



GARDEN

Plant survival

Gardeners in Midland should look for plants that adapt to the Permian Basin environment, especially its drought-like conditions./10C



SPORTS

March madness

Top-seeded Kentucky will open the NCAA Midwest Regional against San Jose State in today's games./1C

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Big tip

Waitress Ruth Bullis, shown in front of the restaurant/bar where she works in Lake Oswego, Ore., received the tip of her life last November — \$1,000 for a \$3.95 gin and tonic. But now the customer wants his money back. Story, page 10A.

Watching Powell

WASHINGTON — A day after Bob Dole emerged as the inevitable Republican presidential nominee, attention swung to Colin Powell, who might or might not run with him. The Powell mystique was back in full force. Even Dole was caught up in speculation about whether the former general could be induced to join the ticket. Page 7A.

AIDS research

WASHINGTON (AP) — Activists are applauding a report by top scientists that calls for shaking up the federal AIDS research program. But they're also asking, "What took so long?" The report, to be issued publicly today, calls for major changes in the way the National Institutes of Health has conducted research, drug trials and vaccine development for the \$1.4 billion federal AIDS program. Page 10A.

Four millionaires

AUSTIN — Four tickets bought in La Porte, San Antonio, Wichita Falls and Bellville correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$25 million. The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 1, 9, 19, 24, 38, and 48. Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$4 million.

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16 kindergartners die in massacre at school

Disgraced former Boy Scout leader opens fire on class of 29 in Scotland, kills teacher, officials say.

Associated Press

DUNBLANE, Scotland — One child, sobbing, leaned heavily against a car door. Another, her eyes glazed, stumbled through the jostling crowd at the primary school gate.

In the main street nearby, a woman shrieked, "Victoria! Victoria!"

Dunblane, a tranquil cathedral

town at the foot of the Scottish Highlands, roiled in grief and horror Wednesday after a disgraced former Boy Scout leader armed with four handguns killed or wounded all but one of 29 kindergartners playing in the school gymnasium, and killed their teacher.

The slaughter of the innocents was over in moments.

Just setting in is the shock, the devastation, the sheer sense of stunned disbelief in this beautiful country town and throughout a nation with strict gun control laws and very few multiple slayings.

"Just now, to most people, this is a nightmare," said school board

member Gerry McDermott. "But they will not wake up from it."

Five-year-old Stewart Weir will never forget the man with the guns. The boy ran, escaped with only a bullet-grazed leg and was able to tell his Dad about it.

"Stewart said he thought the gunman was shooting at him," Robert Weir said after comforting his son in the hospital. "He got hit in the leg, so he took a run and just hid with another wee girl. It is lucky the man turned the gun on himself before he got the rest of the kids."

Frantic parents tried to get into Please see SCHOOL/2A



AP Laserphoto

Relatives of children who attend a school in Dunblane, Scotland, cry outside the building. A gunman opened fire, killing 16 children and one teacher and wounding at least 12 children.

FAITH IN PEACE



AP Laserphoto

World leaders hold hands during the group photo following the end of the one-day "summit for peacemakers" in Sharm El Sheik, Egypt, Wednesday. Left to right are: Turkey's President Suleyman Demirel, Jordan's King Hussein, Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, U.S. President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Others are unidentified.

Arabs, Israelis, world unite against terrorism

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) — Shoulder-to-shoulder in a historic show of solidarity, Arabs joined Israelis at a summit of world leaders Wednesday to vow unequivocal support for the bomb-ripped Middle East peace process and an unrelenting war against terrorists.

"From all around the world, we have come to the Sinai to deliver one simple, unified message: Peace will prevail," President Clinton said as kings, presidents, prime ministers and princes — 28 in all — gathered for what was billed as "the summit of the

peacemakers."

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whose nation was thrown into turmoil by four attacks that killed 62 people over nine days, was visibly moved by the outcome. He spoke of watching "with an unbelieving eye" as former Arab enemies pledged to end the scourge of terrorism.

"They are the most impressive leaders of our time," Peres said. "It's a big deal," Clinton said of the summit.

Afterward, Clinton and Peres flew together on Air Force One to Israel

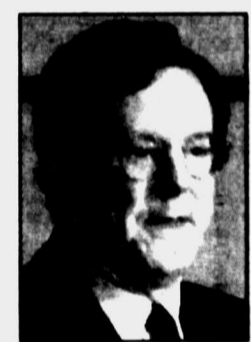
where Clinton met with President Ezer Weizman. Reflecting on the summit, Clinton said, "I feel much better about our prospects for presenting a united front against terror and for security."

Today, Clinton will visit the grave of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, slain by a Jewish militant who opposed his peace efforts. The president also will deliver a speech of sympathy and support for Israel as it grieves the deaths of men, women and children in the bombings.

Please see UNITE/2A

Forbes plans to end pursuit of nomination, insiders reveal

WASHINGTON (AP) — With just 76 delegates to show for his \$30 million investment, Steve Forbes decided Wednesday to abandon his bid for the Republican presidential nomination and throw his support to GOP front-runner Bob Dole, aides said.



Steve Forbes will endorse Dole, a senior aide says.

Forbes planned an afternoon withdrawal announcement today in Washington, said campaign manager Bill Dal Col. A senior Forbes aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Forbes would endorse Dole and pledge his help in defeating President Clinton in the fall.

Dal Col said one reason Forbes put off the formal announcement for a day was so that his family could join him.

"No doubt about it — it helps," Dole said when asked about the effect of Forbes' withdrawal. He declined further comment until Forbes makes his remarks today.

Forbes had vowed as recently as Wednesday morning to stay in the race through the March 19 Midwestern primaries, maintaining as he has in recent weeks that he wants to take his flat-tax message to the voters.

But in the face of Tuesday's defeat, he talked openly about getting out of the race if he didn't have a strong showing in next week's Rust Belt primaries, setting in motion a series of night-and-day consultations that led to his decision to withdraw.

And after spending much of the day closeted in a Washington hotel room with advisers, Forbes accepted their judgment that the chances for a victory in Illinois, Ohio, Michigan or Wisconsin were bleak, given Dole's big lead.

Forbes then began considering quitting sooner and contacted several associates outside his senior campaign staff

Please see FORBES/2A

Former Nancy Reagan aide talks about states' rights at luncheon

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel Staff Writer

Midland Republicans were treated to stories about former first lady Nancy Reagan Wednesday, while learning more about states' rights.

Kathleen White, former press secretary for Mrs. Reagan, was keynote speaker at the luncheon of the Midland County Republican Women.

She told anecdotes about her time at the White House and talked about the Tenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and how it affects states' rights.

"My days working in the White House mean a great deal to me," she said. "It was my privilege to get up every day and work in that house for the Reagans."

As one member of a 12-person staff, she said it was more like working in a campaign office than the White House.

Among her more unusual duties was bathing the first dog. She said she was amazed at the media interest in the dog. But, the biggest media attention was focused on Princess Diana's visit.

Speaking of the Tenth Amendment — which guarantees that states' rights are sovereign over the federal government — she said President Reagan had the courage to "try and restore the basics of the Constitu-

Please see LUNCHEON/2A



White

Nation's fifth-largest cigarette maker agrees to settle class-action lawsuit

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The tobacco industry's united front began to crumble Wednesday when the nation's fifth-largest cigarette maker agreed to settle a class-action lawsuit accusing tobacco companies of manipulating nicotine levels to keep smokers hooked.

Liggett Group, which makes Chesterfield and Eve cigarettes, said that for the next 25 years, it will pay 5 percent of its pre-tax profits, or \$50 million a year, whichever is less, toward programs that help people stop smoking.

The settlement "has destroyed the tobacco industry's invincibility. Never again can they claim they have never lost a smoking-related lawsuit," said Ken Carter, a lawyer pursuing the case on behalf of as

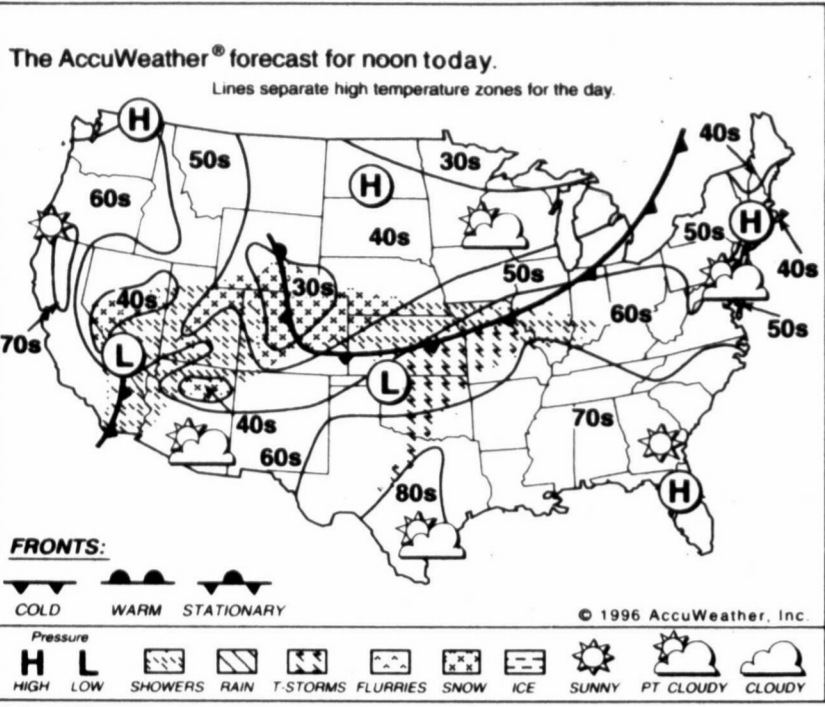
many as 50 million smokers and former smokers.

The settlement removes Liggett as a defendant from the lawsuit, which claims the major tobacco companies and their lobbying arm, the Tobacco Institute, concealed research showing nicotine is addictive and manipulated nicotine levels.

Liggett said it is also pursuing a settlement with five states — Florida, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi and West Virginia — that want tobacco companies to pay their Medicaid costs of treating smoking-related illnesses.

"This is the first time that anyone in the tobacco industry has broken the code of silence," said Mississippi. Please see SET 1E/2A

WEATHER WATCH



SCHOOL: Ex-Boy Scout leader turns gun on himself

(From 1A)

the school while police and ambulance workers inside confronted unspeakable horror.

"I can only describe what I saw ... as a medieval vision of hell," paramedic John McEwan told The Sun, a London tabloid. "There were little bodies in piles, dotted around the room, and items of children's clothing like shoes and pumps around the floor."

The final toll was 16 dead children, 12 wounded children, two dead adults — one of them the gunman, who took his own life — and two wounded teachers. The dead children included 11 girls and five boys.

Dunblane is the sort of place people almost never leave, a place whose 9,000 residents clearly care about each other. Just 35 miles northwest of Edinburgh, it straddles the River Allan in the spectacular Perthshire countryside leading into the highlands.

An ecclesiastical center since the seventh century, it has a cathedral, which, like the town's life, was described by Victorian social theorist John Ruskin as "perfect in its simplicity."

It also had Thomas Hamilton, 43, a reclusive individual who lived in a public housing project in Stirling, 5 miles away, and came to Dunblane to supervise a boys' athletic group.

Balding and bespectacled, Hamilton belonged to a local gun club and liked taking photographs. Beyond that, neighbors did not know much about Hamilton. Not, for example, that he was a scout leader in Stirling in the early 1970s but was expelled for what the Boy Scouts Association called "complaints about unstable and possibly improper behavior following a Scout camp."

He kept up his involvement with young people, however, running boys' groups that met in municipal halls in Stirling, Dunblane and neighboring towns through the 1980s.

Some parents then expressed suspicions about his activities, and boys complained about his habit of photographing them once he'd made them assume strange poses, thrusting out their chests or executing gymnastic moves, usually after stripping off their shirts.

Always, Hamilton wanted to get back into the Scouts. Five days ago he wrote to Queen Elizabeth II, scouting's patron, reportedly to complain the Boy Scouts Association was sullying his reputation.

No one interviewed Wednesday remembered seeing Hamilton set off Wednesday along the two-lane motorway to Dunblane, or turn up Doune Road to the school or wander onto the unguarded playground, through the unlocked front door, across the dining hall and into the gym.

In Dunblane, no one had ever thought of guarding a school.

At 9:30 a.m., teacher Gwen Mayor, 44, was supervising 29 lively youngsters as they ran around the gym and took turns scrambling up the climbing bars. That's the moment Hamilton appeared in the doorway — and opened fire on them all.

Elsewhere in the school, children heard a noise like firecrackers and jumped up from their desks and ran to windows to see what was going on.

Teachers ordered them under their desks. The principal dialed the police.

It was Britain's worst shooting since Michael Ryan, 27, also a loner and gun enthusiast, shot 16 people in the southern English market town of Hungerford on Aug. 19, 1987. He, too, killed himself.

Parents learned of the shootings quickly and rushed to the school. The lucky ones, sobbing with relief, hugged the older children who emerged. There was neither relief nor solace for those led to an adjacent building or the nearby Westlands Hotel to be told the worst possible news, that their daughters or sons were dead.

Shortly after the massacre, a group of teenage boys walked around to the rear of the roped-off school and stared at bullet holes in the gym windows.

They recalled Hamilton as a strange man who made them feel uncomfortable.

"He used to walk me down from the boys' club and try to invite himself into my house. He seemed queer," said Jamie Milligan, 14.

On television, politicians' voices shook with emotion. The queen sent a message — "I share the grief and horror of the whole country" — as did Prime Minister John Major, from a summit on terrorism in Cairo, Egypt.

As darkness fell Wednesday, parents formally identified their slaughtered children in the town mortuary or at Stirling Royal Infirmary.

Scores of people drifted in ones, twos and threes toward the cathedral, where they knelt and prayed in silence.

Midland to see mid-70s today

Staff Report

Today is expected to be mostly sunny and breezy with a high in the mid-70s and winds from the west at 15-25 mph and gusty, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight should be fair with a low between 40-45.

Friday is expected to be partly cloudy with a high between 65-70.

The high for Wednesday was 85, compared to the record high for that date of 89, set in 1989. Wednesday's low was 45. The record low is 14, set in 1993 and 1932.

STATE

Gusty southerly winds buffeted Texas under sunny skies Wednesday. Temperatures were warm with most highs in the 70s.

At 3 p.m., readings ranged from 70 degrees at Guadalupe Pass in Far West Texas and 71 at Galveston in the southeast to 90 degrees at Cotulla in South Texas.

Most skies were sunny, but there were patchy low clouds along the middle and upper Texas coast and scattered high thin cirrus clouds over North and East Texas.

A trough of low pressure extended from Central Oklahoma into the Texas South Plains and then into the Big Bend. Meanwhile, high pressure centered over the southeastern U.S. and its associated clockwise flow combined with the trough to produce strong and gusty south winds.

Speeds were 15 to 25 mph gusting between 30 and 35 mph. El Paso had gusts of 45 mph and blowing dust that lowered visibility to 2 miles.

The North Texas forecast is for today to be partly cloudy to sunny, windy and warm. Highs will be mostly in the 70s. Lows in the 40s.

South Texas is to be mostly clear today with highs in the 70s and 80s with gusty south winds. Lows in the 60s.

Forecasters said West Texas will have mostly sunny days and fair nights through Friday. Showers are possible over parts of the Panhandle late this afternoon and tonight. Turning cooler today with highs from the 60s in the Panhandle and the Far West to the 70s and 80s elsewhere. Lows tonight mostly 30s and 40s.

NATION

Up to a foot of snow spread through the mountains of the Southwest on Wednesday. In Arizona, the deserts got everything from snow to a possible tornado.

Scattered light rain also fell over the Great Lakes, with showers in Michigan, Illinois and Ohio. It was clear and mild across the East Coast.

A big low pressure system over the Southwest spread a foot or so of snow on parts of the Sierra Nevada along the California-Nevada state line. Snow was falling at a rate of an inch an hour at Mammoth Mountain.

Snow also dusted the valleys of western Nevada around Reno, Sparks and Carson City before turning to rain. The storm left western Nevada and the Sierra well above their average precipitation amounts for this time of year.

As the storm rolled eastward, a winter storm watch was in effect through today for elevations above 7,500 feet in parts of Colorado. As much as a foot of snow was possible.

Midland statistics

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:
Yesterday's high: 85 degrees
Overnight low: 45 degrees
Sunset today: 6:55 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7 a.m.

Precipitation:
Last 24 hours: none
This month to date: .01 inches
Year to date: .09 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

6 p.m.	82	6 a.m.	48
7 p.m.	75	7 a.m.	45
2 p.m.	55	2 p.m.	82
3 a.m.	53	3 p.m.	83
4 a.m.	51	4 p.m.	85
5 a.m.	49	5 p.m.	82
	58	noon	80
1 a.m.	57	1 p.m.	79
2 a.m.	55	2 p.m.	82
3 a.m.	53	3 p.m.	83
4 a.m.	51	4 p.m.	85
5 a.m.	49	5 p.m.	82

Weather elsewhere

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:33 p.m. EST

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Outk
Albuquerque	66	37	city	
Anchorage	39	28	04	sn
Atlanta	71	40	city	
Baltimore	63	30	city	
Boston	48	31	city	
Charleston, S.C.	67	28	city	
Chicago	58	32	city	
Cincinnati	64	32	city	
Denver	62	29	sn	
Detroit	53	28	city	
Fargo	37	27	city	
Flagstaff	36	29	city	sn
Grand Rapids	53	33	city	
Honolulu	84	72	city	
Kansas City	71	44	city	
Las Vegas	59	48	city	m
Little Rock	70	40	city	
Los Angeles	63	52	city	m
Louisville	68	35	city	
Memphis	69	46	city	
Miami Beach	70	56	city	
New Orleans	76	47	city	
New York City	58	36	city	
Oklahoma City	84	45	city	
Orlando	72	41	city	
Philadelphia	59	32	city	
Phoenix	68	55	city	m
Portland Ore.	60	37	city	
Reno	47	30	city	
Salt Lake City	48	40	city	m
San Diego	61	54	city	m
San Francisco	71	48	city	
Santa Fe	65	28	city	
Seattle	55	40	city	
Shreveport	79	48	city	
Tucson	69	55	city	m
Washington, D.C.	64	33	city	

Area forecast

WEST TEXAS: Permian Basin — Today, sunny and breezy. Highs in the mid 70s. Tonight, fair. Lows 40-45. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs 65-70. Friday night, fair. Lows 40-45. Extended forecast: Saturday and Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs 40-45. Highs 70-75. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows 40-45. Highs 65-70.

Border forecasts

NEW MEXICO: Today, mostly cloudy northwest with scattered showers. Snow showers mainly mountains. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Highs 40s and 50s mountains and northwest with mid 50s toward 70s lower elevations east and south. Tonight through Friday night, mostly cloudy northwest with scattered rain and snow showers. Partly cloudy southwest with a slight chance of mainly mountain showers. Snow showers higher elevations. Lows mid teens to low 30s mountains and north with 30s to low 40s southern lowlands. Highs near 40 to upper 50s mountains and north with upper 50s to low 70s lower elevations south.

OKLAHOMA: Today, partly to mostly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 70s and lower 80s. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms central and east. Lows mid 30s northwest. Oklahoma to lower 50s southeast. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs upper 50s northwest. Oklahoma to upper 60s Red River valley. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows mid 30s to mid 40s.

Extended forecast: Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs mainly in the 80s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s to upper 40s. Highs mostly 60s. Monday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows mid 30s to mid 40s. Highs 50s north to 60s south.

Texas temperatures

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

City	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	86	58	
Amarillo	81	35	
Austin	82	53	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	76	55	
Bryan-College Station	80	54	
Corpus Christi	80	54	
Dallas	81	56	
El Paso	80	41	
Fort Worth	82	54	
Galveston	72	58	
Houston	78	51	
Laredo	86	58	
Lubbock	83	58	
Marfa	77	28	
San Angelo	86	49	
San Antonio	84	47	
Victoria	77	50	
Waco	82	56	
Wichita Falls	87	53	
Wink	88	34	

FORBES: Withdrawal announcement to be today, aides say

(From 1A)

before making his decision, sources said.

A key issue was when and where to make the announcement. Forbes considered returning to his New Jersey home to withdraw, but eventually decided to stay in the capital, according to a source familiar with the deliberations.

Consulting with Forbes during the day were former Sens. Malcolm Wallop and Bob Kastel. Former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp — whose offer to serve as a bridge between Forbes and Dole enmeshed the campaign in controversy during its final days — also attended some of the sessions.

"My hope would be that Bob Dole would reach out to Steve immediately," Kemp said after the decision became public. "So far he has

shown no magnanimity in victory ... (T)hey made a rather half-hearted plea for unity last night but didn't mention Steve's contribution to the debate and to the cause."

Forbes' decision came after the euphoria of winning the Delaware and Arizona primaries evaporated in the face of a string of resounding defeats.

Since Arizona, Forbes has not spent much money on television advertising, a sign to campaign watchers that he had reached the limit of how deep he was willing to dig into his personal fortune to finance his campaign.

Overall, Forbes spent more than \$30 million, nearly all his own money, to earn 901,000 votes during the primary season — 16 percent of those cast, putting him third behind Dole and Pat Buchanan.

His centerpiece issue was the flat tax — a pure 17 percent tax on

income that would not tax investment income and would eliminate the popular deductions for mortgage interest and gifts to charity.

Forbes stubbornly, defiantly defended his plan in the face of stiff criticism from rivals who said it would allow the rich to keep millions from taxation while removing deductions treasured by the middle class.

Even after Dole became the presumptive nominee, Forbes stubbornly stuck to the race — an effort, he repeatedly said, to get the flat tax before voters.

After Forbes' Arizona win, the campaign shifted to South Carolina, where Dole's big win put the Senate majority leader back in the driver's seat. Forbes tried to slow Dole in New York by winning the eleventh-hour endorsement of Kemp.

But the move backfired.

Dole went on to win New York easily, sweeping all 93 delegates. And Kemp soon had the Forbes campaign mired in turmoil, when he talked publicly of being willing to broker peace between Forbes and Dole.

Forbes repudiated his longtime friend's remarks, but the controversy overshadowed Forbes' last-ditch effort to revive his campaign with a strong showing in Florida.

Forbes had hoped the tax benefits the flat tax affords to the elderly — Social Security income would not be taxed under his plan — would win him converts among Florida's many retirees as it had in Arizona. But Forbes got just 20 percent of the vote in placing a distant second to Dole.

"Obviously, the results Tuesday were disappointing," Forbes said. "Especially in Florida, where we made a concentrated effort."

UNITE: World leaders show support of peace process

(From 1A)

Clinton was accompanied to Egypt and Israel by CIA Director John Deutch and Secretary of State Warren Christopher. When Clinton returns to Washington today, they will remain behind to work out an anti-terrorism and intelligence agreement between the United States and Israel.

In a political sense, Clinton's advisers hope his trip will enhance his election-year image as a world peacemaker. The summit outcome also could give a boost to Peres, struggling to hold power in May 29 elections.

The hurriedly arranged meeting in this Red Sea scuba-diving resort was aimed at wresting the momentum from the suicide bombers of Hamas whose attacks stunned Israel and left the peace process in tatters.

"This terrorism is not anonymous," Peres said. "It has a name, it has an address, it has bank accounts. ... It is spearheaded by a country — Iran. Tehran has become the capital of terror."

Yet, the summit's final communique did not single out any country by name. Instead, it

pledged to crack down on terrorists by cutting them off from financing, arms, recruitment and safe havens. Only Peres and British Prime Major John Major of Britain, accused Iran in their speeches.

Notable by his absence was President Hafez Assad of Syria, a nation accused by Washington of supporting terrorism, yet a key player in the slumping Middle East peace process. Clinton said he wished the Syrians had attended but added: "I wouldn't overread their absence here. It's part of a general pattern of going their own way."

The leaders pledged to reinforce the peace process with political and financial assistance and with special attention to the "current and pressing economic needs of the Palestinians."

They also pledged to convene a working group to chart "maximum efforts" against terrorists. Delegates are to meet in Washington within two weeks to draw up recommendations that each country can take through legislative and executive actions.

Short on bold steps, the summit was remarkable for the symbolic message it sent of Arabs standing with Israelis, two ancient foes united

now for peace and against terrorism.

At the airport, there was a traffic jam as planes landed, deposited their VIPs and hurriedly took off to make room for the next aircraft. The aerial ballet caused Major and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to show up an hour late.

Gathered around a long, rectangular table covered with green felt, leaders spoke one by one with varying fervor, some mentioning Israel by name, others speaking more generally about the peace process. They spoke for three hours.

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Saud al-Faisal, spoke warmly of hopes to "energize the peace process."

"We equally and unanimously condemn the violent acts which took place in Tel Aviv and the occupied territories," he said, apparently referring both to the suicide bombings and to Israel's closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. He called for "firmness and serious action" against terrorists.

Faisal was the most senior Saudi official ever to meet with an Israeli leader. Away from cameras, he shook hands with Peres.

SETTLE: Liggett to pay 5 percent of its pre-tax profits

(From 1A)

subject to approval by the federal judge overseeing the case.

While Moore said a settlement with Missouri was likely, Minnesota Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III's office rejected the Liggett settlement proposal, saying not enough money is on the table.

Liggett's payments, over 25 years, could reach \$1.25 billion if the company paid the maximum each year. But that's extremely unlikely: Liggett's pretax income amounted to \$11 million in 1994, which would mean a payment of just \$550,000.

Liggett admitted no wrongdoing and attached two key strings to the deal: If it makes no profit in a given year, no payment will be due. And if other tobacco companies win the lawsuit in New Orleans, the settlement will be void.

Liggett also said it will comply with proposed federal regulations discouraging sales of cigarettes to children, such as a prohibition on using cartoon characters in ads and limits on distributing free samples. Until now, all major tobacco companies had been fighting the rules.

Bennett LeBow, chairman of Liggett's parent, Brooke Group Ltd., said the agreement means the tobacco maker's assets will "no longer be held hostage by the tobacco litigation."

pi Attorney General Mike Moore.

"Their policy has been to fight every case, never settle, never pay."

Lorillard Tobacco Co. and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. said they have no plans to settle. Brown & Williamson likewise said it "will continue to defend all lawsuits aggressively."

Typical was the reaction from No. 1 tobacco maker Philip Morris USA, which said it remains "confident in the strength of our litigation position, and we intend to fight and win all of the cases in which we are involved."

The tobacco industry has been under assault in recent years from public and private officials.

David Kessler, commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, has proposed a crackdown on tobacco advertising and sales. And Congress held hearings two years ago which put tobacco company executives under oath saying they did not consider nicotine addictive. Internal company documents, which have leaked in recent months, appear to contradict those claims.

The class-action case is still in the early stages of procedural maneuvering, with its class-action status under appeal.

The settlement with Liggett is

"The tobacco industry has lived for too long with the possibility of financial catastrophe from product liability suits that could destroy the industry. This settlement is a fresh and prudent approach to this problem and positively addresses concerns about underage smoking," LeBow said.

Industry analysts said LeBow's motivation may have been to strengthen his bid for control of R.J.R. Nabisco Holdings Corp., parent of the nation's No. 2 cigarette maker — R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

LeBow, who with investor Carl Icahn owns 5.8 percent of R.J.R. Nabisco, is trying to force an immediate move by the company to separate its food and tobacco businesses. R.J.R. has resisted the spinoff, saying it feared such a move would invite legal challenges and damage its credit rating. LeBow said the settlement includes a promise by plaintiffs not to block the spinoff.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco said that while it has not reviewed LeBow's proposed settlement, "we suspect it's an irresponsible and reckless ploy to influence R.J.R. Nabisco shareholders in the proxy contest."

In trading Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange, Philip Morris was down \$3.37 1/2 at \$98 a share, R.J.R. Nabisco was off 50

cents at \$33.87 1/2 but Brooke Group was up \$1.50 at \$9.87 1/2.

Massachusetts Attorney General Scott Harshbarger said there is "a significant way to go before we get an ironclad agreement," but that he hoped it would "set the stage for a flood of industry concessions."

Wendell Gauthier, another plaintiffs' lawyer, said other tobacco companies will have to pay more if they decide to settle.

"We hope there will be a domino effect," Gauthier said. "This is like a war. We have won the first skirmish."

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Independence is dream of minority in Taiwan

By Marcus Ellason
Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — At five minutes before closing time, the honor guard marches forth like perfectly synchronized toy soldiers to salute a statue of an old man in robes, smiling beatifically toward the plaza outside.

This is the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, dedicated to the leader who lost China in 1949, moved his government to Taiwan and ruled it for his remaining 26 years, dreaming of recapturing the mainland from the Communists.

But what is happening on the square where Chiang's gaze falls is distinctly out of tune with his legacy, and it helps explain why China and Taiwan are at odds today.

Shrill chants from a party of student demonstrators waft across the rain-swept square: "Independence for Taiwan!" "No reunification with China!"

In Chiang's authoritarian day, such slogans might have landed the chanters in jail. Now it is China's turn to get upset.

China claims sovereignty over Taiwan, and is convinced that independence is a virus that has spread all the way to Taiwan's president, Lee Teng-hui.

For the past eight months, China has been test-firing missiles into waters off Taiwan and conducting menacing war games in the neighborhood, with one message in mind: You are part of China.

Were China to listen to what

those students were saying between blasts over the megaphone, it might draw some comfort.

"No one listens to us. No local newspaper has come to interview us," said Darcy Pan, an English literature student.

At that time China's worries may have seemed justified. But opinion polls consistently show pro-independence sentiment running below 20 percent. The majority backs the status quo — meaning they wish things would just get back to normal.

no longer need to list their mainland ancestry on their ID cards.

Lee insists he wants reunification, but not yet; first, China must embrace democracy and match Taiwan's living standards. Meanwhile, he wants to carve out a separate niche for Taiwan on the world stage by applying to regain its seat in the United Nations, and by traveling abroad.

That, to China, is tantamount to seeking independence, and it was Lee's private visit to the United States last June that triggered the current outburst. China's war games are clearly meant to scare voters away from Lee. But the president remains the favorite to win a fresh term in March 23 elections — Taiwan's first by universal suffrage.

Back at the memorial, Ho Shih-chi, 78, said he preferred reunification candidates to the 73-year-old Lee, who he said "makes inappropriate remarks sometimes, probably because he is getting old."

As a soldier, he fled with Chiang's troops in 1949. He had expected a short sojourn in Taiwan, followed by a victorious return to the mainland. "But the trend of world events changed and it became impossible for us to go back by force."

What would Chiang have made of the demonstration outside? The old man chuckled.

"If he was standing here now he might also agree with democracy," he said.

'I think most students don't care what Taiwan will be. They think the problem is too huge. It's nothing they can solve.'

— Jack Lin,
a philosophy student

She and others spoke despairingly of their fellow students' apathy, of arguments with parents who wished they would just concentrate on their careers, and their feeling that Taiwanese are simply too scared of China to take a stand.

"Instead of fighting, they just want to leave this country. So I feel so sad because many people don't care," said Ms. Pan, who wore a headband saying "Against Reunification — Protect Taiwan."

Even the Democratic Progressive Party, vanguard of the independence movement, has toned down its message, realizing it's a vote-loser.

The party, legalized by Lee's democratic reforms, looked like the wave of the future at first, gaining with each election until it won the Taipei mayor's race in December 1994.

"I think most students don't care what Taiwan will be," said Jack Lin, a philosophy student at the demonstration. "They think the problem is too huge. It's nothing they can solve."

"They will just go about their own business, do their homework, and the future of the country is not so important."

The students blamed the Chiang legacy for an education system that sought to imprint the mainland identity over Taiwanese culture, even trying to suppress the island's dialect of Chinese.

Under Lee's eight-year tutelage, some of that has changed. He is the island's first native-born president, and often speaks Taiwanese on the campaign trail. Small but significant bureaucratic changes have allowed Taiwanese identity to surface. For instance, Taiwanese

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Neighbors remember Scottish gunman as loner

By Robert Seely
Associated Press

DUNBLANE, Scotland — For years, Thomas Hamilton nurtured a grievance.

The Boy Scouts movement expelled him in 1974 for what the association called "unstable and possibly improper behavior following a scout camp," and he was determined to get back.

Behind the frosted glass of the front door of the row house where he lived alone in a public housing project, 43-year-old Hamilton mounted a campaign.

He wrote letters, sallied out with leaflets, and wrote to Queen Elizabeth II, the movement's patron, complaining the scouts were trying to sully his reputation.

His other interests were guns — he was reportedly a member of a gun club — and photography, particularly of boys.

On Wednesday, Hamilton left his house in Stirling, five miles from here, armed with four handguns and slaughtered 16 kindergarten children and their teacher in Dunblane.

"He was a deep, a cautious kind of man. He kept well into himself," said neighbor Grace Ogilvie.

Hamilton's profile is similar to that of 27-year-old Michael Ryan,

'He was a deep, a cautious kind of man. He kept well into himself.'

— Grace Ogilvie,
a neighbor of Thomas Hamilton

the secretive gun enthusiast who shot 16 people in the quiet southern English market town of Hungerford on Aug. 19, 1987. Like Hamilton, he killed himself.

Hamilton had kept up his interest in boys' activities — running athletics groups in the 1980s in Stirling, Dunblane and other nearby towns.

Members of the Stirling Rovers, the private club Hamilton ran in a local hall for boys aged 9-14, told The Associated Press they found him scary and strange.

"In the gym hall he wanted to film me doing a flip," said 13-year-old David Urquhart. "At the end I had to stand to attention with my ribs sticking out. He used to take photos of people all the time. He always told us to take our tops off."

Jamie Milligan, 14, said he felt uncomfortable in Hamilton's presence. "He used to walk me down from the boy's club and try to invite himself into my house."

The boys said Hamilton talked enthusiastically about his weapons

collection. Each year, he took members of the club on a trip in his van to Loch Lomond, they said.

Local councilors in Stirling and Dunblane knew him as a troublemaker with a grudge.

Frena Davidson, a member of Stirling Regional Council, said some parents had expressed concern about Hamilton.

"Apparently, what he did latterly was to make the boys strip to their waists and change into striped underpants and then he would take photographs of them before they embarked on their sports activities," she said.

"Some boys seemed to enjoy the club but others didn't, and their parents took them away."

Neighbors of Hamilton in a shabby district of Stirling said he lived alone in a two-bedroom house for the past eight years.

"He was clean-shaven, wore glasses and had dark hair with a bald spot. He always wore a white shirt and an anorak," neighbor Mrs. Ogilvie said.

Neighbors didn't know if he had ever been married — they only saw him alone.

The Scout Association said Hamilton was a Scout leader in Stirling from July 1973 to March 1974.

"In 1974 we requested him to resign following complaints about unstable and possibly improper behavior following a Scout camp," said the spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity.

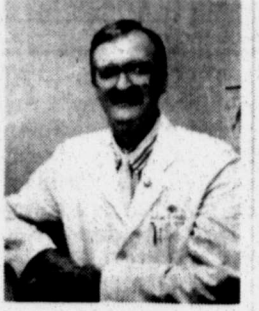
"Since then he has made a number of attempts to come back into scouting but has never been accepted."

Hamilton had worked in a hardware store in the 1980s.

Sandy Leathy, a freelance photographer who knew Hamilton, said, "He was a loner, quite shabby, he always walked with a stoop."

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Pope's fever shouldn't cause alarm, Vatican says

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican said there was no need to worry over the health of Pope John Paul II, although a fever led the 75-year-old pontiff to cancel a general audience on Wednesday.

"For the moment, there is no cause for alarm," papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro said.

Navarro said John Paul developed a fever of about 100 degrees during the night. He said tests were conducted, but did not elaborate.

The Italian news agency AGI reported that the pope also skipped his early morning Mass, which he celebrates in his private chapel.

The pope's health has been a subject of particular attention since a Christmas Day illness when, before a worldwide television audience, he halted his holiday greetings in clear discomfort. The Vatican blamed it on influenza and food poisoning.

John Paul underwent surgery in July 1992 for removal of what the Vatican said was a benign bowel tumor. In April 1994, he broke his right leg when he slipped in his bathroom, an injury that forced him to delay a trip to the United States.

A wave of influenza is currently sweeping Rome.

Navarro said there was no plan "for now" to move the pope to a hospital and that John Paul's next pub-

lic activities were still on: a beatification ceremony Sunday in St. Peter's Square and a pastoral visit to the Tuscan town of Siena on St. Joseph's Day, March 19.

"Tomorrow, we will see," Navarro told Vatican Radio when asked about the possibility of further cancellations.

The news of John Paul's fever came less than two hours before the start of the general audience, and some pilgrims immediately entered St. Peter's Basilica to pray for the health of John Paul, whose 76th birthday will be May 18.

Buses carrying tourists and pilgrims to the appointment were parked along the boulevard that leads to St. Peter's Square as well

as in the narrow streets in the historic neighborhood that surrounds Vatican City.

"I'm disappointed, but I know the pope has not been in good health lately," said Ilse Junger, 52, of Berlin.

During a week-long trip to Latin America in February, the pope appeared frail and tired at times, but bounced back and kept to his schedule. The Vatican denied news reports at the time that the pope had fallen ill.

John Paul, now in the 18th year of his papacy, has a full schedule of foreign travel ahead of him this year: trips to Tunisia in April, Slovenia in May, Germany in June and France in September.

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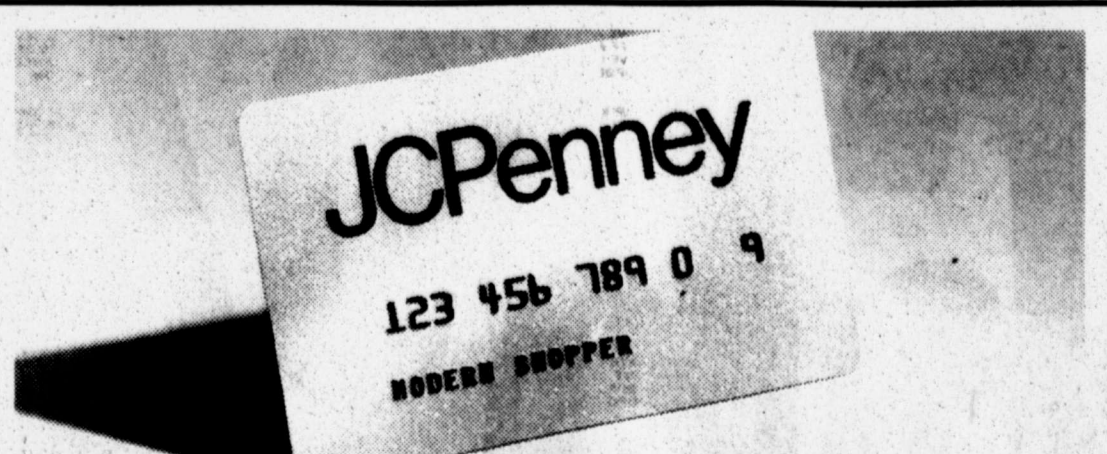
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Fear, anger characterize mood of Israelis, Palestinians

By Ron Kampeas
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Bomb disposal experts rush toward a shopping bag left at a Jerusalem bus stop. A bus driver whips out a prayer book and a taxi driver pounds a steering wheel, cursing God.

In the Gaza Strip, an angry Palestinian truck driver hurls crates on the ground from his load of rotting tomatoes after learning he cannot get through an Israeli roadblock.

Fear, anger and teeth-grinding frustration characterize the mood in Israel and Palestinian-controlled areas in the aftermath of suicide bombings. The determined rhetoric at an anti-terrorism summit in Egypt isn't likely to change that.

"I hope ... those leaders won't just sit there and smile for the television cameras," said Youssef Bakr, a Gaza fisherman, gazing out at the sea, grounded by an Israeli navy-imposed fishing ban.

In Jerusalem, Eti Matzliah said she wanted the world leaders to let Israel crack down hard on the Palestinians.

"It's embarrassing, why should we live with the fear?" said the 16-year-old, minutes after the bomb scare — at a bus stop on the same line used by two suicide bombers in recent weeks — proved to be a false alarm.

The four suicide bombs since Feb. 25, killing 62 — and the accompanying closure of Palestinian areas — have radically transformed physical and psychological landscapes.

On Wednesday, unusual winter sunshine

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— Youssef Bakr, a Gaza fisherman

coaxed a few shoppers out of their homes in Jerusalem, after many had spent days inside, the only way they knew to deal with the randomness of the attacks.

"Business has been absolutely dead since the attacks," said Robert Vasi, who owns the Off-The-Square restaurant in central Jerusalem. "Absolutely no chance the summit will change that."

Vasi, contemplating a cluster of empty tables, said he also missed his Palestinian employees, prevented by the closure from coming to work. "Stopping them from coming isn't going to prevent terror attacks."

Vardit Ben-Dor, glad to be out shopping, said she hoped the summit would force Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to contain the terror.

"The first few days, I stayed at home, I was afraid to go out to the street," she said, strolling down Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall.

Palestinians were reeling from the economic hardship brought about by the closure.

In Gaza at dawn, Palestinian truckers lined up at a checkpoint they had heard was going

to open up. Hours later, they were told the checkpoint would only be open one way, to Israeli truckers coming into Gaza to supply food and other essential goods.

One frustrated trucker started dumping his rotting tomatoes onto the highway.

"Palestinian citizens are against the terrorism," said another trucker, Hathem Shoebier. "But we hope the leaders who are meeting now remember us ... we are suffering a lot."

Aside from economic hardship, Palestinians say they are hurting from medical and food shortages. Palestinian doctors have blamed the closure for the deaths of at least three people, including two infants, who were prevented from getting to hospital on time by Israeli roadblocks.

Those allegations prompted Halem Sanakr to pray for an explosion to wipe out the world leaders at the summit.

"They make a peace process and it doesn't do anything for us," she said, watching the summit on television at home in the West Bank's Balata refugee camp. "They are still arresting who they want, imposing closures, and babies are dying at the checkpoints."

From his hospital bed, suicide bombing victim Tad Loel, 16, watched TV, too, as world leaders pledged to stand against terrorism. Tad suffered severe burns and lung injuries in a bombing outside a Tel Aviv shopping center. His best friend was also seriously wounded.

With youthful optimism, Tad said: "If they are all there together, something good must come out of it."

New U.N. report accuses Rwandan government of human rights abuses

GENEVA (AP) — Human rights abuses in Rwanda are on the rise, says a new U.N. report that puts most of the blame on Hutus who seized power after the nation's 1994 genocide.

Arrests, murders and intimidation increased in late 1995, according to the report by special investigator Rene Degni-Segui. Prisons are overcrowded, and new forms of prisoner abuse have appeared, he said.

He accused the Tutsi-led government of most of the abuses and urged more international help to rebuild Rwanda's judicial and social system, shattered when ethnic Hutus went on a murderous rampage, killing an estimated 500,000 people, most of them Tutsis.

But while sporadic killings of Hutus continue, there was no evidence to back up allegations from former Hutu leaders that Tutsi authorities have killed more than 300,000 Hutus to avenge the slaughter, said Degni-Segui, a law professor from the Ivory Coast.

Charges of coordinated reprisals against returning Hutu refugees were unsubstantiated, he said.

Degni-Segui's report will be presented to the U.N. Human Rights Commission, which opens its annual session next week.

Manzi Bakuramutsa, Rwanda's ambassador to the United Nations in New York, said Wednesday that the Rwandan government is doing its best to minimize human rights violations. But, he added, "Rwanda is a very poor country that has known destruction and you can't expect things to be perfect."

Degni-Segui blamed government soldiers for 51 murders and summary executions in October 1995 and 63 in November 1995.

The report also criticized prison conditions, saying prisons in the capital Kigali house 10,000 inmates in space meant for 2,000. Jails are holding about 61,200 prisoners in all — up from about 46,000 in May 1995 — including 1,711 children accused of participating in the massacres, Degni-Segui said.

After stabilizing in early 1995, arrests in Rwanda increased from about 550 per week in October to between 800 and 1,200 per week now, he said. Few are ever charged, he said, and new forms of prisoner abuse have appeared.

"These include necklacing, rape, denying food or medical treatment and detention in the 'amigos' — the most unwholesome, darkest and most sinister places where the prisoners are heaped one on top of another."

Necklacing is a form of mob execution where a tire is placed around someone's neck, doused with gasoline and set ablaze.

Bakuramutsa acknowledged that "conditions are terrible" in prisons, but said the government was trying to rebuild its shattered judicial system and wanted human rights monitors to stay in the country.

Other U.N. findings include: ■ Roman Catholic priests, accused by the Tutsi government of collaborating with the disgraced Hutu regime, are threatened, arrested and occasionally mur-

dered.

■ Women and children suffered most from the aftermath of the ethnic bloodshed. An estimated 47,000 children were orphaned and 250,000 to 500,000 women were raped or forced to have sex with a relative. Some 2,000 to 5,000 children born as a result of the rapes are bastards.

■ Journalists and other professionals who speak out against the government are increasingly subject to intimidation and censorship.

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Clinton, Dole: 2 men of consensus, varying styles

WASHINGTON (AP) — A presidential campaign pitting Bill Clinton against Bob Dole would offer a striking generational contrast between a gregarious Baby Boomer and a reserved World War II hero, two men who share a knack for consensus and small-town roots but have vastly different styles.

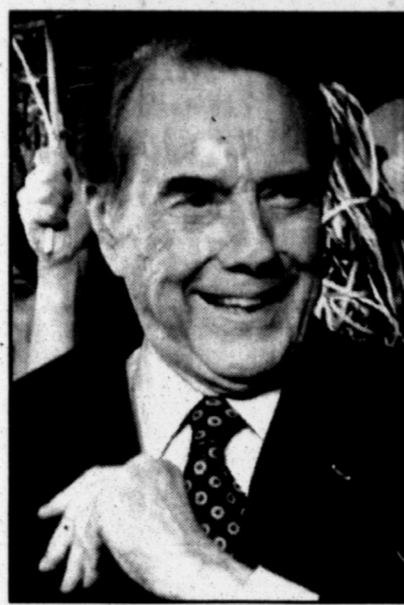
Clinton is a policy wonk; Dole accustomed to fashioning a plan by blending the ideas of others. Clinton a glad-hander who thrives on crowds and unscripted speeches; Dole an often awkward campaigner who reads from note cards.

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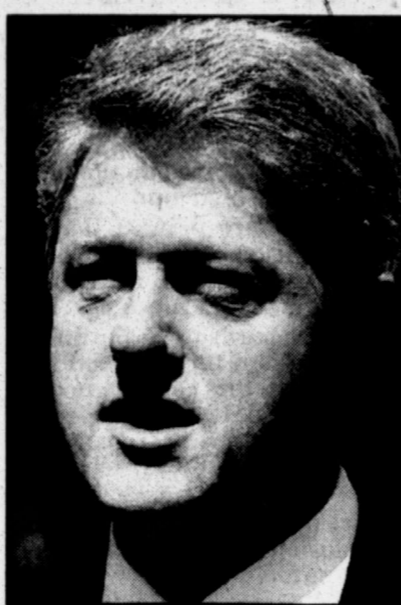
But recent history favors Republicans in presidential elections, and Dole's Midwest roots and close ties to GOP governors give him a base of support in the battleground states likely to be pivotal in November.

Early handicapping of a Clinton-Dole contest consumed Washington on Wednesday, one day after Dole secured a virtual lock on the GOP nomination.

Many Democrats relished the prospect of the 50-year-old Clinton coming up in fall debates against the 72-year-old Senate majority leader. But even they concede the early election skirmishes will come on Dole's turf — in spring and summer legislative fights.



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That portends a summer of legislative brinkmanship between two powerbrokers who place a premium on getting things done, even as they prepare to face one another come November.

"If there is something like balancing the budget that we can get done, we ought to get it done regardless of politics," Dole said in a weekend interview. "Maybe he benefits, maybe I benefit, maybe we both benefit. I don't know, but I think the American people expect us to get some things done."

In interviews Wednesday, political strategists in both parties said Dole's biggest challenge was to frame the race as a classic challenger vs. incumbent contest, making Clinton the major issue.

This will be no easy task for Dole, since he is so closely identified with a Republican Congress that is out of favor with the majority of voters.

Clinton, on the other hand, has risen to the best poll standing of his presidency by casting himself as a defender of the middle ground against an "extremist" GOP.

This strategy is likely to continue, with the White House trying to link Dole to House Speaker Newt Gingrich and other Republicans who have high negative ratings, including Dole rival Pat Buchanan.

"The Buchanan-Dole-Gingrich group," was how Vice President Al Gore put it. "Those way over on the extreme right-wing fringe have gained an incredible amount of influence over the Republican Party, not just in this campaign for the nomination but in Congress."

With Democratic and Republican loyalists remarkably polarized since the 1994 elections, such rhetoric is a bald attempt to convince independent-minded voters to side with Clinton in the fall.

But pollster Gordon Black, a leading advocate of creating new political parties, suggested most voters in the middle would be turned off by a Dole-Clinton choice.

"I think you would have depressed turnout if these two were the only choices," Black said. Black, who occasionally consults with Ross Perot, is convinced Perot will run under the banner of his new Reform Party this November.

"It is going to be a three-way race," he said.

Polls show a Perot candidacy hurting Dole at this point, though strategists say it is impossible to say if that would hold true in the fall, given the uncertainty of the legislative debate.

Senate Dems demand extra money for environment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration demanded Wednesday that the Senate ease planned cuts in environmental programs, aiming at what it considers a glaring political weak point for Republicans.

As the two sides clashed over a \$160 billion measure financing dozens of federal agencies for the rest of fiscal 1996, GOP lawmakers launched a counterattack. They said an extra \$8 billion President Clinton wants for social programs includes loans for students at 138 beauty and barber schools plus teaching overseas children to measure rainfall. And they said he wants to help finance the additional spending with higher taxes.

Sticky partisan disputes over the bill virtually guaranteed that it will not become law by Friday, the day temporary spending authority expires for many government agencies and a new federal shutdown could ensue. But no one was expecting a third government closure since autumn, and Republican leaders planned to push legislation through Congress today keeping programs running, probably for another week.

"We are united in both the House and Senate in finding a way to keep the government open," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., who met with Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

Gingrich and Dole also decided Wednesday to abandon plans to use a debt-limit extension bill to carve big savings from Medicaid and welfare. The decision came as no surprise because of administration opposition to the proposals, and signaled that Republicans were conceding that there was little chance of enacting big parts of their budget-balancing agenda this year.

Instead, GOP leaders said that before the government's borrowing authority expires March 29, they will move legislation through Congress extending that authority through July 1997. Likely to be attached to it is language giving the president the line-item veto power to kill individual items in spending bills, or a measure letting Social Security beneficiaries keep more benefits when they have jobs. Such measures could well please House conservatives and garner Clinton's signature.

The Senate spending bill is slightly more generous than a House version approved last week. Even so, the same lack of unity that forced Republicans to drop their 1995 strategy of pursuing budget priorities with shutdown threats is impelling them to accept some Democratic demands for extra spending.

A day after the Senate voted 84-16 to add \$2.7 billion to the spending bill that Democrats wanted for education and job training, Democratic lawmakers tried again.

This time, they were seeking an additional \$892 million for the environment, mostly for the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service and the Energy Department, which would still keep environmental spending below 1995 levels. The funds would

come from improving federal debt collection and selling Governor's Island in New York Harbor.

As the two sides sought a deal behind the scenes, Democrats renewed their oft-repeated accusation that many Republicans care little about the environment.

"The Republican leadership should have gotten the message from the American people that they must rein in the anti-environment extremists," said Vice President Al Gore at a Capitol news conference.

But Gore warned that even if Republicans accepted all the environmental money, the bill was still "absolutely unacceptable" and would be vetoed. That is because it would allow expanded logging in the Tongass national forest in Alaska, block Park Service

management of the new Mojave national park in California and allow only rare, temporary additions to the government's list of endangered species.

"Arguments about Republican opposition to environmental cleanup are absolute hogwash," fumed Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., who wrote many of the bill's environmental provisions and was helping to find a compromise. He said that rather than bargain, the administration prefers "to portray me and others on this side of the aisle as anti-environment."

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Veep talk swirls around 'most popular person in America' — Powell

By Mike Feinsilber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A day after Bob Dole emerged as the inevitable Republican presidential nominee, attention swung to Colin Powell, who might or might not run with him. The Powell mystique was back in full force.

Even Dole was caught up in speculation about whether the former general could be induced to join the ticket.

Powell is "the most popular person in the country, period," said historian Stephen Ambrose, who chronicled Dwight D. Eisenhower's ascension under comparable circumstances 44 years ago.

But Powell's hold on the American imagination is greater than Ike's was, said Ambrose, a Powell-for-president booster until the general ruled out running last November.

Republican pollster Linda DiVall said Powell's decision to foreclose a presidential bid in 1996 was carried off with such grace that it only enhanced his appeal.

Americans were enchanted by both Powell and his wife, she said: "The departure left them yearning."

In recent months, Powell's allure seems to have increased. His autobiography was a runaway best-seller. He attracted big, enthusiastic crowds on his book tour.

But he's kept a relatively low profile, staying away from the TV talk shows. With scores of invitations to choose from, he agreed to two commencement speeches — at Northern Virginia Community College and Bowie State, a predominantly black university in Maryland.

Still, he commands public devotion. A pollster asked a group of voters in Iselin, N.J., to engage in a game of word association regarding some political figures. About Powell, the words were all gushy: "wise," "intelligent," "trustworthy."

Polls in recent days suggest Powell, who is black, would help Dole, partly by drawing black votes from the Democratic Party's base. In one, Dole lost when matched against Clinton but a Dole-Powell ticket beat Clinton-Gore.

'The point will come when he (Powell) can't say no because he is a man who responds to duty.'

— Mickey Edwards
former GOP congressman

About all this, Powell said nothing Wednesday. But Ken Duberstein, Ronald Reagan's former chief of staff and a Powell adviser, said the general had not budged.

"He said it in November," Duberstein said. "He meant it."

Still, some old political hands said that if Dole presses, Powell could resist only so long.

"The point will come when he can't say no because he is a man who responds to duty," said Mickey Edwards, a former GOP congressman from Oklahoma who

teaches at Harvard.

"Dole would be nuts not to ask him," Edwards said.

Veteran Republican consultant Eddie Mahe, on the other hand, saw disaster in that course.

"We don't want the campaign to be Bob Dole vs. Colin Powell," he said. "That's what it would become in terms of crowds, charisma, magnetism, and every day on every issue."

He called Powell "woefully unprepared" for the rough-and-tumble of big league politics.

Lost to no one in the debate was the likelihood that Powell, win or lose as veep candidate, would have a head start on the presidential nomination in 2000.

If elected, Dole would be 73 upon entering office, and presumably would serve only one term.

Dole, in a television interview on the night he swept the Super Tuesday primaries, said he believed Powell would take the nomination if it were offered.

"This man has been a soldier all his life and he's responded whenever his country needed him and I believe ... that he would suit up again," Dole said.

Dole told reporters Wednesday that he hadn't talked to Powell about the vice presidency.

Powell, who has spoken in favor of gun control, legalized abortion and affirmative action — all positions opposite Dole's — would also drive away some voters. Pat Buchanan has made stop-Powell a campaign subplot. For his part, Powell has said he could not vote for Buchanan if he were the nominee.

While Powell ruled out running for anything, Edwards drew a distinction between getting into a nasty fight for the nomination and accepting a vice presidential nomination.

"If it is put to him that he could do a major service to his country, he would respond differently than when asked to fight against a lot of Republicans," Edwards said. "One is a call to ambition, the other's a call to duty."

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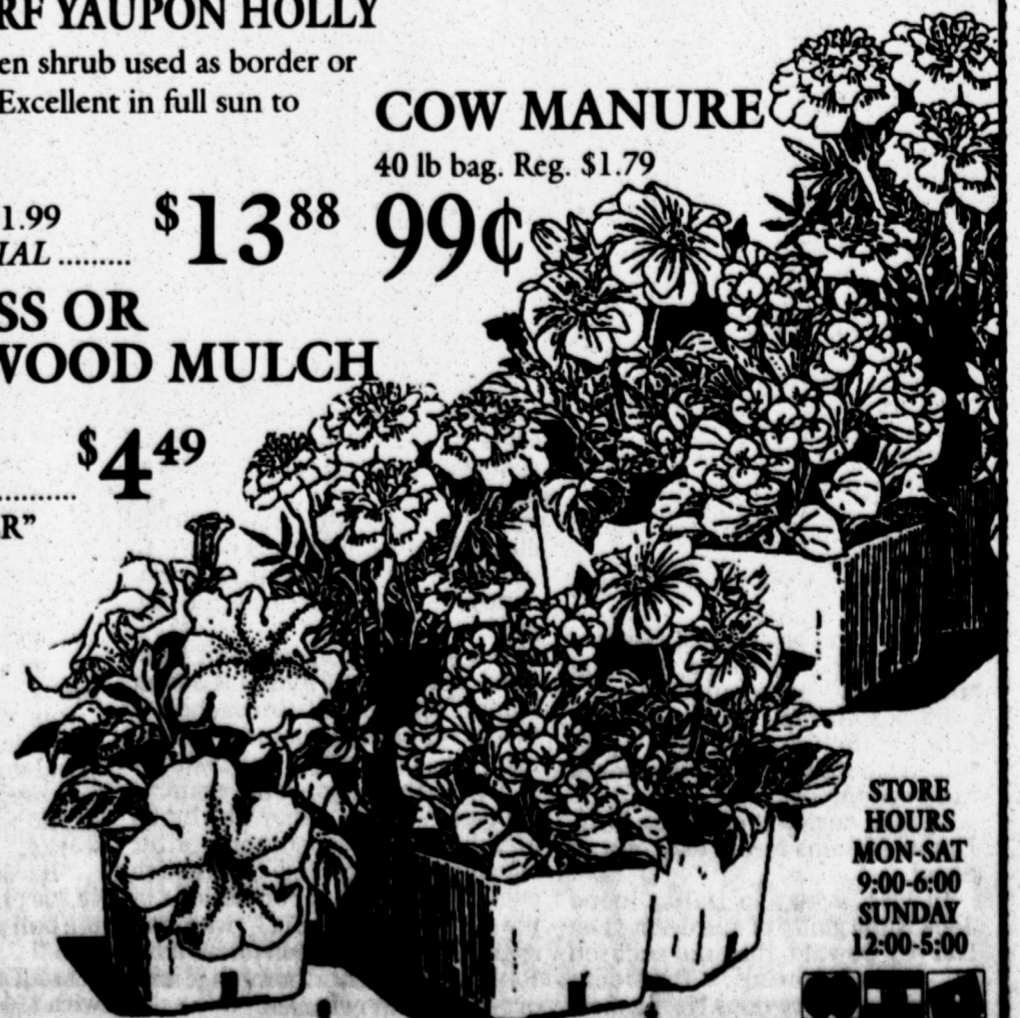
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Congratulations to those elected

Breathe a much-needed sigh of relief — it's over! The primary election, that is. At least it's over in most instances. There are a handful of races in which a runoff will be needed, but in all races in which there were only two candidates, the election has been decided. In fact, for many local offices there is no opposition candidate so there will be no race in the November general election.

The race for sheriff, tax assessor-collector, county attorney, county commissioner of Precinct 1 and others brought issues to the foreground that need to be addressed by those elected. But the political process also tends to cause rifts that need to be healed and forgotten since the election is past. That is the point the

Midland community is at today, and the healing process must start. The election has been held, the voters have cast their ballots — effectively saying what the future course of government in Midland County should be, some candidates have become nominees while others have become elected officials and still others have been defeated.

Now it's time to pick up the pieces, recognize that Midland is one community and begin again to work for the betterment of this county as a whole.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to all the candidates who offered themselves for public office. Thanks to all those who cast ballots. It takes all the participants to make our political process work and to keep it the best in the world.

GEORGE WILL

We don't need 4 more years of Clinton appointees

WASHINGTON — The most discussed Supreme Court decision of the 1994-95 term was *Adarand v. Peña*, which made many government programs involving racial preferences constitutionally suspect. When Charles Stack of Miami recently was asked if he was "aware" of the case he said, "I do not usually catalog cases by name. I might be aware of the case."

Questioner: "That is the most recent case dealing with this difficult area of affirmative action." Stack: "I am not certain that I am aware of that case." Stack is President Clinton's choice to fill a vacancy on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, and his questioner was a senator on the Judiciary Committee that soon will vote on confirming Stack.



Will

In a litigious nation with an imperious judiciary, judicial nominations matter. The winner of the presidential election probably will have at least two Supreme Court vacancies to fill, perhaps including that of the chief justice, and will make many lesser nominations. Stack, who has no judicial experience, was finance chairman of the Clinton-Gore campaign in Florida.

In 1994 another Floridian, Rosemary Barkett, was confirmed for the 11th Circuit by the Democratic-controlled Senate in spite of her memorable dissent as a state judge from a court's refusal to reduce the death sentence of a man convicted of a racially motivated murder. The killer boasted about the murder in tape recordings he sent to the victim's mother, but Barkett called the killing "a social awareness case" because "this killing was effectuated to focus attention" on racial discrimination.

"His impatience for change, for understanding, for reconciliation matured to taking the illogical and drastic action of murder. His frustration, his anger, and his obsession of (sic) injustice overcame reason. The victim was a symbolic representation of the class causing the perceived injustices."

Recently Barkett said a mother can sue the school district charging that her daughter in the fifth grade is being sexually harassed by a classmate. And Barkett suggests that mandatory drug testing of Georgia political candidates and nominees for state offices may violate the First Amendment by "establishing a

certain ideology" as a qualification for office, excluding persons who favor decriminalization of drugs.

Another Clinton appointee, Harold Baer of the U.S. District Court in the Southern District of New York, recently suppressed the evidence against Carol Bayles, which included 80 pounds of heroin and cocaine and her videotaped confession that she had made numerous trips to transport drugs to Michigan. Baer said the police did not have reasonable suspicion when they searched her car.

It had out-of-state license plates. It was in a high-crime neighborhood at 5 a.m. Without speaking to her, four males approached the rear of the car, she popped the trunk lid, they put in two large duffel bags and scattered when they saw the police.

In Maryland, Timothy Sherman, 17, was convicted of the shotgun murder of his mother and stepfather. The murder occurred in the middle of the night when Timothy was in his mother's home. His fingerprints were on the shotgun's trigger. The shotgun was found in a tree where he had hidden objects before, a tree between his mother's house and the house to which he ran to report the murders. A box of

shotgun shells with two missing was under his mattress.

Sherman appealed his conviction because a juror had made an unauthorized visit to the crime scene. The trial judge found the juror's error harmless. So did the federal district judge, a Bush appointee. But two members of a three-judge appellate panel, evidently believing that defendants have a right to perfect trials, not just fair ones, overturned Sherman's conviction. Those two judges, Francis Murtagh and James Beaty, are Carter and Clinton appointees, respectively. The dissenter, J. Harvey Wilkinson, is a Reagan appointee.

All judicial appointments matter; the highest are momentous. There have been 41 presidents but only 16 chief justices. How many presidents have been as lastingly consequential as John Marshall, Roger Taney, Harlan Fiske Stone or Earl Warren? William Howard Taft was more important as chief justice than as president.

Four more years of Clinton appointees like Stack, Barkett, Baer and Beaty? Gracious.

George Will's column is distributed by Washington Post Writers Group.



ANOTHER VIEW

Farm bill eases U.S. to lower subsidies

The Great Depression ended some 60 years ago. Now some of the temporary programs that were meant to deal with it should finally be eliminated, albeit slowly.

The House of Representatives on (Feb. 29) passed its version of the farm bill that will set agriculture policy for the next five years.

A welcome part of the House measure calls for the scaling down of some programs that have been around for decades, although some have been more windfalls than necessities. Farm subsidies will be cut 20 percent over the next seven years, at which time lawmakers will decide whether to keep or kill the programs. Affected crops include corn and feed grains, rice, wheat and cotton.

Unfortunately, the subsidy cuts aren't across the board. In separate votes, the House voted by narrow margins to keep the peanut program, which decrees what farmers can sell the crop within the United States for and how much; and the sugar subsidy that keeps prices higher in

this country than in the rest of the world. ...

Lawmakers lost a golden opportunity to ease the burden on U.S. taxpayers and consumers when it chose to keep these programs. The General Accounting Office recently reported that the peanut program alone adds \$500 million each year to the price of peanuts in the United States. It also closes U.S. markets to many peanut farmers who are forced to sell their products overseas at the lower prices set by the open market. The sugar program adds \$1.4 billion per year to domestic sugar costs, the GAO reported.

Critics say these programs only benefit a few growers and should be eliminated.

The new farm bill could be a start toward the eventual elimination of all subsidies. If cotton, grain and corn growers thrive without the subsidies and related acreage limits, lawmakers could be encouraged to scale back the programs even further.

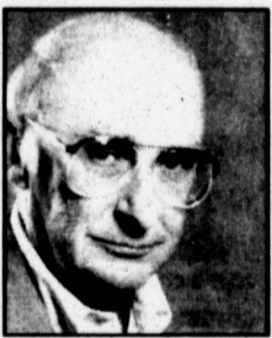
— The Monitor McAllen

MIKE ROYKO

German culture falls under boot of false image

Today I am beginning an occasional feature called "Insensitivity ALERT!"

Readers are invited to submit offensive public statements that insult ethnic, racial, religious or sexual groups. Or anybody who believes he or she has been dished.



Royko

Note that I said "public statements." I still believe that people of crude nature have the right to tell vile ethnic jokes in the privacy of their homes, locker rooms or taverns, although I disapprove of such disgusting behavior.

What inspired me to create "Insensitivity ALERT!" was something shockingly insensitive that I heard on C-SPAN, the normally dignified and even-handed cable network that brings us the babblings of every windbag in the nation's capital.

There was this panel of moderate Republicans that had gathered to denounce the views of Pat Buchanan, who they consider an extremist and a menace to pleasingly bland thought.

A black Republican denounced him for his attitude toward minorities. A female Republican denounced him for his attitude toward those known as pro-choice on the issue of abortion.

Which was totally acceptable. If they believe Buchanan is a jerk on the issues, they have every right to say so.

Then a gay Republican took the microphone, and he accused Buchanan of being anti-gay.

That, too, was a valid beef, since Buchanan has a long history of being insensitive to the

aspirations of gays.

But then the gay Republican spokesman crossed the insensitivity line.

While describing some of Buchanan's views on gays, the gay Republican, with a smug chuckle, said that Buchanan's words would be more effective in "the original German."

I could not believe my little red ears. The "original German"?

What do the Germans have to do with anything Pat Buchanan has to say about gays?

This, to me, was a slap in the face to every decent, hard-working German-American, as well as every decent, hard-working German-German.

For that matter, it was a slap in the face to those German-Americans and German-Germans who aren't hard-working or decent, a social attitude that is everyone's right, if they can get away with it.

After I heard this blatantly insensitive comment, I asked a German-American acquaintance for a reaction.

"Oh, yes, that is a standard insult to Germans. I've heard it dozens of times over the past 30 years. Whenever someone who has a tendency to rant says something that is a bit extreme or insensitive, some smart-butt commentator will say: 'Oh, you should have heard it in the original German.'"

"Why? Because of Hitler, who was known to rant and rave quite a bit. Of course, they ignore the fact that Hitler was Austrian. It wouldn't occur to them to say, 'You should have heard it in the original Austrian.'"

"The implication is that all Germans are right-wing ranters, ravers, bigots and real nasty guys. But what about Beethoven?"

I don't know. What about Beethoven?

"Why don't they say, 'You should have heard it in the original tongue of Beethoven, Schumann, Bach, Gluck or Wagner?'"

Pretty good tunesmiths.

"And they don't say anything about writers and thinkers like Goethe, Schiller, Schopenhauer, Mann, Grass, Hegel or the other great German minds who have had such a tremendous impact on Western culture."

Well, the phrase "Hey, Mann," is now part of our language.

"True, but all we ever get is Hitler. Or heinie, kraut, Nazi and the image as heel-clicking submarine commanders. The average German-American has never ranted or been in a submarine. For that matter, the average generic American hasn't either."

Yes, but there are those who say that you must live with the tacky part of your heritage.

"Then I would ask the insensitive gay man who made that 'original German' remark how he would feel if I asked if he had bought the Jeffrey Dahmer cookbook."

That would be cruel and insensitive. "Of course it would. So why is he holding Germans up to ridicule? He is a Republican gay. Has he forgotten Ike?"

Was Ike gay?

"Not that I know of, but he was probably the greatest German-American Republican of this century. After trouncing Germany, the land of his ancestors, Ike became president of the United States. The last president who managed to stay off Page 1 or the networks at least once a week."

So what will you do about this affront to your ethnic heritage? Will you picket gays or C-SPAN?

"No, I will do nothing."

You show admirable self-restraint.

"Well, I don't own a tank."

(More on Monday, when "Insensitivity ALERT!" looks at racial discrimination against a white female by the city's media.)

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In 1879, physicist Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany.

In 1883, German political philosopher Karl Marx died in London.

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation.

In 1943, Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" premiered in New York, with George Szell conducting.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the man accused of assassinating President Kennedy the previous November.

In 1965, Israel's cabinet formally approved establishment of diplomatic relations with West Germany.

In 1980, a Polish airliner crashed while making an emergency landing near Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team.

In 1985, U.S. and Soviet negotiators laid down their opening positions in their first full session of renewed arms talks in Geneva, Switzerland.

In 1990, the Soviet Congress elected Mikhail S. Gorbachev to the country's new powerful presidency, a day after creating the post.

Ten years ago: President Reagan announced he had sent Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev a "new, very specific and far-reaching proposal" on nuclear testing.

Five years ago: The emir of Kuwait — Sheik Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah — returned home after seven months in exile. A British court reversed the convictions of the "Birmingham Six," who had spent 16 years in prison for an Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released.

ART BUCHWALD

It takes talent, \$16 million to lay off 40,000 employees

I hadn't planned to write anything about downsizing for a while until I read in the papers that Robert Allen, the CEO of AT&T, received \$16 million in salary and stock option compensation this year. He was given this \$16 million at the time his company laid off 40,000 workers. When questioned about it, he said that he deserved every penny.



Buchwald

One of my friends who doesn't understand downsizing was outraged. I tried to explain to him how it works.

"It takes a very talented executive to lay off 40,000 employees, and \$16 million is not out of the ball park if you want someone to play hardball."

MacDougal asked, "What is Allen going to do with \$16 million?"

I told him, "He has to buy milk and bread, and corn flakes and yogurt, just like everybody else. You have to remember that \$16 million isn't what it used to be. What's important about the layoffs is that Wall Street now views AT&T as a serious company. The people who were pink-slipped don't count. If Wall Street sees that the phone company is paying its chief \$16 million, they have confidence in the management."

"They know that you don't hand paychecks like that to the big guys unless the company has great plans for the future. Wall Street is in the tea-leaf-reading business, and they consider big salaries for big people to be a good sign, even if middle management is asked to walk the plank."

MacDougal was not to be persuaded. "I still don't understand what he can do with the whole \$16 million. How many Princess photos can Allen have in his house? How many cellular phones can he use in his Mercedes Benz? How many golf balls does a CEO need?"

I tried to be patient and replied, "Allen has to buy shoes for his children, bus tokens for his wife, and he probably has a big heating bill. I

very much doubt that any of the money will be spent on luxuries."

MacDougal had the poor taste to bring up the 40,000 people who had been laid off. "Don't you think they feel wounded to see the man who dumped them receiving \$16 million for being their executioner?"

"When you downsize you can't be sentimental about people. Allen claims that he had to fire the 40,000 to save the company. If this is true, we Americans have to bless him for saving our long-distance lines."

"Do you trust him?" MacDougal asked. "Maybe he was laying it on a bit thick, but he had to say something or the AT&T Credit Union would have refused to cash his \$16 million check."

MacDougal wasn't giving up. "Who decides how much a CEO is going to get for laying off thousands of people?"

"The board of directors."

"Who chooses the board of directors?"

"The CEO."

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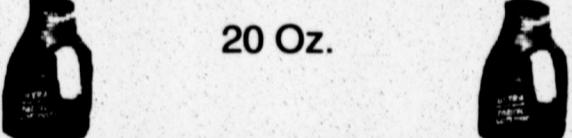


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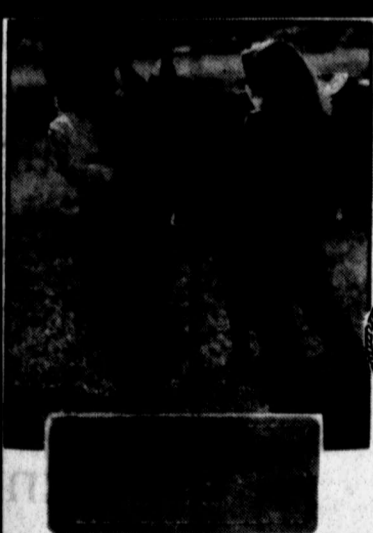
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Activists applaud AIDS plan by top scientists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Activists are applauding a report by top scientists that calls for shaking up the federal AIDS research program. But they're also asking, "What took so long?"

The report, to be issued publicly today, calls for major changes in the way the National Institutes of Health has conducted research, drug trials and vaccine development for the \$1.4 billion federal AIDS program.

"We are very excited about the report," said Wayne Turner of the Washington chapter of ACT-UP, a national AIDS activist organization. "We have been pushing for a Manhattan Project approach for AIDS and this may be it."

"We just wonder what took so long," he said.

Mark Harrington, policy director for the Treatment Action Group, a New York AIDS activist group, said of the report: "For the first time, the nation's leading scientists have provided NIH with a clear road-map for the next five years of the AIDS epidemic."

He said that if Dr. Harold Varmus, the NIH director, supports and implements suggestions in the study, "the American people can be sure that, for the very first time, every dollar spent on AIDS research is being spent on critical research of the very highest quality."

The report is based on more than

a year of fact-gathering by a select group of about 100 scientists. The committee, chaired by Dr. Arnold Levine of Princeton University, includes two Nobel laureates and many members of the National Academy of Sciences.

NIH officials received the report privately on Wednesday, but NIH spokeswoman Ann Thomas said Varmus and others at the agency would not comment until a news conference Thursday. The Associated Press obtained an advance copy.

Among the findings by a blue-ribbon committee of scientists:

■ NIH research programs now discourage recruitment of new, young scientists and tends to deflect original and innovative research ideas. The report calls for doubling funds for unsolicited research proposals, a move that an official said could bring "new blood into the field." The report suggested that student loans could be cancelled for young postdoctoral scientists who take up AIDS research.

■ Efforts to develop an AIDS vaccine have been underfunded and unsuccessful, although it "is among the highest priorities," the report said. The committee called for a crash program under a new committee controlled by non-government scientists.

■ Some research financed by AIDS funds at NIH actually has lit-

tle to do with the disease, and some is duplicative and wasteful. And some promising proposals are not funded because evaluators lack expertise. The committee called for restructuring the way research grants are evaluated and approved.

■ Various agencies and departments at the NIH now sponsor more than a dozen clinical trials of AIDS-virus drugs and therapies, and the report found "there has been overlap and, in some instances, unnecessary competition between these diverse programs." It called for combining the trials and putting them under the control of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

■ More research into the human immune system is essential, the report said, noting that much of what is now known comes from research on laboratory mice and may not apply to human beings.

■ NIH currently is funding 16 AIDS research centers, mostly at major university hospitals. The committee report applauded the work done by 16 AIDS research centers, mostly at major universities, and called for funding at each center to be increased to \$750,000 to \$1.5 million a year, roughly doubling the current allocation.

Waitress gets \$1000 tip; customer wants it back

LAKE OSWEGO, Ore. (AP) — There's one tip waitress Ruth Bullis will never forget: \$1,000 on a \$3.95 gin-and-tonic.

Apparently, the tipper can't get it out of his mind, either. He wants the money back.

Bullis is not about to hand it over. In fact, she's already spent it.

She and her co-workers at Stanford's Restaurant and Bar say the tipper wasn't tipsy or otherwise added when he signed the credit-card slip in November. And besides, "once someone gives you a tip, that's it," explains Bullis, a newlywed who lives and works in this well-to-do Portland suburb.

Moreover, Bullis, 37, says she saw the tipper three weeks later and he mentioned that he had thought of her as he paid his credit card bill.

The money came in handy for some bills, a Christmas ski suit for Bullis' husband and a rain jacket for herself.

In February, the restaurant's owner, Pacific Coast Restaurants Inc. of Portland, got a letter from American Express. The customer — Bullis doesn't know his full name, and Pacific Coast won't say — was disputing the tip.

Pacific Coast wrote back, assuring the credit card company that the man knew what he was doing.

Bullis says she double-checked that he intended to give her \$1,000, then a manager came out and checked again.

"He assured us, 'This is what I want to do, and no, you're not going to change my mind,'" says Wes Curl, Pacific Coast's vice president of operations. The company runs 16 restaurants in the Portland area.

American Express spokesman Marcos Rada said he wasn't familiar with the case.

It was just before the lunch rush that the customer, a man in his 50s wearing a sheepskin jacket, jeans and tennis shoes, sat down in Bullis' section of the bar. The man, who Bullis learned is a lumber broker named Craig, ordered a gin-and-tonic and a \$16 double-cut prime rib sandwich.

Craig, who was joined by another man, paid his \$50 lunch tab and added a \$40 tip — nice, but not uncommon in Bullis' six years at Stanford's.

He was just getting started. One hour and one gin-and-tonic later, he left her a \$100 tip. After a third gin-and-tonic — four hours after arriving — he scribbled down a \$1,000 tip on a credit card slip.

Friends jokingly ask Bullis what she had to do for the money, but she insists the man didn't suggest anything untoward.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Auditions set

Auditions for an upcoming movie about Selena's life are set for noon Friday at the Coors Distributors Building between Midland and Odessa on Highway 80. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Interested women 18- to 20-years-old must sing or lip sync to a Selena song. Those trying out need to bring their Social Security number and complete address. The winner will be chosen on looks, presence and talent and will receive a trip for two, and one night's lodging, to the Chicago try-outs, set for March 23. Sponsors of the local auditions are Power 106, NewsWest 9 and the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.s

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

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

Midland Genealogical Society, 902 W. Dengar Ave., 7:30 p.m.

DAV Chapter 58 & auxiliary VFW Post 4149, 6:30 p.m., 682-3562.

SHARE SUCCESS-Basics of Goat Setting, Mr. Gatti's (party room 1), 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave., noon, 570-4533.

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men) - Support group, 6:30-9:00 p.m., 689-8428 or 520-0277.

Midland Jaycees, noon, Midland Hilton.

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

Toastmasters, Permian Club, noon, Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-0715 or 694-6397.

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Calico Kitchen.

PMS/PHS/Menopause support group, 7 p.m., family room, Memorial Hospital, 697-4700, 699-7477.

Self-Help for Hard of Hearing, Golf Course Road Church of Christ Bereavement Support Group, 7 p.m., Hospice of Odessa office, Texas Commerce Bank, fourth floor, 362-1431.

NORTHSIDE LIONS Club 7:30 a.m., Plaza Club at ClayDesta, 694-5624.

Texas State Guard 4th MP Group Headquarters, 7:30 p.m., National Guard Armory.

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

Hogan Park Women's Golf Association, Hogan Park Golf Course.

Westside Lions Club, noon, Westside Lions Den.

Rotary Club of Midland, 11:55 a.m., Chamber of Commerce, 109 N Main St.

Ranchland Hills Country Club Womens Golf Association, 9 a.m. Golden Park Retirement Center, senior citizens' bingo, 3 p.m., 3100 W. Kansas Ave.

TOPS, TEXAS No. 1139, 8:30 p.m., 1007 Austin St. 694-7273, 694-8643.

SHHIP, 7 p.m., Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Impaired Nurses, 8 p.m., Memorial West, 697-5200.

Parents Anonymous, self-help meeting and parent education, 520-2282.

FRIDAY

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Myrtle-Tree ministries, Womens' Bible Studies, noon, 312 W. Illinois, 683-1370, 683-5670.

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G. Info, 570-8612.

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Cuevas talks to Realtors about city's future

■ Council member discusses sales-tax revenues, Desert Shores, airport terminal, Interstate 27 at luncheon.

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Midland's economic future looks bright if sales-tax revenues are any indication, City Council member Jose Cuevas said.

Cuevas was the featured speaker at Wednesday's luncheon of the Midland chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors.

"Sales receipts are about 24 percent ahead of where we were last year at this time," he said.

Last year, sales tax revenues had increased to the point that half a cent per \$100 valuation was dropped off property taxes.

This year, it appears that a full penny can be dropped from property taxes, Cuevas said.

Other issues that will affect the city's future include Desert Shores, the proposed airport terminal and Interstate 27.

Plans for the Desert Shores community are moving ahead, Cuevas told the Realtors. He believes the project will see fruition and will considerably enhance the local economy, since it should entice retired people away from larger cities with the lure of picturesque scenery and low crime.

"I think we will all be very happy with the development," he said.

One of the biggest issues for Midlanders is the proposed new airport terminal, which Cuevas supports.

There is a team working to have the Mid-



City Council member Jose Cuevas was the guest speaker at Wednesday's luncheon of the local chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors.

Jim Shupe
Reporter-Telegram

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Grass fire spreads to residents' yards

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

Thick black smoke and the crackling sound of burning cattail greeted firefighters Wednesday afternoon as a grass fire at 1009 Main St. turned into structure fire as it spread next door.

The fire, which started around 2:30 p.m., destroyed a storage shed and a vehicle and damaged a fence and was kept to the backyards of both residences.

Paul Boothe, Midland fire inspector, does not suspect arson because no one was seen nearby before it happened.

The residents were not home at the time of the fire.

"Being as dry as it is and no humidity, a small fire with a little wind can quickly turn into something major," Boothe said.

He suspects that the cause may be spontaneous combustion, but he will continue to investigate.

"We'll do some poking around and get a hold of the residents and ask some questions," Boothe said.

The fire is typical of most calls the Fire Department is receiving lately, according to Mid-

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Former Midlander hopes to help Texas fire victims

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

Former Midlander Robert Strack, an independent filmmaker in Dallas, is using his expertise to help victims of Texas fires.

Strack has made a 30-second public service announcement that is airing on Dallas/Fort Worth television stations.

Earlier this year, a fire in North Texas — started by a man burning his trash — destroyed more than 25,000 acres and 150 homes. More than 100 fire engines battled flames and shifting winds that at one point spread

the fire 25 miles long.

Strack is trying to raise money for Poolville residents who were some of the hardest hit. He is focusing his efforts on those who were uninsured.

Poolville is northwest of Weatherford in Parker County.

During the fire, Strack was

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At left, smoke and burning cattail greeted firefighters Wednesday at 1009 Main St. At top, the grass fire spread to the structure next door and destroyed a storage shed and a vehicle and damaged a fence. At far left is former Midlander Robert Strack.

Photo at left by Joe D. Williams
Reporter-Telegram

Photo above by Kes Gilhome
Reporter-Telegram

Oil, gas explorationist announces bid for MC board

From Staff Reports

Midland independent oil and gas explorationist Will Green has announced his candidacy for the Midland College Board of Trustees, Place 7, in the May 4 city election.

Green, a native West Texan, has been a Midland resident for 26 years. He said he decided to run because Midland College "is a tremendous asset for Midland and the surrounding area, and I can contribute time and talent to continue the growth and quality of the school."

Green has been an independent oil and gas explorationist since 1989. For nine years before that, he was exploration manager for a local oil and gas company, where he man-

aged annual exploration budgets of up to \$20 million.

Green serves as chairman of the West Texas Geology Foundation and of the foundation's project to sponsor a teacher training program in June. The program will train teachers in "Energy: A Closer Look at Oil and Gas," a module developed by the Colorado School of Mines.

The candidate is past president of the West Texas Geological Society and the Permian Basin section, Society of Economic Paleontology and Mineralogy and has served on the executive committee of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), as chairman of the AAPG's House of Delegates and president of the division of professional

affairs. He is also a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and the Permian Basin Landmen's Association.

Green earned two bachelor of science degrees from Texas A&M University and a master of arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He served three years on the Midland Planning and Zoning Commission and on the Zoning Board of Adjustment during the 1980s.

He and his wife, Marianne, were matched with a "little brother" for three years and received the Couple of the Year Award from Big Brothers/Big Sisters in 1991. Green is a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Midland.

Place 7 is currently held by Jack Huff.



Midlander Will Green has announced his candidacy for the Midland College Board of Trustees, Place 7.

ED TODD

If there is honesty in human heart, there is hope for politicians

Sigh.

It is so good. The relief is thoroughly refreshing, oddly fulfilling. It is iced water scarfed in the middle of the cotton patch or oil patch under the blazing sun at midday.

It is the ought-to-be-patented, cooling-shade features of the broad-brimmed straw hat. It is an oasis in the desert: Respite, however brief, from the hellacious heat.

The relief is in the good news that another series of elections is into the past. The gut-rumbles of campaigns are muffled to whispers. The electronic shouting and the ink-smearing mucking are distantly reverberating.

The political scent, stench or perfume, depending on your perspective, still hovers over the community just as it has in times past and present over the collective communities called the nation.

For now, the candidates and ex-candidates at



Todd

home in West Texas and across the nation are recovering from shell shock. The electorate is brushing off flak. Like taxes, more will come.

In the main, the grappling and groping election-

All the while, politics is politics. In the game and business of politicking, the hyperbole is treated as truth and fact. And rare is the candidate who actively and humbly seeks the truth and the facts.

year politicians must view the body politic as a sorry lot. They certainly don't seem to accord the electorate with much respect. They bombard and blitz the voters with tripe and silliness disguised as sincerity and altruism and greatness.

The rascals seem to think that they can buy votes by plying the voters with the jingles of sound bites and with the promises of prosperity and peace.

In generously fueling their campaign coffers with the "In God We Trust" folding money, the politicians, again with rare exception, place their teetering confidence and get-what-you-pay-for trust in their pollsters, speech-writers, consultants and campaign advisers — vote brokers all.

Their babbling tongues spit out gossip, rumors, and the ill-will of negative campaigning.

Forget about the comparatives and the defects and

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Brian Adamcic/Reporter-Telegram

Award

Trend Technology, 130 Spring Park Drive, is the latest recipient of the Keep Midland Beautiful award. Woody Woodside is company president.

DEATHS

Butch Beauchamp



Beauchamp

Services for Butch Beauchamp, 44, are to be at 3 p.m. Friday, March 15, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Beauchamp died Wednesday, March 13, at a local hospital.

He was born Feb. 23, 1952, in Midland. He graduated from Midland High School in 1970.

He worked as a machinist and owned Beech Machine & Supply. He also owned Roadrunner Machine & Supply.

He was a member of Victory Family Christian Center.

Survivors include one son, Cody Beauchamp of Phoenix; one daughter, Brandy Beauchamp of Midland; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.N. Beauchamp of Midland; two sisters, Sissy Sathre and Kathy Pulley, both of Midland; two nieces, two nephews.

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

Jose Ramos

Services for Jose Manuel Ramos, 33 are to be at 3 p.m. today, March 14, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Rodriguez officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

Ramos died Sunday, March 10, in Odessa.

Pallbearers are to be Gabriel Ramos, Juan Ramos, Anselmo Ramos, Jorge Ramos, Randy Crushfield and Shane Kail.

Olen Corbell

DECATUR — Services for former Midlander Olen Cleo Corbell, 88, of Decatur are to be at 11 a.m. today, March 14, at Coker Funeral Home Chapel in Decatur with Leslie Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery in Decatur under the direction of Coker Funeral Home.

Corbell died Tuesday, March 12, at his residence.

He was born Feb. 7, 1908, in Lockhart, where he was raised and educated.

He married Rosie Lee Redding on May 5, 1936, in Corpus Christi.

He lived in Midland while working for Texaco. He retired after 38 years with Texaco.

He was a member of the North

side Church of Christ in Waco.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Nolan C. Corbell.

Survivors include his wife Rosie Lee Corbell of Decatur; and five sons, Gale Corbell and Norman Corbell, both of Decatur, Ronald Corbell of Chico, Daryl Corbell of Elm Mott and Donald Corbell of Garden Grove, Calif.

Pallbearers are J. Y. Johnson, George Redding, Jack Arnold Corbell and Landy Ward Compton.

Serena Pearce

Graveside services for Serena Pearce, 83, are to be at 2 p.m. today, March 14, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pearce died Tuesday, March 12, at a Round Rock hospital.

She was born April 7, 1912, in Marshfield, Mo. She was raised and attended school in St. Louis.

She married James D. McMillan Pearce on April 12, 1929, in St. Louis.

She moved to Midland in 1975. She was a member of the Rebecca Sunday School class and D.M.A. Int. at First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband July 16, 1976.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Pearce of Austin and Ted Pearce of Granberry; and one daughter, Vanita M. Rogers of Midland.

Memorials can be made to Building Fund, First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave., Midland 79701.

Rosa Everett

Services for Rosa Notgrass Everett are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Everett died Wednesday, March 13, in Winters.

Lois Anderson

Services for Lois Ellen Wear Anderson, 95, of Midland are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Anderson died Tuesday, March 12, at her residence.

Jo Anaya-Robson

Services for Jo Anaya-Robson, 54, of Midland are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Anaya-Robson died Wednesday, March 13, at a local hospital.

SPEAK: Cuevas discusses Midland's future

(From 1B)

land terminal designated as an entry point so that international flights can come directly into the local airport without stopping at Customs in El Paso or another large airport, he said.

The proposed new terminal would augment these services and would provide for future needs. "We believe we can hold down landing fees for major airlines," Cuevas said.

As for the proposed future extension of Interstate 27 south, it is probably not going to happen, he said. The national maps of pro-

posed interstates hit strings of large cities that comprise major voting blocks, he said.

I-27 is not on one of these lines and probably will never be approved for extension, he said.

Instead, existing highways may be expanded to improve all three West Texas routes. Work is continuing to get a four-lane-divided thoroughfare linking Midland with Mexico and linking with roads to the Pacific Ocean through Chihuahua.

Plans are under way to acquire 124 acres for the creation of a large park in southeast Midland, which has very little in the way of park

facilities, Cuevas said.

A park project in the northeast part of the city is expected to be completed this year.

"It costs money to build these parks, but it means a lot for a community," Cuevas said.

A plan for the revitalization of downtown is being discussed, but before anything can begin, a starting point — for landscaping, cobblestone walks or whatever is decided upon — must be determined.

To begin such a project, the building owners in the area must get involved and have a stake in the funding — since such a re-

development project would add greatly to the value of surrounding properties, he said.

The luncheon at Green Tree Country Club was a method of keeping council members informed, which is a requirement in the group's charter.

This sets the council apart from other professional associations, member Kathleen Owen said.

"Everybody gets tunnel vision — on their own industry. We encourage members to take leadership training," she said.

POLICE REPORTS

Fire

A mobile home at 7800-A W. Interstate 20 was destroyed by fire Tuesday night, according to a Fire Department report.

Delma Lozeno and her two children were not home at the time of the 9 p.m. fire. Her brother-in-law, who lives next door, called 911 after he saw flames coming from the south end of the home, according to the report.

When firefighters arrived, the home was engulfed in flames. No injuries were reported.

Arson is not suspected, but the fire's cause is under investigation, said Midland Fire Marshall Dale Little.

The home was not insured.

Midland Police Department Wednesday

Vandalism: A vehicle was damaged by a key at 301 E. Oak Ave., reported Kendra

Dominguez at 10:32 a.m.

Burglary of a residence: A residence was broken into from a back door and it is unknown if anything was taken at 4303 W. Dengar Ave., reported Chana Castle at 1:22 p.m.

Theft: A report was made by 7-Eleven at 4324 Andrews Highway at 2:01 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Wednesday

Theft: A pump was taken from an oil well at 3437 E. State Highway 158, reported Marcum Larry Shelton at 8:31 a.m.

Anyone having information concerning these crimes should call the Police Department at 685-7108, the Sheriff's Office at 688-1228 or Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

Workers have tales to tell about Texas highways

By Dan Parker

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI — Sammy Morales was on a routine assignment to dispose of a dead dog when he got one of the biggest surprises of his life.

Morales, an employee of the Texas Department of Transportation, was sent to Interstate 37 at Brownlee Street in Corpus Christi after learning that an animal carcass was at the location. Part of his job at the time was keeping local highways clear of roadkill.

When Morales arrived at the intersection, he found a big German shepherd lying on its side, motionless. Morales bent down and grabbed the dog by the tail to move it. Suddenly, the dog's eyes flew open. Its head spun toward

him. The pooch, which had only been napping, snapped at Morales. Morales jumped back, shocked to see what seemed to be a carcass coming back to life.

"I ran across the expressway," he said. "How I got across, I don't know. It scared the hell out of me."

The dog incident occurred about 25 years ago, but Morales — now sign shop supervisor at a Corpus Christi office of the state Transportation Department — still laughs hard when he thinks about it.

In their quest to keep area highways clear of dangerous obstacles, transportation department workers sometimes find some pretty weird stuff — everything from living room furniture to 1,000-pound chunks of roadkill.

Among the most common roadway debris is tire rubber left behind by tractor-trailers, workers say. "When they blow a tire, they don't know it," said Richard Swartz, a road maintenance technician whose jurisdiction stretches from Calallen to Port Aransas.

Transportation Department worker Bruce Gray recalled the time a few years ago when a horse was found dead on U.S. Highway 281 about six miles north of Ben Bolt after falling from the back of a moving trailer.

Because it would have been hard to move the huge, unwieldy carcass far, the transportation department buried the horse on the side of the highway with a backhoe, said Gray, a roadway maintenance supervisor whose area

includes Kleberg County, southern Nueces County and eastern Jim Wells County.

The department does not bury animals by the side of the road any more, he said. "The EPA basically passed a law that says we can't do it," Gray said. "I think it has something to do with contamination of ground water."

"The couches with the hide-a-beds are the worst," Swartz said.

"They're hard to pick up," Mendoza said.

But the workers find gratification in knowing their labor prevents accidents. "I tell you what, I value my job so much," Gray said. "I truly believe protecting the driving public is my primary responsibility. ... Everything we do, we're very safety-conscious."

TODD: Surely honor, integrity can seep into politics

(From 1B)

the failings of the opposition. What does that profit a nation of people? Nothing.

If conscience is alive, Mr. or Ms. Dastardly Rascal-Scoundrel ought not ask what "the other guy" did or didn't do, what the other guy is or isn't, but exactly who are you, the politician, in

heart and mind and what you can and cannot do without babbling the tongue and embarrassing yourself.

Cannot there be honor in politics? Is there no integrity among politicians whose sole role ought to be to honorably serve "the people" and not serve themselves graft.

If, indeed, honor and integrity

do abound in certain quarters and even in distant niches of the human heart, then surely honor and integrity can seep into politics and take a bit of the tarnish, a rub at a time, out of the darkness of politics.

If there is virtue and honesty in the human heart, then there is hope for those souls called politicians and their ilk. It would be

so good, so grand, to transform Mr. or Ms. Dastardly Rascal-Scoundrel to Mr. or Ms. Do Right-Do Good.

Is idealism so far fetched?

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

Armey, Frost duel over outcome of Texas elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cheered by his reading of the "Super Tuesday" primary tallies, House Majority Leader Dick Armey predicted Wednesday that Republicans will make big gains in Texas' congressional delegation this fall.

"I'm so excited about the way things are turning out in Texas," the Irving Republican said in an interview.

"I think we've got seven seats from which I expect to take five on the Democrat side, while we hold all of our Republican seats," he predicted.

Democrats currently hold an 18-12 edge over Republicans in the Texas delegation.

Independent political observers

suggest the GOP is well-positioned to make some inroads in the 30-member delegation at a time when six Democratic incumbents and only one GOP lawmaker are retiring. But Armey's prediction is far bolder than most are making.

Armey wasn't deterred from his sweeping prediction. "I have to tell you I study on these things a great deal and I was the first guy to predict this Republican majority back in October of '93, so I've got a pretty decent track record," he said.

Another Texas lawmaker who watches House races like a hawk — Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman Martin Frost — is reading the numbers quite differently.

"My only response would be that Dick must be smoking something very interesting these days," said Frost, a nine-term Democratic congressman from Dallas charged with recapturing control of the House from Republicans in November.

Frost's own seat and the neighboring 5th District that stretching from Dallas to Bryan are among those Armey cited as GOP pickups in the fall. He also reeled off several other possibilities: one if not

two open seats in East Texas, one in Fort Worth, a run at conservative Democrat Rep. Charles Stenholm of Stamford and "an outside" shot at an open seat in El Paso.

Not to be outdone, Frost made a bold prediction of his own.

"We think we have the chance of improving on our 18-seat margin, going up to as much as 20 Democratic seats," he said. "This is going to be a better year in Texas for Democrats than the last time."

HELP: Filmmaker makes commercial

(From 1B)

between jobs and was concerned about the victims. He asked authorities for permission to take photographs of the area.

"At first the Parker County sheriff was suspicious, but after I explained what I wanted to do, he took me to victims (who were) without fire insurance," Strack said.

Many of the homes destroyed were mobile homes, Strack said. "Not only had they lost their homes and the possessions in it, but they had lost cars, tractors, everything. Then here I was taking pictures of them."

Even though they were still

dealing with their losses, they allowed Strack to take pictures. "When I told them the reason, they were eager to help," he said.

The commercial consists of black and white photographs of families and their destroyed homes. Strack said local production companies donated time and equipment.

The commercial started airing last week and so far \$435 has been raised. Members of the First Baptist Church in Weatherford expect more donations as the commercial is shown.

Donations can be made to Fire Victims, First Baptist Church, 221 W. Church St., Weatherford, 76086.

BURN: Grass fire moves into backyards

(From 1B)

land Fire Chief James Roberts.

He said a three-year drought is creating a potential disaster. To prevent this, the county has banned all outdoor burning and only covered grills can be used for barbecuing.

Because of the weather and dry conditions, fire units are kept running from one call to the next, he said.

"We have definitely seen an increase in activity lately. Today at the same time we had a fire on Main, we had another one in the county."

Forecasters at the National Weather Service said the reason for the dry conditions is because of a split-flow jet stream that is not bringing moisture from the gulf. However, there is a chance of rain for this weekend, they said.

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Mother of dead boy misunderstood Child Protective Services order

FORT WORTH (AP) — Officials say a "tragic misunderstanding" of a child protective order may have led to the death of a 2-year-old boy, allegedly at the hands of his father.

Child Protective Services officials say the mother of Marquis Dorsey apparently thought an agreement she signed — not allowing her husband to have unsupervised visits with the child — was nullified when the CPS closed an investigation of suspected child abuse in January.

"Our closing the case doesn't convey at all that the safety plan is not still in effect," said Rose Benham, a project manager for CPS. "That's a tragic misunderstanding."

Daphne Dorsey, the child's 25-year-old

mother, signed a voluntary agreement with CPS workers in the summer agreeing not to allow unsupervised visits with the boy's father, Patrick N. Barnes, 24, who was arraigned Monday on suspicion of capital murder.

Barnes, who had been keeping Marquis for just over a week in an apartment he shared with a relative, is suspected of beating his son to death Sunday for urinating on the floor.

Ms. Benham said the agreement, which was part of an investigation into suspected child abuse by Barnes, was never to have been broken, even after CPS closed the case in January. But Ms. Dorsey understood it differently.

Ms. Dorsey said she was told in January that the agreement wasn't necessary anymore and that the visits between Marquis and Barnes could resume.

"I did what I was supposed to do," she told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Ms. Benham said part of the reason CPS closed the case was because they believed that Ms. Dorsey would uphold the agreement and not put Marquis in danger with Barnes.

Barnes, who worked at a grocery store warehouse, told police he hit the child late Saturday night. But paramedics were not summoned until two relatives showed up at his apartment Sunday afternoon. The child, the "angel" of the Dorsey family,

died at Cook Children's Medical Center. Barnes, who is on probation for assaulting an off-duty Tarrant County sheriff's deputy in 1994, remained in the Tarrant County Jail on Wednesday on suspicion of capital murder, an automatic charge when the victim is younger than 6. His bail was set at \$500,000.

Police said Marquis had dozens of injuries, obvious bruises, welts and open wounds from the beating. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office lists the cause of death as head injuries.

Ms. Dorsey had once loved Barnes, she said, but they had stopped dating and were just friends when Marquis was born. Wanting Marquis to know his father, she

allowed weekend visits regularly.

One weekend in August, Barnes brought Marquis back to Ms. Dorsey injured and bleeding, saying he had fallen off a park slide. They rushed to the hospital, where doctors treated Marquis for a week and told police the injuries looked like a beating, not an accident.

"There's a lot of times we get a gut feeling about these things," said police Sgt. Fred Pendergraf, who supervises the crimes against children unit and investigated that incident. "But we couldn't prove it. There were two witnesses — the little boy and him. And at that point, Marquis wasn't verbal and couldn't tell us what happened."

Former dean who left for Baylor's moderate seminary to return to Southwestern Baptist

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A year after he quit to join the faculty of a new, moderate seminary at Baylor University, Bruce Corley will return to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Trustees at Southwestern voted Tuesday to rehire Corley, the former theology dean, who resigned last March after the firing of his close friend, seminary President Russell Dilday.

Corley will be professor of New Testament in the Southwestern theology department.

Thomas D. Lea, a longtime seminary professor, will remain dean of theology, the post he took when Corley left. He joined Dilday as a faculty member at Baylor's Truett Theological Seminary at Waco.

The seminary was started by moderates who believed that the nation's six official Southern Baptist seminaries were becoming too conservative.

Corley said he and his family believe that his return to Southwestern is God's will.

"I am supportive of the future direction of Southwestern under the leadership of President Kenneth Hemphill and am encouraged by the constructive steps taken by both the trustees and faculty to move forward into the 21st century," said Corley.

"And I express my regret for past misunderstandings with hopes to move forward together," he said.

Hemphill, who replaced Dilday as Southwestern's president, praised trustees for rehiring Corley, calling it a moment of reconciliation.

"I believe Dr. Corley's desire to return to Southwestern sends a

clear and certain signal about the health of our institution," he said. "Southwestern simply is a great place to work and to study."

Names of trustees who voted against Corley were not announced, but the Rev. Miles Seaborn, pastor of Birchman Baptist Church in Fort Worth, said some trustees were concerned about Corley's close ties to Dilday.

The Rev. Michael Dean, a trustee who is pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, said Corley is "a world-class New Testament theologian" who will add much to the seminary.

"I really think Bruce's statement indicates he's in compliance with and in cooperation with the direction the seminary has taken," said Dean. "He's a man of his word."

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Morales: Classic story of little guy, powers that be

By Peggy Fikac
Associated Press

AUSTIN — High school government teacher Victor Morales started his U.S. Senate campaign with the family checkbook and a proposition for his wife.

He wanted to use \$8,000 of their savings to try for the seat held by Sen. Phil Gramm, a two-term Republican whose rhetoric equating affirmative action with quotas had angered Morales.

"I don't hunt and fish. I don't spend a lot of money on golf. I don't go anywhere except with my family ... So I said Dani, this time I'm taking. I'm taking big time, but it's really important," said Morales, 46.

She agreed.
So he took a leave of absence from his teaching job at a Mesquite high school and hit the road in his 1992 Nissan pickup truck.

Sixty thousand miles later, he became the top vote-getter in Tuesday's Democratic primary and faces U.S. Rep. John Bryant of Dallas in the April 9 runoff. He also bested U.S. Rep. Jim Chapman and Houston lawyer John Odam.

The strong showing by a man whose only previous public office was a Crandall City Council seat enthralled news reporters, who caught up with him at breakfast with his family at a hotel Wednesday. Political pundits were delighted.

"Here is this teacher who's campaigned in his little truck who might be the nominee against a guy who ran for president with \$18 million. ... That is just a great story," said Texas Democratic Party spokeswoman Anne Marie Kilday.

"It would be sort of a 'Mr. Smith Goes to Washington,' with a Latin twist," said Austin political consultant Bill Miller.

Morales said he hadn't yet had time to see the classic political movie about the little guy and the powers that be.

While other candidates flew from carefully planned rally to dinner to fund-raiser, Morales drove across Texas, talking to everyone who invited him and anyone else he happened to run into.

On a campaign trip during the winter's worst ice storm, for example, he made a pit stop at a fast-food restaurant. Soon he was running back out to his truck for campaign brochures to give a man and his son breakfasting inside.

While having lunch with a few supporters at another restaurant, he urged the waitress to register to vote.

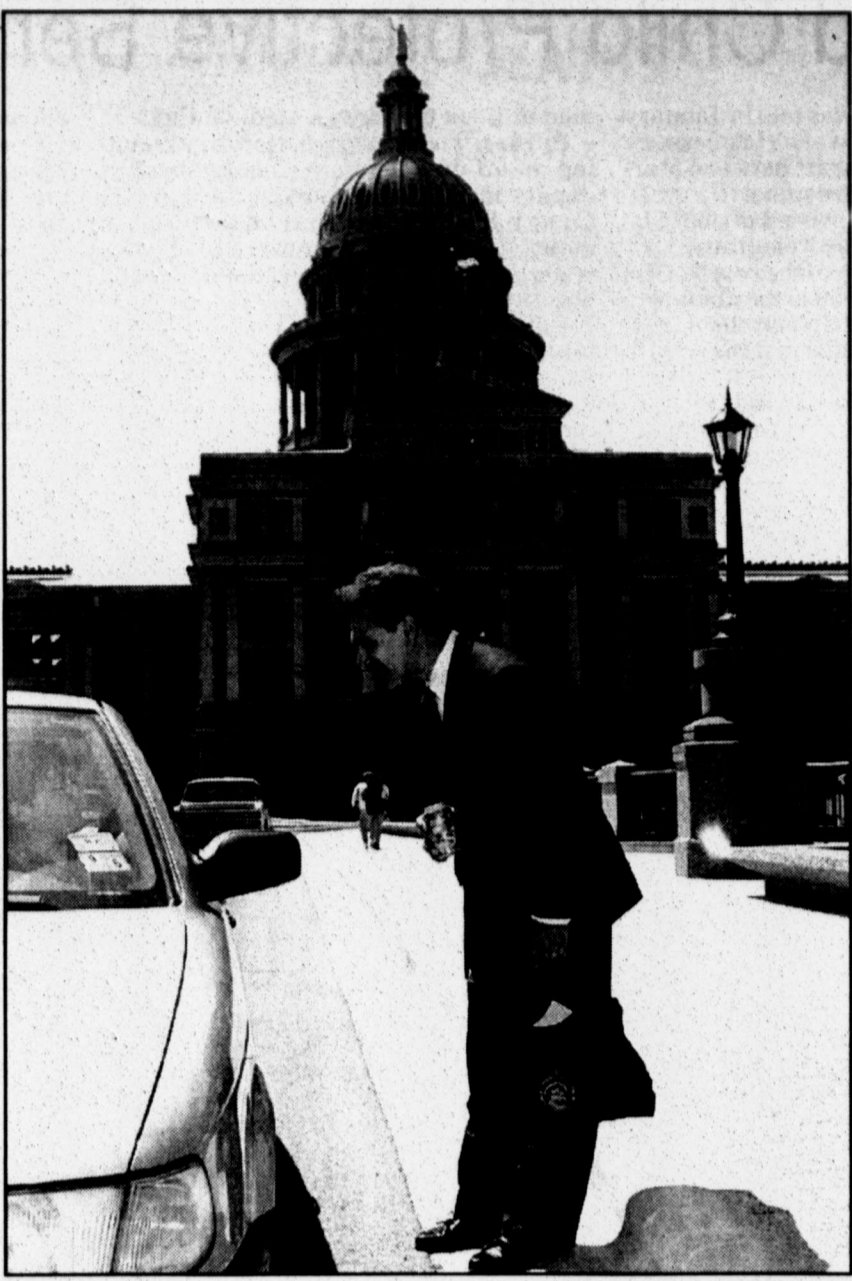
When city officials he hoped to visit in one small town were out, he passed out bumper stickers and shook hands with the office staff.

He introduced himself over and over again, counting on the idea that the people he talked to would spread the word to their friends.

Morales' main political asset is his last name, which he shares with state Attorney General Dan Morales. While scoffing at the suggestion that people are confusing him with the officeholder, he acknowledges it may make his name more familiar to voters.

He's had few other advantages. Morales estimates he's spent \$30,000 to \$40,000 on the campaign, much of it his own money. If he paid all his outstanding campaign bills now, he said, "I'd be broke."

Unable to afford a paid staff, he missed deadlines for filing cam-



Democrat Victor Morales accepts congratulations from a passing motorist outside the state Capitol Wednesday, in Austin. AP Laserphoto

paign finance reports, had his campaign checkbook and date-book stolen, and even got a ticket for having an expired registration sticker on his trusty truck.

Morales won't give pat answers on issues such as welfare reform, saying he wants to study facts and figures from the inside if elected. But he does discuss the issues with voters, and his background yields clues to his leanings.

When he contemplates welfare reform, it's as someone who grew up in a family that got public assistance for a time after "my father abandoned us."

When he considers immigration reform, it's as someone whose grandparents came from Mexico. Morales was born in Racine, Wis., and raised in Pleasanton, Texas.

And when he looks at education and balancing the budget, it's from the vantage point of a teacher who proudly says he lives within his means.

Savoring his improbable frontrunner status with his family and supporters at an Austin restaurant on election night, Morales was already thinking about the next day. He wanted to spend time talking with his children, whom he missed on the campaign trail.

And, he said, "I'm going to tune up my truck. ... On the road again."

GOP vote tops Democrats on Super Tuesday

AUSTIN (AP) — Super Tuesday in Texas had a little of everything. A big boost for a presidential candidate. A little guy in a pickup truck making it to the big time. But perhaps the biggest news of all was the voters themselves.

For the first time in 150 years of statehood, more Texans voted in the Republican primary than the Democratic primary.

Republicans couldn't contain their glee.

"LBJ and all those people he voted would be turning over in their graves if they knew what was happening," Texas GOP Chairman Tom Pauken said Wednesday.

Nearly final returns compiled by the secretary of state's office showed 1,018,378 Republican ballots cast. That compared with 923,244 in the Democratic primary.

And this in a state where, just 22 years ago, the Democratic primary vote totaled 1.52 million and the GOP vote only 69,101.

"In the old days people voted in the Democratic primary because they didn't have any choice," said Gov. George W. Bush, a Republican. "Now they are taking advantage of their options."

Not so fast, Democrats said. Since President Clinton was all but unopposed, and the GOP presidential race was heated, it's only natural, said party spokeswoman Anne Marie Kilday.

"You know the Republicans are going to make a big deal about it," she said. "While it's historic, it's the result of that wild and wacky GOP presidential primary."

She said Democratic turnout remained higher than the GOP in

'In the old days people voted in the Democratic primary because they didn't have any choice. Now they are taking advantage of their options.'

—Gov. George W. Bush

traditional strongholds of East Texas.

Democratic Party Chairman Bill White even saw good news in the presidential numbers. "Count up the votes that President Clinton got statewide (797,772). Count up the votes that Sen. Dole got statewide (567,658). That ought to tell you something," he said.

But Republicans countered that Clinton faced a ballot full of nobodies, while Dole had to beat back strong challenges from commentator Pat Buchanan and publisher Steve Forbes.

Secretary of State Tony Garza reported Wednesday that total turnout was about 1,940,000, or 20.01 percent of the state's 9.7 million registered voters.

Tuesday was a night of firsts for the Texas GOP.

Besides having more Republican voters for the first time ever, it was the first time Republican primaries were held in all 254 coun-

ties. And the November election will be the first time no Democrat challenges a Republican incumbent for a major statewide office, since Supreme Court Justice Greg Abbott is unopposed.

"What is happening is that many of the conservative Democrats have moved into the Republican Party. We're building a strong grassroots organization. There's a lot of enthusiasm. Particularly in rural Texas and the small towns, it's moving our way," Pauken said.

Pauken said he believes the GOP's gains are extending into courthouses and other local centers of political power, building muscle for the future.

"That four or five (percentage) point advantage that the Democrats have always had because they had control of the courthouses and strong local organizations is going to be neutralized and start working to our benefit," he said.

Democrat Victor Morales accepts congratulations from a passing motorist outside the state Capitol Wednesday, in Austin.

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City lights call cowgirl museum away from home

By Sam Verhovek
N.Y. Times News Service

HEREFORD — Willa Cather's books are on display, as are the platinum records of Patsy Cline. There is a display on Wilma Mankiller, the former head of the Cherokee Nation, and a bronze statuette of Sacajawea, the Shoshone interpreter for the Lewis and Clark expedition. And 125 other honorees have their due: there are the pink and turquoise cowgirl hats of Gertrude Maxwell, an Idaho rancher and historian, and a photo exhibit on Mamie (Mae) Francis Hafley, the daredevil rider, and her Arabian mount, Babe, who performed their act 628 times from 1908 to 1914.

For the people in this Texas Panhandle town who dreamed up the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center and nurtured it these past 21 years, these are bitter-sweet times, the founders almost victims of their own success. The entire gallery is about to be moved out of Hereford and into Fort Worth, almost 400 miles away.

It is not that people here oppose the move, which will transform the museum and its \$60,000 annual budget into a \$5 million tourist attraction in the middle of Fort Worth's cultural district.

But having watched the museum grow up from a one-room display in the basement of the Deaf Smith County Library, having held their annual "Rhinstone Roundup" induction ceremonies here and even seen their hall inspire the opening of the National Cowgirl Hall of

Fame restaurant in Manhattan, people here say it is a little tough to realize that the hall's Hereford days are over.

"You can liken it to your child going away to college," said Wenonah Barringer, the office manager of the hall, which occupies several rooms of what used to be a private home in this farm and ranch town. "It's a national treasure, and we're sorry that Hereford is losing it."

And there have been some ruffled feelings during the transition, as the people in Hereford (pronounced HUR-furd) have not always seen eye-to-eye with the new curators in Fort Worth on how their collection should be treated and displayed.

Margaret Formby, 66, the hall's founder and its former president, acknowledged the tensions, though she insisted, "We had controversy, but that's been ironed out."

Now, she said, she feels sad that the museum is leaving but pleased to know that the hall's yearly attendance, around 2,000, will almost surely grow, perhaps to 100 times that, perhaps even outpacing the 274,000 mark set last year at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center, in Oklahoma City.

"We could never draw that many people because it's such a hassle to get over here," Mrs. Formby said of Hereford, which is 50 miles from Amarillo. "We're just a bunch out of the way."

The move to Fort Worth is, at least in part, the product of a growing interest in women's history, evident in scholarship and in other museums that are in the planning stages, like

the Women of the West Museum in Boulder, Colo.

Two years ago, after deciding that it was time for the museum to move from Hereford and after entertaining offers from 29 cities and six amusement parks, the directors here settled on Fort Worth. Increasing the museum's visibility was a goal.

"We began to feel that we were doing a little bit of disservice to the women of the West," said Roger Eades, Hereford's mayor pro tem and a former chairman of the hall's board. "They have a story to tell, and we're such a small town we were not able to get that out."

Perhaps, although anyone who made it out here would probably have concluded that the museum was telling its story well. Whatever it lacks in interactive displays and I-max movie screens it more than makes up for in lyricism and sheer attention to detail in the exhibits.

"Broncs before breakfast, babies after 40, life without pay, death without warning, God as her guide and a ballad on her wind-blistered lips, Woman in all her greatness gave flower to the great American West," proclaims the brochure that Mrs. Barringer handed to a visitor.

It continues: "In homes and hospitals and churches of adobe or ocotillo wattles or pine logs or river rock, in dugouts with sod roofs, snakes landing in her lap or apron flapping in the wind — 'Comes a tornado!' — fighting grasshopper hordes, prairie fires and her young-uns' fever, she created a circle of love."



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Heroic effort

Columbus Regional Hospital paramedic Don Richards attempts Monday to resuscitate Sheba, a German shepherd mix, at the scene of a house fire in Columbus, Ind. Firefighters rescued the dog from the blaze but she later died after being rushed to the veterinarian's office.

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Detail in state water law brings landowners, developers to blows

By Randy Lee Loftis
Associated Press

EAST MOUNTAIN — Holly and Phil Jamison never imagined worrying about water pollution.

The Upshur County ranchers weren't happy when they learned that state officials planned to let a developer put treated wastewater into Bog Creek, which runs through their land. But they admitted that progress — in this case, a new subdivision in the country — has its price.

What got to them, however, was the language in a state notice. It said that Bog Creek has "no significant aquatic life."

Offended by this slight of their little stream, they cajoled a couple of state officials into doing an electric shock test — stunning whatever fish were present so

they could be counted — and waited as a bass and several other fish floated to the surface.

"I said, 'You call that insignificant?'" Ms. Jamison said later.

People along thousands of East Texas streams could be asking similar questions. Officials of East Texas cities are squaring off against environmentalists and hunting and fishing groups in a dispute over water quality.

On one side is concern about money that cities and industries must spend to clean up millions of gallons of wastewater. On the other is the concern over the quality of Texas' thousands of miles of streams.

The fight concerns a change of a single word in Texas' environmental rules. Since 1991, the rules have presumed that most streams offer high-quality habitat to fish,

shellfish and other creatures that need clean water.

Texas officials now want to change that "high quality" presumption to "intermediate" for most streams in East Texas.

It's more than just a paperwork revision. Lowering the habitat listing reduces the amount and cost of treatment that cities and developers must give their waste before discharging it.

It also relaxes overall rules on water quality — allowing a reduction in the amount of life-giving oxygen in the water, for example.

Supporters and opponents of the change have pressed their views upon Jane Saginaw, regional administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Because the EPA oversees state water-quality programs, changes in state stan-

dards require the federal agency's approval.

The EPA isn't saying which way it is leaning, a spokesman said Ms. Saginaw should render a decision this month.

Backers of the change include officials of nine northeast Texas cities and the state's leading environmental official. They say the change would cut red tape without lowering water quality.

"The outcome will be the same, in our view," said Barry McBee, chairman of the policy-making Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

The commission approved the change last June, before Mr. McBee filled a slot on the three-member panel. He said he supports the change.

Opponents include environmentalists and outdoor enthusiasts in East Texas and

in Austin. They say the change would violate the federal Clean Water Act and erode the quality of many of the state's best creeks, rivers and lakes.

Ruth Culver, an environmentalist from Karnack, Texas, said that degrading hundreds of little creeks would eventually degrade the big waters downstream.

"It's all going to build up," she said. "You can only dilute something so much."

The rule change would cover the most watery part of Texas, east of Interstate 35 and north of the Colorado River.

Some of the creeks and streams affected are so small that no one has bothered to name them. In other cases, their names are unknown outside the immediate neighborhood. But they feed such high-quality waters as Caddo Lake and the Sabine River.

'Valley fever' cases increase in Southwest

By Anya Lockert
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The 102-degree fevers and headaches that plagued Leonard Piazza during the summer of 1991 were so uncomfortable that he began walking around with a thermometer in his mouth and an ice pack on his head.

"I had to record my temperatures so many times a day. The very first time my thermometer said 98, it was like Christmas," Piazza, 61, recalled.

Two months passed before skin and blood tests showed that Piazza had contracted a lung infection known as "valley fever."

"I was too weak to work," said Piazza, who now takes anti-fungal pills to treat the disease. "The doctor said it was not a cold that you can take chicken soup for. It just comes."

The disease's real name is coccidioidomycosis, but residents and the medical community dubbed it valley fever because it is so commonly found in the dusty soil of central California, specifically, the San Joaquin Valley.

The disease is mainly found in the Southwest, northern Mexico and Central and South America, said Dr. John Galgiani, chief of the Infectious Diseases section at the Tucson Veteran Affairs Medical Center.

He is also founder of the Valley Fever Center for Excellence in Tucson, a research center devoted to the study of the disease.

Last year, 619 cases of valley fever were reported statewide, an increase of 46 cases from 1994, the Arizona Department of Health Services said.

Maricopa County reported 400 of those cases; 134 were in Pima County.

Most of the people who have lived in Arizona for any period of time have had very mild cases of valley fever, but dismissed it as the cold or flu, Galgiani said.

The longer a person lives in Arizona, the better his chances of getting the disease, he said, although it is fairly rare for a person to develop such a serious case that he requires extensive medical attention.

Valley fever begins as a fungus that grows in the ground usually after heavy rains. The wind sends it into the air, where it is inhaled.

Once the spores get into the fine air tubes and sacs of the lungs, the spores begin to grow, multiply and eventually cause sickness in certain people.

Symptoms include a cough, chest pains, night sweats, nausea, fatigue, rashes, achy joints and difficulty breathing.

However, in a few patients, the fungus spreads to other organs, bones and the lining of the brain or skin, causing high fevers and extreme fatigue.

Blacks, Asians and people with suppressed immune systems are more likely to develop serious cases of valley fever, Galgiani said.

"They have trouble making a useful immune response to fight it off," he said.

There is no vaccine for valley fever, which can be diagnosed only through skin or blood tests. Anti-fungal pills are the primary treatment once it is diagnosed.

The Arizona Lung Association said between 60 to 70 percent of all people affected with valley fever develop no symptoms. But the others develop symptoms that can last for a month, and fatigue that can last for several months.

Dr. William Weese, a Phoenix physician, developed valley fever 15 years ago.

"I was building a house in 1981 when I became ill with a fever, chills and sweat, inflammation of lining lung, pneumonia and a rash," Weese said. "I had arthritis pain in my back, and swelling of the knees."

Six weeks later, Weese said the symptoms vanished and he has had no problems since.

"I just let it run its course," he said.

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Texas Scores

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MHS soccer set

The Midland High girls soccer team will play its first-ever UIL playoff game on March 22 in Abilene. The Lady Bulldogs will play Wichita Falls High. The game is tentatively set for Abilene's Lee Complex at 5 p.m.

Jordan speaks out

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan, who knows a thing or two about breaking NBA rules, says the league and the union share some of the blame for the controversy surrounding Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf and the national anthem.

"It could have been kept behind closed doors," he said Wednesday night following the Bulls' 103-86 victory over Washington. "Now it's such a public issue."

"He's going to be viewed negatively and I don't think it's good for the league."

Jordan, who was fined \$100,000 after last year's playoffs for switching his uniform number, said he wonders why the matter wasn't settled earlier.

"I think the union should have stepped in a long time ago and found ways to compromise," he said. "This kid has been doing it for 60 games and now all of a sudden, the league wants to suspend him."

Disney deal falls

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Walt Disney Co. said Wednesday that it can't reach a deal to renovate Anaheim Stadium and may walk away from its agreement to take control of the California Angels.

On Jan. 18, baseball owners approved Disney's deal to buy 25 percent of the Angels from Gene Autry. Disney would operate the team and have the right to buy the remainder of the Angels after Autry's death.

Disney chief executive officer Michael Eisner said then that the company wouldn't close on the deal unless it reached an agreement with Anaheim by March 17 on a stadium renovation plan.

Disney spokesman John Dreyer said Wednesday that the company, which owns the NHL's Anaheim Mighty Ducks, may walk away from the baseball deal.

Disney has offered to spend \$70 million renovating the stadium if Anaheim adds \$30 million.

U.S. women roll

NINGBO, China — Rebecca Lobo scored 19 points, and Jennifer Azzu and Nikki McCray scored 16 each as the United States routed South Korea 100-71 Wednesday night at the China Women's Invitational.

The United States (6-0) plays Cuba (3-3) on Thursday, then closes Friday against China (3-3). Cubs upset China 86-79 in the opener of Wednesday's doubleheader.

The Americans took a 22-12 lead in the first eight minutes and led 43-34 at halftime. The United States shot 58 percent (39-for-67) while South Korea (0-6) shot just 46 percent (26-for-57).

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1996 NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Everyone Has Gone "Mad"

UMass' Calipari finds reasons to worry about Central Florida

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — John Calipari might just be the guy to take that job as ice salesman in the Arctic.

The coach of top-ranked Massachusetts was able Wednesday to actually give reasons why his team should be worried about Central Florida in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

Yes, Central Florida, one of two teams in the field of 64 with a losing record.

"We better come and play. Central Florida's good enough to beat us, they are. We better come and play," he said.

When pressed what in particular his Minutemen (31-1), the team ranked No. 1 for 10 weeks this season, might fear from the Golden Knights (11-18), whose longest winning streak this season was two games, Calipari had a quick answer.

"They execute, have size inside and their guards can shoot the ball and Harry Kennedy can flat out shoot with any-

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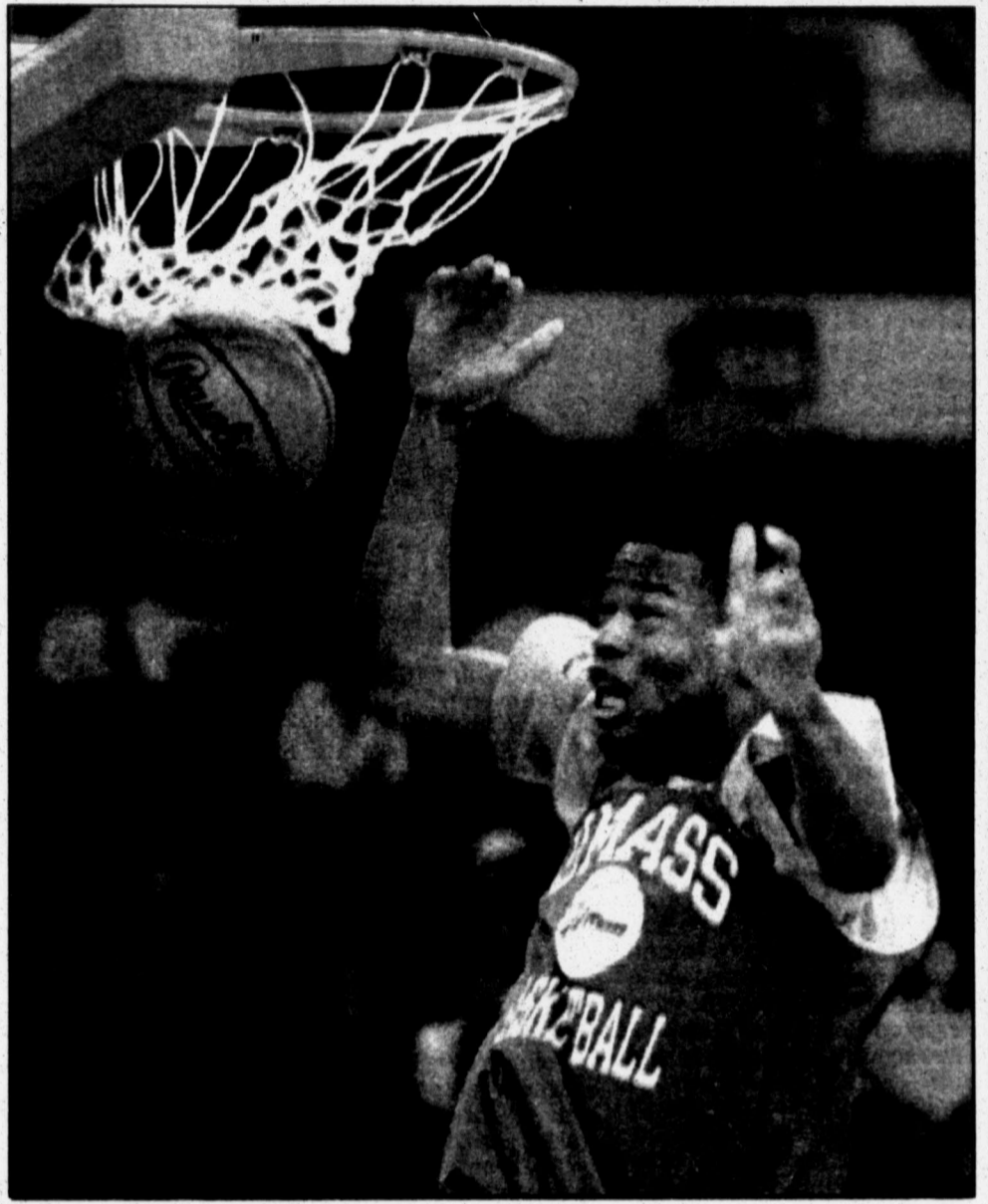
body in the country," he said. "It's scary when a team relies on 3-point shooting because what if they go 20-for-25. It can happen. This is the NCAA tournament."

No 16th seed has ever beaten a top-seeded team, but the closest one ever came was in the Providence Civic Center when Princeton came within a last-second blocked shot of upsetting Georgetown in 1989.

It's doubtful Central Florida, in the tournament as winners of the Trans America Athletic Conference tournament, can even scare Massachusetts, but coach Kirk Speraw won't let his team take the floor thinking that way.

"I'm going to tell them to enjoy the opportunity," he said. "Obviously it's a tremendous challenge. Only one team solved Massachusetts all season. It's a dream for these kids to play in this tournament."

The Massachusetts-Central Florida
Please see UMass/2C



UMass' Marcus Camby, a first-team all-American, dunks the ball in the practice Wednesday. The Minutemen, the East's No. 1 ranked team will play Central Florida, ranked 16th. Every No. 1 seed has defeated those ranked at 16.

Kentucky Wildcats start their expected run to Final Four

By Owen Canfield
Associated Press

DALLAS — In the NCAA Midwest Regional, there is Kentucky and then there are 15 other teams. Or so it would seem.

The top-seeded Wildcats open NCAA tournament play Thursday as the clear favorite to reach the Final Four from the Midwest. After all, isn't this the team that made mincemeat out of the Southeastern Conference and won 27 straight before losing to Mississippi State in the finals of the SEC tournament?

Isn't this the team considered by many to be the deepest and most talented in the country, the team that wore opponents out with its press and then bombarded them relentlessly at the offensive end?

For the Wildcats (28-2), would anything less than a national championship this year be a disappointment?

Not according to coach Rick Pitino, who tried Wednesday to waylay some of the this-is-THE-year expectations.

"At Kentucky now we've had five NCAA appearances since I've been there and we're going to have a lot more, so there's no rush," he said. "We certainly want to win it. We wanted to win it last year. We wanted to win it the year



Kentucky Coach Rick Pitino, left, looks on as Allen Edwards passes during practice for the NCAA Midwest regional in Dallas.

prior to that.

"We have a better chance of winning it this year because we have more answers offensively than we have in the past. But it just doesn't work that way. We found out with the Mississippi State game, if you run into a hot player, they execute and you're not hot, you go home and you plan your strategy for next year."

The first round of the tournament hasn't even started and Pitino already seems weary of the questions. Someone asked him to gauge how great an upset

Please see WILD/2C

Calhoun: No. 16 seed will defeat No. 1 — eventually

By Steve Herman
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — It's a fact of NCAA tournament life that 16th-seeded teams must play the No. 1 seeds in the first round. It's also a fact of life that the No. 16 teams have never won.

"It'll happen. I don't know when or how, but it'll happen," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said Wednesday. "Hopefully, not to us."

The Huskies are the top seed in the Southeast Regional. On Thursday, they open against 16th-seeded Colgate, which also had the misfortune of playing — and losing — to top-seeded Kansas last year.

"Our kids have gained valuable experience from last year," Colgate coach Jack Bruen said. "Going against a No. 1 seed, obviously you don't have much history on your side."

A year ago, the Red Raiders lost 82-68 in the first round.

"It was great to play Kansas ... and there's not much pressure on us this year," senior Mike Roberts said. "But we're still the No. 16 seed."

Last year's tourney was the first for Colgate, which earned a second appearance by winning the Patriot League tournament.

"In terms of physical play, no, it's not an ACC," center Adonal Foyle said.

Please see UCONN/2C

NBA won't budge on penalty, Abdul-Rauf remains suspended

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NBA on Wednesday found itself at the center of a controversy encompassing basketball, religion and freedom of speech as Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf held firm in his refusal to stand for the national anthem.

The NBA has suspended the Denver Nuggets guard indefinitely without pay — a move that is costing Abdul-Rauf \$31,707 per game.

Abdul-Rauf says his religious principles were more important than his job. He feels "The Star-Spangled Banner" is a symbol of tyranny and oppression, and contends the Koran forbids nationalistic ritualism.

Islamic experts and the league's most prominent Muslim player disagreed, saying the Koran does not address the issue specifically.

Although he refused to waver from his decision, Abdul-Rauf said Wednesday he meant no disrespect to the flag.

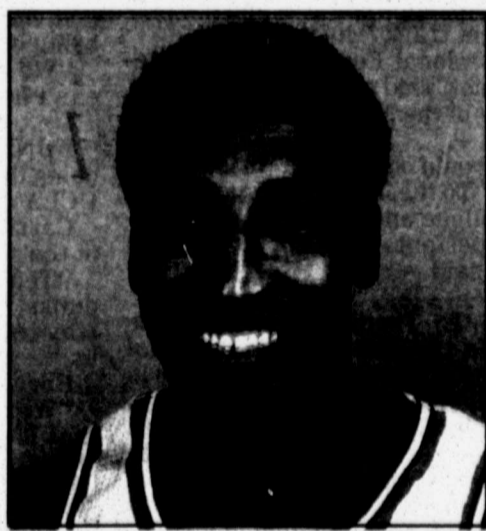
"My intentions were not in any way to be disrespectful to those who regard the national anthem as a sacred ceremony," he said in a statement read by his agent, Shareef Nasir in Denver. "I am an African-American, a citizen of this country, and one who respects freedom of speech and freedom of expression."

Abdul-Rauf, who converted to Islam in 1991 and changed his name from Chris Jackson in 1993, was suspended Tuesday. The Nuggets' next game is not until Friday night in Chicago.

"The ball's in his court. This is not a religious issue, it's a simple procedural rule," league spokesman Brian McIntyre said.

The players' union said it supported Abdul-Rauf's free expression rights but was urging a resolution through compromise.

"We also are disappointed that the league took this action without trying to resolve its concerns in a less-confrontational manner," union acting director Alex English said in a statement.



Scottie Pippen will miss up to two weeks due to an injured right knee.

Pippen out 10-14 days

■ The Bulls' forward will miss up to two weeks with tendinitis in his right knee.

By Mike Nadel
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Scottie Pippen, one of the two players the Chicago Bulls absolutely must have to win the NBA title, will miss up to two weeks with an assortment of injuries.

Bulls general manager Jerry Krause said Wednesday that tendinitis in Pippen's right knee will sideline the All-Star forward for 10-14 days. Pippen also has been nursing back and ankle injuries.

Coach Phil Jackson had said earlier in the day that Pippen would miss Wednesday night's home game against the Washington Bullets but might play before the end of the week.

Later, however, Krause said: "Scottie will begin immediate treatment for his tendinitis and, for the next week, will not touch a basketball."

The Bulls already have the maximum three players on the injured list — Bill Wennington, Dickey Simpkins and Jack

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Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, shown here in December of 1992 in a Denver Mosque, refused to stand during the national anthem and the NBA suspended him.

The dispute was unprecedented for a professional sports league. Players have refused to play on certain holy days, most notably Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 1965 World Series, but none has ever been punished for refusing to stand for the national anthem, nor has

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Tyson, Bruno try gamesmanship

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Mike Tyson and Frank Bruno, acting like a couple of spoiled kids, played a waiting game with one another Wednesday before appearing for their final prefight news conference.

Bruno arrived at the hotel show room first, but refused to take his place on the dais until Tyson arrived. They went to the dais at the same time, and the 11 a.m. news conference started 47 minutes late.

On Monday, Tyson canceled some interviews, and on Tuesday he called off a public workout. Bruno did not appear at any of his scheduled interviews Tuesday.

Last week Tyson went to Los Angeles the night before a Wednesday news conference, but returned to Las Vegas when he was told Bruno would not appear. Bruno then was talked into going to Los Angeles, where he was told Tyson had left.

"I'm a professional and I'm doing it (the news conference)," Bruno said.

Bruno, who will defend the WBC heavyweight championship against Tyson on Saturday night at the MGM Grand Garden, has complained he is not being shown the respect due to a champion.



Frank Bruno, seen here at a press conference, says he is unhappy with the promotion of the fight.

The champion from Britain is unhappy about his purse of \$6 million compared with the \$30 million Tyson will be making. "I'm not happy in some ways with the promotion," Bruno

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New TV contract for women means late tournament starts

Associated Press

Regional tournament games starting as late as 9:30 on a Monday night. Some on the West Coast beginning so late they won't make the morning newspapers in half the country.

Is this any way to promote women's basketball? Like it or not, it is for now, two of the game's top coaches said Wednesday.

Under a new contract with ESPN, more games than ever will be televised during the NCAA women's tournament that begins Friday. Between them, ESPN and ESPN2 will show 21 regional games and all three games of the Final Four at Charlotte.

But to get those games on the air, the network had to work around its other offerings, specifically hockey and the men's NIT. The result was some less-than-ideal starting times.

Grambling State's first-round game at Stanford will begin at 9:30 p.m. PST Saturday. That's 12:30 a.m. in the East. If defending national champion Connecticut wins its first-round game with Howard on Saturday, it would play at 9:30 p.m. Monday.

One of the semifinals games in the West Regional at Seattle will start at 12:30 a.m. EST. The regional final in Seattle will begin at midnight in the East.

"If we're playing Monday night at 9:30, I think I'll be pretty happy," Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said. "You've got to make some adjustments so the most people can watch the games."

"I know it's hard to wait around all day, but I don't know if we'll ever be able to get away from that. That's just the way things are now. I think you learn to adjust."

Coach Leon Barmore of No. 1-ranked Louisiana Tech said he's certainly willing to adjust if it means being on TV.

"Last year, we played Western Kentucky at 11 o'clock at night here at Louisiana Tech," Barmore said. "We had a packed house, it was an exciting atmosphere, we had a good game. If ESPN calls me, we'll play any time they want to play."

As for games that won't make the next day's newspapers, Barmore said that, too, is something that has to be tolerated at times in the overall interest of promoting women's basketball.

"Not day in and day out and year in and year out, but as a growing sport, TV is what you need," he said. "Certainly we need both. We have the best newspaper coverage here you can imagine. Our kids are in the paper all the time. I know some places where the players never get in the paper."

"So we need both. We need to work together to get the best coverage. But right now, as we talk about it, it's television. Everybody is aware of the problems and is trying to work them out."

Another factor in the late starts is that women's basketball attracts a lot of families with small children. Will those families be willing to turn out for games that will end after midnight?

Apparently, they will at Connecticut.

"We had a thousand tickets available for Monday night, a 9:30 start, and I think it took about an hour to sell them all," Auriemma said. "Yeah, some people will complain about it. Some people think that games at 1 o'clock on Sunday afternoon are hard to get to because they have to get up by noon."

"If they want to be there bad enough, they'll be there."

The ESPN contract also has meant a change in the regional finals. All four will be played on Monday night, giving the winners only three days between those games and the national semifinals on Friday, March 29.

Roundtree heads women's All-America team

Tech's Michi Atkins is named to the second team.

Associated Press

Georgia guard Saudia Roundtree, who's at her best in big games, and two players from defending national champion Connecticut lead The Associated Press women's All-America basketball team.

Kara Wolters and Jennifer Rizzotti of the Huskies joined Roundtree on the first team, along with versatile Vickie Johnson of No. 1-ranked Louisiana Tech and explosive scorer Latasha Byears of DePaul.

Roundtree was the only player listed on all 40 ballots by a national media panel and was a first-team pick on all but three ballots.

The 5-foot-7 senior compiled 192 out of a possible 200 points awarded.

Wolters had 165 points, followed by Johnson with 157, Rizzotti with 143 and Byears with 109. Byears edged Stanford's Kate Starbird by two points for the last spot on the first team.

Starbird heads the second team, which has six players because of a tie between Ohio State's Katie Smith and Virginia's Wendy Palmer for the final position. Also on that team are Oregon State's Tanja Kostic, Louisiana Tech's Debra Williams and Texas Tech's Michi Atkins.

Roundtree is the only first-teamer who wasn't on the AP's preseason All-America team. But the flashy guard earned a spot on the postseason team with some spectacular play in leading fifth-

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ranked Georgia to a 23-4 record and a No. 2 seeding in the NCAA Midwest Regional.

She averaged 16.2 points, 5.8 assists and 2.4 steals, and the bigger the game, the better she played. During five-game stretch in January, all against nationally ranked opponents, Roundtree had 20 points against Tennessee, 26 at Auburn, 27 at Connecticut, 29 at Penn State and 32 at Florida.

Roundtree also averaged 7.4 rebounds and 6.4 assists as Georgia won all five of those games.

Wolters and Rizzotti had to become the leaders at Connecticut following the departure of Rebecca Lobo.

Drexel seeks first win at NCAAs

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Drexel set a school record with 26 victories this season, but the Philadelphia school is still looking for its first win in the NCAA tournament.

The Dragons (26-3) meet No. 16 Memphis (22-7) in Thursday's opening round of the West Regional in Albuquerque.

Drexel has won three straight North Atlantic Conference championships, but hasn't come close to breaking through in the NCAA tournament. The Dragons lost to Temple 61-39 in the first round of the East Regional in 1994 and were beaten by Oklahoma State 73-49 in an East Regional opener last year.

Drexel center Malik Rose has moved into some elite company with 1,484 career rebounds. The 6-foot-7 center ranks third behind Derrick Coleman and Ralph Sampson on the NCAA's modern career rebounding list.

Rose has averaged 13.1 rebounds a game this season — second nationally to Marcus Mann of Mississippi Valley State (13.8).

SOFT BRACKET?: With only three of the top 25 ranked teams in the country playing in Albuquerque, the prevailing sentiment is that this portion of the West Regional bracket is the weakest in the NCAA tournament.

Not at all, says Memphis center Lorenzen Wright.

Purdue, tied with Kansas and Georgetown for No. 4 in the latest rankings, is the No. 1 seed in the West. But the Boilermakers are the only top 10 team in Albuquerque. Syracuse is 15th and Memphis State 16th.

YOUNG TIGERS: Clemson coach Rick Barnes has proven that his athletic director isn't much of a prognosticator.

Barnes, who left Providence to take over at Clemson two years ago, got the Tigers into the NIT last year with a 15-13 record and into the NCAA tournament this year.

The Tigers (18-10), who will start four freshmen and sophomore Greg Buckner on Thursday against Georgia (19-9), were picked to finish last in the ACC. But

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Clemson won its first 11 games and, despite finishing 7-9 in ACC play, received its first NCAA bid since 1990.

THE PIT'S THE PLACE: University Arena, nicknamed The Pit and the site for first- and second-round games in this year's West Regional, has become a storied part of the NCAA tournament.

It was here that the late Jim Valvano and his North Carolina State Wolfpack upset Houston's Phi Slamma Jama team for the national title in 1983. In one of the most dramatic finishes in tournament history, North Carolina State guard Dereck Whittenburg's last-second shot fell well short of the basket, but teammate Lorenzo Charles plucked the ball out of the air and slammed it home for the 54-52 victory.

The sight of Valvano running around the The Pit floor looking, as he would say later, for someone to hug, remains part of the tournament's highlight film material.

UMASS: Texas Tech will play on Friday

(From 1C)

game starts Thursday afternoon's doubleheader with eighth-seeded Bradley playing No. 9 Stanford in the second game.

The night doubleheader has fifth-seeded Penn State (21-6) against No. 12 Arkansas (18-12) and fourth-seeded Marquette (22-7) against No. 13 Monmouth (20-9).

Massachusetts came within one game of the Final Four last season, the Minutemen's fifth straight NCAA appearance.

"We're more focused and have a lot of confidence," forward Donta Bright said of any differences from this trip to the others. "We know if we play UMass basketball we'll be victorious."

It also doesn't hurt to have All-American Marcus Camby in the middle.

The 6-foot-11 Camby, who was one vote shy of being a unanimous All-America selection, said he was in a slump the last few weeks "but everybody on this team can pick us up to keep us a great team. That's what's great about this team."

Central Florida made its NCAA tournament debut

two years ago and lost to top-seeded Purdue, and its star Glenn Robinson, 98-67.

"All we can hope for is us to be competitive," said senior forward Howard Porter, the son of the former Villanova star and one of two players who is back in the NCAA tournament. "Two years ago we didn't and if we do that again it will be a long plane ride home."

Stanford (19-8) had a long plane ride just to get to Providence, as it did in last year's NCAA tournament when the Cardinal opened in Albany, N.Y. The win over North Carolina Charlotte was the school's first tournament win since 1942 and it set up a second-round loss to Massachusetts.

"The No. 1 team in the whole tournament is in our four-man bracket so it would be really foolish for us or Bradley to look much beyond that," Montgomery said.

He did say Bradley (22-7) and Stanford are a lot alike and Braves coach Jim Molinari agreed.

"We are of similar philosophies, I don't know if we are of similar parts," he said. "We both play pretty good halfcourt defense and on offense we both try to get a good shot through organization and set plays."



UCONN: Coach weary of No. 16 Colgate

(From 1C)

STAY IN SCHOOL: Two of the nation's top underclassmen have no plans to leave school for the NBA next season.

"Right now, my thoughts are on winning a national championship," Connecticut guard Ray Allen said. "Next year is out of the picture. It's not even a thought."

Allen, a 6-foot-5 junior, was named first-team All-American by The Associated Press.

"We've worked hard to reach our goal and it's safe to say we're on the right track," he said.

Colgate sophomore Adonal Foyle, an honorable-mention All-America pick, said many players regard making a lot of money in the NBA as their primary objective.

"I can see why they would be tempted (to leave college early)," he said. "To me, it's very important to spend four years in college and better myself intellectually. Money is important, but it's not the reason you go to college," he said.

HOME SWEET DOME: The RCA Dome was the site of the Final Four in 1991 and will hold the Final Four again next year, the first and second rounds in 1999 and the Final Four in 2000.

The city also staged the Final Four in 1980, when it was played in nearby Market Square Arena. The champions in both years Indianapolis was the host

WILD: Kentucky will meet San Jose State

(From 1C)

it would be if San Jose State were to beat his team Thursday.

"That's the most fascinating question I've had as a coach," he shot back. "Thanks for that astute question."

For their part, the Kentucky players said all the right things in talking about San Jose State, which at 13-16 is one of just two teams in the tournament with a losing record.

"We understand we're playing a

very good team," center Mark Pope said.

"We've worked so hard to get to this point, we don't want to overlook anyone," said guard Tony Delk.

Pitino and his players believe the loss to Mississippi State will serve them well in the tournament because it exposed a few cracks, most notably a slight breakdown on defense.

"We were getting away from some of the little things we had been effective at," Pope said.

"Whether it's a positive or not, that's up to us."

And if the result is not a national title? Life will go on, Pitino said.

"We're going to do everything we can to win a championship," he said. "We did the same thing last year, the same thing the year before and we're going to do the same thing next year."

"The effort is going to be there. We're going to try our best. But we cannot guarantee something like that."

No excuses for this Stars loss to Ottawa

KANATA, Ontario (AP) — This time, the Dallas Stars had no excuse.

The Stars lost 4-1 for the second game in a row Wednesday night, and there were no ghosts of a passing Montreal Forum to blame.

The Ottawa Senators ended a seven-game losing streak and won only their fourth home game this season when they beat the Stars 4-1.

The lowly Senators skated to a 3-0 lead in the first period and easily dispatched the Stars at the Corel Centre, giving Ottawa its second win in 10 games in the new home.

"From this game tonight we're either going to go one way or another," said Stars coach Ken Hitchcock.

"We're hoping we go up but it's in the players' hands right now."

The Stars were unbeaten in seven games and were making a run for the final playoff berth in the Western Conference when they hit the emotional finale of the 77-year-old Forum and the Canadiens on Monday.

There didn't seem much left for the new Corel Centre, which has already changed its name from the Palladium in its eight-week lifespan.

"Emotionally, we've got to lift up the intensity from now until the end of the season," said Dallas center Mike Modano, who had a seven-game points streak end and is stalled at 499 career points.

Only a goal by Mike Donnelly with 1:22 remaining spoiled the shutout bid of Senators goalie Damian Rhodes, who was looking for his first shutout in 69 career NHL games.

Coupled with a 3-3 tie between Winnipeg and

Toronto — the two teams Dallas is trying to catch — the Stars now are seven points out of the final playoff berth in the Western Conference with 15 games remaining.

Rhodes, starting his 22nd consecutive game since coming to the Senators in a trade Jan. 23, was given a 3-0 lead in the first period.

The Senators, who are last in the NHL at 13-50-3, got a goal from Tom Chorske 1:17 into the game. Dave Archibald and Daniel Alfredsson added first-period goals, and Alexei Yashin scored an insurance goal midway through the third.

"I haven't got my first shutout in the NHL yet and I thought tonight was going to be the night," said Rhodes, who fired the puck in anger down the ice after Donnelly's weak, screened shot slipped between his pads.

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Minnesota shows stuff against St. Louis in NIT

Associated Press

NIT Roundup

MINNEAPOLIS — Bobby Jackson scored 17 points for Minnesota and David Grimm added 15 as the Gophers overcame the disappointment of an NCAA snub to beat Saint Louis 68-52 Wednesday night in the first round of the NIT.

The victory was the fourth straight for Minnesota (19-12), which was stunned and angry after being passed over by the NCAA despite winning seven of its final nine Big Ten games.

Saint Louis (16-14) shot just 32 percent (18-for-57).

Alabama 72, Illinois 67
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Brian Williams made three free throws in the final 30 seconds for Alabama (17-11).

Rhode Island 82, Marist 77
SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. — Tyson Wheeler scored 24 points and Antonio Reynolds added 18 for the Rams (19-13).

Rhode Island led 77-70 with 1:34 remaining on freshman Preston Murphy's 3-pointer, but Marist (22-7) came back and trailed just 80-77 when Randy Encarnacion rebounded a miss and made a layup with 18 seconds to go.

Michigan 50, Washington 50
EAST LANSING, Mich. — Quinton Brooks and Jamie Feick each scored 16 points and Michigan State (16-15) had a 14-0 second-half run.

Mark Sanford scored 12 points and Jason Hamilton 11 for Washington (16-12), which was playing its first postseason game in nine years.

South Carolina 100, Davidson 73
COLUMBIA, S.C. — Larry Davis scored 33 points for South Carolina.

Davis made 12 of 13 shots and was perfect on seven 3-pointers as the Gamecocks (18-11) pulled away from Davidson (25-5), the winnigest team in the NIT.

Illinois 73, Mount St. Mary's 49
NORMAL, Ill. — Maurice Trotter scored 18 points as Illinois State (21-11) outshot and outran Mount St. Mary's (21-8).

Despite 21 turnovers, the Redbirds moved the ball expertly when it counted to create layup opportunities or push it outside for 3-pointers.

Wisconsin 55, Manhattan 42
MADISON, Wis. — Sam Okey scored all 11 of his points in the second half as Wisconsin (17-14) rallied from a nine-point deficit to beat Manhattan (17-12).

The Badgers trailed 35-26, but Okey scored his first points with 14 minutes to go, starting a 19-3 run.

Tennessee 49
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The College of Charleston (25-3) held Tennessee (14-15) to 31 percent shooting and got its first-ever post-season win.

The score was tied 37-37 with 10:02 left before Charleston outscored the Vols 8-2 over the next 3:07.

Vanderbilt 86, Ark.-Little Rock 80
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Frank Secker scored 25 points and Vanderbilt (18-13) went 12-for-14 at the free-throw line in the final 3:05.

Arkansas-Little Rock (23-7) pulled to 82-80 with 19.4 seconds left on a pair of Derek Fisher free throws but got no closer.

Tulane 87, Auburn 73, OT
AUBURN, Ala. — LeVedro Simmons scored 26 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer in overtime for Tulane (19-9).

Auburn (19-13), which trailed 42-28 at the half, staged an incredible comeback, going 8-of-17 from 3-point range and outscoring Tulane 43-29 after the intermission.

Missouri 89, Murray St. 85
COLUMBIA, Mo. — Sammie Haley scored a career-high 31 points, including the decisive basket with 16 seconds left for Missouri (18-14).

Murray State (19-10) was down 88-85 and had the ball, but Missouri's Kendrick Moore forced a jump ball with 8.2 seconds left.

Transactions

By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLANS—Traded Sherman Obando, outfielder, to the Montreal Expos for Tony Tarasco, outfielder.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Optioned Julio Vivas, catcher, and Steve Schrock, pitcher, to Nashville of the American Association, and Brian Woods, pitcher, and Jimmy Hurst, outfielder, to Birmingham of the Southern League. Reassigned Steve Worrell, pitcher, Mark Johnson, catcher, Craig Wilson, infielder, and Jeff Abbott, Brian Simmons, Ryan Topham, and Kerry Valdez, outfielders, to their minor-league camp.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Traded Scott Pose, outfielder, to the Toronto Blue Jays for Joe Lee, infielder.
DETROIT TIGERS—Claimed Kimera Barbee, outfielder, off waivers from the Baltimore Orioles.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Promoted Kelly Heath, infield-hitting coach, from Martinsville of the Appalachian League to Reading of the Eastern League.
BASKETBALL
NBA
BOSTON CELTICS—Activated Thomas Heaton, center, from the suspended list.
HOUSTON ROCKETS—Signed Tracy Moore, guard, to a 10-day contract.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Activated Sam Mitchell, forward, from the injured list.
Continental Basketball Association
SHREVEPORT STORM—Signed Johnny Tyson, center. Waived Ron Spivey, forward.
United States Basketball League
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed Roy Jones Jr., guard, for the 1995 season.
Football
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed Dana Hall, safety.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed Bruce Richardson, quarterback, to a two-year contract.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Announced they won't match the offer sheet the Miami Dolphins signed by Charles Jordan, wide receiver.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Agreed to trade with the New York Jets, wide receiver, and Willie Clay, safety, on four-year contracts.
NEW YORK JETS—Traded Mark Turner, defensive back, to the Green Bay Packers for a conditional 1997 draft choice.
Canadian Football League
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College Baseball

Table with columns: South West, South East, South, Midwest. Lists college baseball game results.

NIT

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NCAA Women

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AP All-America

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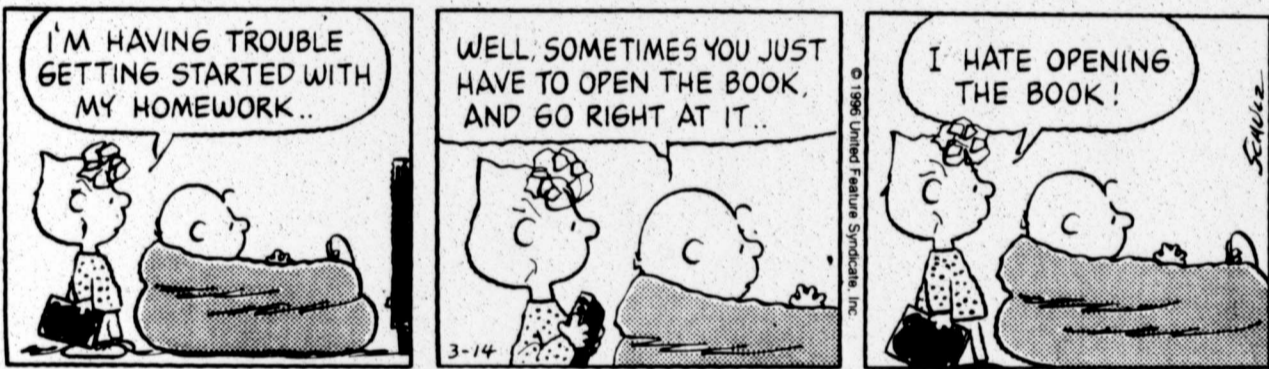
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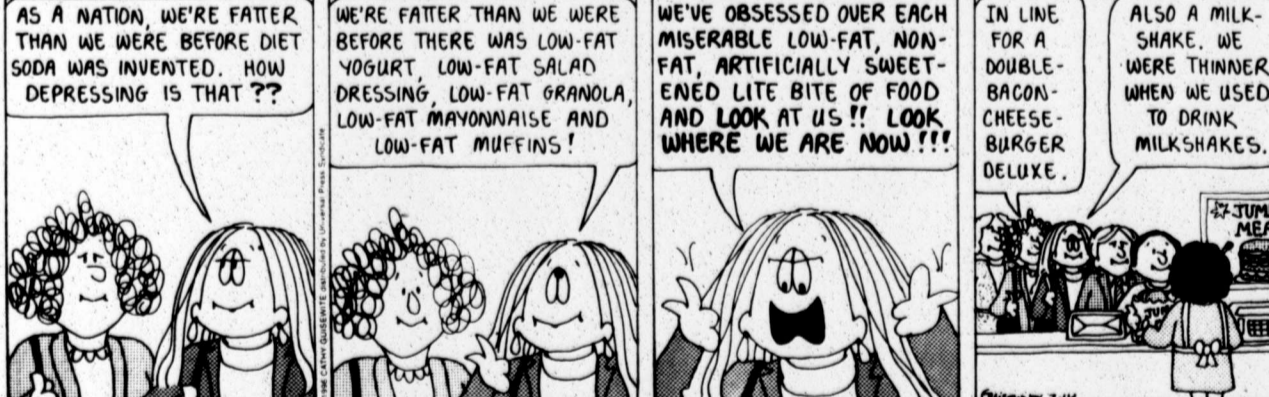
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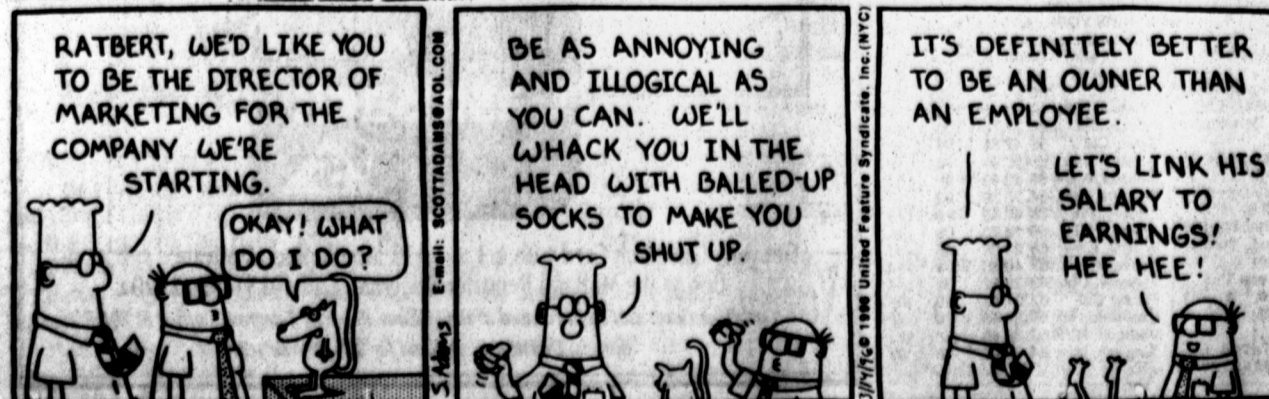
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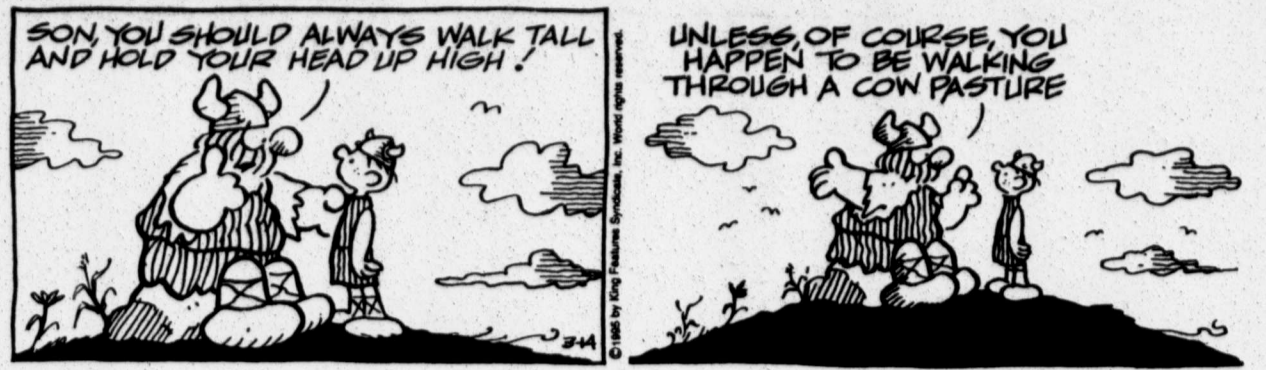
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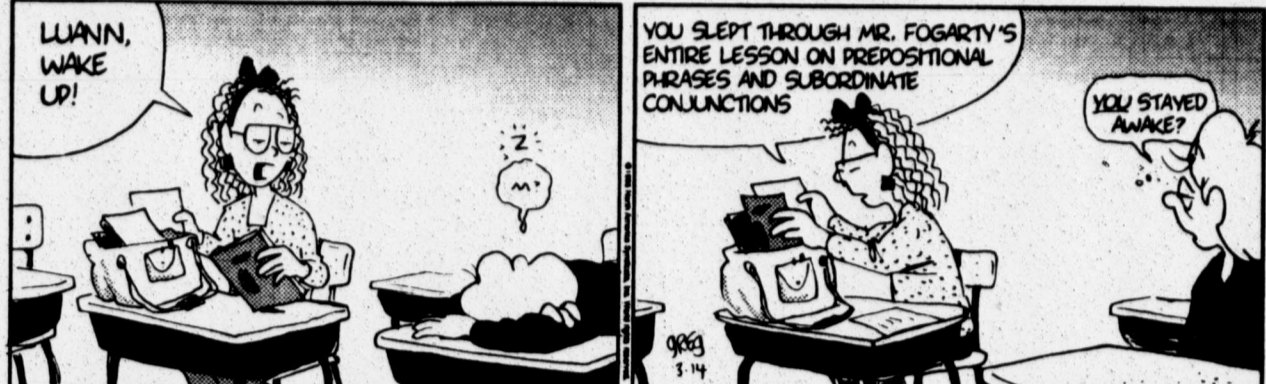
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WEST

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Void

EAST

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SOUTH

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The bidding:

Table with columns: NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, WEST and rows for 1NT, 3NT, 4A, 5A, 6A.

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

When you have more than one line available, be sure you test them in the right order to give yourself the best chance.

Consider this hand. You reach six spades after an intelligent cue-bidding sequence.

There are several ways to tackle the hand. One is to discard two clubs on the hearts, hope trumps are 3-2 and then play for West to have specifically K Q x in diamonds.

Before you can select the best plan, you need to know how trumps are going to break. If spades are 4-1, you have a sure loser there, so you must hope that the king of clubs is onside and that the suit breaks evenly.

However, if you win the first heart trick in dummy and cash the

queen and king of spades, you cannot recover. You can get to the table with the ace of diamonds for the club finesse, but as long as East does not cover either of the first two club leads, you will not be able to return to the table to park a diamond on the long club.

Correct is to win the king of hearts, discarding a diamond from hand, then cash the king and queen of spades. If a defender shows out, start on clubs. When both defenders follow, however, get back to hand with a heart ruff (a club to the ace could get ruffed!), draw the last trump, cash the ace of clubs and continue with the jack to force out the king. The ace of diamonds is the entry back to the board to take diamond discards on the long club and ace of hearts.

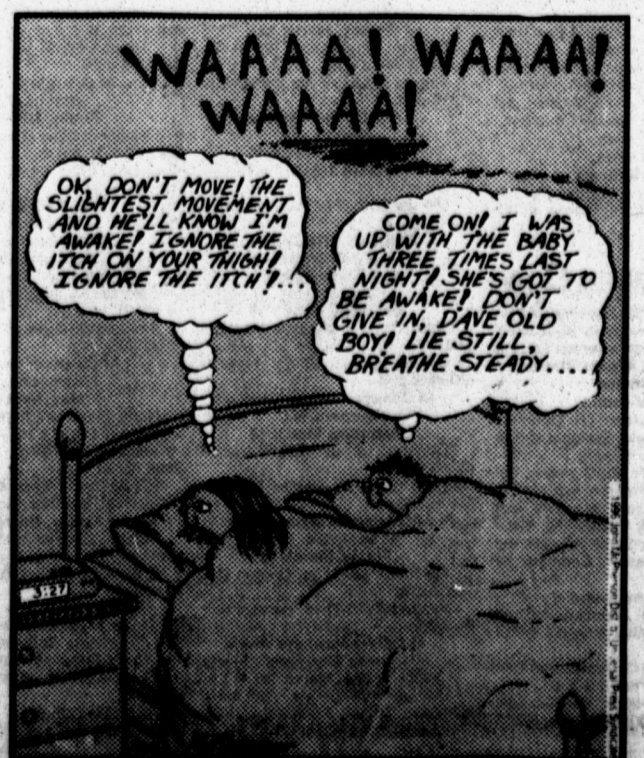
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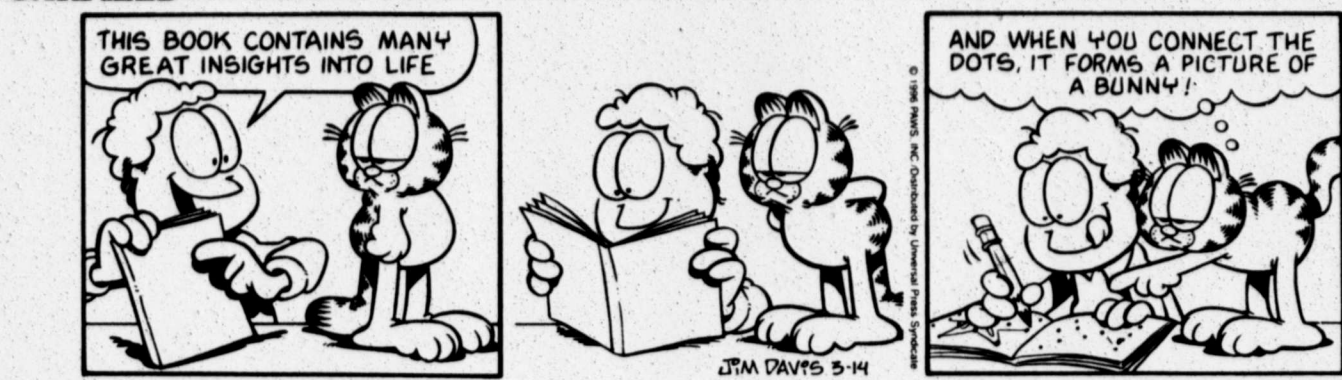
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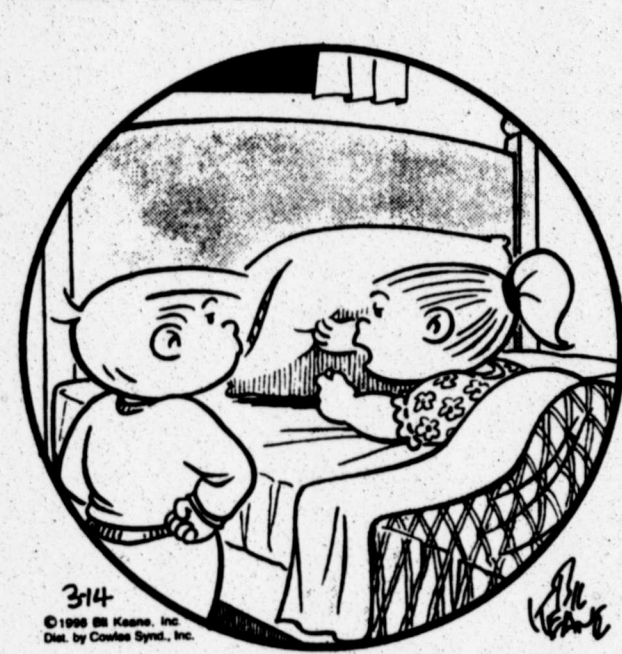
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"I MAY BE SIX YEARS OLD, BUT I FEEL LIKE I'M STILL FIVE!"

PEOPLE

Comedy Central is asking for trouble with Roseanne, O.J. jurors as guests

NEW YORK — Comedy Central is asking for trouble: Three jurors from the O.J. Simpson trial will appear along with Roseanne on Thursday's edition of "Politically Incorrect."

Both Roseanne and the talk show's host, Bill Maher, have publicly expressed their disgust with aspects of the trial, including the verdict.

Maher's juror guests will be Marsha Rubin-Jackson, Carrie Bess and Amanda Cooley, authors of "Madam Foreman: A Rush to Judgment?"

Tony Fox, a Comedy Central spokesman, suggests "sparks will fly."

JERUSALEM — Bruce Willis, Sylvester Stallone and Brooke Shields were put on hold when the grand opening of a Planet Hollywood was postponed because of the recent terrorist bombings.

The celebrity-owned chain had planned a gala to mark its new Tel Aviv restaurant, which opened on the beachfront two weeks ago.

"The management of Planet Hollywood finds that it would be inappropriate to host a glamorous event such as this at a time when so many families in the country are grieving their loved ones," the company said.

The gala, originally scheduled for March 23, will now take place sometime in April.

Willis and Stallone are co-founders of Planet Hollywood. Luke Perry and Jim Belushi had also planned to attend the March ceremony.

NEW YORK — Broadway producer David Merrick, left virtually speechless by a stroke 13 years ago, is back in show business in a big way.

The 84-year-old Merrick put up \$1 million for a new production of "State Fair," making him the biggest individual backer of the \$4.5 million show. "David Merrick Inc. Presents" will appear over the musical's title.

"State Fair," an adaptation of the 1945 movie with songs by Rodgers and Hammerstein, opens March 27.

LOS ANGELES — Want your movie's music nominated for an Oscar? Just call up Bruce Springsteen and other big talents for song contributions.

Springsteen's song "Dead Man Walkin'" from the movie of the same name, is nominated for an Academy Award, and he will perform it during the March 25 Oscar presentations.

Tim and David Robbins, executive producers of the soundtrack didn't fool around.

"We contacted artists we particularly admired," said David Robbins, whose brother directed the movie. "Early on, Tim sent rough cuts, scripts or newspaper clips to the artists with the idea that if these things inspire them, great. If not, that's cool, too."

The soundtrack album also includes material from Johnny Cash, Suzanne Vega, Steve Earle, Lyle Lovett, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Patu Smith, Michelle Shocked and Eddie Vedder with Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan.

LOS ANGELES — The younger sister of "Beverly Hills, 90210" star Jason Priestley is taking up residence in another ZIP code.

Justine Priestley, 27, is shooting three episodes of "Melrose Place," playing a single mother befriended by series regular Daphne Zuniga.

Ms. Priestley hopes to turn the brief appearance into a longterm role.

After all, she said, Heather Locklear and Laura Leighton started out that way on the nighttime soap series.

"That's how 'Melrose' is. You never know, I've just been lucky to get a really good gig and be working," Ms. Priestley told TV's "Extra" in an interview for broadcast Thursday.

The actress also insisted that her famous brother didn't help her get the role.

"He and I both agreed that I want to do it on my own. Hence, I don't have a role in '90210,'" she said.

LOS ANGELES — Nancy Sinatra's white go-go boots have walked right into the Hard Rock Cafe. And they're staying.



Nancy Sinatra's go-go boots have a new home — in the Hard Rock Cafe.

Thirty years after becoming an instant pop star with "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'" the singer has donated a pair of spike-heeled, knee-high boots to the restaurant's museum of rock 'n' roll memorabilia.

"It became almost an anthem for women," Sinatra said Tuesday at the Hard Rock in Beverly Hills.

"Why? I don't know because it was always tongue-in-cheek. It was always meant to be fun."

The 1966 song contains the line: "One of these days these boots are gonna walk all over you."

The daughter of Frank Sinatra made a recent comeback by posing nude, at age 54, for Playboy, issuing a new album after 15 years in semi-retirement and writing a book.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

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Gas prices jump

Natural gas futures prices surged Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange as investors bet new inventory figures would show a continued drawdown in stocks.

Natural gas for April delivery rose 7.2 cents to \$2.240 per 1,000 cubic feet after breaking through technical resistance early in the session at \$2.235.

West Texas Intermediate for April delivery rose 12 cents to \$20.58 a barrel. Local crude purchasers raised their posted price 25 cents to \$19.25 a barrel.

The move higher in natural gas illustrates the continued tight world stocks situation, even as the winter heating season comes to a close, analysts said.

Traders expected the American Gas Association to report after the close that supplies are running about 40 percent below year-ago levels, analysts said. The AGA later reported that stocks dropped 118 billion cubic feet from the week earlier, about 38 percent lower than year-ago levels.

Last week's data showed supplies about 36 percent below year-ago levels, in part because of the unusually cold weather in North America and Europe.

Dollar drifts lower

NEW YORK — The dollar fell slightly against most major currencies in choppy trading Wednesday as U.S. financial markets settled down following days of wide swings.

The dollar was quoted at 105.10 Japanese yen, down from 105.25 yen late Tuesday, and 1.4703 German marks, down from 1.4745.

There was little in the way of economic or political developments Wednesday to change prevailing sentiments in currency markets.

Analysts said traders still were reacting to last Friday's report of surprising strength in the U.S. job market, which dashed hopes for further cuts in American interest rates.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.872 Swiss francs, down from 1.1929; 5.0375 French francs, down from 5.0455; 1,567 Italian lire, up from 1,557; and 1.3680 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3682.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.5230, down from \$1.5235.

Markets retreat

NEW YORK — Stocks turned in a mixed performance Wednesday, as blue-chip issues drifted lower and technology issues pushed broad indexes higher in a surprisingly quiet session following days of sharp swings.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 15.17 points to 5,568.72, led lower by a drop in the stock of the No. 1 tobacco company after a smaller rival agreed to settle a class-action lawsuit claiming nicotine levels in cigarettes are manipulated.

Despite the drop in the Dow, advancing issues led decliners by 7 to 4 on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was moderately heavy at 409.47 million shares, slightly below Tuesday's pace.

Broad market indexes ended higher after waffling in the morning. The NYSE's composite index rose 0.47 to 341.88. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 1.43 to 638.52.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 15.59 to 1,088.64, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 1.60 to 560.77.

Stocks were helped a little by bonds, where the 30-year Treasury bond was up 3-16 point, yielding 6.67 percent after recovering from a 1/2-point loss early in the day.

Fed report makes case for stable rates

By N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — America's economy grew at a moderate to solid rate over the past two months and inflation remained subdued, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday, providing further evidence the central bank won't lower the cost of borrowing money anytime soon.

"This is a recipe for holding interest rates stable," said Robert Dederick, an economic consultant at the Northern Trust Co., of Chicago, especially since a Labor Department report Friday showed the biggest monthly employment gain in 12 1/2 years.

Treasury bonds, a gauge of interest-rate expectations, showed little change after the Fed released the report, one of its periodic assessments of the economy.

The Fed's outlook, based on reports from the Fed's 12 district banks, is published eight times each year. The latest report was compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Information was

collected before March 4.

Over the past two months, growth was moderate in many regions while others reported "continuing solid levels of economic activity," the Fed said. It cited gains in home sales and said lower mortgage rates contributed to strong demand for refinancing.

Manufacturing and retailing were mixed, though, as they struggled to recover from January's harsh weather, the Fed said.

As for inflation, "wage and price pressures are generally described as subdued," and some commodity prices were falling, the Fed said in the report, commonly called the beige book by investors.

At the same time, some industries continue to report labor shortages, the Fed said.

The report will help form the basis for discussion on interest-rate targets at the March 26 meeting of the policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee.

After the Labor Department reported

Friday that the number of non-farm jobs rose by a larger-than-expected 705,000 in February, analysts said the Fed would hold off on any rate reduction. Carl Palash, chief economist at MCM MoneyWatch in New York, also said Wednesday's Fed report is further evidence the Fed won't take immediate action at the March policy meeting. "The story of a moderately growing economy with low inflation remains intact," he said.

The Fed last lowered the target on the overnight bank lending rate a quarter point to 5.25 percent on Jan. 31. That move followed two other reductions in the target rate since July as the Fed sought to prevent the economy from falling into a recession.

Separately, Fed Gov. Lawrence Lindsey said last week's reported decline in the U.S. unemployment rate to 5.5 percent means the Fed is properly "pushing the envelope" of growth without triggering higher inflation.

"I think that's the right thing to do,"

Lindsey said. "We believe in maximum sustained growth without inflation, so what we want to do is keep the economy as revved as possible while feeling out there as best we can for signs of inflation."

Overall, though, Lindsey told reporters after touring a neighborhood housing project in Chicago that the economy is likely to post "below average" growth this year while avoiding a recession.

Yesterday, Lindsey said recent economic indicators suggest the economy is headed for "slow, soggy growth" in the months ahead. Investors took Lindsey's comments as confirmation the Fed won't reduce interest rates at this month's policy session.

However, Mark Vitner, an economist at First Union Corp., in Charlotte, North Carolina, said the Fed may trim interest rates in May because employment growth won't repeat February's explosive performance.

Southwest to expand at Love Field

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines, the nation's fastest-growing major airline, plans a \$72 million project to expand its base at Dallas Love Field by the year 2000.

Southwest plans to consolidate its training and data processing operations in Dallas.

The plans, which are anticipated to create hundreds of jobs, do not involve expansion of flights from Love Field.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk and Herb Kelleher, chairman and chief executive officer of the Dallas-based carrier, announced the first phase of the project Wednesday.

The expansion, which would involve eight projects over four years, would nearly double the value of the company's holdings at the city-owned airport.

The airline has not requested a tax abatement for the projects, city officials said.

"It's a good deal," Kirk said. "I think the upshot of it for the city is that it is a strong affirmation of Southwest's positive standing in the aviation industry and of their commitment to Dallas."

The City Council is expected to change the airline's lease at Love Field to grant the airline access to 426,875 square feet of vacant land for part of the expansion.

Some land would be used to build a \$9.8 million simulator facility to train pilots near Southwest's headquarters. Southwest has committed to tearing down its existing simulator facility when the new one is completed and building a \$12.8 million expansion of its headquarters.

Five projects totaling \$29.4 million would start this year. They include construction of a new data processing center to handle ticketing and record-keeping and a new pilot training facility with six flight simulators.

The existing simulator building is six years old, but the rapid growth of Southwest soon would make it inadequate to train all of Southwest's pilots, said Southwest spokesman Ed Stewart.

Other 1996 projects include a new company parking lot and renovations to the airline's employee training facilities and offices within the terminal building.

Southwest Airlines, the nation's fifth-largest carrier, employed 2,911 people in Dallas in 1995 and had a payroll of \$137.5 million. The company paid \$4.8 million to the city in rent and \$10.5 million in local property taxes. The new projects would bring several hundred thousand dollars a year, in additional tax revenues, according to city staff.

The company expects to employ 1,560 people at its headquarters by 2000, up from 1,205 this year, according to documents. And it plans to add 71 aircraft to its nationwide fleet between 1997 and 2000, bringing the total to 312 planes.



Time Warner vs. U.S. West

U.S. West witnesses Pierre Williams, left, and Akiko Mikomo, right, exit the Daniel Hermann Courthouse in Wilmington, Del. Wednesday. They were the first witnesses to testify in the

Time Warner-U.S. West case in the Delaware Chancery Court. U.S. West is attempting to block partner Time Warner Inc.'s planned purchase of Turner Broadcasting System Inc.

GM strike ripples through more factories

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Striking workers at two General Motors Corp. brake factories insist the walkout that has idled more than 87,000 fellow employees will eventually benefit them all.

"We're taking a stand for the whole country of automakers," striking worker Joe Plummer said Tuesday as he picketed outside a GM Delphi Chassis plant. "We're here trying to protect our jobs."

The strike by 2,700 members of the United Auto Workers union at the two Delphi Chassis brake plants began March 5, mainly over job security and outsourcing, the production of parts by outside plants or companies.

The strike's ripple effect has forced the world's largest automaker to shut down 21 of 29 North American assembly plants and nine parts plants. Work at another 24 of the roughly 200 GM parts factories in North America has been scaled back.

Striker Jim Jewett said he was concerned about idling GM workers at other plants.

"But a month from now, six months from now, they might benefit from what we're doing," Jewett said. "So in a

sense, we're doing this for them too."

Negotiations resumed Tuesday night for the first time in four days, but the talks broke off just before midnight without any resolution, said Rodney Walker, a committee member with UAW Local 696.

"There wasn't a whole lot accomplished," Walker said without elaborating.

Delphi Chassis spokesman Jim Hagedon said slight progress was made in Tuesday's talks "but we're still some distance apart on the main issues." He said the talks involved side issues, such as contract specifics on subcontracting or grievances.

The strike threatened to affect independent businesses that sell parts to GM.

There are more than 1,600 parts makers that deal directly with GM. They have more than 3,000 manufacturing plants, with 1.1 million workers, according to ELM International, an auto-supplier consultant.

For example, VarsityKelsey-Hayes expects the strike to affect the 230 workers who make anti-lock brakes for GM at

a plant in Fowlerville, Mich.

And a vice president of a western Michigan-based supplier that sells parts to GM, who asked that his company not be identified, said he expected to lay off several hundred people at three plants as a result of the GM strike.

"We're all paying for those 3,000 people to be out on strike," the executive said.

The strike won't affect the nation's economy as a whole unless it continues into next month, said Paul Ballew, chief economist for J.D. Power and Associates, a marketing information company. GM earned \$6.9 billion last year.

Still, the automaker could lose \$250 million a week if all of its 29 car and truck assembly plants in North America are idled, said David Healy, a financial analyst with the New York-based Burnham Securities.

Striking worker Paul Hatfield said the work stoppage could affect GM by depleting the company's inventory of its faster-selling vehicles such as Saturns, Cavaliers, Tahoes and Yukons.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Life insurers council can research policy beneficiary

By Bill Doyle

Q: I help a 90-year-old, virtually blind lady. Recently, she mentioned that her brother was killed in the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s and she was beneficiary of his life insurance policy.

A: When she tried to collect, she was told she had to produce her brother's death certificate, which she could not do.

I do not know why she brought up this subject after all these years, but I told her I would write to you for guidance.

A: In turn, I sought help from the friendly folks at the Insurance Federation of Minnesota, who offer to research insurance matters.

They pass on the word that the elderly lady should be able to petition a court to have her brother declared legally dead after a specific period of time — usually seven years. In that situation, the court will issue a death certificate.

She will have to prove she is the policy's beneficiary, which she can do by producing the policy or a copy of the

policy. There's a chance she might have neither and instead has an old-fashioned payment book in which the policy's number is recorded.

In that case, she can ask the American Council of Life Insurers (202) 624-2000 to conduct a policy search and determine she is the beneficiary.

With death certificate and proof she is the beneficiary, she should be able to collect that life insurance policy's death benefit — unless the policy has a "war clause."

"She, you or some other friend or relative should study the policy carefully to see if it has such a clause, which exempts the insurance company from paying a death benefit if the person covered by the policy is killed in battle."

Q: The insurance company with which I have my life insurance policy has informed me it plans to convert from a mutual company to a stock company.

The company literature anticipates I will receive 55 shares of common stock of the newly formed company — or cash, if I prefer. Also, I'm told, "There can be no assurance that funds will be available to pay cash to all policyholders" who elect to receive cash.

Do you think I should elect to receive

cash or shares?

A: I would choose the shares of common stock.

That way, you will keep your options open. You can either keep the stock or sell it at some later date. If you do sell, you might get more or less money than you could have collected originally.

My bet is you will get more. With rare exceptions, insurance company are profitable operations. That causes the market values of their stocks to increase.

Q: Will my life insurance be included in my estate for tax purposes?

A: The death benefit of policies on your life will be included in your estate for both federal estate tax and state inheritance and/or estate tax purposes if you are the owner of those policies.

If you don't own the policies, the death benefits will not be counted in your estate for these "death tax" purposes. So if you haven't named someone else the owner of your policies from the get-go, the sensible move is to assign all "incidents of ownership," such as the right to change beneficiaries, surrender or assign the policies or pledge them for loans.

Q: The value of the estate my hus-

band and I will leave will be less than \$600,000. When the survivor dies, whatever is left will be passed on to our only child. She lives where there is a state inheritance tax. There is no such tax in our state.

Will the \$600,000 exclusion be passed to her?

A: Yes, because it applies to the federal estate tax. When the second of you departs this vale of tears, leaving less than \$600,000, it won't even be necessary for a federal estate tax return to be filed.

However, you're mistaken about state death taxes. Every state now imposes an inheritance or estate tax — some both. In many states, that impost mirrors the federal estate tax, but there is not enough room here to spell them all out. Check with your state capitol.

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SPRING GARDENING REQUIRES...

Patience



A blooming Lady Banksia Rose is a beautiful way to dress up a plain fence or wall. It is a tough, late spring blooming plant that acts like a vine bearing clusters of small yellow, double roses.



The beautiful and delicate blossoms of the "Brandy Wine" crabapple are much like small roses or carnations. Flowers can be found with a different number of petals, as well as different shapes and colors.

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Although it is hard to resist the compelling lavender of the Chinese Wisteria, the pristine white flower clusters of this wisteria make it a beautiful accent for a dark corner in a landscape.



The early bright blossoms of Carolina Yellow Jessamine are backed by dark green, glossy leaves. This plant makes a wonderful backdrop for almost any landscape.

Ornamental pears are lovely in bloom and in leaf. They are seasonal trees. The photo to the left shows the fall foliage or the ornamental pear.



Limbs of the redbud tree, a small decorative tree, are covered in small clusters of purple blossoms that provide delightful color in early spring. The "Oklahoma" cultivar is one of the best redbuds for this area.

By Deborah Bengé Frost

The passage of one season to the next is always an exciting because of the differences and distinctions that each season brings. One of the most exciting and hopeful of seasons is spring.

There are sights, sounds and occurrences that are uniquely spring. Spring is probably the most exhilarating season because the drastic changes between the dormant plants and the growing season. From the gray, brown and buff tones of winter, you can see the pure pastels and brilliant hues of spring peaking through. These vibrant colors make it clear spring has arrived.

Plants that announce the arrival of spring are some of the most beautiful and useful in the home landscape. Every landscape should have plants that take center stage during a particular season: like the crape myrtle in the heat of summer, the asters in fall, and the possumhaw holly in winter.

There are many plants that can take a bow and encore in spring.

Some of the most useful plants in home landscaping are spring bloomers. There are vines, shrubs and trees that will take your breath when seen on a clear, bright day in all their glory. These plants are not only messengers of a new season, but they are beautiful and very useful. Many are tough and have years of trouble-free performance with a proven record.



Yellow blossoms on bare, slender branches of forsythia, one of the first plants to bloom in late winter, announces spring is almost here.

Let's take a look at what can transform your landscape from the drabness of winter into a green and colorful spring.

VINES

Vines often are overlooked and underused in landscapes. With the size of homes increasing and yard space decreasing, vines will play an increasingly important role.

Growing plants in vertical spaces can provide an enrichment of color, texture and interest in the landscape. Some of these vines produce beautiful spring blooms.

One of the first blooming plants of the season is the beautiful and well behaved Carolina Yellow Jessamine, (*Gelsemium sempervirens*). Unlike many of the other early spring blooming plants we will discuss, this vine is evergreen. It is a fine to medium textured vine or mounding shrub that sports dark green, shiny leaves.

In the coldest of winters it will drop leaves, but most winters it provides a pretty curtain of green during the winter months. These dark green leaves provide a perfect backdrop for the bright yellow, funnel-formed flowers that appear in dense clusters in late winter and early spring. Stems of this

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The Chinese Wisteria is a welcome sight in spring. Its blue-violet flowers hang from the substantial vining stems like clusters of grapes. This versatile plant can be trained to a free-standing shrub or vine.

When tilling soil — optimism, hope, faith are needed

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The old sage surely is on the mark: For every day that passes, this old, drought-prone, rain-thirsty country is "one day closer to a rain."

That is as optimistic, but far more sure, as the next-year outlook: A better crop is a coming "next year" or, if not, the next.

Well, people who make their living directly from the soil place their hopes, yearnings, prayers, faith and mortgage — be it farm or ranch or the old home-place — on next year's bumper crop or plain old crop.

That is optimism. And that is the lot of tillers of the soil, the planters and the harvesters, and the ranchers: the perennially hearty and hardy farmers and growers.

About all that will do them in - or "undo" them - is a prolonged dust bowl or the certainty of old age. The hope and the reality is that the former comes and goes and passes with the marvelous gift of rain. The latter is served by the grace of passing the good land onto the next generation for care-taking.

Now, there is a bearing to all the foregoing on the town, suburban and country gardener who tills the soil not for livelihood's sake but for the benefits of health, as in good eating off the land, and pleasure, as in the enjoyment of "working" the soil and reaping the benefits. There are many benefits of tilling in the soil, but there are two great divisions. And those are witnessing the phenomenon - the marvel and the intricacies - of renewed life and partaking of life-sustaining food which holds and imparts nutrients.

After all, good, fertile earth — call it topsoil, land, dirt or loam — on planet Earth is no less essential to continued life than are the gases called "air," especially oxygen and nitrogen, and the compound called "water."

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Plant selection, soil preparation, watering are keys

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column was written by landscape architect Bob Lanham and horticulturist Nancy Lanham, of Lanham's Nursery and Pet Supply. The column will rotate each month among gardening experts from the area's nurseries and garden centers.

By Bob Lanham and Nancy Lanham

Plants that adapt to the local environment are a must when "Mother Nature" is being less than average to us. In the last few years, our area has had a less than its normal average rainfall of 13 inches per year. Here, rainfall is necessary to leach solids and salts from soil that are caused by our public water supply.

Without this rainfall to carry these elements below the root zone, they build up in the upper layers of soil causing nutrients to be tied up with soil particles. This situation leaves our plants unable to take up nutrients that allow normal growth. Marginal adapted plants in our landscapes suffer more from these conditions than plants that are suited to our environment.

Local nurseries can help with proper plant selections that will provide many years of carefree enjoyment. Don't be trapped into buying a beautiful Azalea on impulse — most of these plants will only cause you many hours of grief. They soon die because they were never meant to grow in Midland.

Plants must be able to withstand a wide temperature range. In recent weeks, we have seen temperatures rise into the 80s only to have them drop well below freezing with snow fall later that same evening. These temperature extremes are as hard on plants as they are on us. Winds this time of year also have a tendency to dry out any remaining soil moisture that might have remained.

Soil preparation is an excellent way to help offset the above conditions. Generally, soil conditions in the Midland area are very weak in organic matter, which allows the soil to harden during dry periods. Many types of soil conditioners are available in our area such as peat moss, bark mulch, humus, cypress, composted cotton burrs and pecan shells. Unfortunately, the only readily available mulch to our area is composted



Nancy and Bob Lanham, of Lanham's Nursery and Pet Supply, advise gardeners as to what plants will survive better during the drought-like conditions the Permian Basin has experienced in recent years.

cotton burrs, but they serve as a very valuable mulch, keeping the soil loose and helping hold soil moisture during dry times. All other types of mulch do the same thing, but at a much greater cost due to the high freight costs to get these materials to Midland.

A well prepared bed will help hold moisture, as well as provide valu-

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