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Car-phone risks

People with cellular phones in their vehicles run a 34 percent higher risk of having an accident, researchers say./1B



SPORTS

Rodman must sit

Dennis Rodman's tirade will cost him six games, \$200,000 — could cost Bulls a chance to be first NBA team to win 70 games./1C

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Disco fire kills 149

A fierce blaze tore through a discotheque in the Philippines that was packed with students celebrating graduation. Officials confirmed 149 people killed and said there may be as many as 50 more bodies still in the charred ruins. Dozens more were severely injured, many with third-degree burns./3A

First funerals

DUNBLANE, Scotland — They were baptized together. They started school together. On Monday, the two 5-year-old girls were buried together. Their funerals — and those of two other children — start a week of burials of 16 kindergartners and their teacher killed in a massacre./2D

Blue-collar blues

As Bob Dole soars toward the GOP nomination, there are troubling signs for him in Midwest battleground states. Many of those dubbed Reagan Democrats in the 1980s are back in the fold — supporting President Clinton./8A

Hospital deaths

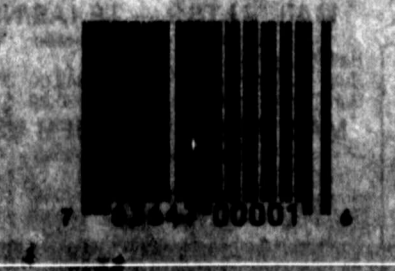
TEMPLE — The central oxygen system at the veterans' hospital was switched to newly installed equipment one day last week. Within 15 minutes, workers smelled an odor coming from it. Later that day, three patients died. Over the weekend, there was another death./3B

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Crude hits highest prices in 4 1/2 years

U.N., Iraq delay in talks, rising demand, low stockpiles boost oil to \$23.27 a barrel.

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Crude oil futures soared to a 4 1/2-year high as plans for more negotiations between Iraq and the United Nations signalled Iraqi oil won't soon be added to lean stockpiles even as demand rises.

Iraq and the U.N. will begin a third round of talks on Resolution 986 on April 8, which would let Iraq sell \$2 billion of oil every six months to fund

humanitarian aid. The two sides resumed a second round of talks Monday. The U.N. banned Iraqi oil exports in 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

With U.S. stockpiles close to their lowest since 1977 and refining demand set to climb on a seasonal rise in gasoline output, signs that the 700,000 Iraqi barrels a day an accord would add could be months away sent refiners racing for supplies.

"Refiners keep living hand-to-mouth because they think the Iraqi barrels are around the corner, and now it looks as if they aren't," said

Stocks set new record/6C
Barge spills 5,000 barrels of oil in Galveston Bay/1B

John Saucer, energy market analyst at Smith Barney Inc. in Houston. "The market is tight, crude runs are going to go up and we're going to need more barrels by a large margin."

Crude for April delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange surged \$1.28 to \$23.27 a barrel, the

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AP Laserphoto

Budget tax cuts

President Clinton's election-year budget plan reportedly offers nearly \$100 billion in tax cuts while still promising a balanced budget in seven years./7A



AP Laserphoto

John Salvi III, center, stands with head bowed as he is found guilty on two courts of murder in Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham, Mass., Monday. With Salvi are his attorneys, Janice Bassil, left, and J.W. Carney.

DEDHAM, Mass. (AP) — Rejecting claims that John C. Salvi III's driven by delusions of a vast anti-Catholic conspiracy, a jury Monday convicted him of murdering two women in a shooting rampage at two abortion clinics.

Supreme Court takes new look at clinic protests/8A

The 24-year-old loner received the mandatory sentence of life in prison with no parole for the 1994 attacks in the Boston suburb of Brookline.

As the verdicts were read, Salvi, who repeatedly had disrupted proceedings earlier in the case with demands to air his conspiracy notions, stood quietly, staring vacantly or bowing his head, his dark tie crooked.

The jury deliberated nine hours over two days. Four of the six women on the jury cried as the verdicts were read, as did friends and relatives of the vic-

Jury convicts loner Salvi of murdering 2 women at clinics

tims, and Salvi's mother. The drama was extended as victims and their relatives read "victim impact statements" to the court just before the sentencing.

"You were a little man with a big gun," Ruth Ann Nichols, mother of one of the victims, said as she stared at Salvi. "I hope you have sheer misery for every day of your life."

Salvi's lawyer, J.W. Carney Jr., had argued that his client was innocent by reason of insanity, and he repeatedly had asked Judge Barbara Dortch-Okara to declare Salvi incompetent to stand trial.

The defense contended that the aspiring hairdresser envisioned himself a warrior fighting a worldwide, anti-Catholic conspiracy led by the Mafia, Freemasons and the Ku Klux Klan.

Prosecutors argued that Salvi was in control of his senses and deliberately planned his crime. They noted Salvi practiced at a firing range the day before the killings, stocked up on 1,000 super-deadly hollow-point bullets and cut his longish, curly hair hours after the attack.

In closing arguments, prosecutor John Kivlan asked: "Every terrorist in this country we should excuse because they have strange beliefs?"

Rejecting the insanity defense, the jury convicted Salvi of two counts of first-degree murder and five of assault with intent to murder.

First-degree murder carries a mandatory sentence of life without

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Affidavits detail nicotine testing, allege adjusting

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Philip Morris created a machine to watch smokers' brain waves react to nicotine, former company scientists contend — part of a rash of fresh allegations that the world's largest tobacco company has researched and controlled nicotine in cigarettes.

Affidavits by former employees, unveiled Monday by the Food and Drug Administration, contradict company executives' sworn testimony to Congress that they have not manipulated nicotine content.

Philip Morris said it had not reviewed the affidavits, but called the latest allegations "similar to those made by others in the past."

The Justice Department opened a perjury investigation of tobacco executives based on the earlier accusations.

Last week the industry's fifth-largest company, the Liggett Group, settled its part of a nationwide lawsuit claiming tobacco firms manipulated nicotine to hook smokers. And the new accounts by company insiders could help plaintiffs in

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Wrong place, time: Fire probe clears 2

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel

Staff Writer

Two teens arrested and charged with arson last week were released from custody Monday after a fire investigation proved they were wrongly accused.

"They are not responsible as far as we're concerned," Midland Fire Inspector/Investigator Paul Booth said in court Monday afternoon.

Bad timing and unfortunate circumstances led to the detention of Anthony "Tony" Dorland and William "Billy Bob" Hale, both 15, fire officials said.

The Thursday afternoon fire at 410 Sweetbriar Drive was called arson, but fire officials told Midland County Court-at-law Judge Al Walvoord that the wrong teens were in custody.

The two teens who had been arrested were seen earlier in a nearby alley setting a red bandana on fire near a trash bin.

"These two were being sought for that ... and when the house fire was so close

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After 10 months, trail turns cold to killer of early-morning walker

By Ed Todd

Staff Writer

The death of Midlander Carolyn Kolas during an early-morning walk almost 10 months ago drifts further and further into the Police Department's unsolved-murder files.

"The reality is, the longer that a case goes on, the colder the trail gets," said police spokesman Sgt. David Garcia.

However, in murder cases, police never give up in their search for the slayer or slayers, he said.

"They are never closed," Garcia said of unsolved killings. "They are open indefinitely."

"In this particular case, the leads were few to begin with ... few and far between," Garcia said.

And without leads the police are stalemated in their investigation. "We are only human," he said. "All of our investigative powers and expertise don't do any good unless we have good, solid leads and good physical evidence."

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Carolyn Kolas was slain during an early-morning walk almost 10 months ago. Police efforts to solve the case have stalled.

Detectives search site of Midland woman's bloody slaying for clues

By Gary Shanks

Staff Writer

Police detectives continue to search for clues left at the site of the bloody slaying of a Midland woman, but have not yet settled on a suspect.

"We can't afford to get tunnel vision," said Sgt. David Garcia of the Midland Police Department. "We've got to keep an open mind."

The body of 29-year-old Jill Yvonne Madrid — formerly Jill Copeland — was sent to Lubbock Monday for an autopsy. Police

expect preliminary results from that examination today.

Ms. Madrid was found at 12:57 p.m. Sunday when neighbors at Hyde Park walked by her apartment's open door and saw her body lying face up just inside the doorway.

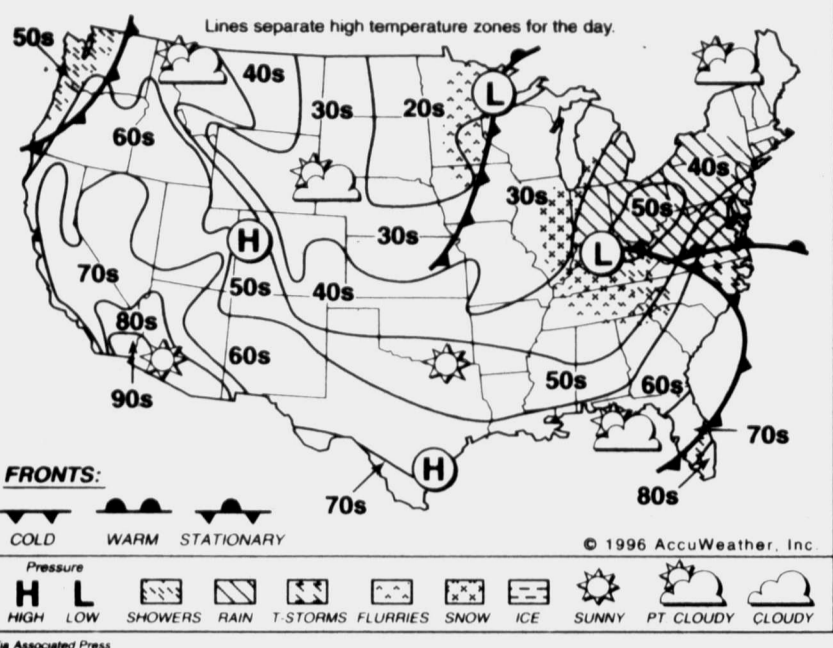
Preliminary findings indicate that Ms. Madrid was stabbed several times in the front upper torso and probably in the back as well, investigators said.

She was pronounced dead at the scene at 2:06 p.m. by Justice of the Peace Robert Pine.

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WEATHER WATCH

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon today.



Mostly sunny skies, 60 on tap

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high near 60 and north to northeast winds at 5-15 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight should be fair with a low in the lower 30s. Wednesday should be sunny with a high in the mid-60s. After an overnight low of 38, Monday's high reached 62, compared to a record high for that date of 86 set in 1978. The record low was 23 set in 1934.

STATE

Spring arrives on Wednesday, but Old Man Winter is hanging on to the end, it appears.

Temperatures were in the 70s over the weekend, but a cold front moved through Texas on Monday, and the National Weather Service said the strong north winds that accompanied the front would usher in colder temperatures.

Readings in the 20s and 30s can be expected Tuesday night and early Wednesday, the weather service said.

Rains fell across North Texas early Monday, and there were scattered reports of hail from dime to quarter size. Average rainfall amounts were between one-fourth inch and one-half inch.

The front moved rapidly through the state and was already south of Brownsville and over the Gulf waters by afternoon.

A surface high pressure ridge over Montana plunged southeastward through Colorado and extended into the South Plains. A freeze could occur early Wednesday, meteorologists said.

Skies over North Texas were partly cloudy Monday afternoon with strong northerly winds of 20 to 30 mph and gusty. At 4 p.m., temperatures ranged from 51 at Paris to 61 at Waco and Killeen.

In South Texas, skies were partly cloudy to mostly cloudy, with thicker clouds along the upper and middle Texas coast. Winds were northerly at 20 to 30 mph, gusting to near 50 mph in the Galveston area. Readings ranged from 59 at Beaumont to 79 at Brownsville and McAllen.

Skies were partly cloudy to mostly cloudy in the Panhandle and South Plains. Winds were northerly at 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Temperatures at mid-afternoon ranged from 49 at Amarillo to 65 at Sanderson.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics Texas temperatures

FORECAST		Texas temperatures	
Today, mostly sunny, high near 60, north-northeast winds at 5-15 mph.	Tonight, fair, low lower 30s	Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT	
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS			
Yesterday's High/Low	62/38	Abilene	60 41 0.01
Overnight Low	38	Austin	67 52
Sunset today	6:58 p.m.	Beaumont-Port Arthur	65 59
Sunrise tomorrow	7:53 a.m.	Bryan-College Station	60 53
Precipitation	1.00	Corpus Christi	75 59
Last 24-hour trace inches	0.10	Dallas	61 44 1.00
This month to date 00.01 inches		El Paso	52 40
Year to date 00.09 inches		Fort Worth	61 44
LOCAL TEMPERATURES:		Weather elsewhere	
6 p.m.	39	Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 6:30 p.m. CST	
7 p.m.	68 7 a.m.	Albuquerque	59 30
8 p.m.	66 8 a.m.	Atlanta	67 48
9 p.m.	64 9 a.m.	Baltimore	60 40
10 p.m.	55 10 a.m.	Bismarck	32 23
11 p.m.	50 11 a.m.	Boston	64 34
midnight	47 noon	Boston	64 34
1 a.m.	45 1 p.m.	Chicago	49 22
2 a.m.	44 2 p.m.	Cincinnati	51 28
3 a.m.	44 3 p.m.	Cleveland	45 34
4 a.m.	42 4 p.m.	Dayton	50 33
5 a.m.	40 5 p.m.	Denver	38 24
		Des Moines	46 28
		Detroit	51 34
		Flagstaff	58 27
		Honolulu	83 72
		Indianapolis	51 29
		Kansas City	53 41
		Las Vegas	77 53
		Little Rock	51 49
		Los Angeles	54 44
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		Syracuse	52 29
		Tampa-St. Pbrgh	76 68
		Tucson	81 48
		Washington, D.C.	59 43

Area forecast

Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Tuesday night, fair. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Extended forecast: Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 70s. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Highs in the 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 40s. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s.

Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. Tuesday night, fair. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs 65-70. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid to upper 30s. Extended forecast: Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 70s. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 40s. Highs in the 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s.

Far West/Texas — Tuesday, sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Tuesday night, fair. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs near 70. Wednesday night, fair. Lows in the mid to upper 30s. Extended forecast: Thursday, fair. Lows in the mid to upper 30s. Highs in the 70s. Friday through Saturday, fair. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s.

Border forecasts

NEW MEXICO — Tuesday through Wednesday, mostly sunny, days with generally clear skies at night. Warm Wednesday. Highs Tuesday, 40s to low 60s, mountains and north with mid 50s to near 70; lower elevations south. Lows Tuesday night near 5 to upper 20s, mountains and north with 20s to mid 30s; lower elevations south. Highs Wednesday 50s to upper 60s; mountains and north with mid 60s to mid 70s; lower elevations south. Wednesday night, fair, clear. Lows mid teens to low 30s, mountains and north with 30s to low 40s; lower elevations south. Highs Wednesday 50s to upper 60s; mountains and north with mid 60s to near 80. Lows Thursday 20s to mid 30s; mountains and north with upper 40s to lower 60s; mountains and north with upper 60s to near 80. Highs Thursday 50s to upper 60s; mountains and north with upper 60s to near 80. Lows Friday 20s to lower 30s; mountains and north with upper 40s to lower 60s; mountains and north with upper 60s to near 80. Highs Friday 50s to upper 60s; mountains and north with upper 60s to near 80. Lows Saturday 20s to lower 30s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs from 50 to 55. Wednesday night, clear.

COLD: Police investigation at stalemate

(From 1A)

On the day of her death, Midland Police Chief Richard Czech deemed the circumstances of Mrs. Kolas's death "a horrendous crime" and pledged all of the Police Department's investigative resources toward solving the slaying.

"We are going to find the fellow or persons (responsible). We are doing everything under our power to see to it that the perpetrator is apprehended," he said.

The chief solicited Midlanders' help in solving the crime and asked them to report anything suspicious or any piece of plausible evidence.

Despite the killing, Czech nevertheless characterized the streets of Midland as safe.

Added former research director William Farone: "The machine

CRUDE: U.S. stockpiles close to lowest since '77

(From 1A)

The surge in oil prices boosted shares of oil producers. Exxon Corp. rose 1 3/4 to 80 3/4, Royal Dutch/Shell Group climbed 35/8 to 141 3/8, British Petroleum Plc American depository receipts in New York rose 3 3/4 to 106 1/2, and Amoco 1/2 regained 1 7/8 to 72 1/8.

"The way crude prices have been going up indicates that there's demand for barrels across the board from both refiners and traders," said Keith Mueller, a Cleveland-based trader at British Petroleum Plc. "Supplies are low, demand is good and margins are profitable. So you can run crude and make money."

Shares of refining companies also rose, buoyed by hopes that rising gasoline and heating oil prices will boost profits. Sun Co. rose 3/8 to 29 1/2. Tosco Corp. climbed 3/8 to 46 3/8.

At the same time, if crude prices rise faster than those of the its products, profit margins could shrink, traders.

"It could take whatever margin's left in the refining business out," said James Healey, general manager of crude and refined product supply at Mapco Petroleum Inc., an oil producer and refiner based in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

U.S. oil inventories are low because refiners have been trying

to cut costs and free up their capital. Expectations that Iraq may sell oil according to the U.N. plan and that rising global crude production could create a surplus of supply also have kept refiners from building up inventories.

As of last week, U.S. crude stocks now total 304.5 million barrels, some 21.5 million barrels—or 6.6 percent—smaller than last year, according to the American Petroleum Institute. The week before, stocks had fallen to their lowest in 19 years.

With crude prices soaring, the strategy of paring stockpiles is coming back to haunt refiners now as they pay up for supplies.

So far, the first two rounds of Iraqi-U.N. talks haven't produced an agreement. In fact, perceptions that the same sticking points that snagged previous talks could sink the current talks are mounting. In the past, Iraq rejected Resolution 986 and similar offers partly because it claimed terms calling for distribution of food and aid in the Kurdish-dominated northern parts of the country would infringe on its sovereignty.

"The fact that they want another round (of talks) sheds some light on where they really are in the talks," Saucer said. "Here we are again at the Kurdish food-distribution issue."

Concerns that a supply glut would arise at the hands of 16-year highs in production from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and record output from non-OPEC producers have proven unfounded so far, too.

"We've been absorbing high levels of over-production by OPEC members month after month and stockpiles are still down," Saucer said. And with the amount of crude processed in the U.S. set to make a seasonal ascent of about 10 percent as refiners churn out gasoline for the summer, "I think we can keep doing that for a few more months."

Some analysts still think an Iraqi oil-sale is possible.

Nevertheless, "it's still a question of 'if' and after that, it's a question of 'when,'" Saucer said. "Until there is new supply from somewhere, the market will remain tight."

To be sure, with U.S. crude prices soaring faster than prices in London and around the world, imports could rise, traders said. Last week, the API said U.S. crude oil imports soared almost 1 million barrels a day, leading to an unexpected rise in stockpiles. Further increases in imports could help offset the seasonal rise in refinery demand, traders said.

LONER: Jury finds Salvi guilty of murdering two

(From 1A)

Norfolk, Va., abortion clinic. Authorities searching Salvi's unkempt Hampton, N.H., apartment found anti-abortion literature and laminated photos of aborted fetuses.

After the verdict, Salvi told the court, "As you know, I haven't pled guilty, though I am against abortion." He also asked the judge in a rambling statement for permission to "speak to the populace" by television from prison, but the judge said that would be up to prison officials and cut Salvi off.

Upon hearing the verdict, Salvi's father came to his wife's aid as she doubled over in her seat. "Just leave me alone," she said as her husband rubbed her back and her only child was led away.

The president of the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts hailed the verdict. "I think it will help to de-escalate the climate of fear and violence that has surrounded the services that we provide," Nicki Nichols Gamble said.

Salvi was the third man to be convicted of

murdering abortion clinic workers. Paul Hill awaits execution for killing a doctor and a bodyguard in 1994 outside a clinic in Pensacola, Fla. Earlier that year, Michael Griffin was sentenced to life in prison for killing a doctor outside another Pensacola clinic.

At Salvi's trial, a defense psychiatrist, Dr. Phillip Resnick, testified that Salvi is a paranoid schizophrenic. He said Salvi told him that priests with M-16 rifles and pistols should lead a Catholic militia.

The chief psychologist at Bridgewater State Hospital, Dr. Joel Haycock, testified for the prosecution, saying Salvi knew what he was doing.

Salvi's 50-year-old father testified his son was an "average, healthy boy" who ran track and was on the swimming and wrestling teams during high school in Naples, Fla., where his family moved when he was 12. But as a senior, Salvi closeted himself in his bedroom reading the Bible and became increasingly strange in his behavior, according to testimony.

FIRE: Investigation clears teens of arson charge

(From 1A)

The circumstances and evidence at the time pointed to these individuals, Booth said.

"They were in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said. "They were held over the weekend while we gathered evidence to either substantiate they did it or they were innocent."

A neighbor of the residents at 410 Sweetbriar Drive called 911 to report the fire and reported seeing the boys in the area earlier in the day.

Booth said investigators spent the weekend investigating the incident and determined from witnesses and evidence that Dorland and Hale were innocent.

Two boys, who are foster children of the residents at 410 Sweetbriar Drive, are believed to be the culprits in the fire. They have not yet been taken into custody, Booth said.

Other circumstances that he declined to elaborate on were involved in the situation.

Booth said the two suspects, whose identities were not released, have been involved in criminal activity in the past.

John Cook, Hale's defense attorney, said the foster children were throwing Molotov cocktails against a fence in the backyard and then putting the fires out. They missed the one that ignited the house, he said.

Hale and Dorland claimed they were at a convenience store when the fire was started.

Witnesses at 7-Eleven told fire

officials that the two boys told them they set the house on fire; later all but one of those witnesses recanted their stories, fire officials said.

The two teens admitted to setting a rag on fire in an adjacent alley, but said they didn't set the house on fire.

Fire officials said that after they talked to the residents at 410 Sweetbriar Drive Monday morning, the teens there admitted to setting the fire.

Following the hearing granting Hale's and Dorland's releases, Cook said the Hales were happy to have their son home and knew he was innocent all along.

Cook said Hale's mother asked her son to look her in the eye and tell her if he did it; he told her he didn't.

"She is a pretty good judge of her son," Cook said.

"The Fire Department did a thorough investigation and cleared the boys and released them to the custody of their parents," Cook said.

The two boys remained in custody between Thursday and until Walvoord released them Monday afternoon.

"I'm just glad to be out," Hale said following the hearing.

He said he spent 127 hours at Culver Youth Home and counted 543 bricks in his room while he was detained.

What did he plan to do after picking up his belongings at the youth home? Go get a hamburger, his attorney said.

SLAYING: Police expect preliminary autopsy results

(From 1A)

The woman's two children were staying with their grandparents for the weekend and are being cared for there, Garcia said.

Ms. Madrid was found clothed; there was no sign of a forced entry. Nothing is obviously missing to indicate robbery was a motive in the attack, Garcia said. A weapon was not found at the scene.

"We believe this case will come to a timely end. There will be an arrest in the future," Garcia said.

This is the fourth slaying in the city of Midland since Jan. 1.

Richie Lee Mayhugh and Felix Jasso have been arrested and charged in the Jan. 1 shooting death of Ruben Tagle, formerly of Midland.

Nine-month-old Emily Carter died from blunt force trauma to the head on Jan. 9. Her uncle, Abel David Alarcon, has been charged with capital murder in the case.

Sammy Lamont Robinson, 20, was shot in the head and later died after he and two other companions allegedly broke into a house at 3900 Tanner Drive on Jan. 11.

Robinson's death is not being investigated as a murder, police said.

NICOTINE: Affidavits contradict tobacco executives

(From 1A)

the continuing lawsuit against Philip Morris and other firms.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., a longtime industry critic, said Congress should conduct further investigations in light of the latest findings, but he asserted lawmakers had "been silenced because of payoffs from the tobacco industry."

"It's important for the Justice Department to conduct its inquiry because Congress is not going to do its job," Waxman said.

Philip Morris' stock skidded more than \$5 a share on the New York Stock Exchange by midday after the new accusations were made public. Other tobacco stocks also tumbled.

The FDA released the statements by two former top scientists and a newly retired plant manager under a federal law that requires it to make public evidence it plans to use in its pending crackdown on cigarettes.

The scientists alleged Philip Morris built an "olfactometer" to give smokers precise amounts of nicotine and other chemicals. The machine, when combined with a computer and neurologists' equipment, recorded nicotine interacting with receptors in the brain.

At certain levels, the nicotine "appears to mimic... addictive substances like cocaine," testified Ian Uydess, who resigned as a Philip Morris senior scientist in 1993.

Added former research director William Farone: "The machine

low-tar cigarettes, they could achieve an increase of their nicotine levels," said Farone, who left Philip Morris in 1984.

Campbell told Congress that "we do not blend for nicotine," and said the firm never chose a tobacco leaf just because it contained more nicotine.

—Jerome Rivers, who retired as a Richmond, Va., shift manager last year, said Philip Morris employees test tobacco manufactured from stems and other plant debris hourly to ensure the nicotine meets certain levels. If it doesn't, the tobacco is processed again. If the sampling "indicated a downward trend in the nicotine content of by-products from bright (fluocured) tobacco, we might be instructed to add more burley by-products. Burley by-products contain more nicotine," he said.

Campbell told Congress that nicotine is measured only twice: before the leaves are first blended and 18 months later in the finished cigarette.

—Finally, both scientists said Philip Morris knows nicotine is addictive and that people won't keep smoking without it. "Tobacco companies like Philip Morris learned a long time ago that it was hard to get people to stay with it."

Pick 3 Texas
AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-8-7

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More than 140 die in dance club fire

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — More than 140 people, including many students celebrating the end of the school year, died early Tuesday when a fire engulfed a packed disco in a Manila suburb, officials said.

Many bodies, so badly burned that they were unrecognizable, were piled in a corridor leading from the dance floor of the Ozone Disco Pub by the narrow entrance. Survivors said many were trampled in a stampede.

Others were crushed by a falling ceiling and wall. Fire Inspector Claro Querubin said more than 135 bodies had been taken out of the disco, and there could be another 50 still inside. Officials said it was the Philippines' worst fire ever.

Hospital officials said dozens of survivors had been brought in with third-degree burns. Hospitals had to send many to more distant facilities because of a lack of space.

"We saw smoke and tried to run outside but were caught in a stampede," said a survivor named Rose, who was burned on her feet, face and arms. "I was stepped on, but managed to force my way out."

She said two of her three friends were missing.

Marvin Reyes, a disk jockey at the disco in suburban Quezon City, said victims were screaming as their clothes and hair caught fire.

"It was like hell," he said. "I tried to announce

there was a fire, but the microphone stopped working."

Firemen, overwhelmed by the ordeal of taking out bodies from the charred disco, shared shots of gin to restore their resolve.

Many used bare hands to carry out the victims, who were so badly burned that their bodies stuck to each other so that the rescuers had to be careful to avoid dismembering the remains. The fire was so intense that victims' fingernails curled and bones were visible through charred skin.

There was chaos around the building as wailing relatives searched for information about missing family members. Many wrote the names of the missing on a list kept by rescuers which reached more than 100. An estimated 350 people were inside the disco at the time of the fire.

Fire officer Moises Marcelo said the fire started around 12:05 a.m. Tuesday (11:05 a.m. EST Monday) and was extinguished about two hours later.

There was no official report on the cause of the fire, but radio reports said it was triggered by a cooking fuel tank that exploded.

"The lights went out and there was an explosion," said Aaron Cabrera, 17, who received leg injuries. He said a door he was leaning against fell on top of him, saving his life.

Car bomb explodes outside Algerian police station

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — A car bomb exploded Monday outside the police headquarters in the northeastern city of Tizi-Ouzou, killing at least six people and injuring 25 others, hospital sources said.

It was one of two bombings in the city Monday, witnesses said, although it was not immediately clear if there were casualties in the other blast.

The city is in the Kabyle region, home to a large Berber population hostile to a four-year Muslim insurgency against Algeria's government.

The bomb outside the police station apparently had been in a car parked nearby.

Twenty of the injured there were in serious condition, the sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Heavy damage was

reported in that blast. Although no one claimed responsibility, local sources said the attacks could be the work of the Armed Islamic Group, Algeria's most violent militant organization.

The group has claimed responsibility for several previous attacks. Muslim militants are fighting to topple the government and install an Islamic regime.

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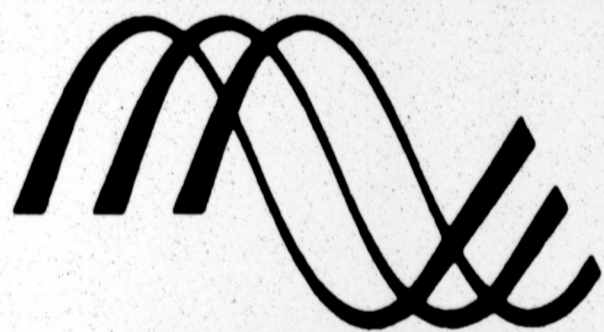


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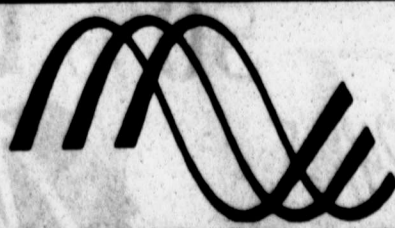
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Taiwanese conduct readiness maneuvers

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — The 50 attackers came by sea in a driving rain, mounting an amphibious assault on a northern Taiwanese beach. With tanks, missiles and artillery, Taiwanese soldiers overpowered them.

Actually, both sides were from the Taiwanese army, and the show was staged for foreign reporters to prove that Taiwan would be ready for a Chinese invasion. As of Monday, there was no sign that invasion might come.

China was supposed to start a new round of war games Monday only 11 miles from outlying Taiwanese islands, part of a campaign of intimidation in advance of Saturday's presidential elections.

Hundreds of islanders have fled, and a newspaper said troops have taken up defensive positions on the beach of one islet.

But Taiwan's Defense Ministry said Monday there was no sign of the new exercises, possibly

because of the bad weather. Taiwan hasn't said it expects the war games to erupt into a Chinese invasion, and China hasn't said they will either.

But in a show of resolve, officials invited foreign reporters to watch as 50 soldiers defended against a mock attack by 50 others playing Chinese attackers at Huko Army Base.

The attackers made their way onto the beach and took up position, but using missiles without warheads and live artillery aimed to miss, the troops playing Taiwanese soldiers wiped them out.

"If provoked, we will safeguard our nation, even though we have to sacrifice our lives," said Gen. Kao An-kuo. "No matter where the enemies land, we can quickly mobilize and defeat them."

The new Chinese maneuvers were to overlap with a set of war games that began last Tuesday off China's coast, about 75 miles

southwest of Taiwan. Those exercises continued Monday with a "small number" of ships and planes, the Defense Ministry said, without elaborating.

The new exercises, which are to be much closer to Taiwan, are intended to scare voters away from President Lee Teng-hui, whom China accuses of dropping the goal of reunification.

Lee has been defiant, saying Chinese leaders are afraid the example of Taiwan's blossoming democracy would undermine their own power.

China regards Taiwan, ruled by the rival Nationalists, as a rene-

gade province to be recaptured by force if necessary. The Nationalists fled the mainland after losing a civil war to the Communists in 1949.

The government refused to comment on a report by Taiwan's China Times newspaper that troops have taken up positions to repel a possible beach assault on Wuchiu, an island close to the planned new exercises.

The newspaper also said the military had heightened its alert on the Chu islands, just north of the planned exercises, and imposed a curfew on Wuchiu's 16 civilian inhabitants.

Former South Korean president testifies at trial for mutiny, treason

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — On trial for mutiny and treason, former President Chun Doo-hwan denied Monday that he had staged a coup 16 years ago, claiming he took power only to repel "rebel" generals and a possible North Korean attack.

During a seven-hour court session, Chun and prosecutors clashed over whether Chun's arrest of Army Chief of Staff Chung Seung-hwa was tantamount to a coup.

Chun argued that the detention was "unavoidable," and said he believed that Chung, then martial-law commander, had aided and abetted the assassination of President Park Chung-hee in 1979.

Chun, then a major general, headed a military team that investigated the assassination of Park by the president's intelligence chief. A military tribunal found Chung guilty in the assassination, but a civilian court later acquitted him.

Chun said he had no choice but to order troops to put down "rebel generals" loyal to Chung who were

planning an artillery attack that would threaten the presidential palace.

"It was certain that they were rebels. (Their attack) would have led to a civil war and given a good chance for North Korea to attack the South," Chun said.

He gave an emphatic "yes" when a prosecutor asked whether he had used the troops to save the country from communist attacks.

Chun and his successor as president, Roh Tae-woo, together face charges stemming from an alleged coup in 1979 and a military crackdown that killed or wounded hundreds of pro-democracy protesters the following year.

The ex-generals ruled South Korea from 1980 to 1993, a politically turbulent period that coincided with the nation's emergence as an Asian economic tiger.

Monday's was the second session of the treason and mutiny trial, which opened a week ago with Roh defending himself. The case is being heard by three judges, who adjourned the trial until next Monday.

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Leaders hope summit helps Rwandans

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Targeting intimidation as the chief obstacle to repatriating Rwanda's refugees, five Central African leaders announced a new crackdown Monday on thugs in the camps.

Former President Carter announced the measures, closing a summit convened to resolve Africa's most pressing crisis — the refusal of 1.7 million exiled Rwandans to return to a nation devastated by genocide in 1994.

"The goal is for all refugees who are not guilty of genocide to return to Rwanda," said Carter, who mediated three days of talks in this North African capital on the Mediterranean.

"The uncertainty is convincing the refugees that it's safe and advantageous to return," he said. "The removal of the intimidators will be another major step forward."

Extremists in refugee camps in neighboring Burundi, Tanzania, Uganda and Zaire have stirred fears that returnees risk jail, torture or even death.

Former Rwandan troops and militiamen at the camps want to preserve them as a power base for negotiations with Rwanda's new government. The exiled former fighters also benefit from the protection afforded by living among civilians, and from the humanitarian aid given the refugees.

The exodus began 2 1/2 years



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Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu, left, gestures while speaking to former U.S. President Jimmy Carter during the closing of the Central Africa summit in Tunis Monday. The summit was set to deal with the problem of relocation for Rwandan refugees.

ago, when members of the majority Hutu ethnic group that then ruled Rwanda massacred an estimated 500,000 people, most of them members of the Tutsi minority or moderate Hutus.

A Tutsi-led government now runs Rwanda, and has urged all exiled Rwandans to return. No reprisals have been reported among the 48,000 refugees who have returned to Rwanda since October, when a similar refugee summit was held in Egypt, Carter said.

But Rwandan sources contend many returning refugees have

been arrested. Rumors and threats abound, frightening people from going home and getting on with their lives.

Carter said Rwandans who intimidate their fellow refugees will be identified and arrested, and those suspected in cross-border raids into Rwanda will be slapped with travel restraints and have their financial assets frozen.

About 100 troublemakers already have been identified in refugee camps in Tanzania, and 400 people have been arrested for sneaking back into Rwanda to carry out ambush killings.

Benin's runoff elections are a close race

COTONOU, Benin (AP) — A former Marxist-Leninist dictator stood a fighting chance of regaining power Monday from the man who unseated him.

In a first-round vote March 3, Mathieu Kerekou did much better than expected in his bid to defeat President Nicephore Soglo, Benin's first democratically elected leader.

Kerekou got about 32 percent of the vote to Soglo's 31 percent. The third-place winner, former president Adrien Houngbedji, obtained 18 percent of the vote and gave his support to Kerekou in the runoff.

Results in Benin's first democratic succession were not expected for several days; Benin has no exit polls.

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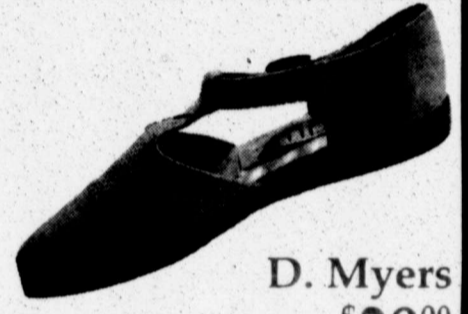
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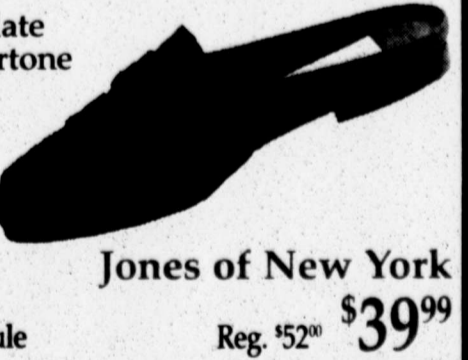
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Prison 'visit' could change young lives

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The point was simply to give them a taste of what is in store if they don't change their ways. Crime is a likely route to arrest, conviction and incarceration.

While the true impact on the youths of seeing prison life firsthand may not be known for some time, eventually the youngsters will either end up back inside a prison's walls or they'll take Warden James Black's advice and make the choice to change their lifestyles, their friends and the bad attitudes and habits

leading them down the road to prison.

As Black told the youths, "You've got to realize that you are in control of your own future."

One observer noted that many of the youths were visibly moved by what they saw inside the prison — the loss of freedom and respect, the humiliation and degradation.

But will it be enough to compel them to make a change? It will or Warden Black will be seeing them again on the inside.

Although Saturday's tour of the prison for juvenile offenders was a first, out of Midland, there will be more. That's good. Society should give its young people every opportunity to realize there are only two ways to exist in this world — the legal or "right" way or the illegal and wrong way.

After the tour, those 28 young people at least know the difference in where the two ways can take you.

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On this date: In 1687, French explorer Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle — the first European to navigate the length of the Mississippi River — was murdered by mutineers in present-day Texas.

In 1859, the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris.

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In 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn.

WILLIAM SAFIRE

World leaders drum up support at summit

SAN FRANCISCO — Three of the world leaders who gathered at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt — Shimon Peres, Boris Yeltsin and Bill Clinton — are actively campaigning to remain in office. It is as if they were running mates on an international incumbency ticket, with each having an intense interest in helping the others win.

Can these three political musketeers bring it off together? Or will the weakness of any one of them help drag down the other two?

The calendar puts Clinton in the best position to help his global running mates. Election Day in Israel comes at the end of May, in Russia two weeks later, in the United States more than four months after that.

The U.S. president also has the greatest incentive to come to the ticket's support, because he has identified his policies with Peres', and been a rooter for Yeltsin; their failure might well contribute to his own.

Therefore, to shore up Shimon Peres: Clinton has invested heavily in identifying himself with the initiative begun by the Israeli. Despite Clinton's brief protocol appointment with the opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu during Thursday's stop in Israel, nobody doubts that the loftily named "peacemakers' summit" and subsequent visit to terror-tortured Israel is designed to stop the plummeting polls of Peres.



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The ratings of Israel's prime minister will probably be blipped upward by the emergency visitation. Jews had to be somewhat reassured by the sight of Arab summiteers — notably excepting Syria, which supports the terror process — agreeing to a statement of "strong condemnation of all acts of terror ... including recent terrorist attacks in Israel."

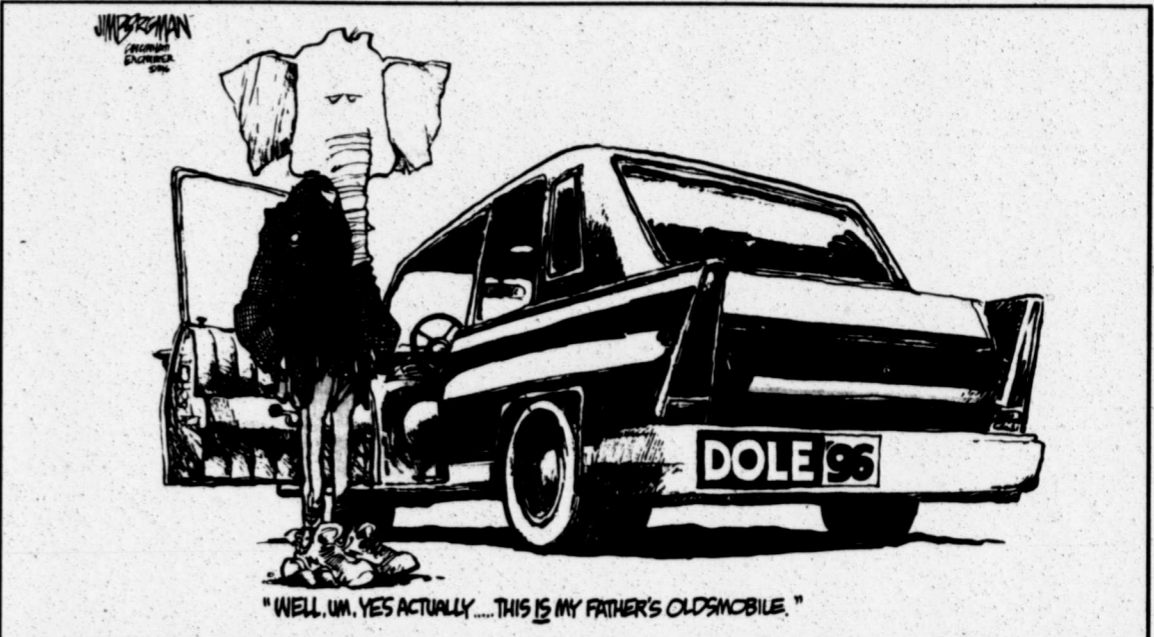
Getting Arabs to sign on to that has meaning. Credit Clinton with good arm-twisting to get that language, though it was vitiated by a promise to pay money to Arafat's organization even before he proves his ability to root out Palestinian terror.

Israelis may not forgive Peres for gambling

with lives by subcontracting antiterrorism to Arafat, but they have to notice how Clinton stands by his South Lawn guests.

To shore up Boris Yeltsin: Clinton has his work cut out for him there. Yeltsin's polls remain in single digits for good reasons. His promises to end the carnage in Chechnya have been broken, with a recent rebel raid embarrassing the army; he has tightened his control of state television and fired free-market economists, alienating reformers; he has failed to protect Serbian war criminals, infuriating extreme nationalists.

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"WELL, UM, YES, ACTUALLY ... THIS IS MY FATHER'S OLDSMOBILE."

MIKE ROYKO

Woman's ex-husband caught spying on line

There have been times when I've said that home computers are overrated, that most household tasks can be done as simply with a phone, pencil and paper, a pocket calculator and a simple ledger.

But I have to admit that I've just been told about a home computer being used in a way that is impressive and unique.

The story was told to me by Marcia, a divorced woman who lives in rural Tennessee with her 11-year-old son.

I mention her divorce because it is essential to the story, as you will see.

Marcia's ex-husband is an engineer, a very smart guy, who is very proficient with computers.

So one recent day, he came up with the idea of buying his son a home computer. That way his boy could get a leg up on the wonders of the technical age that will be part of his world.

And it also would allow him and his son to go on-line with their modems and type father-and-son chats whenever they felt like it.

Of course, they could do the same thing with a telephone, but a computer has a greater mystique.

Although Marcia has little regard for her ex — they split less than two years after getting hitched — she thought the computer would be a good thing for her son.

So after being assured that the boy would not be exposed to some of the creeps who prowl the Internet, she OK'd the plan and her ex came over and set up their son's new machine.

And sure enough, just as planned, father and son were soon exchanging e-mail or getting together for live on-line keyboard chats.

Now, isn't that a pleasant story? Even a little heartwarming?

What's that you say? It's kind of mundane? No big deal. Others have done the same thing.

You're right. There is more to the story. There had better be or I'll have a lot of blank space below.

One day, the son came home after visiting his dad's place. He casually mentioned: "Momma, guess what? I heard your voice through my daddy's computer."

Marcia said, "What are you talking about?" And as she tells it: "He told me there was a speaker and that somehow he could use his computer and my son's computer to spy on me."

"Well, I didn't know a darn thing about computers. But I'm no fool, and I'm a fast learner. So I did some research."

"And it can be done and he was doing it. When he set up our son's computer, he put in the equipment and programs to do it. From his computer, he can dial and take control of my son's computer. Then my son's computer picks up sounds in my house and transmits them back to his computer, where they come out of his computer."

"When he set up our son's machine, he brought manuals and left them here. So I looked at them. And I found his notations in the margin for how to set this kind of stuff up."

"See, he's brilliant in some ways but he's an idiot in others. And leaving those manuals around shows what kind of idiot he can be."

"So I packed the whole computer, everything, and took it to a computer place and they found everything. They took out everything that made the spying possible."

"Since then, I found out that there is a divorced men's group on the Internet, and they give each other advice about how, if a man is in a custody battle for children, this is a way to get the goods on your wife."

"They give information on what equipment to buy and how to set it up. See, he wants custody of our son, and that's how he found out about this stuff."

"Of course, he denied it and demanded that the computer be put back in my house. But I wouldn't do it until I had legal safeguards that he wouldn't try something like that. And I still have the eavesdropping stuff and manuals as evidence if I ever need it."

"Actually, it's a form of stalking. What's the difference between eavesdropping like that or looking in my window? Yes, he's always stalked me, and so he found another way to do it."

"The reason I'm telling you this is that computers can be wonderful things. But people should be aware that they can be dangerous, too. In a situation where a divorce is acrimonious, they can be an effective form of eavesdropping."

When Marcia told me all of this, I admit to having been a bit skeptical.

But then I called one of the experts at Elek-Tek, which has the sharpest personnel of all the big computer stores.

"Yes, it is definitely possible," he said. "It's potentially a very scary thing. If she has a voice-data modem on the computer, what happens is it has a duplex speaker phone on it. By accessing her computer and activating the modem and speaker phone, anything in microphone range can be picked up and the person on the end can hear it."

"And there is technology that you can buy to activate the other person's modem and speaker phone. It's expensive but it's easy to get."

So today's advice: If you are divorced and are going to play kissy-face with a new flame, maybe you better not only pull the shades but go pull the power plug on your kid's computer. Big Daddy might be listening.

On the other hand, if O.J. had this kind of set-up, maybe he would have been content to just listen in, then blow off steam by switching programs and blasting the monsters in Doom.

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LETTERS

Stolen tool box can't be replaced

To the person or persons who took the tool box from our garage on Emerson Lane, March 11: You have not just taken a box of tools but a box full of irreplaceable memories. Many of the tools in that box belonged to my husband's father, who died several years ago. We can replace the tools, but it really hurt to lose the precious sentiments and memories that the tools represent. Money cannot buy or replace those. Please return them to us — we are far from home and family, and little things mean a lot.

Christine Bradley Erb
Midland

School busing may be unnecessary

As the father of a third-grader at Bowie, I have closely followed the MISD board's activities aimed at reducing federal court supervision. Although I am not a fan of busing, I think the cluster system is one of the better ways I've seen to implement compulsory desegregation, if it is needed.

However, as you reported last November, about one-quarter to one-third of our schools (Bowie, Houston, Long, Bonham, Burnet, Emerson and probably also Jones and Henderson) are, judged by Justice Department criteria, naturally integrated because of the free choice of citizens on where to live — and surely preferable to

desegregation. Although I would prefer an MISD-wide resolution, I hoped after reading your story that at least the students already attending integrated schools would be exempted from busing.

I have, however, been disheartened by subsequent events involving the Cluster Committee. Though I believe both sides are honorably motivated, it appears that they believe the main issue they face is how to get along with each other rather than doing the best they can for the students. Surely, if they can't agree on anything else they ought to agree that the forced busing of students from a school already integrated to desegregate other schools is wrong, nonsensical, and a waste of time, money and effort.

Parents must be heard loudly and clearly now. The parties must reappear in court on April 1, and without an agreement on this point the court will probably maintain the status quo until the final decision. We need to let everyone know there is no excuse for busing these students from integrated schools next year.

Timothy N. Derigo
Midland

Thank you Midland for your support

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Midland for all the support that I received when I went to the Olympic Trials for swimming in Indianapolis. With your support, I

felt very confident, and I knew I was not alone in trying to achieve my goals. I would like to say a special thanks to Mike Adkins from News West 9, Mark Packer from Big 2 News, and Mike Butts from the Reporter-Telegram

All three of these men provided full coverage of the meet, along with my swimming ambitions. Also I would like to thank my two coaches, Ted and Brad, for the countless hours they give to me and their hard work in making COM the best swim team in the country. I appreciate all the support from COM families, my friends, my teachers at Lee, and my church. Most important, I would like to thank my family for their overwhelming confidence in me. They never gave up on me, even when I thought I could not go any farther. I don't know if I can ever show all the appreciation I have for all these individuals, but I hope this can be the first step. So once again thank you for believing in me.

Monica Stroman
Midland

Airport terminal may be white elephant

Attention tax-paying property owners of the City of Midland: You are going to underwrite and co-sign the cost of building the new terminal at the Midland International Airport. Midland City Ordinance No. 7511 on second reading provides you will do so. Ordinance No. 7511 is the enabling measure

that will put the airport terminal vote on the ballot on May 4, 1996.

The measure or proposition shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

"The issuance of \$21,000,000 combination revenue and tax certificates of obligations for improvements and extensions to the Midland International Airport."

This ordinance further states a limited pledge of the surplus net revenue of the airport pledge with ad valorem taxes levied upon all taxable property in the city of Midland to pay annual interest and to provide a sinking fund to pay the certificates at maturity. Notice it does not state that a terminal will be built. Some council members and airport officials even want to delete the actual cost amount from the ballot. They are afraid it will scare the voters. That scares me.

When the bonding agency was first approached to underwrite the general obligation bonds it would not do so because the data used by the City of Midland showed that the bonds would not pay off the airport terminal. The bonding agency required the city to go to revenue tax certificates of obligations.

FAA grants, airport revenue and passenger boarding fees will not pay for the terminal. This is when the city goes to the tax-paying property owners' pocketbooks. When will the city officials stop the deceit?

H.J. Murphy
Midland

Clinton to unveil 1997 budget calling for nearly \$100 million in tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton plans to unveil a fiscal 1997 budget today calling for nearly \$100 billion in tax cuts over the next seven years, documents show. The plan also projects a balanced budget by 2002 and assumes Clinton will strike a deal with Republicans for some quick savings.

Pages from the president's election-year budget, obtained by The Associated Press, show that Clinton expects a \$164.2 billion deficit in fiscal 1997, which begins Oct. 1, dropping to a \$7.6 billion surplus in 2002. That would be the first year the government completed with black ink in its ledger book since 1969.

Fiscal 2002 is the same year Clinton and Republicans aimed at for balancing the budget during their yearlong, inconclusive fiscal battle last year. The president's decision to retain 2002 as a target — which congressional Republicans plan to do as well — reflects a desire to avoid accusations that they are letting their budget-balancing deadline slip.

As Clinton prepared to release his package, he planned to meet Wednesday with House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., Senate

Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Democratic congressional leaders to discuss a number of issues, including the budget impasse. White House aides said the meeting's scheduling does not signal a breakthrough in the budget talks.

The president's fiscal recipe follows the outline he released last month and offers he made during budget talks with Republicans. It would rely mostly on \$124 billion in savings from Medicare, \$59 billion from Medicaid, \$40 billion from welfare, plus \$297 billion from annually approved general government programs.

There would be \$99.7 billion in tax cuts through 2002 — about half of what Republicans have proposed — largely for families and small businesses.

The proposal retains Clinton's tax credit for children, which would provide \$500 when fully phased in, and a new tax deduction for college tuition, which would be worth \$10,000 when fully put into effect.

The president was detailing his plan six weeks after he released an overview to satisfy a legal deadline. Clinton is certain to argue during his re-election campaign that

his formula for balancing the budget is less harsh than competing Republican plans and does more to boost programs vital to economic growth such as education, environment and high technology.

Republicans, who plan to begin work on a plan of their own after Congress' two-week recess in early April, have already started criticizing Clinton's plan. The GOP plan is expected to resemble offers they made during budget talks with the administration and proposals for revamping welfare and Medicaid the nation's governors have been writing.

"His details will prove he's addicted to Washington, to Washington spending, Washington control and Washington influence," House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said last week. "He's a defender of the status quo."

The papers show that Clinton is counting on gaining \$15.9 billion in savings in fiscal 1996, which ends Sept. 30 and is nearly half over. He also assumes there will be \$3.3 billion in tax cuts this year.

For that to happen this fiscal year, the president would have to reach a pact with the GOP soon, something that has eluded the two

sides in months of budget talks that broke down in January. Both sides have talked publicly about still hoping some sort of compromise could be reached, but there has been little indication of enough movement by either side to make it possible.

"It's fair to say the savings in 1996 presume a deal before 1997," said a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The president has taken another step to protect himself from potential Republican criticism that his plan does not deliver a balanced budget as promised, according to administration and congressional officials familiar with the plan.

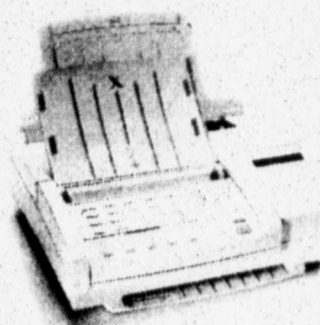
Clinton's budget states that if the Congressional Budget Office — Congress' official budget scorekeeper — makes new estimates in coming weeks and calculates that his plan falls short of balance, the president will cull whatever savings are needed from annually approved programs. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Clinton's budget gets to balance in 2002 in part by assuming that his tax cuts will last only through the year 2000, the documents show. But according to administra-

tion and congressional officials, the tax cuts would be retained in 2001 and 2002 if the actual deficit in 2000 is at least \$20 billion less than projections for that year.

The budget documents also showed: ■ Clinton would spend \$1.649 trillion next year, about 4 percent more than in 1996.

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Car-phone owners face bigger accident risk, researchers say

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Aaarrgh! I'm going to have to hang up, boss. I've just run into the back of a truck.

People with a cellular phone in the car run a 34 percent higher risk of having an accident, researchers said Monday. The danger mounts when they use the phone a lot or while doing something else, such as lighting a cigarette or drinking coffee.

Most often, it seems, motorists engrossed in a phone conversation run red lights and get into collisions at busy intersections. But even on the open highway, a car-phone call can take people's minds off their driving.

"They kind of forget about the rest of the world," said John Violanti, a criminal justice professor at Rochester Institute of Technology. "They're not intentionally cutting somebody off, just not seeing them."

The study, which is believed to be the first of its kind, appears in the March issue of Accident Analysis and Prevention, a British journal.

The Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association dismissed it as limited and flawed.

"It has glaring research shortcomings," said spokeswoman Pam Small.

The researchers, who plan a larger survey this year, countered that their findings, even though preliminary, should not be ignored at a time when cell-phone sales are booming.

Violanti and James Marshall, a professor of social and preventive medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo, randomly selected 100 New York motorists who had been in an accident and 100 who had not.

Of those in accidents, 13.7 percent owned a cellular phone, while 10.6 percent of the accident-free drivers had a phone in the car, Violanti said. Not everyone answered the survey, he added.

Through surveys and phone records, the researchers determined that the motorists who used car phones more often than the average — 50 minutes a month — were five times more likely to have an accident than those who either talked less or didn't own a car phone.

"We suspect, and it's only a suspicion, that intense business calls are more likely than personal conversations to divert attention from driving and may increase the risk of accidents," said Violanti, a former state trooper.

"If you need to make an intense business call, it would be my advice to pull over in a safe place, maybe a rest area. I think people don't want to do that. They want to save time."

"Driver inattention" was listed as a factor in about 35 percent of the 700,000 traffic accidents reported in New York in 1993, according to the state Department of Motor

Vehicles.

The study indicates that a cell phone is a driver's biggest distraction, Violanti said. But the risk of an accident increases twofold when a car phone is used while drinking a beverage or lighting up and threefold when the driver takes both hands off the steering wheel, the study found.

About one in 10 motorists in the United States owns a car phone, and the number is growing rapidly. Hundreds of 90 million people

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High court takes fresh look at abortion-clinic protests

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court dived back into the battle over anti-abortion demonstrations Monday, agreeing to clarify the "dos" and "don'ts" of protests outside abortion clinics. At issue: When does free speech become harassment?

The court will decide whether most demonstrators at abortion facilities in the Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y., areas can be kept 15 feet away from the entrance, driveway, any patient or staff member.

Lower courts upheld the 15-foot buffer zone, challenged as a violation of demonstrators' free-speech rights.

Monday's action was something of a surprise. The justices ruled in 1994 that judges can bar even peaceful protests from getting too close to abortion clinics, and upheld a 36-foot demonstration-free zone around a Florida clinic.

Since then, the court consistently had refused to review challenges to similar limits on anti-abortion demonstrations.

"We're delighted to be given another opportunity to make our point," said anti-abortion lawyer Jay Sekulow. "I think it was the floating nature of this bubble zone that attracted the court's attention. I want to burst the bubble and allow free discussion."

Deborah Ellis of the NOW Legal Defense Fund called the court's action "unusual and worrisome."

She guessed that the court may focus on that portion of a federal judge's order that allows two "sidewalk counselors" to penetrate the buffer zone to talk to patients but requires them to "stop and desist" if a patient expresses a

Justices to decide whether demonstrators can be kept 15 feet away from entrance, driveway, any patient or staff member.

desire to be left alone.

The court likely will hear arguments in the case next fall and announce a decision sometime in 1997. Its backdrop: the continuing debate over abortion and a string of violent acts at abortion clinics across the nation.

The court announced its action only hours before a jury in Dedham, Mass., convicted John C. Salvi III of murdering two women at two abortion clinics in 1994.

In other matters Monday, the court:

■ Agreed to use an Illinois dispute to clarify a key rule for determining which of the nation's half-million small businesses are covered by a federal law banning on-the-job discrimination.

■ Let stand former HUD official Deborah Gore Dean's convictions in the Reagan administration's housing influence-peddling scandal.

■ Rejected an attempt by Arkansas officials to deny Medicaid-funded abortions for women impregnated by rape or incest.

In the abortion demonstrations case, U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara imposed the buffer zone after abortion providers sought to head off planned demonstrations by various anti-abortion groups.

The judge compared such demonstrations to "blockades" at which anti-abortion activists "yell at patients, patient escorts and medical staff entering and leaving the health care facilities."

He said demonstrators "also crowd around people trying to enter the facilities in an intimidating and obstructing manner, and grab, push and shove the patients, patient escorts and staff."

A three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the buffer zone and sidewalk-counselor provision as free-speech violations. But the entire appeals court voted 13-2 last September to reverse the panel's ruling.

"The First Amendment (and its guarantee of freedom of speech) does not, in any context, protect coercive or obstructive conduct that intimidates or physically prevents individuals from going about ordinary affairs," said an opinion signed by nine judges.

Lawyers for two anti-abortion activists argued that the "new constitutional right 'not to be hassled in public' will swiftly encroach on union picket lines, gay-rights activists and all other anti-establishment protesters who 'hassle' the American people by challenging the status quo."

Anti-abortion groups such as Operation Rescue, Project Rescue Western New York and Project Life of Rochester were named as defendants in the original 1990 lawsuit. But Monday's appeal was filed in behalf of just two individuals — Rev. Paul Schenck and Dwight Saunders.

In Midwest battlegrounds, Dole has blue-collar blues

TAYLOR, Mich. (AP) — Elmer Gauvin doesn't begrudge Bob Dole his spring celebration, but he has a sobering message for the GOP standard-bearer: "This is Clinton country."

Hearing that, Larry Morin feels compelled to chime in. "I voted for Reagan twice and I'm not about to make that mistake again," says the semiretired engineer. "The Republican Party is not for the common man."

It is a long way, of course, from March to November. But as Dole looks beyond today's primaries in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin to the fall contest with President Clinton, there are troubling signs for him in places like Taylor, a blue-collar bastion outside Detroit.

Here, and in like-minded working class suburbs, many voters earned the nickname Reagan Democrats by crossing over to vote Republican in the 1980s. As they look ahead to November, many of these voters say they are back in the Democratic fold — and planning to support President Clinton.

"Republicans — all they want to do is take care of the rich," said Gauvin, taking a break from helping his son's Boy Scout troop sell pretzels to raise money for summer camp. "Clinton is in there trying to fight for us."

In two dozen weekend interviews here, and in recent conversations in other Midwestern battleground states, few blue-collar workers shared Gauvin's unbridled enthusiasm for Clinton. Indeed, many are still stung by Clinton's support of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which was vigorously opposed by organized labor.

"I think Clinton betrayed the unions," said Dean Rabe, a 30-year United Auto Workers member in Illinois. Still, faced with a Dole-Clinton choice, "I'll probably have to go with Clinton," Rabe said.

Dole will have a hard time winning the industrial Midwest battlegrounds if this sentiment carries into November. The four states with primaries today, all carried by Clinton in 1992, carry a combined 72 electoral votes — more than one quarter of the 270 needed to win the White House.

To succeed statewide in Michigan, a Republican must make inroads in Detroit's working class

suburbs, as Ronald Reagan did in 1980 and 1984 and as GOP Gov. John Engler did in 1990 and 1994. But as Dole angles for support this year, one giant obstacle is sentiment left over from last year's budget debates.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Traffic note

Garfield Street, between Industrial and Washington avenues, will be reduced to one lane for most of this week in order for a water valve to be replaced. Motorists are urged to use extra care when traveling in that area.

Quilters Guild

Midland Quilters Guild is to meet 7 p.m. today at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. Carolyn Sowell is to present a program on history of Texas quilts. For more information call 684-3739.

Native plant talk

The Midland Chapter of the Native Plant Society is to meet 7 p.m. today at Sibley Environmental Learning Center at Hogan Park. Chester Rowell will discuss "How Desert Plants Adapt." For more information call 687-2961.

Book signing

Barnes and Nobles will be hosting two Texas authors for book signings on Saturday. Native West Texan Bob Horton will be signing copies of "Basic Texas Red" beginning at 2 p.m. The novel is a comic-mystery set at a chili cook-off. San Angelo cook author Anita Allison will be signing copies of "The Bluebonnet Trail Cookbook" at 4 p.m. The book is a collection of recipes and stories passed down through several generations of West Texans.

Pre-school art

Registration is under way for a pre-school art program at the Museum of the Southwest. Three sessions of four classes are being offered with the first session starting today. Classes are available on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday with a limit of 20 children in each class. Tuesday and Thursday classes meet from 10 a.m. to noon; Wednesday classes meet from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Fees are \$35 for museum members and \$40 for non-members. Supplies are included in the fee. To register call the museum, 683-2882 or 570-7770, or call teacher Stephanie Fender, 685-3469.

Gallery show

Gallery 1114 is hosting its 10th annual Open Show March 30 through April 21. The show is open to everyone in the West Texas area. Work to be included in the exhibit must be brought to the gallery 1114 N. Big Spring St., between 1 and 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. There is a \$5 fee per entry. All wall art must have finished edges and be wired for hanging. For more information call 685-9944.

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.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Bldg., 15 Smith Rd., 11:30-12:30 p.m., 987-7286.

Share Success-Basics of Goal Setting, Mr. Gatti's (party room 1), 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave., noon, 570-4533.

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

Post traumatic stress disorder support group for women, 6 p.m., Community National Bank, 601 E. Florida Ave., 570-9412.

Parents Anonymous, 7 p.m., for location and other information, 520-2282.

Blacksheep A.A. group, 8 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 S. FM 1788, info, 563-1200.

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Calico Kitchen.

Project ADAM (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men) - Support group, 6:30-9:30 p.m., 986-8428 or 520-0277.

The Midland Alzheimer's Support Group, 7 p.m., 3301 Sinclair.

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Molestation case postponed

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff Writer

A Midland man's trial on accusations that he molested a girl in an incident in which he allegedly bought the girl's sexual favors from her father has been postponed another week.

Ray Stewart "Butterball" Marion is accused of having sex with the teen. His trial on aggravated sexual assault of a child, originally set to begin Feb. 20, was rescheduled for today, but has since been changed to March 26.

The girl, a minor, is the daughter of

Charles Richard Wooden, who was convicted last summer of aggravated robbery.

Under a new state law, during the punishment phase of a trial any allegations of wrongdoing may be made for a judge or jury to consider in the sentencing.

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

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

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

A jail inmate also testified that he was approached and offered the same deal.

A psychologist testified that the child, who was 14 last year, had the mental capacity of an 8-year-old. He also said the girl suffered from post traumatic stress disorder, which he said is consistent with a sexually abused child.

The doctor said the child was easily

confused and influenced by other people. He said she can be manipulated during questioning. Both prosecutors and Wooden's attorney exchanged accusations that the other side had tampered with the girl in attempts to influence her testimony.

The girl testified that Marion had sex with her while her father was in the room. She also said, at another time, that her father was in the other room asleep while Marion had sex with her.

Marion remains in custody in the Midland County Detention Center.

A Day in the Life of ...

Hard worker keeps on going after retirement

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

After 80 years of toiling from childhood onward, almost everybody who knows Augusta "Gus" Sanders counts him as a friend.

He is still steaming on and forward, maybe not at full throttle, but he's moving steadily.

"That's the reason I (shine shoes); I can't stay still," Sanders said.

Since his formal retirement from shining shoes, chauffeuring, and working in the old Midland National Bank's mail room, Sanders, 80, still operates a shoe-shine stand at his own hours and at his own pace and in his own friendly way at the Independence Plaza Building.

The price of a snappy, old-time shine used to be a dime, back in the 1930s and 1940s — before and after Sanders was drafted during World War II and served with the U.S. Army in the Aleutian Islands off Alaska.

"We made money then, too ... I shined everybody's shoes — all the rich guys (and cowboys) ... They are all gone now.

"Every once in awhile (they would tip)," Sanders said. "Very seldom."

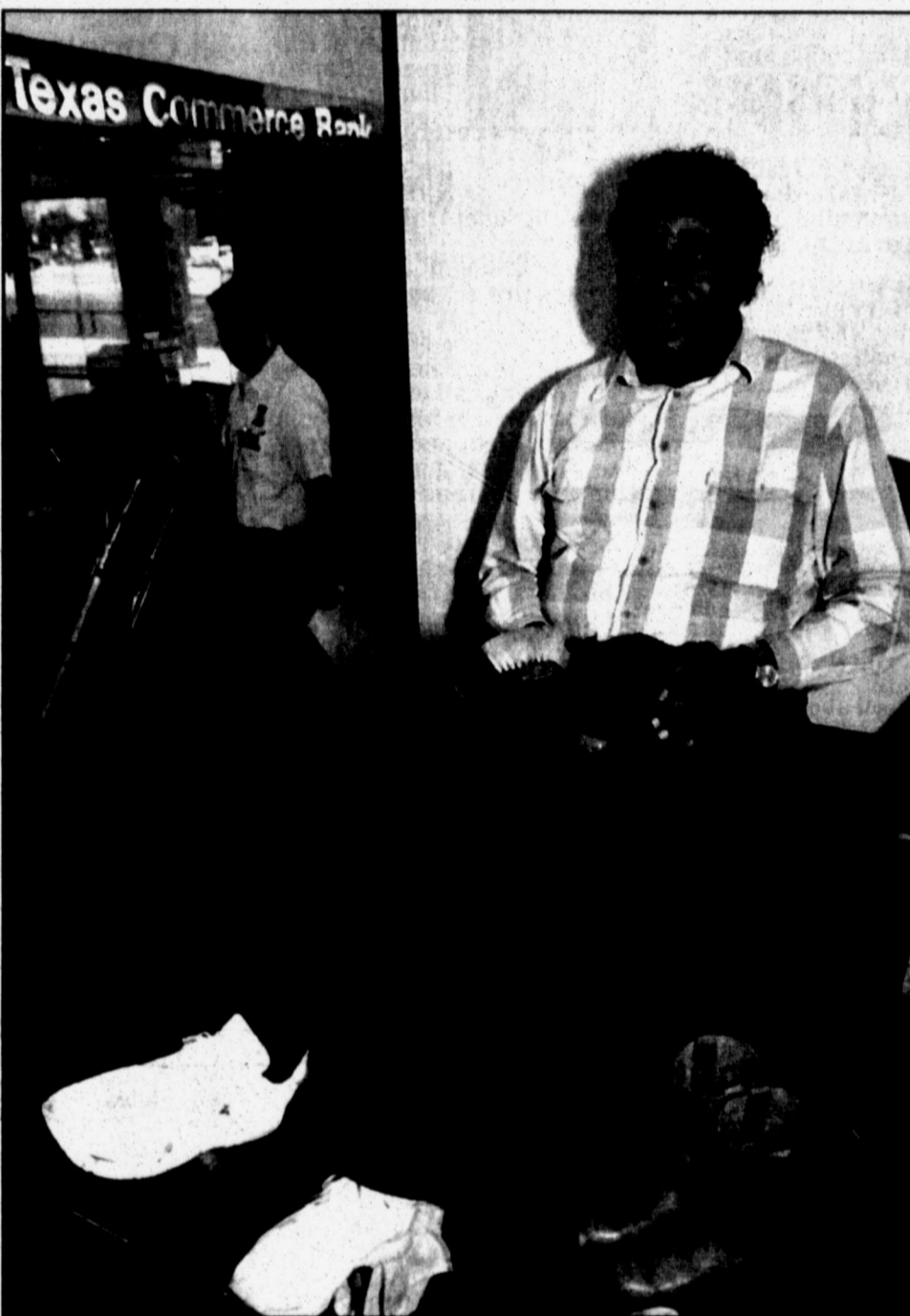
Even so, he had money in those earlier days. But something happened to the economy.

Nowadays, a shine is \$2 for a pair of shoes and \$3 for a pair of boots.

And that — cleaning, preserving, polishing, and shining leather footwear — has been but a part of Sanders' working life and livelihood.

"I enjoyed everything that I did

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Augusta Sanders manned the shoe-shine stand in the lobby of Texas Commerce Bank for 40 years until his retirement. He now shines shoes at his leisure in the lobby of Independence Plaza.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Tanker spills 4,200 barrels in Galveston

GALVESTON (AP) — A barge carrying about 714,000 gallons of oil broke open Monday just outside the Houston Ship Channel, gushing a ribbon of oil at least five miles long into Galveston Bay.

The heavy intermediate fuel oil began streaming from the Buffalo Marine Service Inc. barge into an area between Pelican Island and Bolivar Peninsula about 1 p.m., the Coast Guard said. By late evening, the current pulled the oil south along the coast.

The Coast Guard refused to speculate on what caused the barge to buckle and rupture its hull. The vessel was sunk in the middle and appeared on the verge of breaking into two pieces.

The barge was carrying 17,000 barrels, or 714,000 gallons, of No. 2 crude oil. About 4,200 barrels, or 176,400 gallons, had spilled by evening from two of the barge's 12 tanks.

Coast Guard Cmdr. Dean Kutz said the rest of the tanks were intact and it appeared the spill would be restricted to 4,200 barrels.

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro said the thick oil won't evaporate easily. He said winds up to 45 mph, rough seas and the heavy oil would complicate the cleanup.

"Already, it is clear that commerce, wildlife and tourism may suffer serious damage," Mauro said. "It is the worst possible combination of factors for even the best trained professionals."

No animals were immediately affected.

Crews deployed a protective boom and planned to use skimmers and other oil recovery equipment.

A ship was standing by to remove the remaining oil from the barge.

The Houston Ship Channel was closed for a short time following the incident, but was reopened by early evening.

Buffalo Marine accepted responsibility for the spill, said Daniel Buchsbaum, the company's cleanup coordinator. Buchsbaum refused to comment on the circumstances of the accident.

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Almost 6,000 compete to portray Selena in upcoming motion picture

By Thelma Garza
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — The possibility of portraying Tejano singing sensation Selena in a movie about her life produced a tidal wave of young hopefuls this weekend.

Almost 6,000 young women — many clad in bustiers and spandex pants from several states and Mexico — answered the call to interview for the role of Selena Quintanilla Perez, said officials with the Liz Herrera Kiegley Co., which conducted the interviews.

A four-city search that includes San Antonio, Miami, Los Angeles and Chicago is on for two actresses to play the part of Selena as a young girl and as an 18-year-old singer, filmmakers said.

Gregory Nava, the movie's director and writer, expressed disbelief at the large number of candidates who turned out for Saturday's casting call at Centro de Artes in San Antonio.

"Never, in the history of the movies, have we had such a response of candidates," said 46-year-old Nava, whose

Odessan physical therapist Lisa Tucker, 24, was selected from among 40 area contestants Friday for the chance to audition for the role of Selena. Ms. Tucker will audition Saturday in Chicago.

movie directing credits include "Mi Familia" and "El Norte."

"I think most of the candidates know they will not be cast, but I believe they're here to be a part of the making of Selena's life story," Nava said.

That story will center on the 23-year-old Grammy Award-winner's life and career, beginning at age 8, he said.

Nava said the movie will not detail Selena's murder, nor the trial of Yolanda Saldivar — the San Antonio woman convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the March 31 shooting at a Corpus Christi motel.

It has not been decided if a Saldivar role will be cast in the film, he said. She was the former president of the Selena Fan Club.

"This story is not about sensational-

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GARY OTT

You know dad is old when you walk faster than he drives

More rambling thoughts ...
— You know your dad is getting on up in years when you take a ride with him and it suddenly dawns on you that you could get out of the car and walk faster than he is driving.

— Plato once said, "Only the dead have seen an end to war."

— It is one thing to favor the death penalty, it is quite another to be willing to cast the deciding vote in a capital murder case.

— Every town should have a street called "Broadway", and it should be located in the middle of downtown.

— It is hard to believe that new poll that indicates only 27 percent of Texans can name the state's two U.S. senators. Read the newspaper, people.

— This is not exactly a news flash, of course, but I'll

say it anyway: Mike Tyson is not the most likeable athlete in the world.

— Overheard: "Compared to shame, death is nothing."

— It always sounds a bit pretentious when uttered, but the word "Vegas" just seems to flow from the lips when referring to that Nevada city.

— Guilty feeling: Spending a beautiful weekend day in front of the television set, even if it is watching some of your favorite college basketball teams move one step closer to a national championship.

— Great big dogs always make me just a little bit scared.

— Women seem most traumatized by reaching the ripe old age of 30, while men get hit hardest by No. 40. I'll let you know more, however, when 50 rolls around.

— Some men look exceedingly silly wearing jeans.

— It has been said that "two can live as cheaply as one."

No they can't.

— A sad fact: Loyalty seems to be going out of style

these days.

— Some days you wake up in a lousy mood and nothing is going to make you feel any better (mainly because you won't let it).

— I like old two-story houses more than these new sprawling ranch-style estates that have become so popular of late.

— If enough people do something that is wrong, it often becomes acceptable behavior. And that's too bad.

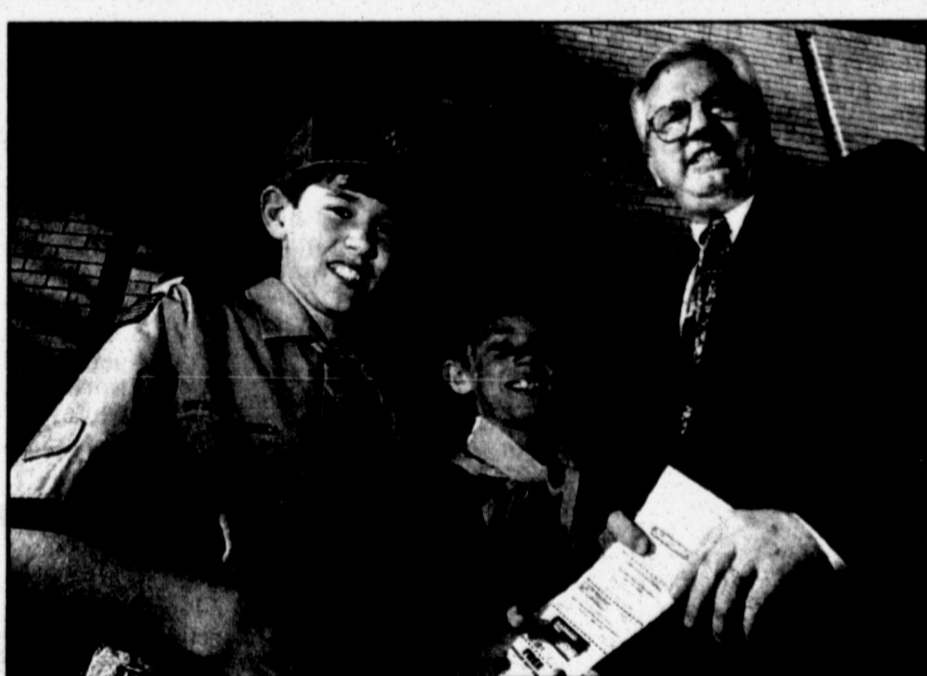
— It is frustrating to purchase a new book and, after reading 50 pages or so, realize it just isn't very good. Do you acknowledge your error in judgment and put it aside or do you keep plugging along in hopes it will somehow suddenly become a page-turning thriller?

— And today's final quote comes from Roberto Rossellini, who once said, "I am not a pessimist; to perceive evil where it exists is, in my opinion, a form of optimism."

Gary Ott is managing editor of the Reporter-Telegram.



Ott



Scouts honor

Boy Scout Sean Hannon, left, and Cub Scout Trevor Hannon on Monday sold Mayor Bobby Burns a ticket to Scout-O-Rama, scheduled for 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the Midland County Exhibit Building. The annual fund-raiser allows scouts to exhibit their skills to the community.

Joe D. Williams/Reporter-Telegram

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department

Sunday

Burglary of a residence: A microwave, VCR and Nintendo system were reported missing from 3220 Sycamore Ave. The incident was reported at 7:40 p.m. by Leann Chambers.

Monday

Vandalism: Three tires were reported slashed at 2709 W. Washington Ave. It was reported at 7:34 a.m. by Cynthia Heredia.

Vandalism: A window was reported broken at 2107 W. Louisiana Ave. It was reported at 12:03 p.m. by Constance

Roberts.

Theft: Eight tires, valued at \$1,200, were reportedly stolen at 4200 W. Wall Ave. The incident was reported at 8:32 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A would-be burglar was interrupted with a stereo half out of a car at 4300 W. Wall Ave. The incident was reported at 5:28 p.m. by Jack Henley.

Anyone having information concerning these incidents should contact the Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

DEATHS

Myrtle Poer

PECOS — Graveside services for Florence Myrtle Poer, 80, mother of Midlander Robert Emmett Poer, are to be 2 p.m., March 19, at Fairview Cemetery in Pecos under the direction of Pecos Funeral Home.

Mrs. Poer died Sunday, March 17, at an Odessa hospital. She was born March 24, 1915, in Pecos.

She was a homemaker. Other survivors include another son, Stanley T. Poer Jr. of Houston; a daughter, Rosanne Enmon of Nacogdoches; a sister, Georgia Morrison of Pecos; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

John I. Caldwell, III

and was a member of United Methodist Church. Survivors include a daughter, Amanda Copeland of Midland; a son, Austin Copeland of Midland; her parents, Ted and Betty Winder of Granite Shoals; two brothers, David Almond of Charleston, S.C., and Mike Connelly of Syracuse, N.Y.; two sisters, Renee Swan of San Marcos and Teresa Wallace of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; and her grandmother, Dolores Lutz of San Antonio.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the Amanda & Austin Copeland Trust Fund, Permian Telco credit Union, 1408 W. Wall St., Midland 79701.

Caldwell died Sunday, March 17, at a Dallas hospital.

He was born March 26, 1953, in Midland. He graduated from Midland Lee High School, where he was a member of the basketball team and later, manager of the team.

Following high school, he worked for his father's company, Rotary Engineering laboratories of Midland. He married Debra Kay Chambers in 1981.

Caldwell moved to Hawaii in 1992 and worked with his brother at Caldwell Productions.

He was a member of Wilshire Park Baptist Church. Survivors include by a daughter, Anna Novell Caldwell of Irvin; his parents John I. Caldwell II and Georgiana Mason Caldwell of Midland; three brothers, Jeffrey S. Caldwell of Honolulu, Hawaii, Stephen Cody Caldwell of Amariilo and Cary Mason Caldwell of Midland.

The family requests that memorials be sent to Midland Liver Transplant Support Group or Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702.

John I. Caldwell, III

Services for Midlander John I. "Trey" Caldwell III are to be 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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Yvonne Poe

Services for Yvonne Poe of Stanton have been set for 1 p.m. today, March 19, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Waymon Swipes of Greenwood Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Poe died Monday, March 18, at a Midland hospital.

She was born on April 23, 1938, in Stonewall County. She was raised and educated in Midland. She graduated from Midland High School.

She married David Poe in Las Vegas in 1975.

They lived in Big Spring and Stanton. Mrs. Poe was preceded in death by a son, Robert O'Donnell, in April 1995.

Survivors include her husband, David Poe of Stanton; two sons, Rick O'Donnell of Fort Worth and Rusty O'Donnell of Midland; her mother, Johnnie Bert Jones of Midland; a brother, Don Jones of Odessa; five grandchildren, and two nephews.

The family requests that memorials be sent to West Texas Boys Ranch in San Angelo.

Pallbearers are to be Steve Powers, Dennis Ireton, Ulen North, Mike Duncan, Eddie Edge, Casey O'Donnell, Donnie Jones and Chuck Jones. Honorary pallbearers are to be Chance O'Donnell, Ryan O'Donnell, Shiloh O'Donnell and Sierra O'Donnell.

Ruth Mast Services for Ruth Ramsey Mast are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Monday at her Midland residence.

Horace Brown Services for Horace Brown, 82, are pending with Bill C. Thomas Funeral Home.

He died Sunday at a local nursing center.

Cleo Dillard Services for Cleo Dillard are pending with Bill C. Thomas Funeral Home.

He died Monday at a local hospital.

ROLE: Over 6,000 compete for part

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She graduated from Lee High School in Midland and attended Midland College.

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SPILL: Galveston hit by oil spill

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saying it was under investigation.

"This is a most regrettable incident and every effort will be made to minimize any environmental damage," Buffalo Marine said in a statement.

One of the worst shipping accidents in the area was the June 1990 spill of the Norwegian tanker Mega Borg. It leaked 4.3 million gallons of crude oil about 60 miles off Galveston.

At a Glance: Augusta Sanders

Place of birth: Marshall, Texas.

Pastimes: "I work around the home. There's always something to do when you have a house."

Favorite movies: "I haven't been to a movie since TV came out (in the 1950s). I like sports. Sports is what I like: football, boxing, basketball, baseball. Any kind of sport. I don't like hockey. That's too much violence; they fight."

Favorite entertainer: "Eddie Murphy. He's good (as an actor and comedian.)"

Favorite food: "I like Mexican food."

Favorite vacation spot: "Las Vegas. I go up there and play the slot machines. I've never gam-

bled in my life, except (playing) the slot machines. I've never shot dice. They take your money; that's not fair."

"If I could visit anyplace in the world it would be Atlantic City. I sure do want to go there."

"I could change something about myself I wish I could quit smoking cigarettes. My doctor told me to stop smoking, and I quit once (but) started back up. I guess it will have to go with me to the hole. My Granddaddy smoked until he was 104, and then he died."

"If I won the lottery one of the first things I'd do is help someone who needs it, and I'd take off and enjoy it."

Gore takes Texas day tour

HOUSTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore began a daylong swing through Texas Monday by praising a prototype service center that makes it easier for small business owners to deal with a maze of government bureaucracy.

"This store makes everyone in government look a little bit better," Gore told the staff of the U.S. General Store for Small Business.

"Your actions encourage other government employees to try new approaches also in order to give their own customers better service. That's leadership by example."

The one-stop federal center, which opened last July, allows small business operators to consult with about 20 federal agencies about licenses, regulation and loans all under a single roof rather than visit individual offices scattered around Houston.

Later in the day, in Dallas, Gore touted the Clinton Administration's community policing program. He met with business owners and community leaders in a police storefront in a low-income section of town, talking with community crime watch members, police officers, police chief Ben Click and Mayor Ron Kirk. Also on hand were U.S. Reps. Martin Frost and Eddie Bernice Johnson, both D-Dallas.

The give-and-take discussion centered on the benefits and challenges of neighborhood policing in the Oak Cliff area.

Dallas received \$7 million and hired 60 police officers through a three-year grant included in the 1994 crime bill.

The Houston store is the product of the National Performance Review, a task force headed by Gore to make government more efficient.

Four thousand customers have been helped at the center, where they deal with one person competent to answer questions about each agency rather than a separate person for each one.

Gore said a basic goal of his program is to improve customer service.

"Right now, in most cases, our

customers must go door to door to door and then more to get what they need, and it is a hassle," the vice president said to a crowd of about 400. "And if you've ever gone to the federal building, you know that in spite of what people do, you just feel kind of intimidated."

He said the government wrote too many regulations telling employees exactly how to do their jobs and not permitting them to rely on their common sense.

"A big part of the problem is that we have a system that's bound up in rules and red tape. It was created on a 1930s-style, industrial-age model, and now it's trying to operate in an information age," Gore said. "Over time, as we gave government more things to do, we created more and more rules."

He said U.S. General Store customers have benefited from other cuts in government bureaucracy. The Small Business Administration application, for example, used to be an inch thick. But when businessman Roy Owens went to fill one out, it was just one-page long.

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WORK: Midland man has busy retirement

(From 1B)

His father used teams of horses and mules on the farm. "They (tractors) hadn't gotten popular" by the time he left the farm in the 1930s and wound up in Midland.

Sanders is nostalgic about his years on the farm and living in the country. "But I wouldn't want them back."

"I just wanted to leave the country. I didn't want to be chopping weeds that high."

"(But) I'm thankful I come up in the country. (There is) less violence and whatnot. Everybody's family. If (a neighbor) was hog-killing, you'd go over and help him, and they'd come help you."

City living is different. "People living right next to you won't have nothing to do with you."

In Midland, Sanders started out pumping gas at Fred Wemple's service station in downtown Midland in the late 1930s.

After Midland National Bank President Ralph Barron hired him, Sanders put on his "dress-up and-go-to-church suit" and went to work at the old bank at Main Street and Wall Avenue.

"I was the mail clerk for years," said Sanders, who also played the role of chauffeur. And if he had

time, he'd shine shoes and boots. And then the war effort got him in 1942.

"I got to be buck sergeant (even) when I told them I didn't want to be nothing," Sanders recalled. "And then they made me sergeant. I guess they had confidence in me."

Following World War II, Sanders returned to Midland and to the bank. "They were waiting for me. They gave me a month off before I went back (to work) and gave me \$500."

After working for the bank for 36 years, Sanders retired.

"They were nice to me, I'm telling you."

In recent years, Sanders has set up his shoe-shine business in the lobby of the 16-story Independence Plaza Building, which houses Texas Commerce Bank Office

workers in Independence Plaza pitched in and had a shoe-shine stand custom-made for him.

"Everybody in here is nice," said Sanders, who enjoys his work and his life as a grandfather living with his son.

In reflection, Sanders is sentimental, especially about the old folks and his buddies, including the late Ralph Auterbery, who ran a shoe-shine stand in a downtown barbershop. In Auterbery's latter years, "he'd want to sit up and talk all night about old times."

He shares his experiences and wisdom with the younger people who seek his advice and confidence and humor and congeniality.

Sanders daily follows the examples of his folks, parents and grandparents — "pray and work and go on about your business."

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AT WIT'S END

Picky eaters can be a restaurant nightmare

Remember the picky eaters my generation raised? Well, they're all grown up now, and they've brought a new type of theater to eating out. The kids who used to whine, "What's this yellow stuff? It looks like —" before someone planted a hand across their mouths, have gone public with their complaints.



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When they eat out, their waiters introduce themselves and spend 20

minutes announcing what is not on the menu. They will return when there is some sign from the diners they want to order or have questions to be answered.

This is followed by a dialogue with the waiter that lasts longer than most marriages.

"How is the veal Parmesan prepared?"

"Do they use balsamic vinegar in the salad dressing?"

"Is the whipped cream fresh?"

"What ZIP code is the beef raised in?"

By the time they order, you'd think they were making a decision to send a Marine division to restore peace in Bosnia.

"I'll have the house salad — with the dressing on the side. Does

your salmon sauce have capers? Then put it on the side. I'll have the baked potato with sour cream on the side and plain sourdough bread with garlic butter on the side. Oh, and a glass of ice water with ice on the side."

Ordering dessert is worse. Diners end up explaining to the waiters, "Why don't you just bring us the Black Forest double fudge marshmallow cake and eight forks, just to taste?"

Before the busboy thinks of clearing the dishes, the patrons will need several cartons to transport their leftovers home — with an extra bag for the rolls on the side.

I shouldn't mention this, but these discerning diners are people

who store yearbooks in their ovens. Their dish pattern is Styrofoam. They think cilantro is a pottery factory just outside Rome. I should know. I'm one of the mothers who unleashed these food snobs into the world.

I said to my visiting daughter the other night, "Would you get me a glass of water from the kitchen?" She sat there motionless.

"What's the hard part for you, the water or the kitchen? I'm guessing it's the kitchen. That's where you throw away your carryout containers."

She yelled back, "What do you want on the side?"

Erma Bombeck's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate

Oxygen system suspected in hospital deaths

By Juan B. Elizondo Jr.
Associated Press Writer

TEMPLE (AP) — Cleaning solvent or some other contaminant in the newly installed oxygen equipment at a veterans hospital may have contributed to the deaths of four gravely ill patients, officials said Monday.

The central oxygen system at the Olin E. Teague Veterans Center was switched over to equipment provided by a new contractor last Wednesday. Within 15 minutes, workers smelled an odor. Later that day, three patients died. Over the weekend, there was another death.

Oxygen inside the hospital was found to contain traces of trichloroethylene, a chemical in some cleaning solutions, said Laura Custer, a spokeswoman for Air Liquide, the Houston contractor that provided the new equipment.

Autopsies were being conducted on the four patients. The results could be available this week.

The remaining 85 patients who were exposed to the tainted oxygen were switched to bottled oxygen Wednesday and were doing well Monday, hospital spokeswoman Liz Crossan said. She said the patients will not be switched back to the central system until it is determined to be safe.

Twelve other veterans' hospitals across the country have had no problems since switching over to equipment provided by Air Liquide, a spokesman for the Department of Veterans Affairs said. Four other hospitals have been told to delay conversion to the contractor's equipment until further notice.

'When this is all over with, we really don't believe that the oxygen will play a major part, if any, at all in the death of these individuals.'

— Eddie Lange,
Bell County Justice of the Peace

The patients who died were being treated in the intensive care unit and were very ill before they received the oxygen, hospital and county officials said.

"When this is all over with, we really don't believe that the oxygen will play a major part, if any, at all in the death of these individuals," said Bell County Justice of the Peace Eddie Lange, who is conducting the inquest.

Stephen Hodges, 46; Edwin Sladek, 74; and Douglas Saunders, 79, all died within hours of exposure to the oxygen. The fourth patient was not identified pending notification of family members.

The hospital's central oxygen system moves oxygen from storage tanks outside the hospital, through air hoses into the center and through smaller hoses to wall

panels inside patients' rooms. Patients' air hoses are then connected to the wall panels.

Hospital officials say a cleaning solvent may have been left in a hose leading from one of the storage tanks outside.

Custer said Air Liquide bought the 50-foot hose from a Houston rubber and gasket company that

was also responsible for having the hose cleaned for hospital use.

The hose was cleaned by Precision Valve Modification Inc. of Houston. Precision owner Ram Agrawal said it was given a routine cleaning with a trichloroethylene solution.

"Right now we're not trying to find fault," said Air Liquide's Custer. "We're stressing that there's no evidence of any connection between any deaths and this oxygen supply."

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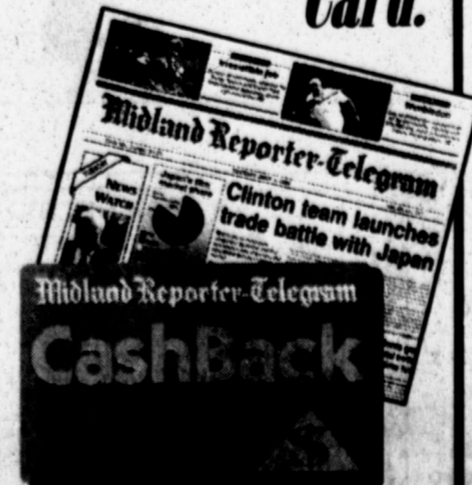
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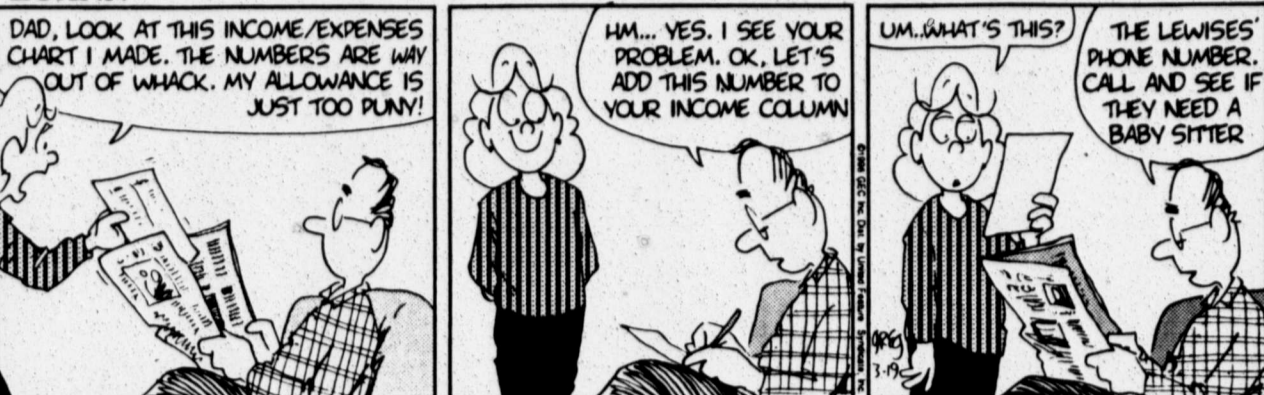
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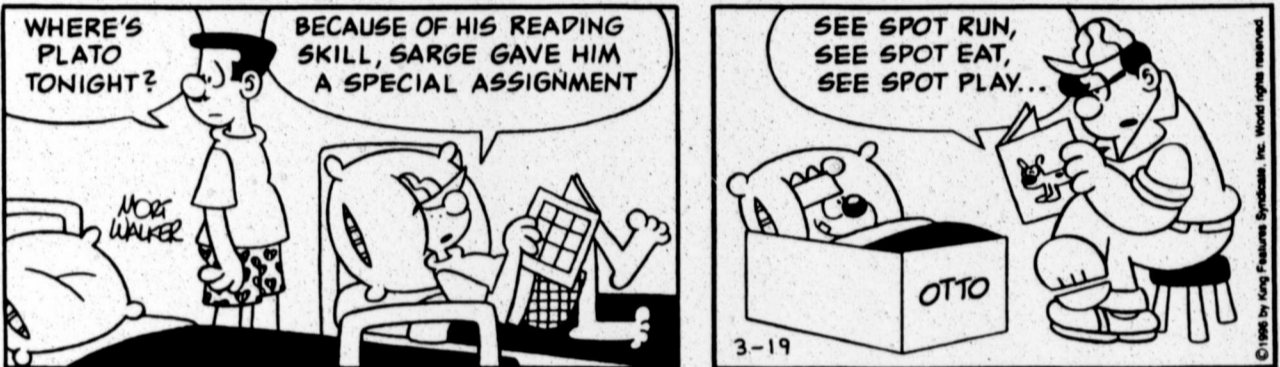
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be helpful, not judgmental, if a loved one fails to live up to your expectations. Worry can be a threat to your health. Accept those things you cannot change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Continue to exercise restraint on the social scene. Widening your circle of acquaintances will be good for your career. Do not jump to conclusions where a new relationship is concerned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Fireworks could explode at work or home. Hidden resentments are

brought out into the open. Refuse to be intimidated by someone who likes to issue ultimatums.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Pull the right strings and people behind the scenes will help you. Professional or official activities are your most reliable source of income. Take a prominent role in family discussions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep your feet planted firmly on the ground if approached by someone with an unrealistic plan. Invite a friend to lunch at a favorite restaurant, then visit an art gallery or museum together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Rocking the boat could capsize a useful arrangement. Bide your time. You will eventually be able to have things just the way you want them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): To maintain your position, stay a step ahead of competitors. Business associates may join you for a sociable lunch or dinner. Be more discreet about an office romance; others are more observant than you think!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Reduce sums allotted for social and business entertaining if running short on funds. Lend or borrow prudently. An emerging trend gives you new hope for a business enterprise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid acting either overconfident or nervous. Heart-to-heart talks with an ally or professional advisor helps you reach an overdue decision. Show your compassionate side.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Friendly relations with your co-workers is a vital part of your job performance. At times, your attitude puzzles others. You may be dreaming of the ideal job situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Heed the words and writings of others. They could hold the solution to a recurring problem. Catch up on your letter-writing if you get the chance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A friend or relative is outspoken but truthful. See the justice in this person's remarks instead of resenting them. Dine with a special companion tonight, then do a few domestic chores before turning in.

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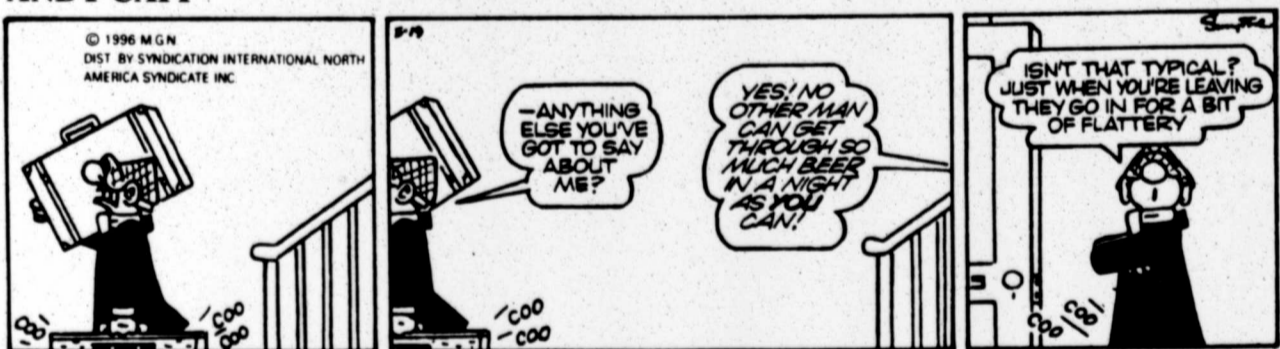
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West led the jack of hearts, and it did not take a genius to realize that there was going to be no problem unless clubs broke 4-1 or worse and the king of spades was offside. Unfortunately, there was no outside entry to dummy's clubs, so declarer had to proceed with care to assure nine tricks.

The heart opening was won in hand and declarer immediately led the queen of spades. West took the king and reverted to hearts, but declarer was in control.

The heart was taken and, after unblocking the ace of spades, declarer continued with a low club, ducked in dummy. When both defenders followed as East won the trick, the contract was safe. At best, a diamond shift could net the defenders two tricks. But declarer could win any return, come to hand with the queen of clubs to cash the remaining high heart, then lead a club to the table to score four club tricks and the jack of spades. In all, declarer reeled in two spades, three hearts and four clubs.

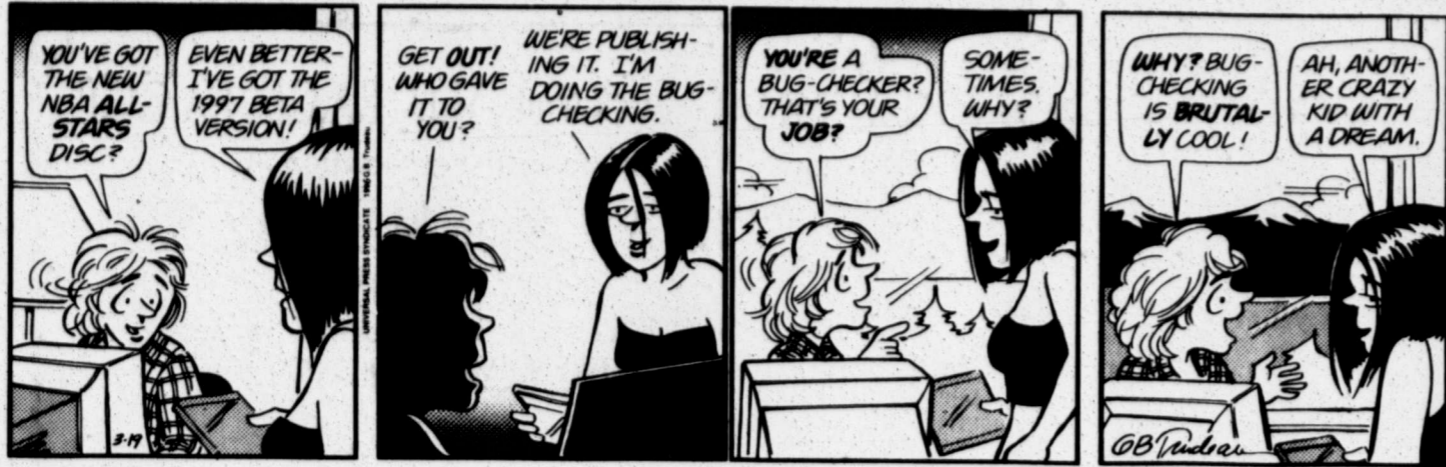
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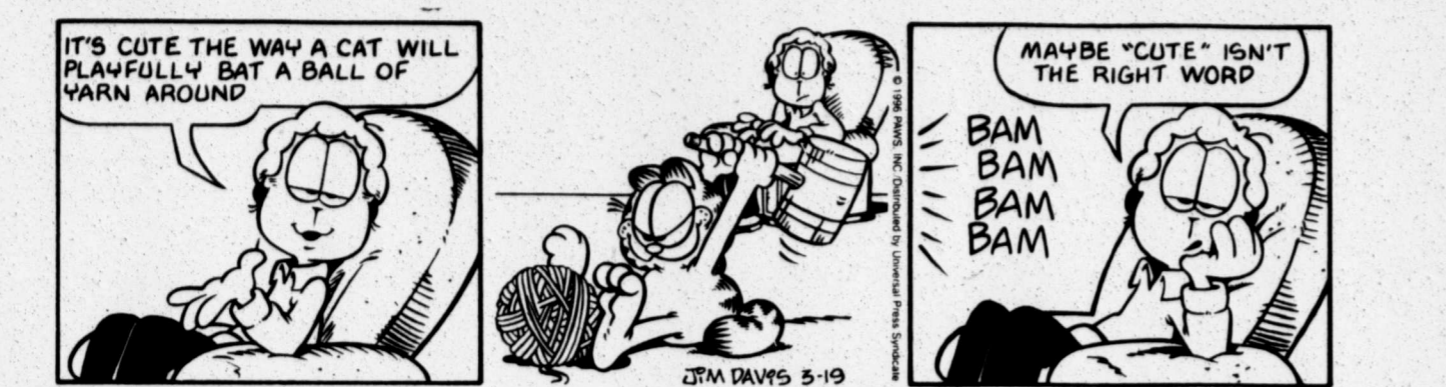
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PEOPLE

Let the good times roll: Prudhomme, king of Cajun cooking, going kosher

JERUSALEM — Let the bon temps rouler — oy vay! — Paul Prudhomme is going kosher.

The king of Cajun cooking was one of 14 chefs from around the world who created a 14-course banquet for the city's Jerusalem 3000 festivities.

Prudhomme's contribution to the \$600-a-plate feast: a veal dish seasoned with the smoky flavors of his native Louisiana.

Prudhomme and his staff took lessons on kosher cooking before flying to Israel, but he said making the change was easier than he had imagined.

Leaving butter and cream out of recipes — Jewish dietary law prohibits mixing meat and milk — was similar to the process he went through when he wrote his low-fat cookbook "Fork in the Road," he said.

"After learning about and starting to understand kosher rules, I thought it made more sense to start from scratch," he said.

LONDON — The Sex Pistols are back, and this time it's not anarchy that drives them — it's money.

The seminal punk-rock band formed 21 years ago and released a few singles starting with "Anarchy in the U.K." before disintegrating within a few years.

Now the original lineup plans to tour Europe, the United States and Asia.

"We have found a common cause, and it's your money," lead singer John Lydon, again using his nom de punk of Johnny Rotten, said Monday.

If the inspiration is different, the sneering attitude is the same: Rotten said the group plans no new material for the tour, and won't rehearse.

Rotten also said the group won't miss Vicious. His spot will be filled by Glen Matlock, who was bumped from the band in 1976 in favor of Vicious.

"Sid was nothing more than a coat hanger to fill an empty space on the stage," Rotten said.

The tour begins June 21 in Finland.

NEW YORK — A top-rated TV series keeps Lea Thompson on her toes figura-

tively. But the former dancer says it's hard to stay fit now that she doesn't spend time on her toes literally.

"I have to work on my saddlebags more than ever before," she said in Fitness magazine's April issue. "I get crazy over them because as a dancer I never had to think about that."

The star of NBC's "Caroline in the City" gained 55 pounds while pregnant with her second child, Zoey, who is now a year old. She shed the excess with aerobics, sensible eating and patience.

To stay trim and cope with the demands of two children and a show in the Top 5, she walks a mile and a half, three times a week, while pushing 25-pound Zoey in her stroller.

"It's a killer walk," Thompson said. "That's how I really stay fit, because it's up and down hills."

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — One hand in a bandage still left Paul Newman with another hand to lend to the needy.

Newman joined about 20 Habitat for Humanity volunteers Monday on a house-building project in a rundown neighborhood. Newman, who broke a bone in his left hand in a car accident last month, used his right hand to wield a saw.

"I'm kind of limited in what I can do," he said. Nevertheless, Newman said he was pleased to help and happy to draw attention to the project.

NEW YORK — Patty Hearst's life has been stranger than fiction, and now it's inspiring some.

The heiress-hostage-actress has been cast by quirky filmmaker John Waters in his next movie, the two told the Daily News recently.

Waters, a self-described trial junkie, attended Hearst's trial on charges of robbing a bank while a hostage of the Symbionese Liberation Army and has said he has a shelf full of books about her.

He gave her a small part in his film "Serial Mom" as an unseasonably shod juror.

The new movie is about a filmmaker from Baltimore — like Waters — who kidnaps his leading lady.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

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DEAR ABBY

Man has 40 years of bliss after two strikeouts

DEAR ABBY: After two divorces, I thought I had had my fill of marriage — little did I know.

At a New Year's Eve party, I met Edna, a beautiful widow. She had three children, ages 4, 8 and 12.

When I started dating her, all my friends screamed. "Jim, are you out of your mind? She has three kids!"

Well, love is not only blind, it's also deaf. So, to make a long story short, I asked her to marry me and she replied, "Is tomorrow too soon?"

Edna and I had 40 years of wedded bliss when the good Lord took her to heaven.



Van Buren

I just celebrated my 87th birthday, am in excellent health and live in a beautiful retirement home in Florida. My children and grandchildren overwhelm me with long-distance telephone calls, letters and gifts. I don't want to bore you, but the point of this letter is: Just because a man has two strikes against him doesn't mean he's out. —JIMMY WOODWARD

DEAR JIMMY: Thanks for a letter that may inspire others to realize that with a little bit of luck and the willingness to try, they can be winners, too.

DEAR ABBY: Your comment on "Larry King Live" recently was very disturbing. When someone called in and asked you if sex on the first date was OK, you replied, "Why not?" —BETTY BOZARD, GREENWOOD, S.C.

DEAR BETTY: Thank you for writing. I understood the question to be: "Is a KISS on the first date

OK?" Never would I approve of sex on the first date, or the second or even the third date.

DEAR ABBY: I have enjoyed your column for many years — your wisdom has helped me a great deal. I would like to share an article that was read to us parents at a recent Fitchburg State College football banquet by one of the trainers. — A CONCERNED PARENT, BOSTON

DEAR PARENT: Thanks for sharing a perceptive essay from which we can all benefit:

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Be careful of your habits
For your habits become your character.

Be careful of your character
For your character becomes your destiny.

— AUTHOR UNKNOWN
DEAR READERS: A truism: "An optimist is the kind of person who believes that a housefly is looking for a way to get out." — GEGRGE JEAN NATHAN

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Men continue to hold top positions, earn largest salaries at colleges

HOUSTON (AP) — The gender gap has closed somewhat among the ranks of Texas college administrators, but men continue to command most top jobs and nearly all the highest salaries, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Female administrators at public-supported Texas schools occupy only three of the 50 highest-paid jobs and earn an average annual salary of \$82,609, far below the average salary of \$102,604 earned by men, the newspaper found.

Those salary averages were skewed by the fact that no woman holds the position of chancellor within Texas' college districts and

university systems. Few women have been named vice chancellors. Chancellors and vice chancellors, while few in number, are among the highest paid.

All 12 Texas university and college chancellors are men. Of the 120 individual community colleges and state universities, only 13 have female presidents.

"We used to say you could fit us all in a phone booth" said Ruth Person, vice president for academic affairs at Angelo State University. "But I think there are a few more of us than that now."

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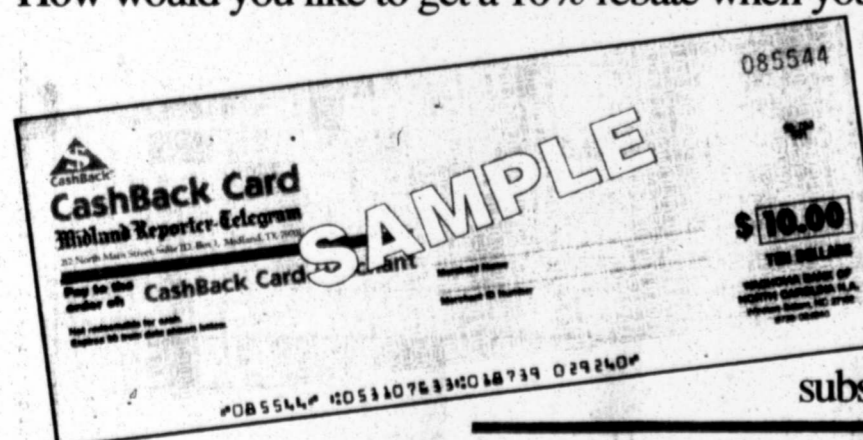
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Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Dallas Mavericks, 7:30 p.m., PRIME.
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Texas Scores

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Sports Today

SOCCER PLAYOFFS — Midland High boys vs. Sherman, 5 p.m., Lee Soccer Complex in Abilene.
Midland Lee girls vs. Wichita Falls Rider, 5 p.m., Lee Soccer Complex in Abilene.
4-5A BASEBALL — Odessa High vs. Midland Lee, 4 p.m., Ernie Johnson Field.
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4-5A SOFTBALL — San Angelo vs. Midland High, 4:30 p.m., Bill Williams Softball Complex in Hogan Park.

Baseball Top 25

Collegiate Baseball Top 25
TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll, with records through March 17, and point totals (voting by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors):

Rank	Team	Record	Points
1.	Cal St Fullerton	22-2	497
2.	Louisiana State	18-2	493
3.	Southern California	19-4	491
4.	Texas Tech	26-5	488
5.	Wichita State	9-3	487
6.	Tennessee	12-3	484
7.	Arizona	22-3	482
8.	Cal-Northridge	24-6	478
9.	Florida State	19-4	475
10.	Clemson	17-4	472
11.	Florida	18-7	469
12.	Miami, Fla.	17-4	467
13.	Texas A&M	21-7	464
14.	South Florida	20-4	461
15.	UCLA	15-9	460
16.	North Carolina St.	20-4	457
17.	Rice	22-5	455
18.	Nevada	15-4	454
19.	Oklahoma State	17-5	450
20.	Georgia Tech	13-7	448
21.	New Orleans	17-3	446
22.	Auburn	16-6	444
23.	Duke	18-3	443
24.	Oklahoma	15-7	442
25.	Alabama	17-7	437

Husker convicted

KEARNEY, Neb. — Former Nebraska nose tackle Christian Peter was convicted today of disturbing the peace for grabbing a woman around the neck at a bar this month.
Peter, a senior co-captain for the two-time national champion Cornhuskers, entered a no contest plea to the misdemeanor charge today in Buffalo County Court. He and his attorney, Hal Anderson of Lincoln, had denied the accusations.
Peter, 23, is scheduled to be sentenced May 21. He could be jailed for up to three months and ordered to pay a \$500 fine.
Prosecutors said Peter grabbed Janelle Mues, 21, around the neck hours after a football boosters banquet March 2 in Kearney. Police were called twice that night about Peter's actions. About 15 players and Nebraska quarterbacks coach Turner Gill also attended the Platte Valley Big Red Booster Club banquet.

A's games moved

PEORIA, Ariz. — The American League today moved the Athletics' first six games of the season out of Oakland because the team's stadium reconstruction project won't be finished in time.
Neither the league nor the A's said where the games will be moved, but a source who spoke on the condition he not be identified said Las Vegas is the leading contender. New Orleans and Phoenix also have been mentioned as possibilities.

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MHS boys, Lee girls seek soccer playoff wins today

■ The Midland High boys soccer team begins what they hope will be a long playoff run with 7-10-3 Sherman first on the list.

By Mike Butts
Sports Writer

Not much is known about Midland High's first opponent in this year's boys state soccer playoffs. But Sherman's 7-10-3 Bearcats aren't the real issue anyway.

The Bulldogs have what eight-year coach Tom Esikhathi calls one of his most balanced teams. And though MHS was expected to lose some competitive edge this year, it once again cruised through

District 5 and could have a good enough team talent to win several playoff games.

"This team is capable of going as far as they want to," Esikhathi said. "It's a very balanced team offensively, defensively and in the midfield."

The Bulldogs play Sherman today in an area round playoff at 5 p.m. at the Lee Soccer Complex in Abilene.

Sherman should not pose a problem for Midland High. The Bearcats lost their first eight games of the year before finishing third in District 7 with a 5-3-2 mark. They placed behind Wichita Falls Rider and Wichita Falls High. Their coach, Chico Aleman, did not immediately return calls last week.

"As far as I know he has only four seniors on his team," Esikhathi said.

Please see MHS/2D

■ Midland Lee girls seek first ever soccer playoff victory against Wichita Falls Rider.

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

When all is said and done, the Midland Lee girls playoff game versus Wichita Falls Rider might be the most important soccer game ever for the Lady Rebels.

If for nothing else today's area game at 5 p.m. on the Lee Athletic Complex fields in Abilene will be an indication of how far the Lady Rebels' soccer program has progressed as it goes for its first-ever playoff win and takes on a program that is traditionally one of the region's best.

Lee, 15-5, makes its return to the playoffs after its absence in 1995. The Lady Rebels finished the 1996 season as a tri-

champion of District 5 and was the first Lee team to win 15 games in one season. That was good, but a win today would be better.

"I've told them they have accomplished things that no other Lee team has," said Lee coach Van Gravitt. "Now the next thing they need to accomplish is win a playoff game."

The players realize the importance of the game but know in a season like the 1996 season there have been many important games.

"I'm nervous and excited about playing in a playoff game," said Lee keeper Jennifer Connell. "The biggest game was Cooper. They had dominated us and we got revenge."

Rider (13-2-3) comes into the game as the champions of District 7. The Lady

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NCAA BASKETBALL

What's going on in Lubbock?

■ Texas Tech is making a statement to the nation, but it was a fact already known to the Red Raiders.

By Jonathan Feigen
N.Y. Times News Service

HOUSTON — Texas Tech insisted it knew all along what was possible. Any doubts that existed, the Red Raiders said again and again, were the public's and media's, and not shared by the team.

But so often the teams that speak of respect they think owed them protest too much. The more they claim to be unconcerned with anyone else's opinion, the more they seem to have memorized every perceived slight. Often, they almost seem to crave adulation to help fight off their own second thoughts, or at least to help put the bounce in their postseason strut.

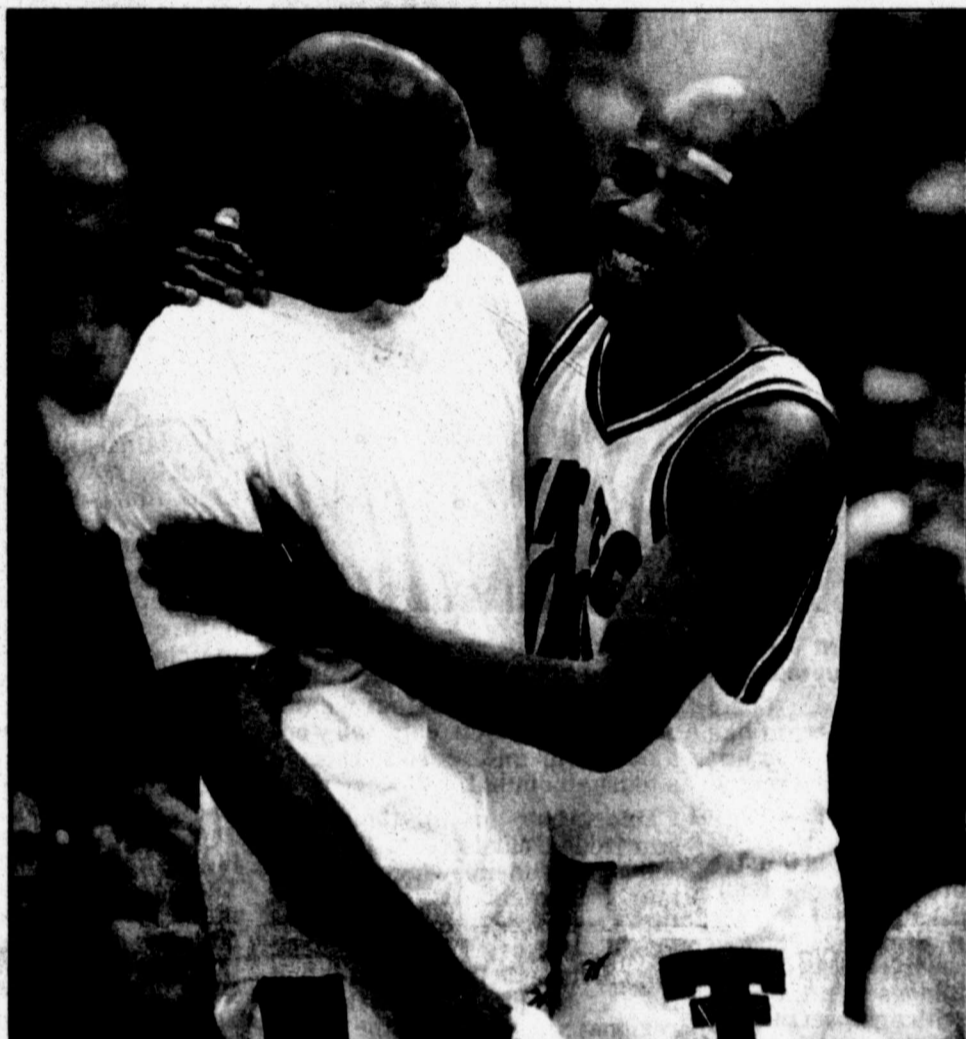
But the Red Raiders repeatedly insisted the respect they don't receive from the media and an NCAA committee that looked at their one-loss record and made them a No. 3 seed was not their concern.

Respect would be nice, but they said they didn't need it.

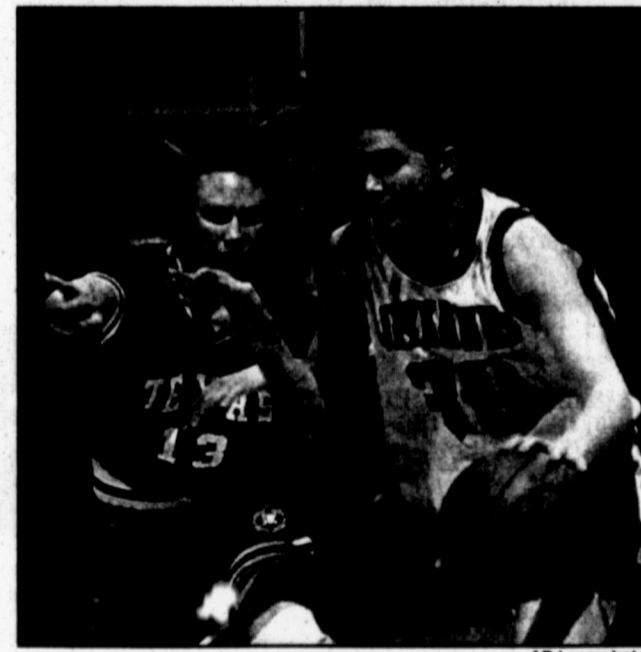
So when Tech forward Darvin Ham shattered a backboard and shamelessly campaigned for a spot in next season's ESPY's award show/ESPN orgy of self-promotion, he said no statement needed to be made.

The Red Raiders similarly smashed North Carolina, advancing to the Sweet

Please see TECH/2C



Texas Tech's Darvin Ham, left, and Koy Smith celebrate the Red Raiders first ever Sweet 16 berth after beating North Carolina Sunday in the NCAA tournament.



Texas' Danielle Viglione (13) ...hawking the Jayhawks

Free throws blunt Lady Horns' rally

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Angie Halbleib and Charisse Sampson hit pressure free throws in the final minute to blunt a Texas rally and give Kansas a 77-70 victory Monday night in the second round of the NCAA East Regional.

The Lady Jayhawks (22-9), playing on their home court, never trailed and appeared in good shape after Jennifer Trapp scored five straight points to put them ahead 66-52 lead with 5:10 left.

But after Kansas missed the front end of three straight 1-and-1s, the Longhorns (21-9) drew to 72-64 on three free throws by Erica Routt and Kim Lummus' 3-pointer.

Sampson, with 55 seconds left, sank two free throws for the fourth-seeded Lady Jayhawks, but Lummus

Women's NCAA

hit another quick 3-pointer to make it 74-67 with 46 seconds to go.

With 34 seconds left, Halbleib hit a free throw to make it 75-67, then Amie Smith's 3-pointer shaved the lead to 75-70 with 22 seconds remaining.

Halbleib fouled deliberately, then made two final free throws for the final margin, sending the Lady Jayhawks to the next round in Charlottesville, Va.

Texas, trailing 42-27 at halftime, cut the lead to 61-52 with 6:52 remaining on Lummus' 3-pointer and a free throw from Smith.

A moment later Trapp rebounded her own miss off a free throw and hit a 6-footer. Following a turnover by Texas' Danielle Viglione, Trapp topk

a good feed from Tamecka Dixon on the break and drove for a layup. Fouled by Angela Jackson, she sank the free throw to put the Lady Jayhawks on top 66-52.

Viglione, who hit seven of eight 3-pointers and scored 25 points in Texas' first-round victory over Southwest Missouri State, tried only one shot in the first half and wound up with nine points on 3-of-8 shooting.

Dixon, who hit her first six shots and missed her next six, led Kansas with 18 points while Sampson and Halbleib each had 14 and Trapp 13.

SFA 93, No. 14 Clemson 88

CLEMSON, S.C. — Katrina Price tied the game with a 3-pointer then scored four of her 21 points in overtime as Stephen F. Austin beat No. 14 Clemson in the NCAA Midwest

Please see WOMEN/1D

NBA suspends Rodman for six games, \$200,000

By John F. Bonfatti

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Dennis Rodman's latest tirade will cost him six games and more than \$200,000. It could cost the Chicago Bulls a chance to become the first NBA team to win 70 games.

Rodman, the league's leading rebounder and most volatile character, got a six-game suspension without pay and \$20,000 fine Monday for head-butting a referee and other outbursts after being ejected from Saturday night's game.

"Physical assaults on referees cannot and will not be tolerated under any circumstances," NBA vice president Rod Thorn said.

Rodman's suspension was the third longest levied by the NBA. Kermit Washington was suspended for 26 games in 1977 for punching Rudy Tomjanovich, and Vernon Maxwell got a 10-game suspension last year for going into the stands and hitting a fan.

"You can see it built slowly because the referees are paying so much attention to him," Bulls center Bill Wennington said at the team hotel before Monday night's game against Philadelphia. "You know with his personality something's going to happen eventually."

Along with his \$20,000 fine and an automatic \$1,000 fine for his ejection, Rodman will lose about \$34,500 in salary for each game he is suspended. That means the

incident will cost him a total of \$228,000.

It could also prove costly for the Bulls, who are on pace to break the record of 69 victories in a season by the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers. Without Rodman and ailing All-Star Scottie Pippen, who is expected to be sidelined for another week, Chicago (57-7) could be vulnerable as it plays three games in the next four nights.

The Bulls must win 13 of their last 18 games to set the record, beginning with Monday night's game.

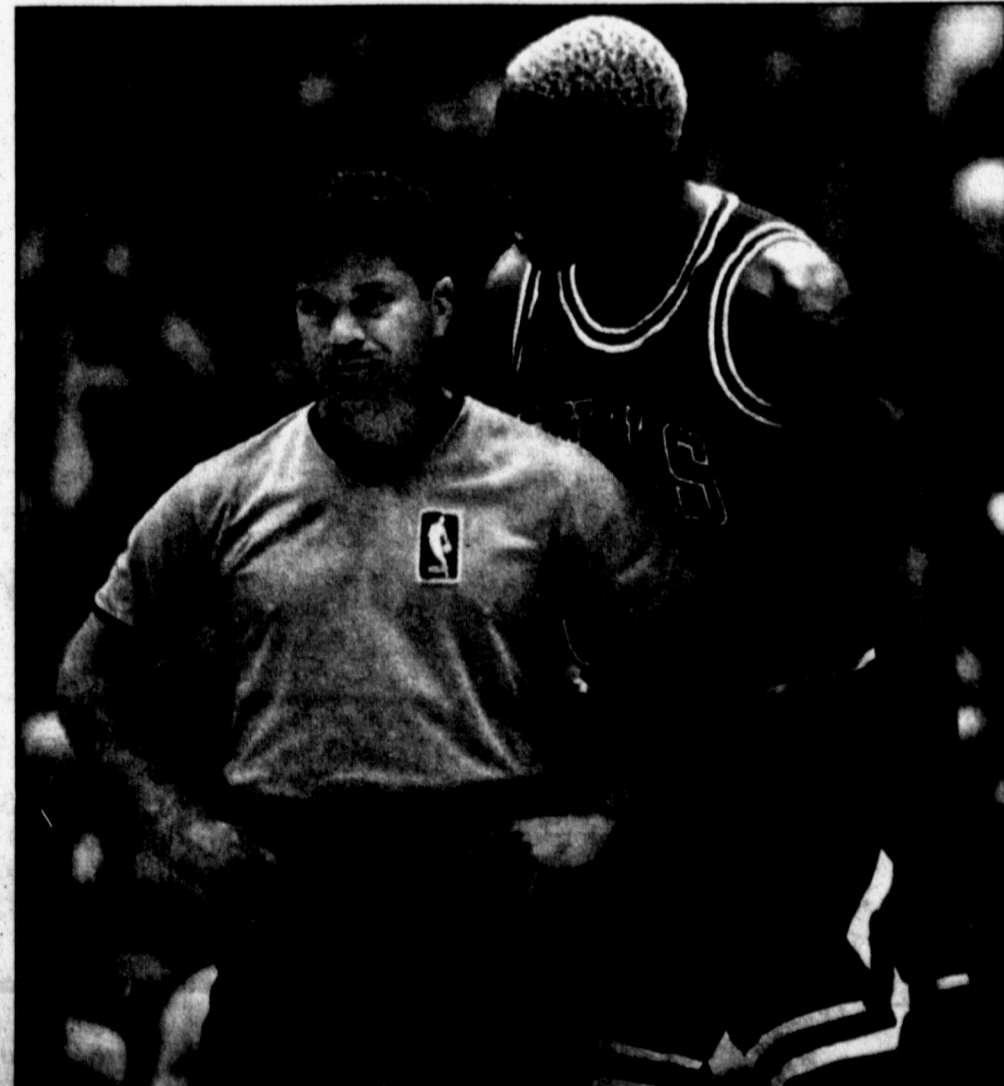
"As far as winning 70 it may hurt us," Bulls said center Luc Longley said at the team hotel. "But as far as down the stretch it may not be a bad thing."

After being ejected during the first quarter of a win over New Jersey, Rodman head-butted ref Ted Bernhardt, knocked over a water cooler, stripped off his jersey and shouted obscenities before leaving the court.

"The suspension and fine reflect not only the head-butting, but the totality of his actions on the court," said Thorn, who was at the game and saw the tirade in person.

After the game, Bulls star Michael Jordan said he was concerned about Rodman's behavior.

"If he happens to get suspended, maybe this is the opening he needs to get himself back on line and focus on the game, and not the way he's being perceived," Jordan said.



Chicago Bull Dennis Rodman has been suspended by the NBA for six games after this altercation with referee Ted Bernhardt Sunday. Rodman was ejected after two technical fouls in the first quarter against the New Jersey Nets.

Lady Bulldogs shoot for first place tie in 4-5A softball

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

District 4-5A Softball

The Midland High softball team hasn't exactly played its best softball throughout the year, but it certainly has picked the best places to do so.

If the Lady Bulldogs once again prove to be opportunistic against San Angelo today at 4:30 p.m. at the Bill Williams Softball Complex, the result will be a share of the District 4-5A lead.

Midland High is coming into the game with a three-game district winning streak and wins last week over Odessa High and Abilene High. The win over Abilene High, like Odessa Permian two weeks ago, was one that contradicted results in early season tournaments.

Against AHS and Permian, Midland High is 3-5 for the season. In district, MHS is 2-0.

"That (game being a district game) has something to do with it," said MHS coach Ricci Woodard. "We are definitely a district team and not a tournament team."

The wins were also more than confidence builders. MHS showed progression with its work in the field. Woodard still hopes the bats will come to the plate.

"Beating Abilene High was important. We were ready to play and we played the best defensively we have all year," said Woodard. "I still don't feel we are swinging the bats as well as we are capable of."

Midland High (16-7 and 4-1 in 4-5A) hosts San Angelo (8-11 and 1-4) in the teams' first half finale. Midland High comes into this game as

favorites and that is fine with Woodard. The thought of her team looking past the Lady Bobcats to Saturday's potential first place war with the cross town rival Midland Lee does not even cross her mind.

"This is a game we are not going to look past," said Woodard. "I won't let them. We already tried looking past (Abilene) Cooper. Hopefully, we learned our lesson."

"There is not a game that you can go out for and not be prepared. You better show up every game."

The main thing this weekend's play could produce is a three-way tie at the top of the top of the standings with MHS, Lee and Cooper. All three teams would be at 5-1 with six district games to go and make them in control of their own destinies for the playoffs. Woodard, however, would not be satisfied with just a playoff spot. Her focus, and the team's focus, is in

on the district title, and this week will be a factor.

"I think it is good for the kids that they are capable of first place," said Woodard. "They know they should be 6-0. We are looking for nothing less than first."

Lee (16-3 and 5-1) has the open date on the district schedule. The Lady Rebels, who have won five straight in district and 10 straight overall, will play at Andrews today at 5:30 p.m.

Abilene Cooper (10-6 and 4-1) will also try to grab a share of the district's top spot when it hosts Odessa Permian (13-4 and 3-2). A loss for Cooper will drop it into a tie for third with Permian.

SEC keeps all 4 teams in tourney

Associated Press

If this keeps up, the Final Four might look like another Southeastern Conference tournament.

While more publicized basketball leagues like the Big Ten have been major flops in the NCAA tournament, the SEC — a group more known for football — has placed all four of its teams in the round of 16.

No other conference has done as well. Not the Big East, generally conceded to be the best basketball league in the country. Not the Atlantic Coast Conference, where the sport is a second religion along Tobacco Road. And certainly not the Big Ten, which saw all five of its teams lose in the first two rounds.

Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson, whose 12th-seeded team advanced to the East Regional semifinals with a pair of upsets, said television plays a big role in how conferences are perceived.

"The Big East is just the greatest conference, that's all you hear," he said. "They hardly ever say anything about the Southeastern Conference. Why? Because ... Florida is playing football, Alabama is playing football."

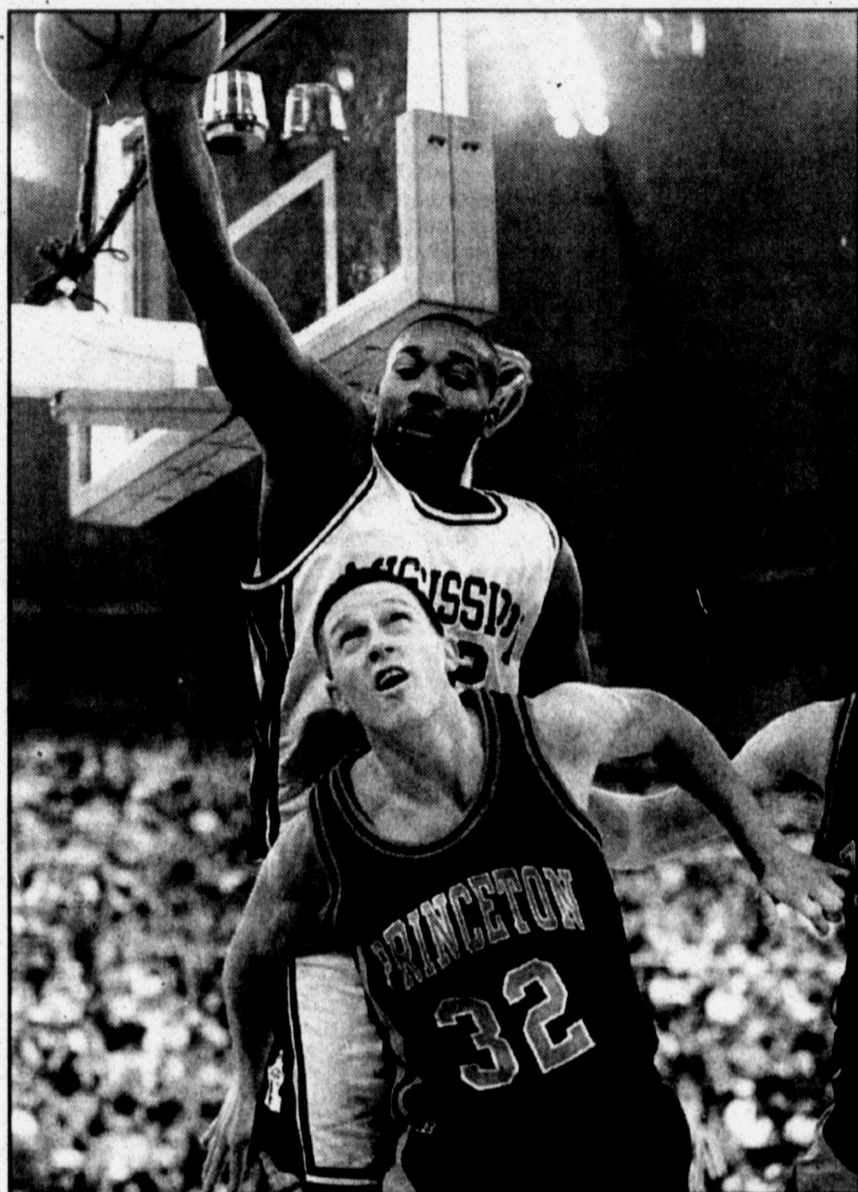
SEC coaches, after complaining all year there's more to their league than Kentucky, are loving every minute of the post-season prosperity.

"I guess we just had some lucky bounces in this tournament," said Mississippi State coach Richard Williams, sarcasm dripping from every word after his Bulldogs advanced to the Southeast Regional semifinals. "Our league is so weak with Kentucky and the 11 dwarfs."

Arkansas and Mississippi State are joined in the round of 16 by Kentucky, top seed in the Midwest, and Georgia, eighth seed in the West. No other conference has more than three teams still vying for a national championship.

Kentucky was expected to make it this far after becoming the first SEC team in 40 years to go perfect in league play (16-0). The Wildcats were so dominating, in fact, that people assumed the other conference teams were pushovers.

"We've said all along we've got an outstanding basketball



AP Laserphoto

Mississippi State forward Tyrone Washington, back, is one of the reasons the SEC has all four teams in the round of the Sweet 16.

league," Williams said, "but I think when you have a team like Kentucky in your league that's just so dominant, it makes the rest of us look bad."

Still, there was evidence heading into the NCAA tournament that the SEC was more than a one-team phenomenon.

Mississippi State (24-7) was probably the best No. 5 seed in the field. The Bulldogs won the SEC tournament with an upset of Kentucky and have three star-quality players in Erick Dampier, Darryl Wilson and Dontae' Jones.

Georgia (21-9) was the most experienced team in the NCAA tournament with five senior starters. And its coach, Tubby Smith, has a knack of pushing teams to unexpected heights. He guided Tulsa to the regional semifinals the past two years.

No one, though, could have expected Arkansas (20-12) to get this far. The Razorbacks lost all

five starters from last year's national runner-up team and were a borderline pick even to receive a tournament bid.

Once they got in, though, it seemed like old times for Richardson and his lineup, which includes four freshmen. Arkansas upset fifth-seeded Penn State — one of two SEC victories in head-to-head match-ups with the Big Ten — and No. 4 Marquette to make the regional semifinals for the fourth year in a row.

The SEC's brilliant run in the tournament likely will come to an end this week. Next up for Arkansas is top-ranked Massachusetts (33-1), while Mississippi State gets Big East champion Connecticut (32-2). Georgia would probably have to get by Kansas (28-4) in the West finals to earn a trip to the Meadowlands.

For now, though, they can still dream.

BASEBALL: Lee hosts OHS; MHS tests Permian

(From 1C)

"We hit the ball pretty good against Abilene but we could not get the key hit," Benavidez said. "Odessa High usually plays us tough but we really need to win this ball game."

The Rebels loaded the bases in the seventh inning with no outs but could not get the tying run across in the one-run loss to the Eagles.

Third baseman Britt Harper (2 HR, 13 RBI) hit his second home run of the year and raised his average to a team-leading .435 among starters.

The situation for MHS is a little more pressure-packed. The Bulldogs (11-6, 0-2) are tied with OHS for last place in the district but coach Lew Kennedy isn't ready to throw in the towel just yet. The

Bulldogs began last year in a similar fashion and pushed the playoff race down to the last day.

"We knew going in that each district game was going to be a fight," Midland High coach Lew Kennedy said. "Last year we started out 0-3 and the playoff race went down to the last game. We just need to cut out the mental mistakes."

The Bulldogs travel to Odessa

for a 4 p.m. game to play a Permian (13-4, 1-0) team which many pick to be in the thick of the district race.

The Panthers defeated Lubbock Coronado 4-2 on Saturday and come into the game having already beaten MHS once this season. The two met in the second round of the Tournament of Champions with Permian coming away with a narrow 3-2 win.

TECH: Red Raiders proving NCAA worth

(From 1C)

16 for the first time since the 1985 Tournament expansion to 64 teams.

But Ham said his team won so easily because it knew how well it could play, rather than discovered how well it could play when it won so easily.

"It was a huge statement for (the media)," Ham said. "But we already knew we were a quality ballclub. The guys were loose at breakfast and I could just tell we were going to play big. We weren't tight when we went through the pre-game warm-ups. We were loose and energetic, ready for the big-time."

And with Ham's spectacular dunk and the rout that followed, Tech moved from the last champion of the Southwest Conference to prime time.

The Red Raiders might have even done enough to draw attention in Lubbock worthy of the city's beloved Lady Raiders, who helped make Texas Tech one of only four schools — with Georgia, Connecticut and Kansas, who faced the Texas women's team Monday — to emerge from the weekend with its men's and women's teams still playing.

But the now bright national spotlight that focused on the Red Raiders as soon as Ham gave every Sunday evening sports broadcast the highlight it craves will continue to grow with a signature moment to sell, and a match-up with Georgetown and its celebrated and equally photogenic star, Allen Iverson.

But as they have throughout this greatest season ever for Tech, the Red Raiders insist they are ready for that, too.

"Going to the Sweet 16 and playing Georgetown and (coach) John Thompson is a great accomplishment for our program," Tech guard Cory Carr said. "This is big."

But as soon as he said that, he added the Red Raiders would not be any more in awe of the Hoyas than they were of North Carolina.

"When you go out and play, you're not playing the jersey or the tradition," he said as if such a failing was not possible. "You're playing the five guys on the court, our five against their five."

Georgetown's five, backed by more than one team's share of reinforcements of almost equal ability, would seem a step up in weight class from Northern Illinois, whom Tech struggled to beat

Friday, and a rebuilding North Carolina team.

For perhaps the first time this season, Tech will face a team as muscular up front, especially when the 6-9, 270 Jahidi White joins the lineup with Othella Harrington and Jerome Williams. Iverson, a first-team All American, likely will be the best player the Red Raiders have faced.

Like North Carolina, Georgetown likely will start the game in a zone to test Tech's outside shooting, spectacular Sunday but inconsistent the past several weeks. "They're a big, strong, physical basketball team," Tech coach James Dickey said. "They wear you down. And they have a great player in Iverson who can beat you in so many ways. They play excellent defense, can pressure you and keep running a lot of people."

But no less an authority on this time of year than North Carolina coach Dean Smith, who had just

failed to bring a team to this stage of the Tournament for the second time in 16 years, eschewed talk of Ham's dunk and Tech's 3-point shooting to marvel at its defense.

"I prefer to talk about the defense of a senior team," he said. "This is their fourth year (Tech starts four seniors, though only two, Sasser and Koy Smith have been at Tech for four seasons) and they know what they want."

"Georgetown better watch out." For a coach who openly said he had his team dare Sasser and point guard Jason Martin to shoot outside, and who said he didn't think Martin could handle his point guard, Jeff McInnis, the statement was revealing.

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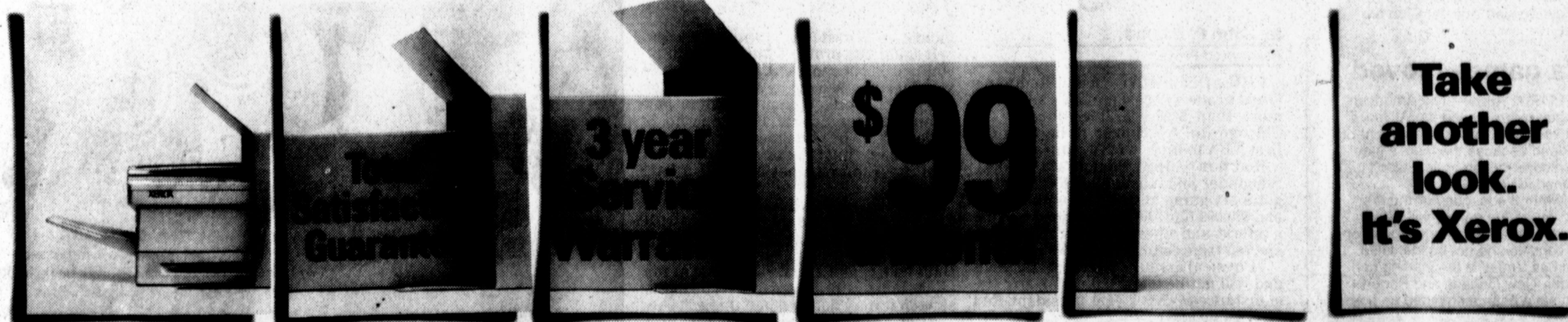
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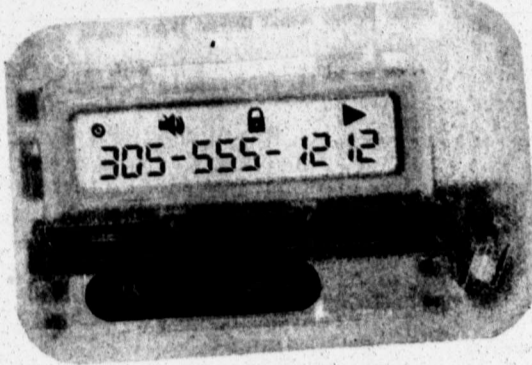
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Ruben Leal (right) and Manny Olivias put the final "spiffs" on a 1972 El Camino they restored at Ron's Engines. It also has a new engine supplied by the shop.

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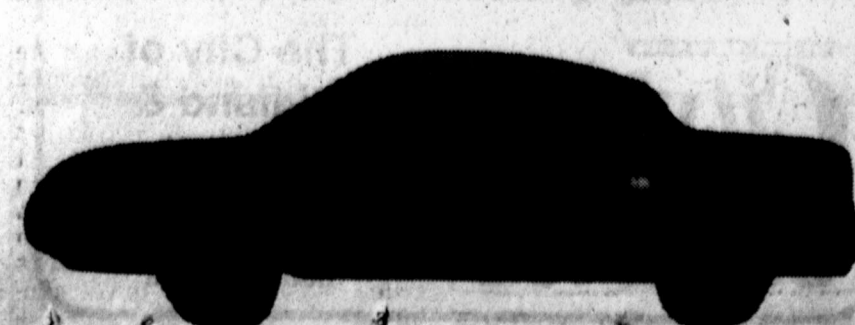
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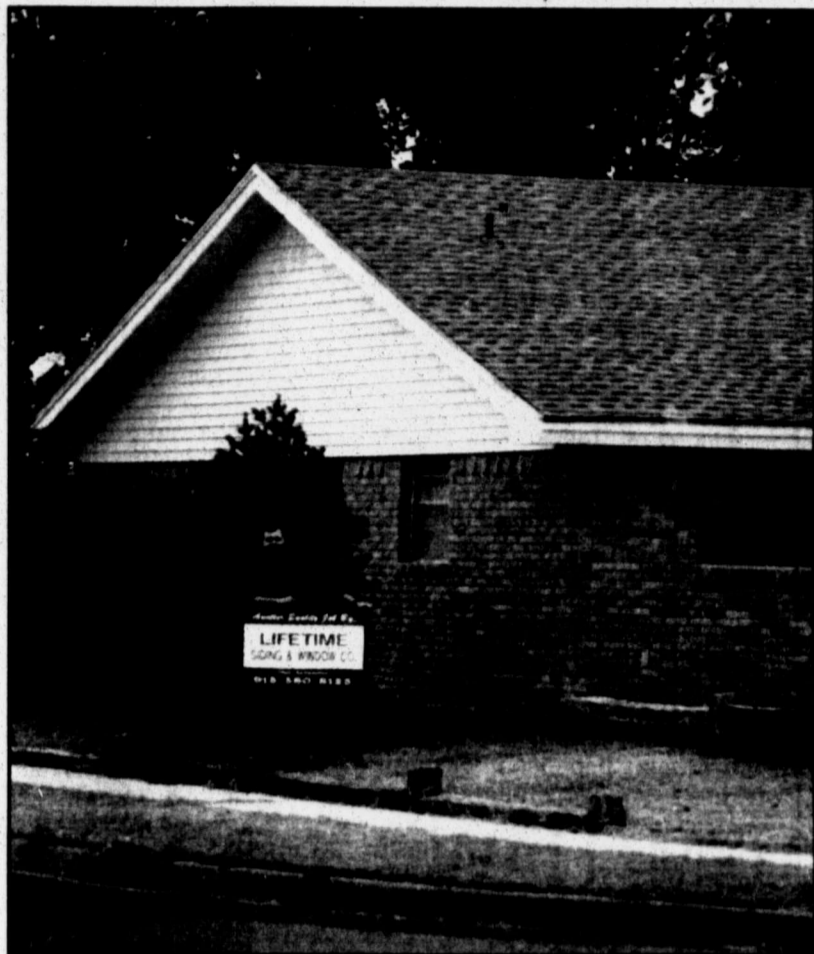
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In many of these same ways, steel siding saves money and im-

proves a home's appearance.

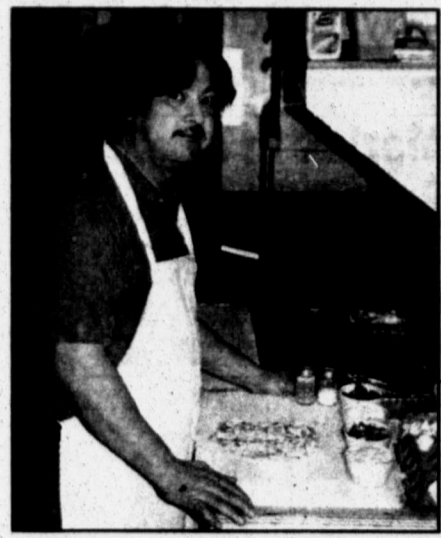
Foy Bell, at 3601 Humble, had siding installed last fall, and was excited about how it improved the appearance.

Siding also reduces energy loss, eliminates painting, and protects the structure from moisture and weather damage.

"With our low prices and with the cost savings from energy and maintenance, siding and storm doors and windows actually pay

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Lifetime Siding, a long-time Permian Basin business, installs steel and vinyl siding, storm doors and storm windows, as well as patio and garage covers. Their showroom is located at 2608 West Front, and their phone number is 580-8125.



Chef "T" displays the key ingredients in his "T's City Employee Burritos." Tejas Bar and Grill is open for breakfast now, and also offers burrito delivery in the downtown area. Call 686-7889 to place your order.

T's City employee burritos return

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Tejas Bar and Grill has started delivery on these and other breakfast burritos in the downtown area from 8 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday. Regular burritos are \$1.50, and T's City Employee Burrito is \$2.50 (wait'll you see how big it is!)

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KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Some major-league players wear garish gold chains, flashy pendants or other jewelry during games. John Hudek has taken that custom to a new level.

The Houston Astros reliever, who had a rib removed last year to allow better circulation in his pitching arm, has fashioned a necklace out of the detached bone. The rib, about three inches long, hangs on a chain.

"I've had two sides of opinion," Hudek said. "One side says, 'That's the most disgusting thing I've ever seen,' and the other side thinks it's kind of cool. I like it and I plan on wearing it."

Hudek has shown an unusual attachment to the bone since it was surgically removed last July 18. At first, he carried it around in a jar. Later, he decided to keep it even closer.

"I wanted to see it every day to remind me what I went through and how close my career came to being over," he said.

Hudek has been doing the unexpected since taking over as the Astros' closer in 1994, when he became the fifth player in major-league history to make the All-Star team in the same season he was promoted from the minors.

He had 16 saves in 42 appearances, a 2.97 ERA and finished second to Raul Mondesi of the Dodgers in voting for rookie of the year.

Hudek started last season with nine consecutive scoreless appearances over 10.1 innings. He notched two wins and six saves through June 3 but struggled over his next seven appearances, allowing 11 earned runs. His earned-run average jumped from 0.68 to 5.40.

That's when Hudek's problem was traced to the uppermost rib on his right side. Doctors said the bone was squeezing a vein and had to come out.

The surgery corrected the circulation problem, and Hudek started spring training well. He has been sidelined since Thursday, however, with a pulled muscle on the left side of his chest, leaving his opening-day availability in question.

General manager Gerry Hunsicker is at least pleased that Hudek's arm is sound.

"The thing that was encouraging to me about Hudek is that this wasn't an arm injury," Hunsicker said. "It's not like they went in there to fix a rotator cuff or some other part of the shoulder."

"In my mind, there shouldn't be any uncertainty that he will regain his strength. It was more of a circulatory problem that's been fixed."

Hudek's 90-mph-plus fastball was coming back prior to the muscle pull.

"I was still laid off eight months, and that's just as severe as an arm injury because my muscles aren't as strong as they were," Hudek said. "I may have more dead-arm periods than usual."

He insists he won't try to rush back too soon.

"I don't want to go out there and not be ready," he said. "I would miss the first two weeks of the season to make sure I could finish the season healthy, rather than start the season and hurt myself."

Beam collapses at Olympic site

ATLANTA (AP) — A steel beam designed to support the temporary roof over part of the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center to be used in the Summer Olympics collapsed Monday shortly after it was installed.

No one was hurt, and Olympic officials began an investigation of the failure.

The temporary roof is being constructed over an area where bleachers for 11,000 will be installed. Another 4,000 seats exist under the permanent roof.

Delaware-based Helmark Steel is installing the steel at the Aquatic Center, as it did at the Olympic stadium.

Helmark president John O'Brien said it was too early to tell why the two steel pieces that make up the long-span truss girder collapsed about 6 p.m.

There was little wind at the time and "it collapsed under its own weight," O'Brien said. "We used our standard procedure and it fell down. Thank God nobody got hurt."

After preliminary reviews, officials of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games said the collapse should not pose a problem for the Games.

"This might put us a few days later than we thought, but it will be open for the Games," said A.D. Frazier Jr., ACOG's chief operating officer.

The girder collapse was not the first accident involving Olympic construction.

Federal safety investigators found that a fatal accident last year at the 85,000-seat main Olympic Stadium was caused by a major mathematical error by an engineer. An ironworker was killed when a light tower collapsed.

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Representatives from PEMCO, IRI International and Gregory Rig Sales will discuss "Rig Preventative Maintenance." Reservations should be made today by calling 367-8116.

Dollar rises

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against most major currencies Monday during sluggish trading bolstered late in the day by a spurt in U.S. stock and bond markets.

The dollar was quoted at 105.99 Japanese yen, up from 105.93 yen late Friday, and 1.4753 German marks, up from 1.4725.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Friday: 1.1900 Swiss francs, up from 1.1855; 5.0470 French francs, up from 5.0430; 1,561 Italian lire, down from 1,562; and 1.3690 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3636 dollars.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.5325, down from \$1.5265.

Boeing production

SEATTLE — Boeing will be producing 27 jetliners per month by the second quarter of 1997, up from 18 1/2 currently, as the market for new planes continues to rebound.

Monday's announcement follows a December forecast in which Boeing said it would make its first production-line increases in about five years during 1996.

Cyberbrawl

NEW YORK — They brawled over the phone. Now they're sparring over cyberspace.

MCI Communications Corp. launched an aggressive pitch for its consumer Internet access service Monday after being stung by the interest AT&T Corp. has generated for its new connection to the global data network.

Although MCI has offered Internet access to consumers for more than a year, it has barely promoted it and analysts believe MCI has signed up fewer than 50,000 customers at home.

Buffet's appetite

OMAHA, Neb. — Billionaire investor Warren Buffett's appetite for big companies is growing.

Buffett, the controlling shareholder and chairman of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., said in his annual report Monday that he would like to make an acquisition in the \$3 billion to \$5 billion range.

The report usually lists "acquisition criteria," but in 1993 and 1994, the desired range was \$2 billion to \$3 billion.

Broker abuse

WASHINGTON — A nationwide review of abusive brokers at small firms shows that inadequate background investigations keep problem brokers employed and continuing to abuse their customers.

The examination of 101 small and medium-sized brokerage firms found problems at half of the branches regulators visited, Arthur Levitt, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, said Monday.

The joint examination by the SEC, New York Stock Exchange, National Association of Securities Dealers Inc. and state regulators' national association offered seven recommendations. They included: enhanced background checks, tougher supervision for brokers with histories of disciplinary trouble and managers' paychecks linked to how well they supervise brokers.

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Dow soars to new record

■ Index soars 98.63 points as investors reverse last week's pessimism over too-robust economy.

By Associated Press

NEW YORK — Blasting past jitters of a week ago, the stock market surged to record territory Monday on rebounding investor optimism that the economy is growing slowly and inflation remains benign.

The Dow Jones industrial average soared 98.63 points, or 1.77 percent, to 5,683.60, shattering its previous record of 5,642.42 set on March 5 and tied on March 7.

The barometer of 30 big-name American stocks made its fifth-largest point gain ever. After last week's cumulative gain of 114 points, the Monday rally more than erased its 171-point drop on March 8.

The performance was even more remarkable because it was unprovoked by any new government economic data.

Many investors seemed to switch 180 degrees from last week's upbeat assessment of the economy, concluding the outlook isn't so robust.

"It's the biggest mystery since the murder on the Orient Express," said Larry Wachtel, a market analyst at Prudential Securities in New York.

Stocks and bonds benefit from the sense that the economy is moderating, because it suggests that the Federal Reserve still has room to lower interest rates, if not next week at the Federal Reserve's upcoming policy meeting, then sometime soon.

Investors made that conclusion even after the National Association of Home Builders, a private group, said its monthly gauge of home sales shot up in March, a suggestion of strength and inflationary demand.

Advancing issues led decliners by 7 to 3 on the New York Stock Exchange. Big Board volume was moderately heavy after last week's record highs, with a revised 436.64 million shares having changed hands.

Broad market indexes, while they all rose, closed short of record highs.

The NYSE's composite index rose 5.39 to 348.78. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 11.22 to 652.65.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 14.83 to 1,114.42, while the American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 3.27 to 564.78.

Stocks got help from bonds. The 30-year benchmark Treasury bond was up 13-32 point late in the day, pushing its yield, which moves opposite the price, down to 6.70 percent from 6.73 percent late Friday.

Bonds rose amid mounting consensus that recent economic data, including last Friday's release of a surge in industrial production and a big gain in new jobs announced March 8, were a falsely enthusiastic reading on the strength of the economy. Those reports had sent bond prices tumbling and dragged stocks down with them.

But on Monday, economists were allowing that "it's not as black and white as has been painted with the recent backup in yields," Wachtel said. "Some very savvy people are saying hey it's time to buy the bonds."

Market in brief

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GM, UAW continue talks to end strike

By N.Y. Times News Service

Dayton, Ohio — General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers continued marathon negotiations aimed at ending a strike that's taking a mounting toll on GM and its suppliers — and has GM competitors poised to steal business from the automaker.

The biggest UAW action against GM since 1970 pushed its layoffs to 150,050 workers, as the company announced the closing of its 25th North American assembly plant, leaving it with just one plant making passenger vehicles.

The world's largest automaker headed into the strike with enough vehicles to withstand up to a month of limited production, analysts said. But as the strike enters its third week today, spot shortages could start sending some buyers to Chrysler Corp. and Ford Motor Co. dealers.

"There's going to be a lull in production that Ford and Chrysler could take advantage of," said Steve Kosowski, manager of market analysis at Auto Pacific Inc. in Santa Ana, California. Chrysler today reported it will boost second-quarter production by 25 percent from a year ago, an increase analysts attributed partly to the GM strike.

Still, any gains by other automakers at GM's expense won't last long, said David Cole, director of the University of Michigan's Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation.

"If GM comes out of this strike with the ability to control more of its pricing, which is what it wants, then competitors stand to lose," Cole said.

GM typically makes a third of all passenger vehicles produced in the U.S. With GM production virtually halted, an increasing number of suppliers and their employees also are feeling the impact. Caterpillar Inc. said Monday it will close an engine assembly line and lay off 115 workers at a plant in Moline, Illinois, starting next Monday. The plant supplies engines for GM Kodiak and GMC TopKick medium-duty trucks.

In addition, steel producers said GM, the largest buyer of U.S. steel, had begun to ask them to stop shipping steel.

The costs are rising for GM too. The lost car and truck production, probably about 93,000 units through last weekend, has cost the automaker \$260 million in profit, said Burnham Securities analyst David Healy.

Delays in resuming production once the strike is settled could cost GM another \$300 million, Healy estimated.

"If settled fairly quickly, it might take \$550 million or \$560 million out of first-quarter earnings, some of which they could make up in the second quarter," Healy said.



Top, a file photo of the 1996 Ford Motor Co. Explorer, named best sport utility vehicle of the year by Consumer Reports magazine. The magazine also named the 1996 Mercedes E-Class mid-sized sedan, below, the best vehicle, regardless of price, of the year. High-tech features have helped narrow the differences between car brands, but Japanese automakers still hold the edge in average reliability, the magazine said Monday in its annual auto issue.

AP Laserphotos

Japanese cars still have edge on reliability

DETROIT (AP) — Japanese cars still hold the edge in reliability, but computers on American vehicles are narrowing the gap, Consumer Reports said Monday.

Acura and Infiniti, the luxury lines of Honda and Nissan, were the brands with the fewest problems reported by owners. General Motors' Saturn and Geo were best among American brands. Volvo and BMW were the most reliable Europeans.

"The high-techness creates a performance level that's pretty comparable across the board," said Bob Knoll, who runs the magazine's auto testing program. "We used to rate something called 'drivability' — cars used to stumble, stall, have trouble starting. Today's cars are running extremely well."

The coughing, sputtering, surging and slow starting that once plagued some cars and trucks have nearly disappeared from today's new vehicles, thanks to on-board computers aimed at reducing pollution.

Brakes are another area where tech-

nology has evened out the competition. Knoll said anti-lock brakes work so well "it has made our brake testing even more routine than ever before."

Consumers Reports' auto issue, which goes on sale March 26, analyzes problems owners have had with hundreds of car and truck models and combines the data with results of Consumer Reports tests. Problems can range from a dashboard that rattles to an engine that doesn't run.

For the 1995 model year, the magazine found:

■ Average reliability, measured by owner reports of problems, was 28 problems per 100 cars, about one problem for every four owners.

■ Japanese brands averaged about 17 problems per 100 cars, about one problem for every five owners.

■ The Big Three domestic automakers, GM, Ford and Chrysler, average about 33 problems per 100 cars — one for every three owners — and were comparable to each other in overall quality.

■ As a group, European automakers

were about the same as their American competitors in terms of reliability.

In 1980, Consumer Reports surveys found that buyers of American cars reported 70-plus problems per 100 cars, while buyers of Japanese cars reported fewer than 50.

Consumers Reports testers also keep track of the problems they find in the American cars they buy to test. Fifteen years ago, it was not uncommon for a new vehicle to have 20, 30 or 40 defects, Knoll said. "Now, it's two or three," he said.

Automakers pay attention to what Consumer Reports says about their products because for some consumers, the annual auto issue is the buyer's bible.

"There are people who come into dealerships and carry a copy of Consumer Reports," said William J. O'Neill, director of product public relations for General Motors in North America. "If you have a 'recommended' rating from Consumer Reports, it has a favorable effect on sales of your vehicle."

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Move annuity when withdrawal penalty hits zero

By Bill Doyle

Q: One of my individual retirement accounts is in an annuity, which has a declining withdrawal penalty. The penalty will reach zero in three more years.

Should I leave this with the insurance company, or what? I am a single woman, age 52.

A: Although I'm naturally hesitant to advise changing long-term investments and retirement nest eggs, because of the commission costs involved in such moves, yours is an example of the type of situation in which I say go ahead and switch — when that penalty hits the zero mark.

You apparently have an annuity on which no commission was charged at the time you purchased it. Instead, a withdrawal penalty is levied if you cash out within a specified period. The typical "back-end load" starts at 6 percent to 8 percent and declines 1 percentage point a year until it disappears.

Although your letter doesn't specifically say so, we'll assume you would get hit with a penalty equal to 3 percent of the annuity's value by cashing out now. That's too stiff/so stick it out.

After the penalty disappears, move that IRA through a trustee-to-trustee transfer to some organization where you won't be clobbered with large fees. A true no-load mutual fund would be a good choice.

You never should have put that annuity in your IRA, which is a tax-deferred investment. An annuity also is tax-deferred. There's no good reason to fund your tax-deferred IRA with another tax-deferred investment.

That's like wearing a belt and suspenders. Some people do it, but it's unnecessary and wasteful.

Q: I need help as to the best move on an IRA certificate of deposit that matures next month. It has been at a bank, at 8 percent, for eight years.

A: If you want the rock-solid Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. coverage or the equally safe protection of the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, which back deposits in each bank, savings and loan association and credit union up to \$100,000 per depositor, you have to stick with banks, S&Ls

and credit unions with FDIC or NCUSIF membership.

Just don't expect to get 8 percent on your money. Interest rates are down.

As a general rule of thumb, the higher the CD's maturity, the higher its interest rate. But there are exceptions; it pays to shop around.

Q: I will reach age 59 1/2 this year, which means I can make withdrawals from my IRA without tax penalty. What would the tax consequences be if I withdraw \$100,000 from my IRA this year?

And what would the tax consequences be if I don't make any IRA withdrawals this year, but start making withdrawals when I retire in three more years?

I'm working with a \$57,000 salary. My husband's salary is \$80,000. I believe our federal tax bracket is 38 percent.

A: First off, there is no 38 percent federal income tax bracket. Those brackets — technically known as "marginal tax rates" — are 15, 28, 31, 36 and 39.6 percent.

That's the rate at which you pay federal income tax on your highest dollar amount of taxable income — after all deductions, exemptions, exclusions and

credits.

Under present law, with combined salaries of \$137,000, and a reasonable amount of deductions, etc., on a joint return, you two most likely are in the 31 percent bracket. A \$100,000 IRA withdrawal undoubtedly would put you in the 36 percent bracket — increasing the amount you owe the Internal Revenue Service by \$36,000.

The \$100,000 increase in your taxable income would be partly offset by the fact that you no longer will be collecting a \$57,000 salary.

I won't even try to guess how much the Internal Revenue would nick you for if you hold off on IRA withdrawals until you retire.

With no information about your other finances and not knowing the exact changes that will be made in the Internal Revenue Code by the year 1999, I can say only that you likely will be able to relax and retire in comfort.

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WOMEN: Lady Vols swamp Ohio State in second round

(From 1C)

Regional. The Ladyjacks (27-3), the 11th seed, next face second-seeded Georgia on their home court in Nacogdoches, Texas, site of the regional finals.

It didn't look like they would get that chance when Clemson's Amy Geren hit a go-ahead 3-pointer and two free throws to give the Tigers an 82-78 lead in the final minute of regulation.

Then Price took a pass near center court, dribbled right and stuck her third 3-pointer of the game. She took the opening overtime tap in for a layup and followed that with a steal for another basket and an 87-83 lead.

Geren, who finished with 28 points, had a chance to tie with 17 seconds left in overtime, but her 3-pointer glanced off the right side of the basket.

It was the first time the Ladyjacks had won two NCAA games in their 11 tournament appearances.

Tennessee 97, Ohio St. 65
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Latina Davis scored a career-high 25 points and top-seeded Tennessee shot 59 percent from the floor to pound Ohio State.

The Lady Vols (28-4) ran their record in NCAA games in Knoxville to 28-0 and advanced to the regional semifinals in Charlottesville, Va., on Saturday against either Kansas or Texas.

The Lady Vols now have reached at least the round of 16 in all 15 NCAA tournaments.

Ohio State (21-13), the region's ninth seed, was led by Katie Smith with 29 points and Adrienne Johnson with 11.

Davis hit 12 of 17 shots and added five rebounds and an assist as the Lady Vols outscored Ohio State 39-32 and forced Ohio State into 18 turnovers.

Freshman Chamique Holdscrow hit 8-of-11 from the floor and scored 20 points for Tennessee. Kelly Jolly and Pashen Thompson each added 10 points, and Michelle Marciniak had nine points and

nine assists.

Old Dominion 72, Toledo 66
NORFOLK, Va. — A key steal by Ticha Penicheiro with 2 1/2 minutes to play and a followup basket by Esther Benjamin stifled a late Toledo rally and Old Dominion held on for an NCAA East Regional second-round victory.

The victory puts the sixth-ranked Lady Monarchs (29-2) into a quarterfinal match Saturday against 11th-ranked Virginia in Charlottesville.

Before Penicheiro's steal, the Rockets (25-6) had cut a 21-point deficit to single digits in the final 10 minutes behind Kim D'Angelo and Heather Smith, who led an eight-point Toledo run.

The Rockets pulled close again in the final half-minute, but free throws by Benjamin, a senior reserve playing her final game at the Old Dominion Field House, kept the Lady Monarchs in front.

Benjamin and Clarisse Machanguana each scored 16 points for Old Dominion, and Penicheiro added 15. Benjamin led in rebounding with 10.

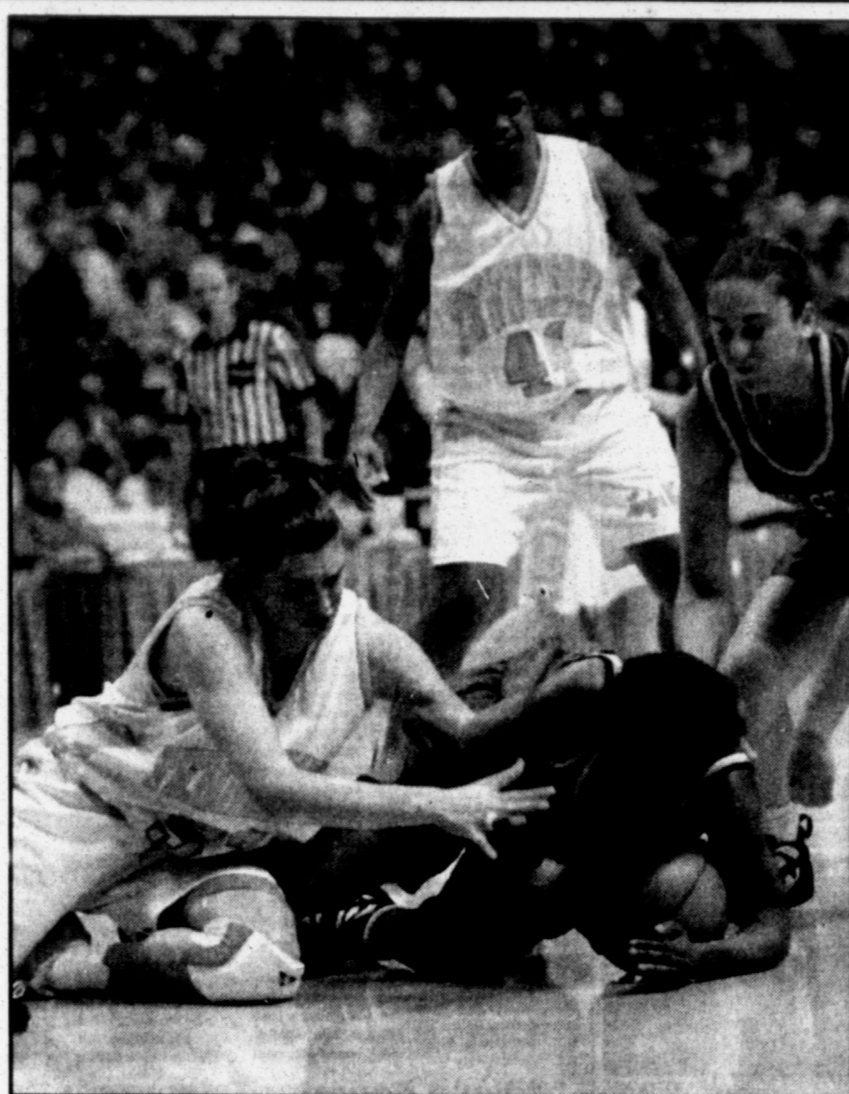
Toledo's Angela Drake led all scorers with 17 points. D'Angelo added 13.

San Francisco 64, Duke 60
DURHAM, N.C. — San Francisco got 17 points from sophomore guard Brittany Lindhe and played ferocious defense to upend No. 13 Duke.

Reserve Julie Murdent also scored 14 points and junior Renee Demirdjian added 12 for the 12th-seeded Dons (24-7), the first non-Atlantic Coast Conference team to beat Duke on its home court since 1991.

San Francisco, which upset fifth-seeded Florida in the last round, advances to Saturday's Midwest Regional semifinals in Rosemont, Ill., where the Dons will meet Monday night's winner between top-seeded Connecticut and Michigan State.

San Francisco had a comfortable 59-39 lead with 9:48 left in the game, but the Blue Devils (22-9) rallied as the Dons went scoreless



AP Laserphoto

Tennessee's Abby Conklin (52) battles Ohio State's Marritta Porter for the basketball during Women's NCAA second round game Monday night.

for a 6:05 stretch.

La. Tech 84, S. Mississippi 46
RUSTON, La. — Debra Williams scored 21 points and Louisiana Tech held Southern Mississippi's starting guards to only four field goals in 28 attempts.

Louisiana Tech (30-1) will play Texas Tech in the regional semifinal Saturday in Nacogdoches. It will be the 13th regional semifinal for Tech, which is on a 13-game winning streak.

Louisiana Tech and Tennessee are the only schools to be in all 15 NCAA tournaments.

The Lady Techsters jumped out to a 22-10 lead within the first nine minutes, and Williams hit five straight points in the last 38 seconds of the half for a 37-17 halftime

lead. She scored seven of Tech's first nine points in the second half as well.

Connecticut 88, Michigan St. 68
STORRS, Conn. — Kara Wolters scored 22 points and led a well-balanced attack, carrying Connecticut past Michigan State.

Jennifer Rizzotti added 18 points and Jamelle Elliott had 17 for top-seeded UConn (32-3), which advanced to a round of 16 matchup against No. 12 seed San Francisco, which upset fourth-seeded Duke earlier Monday night.

Nykesha Sales was the fourth starter in double figures for the Huskies, who won their 18th straight game in their last appearance of the season before a sellout crowd of 8,241 this season.

MHS: Sherman first on list for Bulldogs

(From 1C)

"Their district's not very strong so I can't tell exactly what kind of team they have."

Sherman's program is new and it's players without playoff experience. That is in stark contrast to Midland High.

"We have players that have been in the playoffs the last two years," Esikhathi said. "That experience is going to, show up. They have learned how to win on the road and how to come from behind."

The Bulldogs, 14-4 overall, went 11-1 in district, bettering their 10-2 league mark of the last season. Their district loss was a shootout to Midland Lee. They average 2.6 goals a game.

Midland High lost in the state semifinal two seasons ago and then won only one playoff game last season.

"One of our goals at the beginning of the year was to win the district for the third time in a row," junior midfielder Scott Kamis said. "Now we have reset our goal to go further in the playoffs than we did last year."

The Bulldogs had a pretty shaky

start this year. After averaging only three losses in the last three seasons, Midland High went 3-3 in pre-district play. They fell to San Antonio MacArthur, Duncanville and Cedar Hill. But midfielder J.D. Garcia thinks a strong showing against a good MacArthur team was a positive sign.

"They were the No. 1 team in San Antonio and the game went down to the wire," Garcia said of the Bulldogs' 2-1 loss. "After that I knew we possessed the skill and desire to go all the way."

Senior forward Dustin Huber leads the Bulldogs offense with 10 goals and 22 points. Senior midfielder Juerg Kurmann is the assist leader with eight. Kamis and Marcel Lopes have seven and six goals respectively.

Seniors Eric Rogers and Kaj Soederman have split time in goal for MHS this year.

Esikhathi believes the desire Garcia talked about is the key to the Bulldogs' playoff success.

"They have to want it," Esikhathi said. "We can tell them what they have to do, but they have to want it."

LEE: Lady Rebels seek first playoff win

(From 1C)

Raiders are veterans of playoff competition having lost to Arlington Martin three years in a row and 3-0 in the 1995 regional semifinals.

This season, Rider went to the Metroplex area to beef up its non-district schedule. Games against Top 10 programs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area like Ursuline, Highland Park, Carrollton Newman Smith, Allen and Plano gave the Lady Raiders the competition they feel will help them in this season's playoffs. Its record against those teams was 0-2-3.

"We are hoping to get in that position to face Martin," said Rider coach Carl Wiersema. "They have put us out three years in a row."

"Lee is formidable. Even though they are a third seed, they are a first place team. That is scary because you just don't see that."

Wiersema says that schedule will also make up for a district schedule that has only two other opponents and probably is not as deep as others.

"Dallas is closest to us and has a lot of competition and teams that wind up in the state tournament," said Wiersema. "The last two years we have tried to do that (make a tough non-district schedule). The district is a change from the preseason schedule."

This game will match two teams loaded with offensive power. Lee's Christi Johnson was the district's second leading goal scorer (16) and Angie Boyd has eight goals and a team-leading six assists.

Rider had a big hole to fill when last season's scorer Nicole Shook graduated and took her game to Texas A&M. This year's team has

made up for her loss, led by Lynette Osborne (19) and Teresa Vise (13). With the talent that both teams have, that means controlling the play of the game will be a key.

"Their best player is in the midfield and we have a good midfield," said Angie Boyd. "Our midfield can compare to anyone else's in the district."

Lee's defense, which has given up .9 goals a game, will have to be up to the task.

"The games our midfield has dominated are games we controlled," said Gravit. "Defensively, we have to make sure we have no mental breakdowns. You can't spot anything to a team like this."

Wiersema says his team do not depend on any one facet of the game, but goes at the other team's holes.

"We have a lot of speed and everybody plays hard," said Wiersema. "We read what a team will give us and we will try to attack its weaknesses."

Considering the difference in playoff experience between the two teams, getting on the board first could be a huge advantage. That will not be easy. Rider has not given up a goal in two years of district play and posted eight shutouts this season.

Another aspect of this game is that no District 5 team has ever beaten a Wichita Falls school in the playoffs. Last season Abilene Cooper fell to Rider 1-0 in an overtime sectional bout. That would make a win over Rider even bigger for Lee.

"We also want to play Cooper again," said Boyd. "They (Cooper) think we are going to lose and they haven't beaten Rider either."

Crying over for Minnesota with loss in NIT

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Guard Chris Cameron scored nine of his 20 points in a 22-6 rally to start the game Monday night and power Tulane into the NIT quarterfinals with a 84-65 victory over Minnesota.

Jerald Honeycutt added 16 points for the Green Wave (20-9), who will next meet the winner of Monday night's late game between Wisconsin and Illinois State.

Sam Jacobson had 19 points and John Thomas added 17 for Minnesota, which shot just 34 percent from the field and ended its season with a 19-13 record.

Cameron, who averages just nine points a game, ignited the Green Wave in the first half, hitting his first three shots, including a 3-pointer, as Tulane jumped to an 11-2 lead. Minnesota started the game 2-for-15 and trailed 22-6 with 11 minutes left in the first half.

Another 3-pointer by Cameron, who finished the first half with 14 points, and a layup by Shun Sheffield gave Tulane its biggest lead of the half, 44-23, and the Green Wave went into halftime leading 44-25.

NIT Basketball

Alabama 72, Missouri 49

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — With Missouri's towering twins a non-factor, 6-foot-10 center Roy Rogers dominated to lead Alabama over the Tigers and into the third round.

Rogers finished with 20 points, 13 rebounds and nine blocks as the Crimson Tide (18-11) advanced to Wednesday's game against South Carolina, with the winner heading to the tournament semifinals in New York. The Gamecocks beat Vanderbilt 80-70 on Monday.

Playing in his last home game, Rogers dismissed any doubts that he can play against big men. Missouri's 7-foot center Simeon Haley finished with just two points. His twin brother, 7-1 Sammie Haley, was suspended for the game by coach Norm Stewart. No reason was given.

South Carolina 80, Vanderbilt 70

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Malik Russell scored 17 points and pulled in eight rebounds as South Carolina defeated Vanderbilt to move into the third round.

It was just the Gamecocks' second postseason victory in five years and extended their record in Carolina Coliseum to 16-1.

South Carolina (19-11) will have the home court advantage for the NIT's third round Wednesday night against Southeastern Conference rival Alabama, a 72-49 winner over Missouri.

The Gamecocks' defensive pressure kept hot-shooting Vanderbilt guard Frank Seckar scoreless until almost three minutes into the second half. Seckar finished with 16 points to lead the Commodores (18-14).

Illinois St. 77, Wisconsin 62

MADISON, Wis. — Maurice Trotter scored 19 points as Illinois State pulled away from Wisconsin for a victory in a second round game.

Trotter scored 12 of his points in the second half to help the Redbirds (22-11) overcome a career-high 28 point performance by Wisconsin's Sam Okey.

Okey was the only player to score in double figures for Wisconsin. The 6-foot-7 freshman accounted for 18 of the Badgers' 30 points in the second half.

Spurs roll to 10th straight victory

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — David Robinson scored 32 points and added 14 rebounds Monday night as the San Antonio Spurs won their 10th straight game, 104-98 over the Golden State Warriors.

San Antonio, which leads Utah by 1 1/2 games in the Midwest Division, has won 15 of its last 17 games.

Avery Johnson had a season-high 17 assists for the Spurs, who had five players score in double figures.

Rony Seiklay had 18 points, Latrell Sprewell 17 and Joe Smith 16 for the Warriors, who went scoreless for a 6:18 stretch of the fourth quarter.

Johnson's jumper with 10:45 to play put the Spurs ahead 96-82, but San Antonio went scoreless on its next 11 possessions as Golden State scored eight straight points to pull within 96-90 with 7:47 left.

But then it was the Warriors turn to go cold. Chuck Person made consecutive 3-pointers to give San Antonio a 102-90 lead with 3:20 remaining as Golden State couldn't find the range.

Smith's dunk with 1:29 to play finally ended the Warriors scoring drought.

Vinny Del Negro scored 10 points in the third quarter as the Spurs built a 92-79 lead.

Bulls 98, 76ers 94

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Jordan had 38 points and 11 rebounds as Chicago struggled before beating Philadelphia in the Bulls' first game without suspended forward Dennis Rodman.

Jordan scored 14 points in the fourth quarter as the Bulls won their fourth straight. The Bulls, now 58-7 overall, have won 10 of their last 11.

Rodman, suspended earlier in the day for six games and fined \$20,000 for head-butting an official Saturday, wasn't at the Spectrum to see Chicago have trouble with a Philadelphia team that has won 13 games this season.

Toni Kukoc had 21 points and 11 assists for the Bulls, who defeated

the 76ers for the 10th straight time, including five in a row at the Spectrum. Philadelphia last beat

NBA Roundup

the Bulls on Dec. 8, 1993.

Jerry Stackhouse had 31 points and Vernon Maxwell added 18 for the 76ers, while Clarence Weatherspoon added 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Stackhouse made two free throws to bring the 76ers within 93-90 with 26 seconds left, but Jud Buechler scored on a breakaway layup. Derrick Alston's jumper cut Chicago's lead to 95-92 with 16 seconds left.

After Kukoc missed two free throws, Maxwell made two foul shots with 4.8 seconds left.

Ron Harper made one free throw with four seconds left and Weatherspoon got the rebound, but Buechler stole the ball and fed Kukoc, who dunked at the buzzer.

The 76ers led 80-78 with nine minutes remaining before the Bulls scored 12 unanswered points, capped by consecutive 3-pointers by Kukoc and Steve Kerr to take a 90-80 lead with 2:55 to play.

Jordan's jumper opened the 12-0 spurt, then he sped through a flat-footed 76er defense for layup that put the Bulls up for good at 82-80 with 6:40 left.

Philadelphia took its biggest lead, 70-64, with 1:23 left in the third quarter on a jumper by Maxwell.

Paced by Stackhouse's 16 first-half points, Philadelphia held a 46-41 lead late in the second period.

But in the last minute of the half, Jordan made a three-point play, then hit a 3-pointer to help the Bulls gain a 48-46 advantage at the break.

Nuggets 122, Raptors 114
TORONTO — Antonio McDyeess scored 32 points and Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf added 27 as Denver ended an eight-game road losing streak with a victory over Toronto.

McDyeess had five dunks and 11 assists for the Bulls, who defeated

to post their first road win since Jan. 30.

Tracy Murray scored a franchise record 40 points for the Raptors, who have won just four of their last 24 games.

Abdul-Rauf, playing his third game since returning from his suspension for refusing to stand during the national anthem, received an equal mix of boos and cheers when he entered the game with 5:44 left in the first quarter.

Bryant Stith added 24 points and Dikembe Mutombo had 13 points and 13 rebounds for the Nuggets.

Rookie Damon Stoudamire had 16 assists and 14 points for Toronto, which dropped its fourth straight.

Jazz 107, Bucks 90

MILWAUKEE — Jeff Hornacek scored 25 points and Karl Malone added 22 as Utah handed frustrated Milwaukee its eighth straight loss.

The Bucks also lost for the eighth straight time to the Jazz, who finished their Eastern swing at 3-3.

Milwaukee coach Mike Dunleavy was ejected late in the second period by referee Eddie F. Rush for arguing an offensive foul on Bucks forward Terry Cummings, and assistant Frank Hamblen watched the Bucks quickly fade.

Sonics 104, Clippers 101

SEATTLE — Shawn Kemp scored five points in 28 seconds and Seattle closed the game with a 7-0 run in the final minute to stun the Los Angeles Clippers.

Malik Sealy's dunk with one minute left put the Clippers ahead 101-97 before Kemp and the Sonics went to work to beat Los Angeles for the 12th straight time.

Kemp, who scored 27 points, made two free throws with 53.6 seconds left to bring Seattle within two, and he scored on a reverse dunk with 40.9 seconds remaining to tie it 101-101.

Payton had a triple-double with 20 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

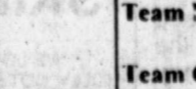
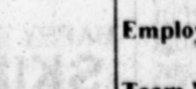
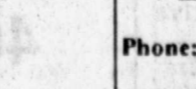
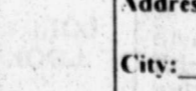
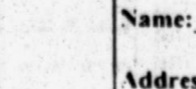
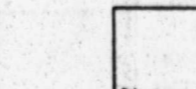
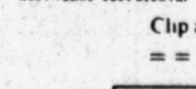
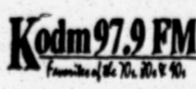


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Furious Serbs loot district before leaving

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — In new scenes of anarchy and terror, furious Serbs tossed grenades and set more buildings ablaze Monday before fleeing a Sarajevo suburb. NATO-led troops seized arsonists and a policeman who tried to rape a woman, but Serb police freed them immediately.

International soldiers and police monitors ducked in and out of burning buildings in Grbavica, helping to rescue residents intent on staying in Sarajevo's last Serb district to be handed over to Muslim-Croat control.

Fearful residents barricaded themselves in their homes, hoping to avoid arsonists and looters before the handover at 6 a.m. Tuesday, when Sarajevo will be unified for the first time since April 1992.

Fires forced others into the streets. "This is hell!" shouted one elderly woman as she ran out of her blazing apartment.

Groups of thugs drove around in vehicles and threw hand grenades, according to international police monitors. One exploded close to a safe house set up by the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, where 21 people sought shelter Monday night.

"There's a lot of burning and people are terrified," said Dr. Reinkard Hecker, a doctor with the U.N. agency. By evening more than a dozen houses and buildings — including parts of the police academy — were ablaze.

Twelve thugs international monitors picked up Sunday for arson and looting were released almost immediately by Bosnian Serb police — and everyone handed over Monday was also freed.

A Bosnian Serb policeman attempted to rape a Serb woman at gunpoint Monday, but was stopped and detained by soldiers from the NATO-led



A Bosnian Serb woman weeps after her apartment was burned by Serb gangs Monday. Serbs are burning the district and looting all they can before the area comes under control of the Bosnian government today.

peace force, according to police monitors. The soldiers turned the man over to Bosnian Serb police, who immediately released him.

Bosnian Serb policemen themselves were leaving the flame-licked Grbavica district, headed for Serb-held territory. Plumes of black smoke from two burning buildings drifted overhead as the last 30 policemen held a brief departure ceremony Monday afternoon.

Three rapes and 25 fires were reported on Sunday, according to U.N. spokesman Sylvana Foa in New York.

Firemen from Sarajevo, just 200 yards across the Miljacka River, have refused to enter Grbavica because hand grenades were thrown at two

fire trucks on Friday.

There were fires and looting in the other four Sarajevo districts that have changed hands in recent days and weeks, but lawlessness in central Grbavica seemed to be particularly vicious, especially on Sunday.

Goran Kapor is a member of the Serb Democratic Initiative, the organization that encouraged Serbs to stay in Ilidza, which was handed over on March 12. He appealed to NATO and international police forces Monday to protect people in Grbavica.

"We know what they are facing now," he said. "One must be very strong to survive that."

Some Serb families have already started returning to Ilidza, he said.

Dunblane begins to bury its dead

DUNBLANE, Scotland (AP) — They were baptized together. They went to school together, and squirmed in church together.

On Monday, Emma Crozier and Joanna Ross, both 5, were buried together, five days after gunman Thomas Hamilton killed the pair, 14 other classmates, their teacher and then himself in Britain's worst modern-day massacre.

"I recall on Sundays that Emma and Joanna would sit together at the front pew, bobbing around and chatting," the Rev. William Gilmour said at the funeral, attended by a crowd of 800 that spilled over into the graveyard and parking lot of the Episcopal church in Bridge on Allan, near Dunblane.

"The two constant friends were cut down as innocent 5-year-olds in the evil terror which struck their primary school last Wednesday, which event will haunt their parents and us in this community well into the future."

"Each family has lost one whom her parents refer to as their 'wee angel' and our human parental hearts go out to them today in love," Gilmour told mourners.

"How are these parents and their relatives going to cope without their treasures being beside them at home?"

"Only by our combined prayers, outheld compassion and practical support in the months ahead."

The funerals of fellow 5-year-olds Abigail McLennan and Kevin Hasell followed in the afternoon, as this close-knit Scottish town sought to reclaim its privacy after days of intense media coverage. An emergency press center was closed Monday, its telephone lines disconnected and reporters told to stay away from the funerals.

Police on motorcycles and at checkpoints questioned motorists trying to enter central Dunblane and the cemetery on the town's northern outskirts.

Businesses closed as a sign of respect. A handwritten note on the Tappit Hen pub, opposite Dunblane Cathedral, advised customers: "Gone to funeral, open later."

A single reporter from Britain's Press Association agency was permitted to attend the first

funeral, but media were excluded from the afternoon services and loudspeakers were not used to broadcast the proceedings to people outside.

Dunblane's public grieving reached a climax Sunday with a nationally broadcast service from the cathedral, a visit by Queen Elizabeth II and Princess Anne and a nationwide minute of silence.

A day earlier, police Superintendent Louis Nunn issued a statement saying some families had complained that media "intrusion is continuing unabated." He said the families had been told to notify police of the presence of reporters and their employees.

On Sunday night, Michael Forsyth, the Cabinet member responsible for Scotland, said the town's 9,000 people "should now be given time and space to cope with their distress in private."

Funerals for six other children were planned for Tuesday, four Wednesday, and two Thursday. The slain teacher, 45-year-old Gwenne Mayor, will also be buried Thursday.

The slaughter was Britain's worst mass murder in modern history: Hamilton, a 43-year-old boy's club leader who also wounded 12 children and two other teachers, had complained of a public conspiracy to bar him from organizing youth activities.

Why he chose to lay siege to the school, which is to reopen Friday, isn't clear.

But volunteer counselors and child psychologists have been available at a center near the school each day.

"All we can offer is reassurance, letting them know that we're here any time to listen to what's troubling them," said John Marchbank, the chief counselor.

"Some children are coming in on their own. Parents are making appointments for some of the younger ones. Sometimes whole groups are coming in together. There's no pattern," he said.

The carnage wreaked by Hamilton, who used four licensed pistols in the killings, has provoked calls for even tighter restrictions on gun ownership in Britain.

Mandela's divorce trial gets under way

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (NYT) — President Nelson Mandela broke his long public silence about the disintegration of his 38-year marriage Monday, taking the stand on the opening day of his divorce trial to quietly describe his loneliness in the days after he was released from a 27-year imprisonment and went to live with his wife.

Looking grave and sad, Mandela said that his wife, Winnie, had "never once" come into their bedroom while he was awake.

"A man and wife usually discuss their most intimate and personal problems in the bedroom," Mandela told the court. "I told her, 'There are so many issues, many of them sensitive, that I would like to discuss with you.' But she always refused."

Mandela also said that shortly after they had separated in 1992, a newspaper editor had shown him a letter Mrs. Mandela had written that confirmed his suspicions that

"I am determined to get rid of this marriage. It exists only on paper."

— Nelson Mandela, South African president

she had been having an affair with a junior colleague.

Inside a packed and somber courtroom, Mandela, 77, testified for about an hour, never looking at his wife, who sat about 10 feet away taking notes. He is expected to return Tuesday to be cross-examined.

During Mandela's 27 years in prison, Mrs. Mandela was a tireless campaigner for his release.

When Mandela failed out of Victor Verster prison in 1990, he was holding his wife's hand. But Monday he testified that he was soon convinced that the marriage was over.

"If the entire universe persuaded me to reconcile with the defendant, I would not," Mandela said. "I am determined to get rid of this marriage. It exists only on paper."

He began divorce action about 18 months ago, hoping to settle amicably out of court. But Mrs. Mandela contested the divorce, asking for a second chance. If a divorce is granted, she wants half of Mandela's wealth, arguing that she contributed to his worth during the marriage.

Because of her activities on his behalf, Mrs. Mandela too suffered at the hands of the apartheid government. She was often jailed and spent years banished to a remote farm town in one of South Africa's most conservative provinces.

Since their separation, Mrs. Mandela has been involved in several scandals. She remains a member of parliament, but last year Mandela dismissed her from his Cabinet when she refused to stay in the country to answer questions about fraud charges.

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