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Commissioners confounded County may take redistricting to judicial panel

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

A frustrated Deaf Smith County Commissioners Court decided Tuesday to join with other counties in a request for a three-judge federal panel to help solve redistricting problems.

After hearing a review of options from Bob Bass, representing Allison and Associates of Austin, the law firm engaged to re-draw precinct lines, commissioners voted unanimously to consolidate with Gaines County and, maybe, three other counties, in defense of lawsuits filed last week.

"Of major concern on the lawsuit and redistricting problems is the expense Deaf Smith County will incur. Commissioners asked Bass several times for an estimate on costs but he declined to offer a firm figure."

"Our contract on redistricting was until we got preclearance or didn't get preclearance," said Bass, adding that the law firm's work on litigation in the future is over and above the contract.

"We're looking at \$15,000 to \$30,000," he said.

Gaines and Deaf Smith have been named defendants in lawsuits filed to

have primary election results voided because plaintiffs in the federal suits claim the elections were illegal.

Basis for the illegality charge is that realignment of precinct lines was not precleared by the U.S. Justice Department.

During the Tuesday morning meeting with commissioners, Bass said he was told that a plan that would allow for higher percentages of Hispanic residents in two precincts was submitted to the Justice Department.

"I was told by a person in the Justice Department that one was submitted and the Justice Department did one, but when I asked for copies, I was told I couldn't have them," he reported.

Because of the denial, Bass has filed a request under the Freedom of Information Act for the Justice Department to provide him with the plans.

"I want to try to force them to give us what we believe we have a right to," Bass said.

A confusing situation faces Deaf Smith County because of the realignment issue and the federal court lawsuit.

The county must defend the lawsuit and seek a conclusion to the redistricting problem.

In suggesting that the county pursue a three-judge panel request for negotiating the lawsuit, Bass said that a judicial decision could draw precinct boundary lines which would be in effect at least until 1994.

A three-judge panel would include two federal judges of the Northern District of Texas and a justice of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Bass said.

Three other counties -- Cochran, Hale and Castro -- that also failed to obtain preclearance but have not been sued may join in asking the federal judge panel for a decision.

An effort also will be made for reconsideration of the precinct lines by the Justice Department although new data will be required, the lawyer added.

Bass insisted that "this region is being treated differently than the remainder of the state" in Justice Department demands for minority residents within a precinct. He also said that a lack of consistency seems apparent.

"Dawson County had precincts with percentages very similar to Deaf

Smith and was precleared without even a request for more information," he said.

Deaf Smith County's Precincts One and Four minority population came under fire by the Justice Department. In the plan, Precinct One had a minority population of 60 percent, which Justice Department said was too low for Hispanics to have an opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice.

Precinct Four's Hispanic population of 49 percent also was deemed too small.

The Deaf Smith County proposal drew a protest but the Justice Department has refused to provide the name of the complainant.

Judge Tom Simons said a rough plan, taking into account no commissioner residences, voting boxes or other considerations, was sent to the county three weeks after the submission was made for preclearance of new boundaries.

"Southwest Voter Registration sent a map and I understand sent it to the Justice Department," said Simon.

The lawsuit filed in federal court listed the plaintiff as Trini Gamez. The suit calls for the primary election results to be thrown out.



Cleaning up on broom sale

Hereford Noon Kiwanis members Paul Hamilton and Steve Bigham, left, try to convince Grant Hanna to buy even more brooms and cleaning aids at the Kiwanis' annual mop and broom sale. The sale wraps up today at the truck at Sugarland Mall.



That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says a pessimist is a man who looks both ways on a one-way street.

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Lady: "Doctor, why does a small cavity feel so large to the tongue?"

Dentist: "Just the natural tendency of the tongue to exaggerate, I suppose."

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"What will you do, little girl, when you're as big as your mother?"

"Diet!"

ofo
It's Fun Breakfast time again Thursday morning, and the quarterly event will include the drawing for winners in the Chamber of Commerce's first raffle. The top winner receives a car or pickup, and there are 16 other great prizes.

XIT Cellular is the sponsor this time and everyone in attendance will be eligible for the free cellular phone to be given away. All this and the usual fun, games and community announcements are on the breakfast menu. Don't miss it!

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Would you like to help make a wish come true for a seven-year-old boy dying of a brain tumor? It will take only a moment of your time.

Dr. Nadir Khuri of Hereford received a letter requesting that business cards be sent to Craig Shergold. The Georgia boy turned in a wish to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and expressed his desire to have an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest number of business cards ever received by an individual.

You can send one or more cards to the address below, or bring them to the Hereford Brand office. Marjorie Mims has volunteered to collect cards and send them to the youth. The address: Craig Shergold, c/o The Children's Make-A-Wish Foundation, 3200 Perimeter Center East, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA. 30326.

ofo
A special Clean Up, Fix Up supplement will be included in Sunday's Brand, inviting all citizens to become involved in a beautification program the next two weeks. Tips on home and yard improvements will be included among the features. Don't miss this special section sponsored by local merchants and business institutions.

City approves 92-93 budget

A budget to operate the City of Hereford and its utilities for the next fiscal year was approved Monday by the City Commission. At the same time, the commission made no change in the tax rate of 42 cents per \$100 of value.

The short-agenda meeting also included purchase of a mower for use at the city-owned golf course and a closed-door session related to airport management.

General operations of the city for the year beginning May 1 are expected to cost \$3,584,813. Water and sewer operations expense is pegged at \$1,142,982, including a debt payment of \$147,256.

To balance the budget, the city expects to dip into reserve funds to the tune of approximately \$500,000.

Primary sources of revenue for general operations are ad valorem

taxes, approximately \$922,750; sales taxes, \$650,000; garbage collection, \$550,625, and franchise fees, \$263,600.

Total resources, including reserves, for general operation of the city are estimated at \$3,689,833.

Utilities are expected to generate revenue of \$1,290,000. Water department income should be about \$995,950 and revenue from sewer service is estimated at \$290,000.

Overall, '93 spending is expected to be approximately \$475,000 less than the budget for the year ending April 30.

Purchase of a 72-inch self-propelled mower for use at John Pitman Municipal Golf Course was approved.

The equipment will cost \$8,794, the low bid submitted by Goldthwaite of Fort Worth. Bids also were

received from Jacobsen's of Carrollton, \$8,974, and SWT Distributors of Albuquerque, N.M., \$10,347.

In a golf course-related discussion, initiated by Marcy Hughes during the public comment portion of the agenda, she asked when a decision would be made on cost of annual memberships for the course.

Commissioner James McDowell responded that the advisory committee has not completed a study on the issue.

Mrs. Hughes reminded the commission that the fee is due May 1, but McDowell suggested that the due date could be delayed until the commission takes action on the committee's recommendations.

More questions come up about Erdmann autopsies

AMARILLO (AP) - For the second time in less than three weeks a district judge has ordered the body of a murder victim exhumed following questions about autopsies performed by Lubbock pathologist Ralph Erdmann.

District Judge Sam Kiser on Monday ordered the body of a 42-year-old Potter County murder victim be unearched. Kiser then placed a gag order on attorneys in the case.

The exhumation order comes 17 days after another judge directed the exhumation of a Randall County murder victim examined by Erdmann.

Meanwhile, a custody hearing in Lubbock has been delayed by questions surrounding a third autopsy Erdmann performed on a 7-month-old baby.

Kiser ordered the exhumation of James Benton Atkinson Jr. within four days.

Gregory Van Alstyne is charged with capital murder in the April 17, 1990, beating death of Atkinson.

According to the indictment, Van Alstyne killed Atkinson, a pizza delivery man, while robbing the victim.

Jury selection in Van Alstyne's trial began Monday. Van Alstyne's co-defendant, Ricky Dale Allen, is still awaiting trial.

In a motion filed Monday by Potter County District Attorney Danny Hill, the prosecution said Erdmann will refuse to testify about Atkinson's autopsy by claiming his Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination.

Dr. Sparks Veasey, Potter County's forensic pathologist, examined Erdmann's autopsy report and photographs. Veasey concluded he must examine Atkinson's body to make a clear diagnosis of the cause of death, the motion says.

Erdmann, who has performed hundreds of autopsies for 41 West Texas counties over the past nine years, was indicted by a Hockley County grand jury Feb. 24. He is accused of tampering with evidence and theft by a public servant.

The doctor resigned a \$140,000-a-year position as Lubbock County's pathologist three weeks after the indictment, contending he was overworked.

District Judge Patrick Pirtle ordered the body of a 72-year-old murder victim exhumed earlier this month after Erdmann took the Fifth more than 200 times to questions regarding his autopsy of the victim.

In Lubbock, district Judge Brad Underwood on Monday postponed a civil hearing on whether a 3-year-old girl can return home with her parents,

Ricardo and Angela Gonzales, until tissue samples of the Gonzales's deceased 7-month-old son can be analyzed.

Ricardo Gonzales, 29, said he found his infant son, Curtis Andrew Gonzales, dead June 8, 1991, in their rural Lubbock home. Gonzales told police at the time that his son was found with a pair of plastic pants over his head.

An autopsy conducted by Erdmann concluded the child died of pneumonia, and Justice of the Peace Earl Yarborough ruled the death caused by natural causes.

But officials with Children's Protective Services (CPS) questioned the death two weeks ago and have requested an investigation.

The Gonzales's 3-year-old daughter remains in the legal custody of CPS pending the custody hearing, now set for June 8, said Sunny Ratliff, civil chief of the Lubbock County criminal district attorney's office.

No criminal charges have been filed against the parents.

"The accuracy (of Erdmann's autopsy) is not being questioned. We want to be sure what happened before we send a child home," Ratliff said.

"The fact of the matter is that Dr. Erdmann's autopsy is being reviewed. That's the fact."

DSGH board will consider affiliation with provider group

Hospital also gets check for \$372,000 from Medicare

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN
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Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors approved an agreement for a hospice program, discussed the possibility of joining a PPO, heard a marketing report, reviewed the financial statement and heard a report from the hospital administrator at a regular monthly board meeting Tuesday evening.

Crown of Texas Hospice will provide acute care for the terminally ill at the hospital, said Administrator Ron Rives, adding another alternate delivery of home care. The board approved the agreement subject to minor changes by the district's attorney.

Don Reeves, representing the Panhandle Provider Organization, explained the benefits of affiliating with a PPO, a not-for-profit agency which negotiates fees and arrangements with health providers. Five Panhandle hospitals currently belong to the group, with Northwest Texas and St. Anthony's being the flagship hospitals. Dumas and Berger are also members.

With discounts and fee maximums, the program provides financial incentives for employers to steer their workers to the PPO hospital and physicians. The board will study the program and probably take action at the next meeting.

Net patient revenue for March was \$408,970, an increase over February and up from \$214,761 a year ago. Operating expenses were up slightly also, leaving a loss of \$36,757 from operations. This compares to a loss of \$200,073 a year ago.

Adding in tax and miscellaneous revenue, the monthly statement showed a net loss of \$12,046. However, the hospital had received a state disproportionate share check for Medicare of \$372,608, reflecting a \$360,560 excess of revenue over expenses.

The hospital admitted 118 patients in March, which included 92 adults and children and 26 newborns. The year-to-date total of 715 is still behind last year's total of 836. The average daily is 10.7, compared to 12.1 a year ago.

Steve Jolly, marketing consultant of Amarillo, reported the hospital's outreach program to the community has vastly improved the contact with citizens. The program includes forums and seminars, free screenings for senior citizens, and a Valucare program which is being initiated. The hospital will sponsor a Health Fair May 16, to conclude the observance of Health Week.

Following a quality management report by Lisa Formby, Rives discussed the physician recruitment program and reported that the recruitment firm had mailed out letters to prospects. The hospital will hold a reception May 3 for two new doctors--Palani and Ranga Mani--who are practicing at South Plains Health Providers.

The administrator also reported on a Health Find program sponsored by the Center for Rural Health Initiatives. It is designed to help rural hospitals find physicians. A workshop is scheduled next Monday in Amarillo.

At the end of board meeting, E.T. Manning of the Underwood law firm in Amarillo, presented the hospital a check for \$300 as a contribution to the memorial fund. The firm serves as legal counsel for the district.

Directors attending the meeting were Raymond Schroeder, Mal Manchee, Dr. Stan Fry Jr. and Boyd Foster. Absent were Craig Smith and John Perrin.

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Local Roundup

Three arrested Tuesday

Hereford police arrested two persons Tuesday: a man, 32, on a county warrant for violation of a court order, and a man, 19, for driving while intoxicated.

Reports included burglary of a house in the 600 block of Irving. Over \$1,200 worth of items were taken, including a TV, camera, several garden hoses, shovels and other items. The person filing the report said the house had been vacant for six months.

Other reports included theft of gas; harassment; a civil matter in the 300 block of Ave. A; domestic disturbance in the 900 block of Julian; criminal trespass in the 400 block of Ave. G; child found in the middle of the street in the 900 block of Union was taken home; and children taking mail from mailboxes in the 400 block of Mable.

Police issued six tickets Tuesday and investigated an accident. Deaf Smith County sheriff's deputies arrested a man, 21, for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Deputies dealt with a juvenile problem Tuesday.

One-act play presentation

Hereford High School's theater arts department will present scenes from "Arsenic and Old Lace" at 7 p.m. SHARP on Thursday at the HHS auditorium. The scene comprised the one-act play entry from HHS. The cast performed at district and area UIL contest. Admission is by donation, and proceeds will benefit the theater arts department.

Chance of rain on Sunday

Tonight, partly cloudy. Low near 50. West to northwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday, partly cloudy. High around 80. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph, becoming southwest in the afternoon.

The extended forecast: mostly sunny and mild Friday and Saturday. Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms Sunday. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the 40s.

This morning's low at KPAN was 46 after a high Tuesday of 72.

News Digest

World/National

WASHINGTON - Morality, politics and the law collide in a case providing a conservative Supreme Court an opportunity to pronounce its verdict on abortion.

PITTSBURGH - Botched abortions that interfered with their ability to bear children sent two Pennsylvania women along different roads. One became an abortion-rights activist, the other an abortion foe. Both were interested in the outcome of today's arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court on the constitutionality of a restrictive Pennsylvania abortion law.

NEW YORK - Don't be fooled by all the loud talk of simplified air fare structures, lower rates and reduced car rental costs: Travel is still a pricey and stubbornly complex affair.

SAN FRANCISCO - In clearing the way for Robert Alton Harris to go to the gas chamber, the U.S. Supreme Court sent a stern message to the nation's largest federal appeals court: Stop interfering with executions.

MIR BACHAH, Afghanistan - Close to the capital, fighters from Afghanistan's two main rebel groups are marching together. A few miles down the road, they're killing each other. With alliances shifting and rivalries fierce, it's hard to imagine how a consensus can be reached on who will govern the country.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Serbian snipers shoot from high-rises, federal planes bomb Croat militia positions and explosions rock parts of scenic Sarajevo, the capital of the latest republic to split from Yugoslavia.

BETHESDA, Md. - A panel of experts is recommending the Food and Drug Administration approve the limited use of a new antiviral drug in combination with AZT, the drug that is now the primary AIDS treatment.

WASHINGTON - The FBI is settling racial-bias claims by a group of 300 black agents but without admitting discrimination.

NEW YORK - It's a one-of-a-kind collection: "The Last Supper" alongside "The Kitten with the Ball of Yarn," "The Blue Boy" beside "The Cape Cod Lighthouse." Each work was painstakingly created the same way: No. 1 is for red, No. 2 is for blue... Paint-by-numbers art made its big breakthrough this week at a downtown art gallery.

Texas

AUSTIN - Efforts to expand nutrition programs should be bolstered through a study to document childhood hunger in Texas and other states, backers say.

WASHINGTON - Environmentalists hoping to prod the Bush administration to expand protection of endangered sea turtles have released a report showing that federal regulations are saving thousands of the turtles every year.

DALLAS - The crunch stays along with the spicy cheese taste and the orange stuff that rubs off on your hands and lips.

AUSTIN - Budget leaders Tuesday reduced the \$60 billion state budget by \$226 million, and warned of a severe deficit that could mean the state will run out of to pay counties for housing state prison inmates.

DALLAS - A group of dissident Libyans are plotting to overthrow Col. Moammar Gadhafi at a luxury hotel here, hoping to mobilize public opinion along with forces.

AUSTIN - As the U.S. Supreme Court considers a landmark abortion case, Texas lawmakers are deeply divided on the issue. Some are backing a friend-of-the-court brief saying that the court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision should be overturned and that states have the right to protect human life by restricting abortion.

HOUSTON - Attorneys for three Houston police officers accused of attacking a San Jacinto County Sheriff's Department employee and her husband have asked for an independent prosecutor, charging that county officials are railroaded the men.

DALLAS - Five years after Peggy Railey, wife of a prominent Methodist minister, was nearly strangled, a prosecutor says the case is "dead."

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Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL
William Caldwell, Infant boy
Castillo, Juventina Castillo, Audelia Cruz, Infant boy Cruz, Leta Beatrice Curtsinger, Robert Denning, Cynthia Fetsch, Infant boy Fetsch, Antonio Garza, Amy Linda Hernandez, Infant girl Hernandez, Emilia Jackson, Walter Dennis Lomas, Infant girl Ray, Lynna Ann Ray, Infant boy Rodriguez, Rachel Rodriguez, Infant boy Salas, Maria S. Salas, Yetta Streu and Hilda Strauss.

NEWBORNS
Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Hernandez are parents of a baby boy, Moses Hernandez, 8 lbs., born on April 16, 1992.

Mr. and Mrs. Sabino Varela have a new son, Luis Alberto Varela, 9 lbs. 10 oz., born on April 19, 1992.

Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Cruz are parents of an infant boy, Cristobal Cruz, 9 lbs. 12 1/2 oz., born on April 20, 1992.

Fare war erupts among U.S. airlines

But, passengers won't find decreases in some rates

NEW YORK (AP) - Don't be fooled by all the loud talk of simplified air fares, lower rates and reduced car rental costs: Travel can still be a pricey and stubbornly complex affair.

While American Airlines recently reduced its highest ticket prices, the lowest fares on hundreds of routes actually went up. Some new cheaper fares start expiring in less than a month. And a mind-boggling range of fare choices persists despite an initiative by American to whittle them down.

Landlubbers also need to shop around: Recent cuts in some car

rental rates are not as far-reaching as they initially seemed.

"People shouldn't let the perception of simplified fares make them less vigilant than they were before about getting the lowest rates," said Jeanie Thompson-Smith, president of Topaz Enterprises Inc., a Portland, Ore., company that follows air fares.

American announced April 10 it had simplified its fare structure from as many as 30 rates in some markets to just four.

Other major airlines said they would follow suit. However, as of Thursday - nearly a week after

American's announcement - American had 11 fares on its New York-to-Los Angeles route, United had 16, Delta 18, TWA 26 and Continental 17, Thompson-Smith said.

Previously, American had 14 fares on the same route, while United had 17, Delta 20, TWA 22 and Continental 26.

As part of its overhaul, American cut fares mostly on full-price and first-class tickets, while prices for excursion tickets in some cases actually rose and a wide variety of discount tickets were eliminated.

But it's the cheaper excursion tickets that count for the average

consumer, said Herbert Teison, publisher of the Travel Smart newsletter in Dobbs Ferry.

"Very few people fly full-fare coach. It's like giving away ice in the winter time" to discount the more expensive tickets, he said.

A second round of reductions promises to give travelers a break as well.

American on Monday reduced fares again to match three weaker airlines that tried to undercut its new fare structure. Most airlines matched American's new cuts.

Besides the new cuts, American eased its 21-day advance purchase requirement to 14 days.

But most of American's new cuts in business-fare tickets are good only for tickets bought through May 20.

American also cut fares from 214 Northeastern and Midwestern cities to Florida to match seasonal cuts by USAir. But these are good only through June 14.

In addition, American dropped its new 14-day advance discount fares and business fares in about 400 mostly Southwestern markets to match off-peak prices instituted by America West.

Thompson-Smith said airlines are in a full-blown price war, "and that's always good for the consumer."

But Lee Howard, president and chief executive of Washington-based Airline Economics Inc., said airline fares have probably bottomed out.

"My advice to consumers is: better buy your tickets before May 20th or you might not see anything better," Howard said.

On the heels of the cuts in airline ticket prices, Alamo Rent A Car on Monday said it is reducing car-rental rates by up to 50 percent and introducing a nationwide three-tier price system.

But the new prices require a Saturday night stayover, limiting the number of travelers who can take advantage of the offer.

And Hertz Rent A Car, the nation's largest car rental company, responded to Alamo's offer with only limited cuts.



Reward for job well done

A Macintosh Classic computer is presented by Richard Selmon, Homeland manager, to representatives of the Northwest Primary School student body. Youngsters collected cash register receipts worth \$230,000 to earn two computers in the special project sponsored by the supermarket. Members of the school's Parent Teacher Organization kept up with the project. Students pictured, from Selmon's left, are Zach Thompson, Rodolfo Ramirez, Steven Brown, Crystal Lemas, Kelley Allison and Cassie Harrison.

Obituaries

ALLIE "Big Ma" THOMPSON

April 20, 1992

Allie "Big Ma" Thompson, 84, of Hereford, died Monday. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Avenue Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. Larry Cottrill, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Vernon Shaw of Bowie. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, by Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Thompson was born in Montague County. She married Jim Rowe Thompson on Sept. 30, 1923, in Paducah. They had lived in Hereford 21 years, moving here from Vega. She was a member of Avenue Baptist Church.

A son, Dondle Rhea Thompson, died in 1989.

Survivors are her husband; two daughters, Wilma Joyce Bryan of Hereford and Lanora Nell Henry of Mesquite, Nev.; two sons, Leroy "Sonny" Thompson of Aledo and James R. "Dick" Thompson of Winnebago, Ill.; a brother, Willie Mobley of Carlsbad, N.M.; a half-sister, Winifred Watts of Brownfield; 15 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested that memorials be directed to the Avenue Baptist Church building fund or American Heart Association.

COULTER VAUGHN

April 21, 1992

Coulter Vaughn, 73, of Dumas, brother of Hazel Ford of Hereford, died Tuesday.

Services will be held in the 14th Street Church of Christ in Dumas with Coy Potter of Yukon, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in Lane Memorial Cemetery in Sunray. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Vaughn was born at Tulia and had lived in Moore County since 1950. A veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps, he was a retired operator for Phillips Petroleum Company. He married his wife, Zoe, on May 3, 1959. He was a member of 14th Street Church of Christ.

Survivors are his wife, and two sisters, Hazel Ford of Hereford and Merlene Buford of Dallas.

JAMES ROSS BRAXTON

April 20, 1992

James Ross Braxton, 80, of Weatherford, Okla., brother of A.C. Braxton of Hereford, died Monday in Weatherford.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church of Friona, by the pastor, the Rev. Charles Broadhurst. Burial will be in Friona Cemetery by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Braxton was born at Twitty and attended school at Shamrock. He

married Christine Southall on Sept. 26, 1942, in Friona. They moved to Black in 1946 where they operated a grain elevator. They retired in 1969, moved to Edmond, Okla., in 1975, and to Weatherford in 1977. He belonged to First Baptist Church of Friona, Masonic Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Khiva Shrine Temple.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, James Braxton of Luther, Okla., and Ray Braxton of Austin; another brother, Jim Braxton of Beulah, Colo.; a sister, Sue Ray of Albuquerque, N.M., and a grandchild.

B.W. FORD

April 20, 1992

B.W. "Bill" Ford, 78, died Monday in Friona.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Schooler-Gordon/Blackburn Shaw Colonial Chapel. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

A native of Shamrock, Mr. Ford was a welder at the helium plant before retiring in 1979 and moving to Hereford. He lived in Lake Charles, La., before moving to Amarillo in 1960. He was a Mason and a member of San Jacinto Baptist Church. He married Orelle Luker in Louisiana. She died in 1973 and he married Melva Rea Fortenberry in 1977 in Lubbock.

Survivors are his wife; a stepson, Don Rea of Venice, Fla.; a brother, Lloyd W. Ford of Indianapolis, Ind.;

two sisters, Ruth Rosenzweig of San Jose, Cal., and Naromi Beck of Amarillo, and two stepgrandchildren.

DAVID MILLS LATHAM

April 18, 1992

David Mills Latham, 25, of Corpus Christi, grandson of a Hereford couple, Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Manley, died Saturday.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church of Corpus Christi.

A 1985 graduate of Ray High School, serving as president of the senior class and Senior Men's Club, he earned a bachelor's degree from Pepperdine University in 1989 and a law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law. He had worked at a law clerk at Brin and Brin law firm.

Survivors also include his wife, Christina Latham; his father and stepmother, Mills and Beverly Latham of Corpus Christi; his mother, Sandra K. Manley of Denver; grandmothers, Mrs. Bill Latham of Amarillo and Mrs. Ruth Martin of Corpus Christi; two brothers, Kevin Mills Latham of California and Chase Latham of Denver, and two sisters, Blakley Latham of Austin and Staci Latham Cross of Corpus Christi.

The family has requested that memorials be directed to the David Mills Latham Scholarship Fund at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio.

Treasurer participates in seminar

Among county treasurers attending a seminar last week was Vesta Mae Nunley of Deaf Smith County. Keynote speaker for the event was John Sharp, Texas comptroller.

During the seminar at College Station, the county treasurer accumulated 2.0 continuing education units, representing 20 hours of participation.

County treasurers in Texas are required by law to complete 20 hours of educational training every two years.

Topics for instruction ranged widely and included depository contracts, investment policies, grants and records. A highlight of the seminar was a special program on self protection.



Courthouse Records

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS

Roy Nava, 20, revocation of 18 months probation for assault, April 15.

Izea Price, 42, assault, two years probation, \$500 fine (suspend \$500), \$150 court costs, April 15; possession of marijuana, under two oz., judgment and sentence, nine days in jail, \$400 fine, \$150 court costs, April 15.

Ramona S. Heiner, 29, theft by check, judgment and sentence, \$150 court costs, April 15.

Modesta Reyes Torres, 45, theft over \$20/under \$200, one year probation, 90 days in jail probated, \$100 fine, \$162 court costs, April 15. Gwendolyn Collins, 21, unlawful

carrying a weapon, judgment and sentence, \$300 fine, \$162 court costs, April 15.

Earsley Colvin, 63, food stamp fraud, judgment and sentence, six months in jail, \$400 fine, \$162 court costs, April 15.

Michael Richardson, 31, revocation of one year probation for criminal mischief, April 15.

Juan DeDios Montes, 27, driving while license suspended, judgment and sentence, \$100 fine, \$162 court costs, April 15.

222nd DISTRICT COURT
Hereford Bi-Products, plaintiff, vs. Don Kunkel, defendant, agreed reformed judgment, \$40,000 and \$400 court costs for plaintiff, April 10.

First National Bank of Hereford, plaintiff, vs. Nancy Hill, defendant, consent judgment for plaintiff, \$4,496.01, and interest of \$2,412.38, attorney fees and court costs, April 13.

In the marriage of Lori Lynn Tijerina and Augustin Tijerina and in interest of minor child, final decree of divorce and order for child custody and support, April 13.

State vs. Vicente Perez Diaz, modification of probation on 1989 conviction for felony driving while intoxicated, April 13.

JUSTICE OF PEACE COURT
R.C. Hoelscher vs. Rudy Metz, past due account and court costs paid in full, \$590.86, March 30.

Life!

Energy institute offered

The Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and the West Texas Center for Economic Education at West Texas State University will host the Fifth Annual Panhandle Energy Institute for Educators June 8-22.

The institute is open to elementary through senior high school teachers and is designed for the layperson.

Regular class sessions are scheduled from 9:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and topics to be discussed include a historical perspective of the Panhandle region; geology and exploration for oil and natural gas; drilling for oil and natural gas; well completion; oil production and refining; natural gas and chemical processing; economics of energy and the environment; natural gas, coal and nuclear power generation; and alternative energy sources.

The institute's curricula also includes field trips to Palo Duro Canyon, a natural gas processing plant, a drilling rig, refinery and chemical plant, the Southwestern Public Service Harrington Power Plant, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum at the WTSU Alternative Energy Institute. The field trips will require time commitments beyond the regular classroom sessions.

Upon completion of the institute, participants will have a basic understanding of energy production and its implications and significance to the economy and to the environment and will be better prepared to share that knowledge with students in the classroom.

The course will be taught by Dr. Duane Rosa, associate professor of economics at WTSU. An number of guest speaker from the energy industry will complement the instruction.

The institute is offered under the course title "Energy Economics" and carries three hours of graduate credit which may be applied in economics (ECO 5595) or in education (EDS 5595 or EDE 5595). This graduate-level course may be taken without formal admission to a WTSU graduate program; however, formal admission is encouraged for those who may want to apply the course toward a WTSU degree.

The fee for the course, including tuition, classroom-support materials, field trips and lunch on designated days, is \$35, and housing is available on the WTSU campus on request. This reduced cost has been made possible because of grant assistance from the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and its supporting companies. Additional funding has been provided by Southwestern Public Service Company.

The course is strictly limited to 26 participants who will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are requested by Friday, May 8.

To make reservations or form more information, contact Dr. Duane Rosa, associate professor of economics, at 806-656-2511 or 656-2276.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Arsenio Hall will air reruns of his talk show out of respect for Johnny Carson during Carson's last week on "The Tonight Show."

"Arsenio's going to be home watching Carson," spokeswoman Dana Freedman said Tuesday. "We're taking the week down. It's a show of respect to Carson by Arsenio."

Carson ends his 30-year run on "The Tonight Show" on May 22. In most parts of the country, Hall's syndicated program overlaps Carson's NBC show.

Hall said recently that comedian Jay Leno, who takes over "The Tonight Show" on May 25, is not up to replacing Carson.

"No one will ever reign like he reigned. And I think it's an insult to his legacy to say Jay is replacing him," Hall said in Entertainment Weekly.



Bride-elect honored

A bridal shower was held April 18 for Kristina Kerr, June 5 bride-elect of Eric Burch of Lubbock. The shower was held in the home of Shirley Wilson. Greeting guests with the honoree were, from left, Oleta Hodges, the prospective bridegroom's grandmother; Jeannie Burch, his mother; Sheri Kerr, mother of the bride-elect; and Shirley Wilson, hostess.

Kristina Kerr feted with shower

Kristina Kerr, June 5 bride-elect of Eric Burch of Lubbock, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning, April 18, in the home of Shirley Wilson.

The honoree greeted guests with her mother, Sheri Kerr; her sister, Laura Kerr; the prospective groom's mother, Jeannie Burch; his grandmother, Oleta Hodges; and hostess, Mrs. Wilson.

Shelly Webster invited guests to register.

Janna Harman, Terri Holt, Tamara Harper and Susan Gage served refreshments of miniature cinnamon

rolls, lemon squares, individual quiche, chocolate dipped strawberries, sausage balls, fruit and fruit dip, nuts, mints, coffee and festive punch.

The table was covered in an ivory crocheted cloth and was centered with a spring bouquet in the bride-elect's chosen colors of hot pink and ivory arranged in a milk glass bowl. Coffee was served from a China coffee service and punch and refreshments were served from crystal. Pink floral napkins and silver appointments completed the table setting.

Special guests, in addition to the prospective groom's mother and

grandmother of Denton, and the bride-elect's sister of Abilene were his relatives: Elisa Burch of Denton, his sister; Trina Burch of Amarillo, his sister-in-law; and Mary Linda Pitts of Hilton, Okla., his great-aunt. Because of the Easter holiday weekend, a number of the bride-elect's high school classmates, as well as classmates from Lubbock Christian University, were able to attend.

Miss Kerr was presented with a 14-piece Faberware stainless steel cookwear by the hostesses: Murlene Streun, Joan Hopper, Diane Hoelscher, Julia McNaney, Janice Brownlow, Helen Lee, Janice Carr, Reba Vaughn, Linda Block, Carlynn DeLozier, Carolyn Fry, Linda Daniel, Cindy Sublett, Jan Garrett, Dorothy Ott, Delores Webster, Jo Charest, Jo Lee, Micah Noland and Wilson.

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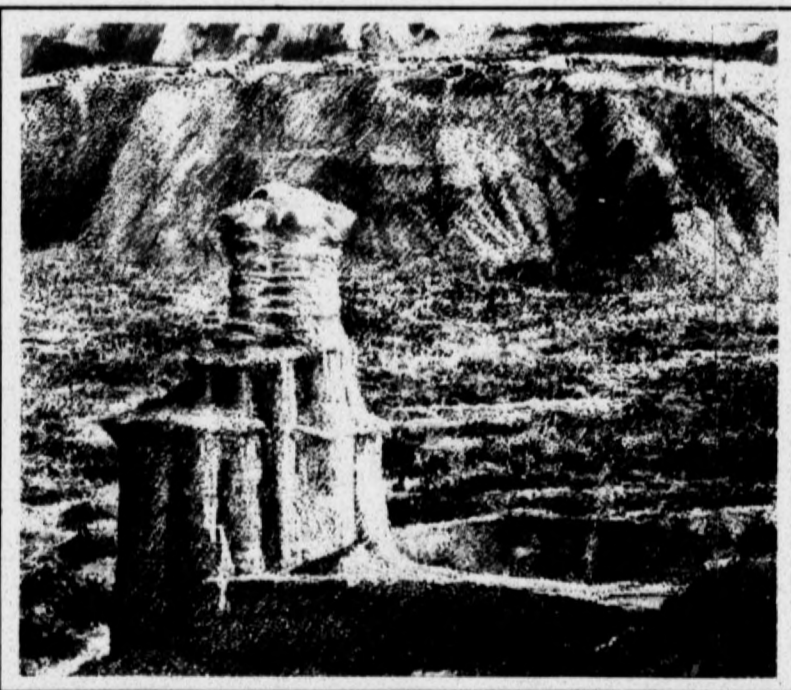
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Nationwide teleconference on MS open to the public

People who have MS and their families, health professionals, and others interested in MS are invited to participate in a Nationwide teleconference titled "Multiple Sclerosis: Understanding Your Mind and Emotions," on Saturday, May 2, from 1-3 p.m., held locally at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt and at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

Admission is free, and registration is required. To register and for further information call the MS office at 1-372-4429.

The local teleconference, presented by the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, is one of over 300 being held across the country on this topic sponsored by the Society.

Speakers are Nicholas LaRocca, Ph.D., who had developed experimental treatments for cognitive problems in MS and is a clinical

psychologist at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York; and Jaclyn Faffer, D.S.W., A.C.S.W., expert on chronic illness and social worker at the Jewish Community Service, Long Island, New York.

Dr. Faffer will talk about emotions and psychological issues for people with MS, their families and friends. He will discuss role changes which evolve in families, business and social relationships, and mechanisms of coping with MS. Dr. LaRocca will discuss intellectual changes that occur in some people with MS, and the treatments to deal with these.

After their presentations, the speakers will answer questions from each site via teleconference. Generally, there will be one question from each site allowed, but questions and answers will be heard at all sites.

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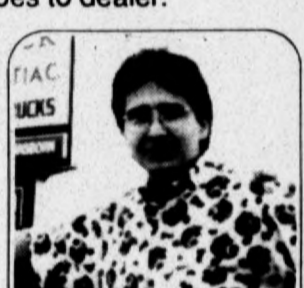
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Ann Landers

DEAR READERS: Remember the letter from Lincoln Warkocz, the drug addict who is now incarcerated in Bowling Green, Fla.? He wrote to say he has been trying without success for 15 years to get help for his addiction. Lincoln went to jail at age 17 and has been in and out four times since then. He claims that although he has pleaded with prison authorities to be rehabilitated, he was never placed in a drug treatment program.

I asked to hear from someone in the Florida state prison system about this man's situation. The secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections, Harry K. Singletary Jr., sent me this prompt reply:

"Mr. Lincoln Warkocz has been incarcerated four times by the department. He was offered an opportunity to participate in a drug program while assigned to a community center but chose to escape before he was able to participate. In August 1990, he was returned to the department with a new sentence and enrolled in the auto mechanics course and the GED program. He dropped out of both programs within two weeks. Since his latest incarceration in October 1991,

Mr. Warkocz has been placed on the waiting list for the drug rehabilitation program."

And now for some additional comments from readers: **DEAR ANN LANDERS:** I am a recovering drug addict and have been a fan of yours for 20 years. Two years ago, I became a member of Narcotics Anonymous. When I read that letter from Lincoln Warkocz, I had to write and tell him there IS hope and not to give up on himself.

I lost my leg because of drugs. Both my brothers were murdered over drugs. I know something about the subject. At 40 years of age, after more than 20 years of drugging, a friend took me to a meeting of Narcotics Anonymous. The 12-step recovery program saved my life. I hope Lincoln sees this. It could save his, too.--Judy from Detroit

DEAR JUDY: Thank you for an inspiring letter. I hope Lincoln sees it and picks up on your suggestion. Here's more:

DEAR ANN LANDERS: When I read that letter from Lincoln

Warkocz, I was irritated. His attitude is typical of addicted people--and this includes food addicts.

These whiners have a common failing--unwillingness to assume responsibility for their lives. Blaming someone else (in this case, the Florida prison system) will never get that guy clean and sober. Placing blame is a copout.

I was in a jail where there was no drug program and no Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. A few of us got hold of the A.A. Big Book and held our own meetings.

I was in four treatment centers before I ended up doing time. Nothing worked for me until I got with the 12-

step program of A.A. It works because it puts the responsibility where it belongs--on the user. I've been clean and sober for six years. If Lincoln wants to do it, he can.--Drug-Free in Atlanta

DEAR ATLANTA: Amen, brother. **DEAR ANN:** You were mistaken when you said, "Parents do not owe their children a college education." In Illinois and some other states, if the child is capable of benefiting from a college education and the parents are financially able to provide it, they must do so.--Hugh Schwartzberg

DEAR HUGH: Thanks to you and 34 other lawyers, I now know.

This project for the birds

Observing Earth Day (April 2) each year with your families can inspire us to try new activities to celebrate the wonders of nature. This year, give your feathered friends a new home with this whimsical, easy-to-make birdhouse using a milk carton and items collected from around your house and yard.

Here's how
Wash and dry an empty half-gallon paper milk carton. An adult may cut out a circle about 1 1/2 inch in diameter on one of the side panels of the carton, 3 inches above the base of the carton. For a perch for the birds, poke a small hole below the large hole and partially insert a 5-inch long, 3/16-inch dowel in the small hole.

Close the top of the carton and glue it shut.
Create a natural exterior for the

house by covering the carton with "nature finds". For example, pile and glue twigs evenly across the top of the carton. Cover the walls of the house with bark, moss pine cones and small branches from evergreens (do not pick these materials off trees; collect them from the ground).

When the glue is completely dry, poke a hole at the top of the carton top a piece of wire or twine through the hole and hang the house from a tree branch or a fence post. Celebrate Earth Day with an "open house" to welcome the birds to the new adobe!

Donna Erickson enjoys receiving your comments and ideas from family projects. Write to her at P.O. Box 16188, Minneapolis, Minn. 55416.

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Landscape subject of recent Bud to Blossom Club program

Billie Johnson presented a program on landscaping when members of Bud to Blossom Garden Club met recently at the Hereford Garden Center.

Johnson told the group to lay a garden hose to shape the garden before planting. One can disguise walks with borders of flowers and it is important to use lots of grey colors by planting such things as dusty millers and lambs ears. Johnson also said to make a "bouquet" in your garden by using flowers. Plant a drift of daisies through a bed of day lilies but don't plant in rows; scatter the bulbs or plants.

Roll call was answered by members naming a variety of daisies.

Patricia Robinson was selected as a delegate to the Texas Garden Club

Koetting nominated as delegate

Juanita Koetting was nominated as the Bippus Extension Homemaker Club's nominee for delegate to the state meeting planned in September in Galveston. Koetting was selected during the club's recent meeting held in the home of Mariellen Homfeld.

Also, during the business meeting with Homefeld presiding, it was mentioned that Homfeld, Koetting and Kate Bradley attended the district meeting in Amarillo. Bradley gave the council report. It was announced that the district delegates will give their reports at council meeting April 27 following a noon luncheon.

The program on recycling was presented by Koetting. She also displayed a copy of the La Plata Star newspaper dated March 5, 1892.

Roll call was answered to "what makes the most of my trash content?"

Refreshments were served to Alta Mae Higgins, Homfeld, Christine Larson, Koetting and Bradley.

Spring Convention April 24-28 in Dallas. She is serving on the state nominating board which will select a new slate of state officers.

Plans were finalized for the annual plant sale set from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. May 2 at the Hereford Garden Center. Members will be offering bulbs and plants for the center.

Members also made plans for the Earth Day ceremony April 27 in Mother's Park.

Maria Escamilla presented the conservation series on concerning groundwater.

Escamilla served as hostess for the meeting. In conjunction with the Easter holiday, a wreath of silk flowers and Easter chicks greeted members at the Garden Center door. The mantel was decorated with baskets of hand-decorated eggs, bunnies and Easter flowers. The refreshment table was centered with a cross decorated with pastel silk flowers and baskets of candy eggs adorned the table.

Those present were Phyllis Brown, Naomi Hare, Mildred Fuhrmann, Ursalee Jacobsen, Escamilla, Johnson and Robinson.

Following the meeting, members adjourned to Westgate Nursing Home where they served 75 people birthday cake, ice cream and punch for the April birthday honorees.

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- "Terminator 2" director James Cameron has struck a movie distribution deal with 20th Century Fox worth about \$500 million.

Cameron, whose films also include "Aliens" and "The Abyss," will direct, produce or write as many as 12 movies for Fox in the next five years, the studio said Tuesday.

"This is the first time I can remember where a director of this stature has said, 'I'll give you my exclusive services as a writer, director and producer,'" said Joe Roth, chairman of Fox studios.

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SPORTS

Demons win as 4th inning KO's Herd



I've got it

Herd pitcher Ralph Holguin ducks to get out of the way of third baseman Jason Tatarevich after Tatarevich caught a pop fly. In the background, Fonzie Enriquez stands on second base.

The Hereford baseball team led the District 1-4A leading Dumas Demons 2-0 after three innings, but in the fourth, Dumas came up with six hits and eight runs to blow the game open.

The Demons won 13-2 Tuesday at Whiteface Field. The game ended after six innings because of the 10-run rule.

"They just caught up with our pitching," Herd coach T.R. Sartor said of the fourth inning. "They did just stand up there and ring the ball around."

In the first three innings, Herd starting pitcher Ruben Ramos flirted with allowing a run, but didn't. Dumas runners got to third in the first and second, and in the third, Augustine Mata sent a fly ball to right field that Jake Head hauled in three feet from the fence.

In the fourth, Ramos got two outs quickly, but he gave up a single, a walk and then a two-run triple to Jason Quackenbush. Then the hits started coming. Three consecutive singles each produced a run. Sammy Casarez relieved Ramos, walked the first batter, then gave up another RBI single. A throwing error on shortstop Richard Sanderson let two more runs in before the third out was made.

Hereford scored the first two runs of the game when Russ Watts led off the third with a double and scored on a single by Fonzie Enriquez. Richard Rodriguez, who had walked, went to third on the single and scored on an error.

Hereford's errors—which have contributed to many of the Herd's losses this year—didn't start until late in the game. Sanderson's error in the fourth inning was the first of the game. Third baseman Tab Hathaway

let a ball roll under his glove, and that and three walks by Casarez helped Dumas score three runs in the fifth. For the sixth inning, Sartor replaced Hathaway with Jason Tatarevich, and he was charged with two errors that helped Dumas score its final two runs.

"We made some critical mistakes," Sartor said. "Everytime we made a mistake, they hurt us."

Sartor was upset during the game over the strike zone. Kyle Hansen had been struck out looking to end the second inning rally on a pitch that Sartor and many in the stands thought was very high. Conversely, close pitches didn't seem to get called Hereford's way.

"The only thing I can say sounds like a complaint," Sartor said. "When you've got (pitchers) who have to have edges, and (an umpire) who has a postage-sized strike zone, and (Dumas) has a guy who throws 86 miles per hour, you're going to have trouble."

Hereford plays at Borger at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Bill McKechnie, a managerial member of the Hall of Fame, was nicknamed "The Deacon."

Home run great Babe Ruth played the outfield, was a winning pitcher, and played first base during his career.

1992 Herd football schedule

Here is the revised 1992 varsity football schedule. A change has been made so that Hereford will play Monterey Sept. 18 instead of Coronado during the regular season. Monterey will be coached by Buster Leaf, who has moved over from Levelland.

The Herd will now scrimmage Plainview instead of Monterey. The junior and seniors will scrimmage in Hereford Aug. 21. The freshmen and sophomores will scrimmage Aug. 20, at a site to be determined later. Hereford will also scrimmage Amarillo High; the sub-varsity teams Aug. 27 and the varsity Aug. 28. The sites for the Amarillo High scrimmages and the times for all scrimmages will be determined later.

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 5	Tascosa	Amarillo	2 p.m.
Sept. 11	Palo Duro	Hereford	7:30
Sept. 18	Monterey	Hereford	7:30
Sept. 25	French	Hereford	7:30
Oct. 2	Levelland	Levelland	7:30
Oct. 9	* Borger	Borger	7:30
Oct. 16	* Randall	Hereford	7:30
Oct. 23	* Pampa	Pampa	7:30
Oct. 30	* Caprock	Hereford	7:30
Nov. 6	* Dumas	Dumas	7:30

*Denotes district games

Lindley signs with Vernon

Hereford senior Kyanne Lindley signed today to play volleyball at Vernon Junior College next year. She'll receive a full scholarship to the two-year school.

"It was a nice college with friendly people," Lindley said. "(Coach Julie Myers) had the most returning players, so I think we'll win a lot." Those eight players, all to be

sophomores next year, mean winning next year and playing time for Lindley the next season.

Lindley helped the Lady Whitefaces to the regional finals last season.

Whitey Ford was 36 years old when he won 24 games for the Yankees in 1963.

JH netters blow out Valleyview

The Hereford Junior High tennis team whipped Valleyview in a dual match Tuesday at Whiteface Courts. Hereford won 26 of the 31 matches played, including all 18 of the girls' matches.

Each match consisted of one set, and all sets were completed except one.

Hereford won 12 girls' singles matches: Natalie McWhorter def. Casey Snyder, 6-0; Paige Robbins def. Mandy Arp, 6-2; Aimee Alley def. Micah Wing, 6-0; Kari Barrett def. Casi Cerka, 6-3; Julie Cole def.

Tiffany Moshburn, 6-0; Annie Hoffman def. Katie Henderson, 6-1; Jennifer Jones def. Jana Glasscock, 6-2; Jamey Parker def. Tracy Bannister, 6-1; Lauren Caviness def. Melanie Steinkruger, 6-1; Shawna Lindsey def. Tara Watson, 6-2; Rachel Bezner def. Crystal Bell, 6-1; and Bezner def. Kimberly Maples, 6-0.

Hereford girls won six doubles matches: McWhorter/Robbins def. Arp/Snyder, 6-1; Alley/Barrett def. Wing/Cerka, 6-1; Cole/Parker def. Henderson/Mashburn, 6-1; Hoffman/Jones def. Bannister/Glasscock, 6-2; Caviness/Lindsey def. Watson/Steinkruger, 6-0; and Bezner/Caviness def. Bell/Maples, 6-1.

Hereford boys won five of nine singles matches: B.J. Lockmiller def.

Jarid Nichols, 6-0; Pete Vargas def. Casey Phillips, 6-1; Marcus Berend def. Brad Love, 6-0; Scott Shaw def. Brandon Williams, 6-2; and Tony Hubner def. Nichols, 2-1. Hereford lost four: Rob Reinauer lost to Trent Morgan, 6-0; Hubner lost to Robert Cantu, 6-1; John Stevens lost to Rhett Simmons, 6-4; and Vargas lost to Morgan, 6-3.

Hereford boys won three of the four doubles matches, except for the top match in which Reinauer and Merrick fell to Morgan/Nichols, 6-1. Hereford doubles who won: Lockmiller/Todd Radford def. Phillips/Cantu, 6-2; Vargas/Brian Betzen def. Love/Simmons, 6-1; and Shaw/Hodges def. Nichols/Williams, 6-2.

TRACK

Craig Hiltbrunner placed fifth at the District 1-4A track meet Thursday with a put of 46 feet, 1/2 inch, not 44-5 as was reported in the Brand.

Following are the Hereford junior varsity results for that meet. The team came in second to Dumas, 169 points to 125. Hereford boys are listed by the place they finished.

First--400-meter relay (Quincy Curtis, Chad Carlile, Leonard Martinez and Nathan Henderson), 45.7 seconds; Ramiro Garza, shot put, 41-1 3/4; Andy Montana, discus, 112-0; and Carlile, 400-meter dash, 53.0.

Second--Manuel Barba, shot put, 38-10 1/4; Richard Hicks, 110 high hurdles, 18.2; Hicks, 300 intermediate hurdles, 45.3; Henderson, 200 dash, 23.99; Carlile, long jump, 19-0; and the 1,600 relay (Carlile, Martinez, Hicks and Jason Eades).

Third--Henderson, 100 dash, 11.60; and Martinez, triple jump, 37-7.

Fourth--Curtis, 100 dash, 11.79; and Curtis, 200 dash, 24.24.

Sixth--Eades, 400 dash, 57.8; Hicks, triple jump, 36-7 1/2; and Martinez, long jump, 17-8 1/2.

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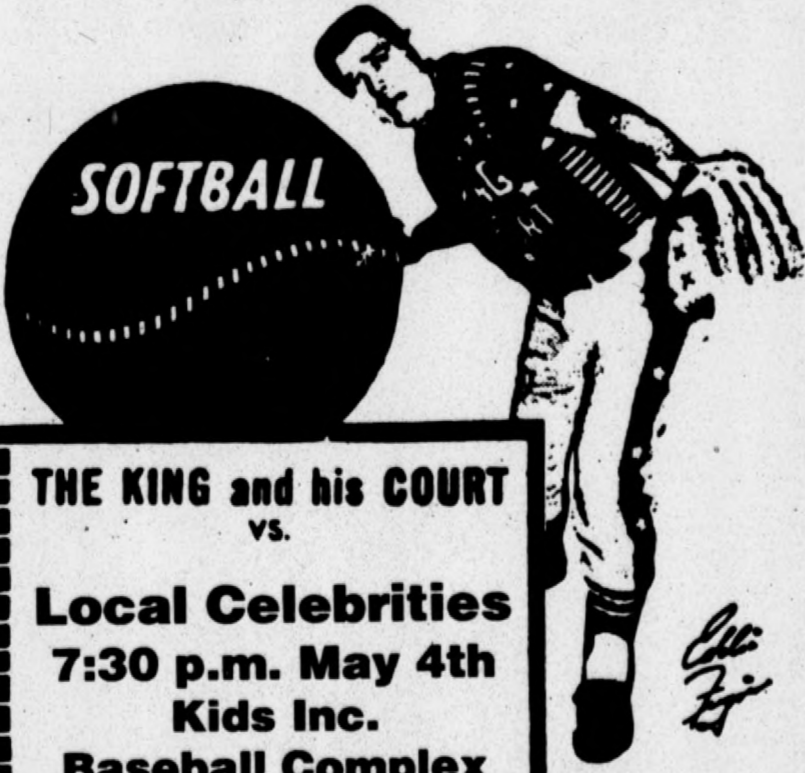
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Van Slyke's triple leads Pirates to victory

By The Associated Press

Despite losing Bobby Bonilla, John Smiley and Bill Landrum, the Pittsburgh Pirates haven't lost their winning ways.

Andy Van Slyke's two-run triple highlighted a five-run first inning and the Pirates held off a late rally to beat Montreal 8-7 Tuesday night.

The Pirates, who have won the last two NL East titles, sent nine men to the plate in the first.

"The Pirates are walking up there fearless and aggressive," Montreal manager Tom Runnels said.

Trailing 8-3 after seven innings, Montreal closed to 8-5 in the eighth on homers by Tim Wallach and Rick

Carone off Jerry Don Gleaton.

Ivan Calderon hit a two-run homer with one out in the ninth, the first runs given up by Roger Mason in 19 2-3 innings and 14 appearances since the start of spring training. But after Larry Walker grounded out and Wallach singled, Mason got his third save by getting Marquis Grissom on a flyout.

Vicente Palacios (1-0) threw two scoreless innings for the Pirates. He took over from starter Denny Neagle in the fifth after the Expos got runners on first and second. Neagle remained winless in the major leagues after 10 appearances, seven with the Minnesota Twins in 1991.

Phillies 7, Cubs 5

At Chicago, pinch-hitter Wally Backman broke a 10th-inning tie with a two-run single as the Philadelphia Phillies rallied to halt their six-game losing streak.

With the score tied at 4, Philadelphia got a leadoff single in the 10th from John Kruk. Heathcliff Slocumb (0-1) walked Darren Daulton, Julio Peguero sacrificed and Ruben Amaro was walked intentionally, loading the bases.

Backman, batting for Kim Batiste, hit a line drive off Slocumb's leg and the ball bounced into left field. Amaro took third on the play and scored on Jim Lindeman's groundout.

Mitch Williams got the victory in his first decision despite allowing a game-tying RBI single to Hector Villanueva in the ninth.

Mets 4, Cardinals 2

At New York, Willie Randolph broke a sixth-inning tie with a two-run double and Dwight Gooden pitched seven strong innings for the Mets.

It was Gooden's longest stint in three starts this season as he continued a comeback from rotator cuff surgery last September. He gave up two runs on five hits, walked four and struck out three. Gooden (2-1) pitched 6 2-3 innings in the Mets'

home opener on April 10 against Montreal and six innings against Philadelphia on April 15.

Padres 4, Braves 2

At San Diego, Fred McGriff hit his fifth homer as the Padres snapped a five-game losing streak.

The Padres scored three runs on 10 hits off Mike Bielecki (1-2) before he was forced out of the game in the fifth after being hit in the left knee by a line drive by Tony Gwynn. Bielecki's status will be determined following tests.

Winner Rich Rodriguez (1-1) entered the game with one out in the second after starter Dave Eiland was forced to leave with back spasms.

Reds 4, Dodgers 3

At Los Angeles, Bip Roberts hit a tie-breaking single in the seventh inning as the Cincinnati Reds ended a four-game losing streak in a game that featured near-fights in the eighth and ninth innings.

Both benches emptied in the eighth after Norm Charlton hit Darryl Strawberry on the right elbow. Strawberry walked several feet toward the mound before he was stopped by plate umpire Joe West and Reds catcher Joe Oliver. No punches were thrown, but Strawberry still looked like he wanted to get at Charlton after breaking up a double play at second base moments later.

Charlton, who gave up two hits in two innings, received a seven-game suspension last season after admitting that he intentionally threw at Dodgers catcher Mike Scioscia.

In the ninth, Roberts exchanged angry words with Scioscia after a pitch from Tim Crews almost hit him. Roberts walked away from the plate, then returned and argued again with Scioscia as both benches emptied. Strawberry had to be restrained by Reds first-base coach Tony Perez when he tried to get at Charlton again, but there were no fisticuffs.

Jays continue to dominate Tribe

By The Associated Press

Jack Morris just keeps winning, and so do the Toronto Blue Jays.

Morris pitched a five-hitter for his second complete game as the Blue Jays beat Cleveland 2-1 Tuesday night for their 13th consecutive victory over the Indians.

Morris, who struck out eight and walked none, increased his record against Cleveland to 30-10.

"I got them a few times over the years when they weren't quite so good a club," Morris said. "This one is satisfying because they're a better team now."

Roberto Alomar homered off Dennis Cook (0-2) after Devon White was hit by a pitch. The Indians lost their eighth straight in SkyDome.

"The mistake was not the pitch to Alomar," Cook said. "It was hitting White. That's one too many mistakes against a club like Toronto."

Yankees 4, White Sox 3

Ozzie Guillen, the three-time

All-Star shortstop on the White Sox, tore two ligaments in a ninth-inning collision with left fielder Tim Raines at Comiskey Park and will miss the rest of the season.

"Guillen's injury resulted in two torn ligaments due to hyperextension of his right knee," said Dr. Scott Price, who was scheduled to perform arthroscopic surgery today along with Dr. James Boscardin.

Tim Leary (2-0) was the winner and Steve Farr got his second save. Kirk McCaskill (1-2) gave up four runs and seven hits in six innings, including a two-run single by Roberto Kelly.

Red Sox 3, Brewers 1

Mike Gardiner (2-0) allowed two hits in seven innings and Jody Reed singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth off James Austin (1-1) at Milwaukee.

Gardiner struck out a career-high nine, while Danny Darwin got his first save since 1990.

Boston, held hitless for 5 2-3 innings by Ricky Bones, tied the score in the seventh on Jack Clark's run-scoring groundout off Mike Fetters, Clark's first RBI this season.

Tigers 4, Rangers 2

Cecil Fielder hit a two-run homer in the first inning and drove in three runs as visiting Detroit stopped a four-game losing streak.

Bill Gullickson (2-2) allowed one run and five hits in seven innings and Mike Henneman got six outs for his second save. Bobby Witt (1-2) was the loser.

Orioles 10, Royals 4

Brady Anderson tripled twice in a game for the second time within a week, and visiting Baltimore sent Kansas City to its 12th loss in 13 games.

Jose Mesa (1-1) gave up three runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings for his third victory in 18 starts.

Mark Gubicza (0-2) was tagged for

seven runs and nine hits in 3 2-3 innings for Kansas City, off to the worst start in franchise history.

Angels 3, Athletics 2

Lee Stevens and Rene Gonzales homered and Julio Valera pitched four innings of one-hit relief as visiting California stopped a 10-game losing streak against Oakland.

Valera (1-1) replaced Don Robinson in the fifth after Robinson, left with a sore left hip. Bryan Harvey struck out the side in the ninth for his fourth save.

Dave Stewart (1-1) gave up three runs and five hits in six-plus innings. He walked six, including four in the third inning.

Twins 5, Mariners 2

Rookie Pat Mahomes (1-0), at age 21 the youngest starting pitcher in the American League, got his first big league victory by allowing one run in six innings as visiting Minnesota stopped a three-game losing streak.

Young teams meet old in NBA playoffs

By The Associated Press

The old and the new clash in the first round of the NBA playoffs this week, and that's got some NBA coaches brushing up on their axioms on age.

"They've got the experience," New Jersey Nets coach Bill Fitch said of his team's first-round meeting with the Cleveland Cavaliers. "I've got a lot of guys who have not been there before."

"So, when we start talking about butterflies, we will be needing a bigger net."

The Nets at the Cavaliers is one of four best-of-5 first-round series that begin Thursday night. The others are Indiana at Boston, Los Angeles Lakers at Portland and Seattle at Golden State.

On Friday, the other four series - Miami at Chicago, Detroit at New York, Los Angeles Clippers at Utah and San Antonio at Phoenix - get under way.

The Nets have not been in the playoffs since 1985-86, when they were swept by Milwaukee in the first round. The Nets and Cavaliers split four regular-season games and are 4-4 over two seasons.

The Nets (40-42) have the talent, but they've also got dissension. Fitch has feuded openly with Derrick Coleman over his use of players.

Team captain Sam Bowie says the Nets enter the series with confidence, "but really, they have an advantage over us. They have been in the playoffs before and have played the

Chicago Bulls in a lot of knockdown series."

The Bulls' series with Miami provides no more stark example of old vs. new. The Heat, only three years old, became the first expansion team to make the playoffs this season and now must face the defending NBA champions.

Miami won just 57 games in its first three seasons but went 38-44 to become the last of the 16 teams to make the playoffs.

"Even if we had not made the playoffs, this would have been a good year," first-year Heat coach Kevin Loughery said.

As for facing the Bulls: "It's not going to be easy, but it's

great to have the opportunity to play the champs in the first round."

The current record for playoff layoffs belongs to the Clippers, who have not been in postseason since 1976, the last year the Lakers missed it.

It was two cities and one nickname ago that the Buffalo Braves made the playoffs with players like Ernie DiGregorio and Bob McAdoo. The Braves subsequently moved to San Diego and became the Clippers, then migrated north to Los Angeles.

Trevino, Hill together for Legends

AUSTIN (AP) - New teammates are the order of the day for several players in this year's Legends of Golf. But Lee Trevino and Mike Hill won't be changing a thing.

Trevino and Hill, defending Legends champions, finished 1-2 Sunday at the PGA Senior Championship. They are ranked No. 1 and No. 3 on the senior money list, with \$397,229 and \$245,662 respectively.

They also like playing together in the Legends' two-man, better-ball format over the 6,775-yard Barton Creek Country Club course.

"We have extremely good chemistry," Trevino said recently. "Neither of us feels pressure when we're playing together. He knows I'm trying as hard as I can, and I know he's trying as hard as he can, so if either of us misses a short putt, it's no big deal."

While they are trying to repeat, a previously winning team has split up.

Al Geiberger and Harold Henning, who won in 1989 and finished second the past two years, each will have a new partner.

Geiberger is playing with a Senior Tour rookie - 1991 U.S. Ryder Cup team captain Dave Stockton. Stockton, an old friend of Geiberger's, turned 50 last November, qualifying him for the Senior Tour.

Henning, meanwhile, will be paired with South African Simon Hobday, who joined the Senior Tour last year and is making his first Legends appearance.

Tournament officials announced Monday that Arnold Palmer had withdrawn, with an aide citing unspecified business commitments.

Palmer's withdrawal set off a shuffle.

His partner, Miller Barber, now will team with Don Massengale. Massengale's original partner, Homero Blancas, will play with Tom Shaw, Palmer's replacement in the tournament.

Four other players have withdrawn because of injuries or illness: Gardner Dickinson, Ken Still, Bill Collins and Lou Graham.

And Sam Snead, a two-time Legends champion, was forced to decline an invitation due to a separated shoulder suffered in an April 7 auto accident en route to the

Summerall enters Ford Clinic

NEW YORK (AP) - A little more than a year ago, Pat Summerall admitted he almost killed himself with alcohol and pain killers. Last week, the CBS sportscaster checked himself into the Betty Ford Clinic for treatment.

"Pat decided at the Masters that he needed some help to lick a medical problem," agent Bob Rosen said Tuesday. "If you have a broken leg, you go to a doctor. He's gone to a doctor."

Rosen would not confirm that it was for alcohol abuse, saying only that it was "purely a personal problem."

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Texas still may leave Southwest Conference

AUSTIN (AP) - Since Arkansas left the Southwest Conference, Texas and Texas A&M have been rumored to be joining every league except the National and American.

While steps have been taken to align the league with the neighboring Big Eight conference, the idea of shaking up the SWC has amounted to little more than fodder for radio call-in shows.

But the debate that began in August 1990 when the Razorbacks announced they were leaving erupted again when Donna Lopiano vented her feelings on UT's status within the SWC before she headed to New York to become executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation.

"I think it would be a very smart move for Texas to leave the Southwest Conference. I'm glad I'm leaving and can say it without retribution," said Lopiano, who headed Texas' women's athletics department for 17 years.

"I think, what is going to happen, is somebody is going to lose the

financial wars. One school is going to go into so much debt that nobody can justify keeping the program at Division I or in the Southwest Conference," Lopiano said.

At its peak, the rumors were as bizarre as the Longhorns joining the Pacific 10 conference, but the Aggies being left behind.

Meanwhile, the Texas Legislature was trying to keep the SWC intact by threatening to stop funding UT and A&M.

Once that subsided, the focus shifted to expansion. Tulane, University of Texas-El Paso and even Oklahoma were mentioned as possible candidates, but only the Green Wave got serious consideration.

Now, almost two years after the Arkansas-triggered eruption, the SWC still consists of eight schools, all in Texas. Scheduling alignments with several leagues have been discussed, especially with the Big Eight.

Texas A&M athletic director John David Crow called an alignment with that league "a natural."

"It's hard for me to see where they have much of an alternative or we have much of an alternative. That's what makes good partners - both able to bring something to the table," Crow said.

The combination basketball and football reputations with geography makes the Big Eight a natural fit for the SWC, Crow said.

It also would fit one of Lopiano's suggested standards - matching "major research institutions that have the same academic demands," she said.

Crow said the SWC could benefit from the Big Eight's higher quality of basketball and vice-versa for football. Plus, by playing higher-profiled teams, each league could see a surge in the box office and in television viewership.

Should the two only become aligned and not merged into a superconference, neither would have to compromise its policies nor officials, Crow said.

He also proposed scheduling interleague basketball and football games which would count toward each conference's standings. Aligning other sports, Crow said, could be considered later.

"I personally feel we need to either do something or back off and see if we're going down the wrong alley. We've got to make up our minds on what we're going to do and get on with it," said Crow, who suggested a plan begin or at least be in place by 1994.

One step athletic directors agree needs to be taken is an improvement in men's basketball, no matter whether games against powerhouses like Kansas begin creeping onto the schedule.

"I think we're in a position where we can dictate our own destiny in basketball," said Houston athletic director Rudy Davalos, a member of the NCAA men's basketball

tournament selection committee.

"We've got to make sure we have five or six teams in the top 100 in the country. Right now we have three," Davalos said, pointing to Houston, Texas and Texas Christian.

But Rice athletic director Bobby May, whose basketball and football programs have been on the rise in recent years, said a dedication to improvement will keep the league afloat.

"The league is only as strong as its individual members. That simply means each school has to do what it can to make our own programs as good as they can be," said May, who listed better coaches, stronger schedules and larger budgets as strengthening methods.

SWC baseball tourney to return next season

AUSTIN (AP) - The Southwest Conference post-season baseball tournament will return next season after a one-year absence, the league office says.

Deeming their new, 36-game conference schedule a failure, league representatives have decided to bring back the 18-game SWC season that, for the last 15 years, culminated in a tournament between the top four teams.

Under the 1992 formula, the team with the best regular season record after 36 SWC games claims the title and the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA post-season tourney.

This year, each team plays a three-game series at home and another on the road against each of the other six league opponents. SWC member Southern Methodist gave up baseball in 1980.

Conference coaches recently evaluated the schedule and loudly voted it down, said SWC spokesman Bo Carter.

"All seven coaches said it caused hardships in different ways," he said.

Texas coach Cliff Gustafson, whose 35-10 Longhorns top the league with a 22-6 SWC mark called the 1992 schedule "terrible."

SWC athletic directors are expected to make the return to the old plan official at their May 19-20 meeting in San Antonio, Carter said.

But returning to the old format may not be the end to all problems, said first-year Rice coach Wayne Graham.

"It's kind of sad that there's not some in-between. I like the 36-game (schedule) because it gives you a true champion. Of course, you run into the lack of preparation and bad weather. I don't know what the answer is," he said.

This year's schedule was

implemented following the departure of Arkansas to the Southeastern Conference.

With the league down to seven teams and travel restricted to within the state, coaches were willing to play at each school during the season. They also said they liked the idea of eliminating the post-season tournament.

To do so, the 36 regular-season games had to spread into 12, three-game series' with six at home and six on the road.

Coaches found the plan that worked on paper was a nightmare on the field, Carter said.

Instead of creating teams more attractive for NCAA at-large bids, the new format has caused a standings logjam.

The second- through seventh-place teams are separated by only seven games. Front-runner Texas could clinch the title this weekend, with two weeks remaining in the season.

Other problems coaches have cited include a lack of time to prepare for the conference season, worn-down pitching and a reduced interest in midweek, non-conference games.

By returning to the old schedule, teams will play three, three-game road series per year and then host those teams the following season, similar to the SWC football schedule.

The league champ once again will be determined by a post-season tournament between the four teams with the best regular season records in conference play.

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Fort Worth boxer goes for 2nd world title

By JOHN STURBIN
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
 FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - On the night he won the world featherweight championship in Las Vegas nearly six years ago, Stevie Cruz announced that he was making \$6.50 an hour as an apprentice plumber back in Fort Worth.

Cruz, the newly crowned World Boxing Association 126-pound champion, said he was going to ask for a raise.

Instead, court-ordered child support obligations dictated that he change jobs.

"I had to start out at less than \$6.50 at my new job and work my way UP to \$6.75," said Cruz, still an apprentice plumber. "I make six dollars and 75 cents an hour, so you can see why I'm trying to move up and improve my situation."

Cruz's nine-month reign as world champion - from June 23, 1986, to March 6, 1987 - hardly was the panacea "Little Stevie" envisioned as his reward for upsetting Irish hero Barry McGuigan after 15 sun-baked rounds. The WBA belt did not make Cruz rich or famous, although the "pride of Diamond Hill" was profiled in Sports Illustrated.

The article was titled, "A Real Nobody Did It Better."

Well, Cruz figured, he was a real nobody - a replacement opponent who was tabbed as a 9-1 betting underdog.

Nearly six years after his ambush of McGuigan, Cruz again is a real nobody fighting for a world title.

On Saturday, Cruz will meet World Boxing Council featherweight champion Paul Hodgkinson of Liverpool, England, in a scheduled 12-round in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

It is a long, long way to travel to try to fix a boxing career that has sprung several fist-sized leaks. Antonio Esparragoza of Venezuela ended Cruz's reign as WBA champion five years ago. Cruz

knocked down but could not defeat International Boxing Federation featherweight champion Jorge "Maromero" Paz of Mexico on Aug. 6, 1989.

In March 1991, Cruz was torched in three rounds by up-and-coming Californian Rafael Ruelas in a bout for the North American Boxing Federation title.

With excess baggage like that accompanying him across the Atlantic Ocean, Cruz has been installed as a 10-1 underdog against Hodgkinson.

Cruz, 28, said he really does like the plumbing profession.

"But boxing is what I do best," Cruz said. "Right before I started getting back into the gym here, a guy at a gym in White Settlement called me up and asked me to come over and show some kids how to box. I wasn't sure if I wanted to teach somebody else how to do it. But the guy told me, 'These are high school kids. They'll listen good. They'll respect you.'"

"I'm not used to that - to being the head guy. I'll be darned. I went out there and they listened real good, and I liked it. I think I'm a pretty good boxing teacher. It was pretty neat."

Stevie Cruz left town Friday as nobody's champ.

"But I think about this all the time," Cruz said. "It's an accomplishment to win the world title twice. This is an opportunity for me to get where I need to go."

Cruz already has come a long way from the red velvet couch that was his bed on North Elm Street, in the city's Diamond Hill section, 10 years ago.

"I haven't been able to afford a home yet," Cruz said, almost apologetically. "That's the next step."

Cruz, his wife Terry and son, Michael, 4, live with Terry's parents, as they have done since their marriage in 1986. It is a comfortable enough arrangement, but not the American Dream that Cruz is looking to mortgage. Cruz also is paying child

support for his 9-year-old son, Estevan "Steven" Anthony. Those payments will continue for another nine years.

"I have a wonderful family. I have to stay strong for my family," Cruz said. "I enjoy Terry and Michael, and I'm taking care of Steven. I'd like to have a better relationship with Steven and see him more. In time I have a feeling things will work out."

"So I have responsibilities to my family. Sometimes I think we can't cut it and I have to do something else."

Cruz is employed by Lopez Plumbing & Heating. Owner Mike Lopez, who Cruz always refers to as Mr. Lopez, and his sons are Cruz's fans and co-workers.

"The plumbing profession, it'll be around for a while," Cruz said. "It's just that I need to go where I'm taken serious."

"I've looked around at what's available. I've taken the postal test three times already. And I want to also get prepared to take my plumbing test. You get a plumbing license, you can get a job anywhere as a journeyman plumber, and start taking steps to move up."

Cruz's boxing career was shoved into reverse by Esparragoza, the slick boxer who scored a 12th-round technical knockout victory before more than 5,200 fans at Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth.

Cruz said that loss haunted him much more than he ever let on, although trainer "Papa" Joe Barrientes sensed that his fighter's self-esteem had suffered serious damage.

"You lose a fight like that," Barrientes said, "you have some big plans and all of a sudden it's like the whole world falls down. And you can't get out of the way."

After losing to Esparragoza, Cruz said, "It was hard to get the awful taste out of my mouth. I just saw it all different. I thought I got a bad deal. He (Esparragoza) was from Venezuela and the head of the WBA was from

Venezuela and I thought, 'That ain't right.' That's not what I thought boxing was."

It was the political side of boxing that Cruz was experiencing for the first time.

In his first fight after beating McGuigan, Cruz scored a non-title 10-round split-decision victory against rugged Roger Arevalo of Mexico in Fort Worth on Nov. 21, 1986. Two weeks later, David Gorman, Cruz's manager, was informed by the WBA that it was about to send to pursue bid the promotional rights to Cruz's first title defense - a mandatory match against the No. 1-ranked Esparragoza.

The purse bid - open to all interested promoters - was to be conducted in Caracas, Venezuela. Backed with money from the Houston Boxing Association, Gorman

scrambled into South America and secured the fight for Fort Worth.

That, Cruz figured, is how a sanctioning body treats a boxer who is not supposed to be on top - like a real nobody.

Somebody on the WBC's championship committee had enough empathy for Cruz, Gorman and rival manager/promoter Barney Eastwood that Cruz was moved into the No. 10 rating spot in time to be eligible to fight Hodgkinson.

Cruz, 35-6 with 19 knockouts, has been idle since suffering the third-round KO against Ruelas on March 31, 1991.

"This fight wouldn't have happened," Gorman said, "if the people in boxing who count don't still recognize Steve as one of the best featherweights in the world."

"And it took Barney calling in some favors."

Cruz could care less who was paid what to shut up, step aside and give him this shot.

"It hasn't crossed my mind," said Cruz, who will earn \$20,000. "I've seen it happen to guys all the time - a lot of guys get good breaks. I was due a good break. I've got it and I'm taking it."



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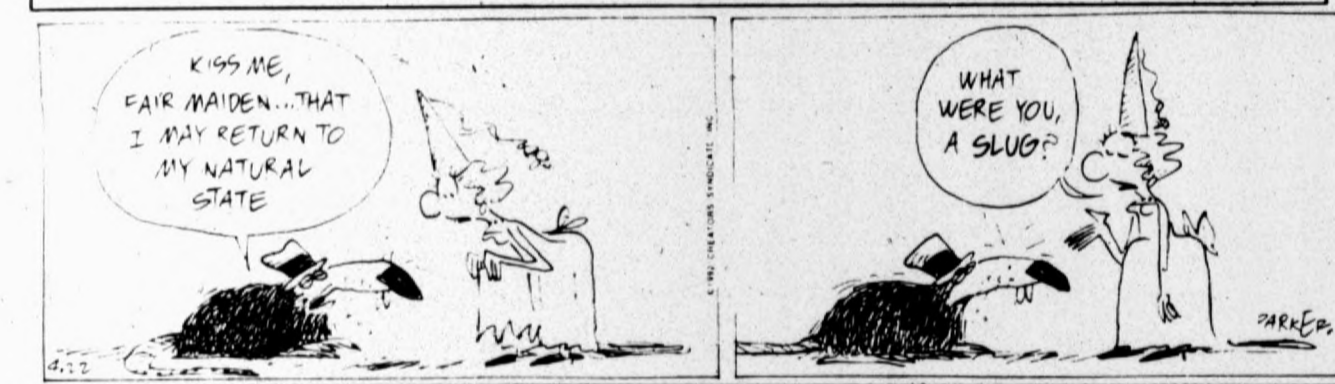
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Sports	Pro Surfing	Major League Baseball (L)	News	Golden	Studs	News	Golden	Studs	News	Golden	Studs	
Diff World	M*A*S*H	Movie: Fly *** J. Goldburn, G. Davis (1986) (R)	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Arasalo Hall	News	Golden	Studs	News	Golden	Studs		
Nick	Looney	F-Troop	Superman	Get Smart	Van Dyke	Dragnet	Hitchcock	Lucy Show	Green	Mark		
MacGyver	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Legacy of Lies *** M. Ontkean, M. Landau	MacGyver	Equalizer	News	Golden	Studs	News	Golden	Studs		
(5:30) Combat Karate	Movie: Hang 'Em High *** C. Eastwood, L. Stevens	Boxing Collins vs. Johnson (L)	Sensual Pleasures	(R)	(5:00) Wholly Moses	Movie: Switch *** E. Barkin, J. Smits (1991) (R)	Crypt Tales	Dream On	R. Dangerfield Big	Godfather		
(5:00) Fortune Cookie	Movie: No Secrets *** A. Coleman, Howard	Movie: Out for Justice *** S. Seagal (R)	Movie: Trancers II *** T. Thomson (R)	(4:00) Cont. Be a Star	Crook and Chase	Nashville Now	American Music Shop	Crook and Chase	Nashville	Human		
Sae Lion	Wild	Wildlife	Wings	Buried Mirror	Choppers	Finpower	Human	Phila.	Evening at Improv	It's Garry		
In Search	Philadelphia Orchestra Live! A Tribute...	A & E Revue	thirty something	China Beach	L.A. Law	Movie: Ryan White Story *** J. Light, G. C. Scott	Basketball	Paradise	Golf	SportsTalk		
Paradise	Golf	SportsTalk	Major League Baseball Tigers at Rangers (L)	Movie: Mountain Road *** J. Stewart, L. Lu (1980)	(5:30) Bugs Bunny	Movie: Anzo *** R. Mitchum, P. Falk (1968) (PG)	Profiles	This is Life	Change	Insight		
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THURSDAY APRIL 23

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Gummi	Pooh	Tree	Dumbo	Donald	Music Box	Wuzzles	Raccoons	Care Bears	Lunch Box	Young
Today	Simply	Sesame Street	Mr. Rogers	Read	Barney	Your	Ventured	News	Braker	News
(05) Jeanie	(35) Switz	(05) Little House	(05) Movie: Incident at Crestridge *** E. Brennan	(05) Perry Mason	(05) Jerry Springer	News	News	News	News	News
Good Morning America	Little	Walters	700 Club	Shells	Paid Program	Healthy	Father	News	News	News
DuckTales	Bozo	Mermald	Perry Mason	Joan Rivers	Price is Right	Young and the Restless	News	News	News	News
(6:00) CBS This Morning	Love Boat	Body	SportsCenter	Body by	Getting Fit	Body	Body	Triathlon	News	News
Ninje	DuckTales	Peter Pan	Chip	700 Club	Success-4-Life	Joan Rivers	Judge	News	News	News
Insp.	Danger	Lassie	Mays Bee	Eureka's Castle	Elephant	Pennin	David	Little Koala	Noonies	Supermark
Scoby	Cartoons	Smurfs	Flintstones	Murder, She Wrote	Divorce Ct.	Divorce Ct.	Justice	Rose Garden	L. Ulmann	Supermark
(6:55) Music Box	J. Lange, A. Mueller-Stahl (1989)	Movie: Apartment *** J. Lemmon, S. MacLaine	Movie: Skid Patrol *** R. Ross, T. Carter	Crisis at Central High	(6:00) Casey's Shadow	Movie: Arena *** P. Satterfield (1990)	(45) Movie: Comic *** D. Van Dyke, M. Lee (1969)	Akira K.'s Dreams	(1990)	Miller
Off Air	VideoMorning	Voices & Visions	Best	Great	Gourmet	Pasquale	HomeWorks	Easy Does	Travel Map.	Avengers
Movie: Showdown	A. Murphy (1963)	Wilderness	Mrs. Columbo	Fugitive	Stater Kate	T. Ullman	E.R.	Supermark.	Horse	Avengers
Attitudes	Baby	Growing	Gourmet	E.N.G.	Body	Baseball	Horseworld	Horse	News	Avengers
Off Air	Pink Panther	Dalles	Knets Landing	Movie: Vengeance of She *** D. Berov	Morning Worship Hour	Our World	Winning	Catch	Paid	Over the Hill Gang
Noticias	Marie	La Movida	Un Rostro en Mi Pasado	La Fuerza del Amor	Hola					

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
(12:00) Young Again (1986)	Haggadah	Tree	Gummi	Donald	Jump	Kids Inc.	Mickey	Win, Lose	Robin Hood	
(12:00) Crt. Another World	Santa Barbara	Oprah Winfrey	Maurly Potch	Curr. Affair	NBC News					
Body Elect.	3-2-1 Extra	Marcia	Sesame Street	Read	Sandiego?	Square One	321	T'Politics		
(12:05) Braker	(35) Family	(05) Tom & Jerry	(05) Flint.	(05) Brady	(05) Happy	(05) Jeff.	(05) Hbilly	(35) Andy		
Home	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Hard Copy	Sally Jessy Raphael	Family	Jeopardy!	ABC News			
Father	Bonanza	Scarecrow and King	Hot Wheels	Captain N	Marlo	Popeye	Rin Tin Tin	New Zorro		
(12:00) Crt. Major League Baseball	Phillies at Cubs (L)	(15) Inning	Flintstones	Video	By the Ball					
Beautiful	As the World Turns	Lighting Night	Little House	Metlock	News	CBS News				
(12:00) Crt. Thoroughbred	Senior PGA	America's Cup Challenger/Defender Finals (L)								
People's	New Perry Mason	Highway to Heaven	Tale Spin	Darkwing	BestJustice	Tiny Toons	Full House	Hogan		
Mays Bee	LBI Bits	Jeff/Colbie	Flipper	Looney	Healthall	Yogi	Insp.	Hey Dude	Would You?	Crazy Kids
Superior	Joker's	Win, Lose	Hollywood	Scrabble	Senior PGA Golf	Greensboro Open, 1st round (L)	Smurfs	Scoby		
(11:05) Movie: There Must Be a Pony	*** E. Taylor (1996)	OWL/TV	Peter	Movie: Forbidden Planet	*** (1956)	(55) Music				
(11:30) Crisis at Central	Movie: Sheena *** T. Roberts, T. Wass (1984) (PG)	Baby	Adv. Tintin	Movie: Toy *** R. Pryor, J. Gleason (PG)						
(11:30) Movie	Movie: Scavengers *** K. Gilman (1988)	Movie: Dream Machine	* C. Hain (1991)	Movie: Hunt for Red October	S. Conroy					
(12:00) Crt. Be a Star	Jubilee	Cookin'	Top Card	Club Dance	VideoPM					
Great	Gourmet	Pasquale	HomeWorks	Easy Does	Crane	Wildlife	Nature of Things	Beyond 2000		
(12:00) Crt. Movie: Phantom of the Opera	*** Wilderness	City of Angels	Fugitive	Avengers						
Shop Drop	(thirty something)	Attitudes	Movie: Cave-In	* R. Milland, D. Cole (1979)	Supermark.	Shop Drop				
(12:00) Horse Racing	Motocross	NASCAR Racing	Pro Basketball Playoffs	Real Adv.	Lure of					
(11:00) Mov	(10) Movie: Magic Carpet	*** L. Bail, J. Agr (1951)	Movie: Hell Below Zero	*** A. Ladd, J. Tetzl (1954)	Gilligan	Bugs				
Sunshine	Just Kids	This is Life	COPE	Psychetry	Sunshine	Westbrook	Great Churches			
(12:00) Crt. Gardenia	Deatho	Cristine	Noticiero	La Movida						

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
(5:30) Robin Hood	(G)	Tell Tales and Legends	Great Expectations (Pt 2 of 3) *** A. Hopkins	Judy Garland	Grand	News	Cosby	Unsolvable Mysteries	Satfield	Satfield
MacNeil/Lehrer	Listen to America	Mystery	Creative Spirit	Comp.	MacNeil/Lehrer	3-2-1 Extra	Mark	Great Performances	News	MacNeil/Lehrer
Addams	Sanford	Movie: Flight to Barbados *** F. Forrest, C. Collet (1985)	Movie: In Cold Blood *** R. Blake, S. Wilson (1967) (R)	News	Wheat	Wonder	Doogie	Room for Sibs	Search/Idol	News
Walters	Brother	Maniac	Father Dowling	700 Club	Jeffersons	Can Be	Movie: Murphy's Law *** C. Bronson, K. Wilhoite (1986)	News	Night Court	Kojak
Married	Night Court	Top Cops	Street Stories	Human Factor	News	Golden	Studs	News	Golden	Studs
Sports	LPBT Bowling	From Winter Park, Fla. (T)	Top Rank Boxing	Arasalo Hall	News	Golden	Studs	News	Golden	Studs
Diff World	M*A*S*H	Simpsons	Dream	Beverly Hills, 90210	Star Trek: Next	Arasalo Hall	Hunter	News	Golden	Studs
Nick	Looney	F-Troop	Superman	Get Smart	Van Dyke	Dragnet	Hitchcock	Lucy Show	Green	Mark
MacGyver	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Gauntlet *** C. Eastwood, S. Locke (1977) (R)	Movie: Gauntlet	*** C. Eastwood, S. Locke (1977) (R)	PGA Golf Greensboro Open, 1st round (R)	Profiles	This is Life	Change	Insight	Paid
(5:55) Music Box	J. Lange, A. Mueller-Stahl (1989)	Movie: Twisted Obsession	*** (1990)	(45) Min.	(15) Movie: Q & A	*** N. Nally (R)	Godfather	(4:30) Toy	Mr. Bean	Movie: Q & A
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(4:00) Crt. Be a Star	Crook and Chase	Nashville Now	Texas Connection	Crook and Chase	Nashville	Human	Phila.	Evening at Improv	Amazing	Human
Melting Pot	Rangers	G.I. Diary	Beyond 2000	Natural World	Pacific Rim					
David Letterman	Amazing Animals	World at War	Brute Force	Evening at Improv	Amazing					
China Beach	L.A. Law	Movie: Midnight's Child	*** O. Abo, M. Water	thirty something	It's Garry					
TX	Honey Hole	S								

Senior Citizens Calendar

LUNCH MENUS

THURSDAY-Hamburger steak, baked sliced potatoes, buttered corn, garden salad, pistachio dessert.

FRIDAY-Catfish nuggets, au gratin potatoes, turnip greens, coleslaw, fruit cobbler.

MONDAY-Polish sausage and kraut, baked sliced potatoes, fried okra, garden salad, apple cobbler.

TUESDAY-Smothered pork chops, baked potatoes, vegetables, cranberry gelatin salad, chocolate cake.

WEDNESDAY-Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, okra creole, tossed salad, fruit with topping.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Stretch and flexibility 10 a.m., oil painting 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., birthday social 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY-Line dance 9:45 a.m., water exercises.

MONDAY-Line dance 9 a.m., devotional 12:45 p.m., water exercises.

TUESDAY-Stretch and flexibility 10 a.m., Beltone 1-3 p.m., water exercises.

WEDNESDAY-Stretch and flexibility 10 a.m., ceramics, water exercises.

The migration route of salmon in the far north takes them about 2,000 miles up the Yukon River.



Membership drive underway

The Hereford Community Concert Association is conducting its annual membership drive through May 2. Those wishing to join the association may call the campaign headquarters at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce office or Ann Meyer at 578-4486 or Majorie Mims at 364-1803. Planning the CCA's 1992-93 concert season, which will feature The Maggini String Quartet, The New Christy Minstrels, Laura Spitzer and Dance Through Time, are from left, Kay Nolan, CCA representative, and CCA members, Donald Meyer and Jane Gulley.



Geranium sale scheduled

Poppy Head, at left, and Shelly Moss, with her daughter Amanda, publicize the L'Allegre Study Club's annual geranium sale scheduled Friday afternoon and Saturday at The Atrium. Members will also be selling frozen casseroles and donations will be accepted on a 1930s collectible quilt to be given away. Proceeds will be used to build a gazebo in Mother's Park. Advance orders for the geraniums may be made by contacting a club member or calling 364-7542.

Bridge tournament planned this weekend

All bridge players are invited to participate in the Hereford Duplicate Bridge Club's bridge tournament Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Hereford Community Center.

The event is an American Contract Bridge League approved and sanctioned tournament but you do not need to be an ACBL member to play in any of the four sessions.

The first session will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and will cost \$6. This will be a "national charity game" with proceeds going to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. A specific charity is chosen each year by ACBL.

There are two sessions scheduled Saturday beginning at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per session.

The Swiss Team session is planned Sunday with the cost set at \$56 per team of four players. The price includes a meal of chicken fried steak and all the trimmings catered by the

Ranch House. Anne Cummings' Camp Fire group will assist with food and drinks.

Mary Stone of Fort Worth is the director furnished by ACBL. Last year, 450 people participated in the weekend bridge tournament. They represented Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas.

The Hereford Duplicate Bridge Club is a non-profit organization. In the past the club has bought 48 card tables, 24 chairs, a fan with five lights, a dishwasher and has contributed cash and numerous other items for the Hereford Community Center.

For further information, contact Joe Don Cummings, president of the Hereford Duplicate Bridge Club, at 364-0067 or Billie Jeter, tournament chairman, at 364-6792. You may also call Brenda Kemp at 364-3423 or Shirley Barber at 258-7582.

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - The Legislature has given final approval to a bill naming a 13-mile stretch of highway for country music star Tammy Wynette.

The Senate sent the bill naming the section of Mississippi 23 to Gov. Kirk Fordice on Tuesday. He is expected to sign it in time for lawmakers to present Wynette with a copy during her concert Thursday in Red Bay, Ala., her hometown.

Wynette is known for such songs "Stand By Your Man" and "D-I-V-O-R-C-E."

Nominations being accepted for 1992 Pioneer Woman

The sixty-fourth Pioneer Round-Up, scheduled for Saturday, May 16, will for the 33rd year, honor a pioneer woman of this area.

Deadline for nominations for the "Pioneer woman of the Plains" has been set for May 1, according to Betty Jolley, chairman of the program committee. The Plainview Business and Professional Women's Club is the sponsoring organization of the Pioneer Round-Up.

Entry blanks for the "Pioneer Woman of the Plains" are available to civic clubs, individuals, women's clubs and organizations in Plainview and surrounding areas and may be secured from Ms. Jolley. All entries must be signed by the organization or individual who is submitting the nomination and must state whether or not she would be able to attend the Round-Up, if selected. The nominee must have been a pioneer resident of the High Plains and be at least 80 years of age. Of most importance, this woman should be one of the early settlers to make her home of the Plains and have a true "pioneer" spirit. A short biography of the nominee must be submitted, including her outstanding contribution to the

hoe, church, community and general welfare of her fellowman.

A panel of Judges will select the winner based on information submitted. The number of times a person is nominated will have no effect on the selection of the honoree. All entries must be postmarked no later than May 1, 1992. Entry blanks and additional information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Jolley, 1-296-7421 or 1-296-0732.

Announcement of the "Pioneer Woman of the Plains" will be made at the evening activities of the 64th Pioneer Round-Up during the programs beginning at 8 p.m. at the Ollie Liner Center.

Nancy Fowler, president of the Plainview BPW Club, said other events of this year's Round-Up include the reception beginning at 10 a.m. honoring all pioneers; parade at 2:30 p.m.; the supper beginning at 6 p.m. the program at 8 p.m. and the square dance following at 9 p.m., all in the Ollie Liner Center on the south edge of Plainview on Highway 87.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Country star Aaron Tippin will celebrate his No. 1 record tonight in an unusual location - a weight room at Vanderbilt University.

"Since he's a weightlifter, we decided it would be a good place to have it," Erin Morris, a spokeswoman for BMG Music, said Tuesday.

About 200 people are expected. No. 1 parties are a tradition on Nashville's Music Row, but they usually are held at hotels or record company offices.

New Arrivals

Cory and Melinda Walden of Hereford are parents of a baby daughter, Kenzie Dence, 8 lbs. 9 oz., who arrived March 28 at an Amarillo hospital. She has a five-year-old brother, Keeton.

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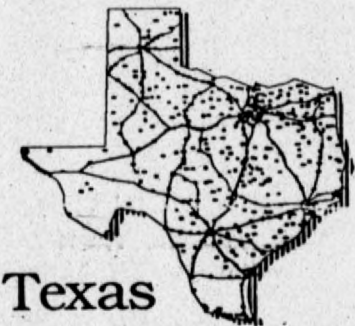
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Ready to work for education

Dollie Parker, right a parent volunteer at Bluebonnet School, visits with her children (from left) Emily, Jami and Brady. They are ready to follow up on information learned at Tuesday's parent rally at Hereford High School. Parents who weren't able to attend the rally but want to learn how to work in partnership with their children and the Hereford schools may contact the office at any school. Special focus groups will begin meeting in the near future.

Hospital association blasts Consumers Union report

A revised report recently released by the Southwest Regional Office of Consumers Union questions hospitals' contributions to charity care, and concludes that non-profits are not doing enough. The Texas Hospital Association, a trade association representing more than 80 percent of all Texas hospitals, strongly challenges Consumers Union's conclusion.

"Public hospital service tax dollars for the purpose of providing health care services to city or county residents who cannot pay for their care. By purpose and design, public hospitals are the safety net for the uninsured," says Jim Houek, senior vice president of health care finance.

"To say that a non-profit hospital should do a specific percentage of uncompensated care or that non-profits' uncompensated care should equal that of public hospitals' is just wrong," Houek said.

Texas hospitals provided \$2.2 billion in uncompensated care (charity/bad debt) in 1990. In addition, Texas hospitals on average lose money on each Medicare and Medicaid patient treated. Non-profit hospitals lost \$1,123 on each Medicare patient treated in 1991, ad lost \$840 on each Medicaid patient in 1991, according to DataPulse, THA's data collection program.

"On a statewide basis, hospital's operating margins were 2.77 percent in 1991. Non-profit hospitals had an operating margin of 3.75 percent, while government-sponsored hospitals, which had a negative .11 percent operating margin, nearly broke even," Houek said.

"Texans are fortunate to have the calibre of public, non-profit and investor-owned hospitals we have. They work diligently to meet the unique needs of tier communities, as appropriate to the missions of the various types of hospitals," Houek added.

In 1988, the Texas Hospital Association worked with Attorney General's Special Task Force to Study Non-for Profit Hospitals and

Un-sponsored Charity Care which developed a definition of charity care. The definition recognizes Medicare/Medicaid shortfalls, and contributions of providing costly services which do not pay for themselves, and the value of education and research. The task force determined that no specific percentage or amount of uncompensated care should be required, since communities needs vary as do patient populations.

Consumers Union says that non-profit hospitals are spending too much money on equipment and technology. The number of Texas hospitals providing high technology services are at or below the national average, Houek says. "As an example, 52.8 percent of Texas hospitals have CT scanners; the national average is 61.1 percent," he added.

"The report implies that only non-profit hospitals have invested in advanced technology, and that simply is not the case," Houek added. "The benefits provided by a sophisticated piece of equipment are available to all patients," he noted.

"Consumers Union originally issued this report in March. Due to its significant errors, Consumers Union retracted the report. Frankly, I have no confidence in the data contained in this hastily-issued revised report, which basically omits pages from the previous version," Houek said. "It's unfortunate that a credible organization like Consumer Union presented such one-sided, misleading analysis of a major issue," he added.

"Texas hospitals know first-hand on the inequitable treatment in hospital financing. We understand and concur with the need for health care reform. Our hospitals are working with the Governor's Health Policy Task Force and with members of the Texas Congressional delegation to maintain access to high quality health care services for all Texans," Houek concluded.

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In a season of hope, Americans are upset

By MIKE FEINSILBER
Associated Press Writer

Sister Jeane O'Laughlin, who runs a private university in the pleasant suburb of Miami Shores, Fla., talks about "the floating anxiety we've been experiencing."

Former newspaper editor Wiley Hilburn of Ruston, La., senses a "nameless, shapeless dread."

Walter John Chilsen of Wausau, Wis., a father of eight, a veteran of World War II, a former Republican state senator, sees "a forewarning of revolution." Mike Redman, a former prosecutor in Olympia, Wash., says, "In this kind of environment, you run the risk of a demagogue grabbing and running with the ball."

What's going on in the land of the free and the home of the brave? Why does the country seem so enraged at its leaders and so anguished about its future?

Across America in this springtime of freshness and hope, AP reporters took those questions to people in a position to speak for a constituency or a community. Those interviewed included a retired minister in San Antonio, Texas; a bank president in Knoxville, Tenn.; the editor of a Spanish-language weekly in San Jose, Calif.; a juvenile judge who moved to Florida as a Vista volunteer nearly 30 years ago to work in the inner city and has been there since.

On the surface, the fear and distemper don't make much sense.

Yes, there's a recession. But it's ending and never was as bad as the last one, 10 years ago. Ninety-three percent of workers, after all, are gainfully employed.

Meantime, the Cold War is over. A 45-year threat of war with a ruthless tyranny is gone. The nuclear risk diminishes, a shroud of fear

lifting.

Everywhere, America is envied, its democracy emulated. Muscovites line up for an American hamburger on a sesame seed bun. Asian youngsters buy worn-out blue jeans, all the more valuable because they were once worn by an American kid.

Yet discontent abounds here. Two-thirds of voters in the primaries say they can't abide any of the candidates. Turnout is low, turnout high. Ross Perot, a billionaire whose ideas still are a mystery to the country, draws thousands to his possible insurgency presidential campaign. Incumbents fear wholesale rejection; many jump ship.

Charlie Nash, 63, who lives on the Ohio farm where he was born - and who lived through the Depression, the big war, the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, the assassinations, Watergate - says he's never seen his country so sour.

"I grew up in the Depression," he says. "The country wasn't in a good mood, but I don't think it was as bad as the mood is right now. At that time, people helped each other."

No single thing explains America's malaise, say the people questioned by AP. But each new event, each new worry adds to the anxiety. Washington's check-bouncing imbroglio would have been a one-week phenomena in ordinary times. Now it lingers, a camel back's straw, corrosive enough to persuade congressmen to quit.

In the interviews, these were among the factors mentioned:

-Divided and deadlocked government, with a Democratic Congress and a Republican presidency. Donna Shalala, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, said people see the political system overrun by

interest groups and politicians concerned solely with getting re-elected and "not leading us, not educating us."

-Big government. "It's in our pockets, it's in our lives in every way. ... It's in our faces," said homebuilder Roger Berle, who lives on Maine's Cliff Island.

-The inability of many two-income families to do more than make ends meet.

-Unemployment and the disappearance of high-paying manufacturing jobs and the inadequacy of low-paying service jobs.

-Negative campaigning. "People are turned off," said Chilsen.

-Television. It is seen as magnifying bad news, exposing people to the stalemate within government, ignoring what's good in society and what works.

-The ire felt when people who are barely getting by on their own see others using food stamps.

-The fearsome cost of medical care.

-The failure of schools to educate. Says Dade County, Fla., Circuit Judge Thomas Petersen, the former Vista volunteer: "We in juvenile justice historically say, 'Stay in school, stay out of trouble.' But you're not going to go to school if you can't read, your peers are dropping out, your mother doesn't send you to school."

-The perception that the Japanese are beating America at what used to be America's own game.

Journalist Hilburn, who picks up his sense of what's going on over breakfast every morning at the Huddle House just off I-20 in northern Louisiana, says anger isn't a strong enough word to describe what he hears. The word that comes to mind, he says, is "outrage."

"Somehow the American dream has just wilted here," he said.

Even Washington shares the disgust with Washington.

Hear what John Danforth, a Republican senator from Missouri and an Episcopal priest, a lawyer, a pillar of the establishment, told colleagues: "I have never seen more senators express discontent with their jobs.... I think the major cause is that deep down in our hearts we believe that we have been accomplices to doing something terrible and unforgivable to this wonderful country. Deep down

in our hearts we know that we have bankrupted America and that we have given our children a legacy of bankruptcy. ... We have defrauded the country to get ourselves elected."

Amen to that, says Pat Lehman, 48, president of the Wichita, Kan., Area Labor Federation, a onetime toolmaker at Beech Aircraft.

"There were lots and lots of promises made to people the last 12 years," Ms. Lehman said. "They were promised we were going to a service-based economy and there would be jobs for everyone."

Well, she said, those jobs pay \$4.35 an hour. "And the reality is nobody can live on that." Two jobs per couple are needed just to pay for the basics, not the extras, she said.

"There are so many people working at lower paying jobs or working at a couple of part-time jobs," added Michael Ferner, a labor organizer who got himself elected as an independent to the city council in Toledo, Ohio. "All these folks are included in the ranks of the employed, but that doesn't necessarily mean that they're feeling very secure."

He yearns for the solutions of Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose New Deal put people to work and built Toledo's library and zoo.

"The other day I was standing in the main lobby of the library," said Ferner. "I thought to myself, 'My God, here we are in a building that is wonderful, built at the tail end of the worst depression this country has ever had. Now, here we are in an economy that's not in good shape, but certainly not as bad off as we were then, and supposedly there's no money to do these kinds of things?'"

Rebecca Valdez, 37, daughter of a welfare mother born in Mexico, held two jobs until her son was born two months ago. Now she edits El Observador in San Jose, Calif., while working on an advanced degree from Stanford University. She thinks people are angry because they now know enough to be angry.

"People aren't putting their heads in the sand like ostriches anymore," Ms. Valdez said. "They're reading about this stuff, and listening to the radio and watching CNN and getting angry."

TV indeed may be undermining faith in Washington, suggested Joseph McNamara, former police chief in San Jose, who started his career walking a beat in Harlem and later earned a doctorate from Harvard.

"People are seeing all the pettiness and special interests," he said. "We've seen congressional hearings televised and realized what fools some of these people are. ... The public is hungry for a politician who isn't afraid to have intellectual discussions."

He said Michael Dukakis, the Democratic presidential candidate

four years ago, fumbled in failing to respond to the famous Willie Horton TV commercial "and it's been slogans ever since."

"Even I feel a little irritated and hostile," said chancellor Shalala at the University of Wisconsin, who was selected by Ladies Home Journal as one of the country's 50 most powerful women.

"Nothing is getting done," she said. "We have horrendous problems in health care and education but we are just playing around the edges and no one is being honest with us."

But it is just a phase, Ms. Shalala believes; "resilient" Americans will snap out of it.

What troubles Holly Gadbaw, 46, the former mayor of Olympia, Wash., and a graduate of Ms. Shalala's university, is that children are "much more pessimistic" than their parents. She sees it in her own teen-aged sons.

Maybe television's to blame, she suggested. It carries endless reports of drug use, violence, environmental degradation. "Where's the balance?" she asked.

Television? Or politicians?

"The whole thing is, we don't even know whose fault it is today. We don't know where to put the blame. But we do expect something from elected officials."

So said Leah Chase, who runs Dooky Chase, a Creole and soul food

restaurant with food so appealing it draws people from all over New Orleans despite its scruffy neighborhood. She blames the lack of admirable leaders. She said she thinks America is more frightened than angry.

Don Baugh, 65, a retired Episcopal priest in San Antonio, knows teachers in his city's barrio who are quitting because of the hostility of students - and their parents - when bad grades are handed out. Nothing is sacred; even the clergy are suspect these days, said Baugh.

He thinks maybe the end of the Cold War contributed to the national unease: "People need enemies."

"Hope has been battered time and again," said Sister O'Laughlin, who runs Barry University in Miami Shores. Job prospects worry college students. She knows a young man who is graduating with a \$9,000 college loan debt; he is engaged to a woman who owes about as much.

Still, Sister O'Laughlin has not abandoned hope. She sounds a theme suitable for spring and Easter and Passover:

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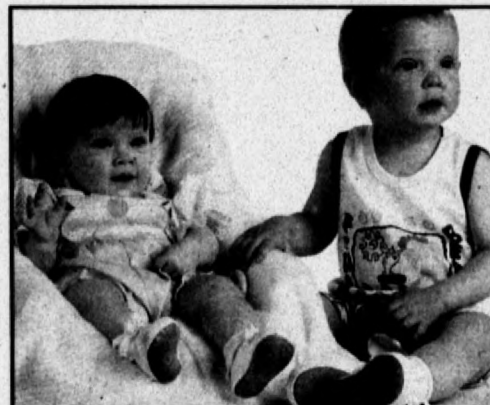
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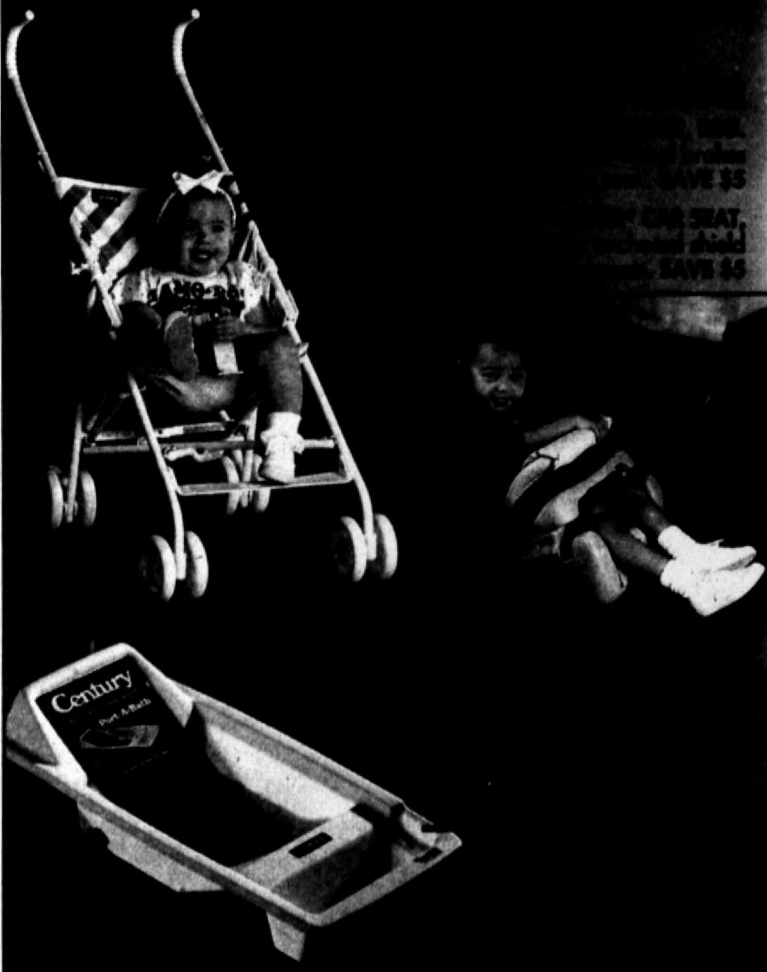
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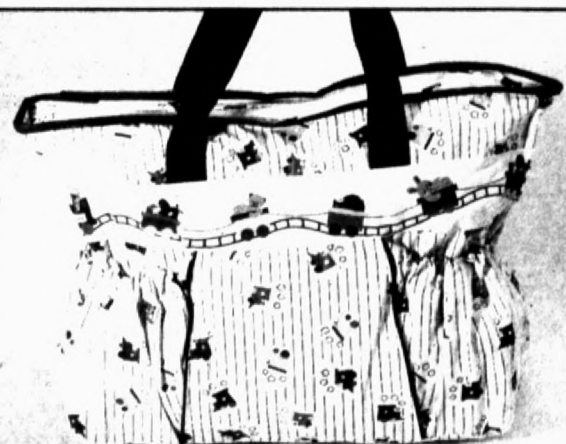
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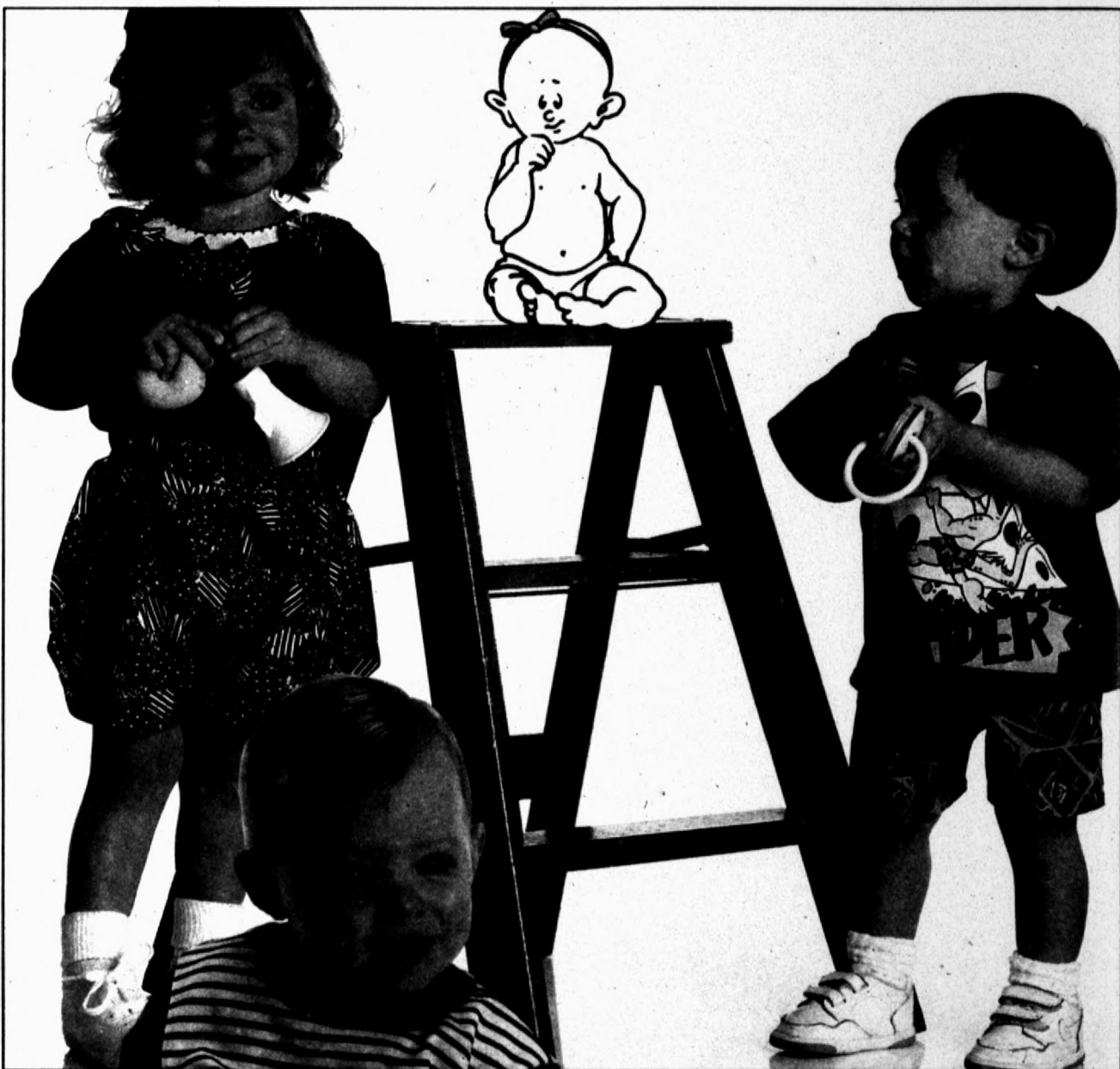
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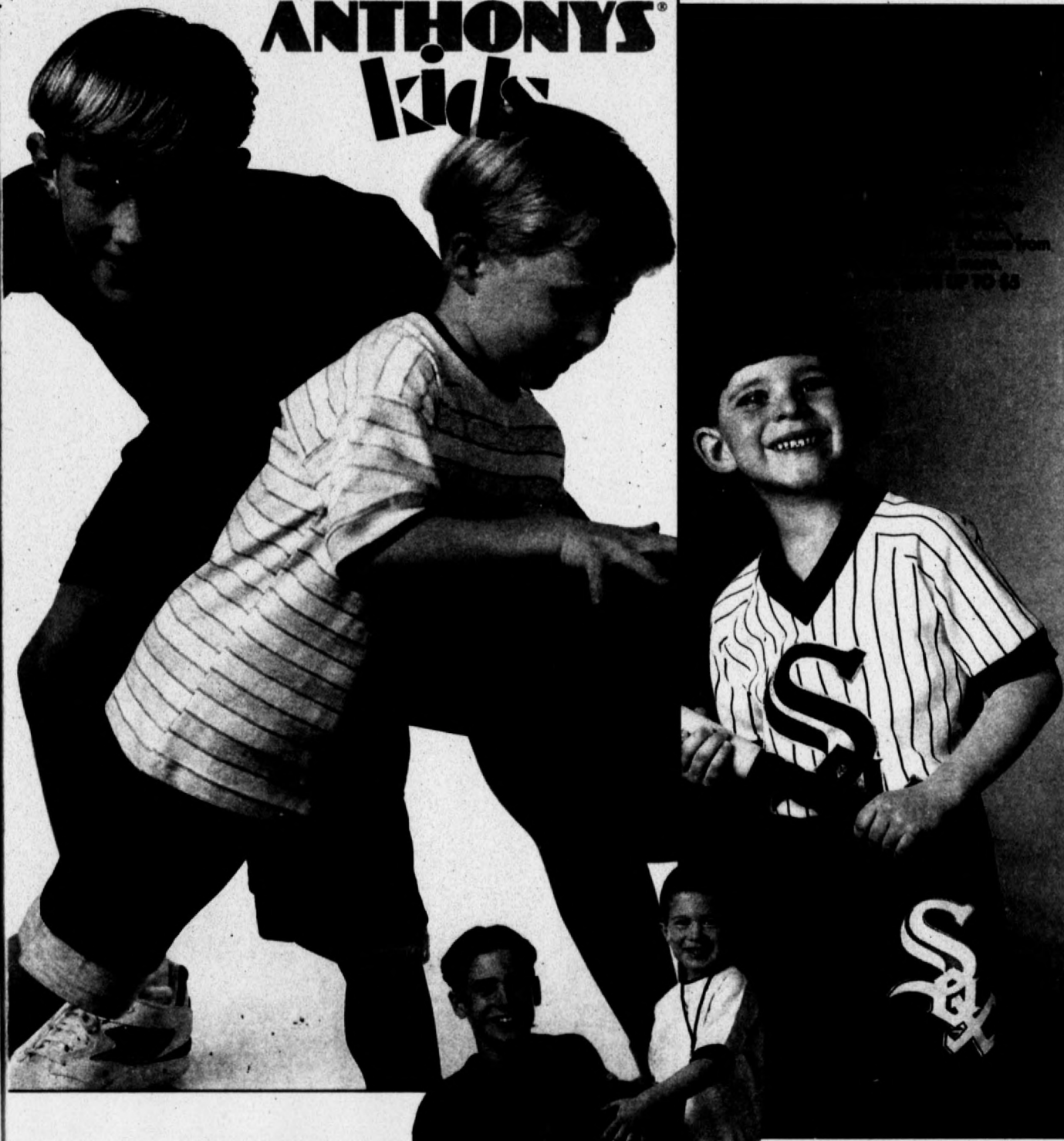
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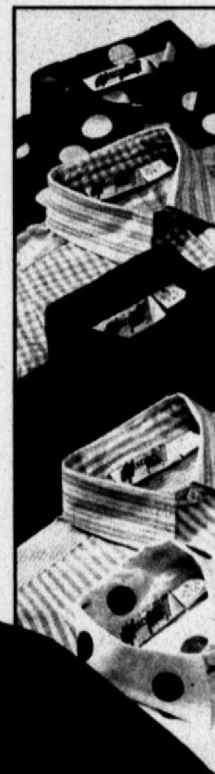
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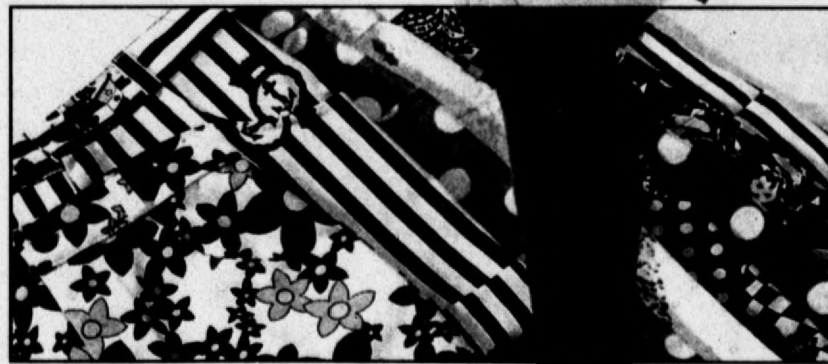
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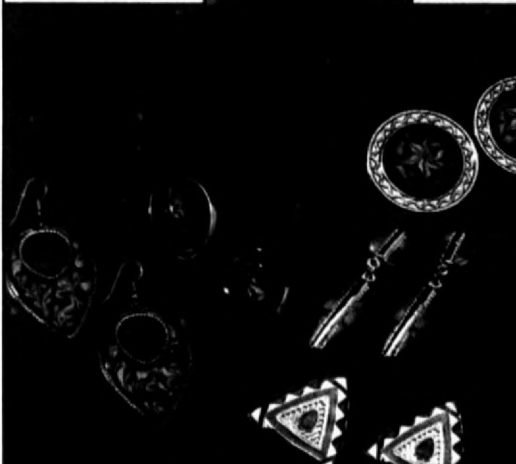


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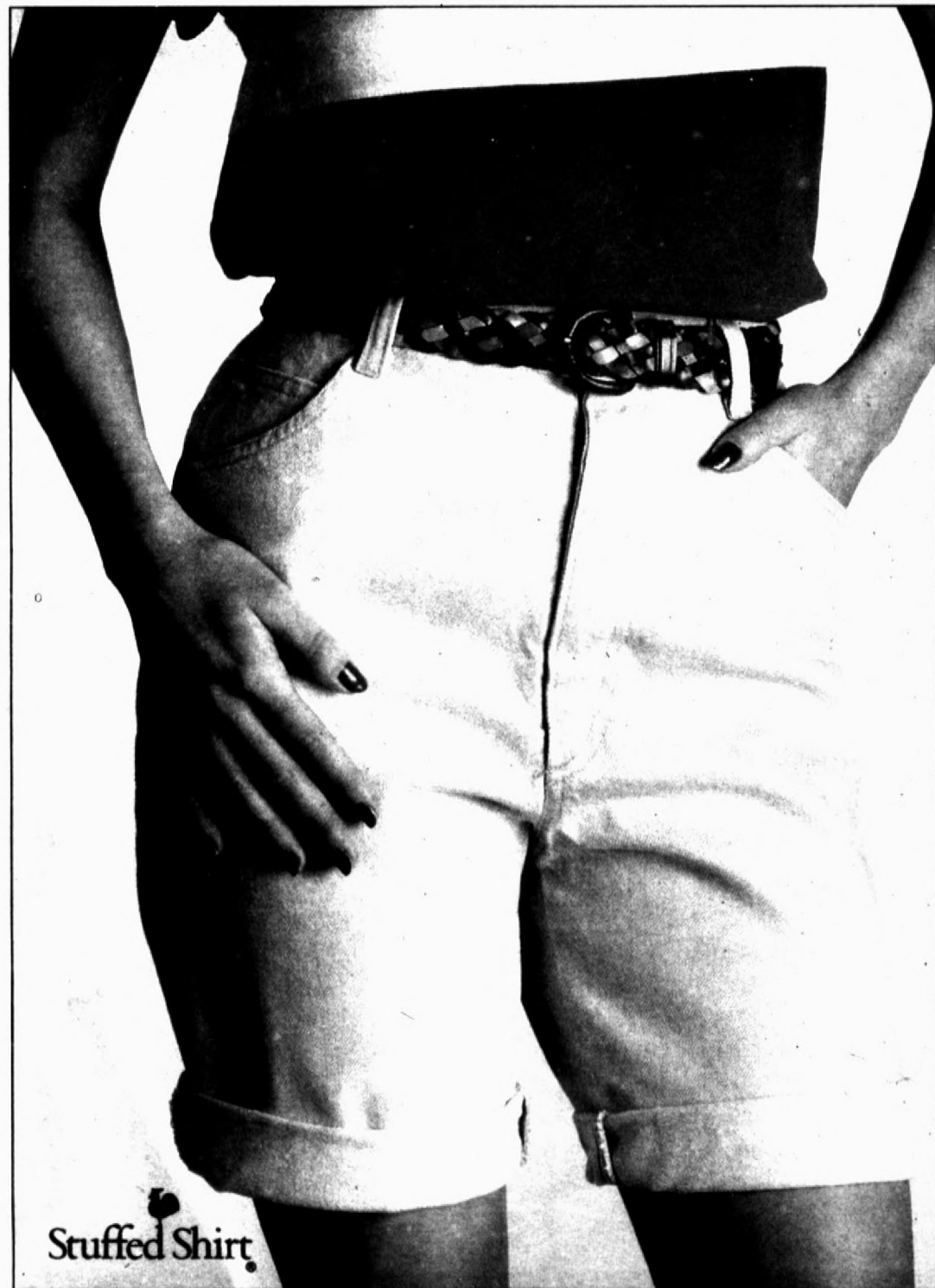
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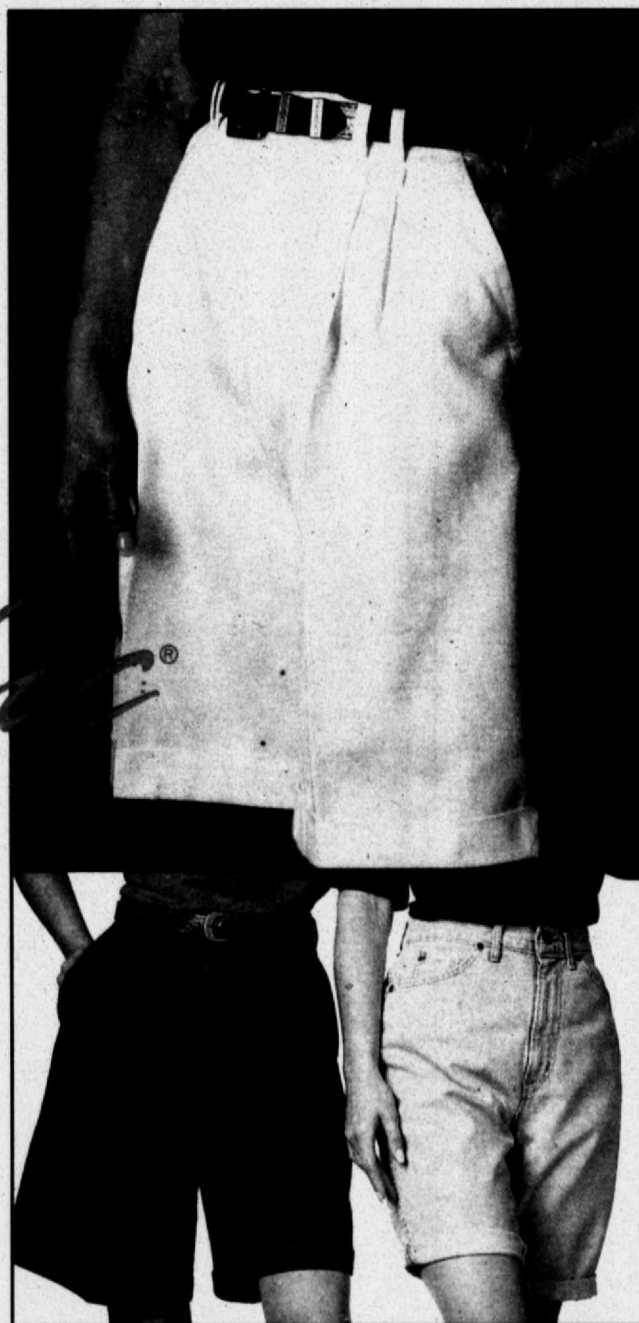
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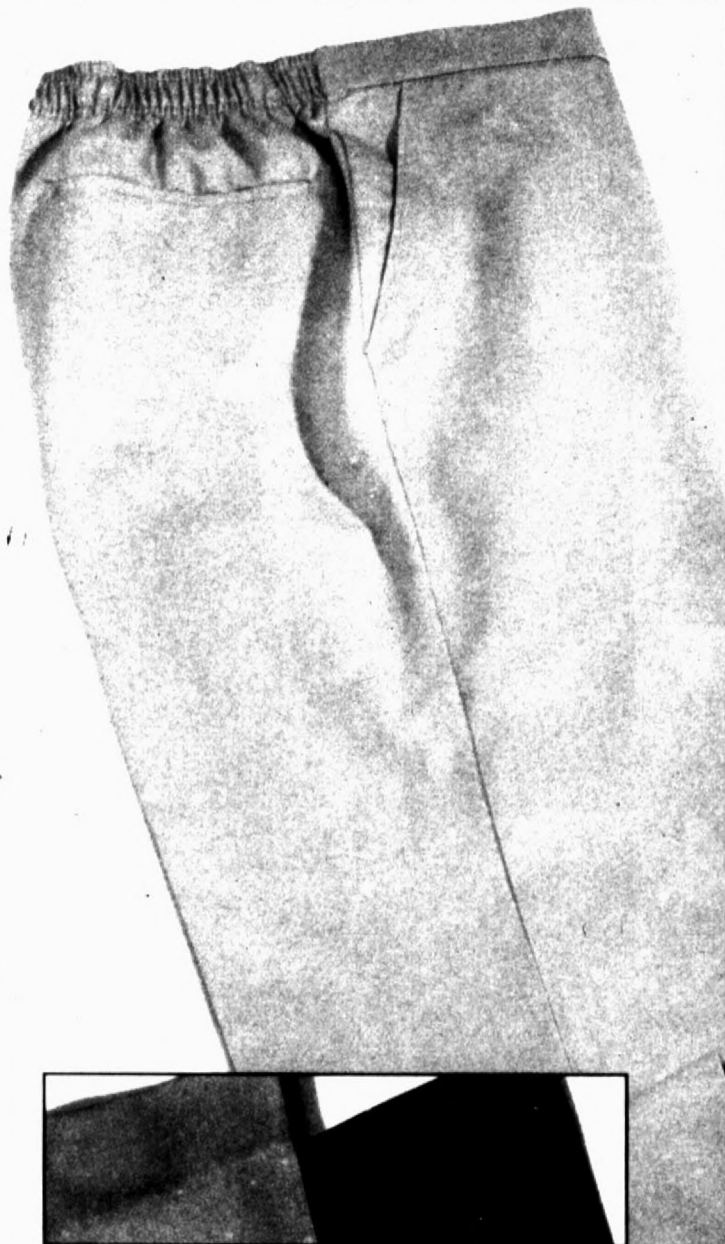


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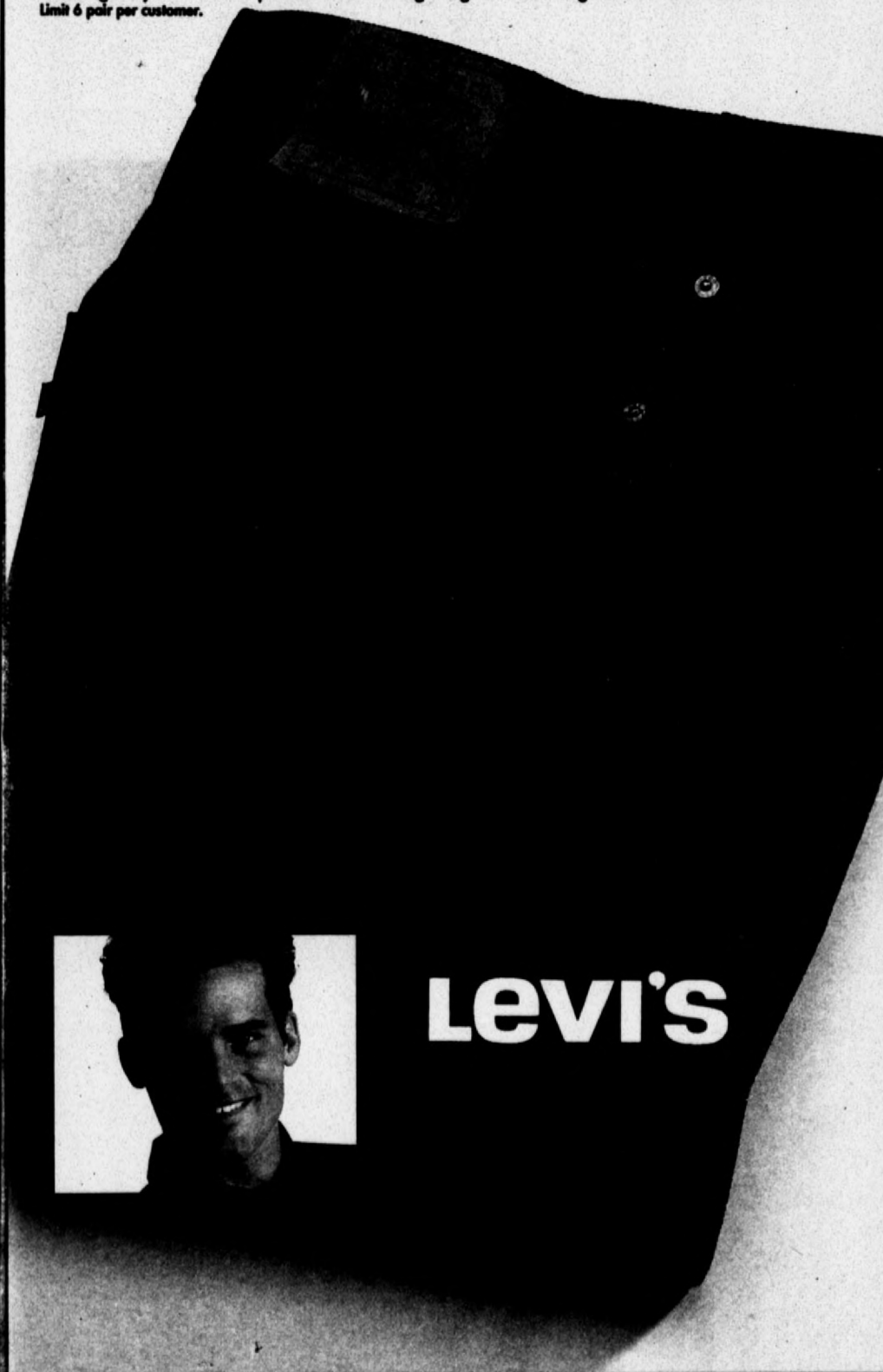
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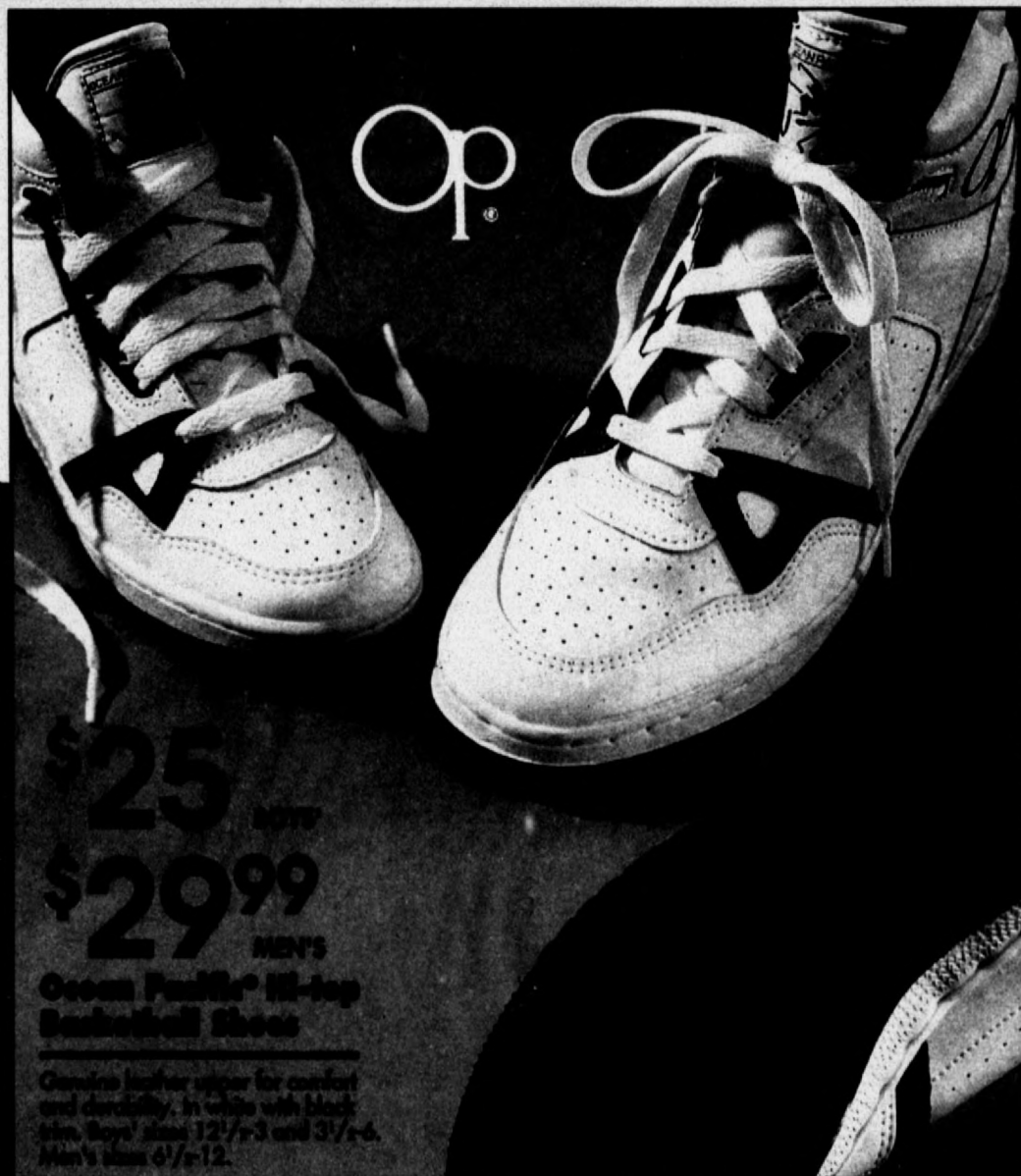
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