



NATION

Scopes revisited

Tennessee, where John Scopes was tried for teaching evolution, again wants to curb what students can be told about man's origins./7A



SPORTS

Lady Chaps open

MC stands looking down one of the most treacherous roads in the nation. It's a good thing the road begins in Odessa./1C

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Mismatched feet

PHOENIX — When his left leg was amputated three years ago because of diabetes, Patrick Hogan's need for shoes changed forever. No store would sell him just one shoe, so he resigned himself to paying full price for a pair and tossing the left one into the growing pile at the back of his closet. His luck changed when he came across the National Odd Shoe Exchange. Since 1943, tens of thousands of people with different-sized feet — or, like Hogan, only one foot — have looked to the nonprofit exchange for help./5A

Minnie Pearl dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Minnie Pearl, whose homespun humor and shrill "Howdyyyyy!" made her the first country comedian known worldwide, died Monday. She was 83. Miss Pearl, who was forced to give up performing after suffering a stroke in 1991, was admitted to a hospital in Nashville on Feb. 25 for a brain seizure or stroke./2A

Soviet space spin

The launching of the first human into space by the Soviet Union — a 108-minute dash around the globe by Lt. Yuri A. Gagarin on April 12, 1961 — stunned the world, particularly the United States, which at the time was struggling to catch up in the space race. Shortly after the Soviet success, President Kennedy, under enormous pressure to outdo the Communists, announced a bold plan to land Americans on the Moon by the end of the decade. But it turns out that Gagarin's flight aboard Vostok 1 was far from the seamless triumph that Moscow publicized for so many decades./4A

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Kaufman badge-ad flap brews

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Mike Kaufman's alleged misuse of the Texas state seal on a likeness of a Midland County sheriff's five-point star badge in political advertising in his campaign for sheriff is causing a flap a week before the March 12 Republican Party primary elections.

"We don't believe we violated the law at all," Kaufman said in his defense on Monday. "We had no idea that (inner star and wreath on the badge) was the state seal, anyway. We obviously didn't even realize it was a representative of the state seal" on the sheriff's badge, which Kaufman is using in his "It's Time For A

Change" advertising.

Kaufman, a 44-year-old retired United States Air Force fighter pilot and squadron commander, is seeking to dislodge 48-year-old Sheriff Gary Painter, who is promoting his re-election bid with his "Law Enforcement That Works" slogan.

Painter, who has been sheriff since 1985, said that if Kaufman "had had the knowledge and the training, surely they (Kaufman and his allies) would have looked up (the use of the Texas seal in the law books) before they used it."

"I would expect somebody that is going for the top law-enforcement job in

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GOP horserace

In GOP presidential politics, the magic number is 996 — as in delegates. And Bob Dole is poised for giant gains when 18 states divvy up more than 700 delegates in the next week. That's why his rivals sound so urgent these days./5A

AP Laserphoto

Terror escalates in Israel

Suicide bomb turns day into nightmare of blood, smoke



A medic evacuates a woman injured when a suicide bomber blew himself up near a Tel Aviv shopping center Monday. The Muslim militant group Hamas claimed responsibility.

Explosion kills at least 14, wounds 130; furious, wildly militant mood sweeps over Tel Aviv.

Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — In a scene growing horribly familiar, an accelerating terror campaign turned a day of light-hearted Jewish celebration into a nightmare of blood and smoke when a suicide bomber struck Monday in the heart of Tel Aviv, killing at least 14 people.

The victims included children in costume and makeup for the holiday of Purim. At least 130 people were wounded in the attack, which left a jumble of shattered bodies and wrecked cars and paralyzed the peace effort.

A mounting toll of dead and wounded, the repeated scenes of carnage and the heart-wrenching despair of victims' families, fueled a deep swelling of anger among Israelis. It was the fourth suicide bomb attack in nine days — the deadliest stretch of terror in Israel's history.

The death toll might have been much higher if the bomber, who was on foot, had managed to enter a crowded shopping center, authorities said. Israel radio said at least 14 people were killed, including the bomber.

The Israeli government decided in an emergency session to form a special anti-terrorism task force with sweeping powers. Prime Minister Shimon Peres suggested that Israel now reserved the right to strike anywhere, including PLO-ruled areas.

The task force would be "able to act in every place to strike

against and punish" the suicide bombers, Peres said. "We will reach every corner where this terror is rooted."

Strikes in PLO-ruled areas would violate the Israel-PLO accords and badly discredit Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat among his people.

A furious, wildly militant mood swept over Tel Aviv, a city known for its generally moderate populace that supports peacemaking with Palestinians and Arabs.

While government ministers met at the heavily guarded Defense Ministry complex a mile from the bombing site, crowds outside lit bonfires and shouted "We want war!" and "We want revenge!"

Others shouted "Death to Arabs!" and one man held a sign calling for a "final solution" against them — paraphrasing the Nazi term for the World War II slaughter of millions of Jews.

In a call to Israel Radio, the Muslim militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for Monday's bombing. Hamas has also claimed the previous three bombings, which killed 44 victims and three suicide bombers.

Faced with the possible collapse of his three-year peace gamble, Arafat said he was ready to cooperate fully with Israel in going after Palestinian militants. But he added that he hoped Israel would not act hastily and break off peace talks.

"I hope that we will not reward these terrorists," Arafat told reporters in Gaza City.

Later Monday, Palestinian security forces announced the arrest of the man they called the



AP Laserphoto

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat speaks during a rally in Gaza Tuesday. The demonstration was called to condemn the wave of violence carried out by the militant group Hamas.

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GOP effort to shrink government, cut budget yields limited success

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From where Kenji Johnson sits, a thousand miles from the U.S. Capitol, the Republican drive to shrink government means elimination of an agency that helped his small tour company prosper. But the demise of the U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration also illustrates the limited success to date of the GOP budget-cutting quest.

Johnson, whose Minne International Inc. serves growing numbers of Japanese visitors to Minnesota's Twin Cities, says that losing the travel office "will definitely hurt us in the long run." But for budget-conscious Republicans, its closure only whets the budget-cutting appetite.

Gone is one small office that most

Americans never knew existed. But some of its tasks will be performed by the Commerce Department, a far bigger agency that Republicans promised — but failed — to dismantle.

"We eliminated what we could. You've got to get it all through the system," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La., a field commander in the GOP's program-pruning campaign.

"When you look at 60 years of ever-increasing centralized government, we've taken a significant first step in rolling it back," he said. "Have we succeeded in completing the revolution? Of course not!"

The budget-slashing campaign reaches another pivotal point this

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Shrinking spending

Bills have been whittled down, largely due to GOP budget-slashing.

In billions of dollars	1995	1996	1997
Agriculture	\$14.9	\$13.3	\$13.4
Energy department	\$20.6	\$19.3	\$20.5
Foreign operations	\$14.8	\$12.1	\$13.6
Legislative branch	\$2.6	\$2.1	\$2.4
Military construction	\$10.7	\$11.2	\$8.8
Defense	\$236.1	\$243	\$243.4
Transportation	\$14.1	\$12.5	\$13.7
Treasury	\$13.1	\$11.2	\$11.6

County looks for early voting to kick into high gear during final week

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

The first 10 days of early voting for the March 12 primary in Midland County has been "pretty slow," according to election officials. But turnout is expected to pick up as early voting approaches an end this Friday.

From 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. today through Friday, Midlanders can vote at any of five locations.

Early votes can be cast at: Elections Administration Office, 709 W. Washington Ave.; Kingsway Center, City of Midland Health Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave.; Midland Association for Retarded Citizens (MARC), Opportunity Center, 2701 North A St.; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Parish Hall, 1100 Tyler St.; and Wal-Mart, north entrance, 4517 N. Midland Drive.

"The last day is always busy, busy. There will prob-

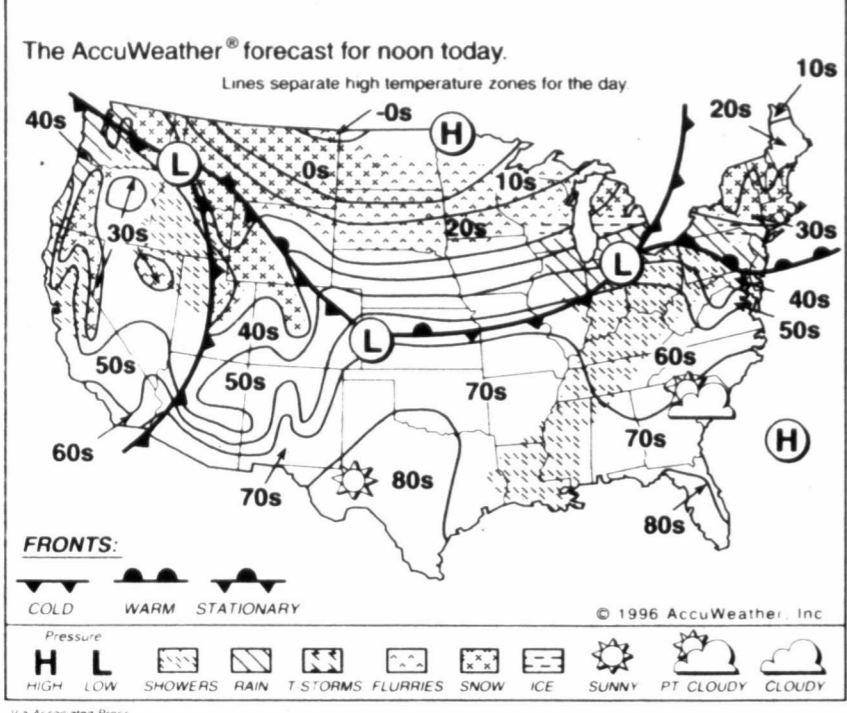
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WEATHER WATCH



Basin in store for gusty, dusty day

Patches of West Texas dust are to be meandering around today with the wind. Otherwise, the weatherman at the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport is calling for southwesterly winds increasing to 20 to 30 mph and gusty and a high temperature in the lower 80 degrees.

STATE

Dark clouds teased parched North Texas on Monday, but only scattered sprinkles fell. South Texas got slightly more rain, but not enough to end the drought. The moisture was moved inland from the Gulf of Mexico by gusty southerly winds of 20 to 30 mph.

NATION

A storm system with rain and snow headed into the western United States on Monday, bringing rain to the lowlands and snow to the mountain ranges. Five to 10 inches of snow have fallen in the higher elevations of the Cascades and the northern Rockies.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics

Table with 2 columns: Forecast and Texas temperatures. Includes data for today, tonight, and Wednesday.

Texas temperatures

Table listing highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours, and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT for various Texas cities.

Area forecast

Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos - Today, partly cloudy and windy with patches of blowing dust. Highs 80-85. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low temperature in the mid-40s.

Weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions and temperatures for various cities across the United States.

Border forecasts

NEW MEXICO - Today, partly cloudy and windy statewide. Areas of reduced visibility in blowing sand and dust. A few showers and mountain snow showers north-central and northwest.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) - The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-8-7

VOTING: Turnout should pick up as cutoff nears

(From 1A) ably be lines on the last day of early voting. Midland County Elections Administrator Pat Eastup said. Traditionally, Midlanders show a high turnout rate during early voting.

remaining 212 in the Democrat primary. On Sunday, early voting locations were open for five hours and only 48 Midlanders voted. That included only two at Kingsway Center and four at MARC.

can vote in either the Republican primary or the Democrat primary, but not both. "It's very helpful if they have their (voter) certificate but they don't have to," Ms. Eastup said.

landers registered to vote. In 1992, 40 percent of registered voters in Midland voted in the Republican primary while 6 percent voted in the Democrat primary.

TERROR: Suicide bomber strikes heart of Tel Aviv

(From 1A) "mastermind" of three of the last four suicide bombings in Israel: Mohammed Abu Wardeh, 28, of the West Bank town of Ramallah. Brig Zakariya Baloushi, deputy chief of Palestinian intelligence, said Abu Wardeh apparently received instructions from abroad, and Israel TV said his handlers were based in Damascus.

Center, the largest shopping center in the Mediterranean metropolis that is the financial and cultural center of Israel. Before setting off the bomb, the bomber had tried to enter the shopping center but appeared to draw the suspicions of policemen stationed at the entrance.

had gone off. A mother pulled her sobbing daughter away, tears streaking the Purim makeup on the girl's face. Ichilov Hospital said it treated four children wounded by the bomb.

Bank and Gaza despite the establishment of Palestinian autonomy, appear headed for victory. Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the opposition Likud Party, said the bombings have belied the basic premise of the Peres government.

SHRINK: Budget-cutting efforts get limited success

(From 1A) week as GOP congressional leaders try to decide what to do about extending spending authority for dozens of federal agencies. That authority expires March 15. When the tourism administration closes in April and 60 of its 78 employees lose their jobs, it will mark one of several 1996 budget victories for Republicans.

bomber is a whole lot more important than education and job training. Outside analysts say the GOP has produced mixed results, at best. While some mostly small programs are suffering substantial spending cuts, it was "unrealistic hyperbole" for the GOP to have promised to abolish large numbers of major agencies.

Despite the failure of President Clinton and Republicans to strike an overall budget-balancing deal, significant savings will still be squeezed from the 13 spending bills. These measures, paying for all government functions but automatic payments such as Social Security and interest on the national debt, cost \$508 billion last year.

Commerce Department strategic planning director Jonathan Sallet says continued uncertainty over his agency's budget has made firings "a grave concern of ours." The GOP has also reinforced an attitudinal shift, which Clinton himself illustrated by declaring that "the era of big government is over."

FLAP: Sheriff says he has no link to complaint

(From 1A) the county to, at least, familiarize himself with the law," Painter said Monday night. According to the Texas Election Code, "A person other than an officeholder commits an offense if the person knowingly uses a representation of the state seal in political advertising." The alleged offense, which is on the threshold of court action, was brought to Midland County Attorney Mark H. Dettman's attention on Thursday by a complaint that has yet to be filed in the Midland County Clerk's Office.

Further, Dettman, who noted that Kaufman "does not currently possess a peace officer's license," wrote that "the State of Texas requires a person to possess a peace officer's license to hold the position of sheriff." However, a spokesman for the Austin-based Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education that certifies lawmen said a newly elected sheriff who does not possess a peace officer's certification has two years from the time the term of office begins to obtain the license.

enacted to prevent voters from getting "the idea they were electing somebody who already was elected to (public) office." And use of the seal by officeholders who are campaigning for re-election "gives them an advantage," Schorre said. Kaufman termed Dettman's recusal as "appropriate."

Dettman "recused himself to protect the integrity of the case," said he wasn't involved in the complaint against Kaufman and has no intention of getting involved in it. "Mr. Kaufman will continuously run into this kind of problems due to his lack of experience and knowledge," Painter said. "And it will create more problems. He's going along and doing things he doesn't know anything about."

Minnie Pearl, known for her 'Howdyyyyyy,' dies

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try music show and 20 years on the syndicated television show "Hee Haw." Much of her humor focused on a longstanding search for a "feller." A typical quip: "Kissing a feller with a beard is like a picnic. You don't mind going through a little brush to get there."

They can sure go after trying to pin me with a picture of a star on a card," Kaufman said. Painter, who noted that

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WORLD IN BRIEF

■ 'Consultative' talks stumble at start

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Efforts to get all of Northern Ireland's parties involved in peace consultations stumbled at the starting block on Monday.

The IRA-allied Sinn Fein party was barred from attending; Protestant leaders refused to come because a "foreign" Irishman was present; and other parties who said they were ready to talk with one another couldn't agree on where to meet.

The British and Irish governments — who set the day's most important precedent by jointly overseeing the effort — afterward shrugged off the half-empty "consultative" talks at the Stormont complex in east Belfast.

Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, called it an "inauspicious" but "an entirely predictable start."

He and Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring both defended the decision to block Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams.

■ Fans pay homage to rock group

GUARULHOS, Brazil — Thousands of young fans tearfully said goodbye on Monday to members of a Brazilian rock band who were killed when their private plane crashed after a weekend concert.

The five members of Mamona Assassinas died Saturday in southern Brazil. Two bodyguards, the pilot and co-pilot also were killed.

The band, whose name roughly translated to "Killer Mammaries," was famed for its raunchy, toilet humor.

"I am devastated. They were so much fun and their lyrics always cheered me up," said 18-year-old Larissa Nunes.

In this industrial city outside Sao Paulo, where the band got its start, the city council held an all-night vigil at a gymnasium where the band members' coffins were laid in state.

Later, teen-agers lined the gritty streets as a firetruck carried the coffins, draped in Brazilian flags, to a cemetery on Sao Paulo's east side.

Fans waved white handkerchiefs, threw carnations and roses, and held up photos of their favorite band members. Some wept.

■ Arpege glitters with 3rd Michelin star

PARIS — The Michelin guidebook awarded Arpege three stars on Monday, crowning the Paris restaurant's 39-year-old chef-owner with what most gourmets consider the ultimate honor.

Chef Alain Passard "is extremely refined in his approach and touch," said Michelin Guides' director Bernard N. gellen. "I remember a wonderful sucking pork with a piquant 'harissa' sauce, based on the couscous idea, and a superb mille feuille (flaky pastry) with hazelnut cream."

The Michelin guide, whose inspectors remain anonymous, downgraded about 44 restaurants in all categories this year — more than usual — while upgrading 35. It awarded three stars to just 19 restaurants.

"We're battling against banality," said Naegellen. "We look for quality and finesse, no matter what the cuisine style. The chef's personality must shine through his cooking."

Paris's 400-year-old Tour d'Argent lost its third star — retained since 1933 when the star system began, except for a brief fall from grace in 1952.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Israeli troops raid camp where two bombers lived

AL FAWWAR, West Bank (NYT) — Struggling against a wave of Palestinian suicide bombings, the Israeli government mounted its declared war on terrorism on Monday, sending troops on a punitive raid on this refugee camp, home to two attackers who struck last week.

Employing the tactics of collective punishment that are likely to be used more often in coming weeks, scores of soldiers descended on this camp near Hebron overnight, confining its 7,000 residents to their homes, arresting suspects, and preparing to seal up and possibly demolish the family houses of the bombers.

But hours after the sweep here, another suicide attack in Tel Aviv underscored anew the difficulty of stopping militants who are prepared to die for their cause.

Although the Tel Aviv attack brought announcements of more stringent measures aimed at confining Palestinians to their West Bank towns and villages, Israelis acknowledged that it would be difficult to prevent the infiltration of human bombs.

Complicating the problem is a difficulty in identifying the source of the attacks. Contradictory leaflets issued by armed factions of the militant Islamic group Hamas in recent days indicate

the emergence of at least one renegade splinter group, possibly guided by radical Hamas leaders in Syria.

The idea behind the crackdown here in Al Fawwar was clear: to make potential attackers think twice before setting out on their missions by demonstrating that their friends and families will pay a price.

Soldiers streamed into the warren of cinder-block and stucco dwellings on a hillside about two miles south of Hebron and first rounded up groups of the men.

Blindfolded and assembled in a lot, the men were questioned and several were arrested. The others were sent home, and a round-the-clock curfew was declared.

Then the soldiers surrounded the homes of the two bombers and prepared to brick up the doors and windows. Officers said the homes might be demolished, although the families have the right to contest that plan in court.

Neighbors watched from windows and rooftops as soldiers took up their places around the home of one attacker, Ibrahim Sarahne. The house had been vacated — appliances were strewn outside, and the family was taking shelter in a crude cinder-block structure next door.

Palestinians, many of whom

depend on jobs in Israel, have been forbidden since last week's bombing to leave the West Bank, an isolation that promises to continue for months. After Monday's attack, Israel added a new condition, saying Palestinians would now be prohibited from working in nearby Israeli settlements, or traveling between towns and villages in the West Bank.

The Israeli commander in the area, identified only as Colonel Gadi, said that the aim of the raid was to punish the camp, where Hamas appears to have a significant following.

"These are hothouses for murderers," he said. "Such phenomena don't grow in a vacuum."

Not only will residents be kept under an open-ended curfew, the colonel said, but they will also be subjected to "harsh sanctions," including travel and work restrictions.

But the tactics used in the camp are not new, and their deterrent effect remains unclear, especially on someone ready to commit suicide.

The chief of Israel's Shin Bet security service, Ami Ayalon, reportedly told a parliamentary committee on Monday that there were hundreds of young Palestin-

ian volunteers for more suicide missions.

Other security methods used by the government have also had a questionable effect.

A closing of the West Bank and Gaza Strip that prevents Palestinians from entering Israel has proved penetrable, with suicide bombers infiltrating Jerusalem and Tel Aviv in two attacks this week.

Such a closing is particularly difficult to enforce in Jerusalem, where there is no barrier between the Jewish and Arab sections. The Israeli police chief, Assaf Hefetz, conceded on Monday in a radio interview that the bombers who had attacked buses in Jerusalem on the last two Sundays might have left from hiding places in the Arab part of the city.

To confront the danger and comfort anxious commuters, soldiers were posted on Monday at bus stations throughout Jerusalem, and security guards inspected the vehicles. But many buses were emptier than usual.

Sitting at one downtown stop guarded by three soldiers, Lilian Sananes said the added protection had done little to bolster her confidence.

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Dole in forefront as primary elections draw to a close

News analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — In Republican presidential politics, the magic number is 996 — and Bob Dole had a mere 91 delegates heading into Tuesday's voting. By the numbers, he was correct in casting the race as "far from over."

Yet Dole is poised for giant gains when 18 states divvy up more than 700 delegates in the next week — 10 states on Tuesday, New York on Thursday and seven more on next week's "Super Tuesday."

In the Dole camp, there was even talk of a "Junior Tuesday" sweep, with Georgia the biggest question mark because of conservative commentator Pat Buchanan's appeals to social conservatives. Weekend polling by the Dole campaign showed growing leads in Florida and Texas, the two biggest prizes next week.

As Dole begins to look like a winner, many in the party are beginning to look ahead, to assess the

obstacles if Dole does indeed emerge as the GOP's presumptive nominee.

"The next president" is how House Speaker Newt Gingrich referred to Dole after voting for the Senate majority leader on Monday — using an absentee ballot for Tuesday's Georgia primary.

Gingrich made his sentiments public in an effort to bring peace to a contentious nominating battle that has jeopardized internal party consensus on trade and other economic issues and brought to the surface the always divisive abortion debate.

In the speaker's calculation, and he has plenty of company in the GOP establishment ranks, Dole is almost the nominee.

"I think it is virtually over," said William Kristol, the conservative strategist and magazine publisher. Still, never a Dole fan, Kristol said, "I fear he may come out of this not a very strong candidate."

Already, Dole trails President Clinton in national surveys, although the outlook for Dole improves, but is hardly optimistic,

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in a state-by-state electoral college analysis.

Beyond that, Dole — or any GOP nominee besides Steve Forbes for that matter — will be out of money by the beginning of April at the latest, while Clinton sits on more than \$25 million in primary money available to spend before the August conventions.

The Republican National Committee legal staff is exploring this issue, and drafting a plan to move the nominee around the country at party expense — without violating federal election laws. The RNC and state parties also are preparing to absorb much of the nominee's staff for the spring and summer months, another cost-saving move.

But the biggest worries go

beyond dollars and personnel.

Dole had hoped to have the nomination virtually locked up already, so he could return to his duties as Senate majority leader and push an election-year agenda through the GOP Congress.

Now Dole will be forced to campaign hard through at least the end of March, when California holds its primary. Still, many Republicans feel it is imperative that the GOP Congress move swiftly — to repair its own tarnished image and to set the agenda for the fall campaign.

Kristol and others put welfare reform and tax cuts atop their wish list. Legal reforms, rollbacks in racial preference programs and regulatory reform were mentioned by other Republicans as a way to solidify the GOP base and

contrast the party with Clinton. Some Dole aides also favor pushing modest health care reform legislation.

"Give us three or four or five weeks after we get a clear nominee and I think we will be able to frame a race versus Clinton," Gingrich said.

There are several more immediate problems for Dole.

For starters, the biggest worry in the Dole campaign now, assuming Tuesday's elections go well, is Buchanan.

Since losing South Carolina to Dole, Buchanan has been scathingly critical of Dole. No one in the Dole camp considers Buchanan a serious threat for the nomination, but most believe a rapprochement is critical.

Arizona woman solves problem of shoe surplus

PHOENIX (AP) — When his left leg was amputated three years ago because of complications from diabetes, Patrick Hogan's need for shoes changed forever.

No store would sell him just one shoe, so he resigned himself to paying full price for a pair and tossing the left one into the growing pile at the back of his closet.

The retired radio announcer's luck changed when he came across the National Odd Shoe Exchange while thumbing through the phone book.

"This is a gift from heaven," said Hogan, admiring five right-footed dress, casual and athletic shoes, size 13-D, he picked out at the exchange's Phoenix headquarters. "They're all brand new, never been on anyone else's foot."

Since 1943, tens of thousands of people with two different-sized feet — or, like Hogan, only one foot — have looked to the nonprofit National Odd Shoe Exchange.

NOSE's cramped offices over-

flow with 1 million shoes donated by more than two dozen manufacturers. The organization counts 17,000 members in the United States and Canada, most of whom have mismatched shoe sizes because of disease, injury or birth defects.

Members shop for shoes for free at the organization's headquarters or order by mail, paying only the shipping costs.

NOSE fits the hard-to-fit, from a 2-year-old toddler in Arizona with a clubfoot to size 17 athletic shoes for a strapping 13-year-old boy in Ohio.

"We've had people come in and say, 'I don't think you can help me, but I wear an adult size 7 on my right foot and a children's size 1 on my left,'" said exchange director Jeanne Sallman. "They're in tears when they leave with those shoes."

Depending on their age, members pay a one-time registration fee of \$15 or \$25, plus \$10 or \$15 a year. The fees are waived for chil-

dren under 5, adults 75 and older and people who cannot afford to pay.

Many of the shoes are manufacturers' overstocks. Some have slight defects, but most are in perfect condition. There are rows upon rows of different styles, from Nike Air models to Joan & David black pumps, handmade in Italy, the \$229 price tag still attached.

"We once had a pair of \$1,495 women's leather boots," volunteer Allen Dearwester said. "God and the shoe companies have been very good to us."

The shoe exchange also provides names and phone numbers of a member's "mismatch" — an individual who has exactly the opposite shoe size problem. The mismatches share shoe purchases, which means they don't have to buy two different-size pairs of shoes to come up with one wearable pair.

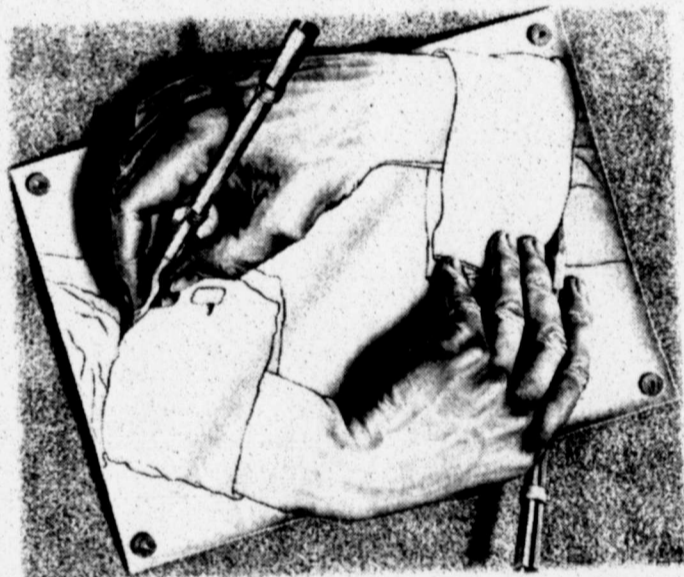
Sallman, 54, knows how hard it is for the estimated 10 percent of

Americans with mismatched feet to find shoes. Childhood classmates called her a "web-footed freak" because a congenital condition left her right foot 2 1/2 sizes smaller than her left.

She has been a member since her mother saw an interview with NOSE founder Ruth Feldman on "Art Linkletter's House Party" in 1953. In 1983, Feldman persuaded Sallman, then a podiatric nurse in Des Moines, Iowa, to take over the organization.

"It's a terrible waste of money and time to buy two pairs of shoes to get one pair that fits," Sallman said. "It's almost degrading. You're already physically handicapped, and to be financially handicapped by being forced to buy something you can't use, it's almost discriminatory."

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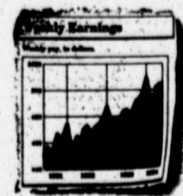
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NATION in BRIEF

Assassination plot uncovered in trial

MIAMI (AP) — The late Colombian drug kingpin Pablo Escobar threatened to kill one of President Bush's sons, an informant from the rival Cali cartel told U.S. officials.

The Secret Service took the threat seriously enough to conduct an extensive interview with the informant and give him a lie detector test, according to the transcript obtained Monday from a 1992 court hearing.

The report came from Luis Santacruz Echeverri, half brother of Cali cartel leader Jose Santacruz-Londono.

Santacruz Echeverri, nicknamed "Lucho," won a nine-year reduction on a 23-year prison sentence for producing a key witness against deposed Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega.

Rocket maker finds flaw in O-ring

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Hot rocket gas singed O-rings in Columbia's booster rockets during liftoff nearly two weeks ago but did not endanger the space shuttle or its seven astronauts, NASA said Monday.

The two scorched O-rings, one in each of the solid-fuel boosters, are not intended as protective seals, said NASA spokeswoman June Malone. Rather, they are used during assembly to keep adhesive away from the critical primary O-ring seals, she said.

This problem has been seen nine times before, most recently last fall. But it's the first time that gas snaked through this adhesive in more than one place in the so-called case-to-nozzle joint, Malone said.

Two gas paths were discovered in the joint on each booster, she said.

The problem was discovered during a routine inspection by booster maker Thiokol Corp. The two boosters fell away from the shuttle as designed during liftoff Feb. 22 and were retrieved from the Atlantic.

Video clerk's grandparents found

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A couple were found shot to death near their car Monday, a day after they apparently stumbled onto a video-store holdup in which their grandson and two other people were slain.

George and Pauline McDougall were last seen alive when they left their home about 2 a.m. Sunday to pick up 19-year-old grandson Zachary Blacklock after he finished working his shift at the video store.

The couple's bodies were found in the mountains about 20 miles east of Albuquerque.

Police suspect the couple were abducted by whoever killed their grandson and co-workers Mylinh Daothi, 30, and Jowanda Castillo, 18.

The three employees were discovered bound and shot in the back room of the Hollywood Video store Sunday by members of the store's morning crew, who found the doors unlocked and money missing.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Tennessee tries to bar evolution in schools

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The state where John Scopes was tried and convicted in 1925 for teaching evolution again wants to restrict what students can be told about the origins of man.

Legislation to fire any teacher who presents evolution as fact was on the Tennessee Senate agenda Monday. It was expected to pass despite an attorney general's opinion it violates the constitutional separation of church and state.

Already this year, Tennessee senators have gone on record in favor of displaying the Ten Commandments in churches, schools, businesses and homes for 10 days in May, and against same-sex marriages.

"This is a trilogy that is making this state a comedy," said Sen. Steve Cohen, a Memphis Democrat.

The sponsor of the evolution bill is Sen. Tommy Burks, whose home district is 45 miles

northwest of Dayton, site of the 1925 Scopes "Monkey trial." He said he introduced the bill because constituents told him evolution was being taught as fact in Tennessee schools. He won't say where.

The bill seems destined to pass the Senate and then the House without significant help from lobbyists. The conservative Eagle Forum has been the most vocal backer of the bill, which some lawmakers said is hard to oppose.

"You can't explain a no vote in a 15-second sound bite," said Rep. Eugene Davidson, who voted for the bill when it cleared the House Education Committee.

Gov. Don Sundquist, a Republican, has not said what he will do if the bill reaches his desk.

The bill is more lenient than the law under which Scopes, a substitute biology teacher, was convicted of teaching evolution and fined \$100. That law prohibited teaching "any theory that denies the story of the Divine Creation of

man as taught in the Bible, and to teach again that man has descended from a lower order of animals."

Burks' bill doesn't ban the teaching of evolution as theory or promote the teaching of Biblical theories, but teachers say no one knows how the law might be interpreted.

"Teachers will be afraid to teach anything about evolution," so students will miss a portion of their basic science curriculum, said Wesley Roberts, an ecology teacher at Nashville's Hillwood High.

The Monkey Trial pitted two legal giants of the age against each other — Clarence Darrow, representing Scopes, and William Jennings Bryan. It also drew scorn: Newspaperman H.L. Mencken, who covered the trial, branded Tennessee a state of yokels.

Scopes' conviction was overturned on a technicality, but the law stayed on the books until it was repealed in 1967.

Atlanta mayor picks up Alan Keyes after police fiasco

ATLANTA (NYT) — Mayor Bill Campbell, summoning Olympian powers of spin control, characterized it as "a whimsical night" in Atlanta.

But Alan Keyes, a Republican presidential candidate who was hauled off in handcuffs by Atlanta police on Sunday after trying to crash a candidate debate, saw his night on the town somewhat differently.

"Is this America or the Soviet Union?" he asked Monday, just warming up. "This is a disgrace to

American democracy."

If it was a public relations blunder for image-sensitive Atlanta, it was a bonanza for Keyes, a candidate who would have garnered far less attention by participating in the debate than he did by being forcibly removed from it.

The incident began when Keyes, already on a four-day hunger strike to protest his exclusion from a debate in South Carolina, mounted two unsuccessful charges at the white-columned portico of WSB-TV, an ABC affiliate.

It ended with Campbell, dressed in sweat pants, picking up Keyes from a Pizza Hut parking lot in a seedy part of town and delivering him safely to his downtown hotel.

"We wanted him to have a great time in our Olympic city," Campbell said at a news conference Monday, "and we did not think that he was enjoying our city at that time."

As an advertisement for Southern hospitality, barely four months before the opening of the Centennial Olympic Games, the television

images of police officers detaining the only black presidential candidate left something to be desired. And while no one, including Keyes, charged either the city or the television station with racism, many said the imagery was damaging.

"It's embarrassing," said Russell Paul, the state Republican chairman. "I grew up in Birmingham, Ala., in the 1960s and, unfortunately, that's what that took me back to."

Train derailment sets propane gas free; residents evacuate homes

WEYAUWEGA, Wis. (AP) — Burning propane spewed from wrecked railroad tank cars Monday, threatening to blow up additional cars loaded with the fuel and keeping the town's entire population away from their homes.

"This is about as serious as it can get," emergency management official Paul Thomsen said. "A detonation would be catastrophic."

No injuries were reported.

Throughout the morning, the leaking gas blazed in a 200-foot wall of flames. At times, the light of the fire was visible up to 13 miles away in New London.

During the afternoon, however, a snowstorm obscured the inferno from view. Firefighters were pulled back to let the fire burn.

Thirty-seven cars of a 81-car Wisconsin Central Ltd. freight train derailed just before dawn in this east-central Wisconsin city.

As the cars piled up, one of the train's 15 propane tank cars exploded, destroying a nearby feed mill and forcing the evacuation of 1,700 people from the town and two nearby nursing homes.

The 15 tank cars were loaded with a total of 1 million pounds of propane, shipped liquefied and under high pressure, Thomsen

said. Three of them apparently were leaking and feeding the fire started by the tank that exploded, said Wisconsin Central spokesman Bob Jones.

Authorities said they were concerned that other propane tank cars might explode.

If all the tanks detonated, the blast could shatter windows more than a mile away, said Thomsen, president of Risk Management Planning, a company hired by the state emergency management division.

Waupaca Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Mary Robbins said officials also were concerned that fertilizer stored nearby could catch fire.


In addition, a natural gas pipeline serving the area was shut down as a precaution.

Two cars carried sodium hydroxide, but that was considered an environmental pollutant rather than a fire danger and was not leaking, said Jones.

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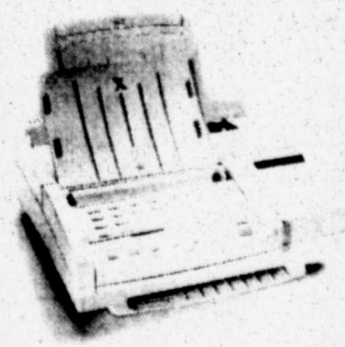
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Permian Basin receives grant

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The first proceeds from a recent state law aimed at funding law-enforcement from law-breakers' pockets are starting to trickle into the Permian Basin.

State Comptroller John Sharp this week announced that Midland and Odessa law enforcement agencies have received \$14,083 in supplemental continuing education funds.

"The Texas Legislature has directed that proceeds from a new \$2 court cost on criminal offenses committed on or after Sept. 1, 1995, be allocated to qualified law enforcement agencies for continuing education," Sharp said.

The Midland County Sheriff's Department already has received a check for \$2,561 to cover continuing education expenses for its 118 certified officers. This is the

Midland Sheriff's Department's share of \$1.3 million collected and dispersed to more than 50,000 officers in Texas.

"It (the funds) is meant to be used in addition to the normal training budget — and that's how we're going to use it," a spokesman for the department said.

All certified law-enforcement officers in Texas are required to have at least 40 credit hours of continuing education each biennium, the spokesman said.

"It's a way to get a little money back to the agencies so they can comply with the statutes," he said.

Law enforcement agencies across the state are required to meet standards set by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). Many of these TCLEOSE-approved training programs cost between \$55 and \$75 per officer, Sharp said. "A class on crime-scene investigation or fin-

gerprinting will cost \$125. A 560-hour basic peace officer certification class costs between \$775 and \$800," he added.

The Midland police department is expecting a check for \$3,204 at any time, but the funds have not arrived yet, said Midland Police Chief Richard Czech. MPD has 149 officers that need regular continuing education hours.

The Odessa Police Department received \$3,785 for the 177 officers on its force and the Ector County Sheriff's Office received \$4,532 for its 213 officers.

"The good news is that the state's smaller law enforcement agencies — many of them hard-pressed for training funds — share in the allocation," Sharp said.

The statute requires that 20 percent of the total amount collected from the new \$2 court cost is to be allo-

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TUESDAY DAY WATCH

Honor week

AUSTIN — Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed this week as Educational Diagnosticians' Week. It will honor certified teachers who have additional training in administering and interpreting tests. Diagnosticians often work with children with disabilities and develop educational plans for them.

Petroleum lecture

ODESSA — A presentation by a respected authority in petroleum engineering and a tribute to a Permian Basin leader will highlight the 1996 Ellen and Bill Noel Lecture today at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Ben Caudle, the B.J. Lancaster Professor of Petroleum Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin, will speak at 5:30 p.m. at the UTPB Center for Energy and Economic Diversification on "Injection Flooding: From Oil Recovery to Environmental Cleanup." Caudle also will present a seminar at 2 p.m. in Room 291 of the Mesa Building on the UTPB campus on the topic of "Predictive Injection Models for Petroleum and Environmental Applications." Following Caudle's 5:30 p.m. presentation, the CEED auditorium will be dedicated as the W.D. "Bill" Noel Auditorium, in honor of the late community and industry leader who died in 1987. Noel, a longtime supporter of UTPB, founded the world's largest inland petrochemical complex in Odessa in the 1950s. He was known for his dedication to education and economic development in the Permian Basin.

Theatre month

Theatre in Our Schools Month is a joint project of the American Alliance for Theatre and Education and the Educational Theatre Association. Established in 1989, this project is to recognize, celebrate and enhance the use of theater and drama in American education. In Texas, it is supported by the Texas Educational Theatre Association. Because of their belief that theater, as all art, is an important part of the human experience, AATE, ETA and TETA have set the month of March aside as "Theatre in Our Schools Month." During this month, schools, theaters, communities and arts agencies celebrate the diversity of the theatrical experience available to students. For more information and materials, contact the state TIOSM chairperson: Helen Lewis, Keller High School, 601 N. Pate-Orr Road, Keller, Texas 76248, 1-817-337-3334.

Museum exhibit

ODESSA — The Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee St., is hosting an Exhibition Preview Reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The reception opens the facility's "Seven Presidents: The Art of Pat Oliphant" Exhibition. The exhibit will be on display Tuesday through April 27 in the John Ben Sheppard Gallery at the museum.

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.

Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.

Divorce Support Group, 7 p.m., 2104 W. Louisiana Ave., parlor of First Baptist Church, 683-0609.

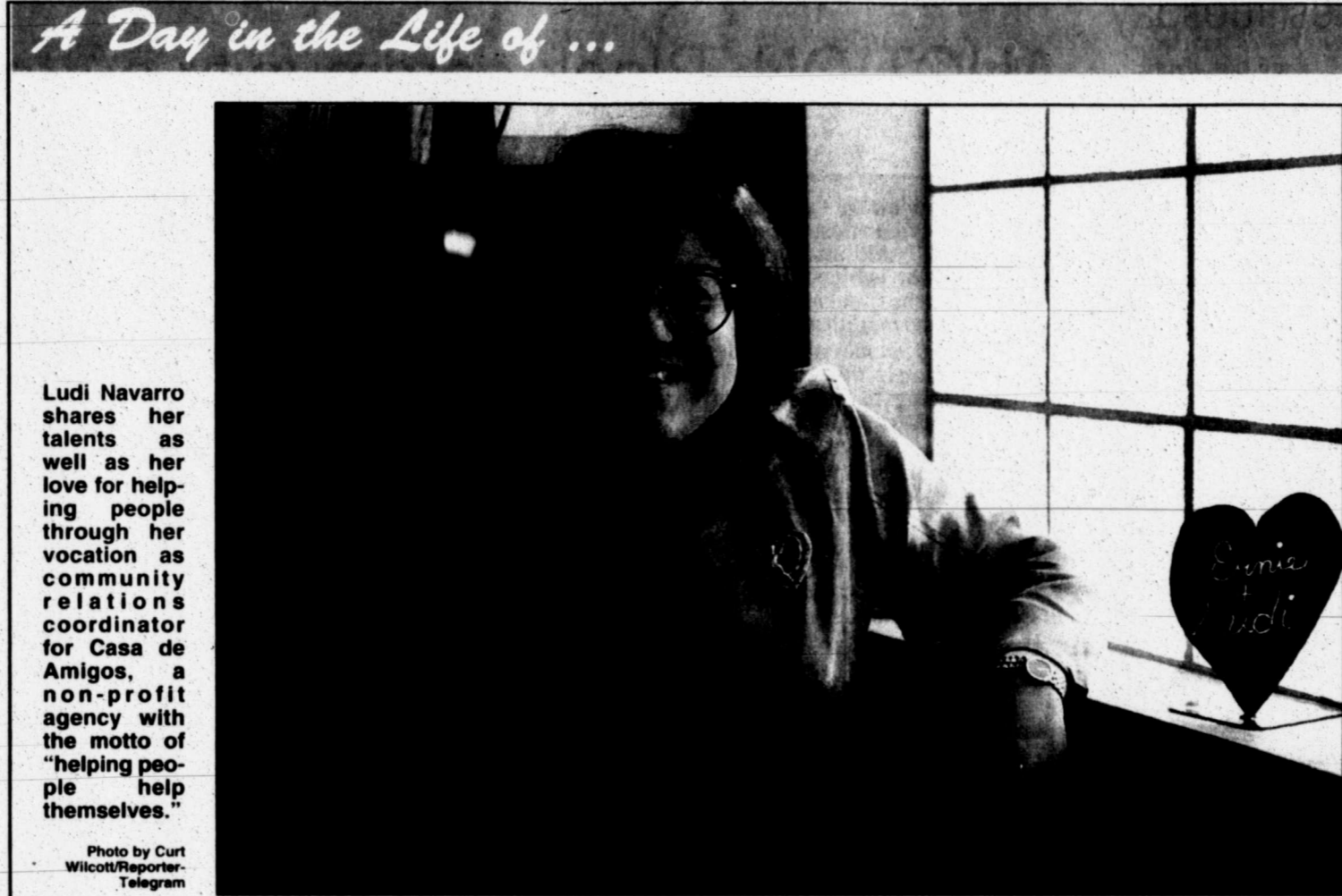
Better Breathing Club, noon, Westwood Hospital's lecture hall, 522-2273.

Betterers Anonymous support group, 6:30 p.m., 689-8428.

Midland Mothers of Twins Club, 689-6775.

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Ludi Navarro shares her talents as well as her love for helping people through her vocation as community relations coordinator for Casa de Amigos, a non-profit agency with the motto of "helping people help themselves."

Photo by Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Community relations coordinator stays busy helping others

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff Writer

Working to make the community a better place to live by helping others is what Ludi Navarro does daily.

As the community relations coordinator since September 1994 for Casa de Amigos, a non-profit United Way agency with the theme of "helping people help themselves," Ms. Navarro has several tasks.

The 30-year-old fields calls from potential volunteers and looks to find tasks for those who request them, even if only for a couple of hours they are required to do.

Sometimes the short-timers like that are the hardest to place, but she works with anyone interested in helping.

She always has a camera handy to

takes photos of the various programs and those who are enjoying them. She said the senior citizens are the best because they have fun even when no event is planned.

In addition to her duties as a volunteer coordinator, she also translates for Spanish-speaking visitors and callers.

In her public relations capacity, she works with a lot of people coordinating special events and informing the public of Casa's activities and programs.

"Since we are a non-profit, I spend a lot of time on the phone trying to get things donated. It takes lots of planning, meetings and work with a lot of people to try and pull an event together," Ms. Navarro said.

From the invitations to the mailing list and highlighting the programs she wants the public to notice are just

some of the little time-consuming things she has to think about.

"It is a horror while you're getting there, but then when everyone pitches in, it all comes together," she said.

Ms. Navarro studied interior design in college and, like many people, she took the first job she was offered, which was for a non-profit agency in Dallas. Working with her supervisor there, she got started on the track to serving others.

"It's always been in me to care about other people, I just wasn't aware of it before," Ms. Navarro said.

An Odessa native, she said the best thing about her job is the "feeling I got when I first came here. I didn't know anything like this existed."

"It is awe-inspiring, the services pro-

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Testimony begins in teen-murder trial

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff writer

Testimony in the murder trial of Tommy John Rains began Monday afternoon with the victim's friend testifying he saw Rains stab James Irvin Poole.

Rains, 17, is accused 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, officials said.

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.

Ryan Richardson, Poole's friend who was with him the night of the stabbing, said he was involved in a fight earlier in which he beat up Rains, then the defendant's friends beat him up.

After several calls, a second fight was arranged with Poole to take on Jason Neil McClelland and Rains to fight Richardson again, according to testimony. Poole was not involved in the earlier fight.

Richardson said Rains was the only person there armed with a weapon. He said Rains threatened him with the knife, then kicked Poole's car door and when Poole took a swing at Rains he lunged at him with the knife and stabbed him.

Midland County Sheriff's Investigator Paul Hallmark said he found the knife believed used in the stabbing. The knife was a double-edged, four-inch straight-blade knife.

He said the knife was sent to the Department of Public Safety serology lab to test if for human blood and, if positive, test the DNA.

Hallmark also took photos of the scene and of Rains.

The photos of Rains show scrapes, cuts and bruises on his body.

McClelland, 19, was arrested and charged in the attack but was not indicted by a grand jury.

Police said as soon as Poole was stabbed the fight stopped. Poole was taken to the emergency room by a private vehicle.

McClelland was arrested at the hospital that evening and Rains was arrested

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Church 'slave sale' draws fire from black community

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A televangelist's newsletter ad for a "slave sale" to raise money for church high school students has angered black community leaders and others.

They demanded the Rev. John Hagee of Cornerstone Church apologize.

On Monday, after a weekend of criticism, he did.

"We certainly did not intend to offend anyone and apologize to anyone offended," said Hagee.

The pastor refused interviews with news reporters but appeared on a KTTSA-AM radio talk show to discuss the controversy in what he called an "unedited format."

Hagee said the Cornerstone High School "slave sale," a concept he contends has been used in school fund-raisers for generations, will be renamed a "student auction."

"I believe that name will pass and be politically correct, sterile enough," Hagee said.

Hagee and his non-denominational church are known nationally through his television ministry. His local congregation numbers more than 5,000 and is one of the largest non-Catholic congregations in the city. Hagee, who is white, says his congregation is multicultural.

Hagee often expresses political viewpoints in church. He has spoken out against abortion and environmentalists. He also invites political speakers to Cornerstone. Elizabeth Dole, wife of Republican presidential candidate Sen. Bob Dole, is to speak Sunday.

It was Hagee's message in the church bulletin "the Cluster" that generated controversy over the weekend.

"Slavery in America is returning to Cornerstone Sunday night, March 31st with the Senior High School Slave Sale," Hagee wrote.

Each senior class member at Cornerstone High School will be auctioned off in front of the congregation after a Sunday evening worship service to raise money for a senior class trip, Hagee explained.

The students — billed by Hagee as "very talented help" — are to do work at the home or business of the bidder.

"Make plans to come and go home with a slave," Hagee wrote.

The newsletter, dated March 3, began circulating Friday.

Angry reaction quickly followed.

"I think anyone should be incensed and outraged by

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Spelling session

Parent Barbara Bingham listens to spelling expert Richard Gentry during a public parent and student session at Greathouse Elementary School. Gentry also conducted a spelling workshop for educators in Midland Independent School District last week.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

GARY OTT

Computer switchboards can be source of frustration

More rambling thoughts ...

— Great country-western line: "You're wanted by the police and my wife thinks you're dead."

— It must be incredibly strange to live in a part of the world where there is always a chance a bomb will explode in your neighborhood at some point during the day.

— There's nothing worse than a rich person with gaudy taste.

— I've often wondered how much sleep President Truman got the night before the first bomb was dropped on that Japanese city.

— Did it get any easier the second time?

— Howard Stern seems unnecessarily crude to me.

— Just a guess here, but I figure close to 75 percent of Americans don't really like their jobs, and big chunk of those people probably wouldn't enjoy any job you gave them because they are basically

unhappy with life in general.

— Sometimes people can be too independent-minded for their own good.

— Is there anything uglier than two Sumo wrestlers going head-to-head, or should it be tummy to tummy?

— I'm always amused when a group of older women refer to themselves as "the girls."

— I know every deviate behavior these days is considered the result of an illness of some sort, but what in the world makes an otherwise normal adult become sexually aroused by little children?

— It's weird and there is no other way to put it.

— Overheard: "You've got about as much willpower with good-looking women as you do with barbeque ribs."

— Why is it that once an argument has ended, especially one involving an acidic-tongued girlfriend, you invariably think of your best comeback line?

— I'd rather do just about anything than have to work my way through one of those pre-recorded switchboards that require you to punch 14 buttons before you finally get to talk to a real person. Making matters worse, if

you hit the wrong at some point then you've got to start all over.

— Little-known fact: The word "tips" supposedly comes from the first letters of the words "To Insure Prompt Service."

— Most of us dislike folksy airline pilots and would prefer having one who simply welcomes us aboard and then gets back to the business of keeping the plane in the air.

— Andy Rooney once observed, "If the literature in your hotel room can name all of the places of interest in the city, it isn't a very big city."

— People who constantly whistle can be terribly irritating.

— And today's final quote comes from Ernest Hemingway, who once said, "All modern American literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called 'Huckleberry Finn.'"

Gary Ott is managing editor of the Reporter-Telegram.



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STATE in BRIEF

Four arrested in kidnapping-murder

RIO GRANDE CITY — Police have arrested four men they say kidnapped and murdered a 31-year-old Rio Grande City man after a drug deal went awry.

The four suspects were in the Starr County Jail on Monday night after authorities found the body of Jesse Ray Warren in Camargo, Mexico, according to Sheriff Gene Falcon.

Warren's body was found Friday in a shallow grave. It had one leg missing and was partially burned, Falcon said.

The four suspects were charged with the Feb. 17 kidnapping of Warren and Edwardo Acenedo, a 25-year-old Rio Grande City resident.

Warren was kidnapped from his home and Acenedo from a convenience store, Falcon said. Acenedo was pistol-whipped and released the same day.

Charged with two counts of aggravated kidnapping are: Ismael Diaz Jr., 30, his brother Ubaldo Diaz, 28, Gerardo Lopez, 22, and Salome Sanchez, 25.

Murder charges were pending, Falcon said.

The men were each being held in lieu of \$500,000 bond. All the suspects are from the Rio Grande City area.

At the time of the kidnapping, the four suspects already were out on bond facing federal drug indictments, Falcon said.

Two indicted in arson-murder

COLEMAN — Two people were indicted Monday on charges of killing a Coleman woman and setting the fire that killed her two young sons.

A Coleman County grand jury returned the 18-count indictment, which included charges of capital murder and arson. The names of the people indicted were not released because they had not been arrested.

Killed were Cari Lin Gifford Harrison, 26; Michael Harrison, 5; and Jonathan Harrison, 3.

Authorities first thought all three had died in the Jan. 12 fire. But an autopsy revealed that the mother was dead before the fire started and accelerants were used to start the blaze.

The family had just moved into their two-story house, on U.S. 206 about one mile east of Coleman, in the week before their deaths, officials said.

Coleman firemen were called by a passing truck driver shortly after 2:30 a.m. and arrived to find the house engulfed in flames. Coleman is about 47 miles south of Abilene.

Sludge disposal draws attention

PECOS — A television production company did a "hatchet job" in producing and broadcasting a documentary on a controversial West Texas sludge disposal project, an attorney argued Monday.

Joseph Tydings opened arguments in a defamation suit filed by MERCO Joint Venture, which operates the project, by telling a jury in U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton's court that MERCO was damaged by a TriStar Television report called "Sludge Train."

TriStar is owned by Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc.

The report, which aired in 1994, centered around MERCO's so-called "sludge ranch," a 128,000-acre site in Sierra Blanca where the company is applying sludge shipped from New York City.

The company says the sludge, a byproduct of wastewater treatment facilities, is rich in nutrients and can rejuvenate the arid range land when used as a fertilizer.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Democratic Senate candidate's record in question

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Jim Chapman, who tells campaign audiences he lost only his first case as a district attorney, lost two others, says a lawyer who defended those clients.

"He just flat made that up. I know Chapman didn't forget his two losses to me," Dallas attorney Randy Taylor told The Associated Press on Monday.

Taylor said he was victorious against Chapman in cases tried in Rains County in 1978 and 1979.

"These verdicts weren't on any technicalities," Taylor said. "It was just a knockdown, drag-out jury trial where the jury said, 'Not guilty.'"

Chapman's press secretary, Tom Stewart, said an assistant district attorney — not Chapman — prosecuted the two cases Taylor won.

"I asked him (Chapman) about them. He said both cases were tried by assistants," Stewart said.

Chapman, a Sulphur Springs congressman, is one of four Democrats seeking the party's nomination to challenge Republican Sen. Phil Gramm in November. Chapman was district attorney for the 8th Judicial District in East Texas from 1976 to 1985.

In campaign speeches and published interviews this year, Chapman has said: "I only lost one case, and it was my first one. I didn't lose again." Chapman also says he later successfully prosecuted that first defendant on another charge and won.

Mary Sheppard, the court clerk in Emory, said Rains County records show the two cases where Taylor's clients were acquitted:

- On July 21, 1978, a jury found Mark Gaby innocent in a felony marijuana case.
- On Jan. 30, 1979, Robert Gayle Fletcher was found innocent by a jury in a retaliation case.

Ms. Sheppard said she found no written motions on file that would

show who actually prosecuted the cases in the courtroom, but she recalled, "Normally, (Chapman's assistant) didn't try the cases."

Steve Hughes, who then was the assistant district attorney, said he prosecuted some cases during his time in Chapman's office.

As for the two cited by Taylor, he said, "I cannot truthfully say if I did it by myself, or if Chapman did it with me, or if Chapman did it by himself."

Hughes also said he recalled that another defendant was convicted in the marijuana case.

Chapman's spokesman, Stewart, said Chapman's campaign speeches about losing only his first case refer to those he tried personally, not the entire record of the office while he was district attorney.

"In those cases where Jim Chapman handled the case from setting the jury to the closing arguments, he lost one case," Stewart said. "In these (two Rains County) cases,

and probably some others, where he provided some backup or assistance to his assistants, very likely there were some 'not guilty' verdicts."

Chapman's campaign literature says he had a 99 percent conviction rate, and Stewart said, "His record speaks for itself."

Taylor said he vividly recalls Chapman working in the courtroom in both cases.

"For him to suggest or even say that (an assistant) was my opposition and his boss sat there silently while I kicked the ... out of them is bull," Taylor said.

"He had a guy there with him that was carrying his briefcase and was kind of a book lawyer. But when it came to the trial, Chapman did it. He questioned the jurors. He cross-examined the witnesses. He gave the closing arguments," Taylor said.

U.S. tries to stay tough on NAFTA trucking matters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas officials from Gov. George W. Bush on down insist the Lone Star State has the inspection and enforcement tools in place to permit Mexican cargo trucks access throughout the state.

Not so fast, says the congressional General Accounting Office.

"The four U.S. border states' readiness for enforcement varies significantly," the congressional investigators conclude in a new report.

"Currently, and in the future, Texas faces the greatest enforcement burden but has relatively limited resources — enforcement personnel and facilities — to cope with the increasing truck traffic from Mexico."

The report doesn't conclude that Texas isn't prepared but raises some questions about resources.

The issue of Mexican trucking access has been a volatile one since mid-December, when the Clinton administration delayed implementation of a NAFTA trucking provision citing safety and enforcement concerns.

Under the NAFTA provision, Mexican trucks would have access to the interior of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. While the dispute remains unresolved, Mexican trucks retain their pre-NAFTA access to a maximum 20-mile commercial border zone.

The Mexican Embassy has denounced the U.S. decision as "a clear violation" of the North

American Free Trade Agreement.

Bush and other Texas officials have had little patience for the administration's action, saying Texas is prepared to enforce its standards and has the resources to do so.

But the GAO, in a report requested by members of Congress, said enforcement among the border states "is not aligned with need."

While more than 7,000 Mexican trucks roll into Texas daily, the state had only 14 truck inspectors to staff the state's 16 crossing points as of year's end, the GAO said.

"Also, Texas had no permanent weight scales or inspection facilities along its 1,250-mile border

with Mexico," the report said. The investigators did note that Texas plans to build two roadside inspection facilities in El Paso at a cost of \$1.4 million.

The Texas Department of Public Safety, charged with enforcing state trucking regulations, is ready to enforce the rules, a spokesman said Monday.

"The DPS and the other state agencies in Texas who would be impacted by this all believe that we are prepared to move forward when NAFTA goes into effect," said spokesman Mike Cox.

Cox said the GAO's numbers don't reflect new enforcement measures the state is undertaking.

Austin fights nuclear power plant for mismanagement

HOUSTON (AP) — The City of Austin went to court Monday in a \$115 million lawsuit accusing Houston Lighting & Power Co. of mismanaging the South Texas Nuclear Project in the time leading up to a 14-month shutdown.

Austin, a 16-percent owner of the plant near Bay City, says imprudent management at South Texas is to blame for the shutdown that began in 1993. Plant operator HL&P denies that.

The South Texas Project was taken out of service in February 1993 after a series of mechanical failures. That was followed by a Nuclear Regulatory Commission decision to place the plant on its watch list.

Attorneys for Austin say they

hope to recover about \$115 million in compensation for costs the city incurred while South Texas was idled.

Jury selection in the case started Monday. The trial, in state District Judge Mark Davidson's court, is expected to last at least two months.

The \$6.2 billion nuclear plant, which opened eight years ago, is jointly owned by Austin, San Antonio, Central Power & Light of Corpus Christi and HL&P.

San Antonio, which holds a 28-percent stake, joined Austin's lawsuit soon after the 1994 filing but pulled out last week, saying it was seeking an out-of-court settlement.

Police sharpen skills with technology

FORT WORTH (AP) — A camouflage-clad gunman pops out from the woods as Bedford police officer Bill Pond approaches the crime scene. His heart racing, Pond yells at the man to drop his weapon, aims and shoots.

The gunman, who carries an AK-47 assault rifle, is hit and falls to the ground. It seems so real.

But the intense drama was not real.

Pond was using a new high-tech simulator recently purchased by the Bedford, Grapevine and Euless police departments. It's real enough to get the 19-year-old veteran's blood pumping.

"It's pretty realistic," he said, blinking his eyes as the lights came on at the video's end. "It makes the officer think through what they're doing."

Officers confront the same pressure-cooker situations and split-second decisions they find on the street — and always live to learn.

The machine presents nine scenarios, including situations involving hostages, domestic disputes and robberies in progress. Bystanders are scattered throughout, adding their safety to the list of concerns officers must instantly weigh.

"It's certainly cheaper than one real-life mistake in the use of deadly force," said Grapevine Police Chief Tom Martin.

Adding to the realism, instructors can use a computer to control the actions of the on-screen criminals. If an officer isn't barking commands properly, for example, the bad guy can turn menacing.

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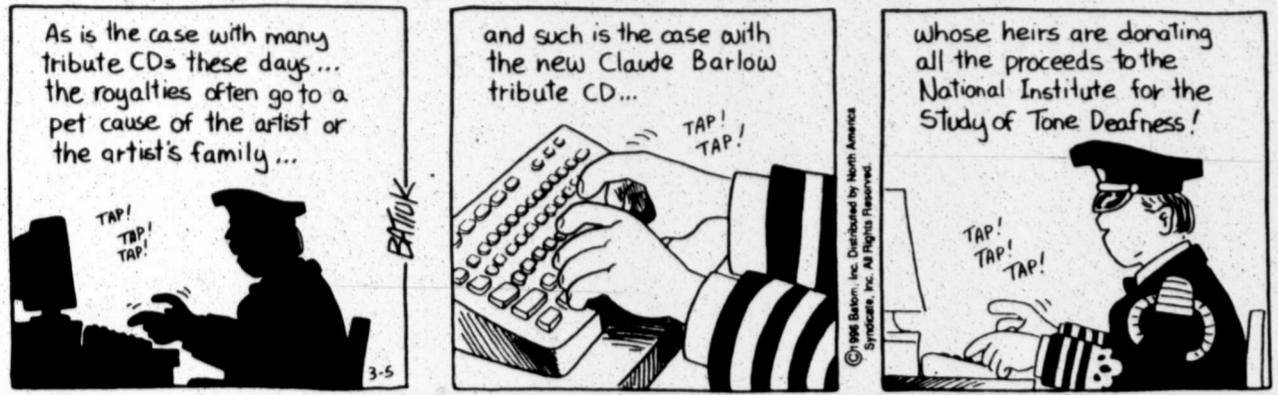
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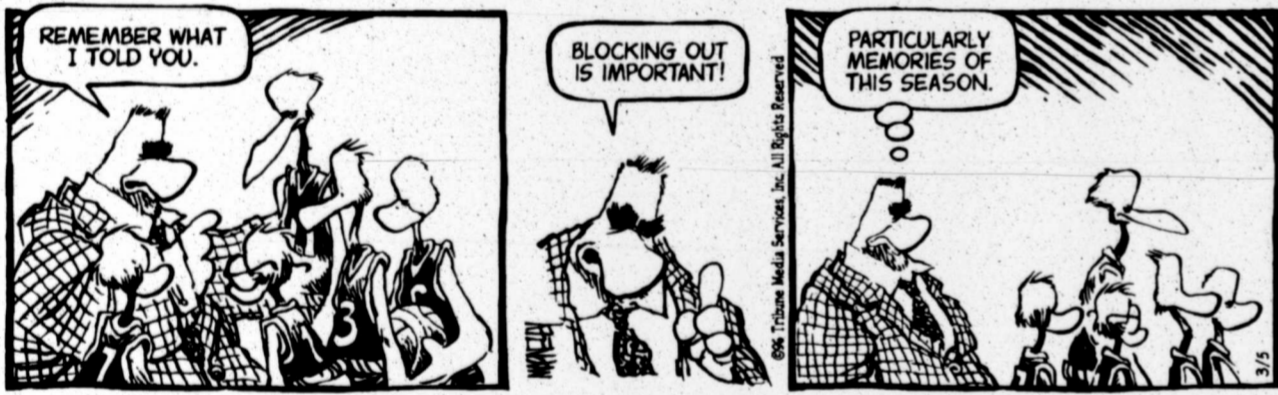
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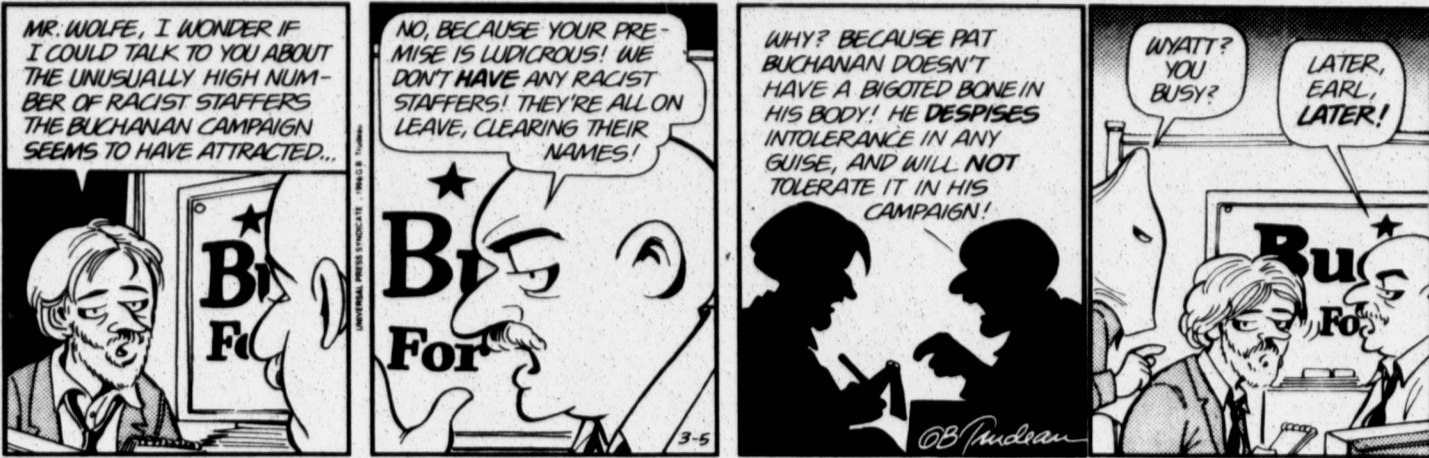
trick. With careful play, declarer can combine the lines. Win the ace of clubs, overtake the ten of spades with the jack and ruff a club high. Now overtake eight of trumps with the nine. Should one defender show out, declarer has no option but to draw trumps, run hearts and then rely on the diamond finesse for the fulfilling trick.

When both defenders follow, however, declarer can claim the contract. Another club is ruffed, and the ace of diamonds and ten of hearts provide the entries to ruff another club and draw the last trump. Declarer's hearts take the last four tricks. In all, declarer scores three trump tricks, three ruffs, five hearts and the two minor-suit aces.

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William Shatner sounds more like country vet than Capt. James Kirk

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. — William Shatner is sounding more like a country veterinarian than Capt. James T. Kirk of the starship Enterprise.

Shatner appeared at a weekend "Star Trek" convention but took his remarks far afield from his days at the helm of a faster-than-light spaceship bristling with future technology.

"I have a farm in Kentucky with a lot of horses," the actor told more than 1,200 fans Sunday at Trek O Rama. "And I love to birth the babies."

NEW YORK — Katharine Hepburn was critically ill with pneumonia and at one point expected to die, but has left a hospital and returned to her Connecticut home, the Daily News reported Monday.

The 88-year-old actress' business agent, Eric Hanson, did not return telephone calls for confirmation. The News quoted unidentified hospital officials as saying Hepburn, who divides her time between New York and Connecticut, was admitted to Lenox Hill Hospital last week under an assumed name. They told the newspaper she was very ill and that her doctors at one point had not expected her to live.



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LONDON — Money can't buy a reunion tour of the Beatles. The remaining Beatles said Monday they turned down a \$225 million offer for a concert tour of North America, Europe and Japan from a consortium of U.S. and German promoters they did not identify.

The size of the offer is scandalous. It's ridiculous. From the money point of view, most people would do it," Paul McCartney said. "But, for me, the three of us isn't as exciting as the four of us. The Beatles were always the four of us."

John Lennon was murdered in 1980. McCartney, Ringo Starr and George Harrison reunited last year to record a new Beatles song, "Free as a Bird," incorporating an old recording by Lennon.

The announcement of the rejected concert tour offer came on the same day they released a second single based on an old Lennon tape, "Real Love."

LOS ANGELES — David Hasselhoff, Pamela Lee and the rest of the "Baywatch" cast will be back cavorting on Southern California beaches for another season.

A Feb. 26 office memo from All American Television, the "Baywatch" production company, had said an eighth season would have to be produced somewhere else because of rising costs. But that threat is ended, said All American's Sid Vinnedge.

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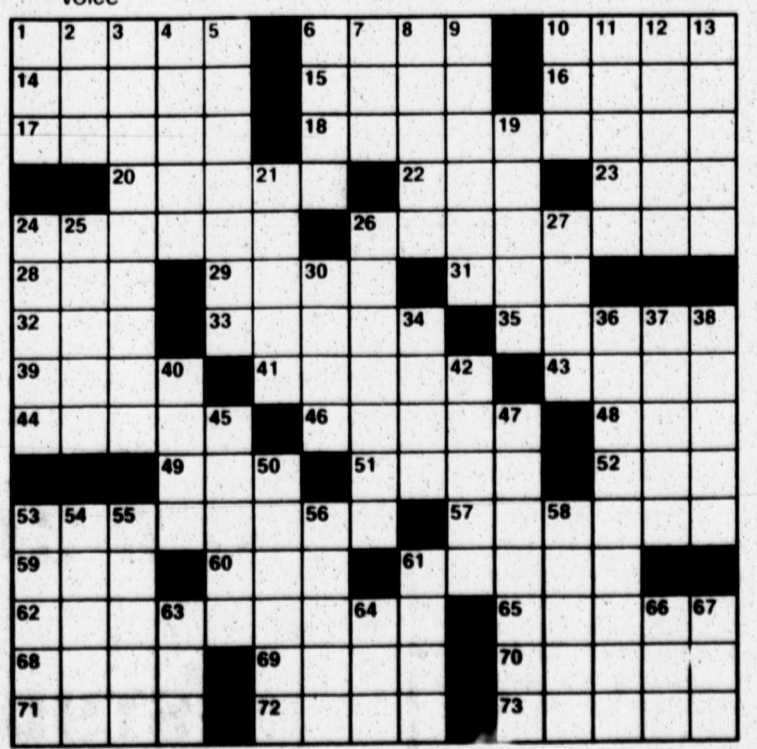
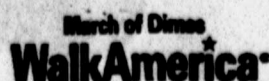
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Handling a lump-sum distribution from your retirement plan

By Van Pearcy

Shaping up. Trimming down. Getting rid of excess baggage. Simplifying.

Not only are West Texans joining the fitness trend, so is the business world—only in corporate America, it's called downsizing. Over the past few years, some of the largest employers in our area have made huge cuts in their work forces—companies such as Amoco, ARCO, Chevron, El Paso Natural Gas, Mobil and Texaco. Most recently, telecommunications giant AT&T announced it will cut 40,000 jobs nationally over the next three years as it restructures into three separate companies.

What's an employee to do? People in these situations experience many emotions. After the initial shock of losing a job come many concerns and decisions. Younger workers worry about how they will find new jobs and support their families in the meantime. Other workers may have to decide whether they still seek a new job or will be able to retire.

If you're one of those people, another decision you face is how to handle a distribution from your retirement plan. After spending years building a nest egg, you may suddenly find yourself with that nest egg placed right in your lap. How you decide to handle it can have a big impact on your retirement savings.

For example, you could take the money and spend it or reinvest it

as you please. Be aware, however, that you will owe federal income tax on the full amount, and if you're under age 55, you make also be subject to a 10 percent penalty. Taxes and penalties can take a big chunk out of the savings you've worked hard to build.

Another option would be to roll your distribution into an individual retirement account (IRA). This not only may allow you to avoid taxes and penalties, but it also will enable your nest egg to continue growing tax-deferred.

Whether you choose to roll all or part of your distribution into an IRA, or take the cash, pay the taxes and invest the remaining amount yourself, you will have to decide how the funds will be invested. Your choices are many: certificates of deposit, government securities, bonds, mutual funds, stocks, annuities and more.

Of course, the specific investments you choose should reflect your personal objectives, but there's one idea that should apply to every investment plan: *diversification*. Too often, employees invest all their retirement plan dollars in their employer's stock. If that stock declines in price, their entire nest egg declines in value, too. Diversification (spreading your money among a variety of investments) will minimize the impact of a decline in any one area.

In choosing a diversified portfolio of investments, allocate your dollars among investments that provide growth and those that provide income. Many people make the mistake of investing only in fixed-income investments, such as bonds. While the steady income of bonds is valuable, it's also important to have some growth investments to help you stay ahead of inflation.

There are a couple of ways to achieve diversification in an IRA. One is to invest in a mutual fund. A mutual fund invests its shareholders' money in a wide variety of securities, offering instant diversi-

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If you're among the tens of thousands of Americans who have been "downsized," just because you're losing your job does not mean you have to lose your retirement savings. Talk to your tax advisor and licensed investment counselor, and understand your options. What you decide to do with your retirement nest egg can determine whether it will crack or continue to grow. Please feel free to contact our Edward Jones office here in Midland to set up a free consultation by calling 683-1516. I'll make sure you are aware of all your lump-sum distribution alternatives.

Van Pearcy is one of Midland's investment representatives with Edward Jones and Co., a full service investment firm established in 1871. Pearcy, a native West Texan, received his BA and MBA from the University of Notre Dame. Contact Pearcy's office at 683-1516 to arrange a free consultation.



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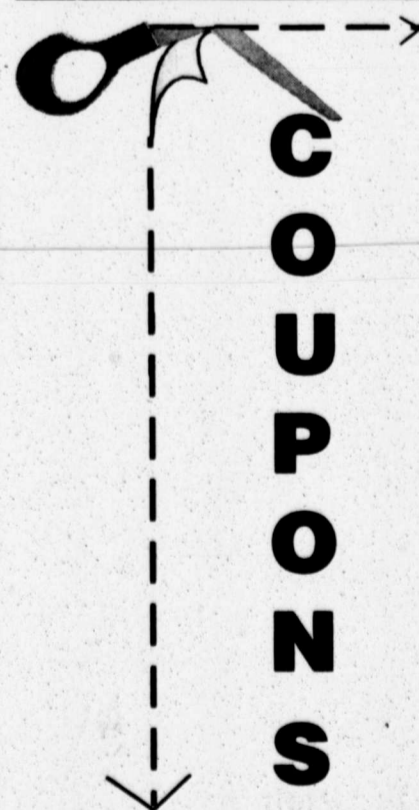
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Johnson's description of Jib's is as perceptive and succinct as his caricatures of 4-5A football and the oil patch. Jib's serves up food like the good ol' basic spreads Momma used to serve on Great-Grandma's hand-me-down dishes.

Momma knew her crew worked hard and played hard and they needed good stick-to-your-ribs food when they sat down at the table. She'd spend the day in the hot kitchen lovingly preparing chicken fried steak or steak fingers, seasoning those tender green beans and hand peeling and mashing big potatoes or frying up man-sized fries.

Just like Momma, Joe and Johnnie Harper know the art of preparing a West Texas meal, starting with their famous steak fingers and char-broiled burgers.

"When you go in, you know it'll be good, because they're very consistent," Johnson says. That consistency doesn't come easily, but it's well worth all the effort.

"We are constantly sampling our steak to make sure we are getting the very best cuts for our customers," Joe says.

They select it carefully so customers won't end up with a gristly slab that resembles the texture of shoe leather. While, they serve a wonderful chicken fried steak, Joe and Johnnie are most proud of their steak fingers. "As we cut the meat for steak fingers we can eliminate even tiny imperfections that have to pass in a larger cut.

"They use real meat. You can tell because of the way the steak fingers look. Beware of anything that looks too perfect."

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You'll find that our steak fingers vary in size and shape because we cut out any little bit that isn't absolutely tender," Joe explains.

That's why Johnson says, "They use real meat. You can tell because of the way the steak fingers look. Beware of anything that looks too perfect."

Once the cutting is done, Jib's handles the meat just like Momma used to. They hand dip it in an egg and milk wash, drop it in flour, repeat the process then fry it until it's golden brown.

It sounds simple, but anyone that's tried it knows there's definitely an art to keeping the

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When you dip a steak finger into the spicy gravy at Jib's you can get your mouth set for a taste of home, because you're gonna get it.

Jib's has served the nice ranch style fries since they opened, but they recently added mashed potatoes and green beans. There's no short cut to good home style potatoes, so Jib's starts each day with real potatoes and a paring knife. The beans are carefully seasoned, too.

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Misalignment means your tires wear out faster, too. This is another expense due to the money you thought you saved by not replacing the struts.

"It's cheaper to go ahead and replace the struts as soon as they need it," Murray advises.

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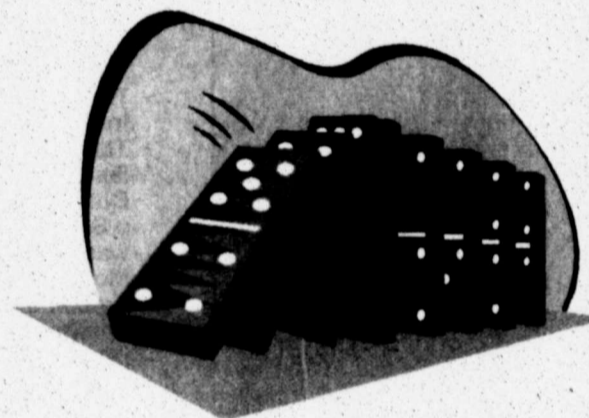
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Personal income growth slows sharply

By John D. McClain
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Americans saw their personal income growth slow dramatically in January after surging in 1995 at the fastest pace in five years. Consumer spending recorded its steepest decline in more than three years.

The Commerce Department report Monday provided additional evidence of how weak the economy was as 1996 got under way, but many analysts said the sluggishness was due mostly to the blizzard and the federal government shutdown.

"We hit a bit of a pothole earlier this year, but it was weather-related," said economist Stephen S. Roach of Morgan Stanley & Co. in New York. "While January was weak, all signs point to a fairly significant rebound in February."

The report said personal income grew an anemic 0.1 percent to \$6.25 trillion in January, from \$6.24 trillion a month earlier. The January gain was the smallest since incomes were unchanged last August.

The 0.6 percent advance in December helped boost incomes for all of 1995 by 6.1

percent, the steepest gain since a 6.7 percent increase in 1990. The growth far outpaced the 2.5 percent rate of inflation last year.

The department also reported that consumer spending fell 0.5 percent in January, to \$5.01 trillion from \$5.03 trillion. It was the third drop in five months and the largest since a 0.6 percent decline in August 1992.

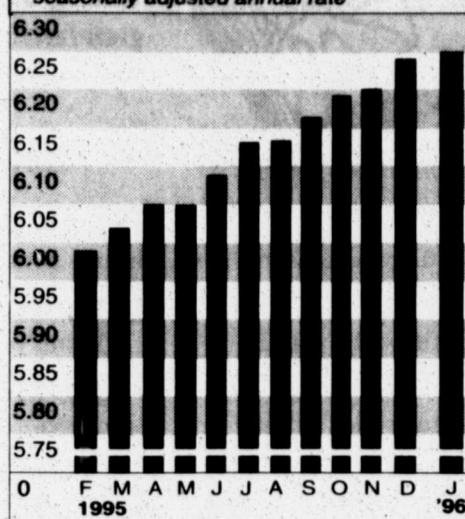
"January was a tough month," Roach said. "The weather and the government shutdown had a detrimental impact on almost everything we were measuring." Donald Straszheim, an economist at Merrill Lynch & Co., agreed the economic expansion, now 5 years old, had hit "a soft spot" but would escape a recession in the near future.

"The U.S. economy enjoyed eight-year-long recoveries in the 1960s and 1980s, with soft landings embedded in the middle," he noted. "We think it is happening again."

For all of 1995, spending rose 4.8 percent, down from 5.5 percent in 1994 and the smallest gain since a 3.8 percent advance in 1991. Consumer spending represents about two-thirds of the nation's economic activity.

Personal income

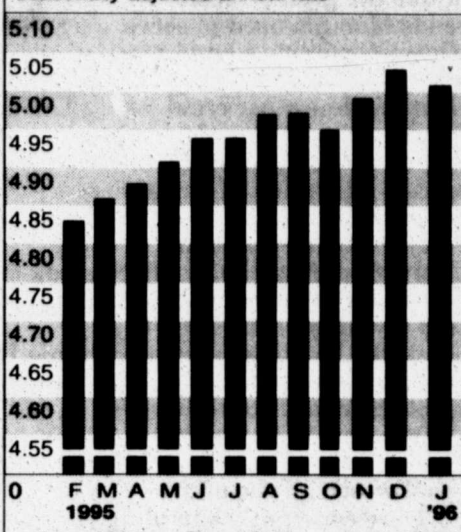
Trillions of dollars, seasonally adjusted annual rate



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BUSINESS WATCH

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Monday \$19.20
Previous Close \$19.44
Year Ago \$18.63

POSTED
Today \$17.75
Previous Close \$18.00
Year Ago \$17.00

Prices retreat

Crude oil futures fell sharply Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, dragging related products lower, after a newspaper run by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's son indicated acceptance of a U.N. oil-for-aid plan.

The newspaper Babel run by Saddam Hussein's son, Uday, reportedly referred to "acceptance" of a plan to sell \$2 billion in oil every six months in exchange for humanitarian aid. Some Iraqi officials denied the report, but oil futures fell as much as 66 cents, below \$19 a barrel.

The losses were compounded after a spokeswoman for U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said the U.N. is "very pleased" with the pace of talks. And Iraq's oil minister, Amir Mohammed Rasheed, said his country may reach an agreement during talks next week.

The minister further stunned the market by saying the pipeline could be ready to ship in a few days' time, said John Saucer, energy market analyst at Smith Barney Inc. in Houston.

Losses were trimmed late after reports quoting an aide to the French defense minister indicated Iraq is not ready to accept conditions of the plan.

Crude oil for April delivery settled 24 cents lower at \$19.20 a barrel. Local crude purchasers lowered their posted price 25 cents to \$17.75.

Dollar slips

NEW YORK — The dollar finished lower against most major currencies Monday, but rose against the German mark where the economy looked weaker when compared with hints of growth in Japan.

The dollar was quoted at 105.15 yen, down from 105.41 late Friday. The dollar was changing hands at 1.4780 marks, up from 1.4773.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Friday: 1.2021 Swiss francs, down from 1.2040; 5.0615 French francs, down from 5.0675; 1.560 Italian lire, down from 1.563; and 1.3711 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3600.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.5275, up from \$1.5269.

Markets rocket

NEW YORK — Stocks rallied again Monday as bonds prices continued to firm, calming interest rate worries. The Dow Jones industrial average flirted with a new record before a late sell-off, but technology shares stumbled again as investors remained leery of pricing pressures in the industry.

The Dow industrials see-sawed in the final half hour, surging more than 90 points into record territory in the last half hour before swaying lower to wind up with a gain of 63.59. That was just enough for the barometer of blue chip companies to move above 5,600 again, closing at 5,600.15.

Most broad-market indexes rose. But the Nasdaq composite fell 1.20 to 1,084.88 as key technology issues continued to struggle.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by more than 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 417.23 million shares, well below Friday's pace.

The NYSE's composite index rose 3.69 to 348.87, the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 6.44 to 650.81, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 3.60 to 567.04.

Sweet Acquisition



Dallas investors acquire Ghirardelli

By Richard Cole
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Ghirardelli Chocolate Co., the upscale sweet maker and a San Francisco tourist mainstay, has been bought by a Dallas investment company that owns one of the best-known brands of marshmallows.

The deal announced Monday marks the third time in the past 10 years that the company founded in 1852 by Domingo Ghirardelli has changed owners.

The price paid by the investment firm of Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Inc., owner of the Campfire Marshmallow business, wasn't disclosed. But the sale

should be final in April, said Ghirardelli spokeswoman Tinka Gordon.

Ghirardelli has become a leading purveyor of high-quality chocolate confections, with five retail outlets in California, including Ghirardelli Square in San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf area, and one in Chicago.

The company has an industrial division that sells chocolate chips, coatings and cocoas to commercial bakers and the specialty coffee industry.

Ghirardelli has been owned by the Boston-based venture capital firm of Thomas H. Lee Co. since 1992, when it acquired the company from Quaker Oats Co., which acquired it from the De Domenico family in 1986.

Thomas O. Hicks of the Dallas investment firm of Hicks, Muse, Tate and Furst Inc. poses in Dallas last month. Ghirardelli Chocolate Co., the upscale sweet maker and a San Francisco tourist mainstay, was purchased by Hicks Muse on Monday. The deal marks the third time in the past 10 years that the company has changed hands. The price was not disclosed.

AP Laserphoto

C. Dean Metropoulos, head of a Hicks Muse management affiliate, will chair Ghirardelli, said partner John R. Muse.

Ghirardelli fits in with the company's growing portfolio of food product companies," Muse said. Besides Campfire Marshmallows, the company's other famous confection brand is Angela Marie's rice crispie treats.

Last week, Hicks Muse sold its interest in G. Heilman Brewing Co. to the Stroh Brewery Co.

In January, Hicks Muse chairman Thomas O. Hicks bought the Dallas Stars National Hockey League team. Hicks Muse has offices in Dallas, New York, St. Louis, and Mexico City.

GTE first local to offer long distance service

IRVING, Texas (AP) — GTE Corp. on Monday became the first major local phone company to offer long distance, saying the new service was available immediately in Michigan and Minnesota and would reach all its customers by the end of the year.

The service will be marketed under the name GTE Easy Savings Plan.

Shortly after President Clinton signed the telecommunications reform bill into law Feb. 8, GTE announced a contract with WorldCom Inc., the fourth-largest long distance company, to resell long-dis-

tance service under the GTE name.

"This groundbreaking offering is clearly one of the first tangible benefits to consumers in the emerging competitive environment, made possible by the new national telecommunications law," said GTE Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Charles R. Lee.

GTE serves 695,000 people in Michigan, mainly in Muskegon and near Grand Rapids, and 110,000 in Minnesota, primarily in suburbs of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The company operates in 26 other states.

GTE plans discounts and special packages that will allow customers to combine local, long distance and cellular phoning in one bill.

A residential customer spending a combined total of \$10 a month on all GTE long-distance services will get a 10 percent discount. Residential customers spending \$25 a month on all GTE long-distance services will receive a 25 percent discount, the company said.

Business customers will also get discounts based on volume and usage, GTE said.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Measure fund by change in value of total account

By Bill Doyle

Q: At the beginning of 1991, I purchased 802 shares of a mutual fund at \$15.50 per share, a cost of \$12,431. At the end of 1995, the account held 1,042 shares at \$23.04, for a value of \$24,008.

As I see it, the share growth has been less than 6 percent annually. That's not any better than the certificate of deposit I had before making the mutual fund investment. Given that, I am puzzled how the share price maintains.

I know you caution against ill-considered selling, but might I not be justified to redeem my shares and pay the capital gains tax, which in my case would be 15 percent?

A: Do so only if you are convinced we are headed toward a major decline of stock prices in general and, in particular, of the stocks that mutual fund holds in its investment portfolio.

Despite frequent pronouncements of dire happenings by bad-news bears, I count it as most unlikely that a stock

market collapse is in the offing.

You seem to be mixed up. Your letter indicates you believe the success of your investment should be measured by the increase in number of shares in your account.

Wrong! You should be looking at the change in value of the total account, which now holds a larger number of shares, apparently because you have reinvested your dividends and capital-gains distributions.

You're right about the average 6 percent annual rate of share increase. But you seem to ignore the fact that the per-share value rose a total of 49 percent in five years.

The combination of the higher share value and an increased number of shares produced an \$11,577 rise in value, which works out to a 93 percent gain in value on the \$12,431 you invested.

A mutual fund's share value increases or decreases in line with the rise or fall in market value of the securities the fund holds in its investment portfolio.

Q: Exactly how do mutual fund share values change?
A: A mutual fund's share value, known as "net asset value per share," is calculated every business day.

The fund calculates the value by:

- Adding up the market values of all assets — mostly stocks, bonds and other securities — held as investments.
- Subtracting liabilities.
- Dividing by the number of fund shares outstanding — owned by investors.

Because the market values of securities can change every day, hour or minute, mutual fund share values fluctuate.

The Securities and Exchange Commission requires every fund to "price" its shares at the close of the business day — 4 p.m., Eastern time.

Q: The oldest of our two daughters will be college-bound in eight years. So I am looking for a long-term investment that will be liquid at that point and am considering both mutual funds and annuities. Which would be the better choice?

A: An annuity can guarantee against loss, while a mutual fund cannot. But the vast majority of mutual funds produce better investment results than any annuity.

That's understandable, considering the costs built into annuities. Most take commission charges out of the money you put in or levy a "surrender" fee when you cash out within a predeter-

mined number of years.

Also, because of the insurance expenses involved, the total ongoing expenses of an annuity generally are much higher than those of a mutual fund. Higher operating expenses result in lower investment returns.

Given my druthers, I'd pick a true no-load mutual fund.

Q: You told a reader who had a disagreement with a broker and who now invests directly in a load mutual fund that the commission on each of his investments goes to that broker, despite the reader's protest.

Well, he can get a "Change of Dealer" form from any other dealer and submit it to the fund, which then will pay the brokerage firm and broker of his choice.

A: Good point! But that reader will still pay a commission on every investment, as he must with all load mutual funds.

Bill Doyle is a syndicated columnist for King Features. He welcomes written questions, but is able to provide answers only through the column.

Address your questions to Investor's Guide, King Features Syndicate, c/o Reporter-Telegram, Box 1650, Midland Texas 79702.

Cityline
560-2400

STOCK MARKET

Main table of stock market data including columns for Div., Sales, Last, and Chg. for various companies like AAR, AAT, ABB, etc.

AMERICAN EXCHANGE table listing various exchange-related data and company names.

Additional financial data table at the bottom of the page.

Table with multiple columns containing stock market data, including company names, prices, and changes. Includes sections for 'Last' and 'Change'.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for fund names, share prices, and performance metrics. Includes sub-sections like 'Buy Sell Chg.', 'Last', and 'Change'.

LOCAL COC'S advertisement featuring a grid of product prices and descriptions for various items like coffee, tea, and snacks.

Classified Ads 682-6222

- 100 Notices
075 Legals
080 Odessa Ads
100 New Arrivals
105 Happy Ads
110 Lodge Notices
115 Announcements
120 Public Notices
130 Personals
140 Card of Thanks
150 Lost and Found
155 Lottery Info
160 Loans Wanted
162 Mortg. Wanted
163 Money To Loan
165 Invest. Oppitys.
170 Schools/Instruc.

- 200 Autos Domestic
205 Classic Cars
210 Autos Foreign
215 Autos For Lease
220 Trucks and Vans
230 Commercial Vehicles
240 Motorcycles
245 Trailers
250 Rec. Vehicles
260 Boats and Motors
270 Airplanes
280 Auto Services
290 Parts/Access.

- 300 Employment
305 Job Services
310 General Help
311 Medical Help
312 Professional Help
314 Clerical Help

- 316 Sales Help
320 Skilled Trade
330 Employment Wanted
335 AdultCare Needed
340 ChildCare Prov.
341 ChildCare Needed
341 ChildCare Prov.
350 Bus. Oppitys.

- 400 Auctions
402 Garage Sale Svcs.
404 79706 Zip Code
406 79703 Zip Code
407 79705 Zip Code
408 79707 Zip Code
409 Area Sales
410 Misc. Sales
413 Jewelry
415 Misc. Wanted
420 Things To Eat
425 Trade/Swap
430 Household Goods
440 Firewood
450 Sporting Goods
460 Antiques and Art
470 Music Instrum.
475 Crafts & Supplies
480 Camera/Supplies
485 Electronics
490 Computer/Access.
495 FOR FREE
500 Pets and Supplies
505 Livestock/Poultry
510 Office Supplies
520 Store/Cafe Equip.
525 Bus. Shop Equip.
530 A/C - Heating
540 Bldg. Materials
550 Portable Bldgs.
560 Machinery/Tools
570 Oilfield Supplies
580 Farm Equipment

- 600 Rentals
600 Rooms For Rent
601 Hotel Rms - Rent
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670 Warehouse/Stor Rec./Resort
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685 Hunting Leases
690 Oil/Gas Leases

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725 Condo/Twnhome
730 Suburban Prop.
735 R.E. Wanted
740 Out of Area Prop.
750 Lots and Acreage
760 Farms/Ranches
770 Resort Property
780 Business Property
785 Warehouse/Stor.
790 Investment Prop.

Who's Who For Service 800
GET RESULTS BY:
Using unique selling points • Using complete words • Creating mind images with words • Always include a price • Use brand names when appropriate • Always include your phone number • Always include best times to call you • Give your ad a chance to work by advertising for a reasonable amount of time.

When Your Ad Is Due
Word Ad Deadlines
Display Ad Deadlines
Edition Deadline

When To Call
Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for corrections and cancellations only
Our Phone numbers are:
Classified 682-6222
Fax 682-6999
Toll Free 1-800-881-8164
Mailing Address Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland Tx 79701
P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Tx. 79702
Curiosity Corner
3 Lines 4 Days \$6

Super Seller
3 lines 7 days \$10
Items must be of a general household nature. Only one item per ad and price must not exceed \$350.
'HAPPY ADS' for any occasion
Only \$36 (without picture, \$42 with picture)
Anniversaries • Welcome Home Remember When • Congratulations Just Because • Birthdays

FREE BEE
FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING
If you are a private individual selling one item for \$50 or less you can place a 3 line classified advertisement for 4 days absolutely FREE in the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Other restrictions apply.
'Sell It In 10" or We'll Run It Again"
3 LINES \$15
10 DAYS
EACH ADDITIONAL LINE \$5.00
If you have a car, truck, van, RV, motorcycle, boat or airplane we'll advertise it for 10 consecutive days. In the unlikely event you don't sell it we'll run it another 10 days at no charge. At the end of 20 days if it still hasn't sold we'll run it another 10 days at no charge, if you'll reduce the price by 10%. Price must be in ad. Only one vehicle per ad. For private individuals only (non-commercial).

Real Wheel Deals
ONLY \$25
(Includes Picture)
If you have a car, truck, van, motor-home, motorcycle, airplane, bicycle or anything with wheels, your ad will be scheduled for 7 DAYS. When you get the desired results simply call us and we will cancel it immediately for only \$25. For private individuals only. Photos Taken Each Tuesday From 2-3 p.m. At The Midland Reporter-Telegram

Midland Reporter-Telegram • To Place An Ad Call 682-6222 or 1-800-881-8164

75 Legal Notices
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ELISE WOLCOTT CAMPBELL, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Elise Wolcott Campbell, Deceased, were issued to John Franklin Campbell, Independent Executor, on the February 28, 1996, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Elise Wolcott Campbell, Deceased." No. 11,379 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said persons now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are required to present them the same to said Independent Executor, John Franklin Campbell, c/o Robert McCleskey, 1901 W. Texas, Midland, Texas 79701 before said same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

105 Happy Ads
Oh No! Oh My!
Am I Really 40 Today!
Happy Birthday MELINDA
Love, Jack, Josh & Krista

105 Happy Ads
Marjorie Tompson, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Gilbert C. Tompson, Deceased, No. 11,378 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.
THE Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing, at 3:30 pm, Monday, March 18, 1996, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, on a request by SBC Corporation for a Residential Replat of Lot 1, Block 3, Grandridge Park Addition, Section 1, City and County of Midland, Texas. (Generally located on the northeast corner of the intersection of W. Wadley Avenue and Crowley Boulevard.)

130 Personals
PEOPLE MEETING PEOPLE
The Fun, Safe, & Convenient way to meet Midland Singles!
Look for it everyday in The Midland Reporter-Telegram Classified.
Call 1-800-618-0738 to place your personal ad.
Or 1-900-230-0042 to respond or browse.
Questions?
Call Cityline at 560-2400, enter category 6338 & you'll get all the details on how to use People Meeting People.

130 Personals
SUBSTANTIAL REWARD!!
For information leading to the person who has, and the return of this ring. Gold with large clear stone across top.
570-8852 or 499-8088
Leave Message No Questions Asked!

310 General Help Wanted
THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE
COME EXPERIENCE THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE
If you are looking for better job and career opportunities, you should be talking to us. We are hiring energetic, ambitious, career oriented personnel to join the Town and Country Team. Great Opportunity for Sales Associate & Store Manager Trainee. We offer an excellent variety of benefits including health insurance, paid sick leave, paid vacation, retirement plan, and stock purchase plan. 95% or more of all shifts have two people or more on duty. Apply at any of the following locations.

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#93 2622 Rankin Hwy.
#107 3115 Garden City Hwy.
#207 4508 N. Big Spring
An Equal Opportunity Employer

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#122 2109 S. Midkiff
#188 4001 S. FM 1788
7100 W. Hwy. 80 - Midland
Pre-employment drug testing required.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF FLOY MOODY KIKER
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Floy Moody Kiker, Deceased, were issued on February 27, 1996, in Cause No. 11,374, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to:
JAMES KIKER
The residence of such Independent Executor is Mr. James Kiker, 3203 Sentinel Ave., Midland, Texas 79703. Claims may be addressed in care of the representative of the estate:
C/o Boldrick, Clifton, Nelson & Holland, P.C.
1801 West Wall
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110 Lodge Notices
Acacia Masonic Lodge 1000 Upland
Stated meeting 2nd & 4th Tue. 7:30 pm
Rodney Wilson, W.M.
Al Talbot, Sec.

150 Lost & Found
115 Announcements
HOW I LOST 90 lbs. in 90 days and created a \$10,000 a month income at the same time. For more information and free cassette call: 1-800-693-6307 and ask for Maxwell.

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182 Mortgage Wanted
LOCALLY Owned & Operated. Texas' largest volume note buyers! Free Quote. No Obligation. 520-4150 or 1-800-900-NOTE. South Plains Mortgage Company.

163 Money To Loan
DEBT CONSOLIDATION
Cut payments to 60%, Licensed. Bonded, 1-800-511-6885.

170 Schools/Instruction
DO YOU LIKE TO DANCE?
Need to get in shape for Summer & Have Fun? Well, Line Dancing might be for you. Beginners to Intermediate. Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm at 3102 Cuthbert behind Fast Photo. For information Call 520-8089, leave message for Kathy

170 Schools/Instruction
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170 Schools/Instruction
1983 PONTIAC Bonneville. Good Michelin's, runs good. \$900. Call 520-8600.
DODGE 1994 viper. Red, gray interior, 5500 miles, extended warranty, \$48,900. Serious inquiries only. 915-677-5902.
CHEVROLET 1983 Corsica LT. Loaded! Perfect condition. Low mileage. \$8,750. 694-3856.
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Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
F.C. Degree
Sat. 3/9, 8:30 am
Breakfast 7:30 am. 682-3292
Bill Dornady, W.M.
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

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GEO 1990 Metro. Great school/ 2nd car, low miles, below NADA retail. \$3,150 or best offer. 694-1181
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1993 Chevrolet Cavaliers Dodge Shadows Plymouth Acclaims 10 TO CHOOSE FROM LESS THAN \$6900 EACH +TT&L. AVIS 563-0814

1991 FORD SUPER CAB RANGER XLT 69,000 Miles - Red, 6 Cylinder, Financing Available. \$8995. RAYS AUTO 3400 W. WALL 697-5884

1992 ISUZU PICKUP 5 speed, extra nice, 41,000 miles - Finan. Available. \$6995. RAYS AUTO 3400 W. WALL 697-5884

1968 VOLKSWAGON BUG Yellow - White \$3495. RAYS AUTO 3400 W. WALL 697-5884

1987 FORD F150 XLT LARIAT 54,000 Miles, 4 Wheel Drive. RAYS AUTO 3400 W. WALL 697-5884

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