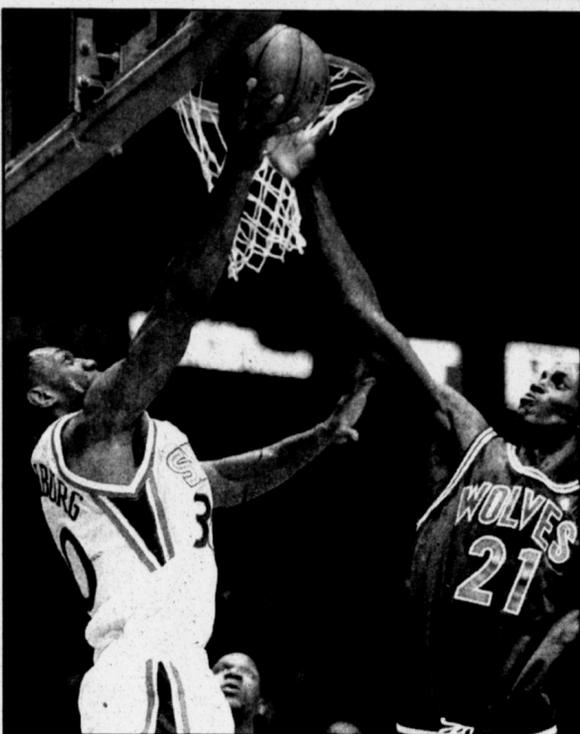
Jeff Hornacek had 23 points and John Stockton had 19 points and 12 assists for Utah.

**Knicks 89, Raptors 82**  
TORONTO — Hubert Davis scored a season-high 30 points to lead New York to just its second win in eight games.

Davis, who had a season-high 25 points in Tuesday's loss to the Los Angeles Clippers, matched that total in the first half alone as he went 8-of-11 from the floor and 5-of-8 from 3-point range.

Patrick Ewing had 17 points and 13 rebounds to move past Willis Reed into first place on the Knicks career rebounding list with 8,415.

Toronto made it close in the final



AP Laserphoto  
Tony Massenberg (left) is blocked by Minnesota's Kevin Garnett in the

minutes as Damon Stoudamire nailed a jump shot to cut the lead to 86-80 with just over a minute to play. But Derek Harper followed with a 21-footer to dash Toronto's comeback hopes.

**Celtics 110, Clippers 97**  
BOSTON — Greg Minor scored 20 points, Todd Day added 17 and Eric Montross had 15 points and 15 rebounds to lead Boston past Los Angeles.

Boston led by 11 at the start of the fourth quarter and quickly stretched its advantage to 21 on a basket by Day that made it 105-84. The Celtics outrebounded the Clippers 48-37 and scored 22 points off 18 turnovers to send Los Angeles to its eighth loss in its last nine road games.

Brian Williams led the Clippers with 19 points and Terry Dehere and Pooh Richardson added 15 each.

Boston won its second straight home game, tying its longest Fleet Center winning streak of the season.

**Timberwolves 103, Sixers 90**  
PHILADELPHIA — Minnesota bounced back from the worst defeat in franchise history.

Isaiah Rider scored 29 points, Andrew Lang had 20 points and a season-high 14 rebounds, Kevin Garnett had 14 points and a career-high 19 rebounds and Spud Webb added a season-high 18 points for the Wolves, who rebounded from a 41-point loss to Miami a day earlier.

It was Minnesota's third straight victory at the Spectrum.

Jerry Stackhouse led Philadelphia with 23 points and Tony Massenberg and Trevor Ruffin added 16 each. The 76ers lost their fourth straight game and 11th in their last 12.

# Syracuse does it the hard way in Big East

By The Associated Press

Nothing is simple for Syracuse, especially at tournament time.

The 13th-ranked Orangemen (23-7) withstood a second-half run by Notre Dame and John Wallace scored 32 points in a 76-55 victory in the first round of the Big East tournament.

Syracuse advanced to Thursday's quarterfinals against Boston College, a 70-66 first-round winner over Pittsburgh on Wednesday. Also, Seton Hall beat West Virginia 80-78 to move into the quarters against No. 3 Connecticut and Miami beat Rutgers 77-67 to earn a matchup with No. 6 Georgetown.

In the other Big East first-round game Wednesday night, Providence played St. John's.

Wallace got sick at halftime, but still scored 20 of his points in the second half. He added 11 rebounds.

In the first round of the Atlantic-10, Xavier beat Fordham 61-54. St. Bonaventure defeated Dayton 72-60 and St. Joseph's dined Duquesne 80-72 in overtime.

## ■ NCAA Roundup

In Conference USA, Saint Louis beat Southern Mississippi 61-44 and South Florida topped Alabama-Birmingham 73-57 in first-round games.

In the first round of the WAC, San Diego State beat Air Force.

And in Southland Conference openers, Texas-San Antonio edged Sam Houston State 60-58 and Stephen F. Austin beat McNeese State 94-91.

## BIG EAST

At New York

Seton Hall 80, West Virginia 78  
Adrian Griffin scored on a drive with one second left to lift the Pirates (12-15). He finished with 18 points.

West Virginia (12-15) pulled to 65-64 before Donnell Williams led a 10-0 run to give the Pirates an 11-point lead.

**Boston College 70, Pittsburgh 66**

Antonio Granger's only points of the game — a 3-pointer with 77 seconds left — helped the Eagles (18-9) move into the quarterfinals.

Pitt (10-17) trailed 61-49 with nine minutes left but took a 66-65 before Granger got the lead back for BC. Danya Abrams hit two free throws with 3.5 seconds to play.

**Miami 77, Rutgers 67**

Kevin Norris cut short a Rutgers comeback by scoring 11 straight points down the stretch for Miami (15-12).

Rutgers (9-18) was down 56-40 in the second half but rallied behind Geoff Billet, who scored 25 points and helped Rutgers draw to 63-62.

**PATRIOT LEAGUE**

At Hamilton, N.Y.

Adonal Foyle scored 22 points, had 15 rebounds and blocked 10 shots. Colgate (15-14) held Holy Cross without a field goal for the first 6 1/2 minutes of the second

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half as it qualified for its second straight NCAA tournament.

Holy Cross (16-13) hit just 20 of 76 shots as it lost for the first time in nine games.

## ATLANTIC-10

At Philadelphia

Xavier 61, Fordham 54

Darnell Williams made two free throws with 26 seconds left and Lenny Brown scored 17 points for Xavier, which plays Temple in Thursday's quarterfinals. Fordham finished 4-23 in its first season in the A-10.

Williams, who had 14 points, gave the Musketeers (13-14) a 58-54 lead as his crucial free throws came just after the Rams' Ray Carroll missed a 12-footer that would have tied the score.

**St. Bonaventure 72, Dayton 60**

The Bonnies (10-17) won their first A-10 tournament game in 11 years behind Rashaan Palmer's 18 points. St. Bonaventure plays No. 2 Massachusetts in Thursday's quarterfinals.

Dayton (15-14) rallied from a 16-point deficit and closed to 57-54 with three minutes left, but Coby Turner missed a 3-pointer and Kenny McFarland hit one for the Bonnies. St.

**St. Joseph's 80, Duquesne 72, OT**

Mark Bass had 20 points to lead St. Joseph's, which kept alive its NIT hopes. The Hawks (15-11) have won eight of 10 and play George Washington in the quarterfinals Thursday. Duquesne (9-18) ended the season with a six-game losing streak.

St. Joseph's got 3-pointers from Bass, Dmitri Domani and Terrell Myers, and went 6 of 6 from the line in overtime.

**Rhode Island 85, La Salle 59**

Tyson Wheeler scored 20 points and Rhode Island moved closer to an NIT bid. The Rams (17-12) had lost four of their last five but advanced to play No. 15 Virginia Tech in Thursday's quarterfinals.

## OTHER GAMES

Wisconsin 54,

No. 16 Penn State 52

Sean Daugherty made a 16-footer at the buzzer for the Badgers (16-13, 8-9 Big Ten).

Mosezell Peterson, whose hustle was a key for Wisconsin in the last 40 seconds, grabbed a rebound with eight seconds left. After a timeout, he fed Daugherty for the winner. Peterson's drive with 40 seconds left had tied it 52-52.

It was a second straight upset for Penn State (20-6, 11-6), beaten 65-60 at Minnesota on Saturday.

**Minnesota 72, No. 19 Iowa 64**

Bobby Jackson scored a career-high 21 points and John Thomas added 15 as the Gophers (17-12, 9-8 Big Ten) kept alive their slim NCAA tournament hopes. Minnesota has won six of its last eight in the Big Ten. Iowa (21-8, 10-7) is virtually assured an NCAA berth.

# Petroplex softball teams start intercity 4-5A battles

By Stewart Doreen

Sports Writer

The Midland Lee softball team is playing the best ball of the season and Odessa High is not.

That should make for an interesting matchup as the two teams do battle at the Lee Softball Complex at 4:30 today in District 4-5A action. Midland High will travel to Odessa for its game with Odessa Permian.

Lee (13-7 for the season and 1-1 in district) has won six straight games including its last five at the Brownwood tournament. The Lady Rebels also made up for its opening 4-5A loss to Midland High with a 5-2 win over Abilene High. Midland Lee coach Perry Young likes how the team has come back.

"We're playing well right now," said Young. "We started hitting the ball well, playing good defense and pitching well."

"The Brownwood tournament was good for us. We are coming together as a team."

Even though this game looks lopsided on paper, as Odessa High comes into the game at 4-6 and 0-2, Lee is still not taking the Lady Bronchos lightly. Young knows there is talent on the OHS team and his players have to come to play.

"We need to win all of the games," said Young. "We can't look past Odessa High. If we play the ball we

can, we will be okay."

Taking the pitching rubber for the Rebels is junior Chrystal Smith who is 11-3 for the season. Smith has won her last six decisions.

At the plate, Lee is led by junior Adrian Nobles. The left hander is batting .544 with four home runs and 17 RBI. All are team highs. Junior Gracie Villa is batting .500 while sister Marcie Villa is second on RBI with 14. Other Lady Rebels above the .400 mark include Patricia Carrasco, Kim Murphy and Susanna Reed.

The Midland High softball team is in the middle of a slump, having posted a 6-6 record after a 6-1 start. This past weekend in Lubbock, the Lady Bulldogs won the games they should have but had trouble with district opponents like Abilene High and Odessa Permian.

Today's game will not get any easier as MHS will play Permian (11-2 and 1-0) for the fourth time this season. MHS is 1-2 versus the Lady Panthers and will need not only good outings from their pitching staff but also at the plate. Senior Jamee Stennett is leading the team with a .451 average, five doubles and one home run. Jeni Neatherlin is leading the team in RBI with 13 and batting .429.

# Barkley down on Republican candidates

PHOENIX — Charles Barkley, who has expressed interest in running for governor in his home state of Alabama as a Republican, isn't enthused at all about the GOP's slate of presidential candidates.

The field is so poor, the Phoenix Suns star said, he might end up voting for President Clinton.

"I wouldn't vote for any of these guys now," Barkley said Wednesday during the NBA's weekly telephone press conference.

Barkley said conservative commentator Pat Buchanan "represents the angry white male. The only problem with that is they're the ones who screwed this thing up in the first place."

Barkley said he preferred Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, who dropped out of the race recently, over front-runner Bob Dole.

# Magic Johnson talks about Jordan, Riley and Dream Team

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan finishing their NBA careers together? Johnson reunited in Miami with his former coach Pat Riley? Johnson back home in Michigan, playing for the Pistons?

Almost all things are possible, Johnson indicated in a far-ranging telephone conference call Wednesday.

The Los Angeles Lakers' star, making a comeback after 4 1/2 years of retirement, was most enthusiastic when asked if he'd like to team with Jordan. Both will be free agents after this season.

"It would be a blast to do that," Johnson said. "Making it our last contract, going into the sunset after that."

"Our agents talk more than we do during the season," Johnson said, adding that he and Jordan had talked about someday being teammates when they played pickup games in the summer during Johnson's retirement.

Asked about reports he might like to play for Riley's Miami Heat, Johnson said: "I want to stay in L.A. and I want to be here. If

that doesn't happen for some reason, I'll talk to Pat, or to Detroit, and we'll go on from there."

Johnson, who played with Jordan on the U.S. Olympic "Dream Team" in 1992, said Sunday he doesn't want to play in the Olympics this summer in Atlanta.

There are still two openings on the U.S. basketball team, and Johnson recommended Seattle's Shawn Kemp for one of them.

"I think Shawn Kemp really deserves to be on it," Johnson said. "I think he's improved every season. I think he's matured. We already know he's a great basketball player. Now he's become a leader."

Johnson said Sacramento's Mitch Richmond, Seattle's Gary Payton and Dallas' Jason Kidd also should receive strong consideration.

Johnson, who left the NBA after contracting the virus that causes AIDS, said his return to the league has been better than expected.

"Being out 4 1/2 years, I've probably surpassed what I thought," he said. "I look forward to being back next season."

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## Oil climbs as supplies hit 29-year low

■ Nation's gas pumps already reflect tight stock situation, which is expected to continue.

By Cliff Edwards  
Associated Press Writer

Crude oil futures surged above \$20 a barrel Wednesday as reports showed U.S. stockpiles have fallen to their lowest levels since 1977, when oil prices were doubling.

The tight stock situation already is being felt at the nation's gas pumps and is likely to continue, said analyst Tim Evans at Pegasus Econometric Group in New York.

"We're in a squeaky-tight stock situation," Evans said, "and consumers are going to feel it."

Crude's strength also boosted heating oil and unleaded gasoline.

West Texas Intermediate for April delivery rose 65 cents to \$20.19, the highest price for the contract since delivery since Feb. 20. Local crude purchasers raised their posted price 75 cents to \$18.75 a barrel.

The American Petroleum Institute reported late Tuesday that crude stocks fell 2.698 million barrels last week to 297.484 million — the lowest U.S. stockpile since mid-1977, when the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries nearly doubled the price of oil.

Most investors had expected stocks to rise 2 million barrels, and the difference topped previous contract highs "like dominoes," Evans said.

American oil refiners have been importing less oil this year and refining for deliveries just in time for use in a bid to cut storage costs.

The market shrugged off a report that OPEC had

increased output in February by 70,000 barrels a day to average 25.78 million barrels a day. The continuing threat of 700,000 barrels a day of Iraqi oil reaching the market under a U.N.-negotiated oil-for-food plan also caused barely a flicker of concern, said Prudential Securities analyst Bob Baker.

Heating oil futures rose on the strength of crude, on API figures that showed distillate stocks fell 2.455 million barrels and on continued cold weather in the Northeast.

Gasoline futures were pressured by increasing inventories but received a boost amid word Chevron shut a 30,000-barrel-a-day refining unit at its El Paso, Texas, plant.

April heating oil rose 1.22 cents to 54.22 cents a gallon; April unleaded gasoline rose .66 cent to 59.75 cents a gallon.

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#### OIL PRICES

**FUTURES**  
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Year Ago \$17.00

#### Dollar advances

NEW YORK — The dollar gained against leading currencies Wednesday and found strength against the German mark on news that suggested German interest rates may come down.

Against the Japanese yen, the dollar moved higher mostly on the momentum of recent advances.

The dollar was quoted at 105.40 yen, up from 105.25 yen late Tuesday. The dollar was changing hands at 1.4770 marks, up from 1.4758 marks.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.2005 Swiss francs, up from 1.1996; 5.0530 French francs, down from 5.0535; 1,559.50 Italian lire, up from 1,548; and 1.3684 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3720.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.5295, down from \$1.5300.

#### Stocks retreat

NEW YORK — The Dow industrials ended Wednesday's session lower after a day of sharp swings, but still managed to outperform bonds. Broad stock indexes ended mostly lower.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 12.65 to close at 5,629.77, failing to follow through on Tuesday's 42-point vault to a record 5,642.42.

Decliners ended with a very narrow lead on advancers on the New York Stock Exchange, after battling for control all day. Big-Board volume was strong at 428.10 million shares, slightly below Tuesday's pace.

Broad market indexes were mostly lower. The NYSE's composite index fell 1.27 to 349.48, the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 3.79 to 652.00, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 4.99 to 1,091.82.

But the American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 0.69 to 569.84.

#### Bank merger

WASHINGTON — Wells Fargo & Co., whose origins date back to the Gold Rush days, won final regulatory approval to acquire First Interstate Bancorp in a \$13.5 billion merger that will create the nation's seventh-largest bank.

The Federal Reserve's approval Wednesday had been expected after a similar approval by the Justice Department. California's banking superintendent also approved the deal.

Shareholder approval is still required, but no major objections have been raised and the banks are planning to complete their merger on April 1.

#### Company fined

MINNEAPOLIS — Piper Jaffray Inc., a century-old investment company, has been fined nearly \$2 million for failing to fully inform investors about the risks of a fund that lost nearly \$140 million.

Piper also agreed to spend \$1.7 million to improve its supervisory and compliance procedures.

#### Layoff statistics

NEW YORK — Layoff announcements in February fell markedly from the month before to end a two-month rise as the issue of corporate downsizing became a major issue in the presidential race, a monthly report says.

Despite the decline, the 33,830 layoffs announced last month remained 9 percent higher than a year ago, the Chicago outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc. reported Wednesday.

## Cyrix, EDS form venture to build PCs

RICHARDSON, Texas (AP) — Cyrix Corp., a designer of microprocessors for personal computers, said Wednesday it will assemble whole PCs in a joint venture with Electronic Data Systems Corp.

The arrangement initially will allow Cyrix to sell PCs containing its chips directly to EDS' customers, generally businesses that buy computers in large quantities. But it is also a key element in a program by Cyrix to increase awareness of its chips among the most elite buyers of PCs.

By focusing on sales to so-called "power users," Cyrix executives said they hope to eventually capture enough attention to cause big PC manufacturers to use more of their chips.

Because its market focus is narrow, Cyrix won't run a costly mass advertising campaign like Intel Corp., the biggest maker of microprocessors.

"Our goal is market share," said Steve Tobak, vice president of corporate marketing for Cyrix. "We're not expanding the market here. We're simply going to take a share of it."

Analyst Drew Peck said Cyrix's strategy is similar to what Micron Technologies Inc. has been able to do for its memory chips by building a brand name in PC design.

"Micron targets that high-end user with its PCs as well and that has helped them develop the whole EDO market," Peck said, referring to a design of memory chips that has taken grown in recent months.

By teaming with EDS, Cyrix has reduced the amount it will need to spend to start the PC-making operation.

EDS is one of the world's largest computer services firms, chiefly designing complex computers and networks and, in some cases, running them for businesses and government agencies. Since 1993, EDS has quietly operated its own PC assembly operation in suburban Dallas. It built 500,000 last year, putting it among the world's 20 largest PC makers.

Cyrix's chips are already a leading alternative to those of Intel and appear in PCs by Acer, AST, IBM and NEC. But the company's sales and profits fell last year as its stumbled bringing new chips out.

Cyrix began in 1989 as a maker of special chips that would perform math functions on a PC. It moved into the microprocessor business later, surviving lawsuits from Intel that charged it illegally copied its designs.

It scored a coup last month when its latest 6x86 133 MHz microprocessor outperformed the comparable chip by Intel in tests by PC Magazine. The chip is shipping in relatively low volumes now, about 150,000 to 200,000 units this quarter, but will exceed 1 million per quarter by the end of the year.

Intel has posed yet another challenge to Cyrix by designing chipsets, the cluster of chips that interact most directly with the microprocessor, and motherboards, the entire main circuit board of a PC, to work best with its chips. PC makers have gone along with Intel's strategy because it saves them development costs.



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## Aircraft order

This is a file photo of an Airbus Industries A330-200 jetliner. International Lease Finance Corp. has ordered 18 Boeing 777 jetliners and 38 of the Airbus jetliner for an order worth

\$6 billion retail and marking a rebound for large aircraft. International Lease plans to lease the jets to airlines.

## Productivity rose only modestly in 1995

WASHINGTON (AP) — Productivity, the key factor in how fast living standards can rise, grew only modestly in 1995, dimming hopes that two decades of American income stagnation could be coming to an end.

The Labor Department reported Wednesday that productivity — output per hour of work — rose 1.1 percent last year after even more modest gains of 0.5 percent in 1994 and 0.2 percent in 1993.

For the October-December quarter, productivity actually turned negative, declining at an annual rate of 0.5 percent as overall growth slowed dramatically.

The figures for the previous years were significantly lower than earlier estimates because the government has switched to a new way of measuring output to correct for biases in computing total output, known as the gross domestic product.

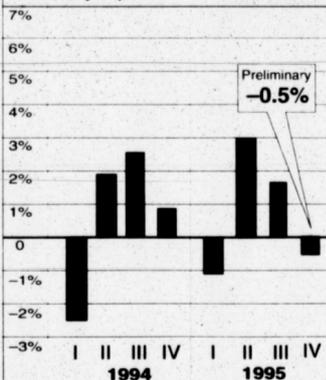
Under the new measurements, productivity growth has averaged 1 percent so far in the 1990s, slightly lower than the 1.25 percent average annual gains in the 1980s. Both decades stand far below the 3.3 percent average yearly increases in the 1960s.

Before the revisions, productivity appeared to be rising at an annual rate of 1.66 percent in the 1990s, leading some economists to hail a new productivity boom after two decades of weakness.

Small changes in productivity have a big impact on Americans' income levels.

### Productivity

Non-farm business productivity, percent change from previous quarter at annual rate, seasonally adjusted.



Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor

Higher productivity means workers are producing more products more efficiently, thus providing room for their salaries to grow.

The productivity gains of the 1950s and

1960s were what fueled the boom in wages and living standards during that period. And the meager increases in productivity since 1973 have been reflected in the fact that average hourly earnings, after adjusting for inflation, are lower now than they were in 1973.

Some analysts said Wednesday's report showed that forecasts of a productivity boom and rising wages were unfounded.

"We don't have a productivity boom. That just wasn't happening," said David Wyss, chief financial economist at DRI-McGraw Hill Inc.

Other analysts argued, however, that the government's overhauled statistics are still missing significant productivity growth in the service sector, which now accounts for 80 percent of the work force.

They noted that the wave of corporate layoffs in recent years should have boosted productivity as well as corporate profits, which have been rising sharply. And they said well-behaved inflation despite low unemployment reflected strength in productivity.

"I am suspicious of these numbers, but at the same time I don't think we were ever close to getting back to the productivity gains we enjoyed in the 1960s and 1950s given that our investment rate has been falling and we don't dominate the global economy any more," said Lawrence Chimerine, chief economist at the Economic Strategy Institute in Washington.

### INVESTOR'S GUIDE

## Discount brokerages vary widely in services offered

By Bill Doyle

Q: During 1993, I thought about buying some stocks. I didn't, because I didn't have a stockbroker. I phoned a discount brokerage firm and received an application, but I didn't open an account. Now, I am close to opening an account with a different discount brokerage.



Doyle

How does one learn about the safety of using discount brokerage firms and the professional advice received from them?

A: All brokerage firms are equal as far as safety — more correctly termed "degree of risk" — is concerned. Every brokerage doing business with the public is required to be a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corp. The SIPC, founded by act of Congress in 1970, reimburses investors if the brokerage with which they have an account goes bankrupt.

The SIPC coverage is \$500,000 for each investor, including no more than \$100,000 in cash. Also, most brokerages have additional coverage from private insurers running into several million dollars per account. Ask about that before opening your account.

Every time I mention the SIPC, I must stress that it does not provide a guarantee against all loss. It does not protect customers against losses resulting from fluctuations in security prices. A stock, bond or anything else can fall — or, hopefully, rise — in value no matter what broker you use.

The "professional advice" you get — some good, some so-so and some outright bad — varies among all types of brokers.

The generally longer-established and better-known full-service brokerages provide personal consultations, research reports and investment advice on what securities to buy or sell.

A few discounters do the same thing, charge commissions slightly lower than the full-service firms and promote themselves as full-service discount brokers.

Past that, there are a wide variety of discount firms, ranging from those providing a moderate amount of personal service to deep discounters who offer no personal service at all and simply execute buy and sell orders.

Wise investors find out what services brokerages provide before doing any buying or selling.

Q: I recently obtained my grandfather's papers. Among them, I found stock certificates for two companies whose names I had never heard. One certificate is dated May 4, 1908; the other May 12, 1930.

I'm told there is an organization that will research the value of old stock certificates and take a percentage of their value for the service.

How can I locate that organization? A: There are a number of outfits that trace old securities on that contingency-fee basis. But, because of horror stories about them, my advice is to steer clear of them.

My favorite source for tracing old stocks and bonds continues to be R.M. Smythe & Co., 26 Broadway, New York, NY 10004. Smythe charges \$75

for each company whose securities it researches.

Q: After a dispute with a broker, I closed my account. He was holding for me 100 shares of stock, which he declared worthless. When I asked for the certificate, he said he had gotten rid of it.

I found out there was a quote for the stock at \$2 per share and sometimes a little more. How can I complain about my right to that certificate? It's not worth that much, but I didn't ask the broker to get rid of it. And he absolutely refuses to do anything about it.

A: Take your gripe to arbitration proceedings conducted by the National Association of Securities Dealers. The NASD handles the majority of disputes between brokers and their customers.

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In London:

# Blueblood meets hot blood

By Amy M. Spindler  
N.Y. Times News Service

LONDON — The Gothic church that was the site for the Alexander McQueen show March 1, the close of the London fashion collections, has a vaulted foyer.

Yet it almost seemed Isabella Blow, the stylist, would have to bend her head to get her far-ranging feathered Philip Treacy hat through it.

Ms. Blow was the only one dashing out of Christchurch Spitalfields, while every fashion rat in London was pushing in out of the rain. She had met with McQueen before his collection, which was dedicated to her somewhat Victorian English eccentric style, and her fluty voice called back to the tenders of McQueen's door: "I'm going out to have a drink. Bryan Ferry is waiting for me."

**O**f all the stories on London runways, there is none so fascinating as the symbolic courtship between class and commoner. If the return-to-glamour movement made women look like tramps, and the conservative backlash that followed made them look upper crust, this season brought the two together.

Ms. Blow has reason to celebrate. She is not a designer, yet she certainly was the key to the two strongest shows in London this season, McQueen's and Treacy's collections.

"I discovered Alexander and Philip, and I styled Philip's show," Ms. Blow said. "The mixture of those two things means it was very much my style."

**HER RELATIONSHIP** of muse to McQueen is not unlike that of Amanda Harlech to John Galiano, aristocracy firing the embers of artistic working-class hearts.

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The look is of a blueblood girl trying to break some rules, with English classic tailoring given a tarty twist: fishnet hose, a tattered lace top, a sheer skirt with underwear showing through.

The movement has much to do with the influential McQueen and is a little like experiencing Vivienne Westwood's fashion history all at once, punk and Victorianism combined.

If there is any doubt that lewd is in the air, Joseph Corre, the son of Ms. Westwood and Malcolm McLaren, is proof, running the most successful shop in London, a bordello-tinged lingerie store called Agent Provocateur. He pro-

vided the sparkly spandex underwear seen through the ornate lace dresses by Antonio Berardi and McQueen at Treacy's hat show.

Berardi's dresses, in keeping with the season's peculiar juxtapositions, were handmade on a loom by Julian Macdonald, a Welsh miner's son still in school, who has just been hired by Chanel to make knits.

**BLUEBLOOD AND HOT** blood mingled on the runways. It is no coincidence that the star models of these shows were two aristocrats, whose carriage gives credibility to some pretty sleazy clothes: Honor Fraser, and Iris Palmer (who has been described as a cross between the model Stella Tennant, her cousin, and Guinevere).

McQueen, who will show a collection in New York at a disused synagogue on Norfolk Street at the end of the month, brought the excitement, edge and theatrics he is known for but added a wonderful fourth element for the first time: maturity.

**WITH CANDLES PERCHED** along the pillars of the weathered church where his ancestors were christened, and a skeleton seated in the front row, there was a macabre mood, even for McQueen. His staff spun tales about Christchurch for the audience as it was being seated: victims of the Black Death were buried beneath it, and their ghosts wander the catacombs; the architect was a Satan worshiper.

Then McQueen added his own story line. Choral music turned into a menacing pulse. The stained-glass window at the back of the church blazed brightly, then went black.

Male models dressed as gang youths skulked out and stood at the ends of the cross-shape runway to leer at the women as they emerged from an archway of roses, some wearing bird claws as earrings, metal thorns seeming to protrude from their faces, others in masks decorated with crucifixes, or antlers or single horns for hats, hair in a long mottled knot.

The clothes were as fantastical: gray wool dresses with jagged pieces of nude chiffon, skirts that unbuttoned in a spiral, lean trousers slit up the back or with wide buttoned cuffs, torn lace shirts beneath perfectly tailored jackets, military jackets with ornate brocade, cut velvet skirts with long trains and Victorian jackets, a sheer top with spattered beading and brocade trousers.

The collection was spiked with soft lavender colors, and everything was worn with sedate Victorian shoes. When McQueen received his ovation and two bouquets, he gave one to his Mum, and one to Ms. Blow. In the past, the lewdness of McQueen's fantasies has limited the appeal of his inventive designs. This collection could be enjoyed by all.

**WHAT IS MOST** astounding about Treacy's hats is that they aren't quite hats at all, which is what earned him a standing ovation for his show rife with Victorian hauteur.

"He's like a cosmetic surgeon for your face," said Ms. Blow, who in cowboy fashion seems to remove her hat only while sleeping. "Your face has a different personality for each one you're wearing."

Treacy's work astonished: a hat that closed like an oyster with the face as a pearl, an entire pheasant perched on a head, a python that writhed around the neck, a citron mask of feathers, a hat that swathed the head and unzipped at the eye.

Berardi's dresses were stars of Treacy's show, and his own collection was as winning and sweet. An Italian (he took his bow in a "Sicilians Are Sensational" shirt), he dedicated his show to "the English rose seen through the eye of an immigrant."

He played out the theme well: green melton suits with bright piping emphasizing the cut; tiny Victorian buttoned-up dresses, some with a swag of chiffon across the chest; bright yellow dresses with sweet flowers. Best were soft tweed jackets with bowed pockets over boy's cropped trousers and cropped shirts.

It was also a season when many of the young London designers who have struggled for international recognition proved their mettle.

Owen Gaster offered a whimsical take on the English eccentric, with colors that looked plucked from a ragbag, and the pretty pieced jackets and shirts he has been perfecting. Hussein Chalayan's techno prints became graphic Art Deco patterns on slip dresses and shirts.

**'He's like a cosmetic surgeon for your face. Your face has a different personality for each one you're wearing.'**

— Isabella Blow, stylist, speaking about Philip Treacy's millinery collection show during London Fashion Week

Bella Freud's teases vamped in the best example of traditional English dress gone tarty, like a prim gray wool suit with a saucy ruffle around the skirt, worn with fishnet tights. Clements Ribeiro, the design team of Suzanne Clements and Inacio Ribeiro, is emerging as the best duo in London, with jewel-tone paisley jackets with Tibetan lamb trim, striped cashmere sweaters in candy colors and cool kaleidoscopic graphic ones.

**IF McQUEEN'S SHOW** closed the season with the danger and drama London is known for, another young designer, Roland Mouret, provided the right opener last Tuesday night in his collection called People Corporation. Mouret staged his show in an underground club he owns, called Freedom, rife with the stench of cigarettes and bad beer.

His show was dedicated to Agent Provocateur (a punk band capitalizing on the Vivienne-McLaren connection in the name of the hip lingerie store), and it was the cool cheap-chic version of what was everywhere: lace tops printed in turquoise on teal, lace stockings matching sexy lace skirts, lean fake-leather jackets to give it edge.

It seems when designers graduate from England to more rarefied places, edge is what they lose. It is worth coming to London to find it.

# Bright brigade is marching in for spring fashions

By Barbara De Witt  
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Technical trends are just around the corner.

If that makes you want to use the B-words (black or beige), don't worry; you'll still find plenty of neutrals on the racks. This spring, think of those basics as backdrops for the new, color-crazy designs that are spare of line but loaded with chroma.

International fashion trend reporter Marylou Luther calls it a dynamite season with an explosion of color, and she says the color is intensified by natural fabrics such as satin and shantung silk, as well as that old '70s fave, polyester.

Even Rei Kawakubo of Comme des Garçons, high priestess of the black fashion statement, is designing in color. She calls her collection a rainbow revolution filled with positive energy that since has overflowed into other European design houses as well, from Valentino to Gaultier.

Not quite ready for a skintight aqua suit with zip-up jacket, or for a neon yellow hip-hugging rubber sarong with matching bra top?

Take Chanel's idea instead, all-American khakis with a nubby pink jacket and snappy black-and-white shoes. Another colorful option is a classic white sheath with purple sandals and a lime green purse.

And never underestimate the graphic power of black-and-white, especially with a pair of red-patent pumps and sunglasses.

We're talking over-the-top color for spring, with an emphasis on bold monochromatic statements. But juicy fruit-punch shades like orange and lime to be mixed and matched are equally hot. Hey, there are even pastels like peach and lilac this season, so nobody has to be a wallflower.

The clothes are young at heart, often designed for thin thighs and firm abs, well-stocked in junior

stores such as Rampage, Wet Seal, Contempo Casuals and Express. But the big-league designers have gone over the rainbow, too.

For example, Ralph Lauren, long known for conservative classics such as crested navy blue blazers, has joined the bright brigade with orange leather jeans and an assortment of slinky evening gowns cut on the bias in lime, lilac, aqua and watermelon.

**RAINBOW LOVERS** such as Todd Oldham and Isaac Mizrahi have always played with crayons, but never like this. Oldham's new collection includes a paint-chip patchwork of color that probably will inspire knock-offs by summer, while Mizrahi is thinking purity of color and line in raw silks with matching jackets for his new lower-priced Isc collection, which debuts Saturday at Saks Fifth Avenue in Beverly Hills.

Calvin Klein continues to reign as the king of minimalism, but even Klein has tweaked his slim, satin Jackie-O designs with more color and added shoes and handbags to match. Anne Klein II, which is back in department stores after a short hiatus, has a juicy green and lilac salute to Katharine Hepburn with classy trousers and loose, belted jackets. And not to be missed are the company's new line of shoes, including red-patent sandals with wedge heels like those worn in the '40s and '70s.

Bright white shoes and bags tried sneaking into the fashion picture last spring but never made it. This year, you'll feel more comfortable in them, especially if the shoe's a loafer with a metal harness trim and the bag has a bamboo handle.

All of this color will overwhelm those dainty jewels you wore last year, so start thinking big and chunky when you're looking at costume jewelry. It's not supposed to look real, and it's most likely going to be silver instead of gold.

DEAR ABBY

## Man stays married for money, not love

By Abigail Van Buren

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 44 and have been divorced for two years. I recently met a very attractive man, who has been unhappily married for 25 years. The only reason he is not divorced is money — it would break him.



Van Buren

I went to bed with him on our first date, and it was wonderful for both of us. After that we saw each other almost every night for two months. Then he said we were getting "too close," and suggested that we end our relationship and just be "friends."

I explained that I was in love with him and couldn't be his "friend." I know he has feelings for me, but he's too stubborn to admit it.

I have not been with any other men since I met him. I've called him a few times, and can tell by his voice that he still cares for me. I asked him if he still loves me and he said, "It doesn't matter — we just can't see each other anymore."

Abby, why is money more important than his true feelings? He is in his 50s and has everything a man could want, but he doesn't have the love I'm offering him. What should I do? — **CONFUSED AND HURTING**

**DEAR CONFUSED AND HURTING:** Keep looking for a man who's available. Not every man is willing to sacrifice everything for "love." This one may care about you — but he cares more about the assets he's accumulated and is unwilling to divide them to pursue a future with you.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have had enough of the letters from people who ask you to fight their battles for them. I am referring to those who ask you to print a column on what not to say to overweight people, what not to say to a recent widow or widower, and what to say (or not say) to a childless couple, etc.

Abby, your advice to them should be to tell people exactly how they feel instead of waiting for you to tell them.

When my beautiful 5-year-old daughter lost all her hair when she

had chemotherapy for cancer, I didn't write to Abby and ask her to tell people to be more sensitive to those who suffer from cancer.

I politely told people my daughter was recovering from cancer. When she was confined to a wheelchair, we took her to the mall to window-shop and ignored those who stared and asked questions.

And by the way, I think "Sympathetic in Seattle's" sister-in-law should be more sympathetic to those of us who have lost a child. I hope she'll never know firsthand what a terrible comparison she makes insisting that failure to conceive a child is the same as losing a child in death. I respect the fact that she's disappointed and upset, but she's comparing a paper cut to a gunshot wound.

Believe me, if I ever heard her say that, I'd tell her that to her face and not wait for Abigail Van Buren to write it in her column. — **PEEVED IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**DEAR ABBY:** I just returned from the post office after mailing a letter to my aunt in New Zealand. While there, I thanked the two women who work for the postal system. I told them that it never ceases to amaze me how a letter can get across this vast country of ours in one or two days. I thanked them for a postal service that is unmatched by any country in the world. I cannot get letters to France in a timely manner. I pray over letters to Milan, Italy, and Cairo, Egypt.

Most Americans have no idea what it's like to deal with a postal service that is slow and unpredictable. Excuses can be invented to confiscate one's mail in another country — or you may get your mail, but with a few items missing.

Everyone in the U.S.A. should thank our hard workers for doing a grand job. In fact, I think we should designate the day after Christmas as "Thank Your Postal

Worker Day."

These men and women work and move like highly trained soldiers in combat. So please be nice to them and say, "Thank you for a job well done." Because it is my real name, you may sign me ... **LIGHTFOOT IN SAN DIEGO**

**DEAR LIGHTFOOT:** Speaking as one who receives bushels of mail daily — I couldn't agree more!

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# FASHION

Dear Abby/9C



For the first time in years, London has launched the European fashion season. Left: A model shows a black mini skirt, a checked top with matching jacket (carried) and a black hat during the Tomasz Starzewski show as a part of London Fashion Week at the Natural History Museum Feb. 29. Above: Philip Treacy presented his millinery collection in London, including a creation resembling a coil of barbed wire made from plaited straw and small feathers, a creation of green and red feathers with purple netting and a black creation of netting and feathers.

## LONDON BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT



A model wears a leather jacket and patterned shirt (above left) along with earrings and a slicked-back pompadour at the "Red or Dead" fashion house show at the Royal Horticulture Hall, while at a different show, a model shows a sheer overcoat designed by Betty Jackson (above right). Both were a part of London Fashion Week.



A low-cut one-piece leather outfit from the "Red or Dead" fashion collection (above) is modeled on the catwalk at the Royal Horticulture Hall in London Feb. 29 as a part of London Fashion Week.



A model wears a brown patterned gown with feathers on the cuffs (above) during the Tomasz Starzewski show taking place as a part of London Fashion Week at the Natural History Museum Feb. 29.

Model Helena Christensen wears a one-piece brown shorts outfit with hat at the Tomasz Starzewski fashion house show at the National History Museum in London Feb. 29 as a part of London Fashion Week.

LONDON FASHION WEEK

FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS:

### London launches European fashion season

By Edith M. Lederer

LONDON (AP) — The city that invented the miniskirt is out of the fashion doldrums and back in the spotlight.

For the first time in years, London has launched the European fashion season, featuring a host of hot young hopefuls and a big-name designer who's back from Paris.

"I think that we are full of very innovative young designers who are causing waves of excitement," said Annette Worsley-Taylor, consultant to London Fashion Week. "It's a cyclical thing. At the moment, it's London's turn."

London has always been Europe's third fashion center, behind Paris and Milan. Only two years ago, it held just 18 shows and canceled the parallel fashion exhibition.

This year, fashion glitterati can feast on 29 shows and 135 exhibitions before moving to Milan on Saturday.

The big fashion news is that John Rocha, Britain's Designer of the Year in 1993, is showing in London again after three seasons in Paris — and his autumn and winter collection, called "Love Comes To Town," is innovative and stunning.

Born in Hong Kong and of Chinese and Portuguese descent, Rocha has lived and worked in Dublin for 16 years. He had some success in Paris, but he said he "always loved the energy and atmosphere" of London Fashion Week — and with its prestige growing, he decided to return.

A master mixer, Rocha blends different textures and fabrics. He topped long, lean skirts with jersey shirts and hand-painted knits. Stretch pin-stripe pants were worn with laminated lace tops and shapely khaki army jackets with wide trousers.

Rocha joins Katharine Hamnett, another former Designer of the Year who returned from Milan in 1995, at the top of London's list of fashion stars. She described her fall collection as "wantable, wearable clothes" that women search for and rarely find — like a simple, bias-cut gray flannel dress.

But much of the focus this week is on London's new talent.

"I think everyone is looking for the new Galliano," Worsley-Taylor said, referring to John Galliano, one of the few British designers to become a star on the Paris fashion scene.

Marks and Spencer, the British department store chain, is sponsoring catwalk shows for three New Generation young designers — and provided exhibition space for nine other hopefuls.

A model displays a tailored shirt with contrasting man's shirt and tie (right) at the Caroline Charles show during London's Fashion Week. The outfit is completed with a pearl belt.

Inset above, wool jacket and leopard skin pants designed by Irish designer Paul Costelloe during London's Fashion Week March 1.



At the spring shows, the buzz was out that Antonio Berardi, a 27-year-old former assistant to Galliano, was one of the names to watch.

His second catwalk show Wednesday showed off his design talent, with sharp and nippy tailored shapes and sexy high-necked catsuits trimmed in yellow. Short yellow taffeta dresses had strategically placed slits, some with huge roses and flyaway panels.

Another young designer, Owen Gaster, showed a racy collection featuring neon-colored slip dresses, cellophane-look shirts, and metal piping accents.

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Recovering Cigar gallops 1 1/2 Miles**

HALLANDALE, Fla. — Cigar took another step in his recovery from a bruised foot Wednesday, galloping 1 1/2 miles in a workout at Gulfstream Park.

The injury forced trainer Bill Mott to cancel Cigar's scheduled trip to California for the Santa Anita Handicap last Saturday. Next on his schedule is the \$4 million World Cup in Dubai on March 27.

"We've gotten through another day without any problems," said Ralph Nicks, assistant to Mott. "We're that much closer to getting to Dubai. If he's able to breeze Saturday, we'll be on schedule. If he doesn't, it could change the picture."

To make the race, Cigar would have to leave Gulfstream by March 16.

A stone bruise was discovered in Cigar's right foot shortly after he won the Donn Handicap at Gulfstream on Feb. 10. It was his 13th consecutive victory.

He has reacted well to galloping with a protective patch and bar shoe on the injured hoof.

**Texas swimming coach mulls Florida offer**

AUSTIN — Texas men's swimming coach Eddie Reese is a candidate to take over the men's and women's swimming programs at Florida, his agent said.

Florida has asked permission to talk to Reese, agent Bill Stapleton said Tuesday.

"He'd be crazy not to listen," Stapleton said. "And he's got a bunch of people telling him that."

Reese has coached Texas to five NCAA championships and 17 straight Southwest Conference championships since joining the school in 1979. He was the head coach of the U.S. Olympic team in 1992 and will be an assistant at this summer's games.

**Nastase wants to be mayor of Bucharest**

BUCHAREST, Romania — When Ilie Nastase looks at this city, he sees a place so dispirited that even the trees look sad. Home from 30 years on the road, the former tennis ace is running for mayor, hoping he can put a smile on people's faces.

The player known as "Nasty" was banned twice in three years from the Davis Cup, once in 1977 for

striking another player with his racket and using foul language, the second time for swearing at the crowd and the match referee.

But he charmed as often as he antagonized. He won adoring fans with his flamboyant on-court antics during a career that led to a No. 1 world ranking in 1973.

Wooing Bucharest inhabitants will be as tough a contest as any he faced on the tennis courts. He feels Romanians have no idea what democracy is and that the local press is giving him a rough ride.

Local elections are scheduled some time in late April or early May. Nastase, 49, plans to spend around \$600,000 on his campaign — likely much more than the other two candidates.

Surrounded by soft sofas, family photographs, chunky candles, colorful rugs and other trappings of the well-off, he and his spacious villa in an upscale neighborhood are worlds away from the real Bucharest of potholes, inadequate utilities and soulless communist-era apartments.

Nastase, his slight paunch the only concession to age and a more sedentary life style, seems stronger on generalities than specific campaign promises.

**Tyson, Bruno are no-shows for press conference**

LOS ANGELES — Mike Tyson and Frank Bruno didn't come out of their corners for a scheduled news conference, so boxing promoter Don King was left to pound the heavy bag on behalf of their March 16 heavyweight title fight.

King said he sees a direct correlation between the comebacks of Tyson, who was jailed on a rape conviction, and another former protege, Muhammad Ali.

Ali, stripped of his heavyweight title for dodging the draft and sitting out the Vietnam War because of his religious beliefs, fought a couple of tuneups before taking on Joe Frazier at Madison Square Garden in the first of their three epic bouts.

Actually, it will be in Las Vegas March 16 at the MGM Grand. The bout is Tyson's first title fight since February 11, 1990, when James "Buster" Douglas knocked him out in the 10th round. It's the third fight since his release from prison on March 25. He tuned up for it by dispatching Peter McNeely in 89 seconds and Buster Mathis Jr., in the third round.

Bruno will be defending his WBC title against Tyson, who defeated Bruno in 1989.

Compiled from Associated Press Reports.

**NFL to keep New York address**

■ The headquarters of the National Football League is staying in the Big Apple for 16 more years.

NEW YORK (AP) — NFL franchises may come and go these days, but the league's headquarters will be staying right where it is.

The league has signed a contract that will keep its offices in New York City for 16 more years.

abue, speaking at a City Hall news conference, said Wednesday the league had considered moving to New Jersey, Connecticut or the central United States, but decided, "New York was still the place to be."

"The league recognized the value of having a New York City address," said Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, adding the decision will save 360 jobs.

The NFL has been located in New York since 1960. The city is also headquarters for the NBA, NHL and the American and

National baseball leagues. Tagliabue said the NFL will move to another building a few blocks away in midtown Manhattan. The offices will house the commissioner's staff as well as NFL Properties, NFL Films, NFL Enterprises and NFL Charities.

"Staying in New York, we are able to service our clubs, to service our fans in an extraordinary way through close relationships with television networks, the advertising community, the retailing community and the print media and publishing," Tagliabue said.

**Troubled Sun Bowl game loses director**

■ El Paso's annual football tradition will have to go on without executive director Tim Starr.

**The Associated Press**

EL PASO — The Sun Bowl, fast approaching a pivotal point in attempts to stay alive, will now have to continue efforts to land a sponsor without the director who guided the game through recent turbulent years.

Sun Bowl Association executive director Tom Starr said Wednesday he is resigning. Although there are no plans to replace him anytime soon, bowl officials quickly sought to derail speculation the game is on its last legs.

"I think probably more has been read into this than there really is," said Starr, who cited personal reasons for stepping down.

Association president Joyce Feinberg has volunteered to act as executive director during what is expected to be a critical time for the financially troubled postseason college football game.

Association officials say they must find a new revenue source within the next few months, possibly as early as June, or the game may not be played again.

The Sun Bowl has been without a title sponsor since John Hancock Financial Services, a Boston-based insurance company, pulled out in 1993 to begin pumping its sponsorship dollars into the Olympics.

The game survived in 1994 with the help of a one-time \$600,000 contribution from the city of El Paso. Private sector donations helped cover the cost of the 1995 game and participating teams also agreed to take lower payouts.

However, Feinberg said she doesn't know if the game can continue this year without a sponsor. "I don't see how," she said. "I'm not saying it can't be done."

Feinberg said the Sun Bowl Association currently has enough money to pay last year's teams, Iowa and Washington, by the NCAA's April 1 deadline and enough to continue operating for the next few months.

Future monies will be generated from ticket sales, which cannot proceed without early assurances that a game will be played.

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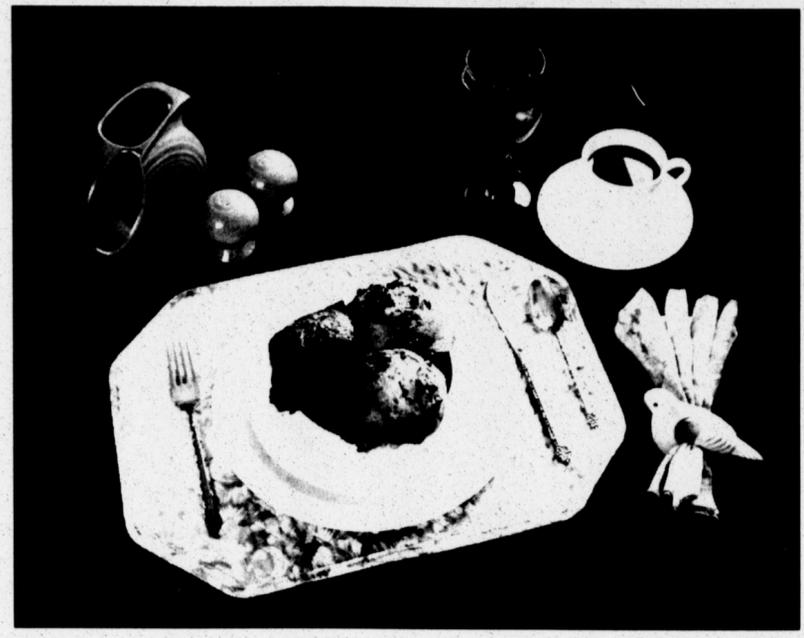
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## WEST TEXAS SPORTS

### Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Baseball Booster Club meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library. Call 684-8765 for more information.

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the conference room A at the high school.

The Midland Lee Softball Booster Club will meet the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Lee cafeteria. Call Mike Pirmeaux at 689-6142 for more information.

The Midland High Baseball Booster Club will meet March 21 at 7 p.m. in Conference Room A at Midland High.

### Swimming...

City of Midland Aquatics is offering water aerobics classes at 6:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Call 684-7755 for more information. It has also added an evening preschool gymnastics class. The class will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:15. The cost of the class is \$30 per child per month. For more information, call Tassy Miller at 684-7755.

Classes are going on at the COM Aquatics Center. Children are grouped by age and ability with a maximum of four students per instructor. For more information, please call Marian at 684-7755.

COM Spring Break Sports Camp is March 11-15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Includes swimming, diving, tumbling and other organized sports. For more information call Tassy at 684-7755.

### Bowling...

Join the fun of Color Pin Bowl at Midland Park Lanes every Saturday at 7 p.m. Call and make your reservations at 689-9725 or 520-2695. It also has room left for active seniors 55 and over for bowling on Mondays at 10 a.m. Call Jackie Waters at 689-9725 for more information.

### Basketball...

The Pacesetter Hoops Classic is March 8-9 at the Sweetwater High School Gymnasium. The classic is an open recreational intramural league full-court tournament with a \$125 entry fee. For more information call Ross Amos at (915) 235-5101.

### Baseball...

There will be a two-day Little League Baseball Umpire clinic March 23 at the Lee Youth Center (rules) at 2 p.m. and March 24 at Mid-Cities Park (mechanics) at 1 p.m. Cost is \$10. Call John Arthur at 684-6664 (day) or 684-1346 (evening).

### Football...

Loop High School needs a six-man game Oct. 4. Please call Jaquin Rodriguez at (806) 487-6411 or (806) 487-6436.

### Softball...

Permian Basin ASA Umpires Association is in process of recruiting umpires for upcoming Midland Softball Association spring and summer seasons. Call Howard King 684-7595 before April 1. The organization is also sponsoring a tournament March 22-24 at the Bill Williams Complex. Entry deadline is March 20. The tournament will consist of men's and women's slow pitch with ASA Class C rules applying. It is a double-elimination tournament with teams hitting ASA Restricted Flight Balls and all teams must be ASA registered. For more information, call Bontia Clark at 683-8741 or Howard King at 684-7595.

The Midland Central, Alamo and Northeast YMCAs are taking registration for youth softball programs for kindergarten through sixth grades. For more information call 682-2551.

The Odessa High Choir's annual Men's Softball Tournament for Class C-Under on March 30-31 at the UTPB Complex in Odessa. Entry fee is \$110. Entry deadline is March 28. Call Fred Vestal at 550-8121 or Suzanne Medlen at 366-0346.

The Midland Softball Association's annual Umpire's Tournament is March 22-24 at the Bill Williams Softball Complex for Men Class A and C, and Women. Entry fee is \$110. Deadline is March 19 at 7 p.m. Call Mike Allen at 1-806-797-0073 for more information.

March Madness Softball Tournament is March 9-10 at Lubbock's McKenzie Park. Men's medium two home runs and low D no homers divisions. Entry fee is \$110. Deadline is March 7 at 7 p.m. Call Mike Allen at 1-806-797-0073 for more information.

The Midland Association for Bilingual Education will hold its Class B Softball Tournament April 12-14. Call 682-5095 or 682-0819 for information.

The 11th annual Merchants Classic is March 15-17 in Andrews. Entry fee is \$125 per team and March 13 is entry deadline. Call James Senger at 915-523-4564 or 448-1892 for more information.

Early Bird Softball Tournament is March 16-17 at Hidalgo Park. Entry fee is \$110. Entry deadline is March 14. Call 697-8167 or 570-1612 for information.

### Soccer...

Manu Sanon Intermediate and Advance Soccer Camp is taking early registration for session in June 3, 10-17 and July 8-12. For information call Sanon at 685-1018.

### Fishing & Hunting...

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The Midland-Odessa Rugby Club is now practicing Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at East Side Park (Culbert and Fairgrounds). No experience necessary. Call 682-7718 in Midland or 550-0607 in Odessa for more information.

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### Golf...

A Hogan Park two-person scramble is March 9 for a \$30 per person fee plus green fee and cart. Limited to first 40 paid teams. Entry deadline March 6 at 6 p.m. Players put together their own teams with handicaps within six strokes of each other.

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The Hogan Park Women's Golf Association will meet March 7 at 8:30 a.m. in the clubhouse. For more information call Leslie at 689-0156.

The West Texas USTA Senior Open Circuit will host a USTA sanctioned tournament March 30-31 at the Midland College Tennis Center. Entry fee is \$16 for singles and \$30 for doubles. For more information, call David Hester at (806) 744-7839.

A Junior Traveling Team is being formed by the Midland College Tennis Center for events in June and July. For more information, call 683-5360 or 687-4046.

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# Dallas Kimball, Eules Trinity could be on course for rematch

## The Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Dallas Kimball coach Goree Johnson says he might have treated his season-ending game against Eules Trinity differently if he'd known they could be facing one another again in the state championship game.

"We thought our game against Eules Trinity was a warm-up," Johnson said of Trinity's 89-83 victory over Kimball last month. "We didn't know it would be kind of a regular game against them."

Things will be different if they meet again.

Each is a Class 5A state semifinalist in the University Interscholastic League tournament, and each is one game away from a rematch in the title game.

The tournament's semifinal games will take place Thursday and Friday at the Frank Erwin Center. All five championships will be played Saturday.

In their regular season game, Kimball's outstanding forward combination of Richard Evans and Patrick Gusters combined for just five points in limited playing time.

"Our attitude wasn't real good, because I was trying to play everybody," Johnson said. "Trinity may

use that as a selling point for their team as a confidence builder."

The only other team to defeat Kimball (36-2) this season was Dallas Carter, but Kimball returned the favor three times, including a 92-66 Region II finals victory last weekend.

Kimball plays San Antonio Jay (26-10) Friday night in a semifinal. Trinity (30-3) probably has a tougher challenge in Humble (30-5), which made its first-ever tournament on a buzzer-beating 3-pointer by Darrell Perkins in a 67-65 victory over Alief Hastings.

Johnson insists he isn't looking past Jay, but said his team has a greater goal in mind.

"This team sort of went on a mission (after losing to Plano in the area round last year)," said Johnson, whose team has won four invitational tournaments this season. "They told me, 'We're going to come back in the fall and win five tournaments.'"

Kimball last won a title in 1990. That team was led by Jason Sasser, who has developed into one of the nation's best college players at Texas Tech.

The Class A semifinals tip off the action Thursday morning when Avinger (25-6), the only returnee from last season's field, plays

## UIL Roundup

Nazareth (28-6). The winner of that game will play either Anderson-Shiro (34-3) or Roby (25-6) following their semifinal.

Thursday's matinee features 3A power Graham (32-4) against Commerce, which at 19-11 has the fewer wins and more losses than any of the 20 state-bound teams. Sinton (31-5) plays Hempstead (26-7) in the other semifinal.

A battle between a tournament veteran and a total newcomer will highlight each of the 4A semifinals Thursday night. Pampa (31-3) is making its 12th trip to state while opponent Round Rock McNeil (31-5) is just in its fourth year as a high school.

In the other 4A game, late-1980s power Dallas Madison (25-6) returns to play Santa Fe (33-5), the Houston-area school making the most of its first playoff foray.

Krum (35-1) takes the field's best record into the school's 14th state tournament appearance — and fifth in six years — against Haskell (28-6) Friday morning in 2A. Vanderbilt Industrial (24-5) and Winnie East Chambers (24-8) face off in the other game.

# Sun shines bright on Kentucky in SEC tourney

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Officially it's called the Southeastern Conference tournament. In reality, it's expected to be the Kentucky Invitational.

After stomping the league during the season, the No. 1 Wildcats are not expected to have their 25-game winning streak endangered in this week's rematches.

"Kentucky is the best team in our league," said Tennessee coach Kevin O'Neill. "Never say never, but I think they will be hard to beat. I wouldn't take my life savings, my house and my 9-year-old, who I love dearly, and bet against them."

Kentucky (26-1, 16-0 SEC) didn't participate in the conference tourney in 1990 and 1991 because of NCAA probation, but has won the last four tournaments. In addition to the longest winning streak in the nation, the Wildcats are the first team since Alabama in 1956 to go undefeated in the SEC.

So who has the best chance of upsetting Kentucky? "Their second team," South Carolina coach Eddie Fogler said.

During the season Kentucky beat SEC opponents by an average of 24 points. The Wildcats lead the nation in scoring margin (23.5), rank third in scoring and are tied for 11th in field goal percentage (49 percent).

"Kentucky has dominated everybody it has played," said Vanderbilt coach Jan van Breda Kolff. "Kentucky is a much better club now than at the beginning of the season. They have gotten better and are peaking at the right time."

Over the years, Kentucky has dominated SEC teams. Against Alabama, Kentucky has won 87 of 97 games. The Wildcats are 8-4 against Arkansas, one of the top teams in the nation since joining the SEC in 1992. They lead Auburn 68-16, Georgia 88-17, Florida 69-20, LSU 67-20, Mississippi 82-8, Mississippi State 73-15, South Carolina 17-2, Tennessee 122-58 and Vanderbilt 112-35.

Kentucky coach Rick Pitino admits the tournament is a final tuneup for the NCAA tournament.

"We have always looked at this as a dress rehearsal for the NCAAs," Pitino said. "Your focus, your preparation, the way you prepare is very important."

Losing in the conference tournament probably would not affect Kentucky's NCAA seeding, Pitino said, but it would have serious ramifications.

Vanderbilt's season-ending 101-63 loss to Kentucky reinforced the notion of the Wildcats' overwhelming power.

"I think everybody looked at that and didn't want to be anywhere near Kentucky unless it was the last game of the tournament," van Breda Kolff said. "They're the class of the league. Operating on all cylinders like they are, they're going to be hard for anybody in this league to beat."

For some teams, like Mississippi (12-14, 6-10) or Florida (11-15, 6-10) which are matched in the first round, just getting a chance to play Kentucky will be a thrill.

# MEN: A&M almost upset Tech this season

(From 1C)

business and not worry what the NCAA Committee is going to do on Sunday after everything is over."

The SWC Tournament championship game will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Tech, which meets A&M at 6 p.m. on Thursday, doesn't have to worry about its bid, but the Houston Cougars are sweating it out right on the bubble of the 64-team field. The Cougars are 64th in the power ratings.

"My opinion is we'll probably have to get into at least the finals of the SWC tournament to get a shot," said Houston coach Alvin Brooks. "We've won 15 of our last 18 games, but we still have to finish strong."

Hurting the 17-9 Cougars is two

wins over non-division I teams which don't count in the RPI ratings. Houston takes on Southern Methodist at 2 p.m. SMU has played Houston close twice only to lose late both times.

"Only three field goals stand between us and SMU winning both of the games," Brooks said.

Said SMU coach Mike Dement: "We were up eight with 2:54 to go and unbelievable things occurred for us to lose the last time we played. Houston really turned on the magic to beat us. We should be the most dangerous team in this tournament, but we just get too tight."

Texas, 18-8, could already have an NCAA bid locked up because of its 44th power rating.

"We can't take any chances and have to do everything we can to

win it all," said Texas coach Tom Penders, who sends the Longhorns against 9-17 Baylor at noon in Reunion Arena. "There's not going to be an easy 'W' for anybody in this tournament. It's going to be very fun and very interesting."

In the fourth game, Rice, 13-13, and Texas Christian, 15-14, meet at 8 p.m.

Rice coach Willis Wilson told his team to pretend it was just starting over.

"It should be wild," said TCU coach Billy Tubbs. "We all hate to see the league breakup, but it could go out with a wild one."

Everybody thought that about the regular season, but the Raiders went 14-0 without falling victim to ambush.

He just doesn't want what happened in 1987 to repeat itself.

# Sasser named SWC Player of Year

Tech's Jason Sasser given SWC top honor by the conference's coaches.

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Tech forward Jason Sasser was named Wednesday the Southwest Conference's player of the year by the league's coaches.

Sasser was fourth in the SWC in scoring (19.2 points a game), seventh in rebounding (8.2 a game) and seventh in field-goal percentage (46.3 percent).

The 6-7 senior was No. 7 Texas Tech's leading scorer in 13 of 25 games and was the leading rebounder eight times.

"He's our go-to guy," Red Raiders coach James Dickey said. "He brings a tremendous amount of intensity and emotion to the game. Plus, he's a positive leader."

Dickey was selected as the SWC coach of the year by his peers. He also was coach of the year in 1991-92. He guided the Red Raiders to a school-best 25-1 regular season record as they became the first team to go through the SWC season undefeated since Houston in 1982-83.

TCU forward Damion Walker earned freshman of the year and newcomer of the year honors. Walker, a 6-7 forward, averaged 20.4 points a game and 8.8 rebounds this season. He ranks behind only Shareef Abdur-Rahim of California in national scoring by a freshman.

Joining Sasser on the first team were Reggie Freeman of Texas, Tommy McGhee of Rice, Tim Moore of Houston and Brian Skinner of Baylor.

Freeman, a 6-6 junior guard, was the SWC scoring leader at 22.2 points per game.

McGhee, a 6-2 senior guard, led the league in free-throw percentage (83.3) and 3-point percentage (44.5) and averaged 20.5 points a game.

Moore, a 6-8 senior forward, was the league's top rebounder (11.1 per game) and averaged 17.8 points and 1.6 blocked shots.

Skinner, a 6-10 sophomore center, led the SWC in field goal percentage (60.8) and blocks (3.1 per game) and averaged 17.7 points.

The second team consisted of Sonny Alvarado of Texas, a 6-7 senior center; Tony Battie of Texas Tech, a 6-11 sophomore center; Kirk Ford of Houston, a 6-7 senior forward; Shaun Igo of Rice, a junior forward-center; and Walker.

**SWC all-conference team**

DALLAS (AP) — The 1996 All-Southwest Conference men's basketball team, as selected by the league's eight head coaches:

**First Team**  
Jason Sasser, Texas Tech, forward, senior; Reggie Freeman, Texas, guard, junior; Tommy McGhee, Rice, guard, senior; Tim Moore, Houston, forward, senior; Brian Skinner, Baylor, center, sophomore.

**Second Team**  
Sonny Alvarado, Texas, center, senior; Tony Battie, Texas Tech, center, sophomore; Kirk Fmniar; Damion Walker, TCU, forward, freshman.

**Player of the year:** Jason Sasser, Texas Tech.  
**Newcomer of the year:** Damion Walker, TCU.  
**Freshman of the year:** Damion Walker, TCU.  
**Coach of the year:** James Dickey, Texas Tech.

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# Buchanan: Still loud, unbowed

By James Bennet  
N.Y. Times News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — Pat Buchanan may be going down, but he is going down swinging a pitchfork.

Even as he acknowledged Wednesday that Sen. Bob Dole was almost sure to win the Republican presidential nomination, Buchanan was quoting Huey Long and plotting a searing protest candidacy that he himself might call American Visigothic.

"I'm going to get a pitchfork!" Buchanan hooted on his campaign plane late Tuesday night, reviving a cherished image of rebellion from his glory days in New Hampshire, as the extent of Dole's victory in eight primaries began sinking in. "I'm going to look like something out of 'Deliverance,' getting off that bus with that pitchfork!"

Buchanan on Wednesday rejected the idea of mounting a third-party candidacy. But over and over — and it seemed, louder and louder — he declared his intention to keep rattling the Republican Party right up to its national convention in San Diego.

"WE'RE GOING TO fight until hell freezes over," Buchanan yelled to about 400 supporters under a sweltering tent in Tampa on Wednesday afternoon, "and then we're going to fight on the ice!"

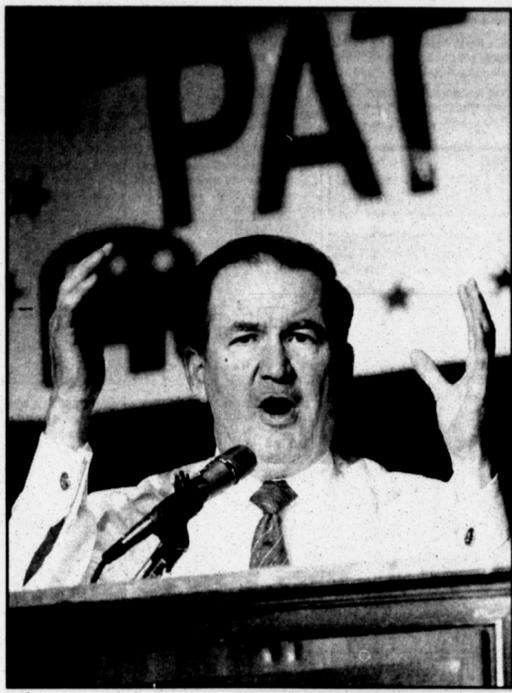
As a sign that he does not plan to give Dole a free ride, Buchanan has readied a television advertisement for Texas attacking Dole as out of touch with public anxiety about jobs. Both Texas and Florida vote Tuesday.

All day, Dole was like the punching bag that Buchanan's father ordered him to slug 1,600 times a week when he was a boy. Anticipating Lamar Alexander's endorsement of Dole, Buchanan used one of Alexander's oft-repeated criticisms of Dole to poke at the front-runner Wednesday morning before a few dozen supporters assembled in the Versailles restaurant in Miami's Little Havana.

"As Lamar Alexander, the fellow who goes around in the Howdy Doody shirt, has told you, as Lamar Alexander says, he has no ideas," Buchanan said.

ALONG WITH A fleeting sense of himself as the front-runner, Buchanan's sense of humor was something of a victim of his third-place finish in the Arizona primary last week. But as he returned Wednesday to his role from the 1992 campaign as party scold and satirist, the sharp jokes poured forth, salting a stump speech that had grown routine.

In Little Havana, Buchanan described hearing something squawking behind him as he left his hotel Wednesday morning. "It was a parrot," he said, and evidently one with a



AP Laserphoto

GOP presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan gestures during a speech to supporters in Tampa, Fla., Wednesday.

penchant for stealing the most famous Buchanan lines. "He was talking about a cultural war for the soul of America. We're going to name that parrot Bob Dole."

In conversations with reporters Wednesday, Buchanan argued that even if he did not win many delegates, his popular support would guarantee him a powerful role at the convention.

"HE'LL BE LOOKING at the votes," Buchanan said of Dole. "And that's what they said, 'Why do we go to deal with this guy?' And they said, 'Well, the guy got three million votes, and we have to deal with his three million voters.' So we're going all out."

But he continued to hold out the hope of some sort of break that would reignite his candidacy — "a deus ex machina, in playwright terms," Buchanan explained.

He said that if Dole did not adopt some of his ideas on trade and other issues, the senator would probably face a third-party challenge.

"Clearly, there is a tremendous movement behind Buchanan that is not only inside the Republican Party, but it's among independents and Democrats, and if you have a Clinton-Dole race, there will be a vacuum in American politics," he said.

But he said he would not run as a third-party candidate. "I'm not going to do anything to re-elect Bill Clinton," Buchanan said. "That would violate a lot of what I did."

His supporters seem to have

lost none of their zeal for the candidate. Buchanan was peppered with shouts of "Right again, Pat!" at his rally in Tampa, where he was introduced as "the absolute most perfect nominee for the Republican Party."

And Buchanan seized on the enthusiasm to draw a distinction between his campaign and Dole's. "You go to a Dole rally and think you're stepping into a funeral parlor," he said.

At a press conference after the rally, Buchanan turned the news that Jack Kemp had endorsed Steve Forbes — whom he has repeatedly referred to as "Forbesby" — into an attack on Dole. "He is a man of ideas," Buchanan said of Kemp, "and he realizes this party cannot nominate an individual who is bereft of ideas."

BUCHANAN SAID DOLE had saved his candidacy by defining Buchanan as an extremist. "We're going to define Bob Dole as the tax collector of the welfare state," he said, "as the guy who has raised taxes 16 times, more than Clinton ever dreamed of; as the guy who repeatedly sold out American workers for the benefit of his corporate friends; as someone who talks about right to life but votes for fetal tissue research." And so on.

Buchanan tailored his message only slightly for Florida's voters Wednesday, adding the fact that Fidel Castro appeared at the United Nations on its 50th anniversary to his list of complaints about that organization.

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# Downsizing of America

After 25 years, success for many, security for few

By Kirk Johnson  
N.Y. Times News Service

LEWISBURG, Pa. — The faces of the Bucknell University class of 1970 gaze out from the yearbook with a wide-eyed hopefulness untarnished by time.

Though their hairstyles and clothes may look ever more dated, the class members remain forever 22 years old and unbowed, captured by the camera at a singular, ascendant moment of their youth.

They came here in 1966 from farm country Pennsylvania, from the suburbs of New York City and from the shores of Chesapeake Bay, children of America's middle class and of the great post-World War II economic boom.

Born mostly in 1948, they had known nothing but prosperity, and it had imprinted upon them a pattern of belief and behavior as profound as the one that the Great Depression had left upon their parents.

If anything, the tumult of the 1960s only deepened their convictions about themselves and their future.

Many grew their hair and protested the Vietnam War, but their campus never became violent, and the 1960s presented, in the end, another affirmation of hope: there were shelters from life's storms. People were essentially civilized. The great American promise still held, and if it ever faltered, they would be there to help set it right.

"Everything was on the upswing for us," said Mark S. Harris, a biology major in 1970, now a pediatrician in northern Vermont.

"We were going to do a pretty good job by the world because the world was going to do a pretty good job by us. There was a confidence bred into us."

Twenty-five years on, a lot of those great expectations have been fulfilled. The 618 men and women of Bucknell 1970 have achieved and prospered. The vast majority are professionals, administrators and managers. Many are at the heights of their careers, and some are millionaires. This is their lion phase.

So what is most striking about these exemplars of middle-class success is what they have lost: their belief in the future and their faith in the rules of hard work rewarded.

In the new economy of layoffs, limitation and job insecurity, their expansive confidence has eroded. The world that once seemed rich and a place with potential has become, for many, a rife full of fear — for their jobs, for their retirement and, especially, for their children.

"There's an uncertainty at 25 years after," said Shirley A. Trauger, an English major who

now runs a community arts center outside Philadelphia. "Just when we should be at the most stable time of our lives, we're not."

So here is their journey. One college class from one year: Bucknell 1970. It is not meant to be a microcosm of the nation, but a significant slice: one middle-class cohort on the cusp of change and what became of them.

They left here on diverse paths, celebrating the sense of infinite possibility. But in middle age they have seen those paths converge.

Some believed they could discover alternative ways to live, work and prosper free of the lock-step compromises of corporate life, only to find that ideal corroded.

Many of the women, inspired by the nascent feminist movement, created new roles in the 1970s and 80s, only to find that they had reinvented themselves all over again as their jobs, or their spouses' jobs, changed or simply disappeared.

But most of all, whatever life they chose, the men and women of the class of 1970 were believers — in the system and the old social contract binding companies and their workers. Now, that system is being torn down, and if they are not victims, they feel like accomplices. They are the survivors, and, often, the executors.

Richard A. Baumbusch, an electrical engineering major at Bucknell, was already a corporate veteran in 1985. He was working for CBS in New York, as a manager in a division that was going to be closed. The secret clock was ticking away to the surprise mass layoff. Then a co-worker approached. He was thinking of buying a house. Did Baumbusch think it was a good time to get into real estate?

The man's job was doomed and Baumbusch knew it. But spilling the secret, he believed, would violate his integrity as a corporate officer and doom the company to a firestorm of fear and rumor. "I considered it my fiduciary responsibility to the business to keep my mouth shut, and yet here was this person coming for advice as a friend and a business acquaintance and I had material information that would affect him," Baumbusch said.

"For someone with a sense of empathy and sympathy, which I like to think I have some of, it was very, very hard."

In the end, Baumbusch swallowed his anguish and kept silent. The man bought the house and lost his job. The secret held. But 10 years later, all you have to do is watch Baumbusch tell the story to see how many times he has relived it, and second-guessed what he did that day.

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DODGE 1976 PACE ARROW 27'. Fully self contained. Excellent condition. \$7,800. will consider trade for pickup. Call for further information. 694-0166.

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1989 GALAXIE in board. out board. Tandem trailer. 21'. Excellent condition. \$9,500. 694-5142 or 699-7902.

**260 Boats & Motors**  
1979 GLASSTON GT150 ski boat. Evinrude 100, heavy duty trailer, good condition, good tires and battery. \$2,600. Call 915-550-2413, weekends and after 5 pm on weekdays.

**260 Boats & Motors**  
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**310 General Help Wanted**  
AIR CONDITIONING/ Heating person- must be reliable, A/C certified. Need some own tools. Apply in person only. 1003 S. Midkiff, Lexington Hotel Suites.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
FULL TIME opening for in-home care for the elderly. 1 year experience. Reliable transportation and telephone. Must be able to work nights and weekends. Call 580-6523.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
CARETAKER- COOK wanted for full time position in personal care home. Assist with the care of live-in elderly ladies. 687-2503.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
CUSTODIAL- part time (8 hours per week). Custodian needed for Grace Presbyterian Church. Must be able to work Monday AM. Apply at the Church office Tuesday through Friday, 2801 N. Garfield.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
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**310 General Help Wanted**  
California! Las Vegas! Las Vegas, NV. Manufacturer of "SAVE THE PLANET" Environmentally Safe Products. Transportation furnished. Must be 18 and up and be able to START NOW! Call 8am-7pm. 1-800-505-8185

**310 General Help Wanted**  
CUSTOMER SERVICE. Blockbuster Video now taking part time to full time applications. Must be good with public. Apply 2 pm to 6 pm daily. Ask for Carlos Reyes, 1000 N. Midkiff.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
MANAGER SUPER CUTS Seeking motivated, creative individual to manage the Supercuts in Odessa. Must be a licensed Cosmetologist with the ability to lead and inspire. Great starting salary, bonus, commission, paid vacation and health insurance. Contact Dalia immediately at (915) 335-5814.

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DAY CARE CENTER STAFF NEEDED St. Luke's United Methodist Church Child Development Program is looking for full and/or part-time day care workers. Must be 18 or over and graduated high school or have GED. Contact: Leah Gerhard, 694-2574.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
DELIVERY- SEEKING individual to deliver the San Angelo Standard Times in the Midland area. Earn approximately \$450 a month. Call 1-800-588-1884, Ext. 293.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
DRIVERS- Staying busy! Line haul, flatbed. Benefits available, guaranteed earnings. (800) 749-1181. 563-0464

**310 General Help Wanted**  
OPERATORS needed evenings, weekends. Must type 35, or more, words per minute. Apply at 1300 S. Midland Drive between 9 am - 4 pm Monday thru Friday.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
FOR RESUMES that get results. Call 699-1919. Fast service. Reasonable rates. Professional quality.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
FULL-TIME and Part-Time positions working with adults who have mental retardation. We are looking for applicants who are caring, energetic and hard working. If interested, you can complete an application at 2215 N. Big Springs Street, Midland, TX between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Please, no calls. E. O. E.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
GENERAL MIDLAND ANGELS The Angels are looking for seasonal employees to work at Christensen Stadium during the '96 season. Applications are available (for a variety of positions) at the stadium Monday through Friday 8 am - 5 pm. No phone calls please.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
HAIRSTYLIST looking to move. Great location with fun atmosphere for you at Sophisticuts. 2 stations and 1 nail table available. Call 689-2887, ask for Deborah.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
GENERAL- Electronics, a fast growing Texas company. Come and join our company now! Positions available: Sales, installers. No experience necessary, will train. Apply in person 9 am - 5 pm, 112 Andrews Hwy. No phone calls please.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
HOST/STRESS, bus help, cook. Experienced only need apply in person, Cattleman's Steak House, 3300 N. Big Spring Street.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
TEACHER- Midland Childcare Center now accepting applications. Experience preferred. Apply in person, 3701 Andrews Highway.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
LEASING CONSULTANT- Insignia Management Group has an immediate opening for Leasing Consultant with an outgoing personality, excellent customer relations skills and strong sales ability. Excellent benefits and growth opportunity. E. O. E. Employer. Apply in person at 5101 N. "A" St.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
MAINTENANCE Supervisor. 92 Units, Midland, apartment experience. HVAC certified. Apply in person to Property Manager, 509 Delmar, Midland, TX 79703. 689-8116. Fax 689-8126.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
MAINTENANCE- Hampton Inn is taking applications for full time maintenance position. Must have some experience in heating/ air conditioning, plumbing, electrical and building maintenance. Knowledge of pool and sprinkler systems preferred. Apply in person: 3904 W. Wall St., 8 am - 4 pm.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
MANAGER/ MAINTENANCE COUPLE- needed for 53 unit apartment complex in Snyder. Previous experience in apartment management preferred. Maintenance/ construction experience necessary. \$900 per month plus apartment. Send resume with references to 2541 74th Street, Lubbock, TX 79423.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
NAIL TECH- CUT ABOVE needed Nail Technician. Some clientele helpful. Call Terry Schneider at 697-1924.

**310 General Help Wanted**  
PART-TIME position available: weekends, 3 pm to 11 pm (Fri, Sat, Sunday). Must be quick learner, have an outgoing and friendly personality. Apply in person only! 1003 S. Midkiff, Lexington Hotel Suites.

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### Need Cash?

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has newspaper routes in the following areas:

★★★★ Available Now! ★★★★★

•Stanton/ Lenorah/ Tarzan

East & West Side of Ridge Heights

This is a great opportunity to supplement your income all year long. Make a new car or truck payment, buy new furniture, enjoy the extra money you'll be earning.

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Longevity Raises		BASE PAY
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Cash and Glove, Safety Incentive paid monthly. Top wages & benefits available. Apply at:  
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### COYOTE COMMUNICATIONS INC.

A new telecommunications company is coming to the Permian Basin! We are looking for professional and experienced people to fill the following positions:

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All applications will be kept strictly confidential. Send salary requirements and resume to 2642 Marco, Odessa 79761.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram  
P.O. Box 1650  
Midland, Texas 79702

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Immediate professional live-in position open for a married couple wishing to work with youth ages 6-17. An established residential treatment and basic care facility. A great professional opportunity with extensive training and a chance for advanced educational growth plus national certification. Annual Salary per couple starts at \$30,000.

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**HIGH SKY CHILDREN'S RANCH STAY Together**  
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Midland, Texas 79707  
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E.O.E.

### DEVELOPMENT Director-part time

Prefer experienced grant writer. Send resume to: Personnel Director, Midland Community Theater, 2000 W. Wadley, Midland, TX 79705.

**GEOTECH**  
(Permanent Position)  
Must have Geotech experience, knowledge of Cross Section, Microsoft Word/Windows and Excel. Salary D.O.E. Call Tana  
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## Midland Reporter-Telegram

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Apply in person or contact the Circulation Department:  
Midland Reporter-Telegram  
201 E. Illinois • Midland, TX  
or Call 687-8810, 687-8807

\*\*This larger route receives a \$25 check each Friday in addition to the regular monthly profits

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Immediate professional position open for an individual wishing to work with youth ages 6-17. An established residential treatment and basic care facility. A great professional opportunity with extensive training and a chance for advanced educational growth plus national certification. Annual Salary approximately \$15,444.

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Midland, Texas 79707  
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E.O.E.

### KOSA TV is looking for an Experienced Account Executive

for its Sales Department. Media Experience, but others will be considered. Rush resume to: Mike Rodgers, GSM, KOSA TV, 1211 N. Whittaker, Odessa, TX 79763. No phone calls please. Brissette Broadcasting is an equal opportunity employer.

**JUNIOR MAP Drafter**. Knowledge of well spotting, lease & fee posting on film is a plus. Good free hand lettering is a MUST! Would consider trainable aptitude. For appointment call 683-2778.

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**Olsten Staffing Services**  
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### SALES MANAGER

Morgan Buildings, Spas & Pools seeks qualified professional to manage Midland office. Train, motivate and manage sales force. Proven track record a must. Send resume to Division One, P.O. Box 660280, Dallas, TX 75266-0280.

**SALES REPS**. First Alert professional system dealer is expanding. Sales Reps \$40,000 - \$80,000 immediate income. 4 Day work week, pre set appointments. Training, commissions paid weekly. No competing products. Management openings- prefer direct sales experience. Apply in person at Crime Alert, Inc. 1504 N. Big Spring Street, Midland.

### FURNITURE UPHOLSTERER

with experience for custom shop. Edson's Kercrafters, Inc., 1700 Water Street, Kerrville, TX.

**PIPELINE CONTRACTOR** has immediate opening for a working Pipeline Foreman. Crude oil pipeline change out and new construction. \$14.00 per hour, plus benefits. Send resume to: Universal Construction, P.O. Box 603, Coahoma, TX 79511. Attention: Jim Wright. No phone calls please.

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When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example)

BOX Z-01  
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram  
P.O. Box 1650  
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### RESTAURANT

Dino's Pizzeria and Restaurant is now hiring. Apply in person 4322 B Andrews Hwy.

**RESTAURANT**. Now hiring cooks. Apply in person between 2-5 pm, Murray & A Frenchman, 3211 W. Wadley.

**RESTAURANT**. Now hiring cooks. Apply in person between 2-5 pm, Murray's Delicatessen, 3211 W. Wadley.

### MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST/ SECRETARY

Needed for busy Surgeons Office. Medical Terminology, Insurance Billing and Computer experience required. Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:30. Excellent benefit package. Reply to: **Box E-32**, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, PO Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

### BANK TRUST OFFICER

Growing West Texas bank is expanding its Trust Services and seeks an experienced Trust Officer in managing personal and institutional accounts. Please send resume to P.O. Box 634, Odessa, Texas 79760. Attn: TRUST DEPARTMENT. E.O.E.

### FULL TIME/ Part time Clerical

\$4.50 per hour. 602 N. Baird, Ste 200.

**GEO TECH**  
Experienced with cross sections, well spotting, log libraries, seismic lines, word processing. Excellent salary to \$26K. Fee paid. Liz Proctor  
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203 W. Wall

### MANAGER STYLIST

Opening immediately. Experienced. Busy national salon. Hourly versus commission. Many benefits. Call 1-800-992-0139, ext. 226.

### SERVICE TECH/ Manager

Cannon Copier Dealer in Lamesa looking for experienced Service Tech/ Manager. Salary \$20-\$35K, company car, insurance, vacation and profit sharing. Must be willing to relocate. Send resume to Box E-33, C/O The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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Shogun hiring full time/part time help, waitstaff and delivery drivers. Apply in person 11 am-2 pm & 4:30-5:30 pm, 4610 N. Garfield, 687-0734.

### ACCOUNTING CLERK

for calculation of payments and receipts behind natural gas plant. Must have math and computer skills and understanding of natural gas. Will train right person. Send resume to Accounting Clerk, 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701, or call Gary Stain at 915-682-6311.

### CASE MANAGER III

\$2,236.00/ Month

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Three years full time, wage earning work experience in Human Services which included Case Management experience. Must possess a current Chemical Dependency Counselor License from the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse or be a Certified TAADAC/ CADAD Drug/ Alcohol Counselor. Training in Cultural Diversity/ Sensitivity preferred.

**Location: Parole Office- Odessa**

Applicants must submit a State of Texas application for Employment to Gwen Wilks, Regional Human Resources Office, TDCJ, 1301 Broadway B-1, Lubbock, Texas 79401. Phone 806-762-6683 by 03/13/96 at 5:00 pm. EOE

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Temporary positions with "The Best in Town" 687-1545.

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Fast paced sales environment. Counter Sales, warehouse, pipeyard and delivery. Knowledge of plastic pipe, fittings, irrigation equipment necessary. Bilingual a plus. Stable employment for a sharp, dependable employee. Send resume in your own handwriting to Box D-24, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

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as a local representative for one of the nation's largest insurance companies. No previous experience necessary. Complete training program. Earn while you learn. Benefits package, opportunity for advancement. Call Mark Lee, American General Life and Accident Insurance Company at 915-563-1055. Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/H/V.

### SHOP WELDER

Local Compressor Package Fabricator has an opportunity for a Shop Welder with general fabricating skills. Good working conditions and benefits. Reply to: Shop Welder, Box 4185, Midland, TX 79704.

### SINGLE COPY MANAGER

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is taking applications for Single Copy Manager. Must have own transportation. Please apply in person with J.R. Ruiz at 201 E. Illinois.

### RESTAURANT

Sonic Drive-In, Midkiff Road, is now hiring energetic individuals to fill open positions. All shifts available. We need Car Hops and Fountain. Please apply in person 1109 N. Midkiff Road.

### BANK LOAN OFFICER

Progressive, profitable, well capitalized West Texas Bank has position available for Loan Officer with 3-5 years experience in consumer and light commercial lending and good credit analysis skills. BBA in finance preferred. Send resume, reference and salary requirements to: Attn: Exec. V.P., P.O. Box 634, Odessa, Texas, 79760. E.O.E.

### RECEPTIONIST

with secretarial skills. Professional attitude a must. Microsoft Excel and Word experience required. Salary based on experience. Odessa location. Send resume to: Box F-29, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland Texas 79702.

### LIFE PRODUCERS

needed. Current Life License to work existing casualty business. Bilingual needed also. Contact Ben Wester, Farmer's, 699-1878 for appointment.

### TECHNICIAN

Crystal Clear Ice Company, an equal opportunity employer, has a full time position available for a refrigeration service technician. Applicants must be dependable, maintain a professional appearance and enjoy working with customers. Crystal Clear Ice Company, 915-563-3709.

### SKILLED South-Tex Treators

is hiring operations personnel with Amine plant experience. Please set up interview with Paul Morrow at 563-2766.

### RESTAURANT

Midland Country Club now accepting applications for full time and part time Waitstaff and Bussers to work weekday and weekend service. Apply Tuesday thru Friday 2 to 4 pm. 6101 North Highway 349. No phone calls please.

### RESTAURANT

**KETTLE**

Now hiring servers. Full or part time. Experience preferred. Apply in person only, 4206 W. Wall.

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### CARETAKER-COOK

wanted for full time position in personal care home. Assist with the care of live-in elderly ladies. 687-2503.

### PIZZA HUT

Now hiring Delivery Drivers. \$4.50 per hour, plus 50¢ per delivery, plus tips. Apply in person 2-5, Monday thru Friday, 4400 N. Midland Drive, 4320 Andrews Hwy., 427 Andrews Hwy. E.O.E.

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**TIRE OF THE SAME OLD ENCHILADA? COME SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE... TO HAVE FUN WHILE YOU WORK AT EL CHICO!!**

We are looking for individuals to occupy positions for: **COOKS**

\*\*\*We Offer: Training, flexible hours, meal benefits, and insurance\*\*\*

Apply in person Monday thru Friday, 2 pm to 4 pm at: 2101 W. Wadley #45 Midland, TX EOE

### ASSESSMENT SPECIALIST

Immediate opening for on-call position for emergency psychiatric assessments. To qualify you must be a LMSW, LPC, LSW, or RN. No experience necessary; will train. Assessment pay, on-call and mileage included. For information contact Diane Markham at Glenwood Hospital, 563-1200.

### SECRETARY

First Presbyterian Child Development Center seeks part time secretary. Computer skills required. A unique position for a unique individual. Please call 683-0851, 699-7533, 694-1837.

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### CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS

Two positions open for 2 pm to 10 pm. Applicants must be dedicated to the elderly and their care. Apply in person, Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

**MEDICAL-FRIENDLY**. Caring, & Outgoing RN who loves "one on one" patient care. Must have hospital experience, will train for home health. Apply to: Generations Home Care, 805 N. Main, Andrews, TX 79714. EOE

### SPORTS TAP USA

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**Adult Care Providers**

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**CERTIFIED NURSE Aide** will sit with your loved one. Midland & Stanton area. Private home, Retirement home, or Hospital. 9:00 pm-6:00 am. Most weekend nights available. 563-4531.

**MARY'S Loving Care Home** has openings for elderly/handicapped. Experienced in Alzheimer's. Experienced nursing staff. 683-3535, 686-1962.

**IN-HOME Care** will provide sitters, nurses aides and nurses for the elderly and disabled at reasonable rates. Call 520-4425.

**LVN** would like to provide quality care for elderly in their home. Honest & dependable. 5 years experience in Geriatrics. 697-2616.

**Child Care Needed**

**WANTED:** A Nanny for one adorable 17 month old little girl. Must enjoy going for walks and be able to encourage learning activities. Light cooking and housekeeping are necessary. Monday-Friday, 8-6. Spanish welcome with some English. \$100 per week to start. References required. Please call 570-4574, leave message if necessary.

**SITTER NEEDED** for infant in my home. Send job history and references to: 6104 E County Rd 86, Midland, TX 79706.

Full time baby sitter in home for 16 month old twins. Good benefits. From 9-5:30 Monday thru Thursday and 7:30-3 Fridays. At least 1 year experience, references required. Please contact 686-9422, after 5 for further information.

**Child Care Providers**

**CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL Nanny** seeking employment in Midland/Odessa area. Contact Michelle at 697-0753. Leave message. 520-3916.

**OVERNIGHT care** for infants from 7 pm-7 am, in my home. Ask for Carla 697-8613.

**PREKINDER Age**, small group, experienced preschool teacher, clean, safe environment, with excellent references. 694-4347.

**INFANTS ONLY**, 11 years experience. The Most important Decision, for that most important person in your life! Call Jan, 694-8307.

**EXCLUSIVE CHILD-CARE Center** opening soon! Wonderful Infant Facility & Toddler area. Degreed teachers in preschool. Space will be limited. For more information, send name, phone number & space needed. Someone will contact you. Send to: Box F-28, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, PO Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

**Business Opportunities**

**CHILD CARE facility** for sale. Inquire DAY CARE, P.O. Box 1924, Midland, Texas 79702.

**MOM'S Dream Work** from home. Self Addressed Stamp Envelope to P.O. Box 270, Lamesa, Texas 79331.

**VENDING BUSINESS**. All local sites, excellent cash income. 1-800-240-4616.

**CURIOSITY CORNER**

**OZZIE T-shirt**, early 80's Texas Concert, from the "Dixy" album. \$40. 686-1834.

**HOT POINT washer** \$25 works well. Has leak costs \$35 to fix. 1908 Ward, 687-3846.

**KENMORE BBQ Grill**, Single burner with propane bottle on wheels. \$50. 570-8737 after 6.

**ALMOST NEW BBQ grill** with two wheel and adjustable rack. \$40. Call 697-4444 or 685-0880.

**Business Opportunities**

**GET REAL Estate license** quickly. Short state courses. Day, Weekend or evening Southwest College. 697-7277.

**UPSTAIRS/DOWNSTAIRS** the leading childrens clothing retail store is for sale. Serious inquiries only. 682-4000 days, 682-2028 evenings.

**Attention Readers**

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**DIPPIN' Dots Ice Cream** Dealership for sale. Includes equipment for use in the Mall. 570-8792.

**ENTREPRENEUR** - Home based business opportunity in one of the world's fastest growing industries. We require capital investment. No inventory. No employees. No experience. Call 528-5216 or 689-8802.

**Miscellaneous Sales**

**NO Experience Necessary!** \$500 to \$900 weekly/potential processing Mortgage Refunds. Own Hours. Call (818) 583-3294 Ext 634. (24 hours).

**EARN \$400-\$1000** a month placing advertising posters on college campuses. Send Name and Address to: Gannaway and Company, 1710 N. Woods Ave., Lubbock, TX 79403.

**Miscellaneous Sales**

**MOVED**-no room left! Side by side refrigerator, 3609 Caldera Blvd. #109. 520-6055.

**DYNO "AIR"** like new condition. Cost over \$300 new, sell for \$200. 682-5295.

**LOSE 12-24 in 2 weeks** thermogenically. Melatonin helps delay aging! 689-8520. Una de Gato.

**FOR SALE 1992 12 horse power** Sears riding lawn mower. Excellent condition. 683-7850 after 4 weekdays. Anytime weekends.

**FOR SALE an electric hospital bed**. Complete, very good condition. \$500 or best offer. 697-6670.

**FOR SALE Brand new Admiral VCR** with remote. \$150. 367-8526.

**FOR SALE: Pickett drafting table** (31" x 42"); Sears 2 ton hydraulic floor jack; Grundfos water pump; 4 jack stands, 9 x 12 Oriental rug. Call after 5 pm. 697-6699.

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**RESTHAVEN Garden of Devotion**, 3 lots, \$700 each. 684-4170.

**Miscellaneous Sales**

**YOU CAN READ program**, Skis 200. Six boots men 11 1/2 - 12. Women 7. Cannon date bicycle. 520-8003 leave message.

**INVACARE Synchronizer** electric hospital bed. 1 1/2 years old. Complete with mattress to prevent bed sores. Excellent condition. \$800. 683-6899.

**USED CANON Copier** and fax machine. Call 570-7636.

**GOLF CLUBS**, mowers, space heaters, stoves, furniture, China cabinets/dinettes, recliners, appliances, bar stools, Volkswagen. 570-4851.

**FLORIDA/ CARIBBEAN Vacation** All accommodations, Round Trip Cruise for Two. Deadline, April 20th. 45 day notice. Call today! \$400. Day, 334-0502. Night & weekends, 367-5823, ask for Johnny.

**SLEEPER sofa**, white \$65. Sears washer, white \$75. GE dryer, brown \$75. Digital microwave \$65. 7500 BTU refrigerated window air conditioner \$160. All in excellent condition. 686-9247.

**HERBALIFE Independent Distributor** for products or opportunity. Call 689-HERB!

**MOVING! Everything goes!** Furniture, appliances, vehicle, tools, lots of miscellaneous! Call for appointment, 689-2340.

**BARGAINS on vacuum cleaners**. New and rebuilt. All makes. Rainbow, Kirby, Hoover, Eureka, Panasonic, Royal, Sharp, you name it. Repair all makes. 520-6464.

**SOLOFLEX and Pro Nordic Track**. Like new, hardly used. Call after 5:30 pm. 685-6050.

**SATELLITE Systems**. Full view and DSS. All major brands. Call for wholesale prices. 800-295-3925.

**WEDDING DRESS**, 18-20. Long Sleeves, Heart shaped back, long train. Worn October 1995. \$400. 684-5781, leave message.

**Miscellaneous Sales**

**NEW Morgan factory direct** spas starting at \$1,995. Delivery and terms available. 563-1807.

**CAMCORDER**-Panasonic/ Hitachi with Sony 15" monitor (TV) Package. \$225. Satellite system, full view stereo receiver \$200. OBO. 697-4727.

**VICTORIAN STYLE Wedding Dress** for sale. Beaded bodice with full train. \$450. Call 694-1946.

**Miscellaneous Sales**

**CLOTHES RACKS AND STORE FIXTURE SALE**-Rainbow Trade Center, 1503 W. Industrial Ave., Open 10-5, Tuesday-Sunday, 570-4408.

**FACTORY DIRECT** above ground pool sale! Installation and terms available. 563-1807.

**LADIES gold and stainless steel Rolex**. Looks like new. \$2500. 694-6897 after 5.

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**WOLF SYSTEM tanning bed**. Excellent condition. New \$2,700, will sell for \$800. Excercise, new \$2,700, will sell for \$1200. Nordic Track Achiever, \$400. 367-0891, if no answer leave message.

**ARCHITECTS TABLE \$500**, repairable spa \$500. 683-7406.

**QUALITY handmade wood bunk beds & accessories** made to order. GR's Bunk Beds Etc. 553-2875.

**REMANUFACTURED treadmills**, below retail. 697-9400.

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**MOVING SALE!** Refrigerator, stove, microwave, ceiling fans, glass stain door, and lots of stuff. Everything must go. Extremely cheap!! Saturday, 7 am to 11 am. 510 Brownwood.

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**79705**  
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**5003 LOS ALAMITOS (Saddle Club South)**, 9-1 Friday, 8-12 Saturday. Great 3 Family Sale! Kids clothes, toys, furniture, chandeliers, more!

**2410 STANOLIND**, Friday till Saturday noon. Single Bedding, Double Stroller, Playpen, Little Tykes Basketball, and other Treasures.

**GARAGE SALE SERVICES**  
\$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20

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\*7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)  
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**TRUNDLE BED** white and brass, good condition. \$125 or best offer. 697-5738.

**2 COMMERCIAL washing machines** and 4 commercial dryers \$100 each. 381-6339.

**CLOSEOUT on remaining '95 hot tubs**-save up to 50%! Delivery and terms available. 563-1807.

**COFFEE & end table**-solid wood with glass, \$125/both. Dining room table- ceramic top, 4 chairs. \$225. 686-0020.

**DIVANS, LOVESEATS, Recliners, Arm chair, Rug, Microwave, Dryer, Baby items**. Call 694-9491 afternoons or evenings.

**Household Goods**

**ENTERTAINMENT Center**, still in box, \$75. Lighted drafting table, lifts for all positions. Steve. 685-1293.

**QUALITY FURNITURE**: Walnut Drexel King Bed \$350. Custom King Spread, \$300. Antique Fainting Bench, \$300. Thomasville Twin Beds, \$300 each. Twin Comforter, Dust Ruffie, \$100. White Wicker Loveseat, Custom Cushions, \$150. Wicker Side Table, \$40. 2 Italian Porcelain Lamps, \$100 each. Cherry Butler Table, \$125. Beautiful Wool Rug, 8 1/2' x 11.5', Paid \$1,600, Asking \$700. Pictures, Antique English Armoire, \$600. 694-8159.

**Household Goods**

**CHERRY WOOD dining room set** with hutch, Provincial sofa set, cherry wood coffee table and 2 end tables. Will take best offer. 520-0927 anytime.

**Firewood**

**DICK'S FIREWOOD**. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453-2151.

**GOOD Firewood!** Oak or Mesquite. Call Larry Tucker at 689-7151.

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**JIM'S CLUBS**. Repairs, Custom Clubs; Taylor Burner Metal-wood- Bubble Shaft (clone) \$90; Big Bertha Irons (clone) \$200 set; Regrip \$3. 3115 Haynes, 694-1334.

**\$99 CONCEALED hand gun** license classes. RAM Enterprises. 520-2995.

**THE CLUBMAKER**, Bubble Shaft Driver \$80- Irons, \$99 set- Grips, \$2.00. Repairs. 2605 W. Kentucky, 683-2614.

**NEW Colt AR - 15 1400**. Dan Wesson 357 Mag. \$300. Ruger stainless steel 357 Mag. Custom Rosewood Grips \$300. New Colt 38 Detective Special, nickel finish \$275. All prices firm. Call 362-0919 leave message.

**MASTER Gun Smith**. Service, repair, & engraving. By appointment only. Please call (915) 684-0809, 1-800-327-0809.

**FIRESTAR 327 9 mm star nickel**, like NIV, \$350. Smith & Wesson, 44 special. Good condition. \$350. 684-7591/Monday thru Friday.

**WEST TEXAS Outfitters** Winter Clearance, 25 to 75% off on selected clothing, boots, accessories. Filson, Browning, Danner, Trophy Club. Also 10% off on all new bows in stock. Browning, PSE, Matthews. Corner of Andrews Hwy. and Wall. 687-HUNT.

**Antiques & Art**

**VISIT The Doll House - Antiques Etc.**, Plaza Center, Wadley & Garfield. 682-9257.

**The Cats Meow Antique Mall**, 408 Andrews Highway, Monday - Saturday, 10-6. We buy and sell antiques. (915) 687-2004.

**Antiques & Art**

**MIDLAND ESTATE SALES AND AUCTION SERVICE**. Call Judy Jackson 689-3536 or Dawna Keith 683-9234.

**ANTIQUE FURNITURE FOR LESS** Unit #3, Advantage Storage, 5000 N. Lamesa and Solomon Lane, Open Fridays-Saturdays, 10-5.

**ANTIQUE Oak 8 piece**, dining room set \$1,200. 683-7406.

**ANTIQUE ROLLTOP Desk**. Professionally refinished. Appraised at \$4,600. Will sell for \$1,800. 367-0891.

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**Musical Instruments**

**FOR SALE: Practice Piano**. Good condition. 699-7218.

**FOR SALE: Spinnet piano**. Maple finish. \$500. Call 689-4426.

**VIOLIN (Roth)**, new, played twice. \$350 firm. 520-3835.

**Computers & Accessories**

**MACINTOSH**. Complete computer services for your Mac. Upgrades, Training, Custom Systems, PERSONAL Service. 682-3026.

**INTERNET ACCESS**. Call 687-9014 for details.

**Lowest Prices guaranteed!** Computer service and repair. Upgrades, hardware installation, also buying used equipment. RAM technology. 684-7785.

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**For Free**

**FREE: LESS Than 1 year old**. Half Rottweiler, Half coyote. Puppy, Medium sized dog. 570-4652.

**TWO 8 week old puppies**. Lab/mix. Shots, tails docked. To good homes only. 683-8952.

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**GERMAN Shepherd mix** with Timberwolf. 4 months old. Has all shots/tags. 520-4609.

**FOR FREE: Good loving home**, no young children. Female Apple Poodle. 687-2943.

**TO CHARITABLE organizations**. 256 hard disk computer and monitor. 694-0258.

**MINIATURE Grey Hound**, 5 year old, male, inside dog. Fully immunized. 689-4302.

**P.B.O.T.C OBEDIENCE Classes** Start March 27. Call for information and application. 570-HEEL or 689-6441.

**AKC MALTSE puppies**, 1 male and 1 female, 6 weeks Saturday. 694-7808.

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DON'T LOOK! Unless you want a fireplace, private patio & balcony, sky lights, washer-dryer hookups, and more all behind the locked gates of Las Colinas Townhomes. Large 1 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, \$495. 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, \$595. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, \$695. 697-8770

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WHY RENT? Lease with option to buy! Nice 2 bedroom. All rent toward down payment! Balance Owner Financed. Call 694-1165.

GARAGES FOR APARTMENTS? Yes! Townhouses at Leisure Estates also have no neighbors above or below. 1 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, \$369. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$449 and \$469. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, \$549. March in before April & take advantage of our Spring Fever rental rates! Ask the leasing agent for details. 682-5622.

THORNWOOD APARTMENTS: Spacious 1, 2 & 3 bedroom flats and townhomes in a great location. Many freshly remodeled. Call for prices and appointments. 682-3381.

CHATEAU APTS. 1, 2, 3 Bdrms. Covered parking. \$375 & up. All bills paid. Donna at 694-1112.

ALL bills paid. 1-2 bedroom apartment homes, excellent location. \$305-\$385. Abby Court, 694-2549.

MOVE IN SPECIAL \$99 Move In - \$50 Deposit 1 Bedroom apartments. Quiet, beautiful community.

Hunter's Ridge Apartments 4201 Andrews Highway 520-0023

CRESTLAWN Apartments: One bedroom \$210; Two bedroom \$235 with water paid. 601-A Watson. 683-2535.

AUTUMNHAVEN CONDOS: Now leasing 1 & 2 Bedrooms available, starting at \$375. Vaulted ceilings, covered parking. Exciting west end of the Loop. 3814 Holiday Hill Road. 520-0722.

LA FONDA APARTMENTS\* 500 N. Colorado Street, A Great downtown location! 1 Bedroom apartments. \$250/month. These large, clean, comfortable apartments have complete kitchens, are newly remodeled and have lots of closet space. This is a quiet location; assigned covered parking & laundry room for tenant use. Come by the Office, apartment A-1 (north side) or call 686-7100, no application fee required.

WINDSOR PLACE APARTMENTS, 1801 N. Midland Drive, Efficiency \$185, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$255. 694-6996.

QUIET! 1 bedroom flat, 2 bedroom townhouses. Covered parking. No application fee. 682-4783.

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\$89 Move-In Special No rent paid until March 15th.

Canyon Creek 699-7246 Newly Remodeled 1 Bedroom Covered Parking, Basic Cable and Senior Friendly

ASHTON WAY APARTMENTS Don't go bust paying your first month's rent. Get your savings at 2613 N. Midland Drive. 1, 2, & 3 Bedrooms. \$199-\$425. Open Sat. & Sun. (915)694-1646

NEW OWNERS- New Management. Move-in Sale. Inexpensive. Immediate availability. 915-520-9069.

625 Houses Unfurnished

SMALL 2 bedroom near Central YMCA, some carpet, refrigerator. No pets please. Call 682-0706.

CLEAN 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. 4727 Country Club Drive. \$650 month, \$650 deposit. Call Karen Foster, 570-8200.

LARGE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, dining room, den, breakfast area. 2001 W. Texas. 694-4065.

LARGE DUPLEX. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, double garage with washer/dryer, 2 court yards near Midland College. \$700/month, \$700/ deposit. 683-2996.

SMALL HOUSE for rent. \$185 a month, \$50 deposit. All bills paid. Call 687-2221.

NORTH MIDLAND, spacious 2,000 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 3 bath, fireplace, dining room, double garage. Quannah Parker district. \$900 monthly, 699-0158.

BELOW REAL ESTATE offers 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large storage, carpet, West Kentucky. Total Electric. \$400 month, \$200 deposit. Call 580-4558.

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NICE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage at 1101 Sparks. \$695 per month, \$700 deposit. Call 520-8630.

4 BEDROOM, 2 bath, living room, den, new carpet. 609 Howard. \$425 plus deposit. 697-2409.

FOR LEASE; 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home. Den, fireplace, sprinkler system, garage, trees and more! Alamo/ Le District. \$700 monthly. 697-4941.

FOR RENT/ SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, west side, close to shopping. \$700 per month. 697-4101.

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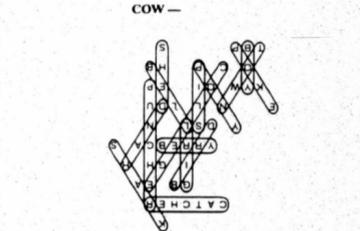
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