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Desert oasis

Midland couple took two acres of sand and turned it into a lush, green garden, complete with a fish-filled pond, a waterfall and palm trees./8B



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Packers as prey

Mike Holmgren warned the Packers that staying on top is harder than getting there and everybody will measure their season on how they played Green Bay./2C

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Meredith dies

LOS ANGELES — Burgess Meredith, who played a crusty old pug in "Rocky" and waddled with aristocratic élan as the Penguin on TV's "Batman," is dead at 89. The actor, who died on Tuesday at his home in Malibu, had melanoma and Alzheimer's disease. "Burgess Meredith always was to me an irreplaceable legend, a craftsman who rarely comes along, not in one generation but in several generations."

—Sylvester Stallone
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Tobacco loses vote

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, who arranged for a \$50 billion tax break for cigarette makers in last month's budget package, reversed himself Wednesday and voted with a whopping Senate majority to kill it. The overwhelming 95-3 Senate vote to kill the tax break was expected to bolster efforts to eliminate it in the House.

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One winner

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$8 million. The ticket was sold in Cisco. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were 1-4-8-30-33-38.

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Blood test shows driver took Prozac

Doctors: Alcohol, drug combination can cause drowsiness, impaired vision

PARIS (AP) — Princess Diana's driver ingested a dangerous cocktail of alcohol and prescription drugs, prosecutors said Wednesday, a combination doctors say can cause drowsiness, trouble concentrating and impaired vision.

A third blood test to determine the alcohol level of driver Henri Paul detected fluoxetine — the antidepressant best known as Prozac — and tiapride, used to prevent aggression and treat alcoholism.

Side effects of Prozac can include shaking, anxiety and impaired vision. Both medications can cause drowsiness when combined with alcohol. "Prudence in the use of these medications is normally recommended to drivers," the prosecutors' statement said.

A report by the first policeman at the scene of the crash that killed Princess Diana, her boyfriend Dodi Fayed and their driver Aug. 31 provided new details Wednesday about first aid efforts and the behavior of

Photographers were 'virulent, pushing, while continuing to take photos, deliberately preventing help from being given to the victim.'

— report by first policeman at the scene of the crash that killed Princess Diana

photographers who had been chasing her.

The policeman, who was on patrol nearby, says right after calling for help he was alerted by a witness that Diana was in the car. Rescuers tried to keep Diana "conscious as much as possible, by talking to her and tapping her on the cheek" and asked "me to keep her head straight," the officer wrote in his report, which was seen

by The Associated Press.

The photographers were "virulent, pushing, while continuing to take photos, deliberately preventing help from being given to the victim," the report said.

The photographers' behavior and the driver's condition are two focal points of the investigation.

Prozac wouldn't necessarily worsen the effects of alcohol, but tiapride would, said Dr. Michel Cratlet, a psychiatrist specializing in the treatment of alcoholism.

"At this level of alcohol intake, the risks came from the use of alcohol," Cratlet said. "But the fact he took medicine with alcohol could have impaired his vision, reduced his concentration and diminished his vigilance."

The prosecutor's statement said the fluoxetine was

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Goal: \$3.049 MILLION

Counting on local generosity

Below, a Girl Scout Brownie and Daisy choir performed at the United Way luncheon at Midland Center. At bottom, Arco Permian President Tony Best, this year's United Way campaign chairman, portrayed a "Top Gun" during the kick off.



United Way sets goal above \$3 million for first time

With the soundtrack to the movie "Top Gun" blaring throughout Midland Center, the United Way of Midland kicked off its 1997 fund-raising campaign and 50th anniversary celebration.

Decked out in a leather jacket and sunglasses, campaign chairman Tony Best, president of Arco Permian, said there were three reasons the soundtrack was chosen.

"The music is exciting, it's fast-paced and it's high altitude," he said, which is appropriate because "we intend on going to a level Midland has never been before."

"This will be the first year the city's goal has exceeded \$3 million, and we're going to do it with this campaign."

This year's goal is \$3.049 million. Best said that he believes the goal will be met because of the generosity

"The ('Top Gun') music is exciting, it's fast-paced and it's high altitude. We intend on going to a level Midland has never been before."

—Tony Best, campaign chairman



School cheerleaders and Midland High School's marching band.

Best said that one of the most exciting elements of the campaign is a new leadership-giving campaign called "Gem of the Community." Donors who pledge 1.5

of local corporations, foundations and donations from individual contributors. Out of each dollar donated to United Way, he said, 86 cents goes to the 16 member agencies in Midland. He also pointed out that one in three Midlanders uses a United Way member agency each year.

"That's really why we're here," he said. "To help those in need."

Also helping kick off this year's campaign were the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Lee High School and Midland High School's marching band.

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Story by Mella McEwen

Photos by Brian Adamcik



Miss Texas still dreaming a dream after loss

By Mark Helm
Hearst News Services

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Dressed as an 18th century French peasant, Miss Texas — Reagan Hughes — turned eyes and won a rolling wave of applause after singing a song from "Les Misérables" Wednesday night in a preliminary test of who will wear the next Miss America crown.

But Hughes' performance lost to Miss Florida in the talent contest, the most important of four preliminary competitions that will determine finalists for Saturday's 77th Miss America Pageant.

Miss Florida — Christy Neuman of Jacksonville —

performed a dance to music from the movie "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves."

It was the second setback for Hughes, who on Tuesday failed to win the swimsuit contest. Yet the Midland woman was not discouraged.

"I really feel great after that performance," Hughes, 22, said Wednesday night. "I thought I did as well as I could. There was just a bunch of great performances tonight."

"But I know that the competition is based on having a consistent performance throughout the week and I think I have done well in each competition."

Hughes chose an eggplant-colored French peasant's outfit as a costume and sang "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Misérables," a musical adaptation of Victor Hugo's classic book about over-

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Chamber secures pool manufacturer

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Continuing to fish for new industry, the Midland Chamber of Commerce has landed a pool manufacturer.

Viking Pools of Williams, Calif., is in the process of establishing a manufacturing center in Midland at 10500 W. Interstate 20 near FM 1788 and Warfield Truck Stop.

Since its founding in 1975, the company has grown into the largest manufacturer on the West Coast, is within the top three manufacturers in the nation and with the new Midland location could become the largest producer of fiberglass pools and spas in the nation, according to the owner.

Todd Stahl, son of the company's founder, said that there were at least two reasons he chose to establish a facility in Midland. One was the city's central location and good transportation.

Secondly, he said, "the chamber has been very active in recruiting and is doing a wonderful job."

Mark Thomas, director of economic development for the chamber, said that Viking Pools will be taking up residence in a 17,000-square-foot building and should be in full production by the first of the year.

The company manufactures one-piece fiberglass pools and spas with 25 different shapes available. A sideline that is growing in popularity is koi, or fish ponds.

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MISD denies motion to expand sports policy

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Some Midland Freshman High School parents say they want their children to have a fair shot at making the varsity team in Midland High School sports.

Phil Rogers, a parent of a Midland Freshman student, said recently that he wants an MISD policy to be revised to allow players like his daughter to try out and practice for varsity sports such as basketball.

Midland Independent School District athletic policy currently does not allow off-season practice for most sports. The policy, created in summer 1996, allows some freshman participation in high school sports.

"We feel like the policy is unfair," Rogers said Wednesday. "We have tried to convince the school board and have been unsuccessful."

At Tuesday's school board meeting,

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Chilling picture of Biko's last days emerges

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa (AP) — Police slammed Steve Biko's head into a wall, chained him crucifixion style to a gate for 24 hours, then covered up the truth about his death, one of the officers admitted Wednesday.

Col. Harold Snyman, squirmed, stammered and looked anywhere but forward as he recounted the 1977 killing of the black pride leader in a bid to win amnesty from South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

A mostly black crowd of 2,000 onlookers laughed out loud at his discomfort and grunted disapproval at his statements. Snyman, a thin man in glasses, looked pale and often bowed his head.

On the first day of the amnesty hearing for Snyman and the four officers he commanded, a chilling picture emerged of the final days of Biko, one of South Africa's most popular black leaders.

In a statement and under questioning from lawyers, Snyman, 69, acknowledged that police left Biko unattended for a day after beating him unconscious.

His testimony included some major differences from what he and the others told an inquest hearing 20 years ago. Police then claimed Biko fell during interrogation, hurt his head to the point that his speech was slurred, and was chained to a gate. No charges were ever filed.

"It was not our intention to kill him," Snyman said Wednesday. He claimed a scuffle broke out as the Sept. 6, 1977, interrogation became increasingly confrontational.

"I am not sure who hit him and who got hit," Snyman said. "We knew of a previous occasion in which Biko had assaulted a member of the police and knocked his teeth out. He was a big and strong man."

Snyman said as police tried to handcuff Biko, one officer tackled him, sending his head into a wall. A lawyer for the policemen described the act as a rugby shoulder tackle.

"He fell to the ground," Snyman said. "It was clear that the knock on his head had left him dazed and disoriented. It was clear that further interrogation in these circumstances would be fruitless. He was slurring."



Ntsiki Biko, center, the widow of the murdered anti-apartheid leader Steve Biko, is greeted by unidentified members of the Amnesty Committee of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) in Port Elizabeth, Wednesday, while her son Nkosinathi, left, and close friend Peter Jones, right, look on. The Biko family are opposing the amnesty application of five police officers responsible for the 1977 torture and killing of Steve Biko.

"I was not exactly sure that he was really injured. I kept in mind that he might be trying to deceive us in order to escape further interrogation."

Biko spent at least an entire day in an apparently semiconscious state, shackled with his arms and legs spread-eagled, Snyman said. He also said police lied at the 1977 inquest by saying the interrogation took place on Sept. 7, when a doctor checked Biko, rather than on Sept. 6.

Biko died on Sept. 12, 1977, after being driven 720 miles in the back of a police pickup truck from Port Elizabeth to Pretoria. He was 30. Biko, who preached that blacks should be proud of their culture and take control of their country, was portrayed by actor Denzel Washington in the 1987 movie "Cry

Freedom."

George Bizos, the lawyer for Biko's family at the 1977 inquest and on Wednesday, called Snyman's testimony a slightly altered version of the lies told 20 years earlier. He rejected Snyman's explanation that the police were carrying out state-sanctioned activities.

"Torturing helpless detainees ... for the purposes of extracting information from them ... to the point that they finish up dead, is not a political objective in any civilized society," Bizos told the hearing.

The Truth Commission, set up two years ago, can grant amnesty if confessors can prove political motivation. The panel also must believe that the amnesty applicants are making full disclosure.

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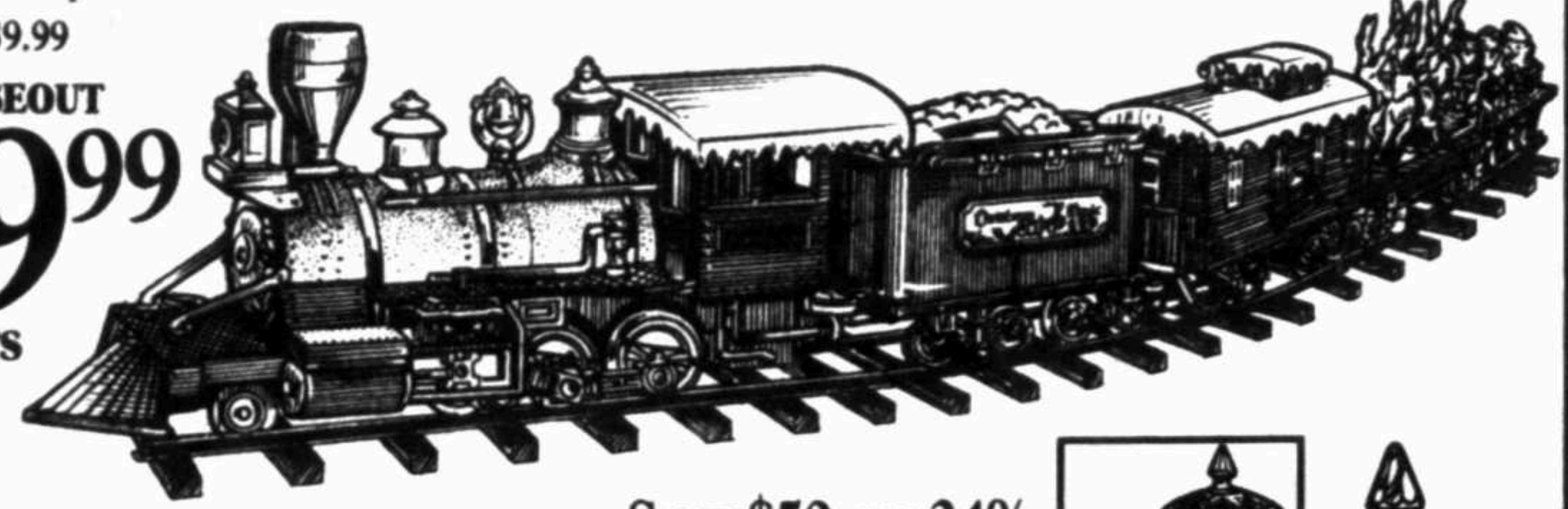
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Palestinians skeptical about Albright's efforts to rescue Mideast peace

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian protesters burned a U.S. flag Wednesday and officials said they were skeptical about efforts by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to rescue the collapsing Mideast peace.

Her empathy with Israel's security concerns signaled a "wholly one-sided mission," Palestinian Cabinet minister Hanan Ashrawi said after Albright began her trip by backing Israel's demands that Yasser Arafat crack down on Islamic militants.

"At some point the United States has to decide whether it wants to serve only Israeli interests or

whether it wants to serve the interests of peace in the region," Ashrawi said.

Palestinians maintain that the perpetrators of two recent suicide bombings in Jerusalem — which killed 20 Israelis and the five assailants — came from abroad and not from Palestinian territory. They charged Wednesday that Israel is hiding evidence to this effect.

Since last week's bombing, some 200 suspected militants were questioned in the West Bank and Gaza, a Palestinian security official said. Of those, 110 were detained, he said, speaking on condition of

anonymity.

Palestinian security forces also closed an office used by alumni of Gaza City's Islamic University, a stronghold of Hamas, the militant Islamic group blamed for the two Jerusalem attacks.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dismissed these efforts as symbolic and aimed at appeasing Albright, while she in turn assured Israelis that the United States supported their security demands.

"We are with you in the battle against terror," she said. "We are with you in your insistence that the Palestinian Authority fulfill the

responsibilities and obligations that it has undertaken."

Her comments angered Palestinians.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, 50 Palestinian protesters, most of them Hamas members, burned an American flag and displayed drawings depicting Albright stabbing the Palestinian people while wearing a Jewish Star of David.

Hamas condemned Albright's visit, saying it was aimed at bringing "the Palestinian Authority to its knees," in a statement carried by Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency.

Palestinians have maintained it is a mistake to focus solely on security. They blame the crisis in the peace process on Netanyahu,

who has toughened Israel's position toward the Palestinians since winning election last year.

Saeb Erekat, the Palestinians' chief peace negotiator, said Albright should remember that the accords between Israel and the Palestinians were signed at the White House, making the United States a guarantor of their implementation.

Haitians set fires to protest stalled ferry recovery

MONTRIOUS, Haiti (AP) — Hundreds of people mourning those killed in a ferry disaster blocked Haiti's main highway Wednesday, building barricades of burning tires to protest delays in recovering dozens of bodies from the underwater wreck.

As crackling flames licked the highway and plumes of thick, black smoke curled into the air, the demonstrators raised their fists and yelled, "Now's the time! Now's the time to raise the boat! Get the bodies!"

Grief-stricken relatives feared they would not be able to identify their loved ones if the recovery operation from Monday's ferry sinking was delayed any further. "They are all in that boat that the government won't raise. I want my mother's body," 15-year-old Michael Leonel David said angrily.

"We can understand your frustration, but please be calm. Be calm," Inspector Berthomeux Roudy implored the crowd though a loudspeaker. His pleas were ignored, and the outpouring of sorrow and fury escalated into demands for a new government.

"This government is worse than Duvalier," said Johnny Origene, a Haitian-American from Miami who came to Haiti because he thought he had relatives on the boat. "That's why we're going back to Miami. That's why we won't live in Haiti."

About 1,000 bereaved relatives

crowded the beach near the disaster site Wednesday, but there appeared to be no Haitian official in charge at the scene. The crowd easily outnumbered the few police present.

Authorities waited several hours to let the fires subside before removing the barricades, said Hans Austin, a New York City police detective serving as a U.N. adviser to Haitian police.

The U.S. Navy took over the effort Wednesday to recover dozens of bodies from the ferry, an operation hampered by murky water and the ferry's narrow passageways. The options of the Navy divers included using blowtorches to cut openings in the ferry.

Earlier in the week, Canadian divers with the U.N. peacekeeping force in Haiti had pulled dozens of victims floating inside the wreck of the Pride of Gonave, which sank just off the shore of this fishing village.

But most of the divers had only recreational experience and their scuba gear was too large to fit through a spiral staircase leading to a main deck, said U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. Dave Forslund. He also said most of the Canadians were not certified to dive to the ferry, which sits 100 feet under the ocean surface. Two of the Canadian divers were also treated for decompression sickness.

"We can't do any more safely with them," Forslund said.

The frustrated captain of a Miami-based tugboat said his crew was ready to lift the ferry but hadn't received permission from local officials.

"I don't know who's in charge here. Nobody tells me anything," said Manuel Clement, captain of the Caribbean Sea Horse. He said his company, Caribbean Barge Line Inc., was asking \$3,000 to pay the crew for the job.

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An Indian girl, who suffers from leprosy on her hands and back, stares out from her home in one of Calcutta's slums, Wednesday. For many of Calcutta's children, the milk distributed from Missionaries of Charity kitchens is their only daily meal.

AP Photo

Day of Mother Teresa's inspiration to serve poor marked

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — The call 51 years ago that set Mother Teresa on her path of sacrifice and service to the poor was remembered Wednesday by colleagues and friends, days after her death.

Close associates of the Nobel Peace laureate gathered around her body at Calcutta's St. Thomas Church, and missionary nuns elsewhere celebrated "inspiration day" — the day Mother Teresa said God called her to serve the poor.

Nuns at one of Mother Teresa's shelters in Bombay found an emaciated woman, her body covered with maggots, on their doorstep early Wednesday, and linked her appearance to the anniversary of the late nun's religious

revelation.

"It is unusual that this woman came to us on the day of inspiration," said Sister Christie Paul. "We feel it is Mother's way of saying there is so much more to be done."

"We are very grateful that God has given us this woman," said Calcutta's archbishop, Henry d'Souza, who returned to the city from the Vatican just in time for the anniversary service.

Sukumar Halder, who grew up in Mother Teresa's first Calcutta orphanage, was one of a few close associates who gathered around her body Wednesday.

"This is the day of inspiration for Mother — the day God called her to

come to work for him," he said.

Mother Teresa said her epiphany came as she was riding a train from Calcutta to the hill town of Darjeeling on Sept. 10, 1946.

"The message was quite clear, it was an order," she told biographers. "He wanted me to be poor and to love him in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor."

Mother Teresa, then a young Roman Catholic nun teaching in Calcutta, opened her first school for poor children after returning from a religious retreat in Darjeeling.

She went on to found hundreds of orphanages, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and clinics run by her Mis-

sionaries of Charity order. She was awarded the Peace Prize in 1979.

She died Friday of a heart attack at the age of 87.

India plans to give her a state funeral, and D'Souza said that in view of that honor, Pope John Paul II has decided to send a higher ranking delegate to conduct her funeral Mass.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state, will head the papal delegation to the funeral on Saturday. Officials had earlier said the pope would be represented by Cardinal D. Simon Lourdasamy of India.

Of the pope, D'Souza said, "I'm sure his heart is very much with us in Calcutta."

Planes bomb opposition in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Taliban warplanes bombed the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif on Wednesday as fighting erupted around the opposition stronghold for a second day, aid workers said.

The Taliban religious army, which controls the southern two-thirds of the country and aspires to turn Afghanistan into a strict Islamic state, is battling a northern-based opposition coalition on at least four different fronts.

Artillery guns rattled off several shells a minute Wednesday around Maza-e-Sharif, the workers said. Armed men roamed the city, looting offices of aid agencies and stealing equipment and vehicles. Several people were killed in the growing lawlessness.

The Red Cross had a plane ready to evacuate some staff and bring emergency aid into the city.

The fighting was the latest in a country wracked by war for decades. More than 1.5 million Afghans have died in power struggles since the 1980s.

Three days ago, the Taliban advanced toward Mazar-e-Sharif, briefly capturing the airport and seizing land on the city's outskirts. It was the first time the Taliban had threatened the opposition stronghold since being tossed out of it in May.

But the opposition alliance retook the airport — located five miles east of the city — and still had it Wednesday, aid workers said. The Taliban, a few miles away, controlled a main road to the city, said Yunus Qanuni, an opposition spokesman in Mazar-e-Sharif.

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Budget balancing act is only start

After years of hearing about federal over-spending and budget deficits, it's refreshing to finally hear that the budget will not only be balanced in 2002 but that there actually could be a \$63 billion surplus.

That's correct, according to the Clinton White House. In fact, an economic review released by the Office of Management and Budget even asserted that "The nation's overall economic performance could hardly be better." The OMB also predicted moderate growth over the next five years with continued low inflation and falling interest rates.

Certainly President Bill Clinton and Republicans in the Congress are due credit for crafting a budget agreement earlier this year that makes a balanced budget achievable and the budget deficit for this fiscal year — \$37 billion — the lowest since 1974. All taxpayers can be pleased to see these signs that the government can actually live within its means, so to

speak. It certainly beats Uncle Sam overspending as though there were no tomorrow.

Of course, this doesn't mean that the United States' economic house is altogether back in order or that the national debt can be easily wiped away. Writing in the Washington Post following the "budget deal," Steven Pearlstein noted, "Finally, if truth be told, not even this ... budget agreement will really bring the government's operating deficit to zero. That's because the government's unified budget includes billions of dollars in Social Security taxes that are meant to be building up in the Social Security Trust Fund, anticipating the day when the baby boom generation retires and benefits paid out to the elderly will be greater than worker contributions coming in. This year, that Social Security surplus amounts to \$79 billion."

So while this budget agreement marks a great step in the right direction toward fiscally responsible government, it is only a good start.

GEORGE WILL

Conservatives seem to have found their man

WASHINGTON—John Ashcroft, Missouri's freshman Republican senator, is uncou about doing what must

be done to be ready to run for president. You can, he says, quit such a campaign anytime but you cannot start anytime. So he is out and about, spending quality time with Republican primary voters and people who tell him he can, with their help, have \$20 million by the first quarter of 2000.

A former two-term governor, he laughingly says, "Anyone who tells you that being senator is as much fun as being governor will lie to you about other things, too." A person who has wielded executive power is apt to want to do so again.

If the Christian Coalition and like-minded cultural conservatives were designing their pinup candidate, the result would look remarkably like the 55-year-old Ashcroft, the son and grandson of ministers, who begins his day with devotions in his office. For economic conservatives, he has a clear tax proposal with a calculable cash value: an income tax deduction for payroll taxes, which he says are "the only taxation exclusively on work."

Some Missouri conservatives say Ashcroft was a depressingly orthodox governor, under whom things that should not have risen — spending, the number of government tentacles, the morale of the public education lobby — rose. But when he left office, as when he entered it, Missouri ranked 49th among the states in per capita tax burden. And Missourians were content. In 1988 he won his second term with the highest percentage (64) achieved by any governor since the Civil War, and in his 1994 Senate race he carried every county.

Ideological clarity is easier in the Senate than at the head of a state's executive branch. He has been able to dramatize his conservatism by, for example, putting the term limits constitutional amendment to a vote and by fathering a law that empowers churches and other faith-based institutions to participate in the administration of welfare services.

He tartly explains his vote against the budget deal: "We had to find ways to spend money to keep from balancing the budget before the year 2002, and sure enough the Congress rose to the challenge." An advocate of tax simplification — his wife teaches tax law at

Howard University, yet he says they cannot do their own taxes — he disdains the budget deal because it "tweaked the system in 800 ways."

As a potential presidential candidate he has two problems, each of which might seem, at first blush, to be an asset. One is the unvarnished, if not quite disqualifying, fact that he is a senator. The other is the country's conservatism.

As politicians his age are apt to be, Ashcroft, who was 18 when John Kennedy was elected, is somewhat fixated on Kennedy's example, and on the 1960 Democratic nomination contest, which featured four senators — Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Hubert Humphrey and Missouri's Stuart Symington — in addition to Adlai Stevenson. Still, sitting members of Congress are infrequently nominated (Dole, McGovern and Goldwater most recently) and rarely elected (Kennedy, Harding and Garfield were the only ones).

Perhaps the public intuitively that the legislative life — rubbing the edges off issues to facilitate the building of coalitions — is poor preparation for executive action, which sometimes should be polarizing. A president, Ashcroft says, should be concerned with "the noble" rather than the merely "doable." However, the country's current conservatism disposes it to skepticism about the utility of government, and particularly about investing

any political office, even the presidency, with the sort of semi-sacerdotal role that the pursuit of nobility suggests.

A president, says Ashcroft, should be like Reagan. He made it possible "to tug my kid on the sleeve and say, 'That's the kind of person I want you to be.'" That aspiration may evoke mixed memories of the sort of watery royalism that became the Kennedy cult, but that is a risk intrinsic to the conservative attempt to make political leadership an instrument of moral revival.

Some people who want Texas Gov. George Bush to be the Republican nominee hope Ashcroft runs because they think he will siphon votes from two other potential candidates, Dan Quayle and Pat Buchanan. But Ashcroft is close to Pat Robertson, whose national constituency might, in a nomination contest, make Ashcroft much more than a minor player.

And suppose this brought to Ashcroft the support of a new star in the firmament of political consultants — Ralph Reed, late of the Christian Coalition. Missouri, which began the century as the fifth most populous state (St. Louis was the fourth largest city), could end the century with restored weight.

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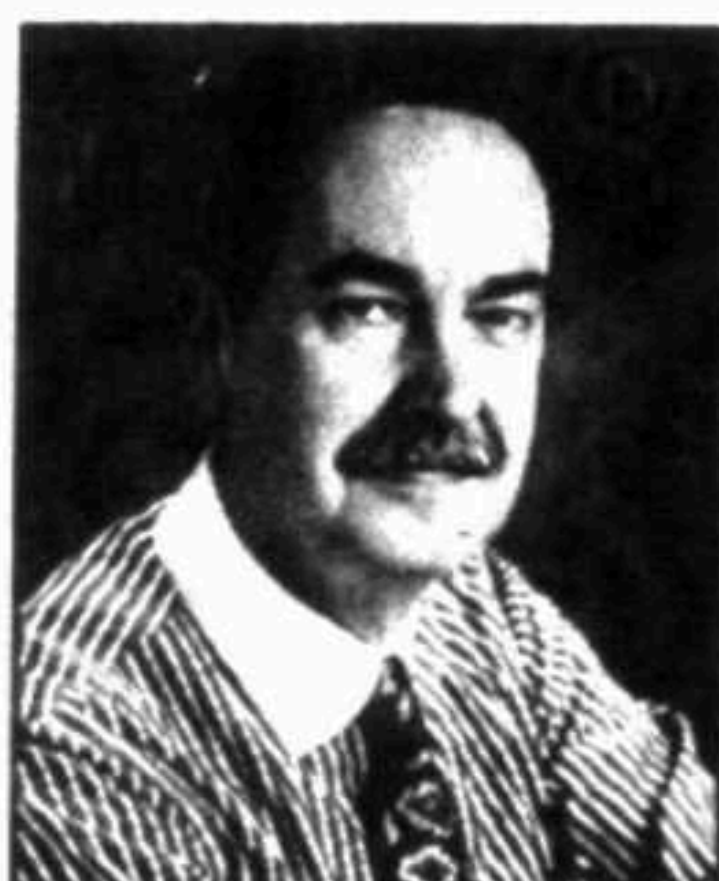
CAL THOMAS

Recent world tragedies take heat off Clinton

It appeared last week that the luck of President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore was holding. As new revelations surfaced about possible lawbreaking in the way they raised funds for the 1996 campaign, the deaths of Princess Diana and Mother Teresa kept the scandal out of sight, or downplayed, on most networks and in the big newspapers.

"Spinners" on and off the White House staff were unable to blunt the decision by Attorney General Janet Reno to seriously consider appointing a special prosecutor after Senate testimony by Buddhist nuns, who said campaign money was laundered through their Los Angeles temple. Only those on the receiving end of possible indictments and their defenders claim this fund-raiser was something other.

But not even chief White House apologist Lanny Davis, and repeated assertions by the president and vice president that everything they did was "legal and appropriate," may prevail in a credibility battle with Buddhist nuns, who admitted shredding documents, indicating they had a better sense of the legal and moral problem than the vice president.



Thomas

Another sign that this administration's luck may be about to expire was the firing of The New Republic's editor, Michael Kelly. The magazine's owner Martin Peretz, a close friend of Gore, found Kelly's editorials too critical. Surely this is censorship. Imagine the outcry from the media if an editor or reporter had been fired for being too harsh on Ronald Reagan. But the shooting of the messenger — in this case Kelly — ensures that others will rise to take his place. In fact, Kelly may turn up in another venue where his martyrdom will get his opinions even more attention. The credibility of The New Republic has been damaged. Instead of an independent, truth-seeking journal, the magazine has become another tool of obfuscation for the Clinton-Gore White House.

Viewers fortunate enough to have access to cable channels carrying the Senate hearings saw Gore's former deputy chief of staff, David Strauss, try to persuade the committee that the more than fourscore fund-raising calls his boss made from the vice president's office were not what they clearly appear to be.

If Reno names a special counsel to look into Gore's attempts to reach out from his office and put the campaign-contribution touch on donors, his presidential chances in 2000 will be significantly diminished. Anyone who positions himself as "Mr. Clean" begins to look mighty dirty when he acquires a single stain.

The Attorney General has painted herself

into a corner. She first said she was not naming an independent counsel because there was no evidence to suggest that the vice president had raised any hard money (that is, money that goes directly to political candidates, as opposed to soft money, funds directed to parties and political action committees). But last week's front-page story in The Washington Post about soft money raised by Gore transferred to hard-money accounts strips away Reno's last line of defense. If she refuses to name an independent counsel now, she will be seen by many to be obstructing justice.

There are too many polluted streams running beneath this administration for the broadcast networks, most people's main source of news, to continue their virtual cover-up and distortion of the Clinton-Gore legal and ethical problems. Instead of "the most ethical administration in history," this bunch has become the sleaziest. We've just reached the pinnacle of this administration's pile of ethical garbage, built on a stinking foundation laid by Mike Espy, Hazel O'Leary, Ron Brown and others.

Al Gore is the weak link. If the vice president — the political Siamese twin of the president — stumbles, watch for the entire White House of cards to finally come crashing down with him.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Fact, fiction faulty in new smog debate

It's difficult to separate fact from fiction in the war between the states over wind-borne smog, but some facts are indisputable.

Eight Northeastern states have asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to impose tougher pollution controls on industrial sources in the Midwest, claiming they contribute to ozone pollution in the Northeast. Gov. George Voinovich is furious, exploring possible appeals.

The affected states, including the complainers, had agreed to a process where nitrogen oxide

emissions would be reduced by 2004.

Why, then, did the Northeastern states ask the EPA to impose tougher controls immediately on Midwest utilities?

Many of the Northeastern states are ... behind Ohio in implementing enhanced auto-emissions testing, in part because they have been blaming all their problems on the Midwest.

— The Columbus Dispatch
Columbus, Ohio

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Sept. 11, the 254th day of 1997. There are 111 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 11, 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. secretary of the treasury.

On this date:

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In 1897, a strike by coal miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia ended, with the miners winning an eight-hour work day. (The day before, about 20 miners were killed when sheriff's deputies opened fire on them in Pennsylvania.)

In 1936, President Roosevelt dedicated Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) by pressing a key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydroelectric generator in Nevada.

In 1944, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill met in Canada at the second Quebec Conference.

In 1954, the Miss America pageant made its network TV debut on ABC. Miss California, Lee Ann Meriwether, was crowned the winner.

In 1962, the Beatles recorded their first single for EMI, "Love Me Do" and "P.S. I Love You," at EMI

studios in London.

In 1967, "The Carol Burnett Show" premiered on CBS.

In 1971, former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev died at age 77.

In 1973, Chilean President Salvador Allende died in a violent military coup.

Ten years ago: The CBS TV network went black for six minutes after anchorman Dan Rather walked off the set of "The CBS Evening News" because a tennis tournament being carried by the network ran overtime. (The tennis coverage ended abruptly, catching the anchorman off guard.)

Five years ago: Hurricane Iniki struck Hawaii, leaving at least five people dead and more than 10,000 homes damaged or destroyed. President Bush announced he was approving the sale of 72 F-15 jet fighters to Saudi Arabia.

One year ago: Two top officials with the Health and Human Services Department resigned over President Clinton's signing of the Republican welfare overhaul bill. (Another official had resigned the month before). Hurricane Hortense continued churning its way through the Caribbean.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer and former Louisiana Gov. Jimmie Davis is 95. Actress Betsy Drake is 74. Football Hall-of-Famer Tom Landry is 73.

ART BUCHWALD

What it feels like to be part of the paparazzi

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What about Princess Diana?

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BEIJING (AP) — A group of persuaded Chinese Party leader Jiang more bullish on state industries market policies the lukewarm official media.

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The editorials' foes of capitalizing the defensive a major party on Friday.

Communist marginal by near market-oriented destined for another.

Among the 2,048 delegates from anointing approving a new

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MOSCOW (AP) — nobody's throwing tape parade.

Still, two Russian who recently returned to Mir space station handsomely and heavily fined for they caused, Russia said Wednesday.

Previous reports that Vasily Tsibulskiy, the who returned to after six troubled aboard Mir, face they were found malfunctioning.

But Russian reported Wednesday — said to be southern Russia Sochi — already percent of their haven't yet been.

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EDINBURGH,

— British leader dence-seeking car Scots on Wednesday instincts and votes Scottish Parliament.

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Communism to retreat in all but name as party meets

BEIJING (AP) — Call it a triumph of pragmatism over ideology.

A group of young technocrats persuaded Chinese Communist Party leader Jiang Zemin to push more bullish reforms of creaky state industries, but their free-market policies foundered under the lukewarm coverage of the official media.

Unhappy with the reports, the technocrats appealed to Jiang and forced a showdown with the party's conservative propaganda minister, Ding Guangen. The result: a glowing series of front-page commentaries in the flagship communist newspaper, People's Daily.

The editorials last month put the foes of capitalist-style reform on the defensive and set the tone for a major party congress that opens Friday.

Communist ideology, made marginal by nearly two decades of market-oriented reforms, seems destined for another blow.

Among the decisions the congress' 2,048 delegates will make — from anointing new leaders to approving a new platform — none

is likely to be as far-reaching as endorsing Jiang's reforms for state-run industries.

"Socialism is supposed to have central planning, distribution according to work, and state ownership," said a former editor at a state-run newspaper who spoke on condition of anonymity. "They've already gotten rid of central planning and distribution according to work, now they're going after state ownership."

Monopolistic control of industries by the state has been a cherished tenet for 48 years of party rule. While the reforms have broken guarantees of shared wealth and lifetime jobs, state-run industries have remained untouched.

But they have not stayed dominant. Nearly half are unprofitable and more than half of industrial output now lies in private hands.

Jiang, a party member for 51 years and no closet capitalist, has adopted the reforms out of necessity. State banks, otherwise, could be swamped with more bad debts, undermining economic growth.

Jiang and his allies are prepared to apply medicine unorthodox by

Marxist standards: mergers, bankruptcy and, most controversially, issuing stock. State-run media estimate the congress will permit as many as 10,000 enterprises to experiment with shareholding.

But because China is run by the Communist Party, leaders still must rationalize policy in terms of Marxist rhetoric. For Jiang and his supporters, a new policy needs a new slogan: state ownership has evolved into "multiple forms of public ownership."

In his keynote speech to the congress Friday, Jiang is expected to issue the new motto as a defense that the new policies are socialist. Since shareholding spreads ownership among the public, the theory goes, the party is ensuring the people remain the masters of the country.

Along the way, Jiang will pay homage to his late mentor, Deng Xiaoping, who pioneered the reforms and the party's pragmatic break with the radical egalitarian policies of Mao Tse-tung.

Party conservatives favoring central planning and diehard

Maoists are not buying. Shortly after Jiang floated his proposals in May, the anti-reformists circulated a trenchant tract attacking shareholding.

Their influence in the media ensured uninspired coverage of Jiang's scheme. One conservative magazine, Quest for Truth, in July wondered how shareholding could be prevented from decaying into Western-style speculation.

Jiang's policy wonks — researchers from two commissions charged with overseeing reforms — decided to fight the propaganda department lest their reforms wither, said the former editor.

Enlisting Jiang behind the scenes, they launched a publicity campaign in the journals they control. The China Economic Times warned that to oppose the new policies was to oppose Deng's reforms.

In the end, Jiang's supporters triumphed.

Forests around Incan ruins burn

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Fires burned out of control for a fifth day Wednesday in the mountains surrounding the Incan ruins of Machu Picchu, destroying spectacular tropical forests and filling the ruins with smoke.

While South America's top archaeological treasure was safe, experts feared the destruction of thousands of acres of nearby forest and smoke damage to the stone ruins would damage Machu Picchu's attraction to tourists. The ruins sit atop a craggy peak high in Peru's southern Andes Mountains.

Some 600 firefighters and volunteers battled two fires, and helicopters dropped flame retardants on dense vegetation in front of the flames to prevent them from spreading to archae-

ological sites.

"The fires have left the critical zone — where there are archaeological monuments and populated centers — but still burn with intensity," the government said.

A nearby tourist hotel and 500 residents who live near the ruins have been evacuated, and tourist visits to the area have been suspended until at least Sunday. The Inca Trail, a favorite hiking route for backpackers, is closed.

Despite Machu Picchu's apparent safety, hotel managers and archaeologists said they are concerned about the damage the fire could do to tourism. Machu Picchu, located 300 miles southeast of Lima, is Peru's top tourist attraction, drawing 1,000 visitors a day.

Harsh treatment for cosmonauts unlikely

MOSCOW (AP) — OK, so nobody's throwing them a ticker-tape parade.

Still, two Russian cosmonauts who recently returned from the Mir space station are being paid handsomely and probably won't be heavily fined for any problems they caused, Russian news reports said Wednesday.

Previous reports had suggested that Vasily Tsibilyev and Alexander Lazutkin, the hard-luck duo who returned to Earth last month after six trouble-filled months aboard Mir, faced heavy fines if they were found responsible for the malfunctions.

But Russian news agencies reported Wednesday that the two men — said to be relaxing at the southern Russian beach resort of Sochi — already have received 70 percent of their contract pay and haven't yet been fined.

If they are fined, the amount is likely to be small, according to Boris Ostroumov, deputy chief of the Russian Space Agency.

The Moscow Times quoted Ostroumov as saying the 70 percent paid to the two so far amounts to \$68,400 for Tsibilyev, the mission commander, and \$55,500 for Lazutkin — princely sums by Russian standards.

A preliminary report found Tsibilyev guilty of causing a June 25 cargo ship crash that continues to hobble the Mir, and Lazutkin has admitted accidentally unplugging a computer cable on July 17, causing a station-wide computer crash and power outage.

A final ruling is expected later this month.

The Russian Space Agency uses

Scots look set to loosen ties with England

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — British leaders and independence-seeking nationalists urged Scots on Wednesday to trust their instincts and vote for a separate Scottish Parliament.

Opinion polls indicated the politicians needn't have bothered. Scots appeared virtually certain to vote for the new Parliament in Thursday's referendum, which would be their biggest wrench from England since 1707.

Prime Minister Tony Blair, in a television interview from London, told Scots "to trust themselves ... and vote for a new and modern settlement for Scotland."

The formation of a 129-member body in Edinburgh, which would control most domestic matters, pass laws and could raise taxes, and the creation of a less powerful assembly for Wales were a key part of the platform on which Blair's Labor Party swept to power May 1.

A low voter turnout or a rejection of the tax-raising power — a second question on the ballot — would be a major rebuff for his government.

The Welsh vote, which appears too close to call, is Sept. 18. Blair hopes that a yes in Scotland will boost the chance of a yes vote in Wales.

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a complex formula of bonuses and fines to pay its cosmonauts. Tsibilyev was fined once before, for hitting the Mir with a Soyuz spacecraft he was piloting in 1994.

The cosmonauts' replacements, Anatoly Solovoyov and Pavel Vinogradov, were spending Wednesday working on a new inventory of Mir's equipment and using hot-air dryers to evaporate humidity in one of the station's modules.

The crew used special air pipes to pump hot air into the Priroda module to remove the extra moisture, said Mission Control spokeswoman Vera Medvedkova. The moisture had built up as a result of a power blackout in Priroda following the June 25 crash. It was exacerbated by a computer breakdown Monday that forced the crew to briefly dim power again.

NASA astronaut Michael Foale was planning to spend Wednesday exercising and sowing plants for his scientific experiments, the spokeswoman said. Space officials

could not be reached at the end of the day to confirm what the crew had done.

In the coming days, the crew will be preparing for the arrival of the U.S. space shuttle Atlantis, expected to blast off Sept. 26 and bring Foale's replacement, David Wolf.

Plans are moving ahead for a docking between the American and Russian spacecraft despite the string of malfunctions and accidents that have plagued the 11-year-old Mir station.

The Mir's worn-out computer system, which was replaced Tuesday, had gone down three times in the past three months. One of those was the incident caused by Lazutkin.

Russian media reports said Tuesday that space officials had withheld \$10,000 from both Lazutkin and Tsibilyev, pending the end of an official investigation into the June crash.

Russian space officials dismissed those reports Wednesday.

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Senate votes to repeal tax credit for tobacco industry

Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, who arranged for a \$50 billion tax break for cigarette makers in last month's budget package, reversed himself Wednesday and voted with a whopping Senate majority to kill it.

Lott, R-Miss., didn't offer any explanation for the switch. One of his spokesmen, Richard Ball, said he couldn't comment on the matter.

The overwhelming 95-3 Senate vote to kill the tax break was expected to bolster efforts to eliminate it in the House, where Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., is sponsoring a similar measure.

The only three Senate votes to retain the tax break were cast by Sens. Jesse Helms and Lauch Faircloth, both North Carolina Republicans, and Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. Their two states are the leading tobacco-growing states.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who also supported the tax break earlier this summer, hasn't

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— Christina Martin, House Speaker Newt Gingrich's press secretary

announced whether he supports its repeal, said his press secretary Christina Martin.

But Martin was quick to add: "The speaker's one and only objective is to protect America's children and he has no interest in protecting tobacco companies or trial lawyers."

The White House also indicated this week that President Clinton wants to ax the \$50 billion windfall.

Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., who sponsored the legislation to eliminate the tobacco windfall, said the Senate's overwhelming repeal "sends a clear message to the tobacco companies — don't try this kind of deception and back-room deal in the future."

The windfall would have allowed tobacco companies to credit \$50 billion in taxes from new excise taxes on cigarettes against what they would pay in the proposed \$368.5 billion settlement of anti-smoking lawsuits. That settlement is now pending in Congress.

The Senate voted Wednesday to cap attorneys' fees that states would pay under the national tobacco settlement. The cap would be set at \$250 per hour or \$5 million per state, though the Senate voted to exempt previously negotiated contracts from the cap.

Pressure has been building on lawmakers to eliminate the \$50 billion tax break for cigarette makers since details about its origin became public last

month.

The provision was tucked quietly into the balanced budget legislation passed by Congress in late July and signed by President Clinton last month. However, it became known as a "legislative orphan" because no lawmaker was willing to claim it. It was included without any debate, and many lawmakers say, without their knowledge.

In a news conference after the repeal was passed, Durbin called the 11th-hour insertion of the provision into the tax bill "an example of old-school politics that's not acceptable any more."

Sen. Susan M. Collins, R-Maine, co-sponsor of the Durbin amendment, called inclusion of the \$50 billion windfall "a back-door, last-minute tax break that was really a late-night deal negotiated in secret with no public debate."

Collins said the Senate vote to repeal the tax break indicates lawmakers are looking "more skeptically than ever before" at cigarette makers.

California law faces court test

New York Times Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A white-owned electrical company that lost a \$200,000 job for the city of San Jose — even though it was the lowest bidder — has triggered the first court test judging how Proposition 209 applies to cities.

As the San Jose lawsuit was being filed, California Gov. Pete Wilson on Tuesday unveiled a list of 35 state statutes he believes violate Proposition 209. Wilson has already filed suit to overturn five of California's major affirmative action laws, and the Republican governor said he would like the Democratic-controlled Legislature to repeal the rest in January.

California is waiting to see whether the U.S. Supreme Court will hear its landmark anti-affirmative action initiative, but conservative groups and Wilson are moving with alacrity to get the law in place anyway. Proposition 209, approved by state voters last year, bans race and gender preferences.

The governor's targets, many of them taken from the education code, range from a minority contracting requirement at the state lottery to a summer science and technology program for high school students.

"We now have the opportunity to establish California as America's first true color-blind society," Wilson said.

The governor predicted others would file suit. As he was speaking, the conservative Pacific Legal Foundation was suing the city of San Jose in Santa Clara County Superior Court.

The developments come just two weeks after the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals validated Proposition 209, enshrining the landmark initiative in the state constitution. And only days ago, the same court ruled California laws that channel contracts to minorities and women are unconstitutional.

Eliminating the intricate web of affirmative action programs throughout state and local governments, however, is a problem. The Legislature could repeal the dozens of statutes to make them conform. Another option is to ask a judge to interpret the statutes.

That is where the San Jose case comes in. A court decision in this case could set a statewide precedent by which other city ordinances, including those in San Francisco, are judged.

"There have been some serious questions about whether their program complies with 209, and I think this is probably a good one to see if it does or not," said Jennifer Nelson, executive director of the American Civil Rights Institute, which spearheaded the initiative.

While the Pacific Legal Foundation proclaimed it a major test case, others said the suit demonstrated how conservative groups hoped to broaden Proposition 209 beyond just quota-based affirmative action.

"It's an attempt to eliminate the outreach and recruitment programs designed to get better participation by minorities and women," said Theodore Wang at San Francisco-based Chinese for Affirmative Action. "I think this shows how extreme Proposition 209 is."

Just weeks after the November 1996 election, the San Jose City Council rushed to change its rules to comply with Proposition 209.

With financial backing from the conservative Pacific Legal Foundation, contractor Steve K. Zinnel decided Tuesday to sue. In June, his company, Power Providers, based in Rancho Cordova, lost a \$198,760 contract to install a huge electrical switch at a San Jose water-treatment plant.

Zinnel said city officials ruled his bid did not meet a city affirmative ordinance requiring outreach to minority-owned subcontractors. Zinnel said he did not need a subcontractor because the job involved installing only one enormous electrical switch.

Instead, the contract was awarded to another white-owned company that submitted a higher bid, but complied with San Jose's rules. Zinnel said that company had simply hired a minority subcontractor to buy the electrical switch for them.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Death probed

OKLAHOMA CITY — Authorities are awaiting a report from the medical examiner's office to determine the cause of death of an Oklahoma woman whose body was found in a field. Police detectives said Cathryn Ellen Jackson, 29, the daughter of a Midland couple, was abducted from a Wal-Mart parking lot before her death. Ms. Jackson was found near Village, a rural farming area in north-eastern Oklahoma City, about 23 miles from the alleged crime scene. Village police investigator Paul Kinman said. Kinman identified Ms. Jackson as the daughter of Midlanders Mark and Bonnie Caldwell. The Caldwells were quoted as saying that their daughter was planning on moving to Midland to be with them.

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Speech contest

The best humorous speaker in the Midland area will be chosen this evening when Toastmasters International conducts its annual Area 21 Speech Contest and speech evaluation contest. Newly elected area governor J. Durwood Owen will chair the event, set for 6:30 p.m. today at the recreation room of Permian Distributing Co. The public is invited. The winners will be chosen from among club-winning contestants, and have the opportunity to advance to the District 44 Fall Conference in Abilene, Oct. 17-18. Participating in the humorous speech contest will be Anne Severson of Midland's Pop-Up Club, Don Higgins of the Permian Club, Mark Lambert of the Articulators Club, and David Diaz of the Tall City Club.

Fair continues

ODESSA — The Permian Basin Fair and Exposition continues at Ector County Coliseum through Saturday. Hours are 5 to 10 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children 12 and under. Complimentary "Park and Ride" run Friday from 5 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and Saturday from 3 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Music City Mall, Sears parking lot. Those riding the bus may buy their admission tickets to the fair on the bus.

Meeting set

The Permian Basin Advertising Federation is to meet noon Friday at the Coors Beer Distributing Co., 3909 S. County Road 1290. For more information call Jacqui Stewart at 563-1000.

Book club

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Spanish Book Club is to meet 7 p.m. Friday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. The book being studied is "La Muerte de Artemio Cruz" by Carlos Fuentes, a historical novel about the Mexican revolution.

A&M honors Bush

COLLEGE STATION — Former President George Bush compared the excitement surrounding Wednesday's dedication of his namesake school of government at Texas A&M University to the exhilaration of "parachuting out of a perfectly good airplane." The former president parachuted out of a plane in a highly publicized event in March. The former president promised he would return often to the George Bush School of Government and Public Service "to do a little teaching and a lot of learning."

TODAY'S AGENDA

Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia syndromes support group, noon, HealthSouth, 520-3500.
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Jury sentences robber to 60 years

■ Casarez will have to serve 30 years of sentence for convenience store robbery, assistant district attorney says.

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

A jury on Wednesday sentenced a man to 60 years in jail in connection with an armed robbery at a local convenience store last year.

Alberto Simon Casarez, 27, must serve 30 years in prison before he is eligible for a parole hearing, Assistant District Attorney Robin Sams said. Casarez has other criminal charges against him for robbery and felonious theft, Ms. Sams said.

"It was a hard case. All the (victim) saw was his eyes," Ms. Sams said.

The victim in the hold-up, store clerk Beverly Nichols, testified that the defendant entered the 7-Eleven at 1112 S. Midland Drive wearing a white stocking cap and soiled white handkerchief around his face — leaving only his eyes exposed.

"I remember those eyes. I was looking at them the whole time," Ms. Nichols told the jury on Monday. "Those were the hardest eyes I had ever seen."

Ms. Nichols said she was talking to a male customer at the payment counter when Casarez entered the store, pointed a rifle at the her and demanded that the shopper lay down on the floor. He told her to give him all the dollar bills in the cash register, which officials said was approximately \$25.

Casarez left the store but returned and took several packs of cigarettes, Ms. Nichols said. Then, after returning to the store one more time, Casarez ordered the clerk and customer to lock themselves in a back room.

After approximately two hours of deliberation Tuesday afternoon, the 10-man, two-woman jury found Casarez guilty of the aggravated robbery and an attempted escape from authorities that same evening.

Officers testified on Monday that Casarez started a vehicle chase with a Midland County Sheriff's Office deputy.

The pursuit ended when the defendant crashed into a utility pole. Casarez was arrested at a vacant lot about

two miles from the robbery scene.

The defendant, authorities testified, had fired several shots during his escape, and when detained, was combative and spit blood at officers.

During the trial, witnesses, mostly law enforcement officers, testified that Casarez was in possession of bullets and Marlboro cigarettes (the brand that was taken) when he was arrested.

Casarez was arrested wearing clothes identical to those the robber was wearing in a video recorded by a surveillance camera at the 7-Eleven. A vehicle he drove during the chase, officials said, was registered to Casarez. Police recovered the cash, weapon, stocking cap and handkerchief from the vehicle.

Police also found a \$2 bill, which Ms. Nichols said she planted in the cash to help officers identify the stolen money.

Ms. Sams, during closing arguments Tuesday, made note that the pants Casarez was wearing at the time of his arrest had a hole in the left leg. The video recovered from the store revealed that the suspect's denim shorts had a hole in the same area.

AIDS Benefit

Soprano returns for tribute to fellow artist

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

First Presbyterian Church filled with song Wednesday as soprano Julie Keim of Washington, D.C., rehearsed her tribute to a fellow artist, a Midlander who died of AIDS in April 1996.

Ms. Keim is to be the featured solo artist for a concert at 8 p.m. Saturday at the church, which is to be filled with commemorative sunflowers. The concert will benefit Midland Area AIDS Association, which ministers to people living with HIV and AIDS, and their families.

This is the second year Ms. Keim will perform at the benefit. Last year more than 200 people heard her sing everything from operatic classics to selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera."

Since the "Phantom of the Opera" songs were such crowd-pleasers — and the audience responded with a prolonged standing ovation — Ms. Keim said she will repeat those selections, and sing new ones from "a real hodgepodge of different composers."

"There are two Italian pieces, a group of German songs, a few arias, and a few American songs," Ms. Keim said, noting she enjoyed last year's concert enough to come back. "And when you put the concert into the context of thinking about the people you have lost — no matter what the circumstances — it really puts things into perspective."

The concert pays tribute to former Midlander, singer and actor, Robert "Bobby" Marshall.

Ms. Keim met Marshall when they were both students at Trinity College in San Antonio. Marshall became well known for his appearances on the Midland Community Theatre stage, especially for his roles in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," and "Les Miserables" in concert. Marshall

Please see SOPRANO/2B



Soprano Julie Keim rehearsed with Midlander Darryl Knapp at First Presbyterian Church Wednesday. Ms. Keim is to perform 8 p.m. Saturday at the church for the benefit of Midland Area AIDS Association.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram



"Safe streets, the best schools ... and economic opportunity," will be the key issues in his bid for the post of lieutenant governor, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said Wednesday.

Perry comes to Midland in bid for lieutenant governor

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

In campaigning to saddle up with Texas Gov. George Bush as lieutenant governor beginning in 1999, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said he would work toward "safe streets, the best schools in America, and (more) economic opportunity."

"Those three issues (will be) the major part of our campaign and a major part of Texas's future," said the 47-year-old Republican candidate for lieutenant governor.

Perry said that he looks "forward to working with George Bush and other conservatives in the state."

"Education is going to be a major part of what we focus on" in preparing children "for that global marketplace, getting our kids ready to compete in the world-wide market," Perry said Wednesday before speaking to the Midland County Republican Women.

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"I've gotten tired of government taking care of me," state Sen. Jerry Patterson said Wednesday on a campaign swing through Midland. Patterson is running for the office of Texas land commissioner.

Patterson visits Tall City as land commissioner hopeful

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Individual liberties is the driving force behind state Sen. Jerry Patterson's candidacy for Texas land commissioner.

Patterson, who is seeking the Republican nomination for the post, said during a campaign visit to Midland that "I've gotten tired of government taking care of me."

He said he decided to run for land commissioner because it touches on his background as a Vietnam veteran, a representative of a coastal area and his concerns about too much government intrusion in individual and property rights.

"I believe government interferes too much in individual liberties and business liberties," he said, citing his authorship of the right-to-carry law that allows Texans to obtain permits to carry concealed handguns. He also authored the Home Equity Freedom Law and constitutional amendment, where voters in November will vote on whether they will be allowed to use their

Please see PATTERSON/3B

Official urges more time outdoors for children

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

If the battle cry is "Save the Wildlife," then the troops, especially youngsters, must be alerted and, armed with curiosity and guidance, venture into the wild to learn appreciation of fauna and flora.

And that, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Executive Director Andrew Sansom, may be the salvation of Texas' vast but threatened wildlife resources and especially the habitats that provide sustenance for wildlife.

Sansom, 51, said that today's greatest challenge in preserving wildlife is "to make sure that children gain an appreciation of the outdoors in whatever form so that they will stand up to defend it when the time comes."

Sansom, who was in Midland Wednesday to speak to the Midland Naturalists, cited three forces that threaten wildlife in Texas, where 97 percent of the land is pri-

vately owned.

■ The "fragmentation of family lands," such as expansive ranches, through inheritance and development, is "the greatest threat to wildlife" in disrupting and destroying habitats.

■ The population explosion may result in the doubling of Texans "in the next 30 years. And we don't have enough water in our rivers to handle the number of people we have today."

■ "Our children today in Texas are not getting into the out-of-doors. Most of our children today are growing up in urban situations where it's not a matter of whether they're hunting or bird-watching. They are not doing enough of either of those, because they are simply not growing up in environments as people did in Texas a generation ago when they appreciated the outdoors."

Sansom, who was appointed TPWD executive direc-

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Andrew "Andy" Sansom, left, executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, talks with Ernest Angelo Jr., Texas Parks and Wildlife Department commissioner, before the Midland Nat'lists meeting Tuesday at Sibley Environmental Learning Center.

POLICE REPORTS

Robbery

Midland police are looking for a suspect in a robbery that occurred during predawn hours Wednesday at the Whataburger located at 800 Andrews Highway.

Officers quoted a cashier at the scene as saying that a man entered the store with a hooded shirt pulled over his head. The clerk said that the man held his hand in his pocket in a threatening motion, and demanded money from the register. The man then told two employees to hide in a closet. He fled with an undetermined amount of money. No one was injured.

Witnesses told authorities that the man is Hispanic, 5-feet, 2-inches tall and weighed between 130 and 145 pounds. He is possibly in his early 20s. He was wearing a black, hooded sweatshirt and dark pants.

Anyone having information in this case should call the Midland Police Department at 685-7100 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

Drug bust

ODESSA — The Permian Basin Task Force, with assistance from the Andrews County Sheriff's Department,

arrested a man Monday evening on a drug possession charge.

Floyd Plate, 33, was arrested at his residence, 6448 N. Stewart St., in Odessa. Police found four pounds of marijuana in his possession, according to a task force report.

Authorities estimated that the narcotic had an estimated street value of \$4,800. Thirteen firearms were seized at the residence.

The man was remanded to the Ector County Detention Center.

Midland Police Department Tuesday

Theft: A 1994 Mazda Protege was reported stolen from 4706 N. Midkiff Road. Jennifer O'Conner made a report at 6:01 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Tuesday

Theft: A weed trimmer was reported taken from 2403 E. County Road 130, according to a report Harold Logan made at 5:32 p.m.

Wednesday

Theft: A female Siberian husky was taken from 3802 Westwood Drive. Mary Estep reported it at 9:11 a.m.

OBITUARIES



Mildred Gentry-White

Mildred Faye "Micki" Gentry-White, beloved daughter of Archie and Eva Gentry, passed away at home on Tuesday, September 9, 1997.

Micki was born August 14, 1953, in Pampa, Texas. She was raised and lived in Midland. She attended Midland High School and Jean Marie Beauty College and later became a licensed beautician.

Services for Mildred Faye "Micki" Gentry-White are set for 3 p.m. Friday, September 12, 1997, at Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be set for a later date. Funeral services are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

Micki was preceded in death by her only child, Archie Shane White, on December 23, 1996.

She is survived by her parents, Archie and Eva Gentry; her sisters, Deborah Gentry of Midland and June Salter of Waco; her brothers, Melvin and Norman Gentry of Rosebud, Texas, and Wymon Gentry of Waco; her nephews, Valton Lee Cooper of Lubbock, Justin Mauldin of Midland; her niece, Autumn Peace of Midland; her uncles, Wayne Gentry of Grand Junction, Colorado, Valton "Bob" Smith and W.C. Smith of Midland, Clarence Smith of DeLeon, Texas, and Alton Smith of McAlister, Oklahoma, and numerous cousins.

Contributions can be made in memory of Mildred "Micki" Gentry-White to Allison Cancer Center, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701; or Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.



Euda Kelley

ALTUS, Okla. — Euda Lois Kelley, 75, of Altus, passed away Saturday, Sept. 6, 1997, in the English Village Manor Nursing Home in Altus, Oklahoma, following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1997, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hollis with the Rev. Keith Wiginton officiating. Interment followed at

Tolar Cemetery in Tolar, Tx., under the direction of Carter Stewart Funeral Service in Hollis, Okla.

Lois was born May 16, 1922, in Granbury, Tx., to Jesse Smith and Dollie Towell Smith. Lois was a loving Christian mother and homemaker who always put her children and grandchildren first. She spent the latter years of her life in Killeen, Tx., where she was a devoted Christian and member of Faith Temple until a severe car wreck on Mothers Day 1993. She has spent the last four years in Oklahoma.

She is survived by one son, Randy Hagood of El Paso, Tx.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Olen Brock of Midland, Tx., and Janice and Carl Hatton of Hollis, Okla.; four grandsons, Danny and Lance Brock of Midland, Tx., Joey and Donnie Hatton of Hollis, Okla.; four great-grandchildren, Jeffrey, Timmy and Jackie Brock of Midland, Tx., Skii Beanland of Hollis, Okla.; and one brother, Henry Smith of Midland, Tx.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Joe Bill Hagood and Roy Earl Kelley.

DEATH NOTICES

Bess Pruitt

Bess Pruitt died Wednesday, Sept. 10, at her Midland residence. Services are to be 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Robert Kepple officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 4, 1931, in Seminole, Okla.

She moved to Midland from Hobbs, N.M., in 1966. She was the office manager at the Midland Women's Clinic until 1987, when she retired because of health reasons.

She is survived by her husband, A.C. Pruitt of Midland; a son, Larry Pruitt of Midland; two daughters, Debi Schuelke of Red Oak and Janet Pruitt of Midland; her mother, Ollie Knotts of Midland; a brother, Tom Rideout of Pampa; a sister, Joy Shelton of Pampa; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Barney Smith

ABILENE — Barney Smith, 80, father of Midlander Joe K. Smith and brother of Midlander Jack Smith, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, at his residence in Abilene.

Services are to be 2 p.m. today, Sept. 11, at Crescent Heights Baptist Church in Abilene with the Rev. Butch Pesch officiating and the Rev. Mike Chancellor assisting.

Burial is to follow at Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home in Abilene.

He was born March 26, 1917, in Abilene.

He worked as an oil field pumper for Anadarko Production Co. for 15 years before his retirement. He was a member of Crescent Heights Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon for 19 years.

Other survivors include his wife, Eula Middleton Smith of Abilene; a daughter, Judy Woolf of Abilene; two other brothers, Wayne Smith of Chino, Calif., and Raymond Smith of Deloit, Colo.; a sister, Jewel Savell of Abilene; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Crescent Heights Baptist Church, 1902 N. Mockingbird, Abilene 79603 or Hendrick Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene 79604.

Pearlie Jones

SEMINOLE — Pearlie Jean Jones, mother of Midlander Willie Jones, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, at her residence in Seminole.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at First Baptist Church in Seminole with the Rev. W.R. Hunter officiating. Burial is to follow at Gaines County Cemetery under the direction of Roger Pool Funeral Home in Seminole.

She was born May 5, 1942, in Grapeland.

She was a homemaker and a

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There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

member of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Andrews. She moved to Seminole in 1975 from Levelland.

Other survivors include her husband, Robert Jones of Seminole; four other sons, Freddie Jones and Ed Jones, both of Seminole, William Jones of Andrews, Kan.; Rex Jones of Manhattan, Kan.; two daughters, Betty Linzy and Josephine Dale, both of Seminole; one brother, Bobby Dancer of Big Spring; two sisters, Eldora Dancer and Annie Bell, both of Levelland; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Paul Hayes

MERTZON — Paul Edward Hayes, 83, of Mertzton, father of Midlander Charles W. Hayes, died Wednesday Sept. 10, in a Robert Lee nursing home.

Graveside services are to be 2

p.m. Friday Sept. 12, at Sherwood Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Frazier officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo.

He was born July 3, 1914, in Iron City, Tenn.

He worked many years for AMAX Oil Co. as a superintendent.

Other survivors include a daughter, Sissie Hayes Hayner of Mertzton; one sister, Mabel Mercer of Corpus Christi; one brother, Gene Hayes of Grapevine; and two grandsons.

Ethel Lewis

Ethel Marie Lewis, 90, died Wednesday, Sept. 10, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

PERRY: Education will be his 'biggest interest,' candidate says

(From 1B)

Perry said that his "biggest interest ... in the state of Texas is going to be education, particularly dealing with our children's education and how we prepare them for the future."

The other major issue that Bush and Perry will be working on is economic development and creating an economic environment in the state where businesses can grow and businesses want to move from other states into Texas, Perry said.

"That is truly going to be dealing with regulatory reform, removing regulations from businesses, so that they can go forward and make money and jobs."

Perry was raised farming and ranching in the Paint Creek community near Haskell.

"The folks of agriculture are not going to be losing Rick Perry from that particular industry as lieutenant governor of the state of Texas," Perry pledged. "Agriculture ... is the second largest industry in the state, only behind the oil and gas industry."

ASSAULT: Defendant defends his behavior with stepchildren

(From 1B)

He defended the application of lotion to the child. "It was necessary to apply lotion to that area," McAdams. "Lotion was applied whenever she was having a problem with yeast infections. She had that throughout her life."

He testified that Mrs. Moody expressed a "total lack of concern" for her children. He noted that "bad baby sitters and severe punishment of them at an early age" also evidenced this lack of concern.

He also accused the child's mother of being careless with sexually explicit materials. "Sexually explicit magazines were left in open view," McAdams said. He

added that there were explicit movies, "but the kids did not see them too much."

In her testimony, Mrs. Moody said that the sexually explicit materials belonged to McAdams and were stored on the top shelf of his closet.

McAdams also testified that during their marriage his wife "used fear and withdrawal of affection to control me." He added that she would "destroy me and keep me subservient to her."

He also said his wife "flat out lied" on the witness stand.

Proceedings were cut short Wednesday when an illness in the family of one of the attorneys forced a recess. Testimony may resume as early as this morning.

"But we are certainly glad it's over with. Agriculture is looking good across the state right now."

UT official to speak on Constitution

From Staff Reports

Floy Lilley, program manager of the Clint W. Murchison Sr. Chair of Free Enterprise at the University of Texas in Austin, is to discuss "Erosion of the Constitution" at a meeting noon Tuesday at the Midland Woman's Club.



Lilley

The meeting and speech — sponsored by the Col. Thennis Dey Chapter of Lt. William Brewer, Daughters of the American Revolution — is to help commemorate the 210th anniversary of

the signing of the U.S. Constitution, as well as Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23.

The public is invited, but reservations are required. To make reservations call 684-6811.

Ms. Lilley is vice chairman of Sovereignty International and is a member of the executive committee of the Environmental Sciences Division of the American Nuclear Society and the Association of Private Enterprise Education.

She is a contributor to "Texas Republic" and a columnist for "Liberty Matters" magazine.

The actual signing of the U.S. Constitution took place on Sept. 17, 1787, at the Pennsylvania State Hall (now called Independence Hall) in Philadelphia.

SOPRANO: Proceeds from concert will benefit MAAS group

(From 1B)

also performed at the Myerson in Dallas, with the Opera New England, and the Dallas Lyric Opera.

When Marshall died, Ms. Keim sang at his funeral. She later wanted to do something to make a difference in the lives of those living with AIDS. "I knew of the MAAS outreach program at First Presbyterian Church. With Bobby being so known and living in Midland, I thought it was an ideal place to do it," Ms. Keim said, in a previous Reporter-Telegram interview.

Last year's concert was "a dream come true," said Judy Warren, executive director of MAAS. Ms. Warren founded MAAS after her brother died from complications of AIDS seven years ago. Struggling as his sole caregiver in

his final days, made her realize of the need for emotional and spiritual support, she said.

For this year's concert, people are invited to purchase sunflowers to commemorate loved ones who have died. The idea began as a way to pay tribute to those who have died of AIDS and spread to encompass honoring all loved ones people have lost, according to concert chairman Nancy Anguish.

Deadline to reserve commemorative sunflowers is noon today. The sunflowers will be displayed at the event. Cost of the sunflowers are \$25. To order call 520-3055.

"Sunflowers were also Bobby's favorite flower. There is one on his quilt panel (part of the national AIDS memorial quilt NAMES project)," Ms. Keim said, noting that she had a funny story to tell about Marshall and sunflowers, but she

wanted to save it to tell at the concert.

"I'm real pleased to be able to present this music," Ms. Keim said. She is expected to perform an hour, with an intermission. "Most of the second half of the songs are American," she said. "One piece that's really fun is 'Coyotes,' a tango by a contemporary composer."

Ms. Keim will be accompanied on piano by Midlander Darryl Knapp.

The concert will be followed by a reception in Lynn Fellowship Hall.

Ms. Keim has been the featured soloist with the Garden State Philharmonic, The Haddonfield Sym-

phony, the Texas Baroque Ensemble, and the Dallas Chamber Orchestra. Last year she was a finalist in the prestigious Oratorio Society of New York's Annual Solo Competition at Carnegie Hall. She also won second place at the Annapolis Opera Vocal Competition.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit MAAS. The organization offers AIDS education to area schools and provides Care Teams to assist people with AIDS. MAAS also conducts various support groups and provides emotional and spiritual support for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families.

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-Police probe death of Midlanders' daughter

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Authorities are awaiting a report from the medical examiner's office to determine the cause of death of an Oklahoma woman whose body was found in a field.

Police detectives said Cathryn Ellen Jackson, 29, the daughter of a Midland couple, was abducted from a Wal-Mart parking lot before her death.

Ms. Jackson was found near Village, a rural farming area in northeastern Oklahoma City, about 23 miles from the alleged crime scene, Village police investigator Paul Kinman said.

Kinman identified Ms. Jackson as the daughter of Midlanders Mark and Bonnie Caldwell. The Caldwells were quoted as saying that their daughter was planning on moving to Midland to be with them.

No arrests have been made in connection with Ms. Jackson's

slaying, Kinman said.

He said that on the evening of Sept. 1 the victim borrowed her roommate's jeep to go to the store. The roommate told authorities he did not hear from Ms. Jackson and reported the woman's disappearance to authorities three days later.

"He thought she might have left with someone else," Kinman told the Reporter-Telegram.

Ms. Jackson's 6- and 4-year-old children were living with her ex-husband, Kinman said. The victim was unemployed at the time of her death. Several of Ms. Jackson's relatives, including her brother, in-laws and ex-husband, live in Oklahoma City.

On Sunday, Village police received a call from a farmer who found the body in a field. Officials said the woman's body was badly decomposed, and the only way for officers to identify Ms. Jackson was by conducting a fingerprint comparison, Kinman

said.

An autopsy and toxicology test was conducted by an Oklahoma City medical examiner last week. The report from the examiner's office was expected to be delivered to Kinman next week, he said.

So far, the case is under investigation as a homicide. No obvious signs of foul play, such as stab or gunshot wounds, were seen on the body, Kinman said.

Kinman also said that police viewed the surveillance camera at Wal-Mart in hopes of finding more clues to the woman's death. Kinman said that the recordings did not capture an image of the woman.

A memorial fund has been established in the "Memory of Cathryn" for her two children, Zachary Christopher and Camille Nicole Jackson, at the Maggepugas Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 91, Midland, Texas 79702.

WILDLIFE: Texans urbanized, naturalist says

(From 1B)

tor in 1990 after serving as executive director of the Texas Nature Conservancy, said that 60 percent of Texans live in 14 metropolitan areas and that 80 percent to 85 percent of "the people in Texas today are considered urban."

Sansom noted that the TPWD — which employs almost 3,000 people from biologists to game wardens — operates 135 state parks, several hatcheries, and about 50 wildlife management areas all

covering about 1 million acres.

"Texas Parks and Wildlife is a fabulous entity and operates almost as a company within state government because it is 100 percent funded by its users."

"When you buy a hunting license or a fishing license or a state park fee or a Conservation Passport, that's how all conservation in Texas is funded," Sansom said. "And that's something that we are immensely proud of."

Sansom was accompanied to the Midland Naturalists annual meeting in the Sibley Environ-

ment Learning Center by Midlander Ernest Anglo Jr., who recently was appointed to the Parks and Wildlife Commission by Gov. George Bush.

Sansom said members of the Midland Naturalists "have been real pioneers in bringing awareness of the outdoors. Today, they are critical because probably the most important job we have to do is to teach young people about the joys of animals and plants and the outdoors. And those people have led the way."

PATTERSON: Candidate calls for less government

(From 1B)

home equity to secure loans.

While he co-authored the Texas Coastal management Plan and established the Center for Texas Beaches and Shores at Texas A&M University at Galveston, Patterson said, "Industry and the oil business are not the enemy. A clean environment can co-exist with good jobs."

His philosophy, he said, is that "individual Texans can do quite well if left alone by the government."

During his visit, he unveiled his "Texas Schools Power Program" plan, designed to save local school districts millions on electric bills.

The state of Texas owns 22 million acres of land, much of which is dotted with oil and gas production; the revenues go to the Permanent School Fund and Permanent University Fund.

To benefit the Permanent School Fund, Patterson proposes that the state take gas production "in kind" instead of royalty payments, send the gas to a regulated utility or independent utility to convert the gas into electricity and then sell the electricity to Texas school districts at a greatly reduced price. He said this plan would generate additional funds for the state, let electricity producers make money and allow school districts to save an estimated 20 percent on their electric

bills, a total amount he put at \$70 million annually.

He said his proposal takes into account the fact that deregulation of the electric industry is coming to Texas and his school plan is one way to deregulate a narrow niche while generating savings for the schools.

The Texas land commissioner also oversees programs for veterans such as loans for housing and land and four veterans homes — long-term residential facilities for aging Texas veterans that will be built through a state-federal matching program.

A former lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, he chaired the Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee.

He said the commission has done a good job with its programs for veterans, but they need to be marketed more actively, especially to younger Vietnam and Desert Shore veterans.

Too, he said, there are some tax problems, such as some tax-free bonds that prohibit certain veterans from using the programs. If elected land commissioner, Patterson — who is opposed in the primary by Secretary of State Tony Garza — said he could lobby Congress for changes in those tax laws.

Patterson was elected to the state Senate in 1992, representing District 11, which encompasses

southeast Harris County, Galveston County and parts of Brazoria County.

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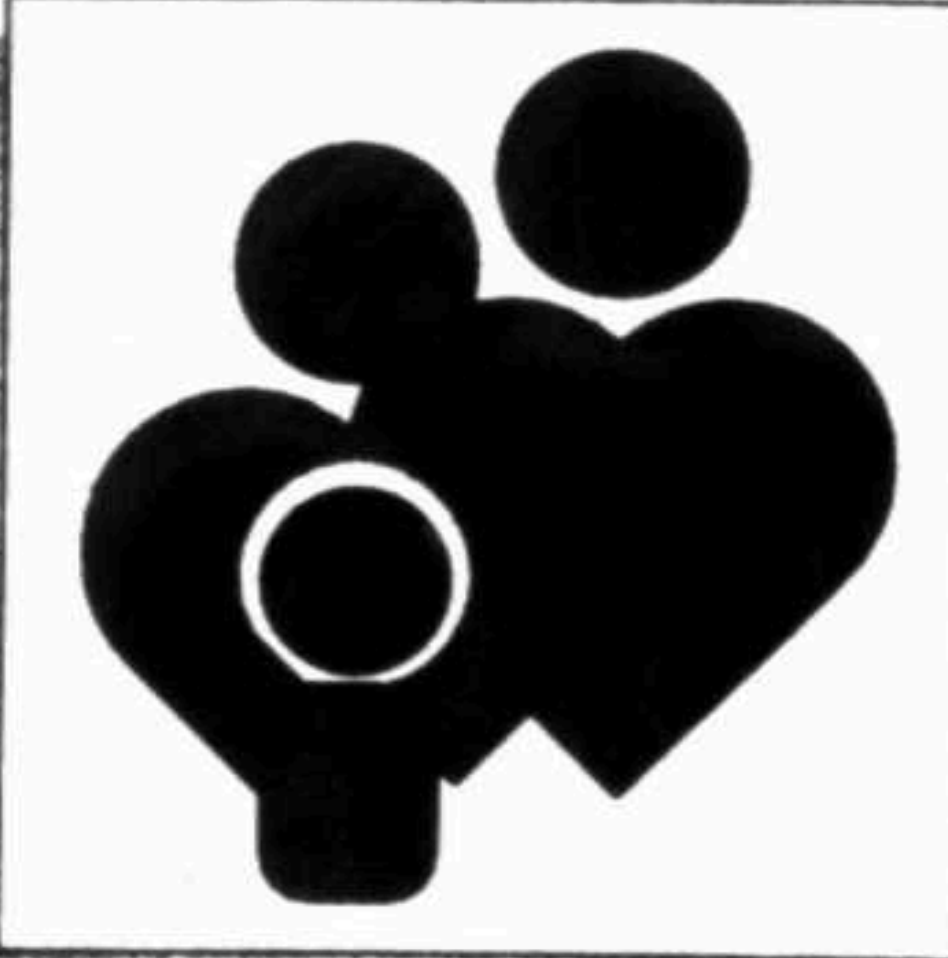
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Fiery California highway crash kills 11

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LOS ANGELES — Eleven people, most of them returning to Los Angeles after a day of selling corn, were killed in the fiery head-on crash of a packed van and a pickup on scenic California highway.

"I haven't seen anything this horrendous," California Highway Patrol Officer Jim Everly said Wednesday.

Tuesday night's collision left wreckage burning for hours and victims and ears of corn strewn across Highway 1 between Lompoc and Santa Barbara, about 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

The names of the dead, eight from a Chevrolet van carrying a dozen people and three from a Ford pickup truck, weren't released. They were charred beyond recognition and

'No one is telling us who they were and we haven't been able to find any identification.'

—Tom Nelson, of the Santa Barbara County coroner's office



Santa Barbara County firefighters inspect the charred wreckage after a truck and a van full of people collided, leaving 11 dead and four others injured, according to the California Highway Patrol, Tuesday night, near Lompoc, Calif.

the coroner's office said identification wasn't expected for days.

"No one is telling us who they were and we haven't been able to find any identification," said Sgt. Tom Nelson of the Santa Barbara County coroner's office.

Four people survived, two in

critical condition. A couple said they had been selling corn in Lompoc during the day and were heading home to the San Fernando Valley.

Survivors only spoke Spanish, and one said he had arrived in the United States from Mexico only

eight days earlier.

According to a preliminary investigation by the highway patrol, the pickup went over the double yellow line and hit the van. Witnesses said the pickup had been passing vehicles on the twist-

Truckers are often weary on the road, study says

BOSTON (AP) — Just before midnight, a man with electrodes taped to his head drove a big rig down the highway between Montreal and Toronto, losing his fight with sleep.

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Everyone knows the hazards of driving sleepy. But this driver and 79 others in the United States and Canada agreed to make their runs in trucks fitted with electroencephalographs and video cameras trained on their faces to help science document just what happens on the lonely highway at night.

The instruments caught this particular driver, a 30-year-old man, 10 hours and 15 minutes into the first night of his four-

night run. He drifted in and out of light sleep for a few seconds at a time over an eight-minute stretch.

Another driver on the same route had similar, though shorter, micro-naps around 2 and 4 a.m. Neither driver — nor anyone else in the study — had an accident as a result of driving while exhausted.

The results were published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. They have prompted the study's sponsor, the Federal Highway Administration, to rethink its rules for how drivers' sleep time is scheduled.

"We want to focus more on rest periods than on working periods to try to give some consistency to drivers' schedules so they can expect to rest roughly at the same times day to day," said Paul Brennan, the agency's head of research and standards.

Explosion rips through Georgia-Pacific plant

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A Georgia-Pacific Corp. plant blew up while chemicals were being mixed to make glue Wednesday. One worker was missing and presumed dead, and nine other people were hurt.

The explosion rattled windows up to seven miles away and blew away about half the roof but left some of the walls standing.

"We thought it was a bomb. It was so loud," said Patrick Stewart, who was teaching a Bible

class at a church a quarter-mile away.

Nearby buildings in the industrial area were evacuated afterward because of a chemical odor. Everyone was allowed back four hours later.

The plant on the city's east side produces resins for industrial use and wood products.

The explosion happened in a kettle where sulfuric acid, phenol and formaldehyde were being mixed to make a wood adhesive,

said Andy Norman, a regional manufacturing manager for Georgia-Pacific.

"There's no way to tell what happened," he said.

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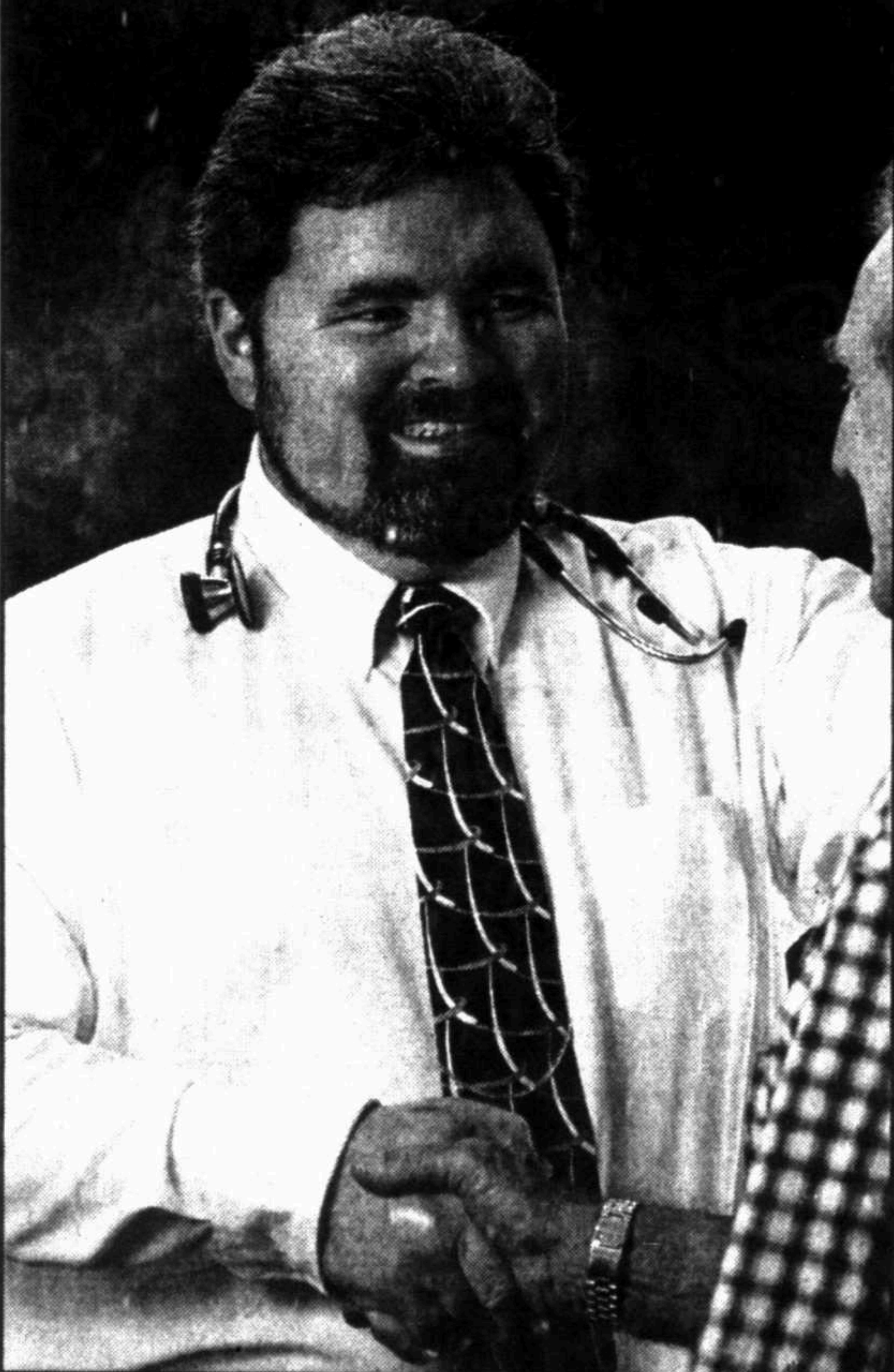
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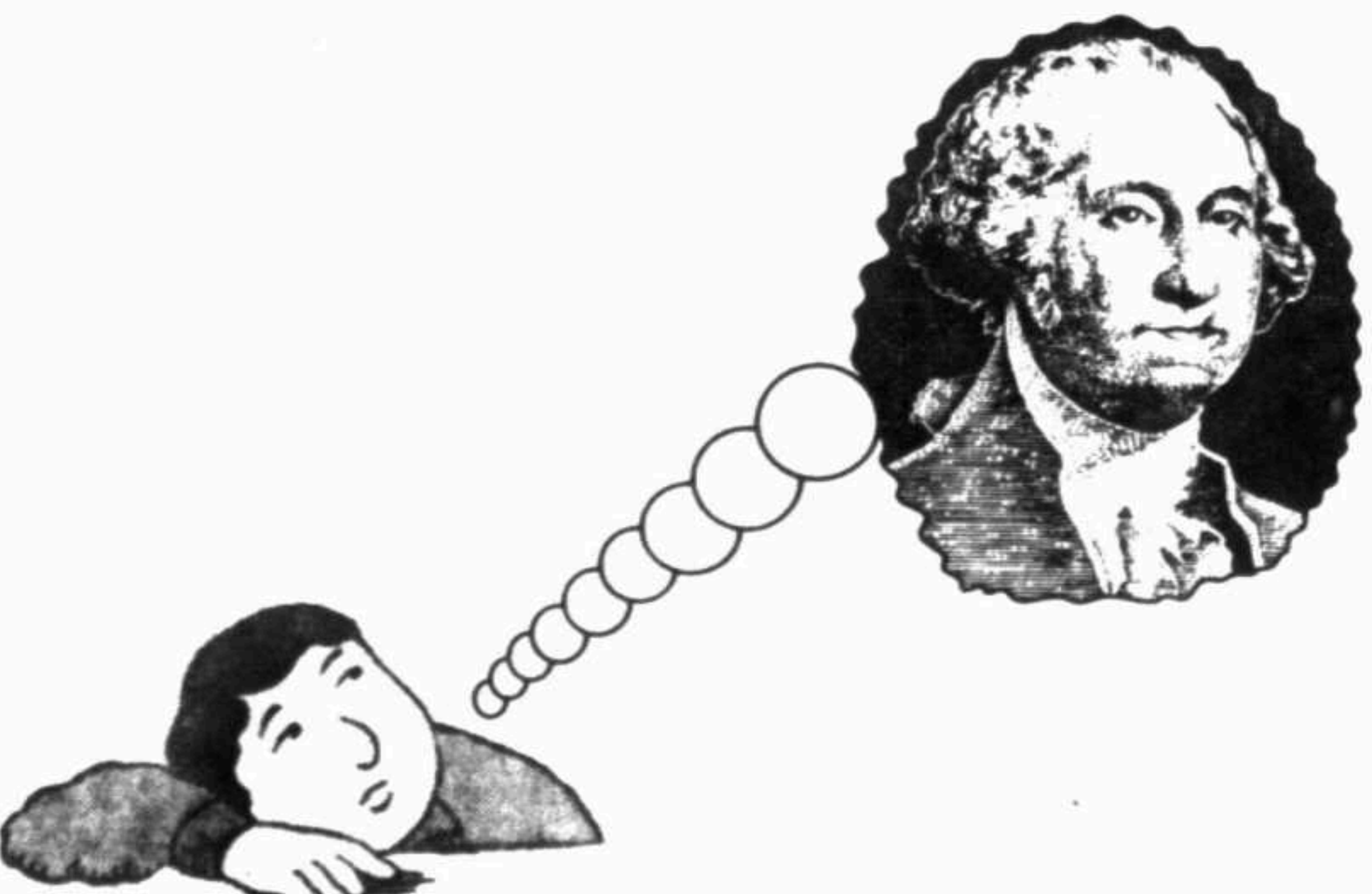
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Versatile actor Burgess Meredith dies at 89

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Burgess Meredith, the versatile, raspy-voiced actor whose film roles over 60 years included the fated hero in "Winter's End," the tragic caretaker in "Of Mice and Men" and the crusty boxing manager in "Rocky," has died. He was 89.

Meredith died Tuesday morning at his home in Malibu, his son, Jonathan, said. He had suffered from melanoma, Alzheimer's disease and other complications of old age, his son said.

Meredith's early career was studded with memorable performances: as guardian of the dimwitted giant in "Of Mice and Men," as Ginger Rogers' suitor in "Tom, Dick and Harry," as war correspondent Ernie Pyle in "The Story of G.I. Joe," as James Madison in "Magnificent Doll." He was nominated for two Oscars.

To the television generation he became known as the quacking Penguin in the 1960s "Batman" TV series.

An intellectual with wide-ranging interests, Meredith was an ardent environmentalist and proponent of causes. In 1971, he commented about pollution: "The whole thing is like a terrible Greek tragedy, grinding toward its inevitable tragic end. I haven't seen one hope-

ful sign yet."

He sometimes wrote, directed or produced his films. In later years he often took roles that seemed beneath his status as one of America's distinguished actors. He explained to an interviewer in 1967:

"If I spent all my time in Shakespearean companies and only did art movies like Oliver, my position would be more dignified and more serious. I might even be a better actor. But this is America, and I'm a man moved by the rhythms of his time, so I'll just take amusement at being a paradox."

A compact person with unruly, sandy hair, Meredith had a quirky, warm voice that was often heard on television commercials for United Air Lines, Skippy peanut butter and other products.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Nov. 16, 1907, Meredith won prizes as a boy soprano. He was educated at Amherst College and began his stage career in 1933 with Eva Le Gallienne's company in New York.

His professional debut came with "Alice in Wonderland" — "I played the duck, the dormouse and Tweedledee." That led to a role as a reform school kid in "Little Old Boy," and his reputation grew with "She Loves Me Not" and "Star Wagon."



Burgess Meredith is shown in this June 20, 1989 photo attending the premiere of the movie "Batman." Meredith died Tuesday at his home in Malibu; he was 89.

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Boredom invites juvenile crime, report says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress must put more money into after-school crime prevention programs to head off a juvenile crime wave expected over the next decade, Attorney General Janet Reno said Wednesday.

She spoke at a private group released a study that found that most violent juvenile crime occurs between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., between the end of the school day and the time parents return home from work.

"It is better to prevent another crime from occurring than to punish the criminal after another victim is harmed," Reno said at a treatment center for at-risk

youth in Rockville, Md.

The study buttresses the Clinton administration's drive to keep after-school programs, such as sports, music and drama activities, intact and "to provide balance to the legislation that may be voted on in the near future," the Justice Department said in a written statement.

Reno and leaders of the group, called Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, have been critical of legislation pending in Congress, saying it doesn't put enough emphasis on prevention. The bills toughen federal laws dealing with juvenile crime and give states strong incentives to do the same.

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PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow a person who holds the office of municipal court judge to hold at the same time more than one civil office for which the person receives compensation."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 43 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to limit the maximum annual increase in homestead appraisals for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. The amendment would also permit the legislature to allow the governing body of a school district to elect to apply the law providing for the transfer of the age-65-and-older school property tax freeze to the person's new homestead, if the move to the new residence homestead occurred before the law took effect.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to limit increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem taxation and to permit a school district to calculate the school property tax freeze applicable to the residence homestead of an elderly person or the surviving spouse of an elderly person in accordance with the law authorizing the transfer of the school property tax freeze to a different homestead regardless of whether that law was in effect at the time the person established the person's homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 45 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to authorize counties, cities, towns, and other local taxing entities to grant exemptions or other forms of ad valorem tax relief on property on which approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to permit a taxing unit to grant an exemption or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 104 proposes an

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 19 proposes an amendment to allow the Supreme Court of Texas to hold sessions at any location in this state. Currently, the court is limited to holding sessions only at Austin, the seat of state government.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the supreme court to sit to transact business at any location in this state."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 39 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the current provision which provides that the board of the Texas Growth Fund may not invest money in a business unless the business has disclosed to the board whether it has any direct financial investment in or with South Africa or Namibia.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing the Texas growth fund to continue to invest in businesses without requiring those businesses to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas Water Development Fund II as a fund separate and distinct from the Texas Water Development Fund. The amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to administer the fund and issue general obligation bonds for purposes of the fund under guidelines set forth in the amendment.

The amendment would also allow the Board to use loan repayments coming into the fund after the end of the fiscal year to make bond debt service payments, and would provide certain conditions for the flow of funds for repayment of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to the authorization to the Texas Water Development Board to transfer existing bond authorizations for water

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize home equity lending, in which a loan could be secured by a lien against the borrower's homestead. The amendment would also establish several provisions providing for consumer protection in the home equity lending process.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 96 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to authorize a property tax of five cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts which are located in Harris County. The constitution currently authorizes a property tax of three cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts regardless of what county they are in.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County of five cents on each \$100 of taxable value of property."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 33 proposes a constitutional amendment to permanently dedicate monies from the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund (and its auxiliary fund) so that they are used only for assisting victims of crime and not for any other purpose. If an episode of mass violence occurred, however, money from the funds could be used to assist victims of the mass violence if all other sources of authorized emergency assistance were depleted first.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment designating the purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund may be used."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 59 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the Legislature from authorizing additional state debt payable from the general revenue fund if the resulting annual debt service (the amount needed each year to make payments) would exceed five percent of the annual general revenue avail-

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 55 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that if the Texas Supreme Court does not act on a motion for a rehearing within 180 days of the motion's filing, the motion is denied.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to establish a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas Tomorrow trust fund dedicated exclusively to the prepayment of tuition and fees for higher education. The amendment would guarantee that if there is not enough money during any fiscal year to pay the appropriate tuition and required fees, the needed money will be appropriated out of the first available money coming into the state treasury each fiscal year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to encourage persons to plan and save for young Texans' college education, to extend the full faith and credit of the state to protect the Texas tomorrow fund of the prepaid higher education tuition program, and to establish the Texas tomorrow fund as a constitutionally protected trust fund."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 83 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to set the official qualifications for constables.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 4 de noviembre de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamada al 1/800/252/8683 o por escrito al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711.

GOP says Gore should have known where money was going

WASHINGTON (AP) — Challenging the legality of Vice President Al Gore's fund-raising calls, Senate Republicans disclosed memos Wednesday that they said indicated he should have known some money he solicited was covered by a law barring such calls on federal property.

Democrats and the White House argued that the memos were not specific enough to raise warnings for the vice president, who faces the possibility of a special prosecutor being appointed to investigate his calls.

The documents showed that Harold Ickes, then White House deputy chief of staff, advised both Gore and President Clinton that the Democratic Party media fund — for which Gore solicited money — was using "hard money" donations.

A February 1996 memo indicated that the party was allocating the first \$20,000 of large donations to "hard money" accounts.

The term refers to donations used directly to support federal candidates. Such contributions are covered under a law that outlaws fund-raising solicitations on federal property.

Gore has steadfastly maintained the calls from his White House office were legal.

The White House says the vice president believed he was asking for "soft money" — donations exempt from federal limits and not used to support candidates — when he made the solicitations in late 1995 and early 1996 for the media fund.

But Republicans at Senate hearings into fund-raising abuses repeatedly challenged Gore's explanation.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said the memos raised the possibility that Gore "knew that a solicitation for \$20,000 would be a solicitation for hard money in violation of the



Democratic National Committee General Counsel Joseph E. Sandler, left, a witness, confers with his counsel during the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs hearing at the Capitol in Washington, Wednesday. At center is attorney Judah Best, and at right is attorney Paul Mark Sandler. The committee is investigating campaign fund raising.

federal statute."

With Gore's future as a presidential candidate at stake, Democratic National Committee chairman Steve Grossman angrily accused the panel's Republicans of trying to "undermine, paralyze and potentially destroy the Democratic Party."

Despite the "steady diet of partisan warfare," Grossman said "the vice president is in perfectly fine shape." Speaking to

reporters outside the hearing room, Grossman got into a debate with Specter in front of TV cameras. Specter said the panel was merely trying to get at the facts.

The White House and Democratic Party general counsel Joseph Sandler, who was shown the memos at Wednesday's hearing, insisted Gore had no way of knowing that \$120,000 of the money he solicited would eventually end up in the party's hard money

coffers.

The recent disclosure about the hard money prompted Attorney General Janet Reno to review whether to seek an independent counsel to investigate the vice president's fund raising.

"The vice president understood the telephone calls he was making to be for non-federal accounts or soft money," White House special counsel Lanny Davis said.

The memo references to "hard

money-soft money allocations were merely statements of the law and not inconsistent with the vice president's understanding of these telephone calls," Davis said.

Gore's spokeswoman, Lorraine Voles, said the vice president "may have seen it" but "has no recollection of the memo and he certainly would not have related that memo to phone calls."

Pointing to one Feb. 22, 1996, memo, Senate counsel Sandy Mattice told Sandler: "It does appear that Mr. Ickes passed along to the president and the vice president information that the first \$20,000 of money raised was going to go into the DNC's federal (hard-money) account."

"Yes," replied Sandler. Donors were supposed to be asked in writing if they wanted a portion of their contribution to go

to hard money, but Sandler said this wasn't always done.

Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, voiced outrage at the practice of allocating \$20,000 that way, calling it a "giant loophole" in the campaign spending law that should be closed.

"If both parties are doing that, both parties are flat wrong," Glenn said. "That is a bum system."

After lunch, Sandler backed away from his earlier agreement with the Republicans' interpretation of the memo, saying, "This is nothing more than a restatement of the law" on contribution limits.

"How can you make that statement?" replied Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M. "I have difficulty understanding why you do not conclude that those who made that kind of call knew part of that was going to hard money."

Fight over Weld nomination continues

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jesse Helms wasn't budging. Blocking the president's nominee for a key job, the North Carolina senator caught angry accusations of trying to "bludgeon" the Senate.

The year was 1981; the president was Ronald Reagan.

Times have changed and so has the president. But Jesse Helms is still holding firm.

In a Senate career spanning a quarter century, Helms has earned the nickname "Senator No" for his unwavering defense of conservative causes.

His refusal to consider President Clinton's nomination of William Weld to be ambassador to Mexico is a classic Helms effort to use Senate rules to enforce his world view.

Sen. Dick Lugar of Indiana on Wednesday called his fellow Republican senator "arbitrary and dictatorial" in his handling of Weld's nomination.

To Helms, that may well be a compliment of sorts. As the senator himself once put it: "I did not come to Washington to get along and win any popularity contests."

Over the decades, Helms has taken on everything from communist dictators and government financing of erotic art to a federal holiday for Martin Luther King Jr. and the views of newsman Dan Rather. As chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he has given Republican and Democratic presidents alike fits when their nominations didn't meet his standards.

"No one else in the Senate, no one at all, comes

even close to his reputation for selfless, steadfast adherence to every tenet of our conservative philosophy," longtime friend Morton Blackwell said at a 1994 Helms testimonial. "Name the issue, and I can tell you how he will vote."

In the latest standoff, Helms has refused to hold a hearing on Weld's nomination because he says the former Massachusetts governor is soft on drugs. Faced with mounting criticism from Democrats and even a few Republicans, Helms this week agreed to call a "special meeting" on Weld — but insisted that Weld's nomination would not be on the agenda.

Furthermore, Helms said he'd have the Senate parliamentarian on hand to explain why he has the power to block nominations.

Indeed, Helms' shrewd use of Senate rules is one source of his power and a grudging respect from even his foes.

Add to that his unwavering convictions and a reputation for remembering those who cross him.

"He doesn't budge, and if you cross him, I'm sure you go down in his books and he never forgets it," said Merle Black, a political science professor at Emory University. "He's a man of strong convictions and long memory."

In the leadup to the 1996 elections, questions were raised about whether Helms was losing his edge and whether he had the energy for another term. His decision to seek re-election and the Weld battle are evidence that Helms is back in fighting form.

"It's the old Jesse Helms, the fighter, the guy who's made his decisions and there's no ifs, ands or buts," says political analyst Stu Rothenberg.

Study shows late births are positive sign

NEW YORK (AP) — Women who give birth in their 40s might have an especially good chance of living to 100, perhaps because those who manage to get pregnant so late in life have biological clocks that run slow.

When researchers compared a group of female centenarians to women who had died at 73, they found that the older women were much more likely to have had a baby after their 40th birthday.

That does not mean that having a baby so late will make a woman live longer, said researcher Dr. Thomas Perls. Instead, the late birth indicates that a woman's body may be aging slowly, he said.

"If your reproductive system is aging slowly enough that you can have a child in your 40s, it probably bodes well for the fact that the rest of you is aging very slowly too," he said.

Perls, a geriatrician at the Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, and two colleagues there present their findings in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*. The results do not apply to women who have had kids with the help of fertility experts, he said.

Childbearing rates drop sharply after age 40, although menopause typically doesn't arrive until around 50. About 70,000 babies were born to women in their 40s in the United States during 1995, the latest year for which complete figures are available. That's a tiny fraction of the 3.9 million babies born that year.

The new study included 78 women in suburban Boston who had lived to be at least 100 and were born around 1896. They were compared with 54 women who were born in 1896 and died in 1969, the earliest year for which researchers could get computerized death records. Information on these women came from next-of-kin.

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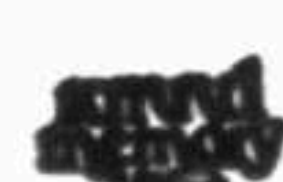
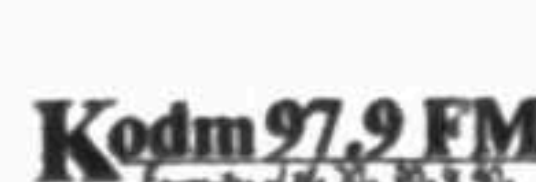


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Hummingbird data may benefit military

By Dick Stanley
Associated Press

AUSTIN — On the back porch of Peng Chai's home in West Austin, Little Fairy, Buzz and Zoe were hand-fed sugar water for the last time.

Then, one by one, the 3-inch-long, ruby-throated hummingbirds untucked their feathered heads from their wingblades and flew away.

They must have been glad to go because they seemed to match the 35 mph that Chai, a postdoctoral researcher in zoology at the University of Texas, found in almost a year of studying them was their maximum average flying speed.

It was a poignant moment for Chai and graduate student Doug Altschuler — who were saying goodbye — and a hint of why UT aerospace engineers and the Navy are considering studying Chai's four remaining hummingbirds for whatever they might contribute to aircraft design.

"We're going to do an exploratory study with some senior aerospace design students," said Ron Stearman, a UT professor of aerospace engineering.

"We'd like to develop a computer-generated model from a high-speed videotape, and digitize

it to calculate the aerodynamic forces the birds generate in flight," Chai said.

Stearman said the Navy is interested in the hummingbirds for their quick takeoffs and landings, which could be useful on ships. The military also is researching camera-carrying robot microplanes — aircraft with wingspans as short as 6 inches — for wartime surveillance.

Hummingbird aerodynamics long have fascinated bird lovers and scientists.

The smallest known birds, they are the only ones that can sustain a hover like an insect, flitting from side to side, even flying upside down. They hover to drain tubular flowers of nectar for energy, and to catch flies in midair for protein. In the process they help pollinate some plants.

Last week, Chai and Altschuler were awed by the military's interest. But they were mainly concerned about the three departing birds.

"They should have plenty of reserve energy," said Chai, referring to their free meals as UT research subjects. "Now they'll have to compete."

Altschuler nodded. "More than 50 percent may die in the wild each year," he said.

"They have plenty of predators," Chai said. "But they're so agile they outperform most of them."

If Buzz, Zoe and Little Fairy survive, they'll probably wind up in Central America.

Ruby throats, one of more than 320 known species of the birds that are unique to the Western Hemisphere, can be found from Canada to Panama. Each fall, however, they migrate to wintering grounds in Central America.

Chai, following federal and state guidelines, captured eight male and female juveniles in fine-mesh nets at his home hummingbird feeders last fall. He found them so adaptive to captivity that he decided to keep four — Bob, Sparky, Phyllis and Raisa — for additional research.

Lois, the eighth of the birds that scientists at the J.T. Patterson Labs Building on the UT campus competed to name, didn't survive. A rat got her after chewing through the screen of her lab cage while she was asleep.

"When they're in torpor at night, they need a few minutes to wake up," Chai said.

Previous research had established that hummingbird wings produce lift by beating from side to side. They trace figure-eights in the air up to 55 times a second to

lift their seventh-of-an-ounce bodies.

"Despite their small size," Chai and Altschuler concluded in one of several reports, their flight speeds "are comparable with those by birds of much larger size ... such as the crow, magpie (and) gull."

The researchers also found the wild hummingbirds were amazingly easy to work with.

"Chai flew one for us in the wind tunnel," Stearman said. "They seemed to be pretty calm, cool and collected."

The birds were trained to fly in the wind tunnel without injuring themselves, and to hover at sugar-water feeders in a Plexiglas box filled with helium and oxygen.

The mixture, only a third the density of normal air, was the equivalent of an avian treadmill. It made the birds work harder so the researchers could determine their maximum flight performance.

Their maximum average speed of about 35 mph was found to be independent of their weight. Indeed, their wing beats became more powerful the more weight they gained.

The research found that their flying speed only seemed diminished by molting, the shedding of their outer layer of feathers, an annual event that occurs in the winter.

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Fall plantings liven up end-of-summer yards

By Deborah A. Bengé Frost

Just when cooler weather of late summer begins to beckon you outdoors, landscape color may have finished its

season. Heat, insects and other forces of nature frequently squeeze all the good out of flowering plants in September.

If you aren't ready to put up with a colorless landscape, try some of these great flowering perennials that can be planted now.

All asters, *Aster oblongifolius*, is a wonderful flowering perennial that is well suited to West Texas. It can be planted in spring, summer or fall, and gives frothy billows of starry lavender-blue flowers for an extended period during the fall. These need to be planted from containers in a well-drained

site in full sun. A location that stays a little dry and dusty may be the better site, since easy living can lead to mildew-laden plants.

Blue mist flower or perennial ageratum, *Eupatorium coelestinum*, is a vigorous, spreading, flowering perennial that blooms profusely in late summer and fall. This lavender flower looks like the annual flowering ageratum. The foliage is a nice medium green and the plant develops into a rounded mound about 1 to 2 feet tall.

Butterflies will literally hang on this plant. Another nice characteristic of this little-used plant is its ability to bloom in shady landscapes, a common problem in more mature landscapes. Plant it from containers in spring, summer or fall.

A stunning late, late fall blooming perennial is Mexican Mint Marigold, *Tagetes lucida*. It has brilliant yellow blooms that shine in the fall garden when most other flowers have given up. This drought- and heat-tolerant plant develops into a 2- to 3-foot mound of bright green leaves. Plant this

wonderfully fragrant plant near a walk way or site where you can enjoy its pleasant aromatic release.

A staple perennial of the fall garden is the mum. Chrysanthemums (now renamed as *Dendranthema*) are wonderful tough and versatile perennials. The color, form and types of mums are tremendous. These too can be planted in spring, summer or fall. Make their bloom time last longer by planting them now in the tight bud stage, not full bloom stage. Make sure they don't dry out or stay too wet until they are well established and generously mulched. They'll look great this fall and will over-winter and be bigger and better next year.

Any or several of these plants can provide color during the color gap that often happens at this time of year. Don't let your landscape go blah — try some of these outstanding late summer and fall blooming perennials.

Several outstanding educational programs, presented by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Permian Basin Master

Gardeners, are scheduled.

Most of these programs are free, but pre-registration and fees are necessary for the Chile Ristra Workshop and Home Landscape School to cover the cost of materials.

For more information call 498-4071. Xeriscape Garden Tour, is set for 6:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at Confederate Air Force Headquarters; Chile Ristra Workshops, morning and afternoon sessions, Oct. 7-9, Midland County Extension Office; Xeriscape Garden Tour, 6 p.m. Oct. 21, CAF Headquarters; Home Landscape School, 7 p.m. Oct. 13-14 and 20-21, CAF Headquarters.

For more information call the Ector or Midland County Extension offices.

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DEAR ABBY

Husband blames wife for his violent temper

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: A couple of days ago, my husband and I got into an argument. It led to fussing, yelling and cursing each other in front of our 8-month-old baby. When I thought the worst was over, he pushed me down, grabbed me by the ankles and dragged me over the kitchen floor.

Then he left with our son and went to his parents' house. A few hours later, I looked in the bathroom mirror and saw that I had bruises from head to toe.

My husband says it would never have happened if I had kept my mouth shut! He says I nag him until he can't stand it and I drove him to do what he did. Now that the bruises on my legs and face are

apparent, he has told his family that our son is ill, and it would be better if they waited a week or so to come over.

Somehow he makes out that I am the one who brings on his violent behavior. I admit I do let too much get to me sometimes, but please, Abby, tell me, am I to blame for his actions? Or is it just an excuse for his violent behavior? — BRUISED AND CONFUSED

DEAR BRUISED: You are not responsible for your husband's physical abuse. If your husband didn't like something you said, he could have left the house to cool off. His insistence that it wouldn't have happened if you'd kept your mouth shut is a classic tactic of a batterer. Unless your husband is willing to get professional help, your marriage is in serious trouble — and you, and possibly the baby — are in physical danger.

This problem will not go away by itself. Do not remain silent and out of sight. Your family, his family and your friends should be told about the battering. You need all

the support you can get. Photographic evidence would also be helpful.

When it happens again, the police should be notified immediately. And you should waste no time in getting away to family or friends or a battered women's shelter so you can decide what to do with the rest of your life — without him. You are in my prayers.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 35-year-old single English teacher. During my lifetime, I have had many failed romances, but recently I have fallen in love again. The object of my affection is a history teacher at the school where I work. (I'll call him Richard.) He is absolutely the man of my dreams. He is handsome, charming, and we share the same interests. I am absolutely sure I want to spend the rest of my life with him.

I have been reluctant to ask Richard out because I fear it would be improper for two professional teachers who are co-workers to be involved in a rela-

tionship. I don't know what the headmaster would think about this. And what would the children we both teach think about our dating?

My decision rests with your opinion, Abby. What should I do? — HOPELESSLY IN LOVE IN BOSTON

DEAR HOPELESSLY IN LOVE: Some schools have policies forbidding teachers in their employ to date one another. Ask your headmaster if there is such a policy at your school, or review the policies yourself. If there is no policy against it, ask Richard out. Remember the old truism: Nothing ventured, nothing gained. If he doesn't accept, you've lost nothing; but if he accepts, it could be the beginning of a love story.

Abigail Van Buren is columnist for Universal Press Syndicate.

Mexican marigold mint attractive, edible

N.Y. Times News Service

Mexican marigold mint is a perennial native to Mexico. It reaches 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 feet tall, with glossy, lance-shaped leaves and bright gold marigoldlike flowers in the fall.

It requires loose, well-drained soil and full sun. Plant from seeds in flats approximately six weeks before planting outside; set out in early spring. Or plant from cuttings rooted in water. Reseeds in late fall.

The anise-scented leaves offer a good substitute for tarragon (thus the plant's nickname, "Texas tarragon"). Vinaigrettes made with it enhance chicken, tuna or shellfish salad, or greens. Also good in sauces and dips and with vegetables and fish.

Marigolds are susceptible to spider mite damage. Spittlebugs sometimes burrow in new leaves when humidity is high; pick them off. Good recipes for Mexican Marigold Mint follow:

GRILLED CATFISH WITH SMOKED PEPPERS AND MEXICAN MARIGOLD MINT

1/2 red bell pepper, seeded and deribbed
1/2 yellow bell pepper, seeded and

deribbed
1/4 cup white wine vinegar
1 shallot, finely diced
1 clove garlic, finely diced
8 ounces (1 cup) butter, room temperature
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh marigold mint leaves
Four 6- to 8-ounce catfish fillets
1 tablespoon oil or clarified butter
Salt to taste

When briquettes are still glowing but somewhat gray (about 20 minutes after starting fire) place peppers on grill over water pan and cover with top of smoker. Smoke peppers for 20-30 minutes. Remove from smoker and roast in preheated 400-degree oven for 10-15 minutes. Peel and chop peppers.

Place vinegar, shallot and garlic in medium-size saucepan. Over high heat, reduce liquid to 2 tablespoons. Over medium-low heat, begin whisking in butter, a piece at a time, until all butter is incorporated. Remove from heat.

Add chopped peppers and marigold mint. Season with salt and keep warm in pan set over barely simmering water while grilling catfish.

Salt catfish fillets to taste and grill 3-4 minutes per side, basting with oil or butter. When fillets are

done, place each on a plate and cover generously with sauce. Garnish with marigold mint sprigs and/or flowers.

HERB VINEGAR

1/2 cup sweet basil
1/2 cup rosemary
1/4 cup Mexican marigold mint
4 bay leaves
1/4 cup oregano
1 teaspoon mixed peppercorns
1 teaspoon whole cloves

Harvest herbs and clean them. Fill a clean, sterilized glass bottle or jar with the fresh herbs.

Use 2 portions white wine vinegar and 1 portion white or red wine "o remove the sharpness from vinegar. Pour vinegar/wine mixture over herbs; bruise herbs with a wooden spoon.

Cover container and store in a cool, dark place at room temperature. Stir mixture every 4-5 days with wooden spoon. Vinegar should be ready in three to six weeks, depending on how strong you want it to be.

Filter or strain herbs from vinegar. (A coffee filter and funnel are one way to do this.)

Place a few clean, fresh herb sprigs in a clean, attractive bottle. Pour vinegar over sprigs. Label bottle.

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David and Maggie Means sit at the edge of a pond in their Midland County back yard that boasts everything from tropical plants and a waterfall to a palm tree. The yard began as a sandy cotton field 15 years ago. A waterfall, below, recirculates the pond water.

From cotton field to Paradise



The Means' back yard is lush with various water plants and seasonal flowers, above. The land started as a dusty prairie and has been transformed into a picturesque private garden with over 300 trees on the property. Japanese Koi eat right out of Maggie Means' hand, left photo.

If you're looking for an oasis in this West Texas desert, look no further than the yard of David and Maggie Means. The couple literally took two acres of sand and turned it into a lush, green garden, complete with a fish-filled pond, a waterfall and palm trees.

That kind of change doesn't happen overnight. "We've been here 15 years," Means said. "It was a cotton field. (When the couple purchased the property) We had to wait for them to harvest the cotton so we could start planting."

They met with a certain amount of skepticism from other residents of the area too, he said. "We planted little trees, and people would drive by and laugh at us and tell us we were wasting our time."

"We started small and kept working at it and working at it," his wife added.

"We've got about 300 trees now," Means said.

The trees are part of their original effort to make the desert bloom. And the dry, dusty West Texas wind had a lot to do with it. "One of the main reasons we started all this was because it was so sandy out here," Means said, noting the trees serve as a wind break.

The couple's acreage contains an orchard with fruit trees — apple, pears, peach, plum and cherry among them — a grape arbor, two decks and lots and lots of shade.

But what turns this desert paradise into a literal oasis is the Means' pond. Water for the 22x24-foot oval is circulated through a little waterfall that bubbles and spills into the pond. The 5,000 or so gallons in the pond "recirculates constantly," Means said, through a filter system and down the waterfall.

The pond is stocked with koi — a type of glittering golden, orange and white fish — of various sizes and ages that Mrs. Means said are "all tame. They love me. They let me hold them," as she demonstrated how the fish actually swim into her hand. "They love to be petted."

Creating and maintaining their desert paradise is "a team effort," her husband said. "She spends more time out here than I do."

And as far as the fish are concerned, "I'm the feeder!" Mrs. Means laughed.

Working on their landscape has a lot of therapeutic benefit for the couple, they said, not to mention the shade it provides from the West Texas sun and the beauty that surrounds their home. "Just to be able to come out every evening — everything is so green," Means said.

"Sometimes I stay out here (watching the fish) until someone has to bring me in," Mrs. Means said, "I get so mesmerized."

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Texas Scores

BASEBALL — Colorado Rockies 9, Houston Astros 7.

ESPN extension

BRISTOL, Conn. — ESPN SportsCenter anchor Dan Patrick agreed to a contract extension that will keep him with the cable television network through 2004.

The agreement comes 10 days after Kenny Mayne joined Patrick as co-host of the popular nightly program, replacing Keith Olbermann.

Patrick, 40, will remain as co-host of the 11:00 p.m. New York time broadcast, including the Sunday edition which became known as the "Big Show" when he co-hosted with Olbermann.

Olbermann left the network at the end of June to host a new nightly talk show on MSNBC cable network.

Patrick joined the Bristol, Connecticut-based unit of Walt Disney Co. in 1989 after working as a sports anchor/reporter for Cable News Network.

In addition to his duties on SportsCenter, Patrick will join ESPN's coverage of the Super Bowl, NBA Finals and NCAA Basketball Tournament.

Financial terms weren't disclosed, although USA Today reported the new contract is worth more than \$600,000 a year.

Graf to return in fall

BALTIMORE — Steffi Graf intends to return to competitive tennis in the fall, with one of her first appearances Nov. 25 in Baltimore, five months after knee surgery.

Neither the WTA nor Graf has given an exact date for her first match.

The 28-year-old German, who holds the record for most weeks ranked No. 1, has dropped to No. 13.

Graf will play Chanda Rubin in an exhibition, the First Union-Signet Bank Tennis Challenge at Baltimore Arena, a tournament organized by former star Pam Shriver. Rubin, ranked No. 32, won the first singles title of her career this year in Austria.

Graf, winner of 21 Grand Slam singles titles and 103 singles titles, has not played since losing to Amanda Coetzer in the quarterfinals of the French Open on June 3.

A week later, she had surgery on an irritated tendon near her left kneecap.

Manning delivers

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Some people waiting in line to buy football tickets for the University of Tennessee's game against Florida got a special gift from Volunteers quarterback Peyton Manning: free p.z.a.

Manning had around 100 pizzas delivered to hundreds of people who had started camping out Monday to buy approximately 700 tickets for the Volunteers' biggest regular season game this year, said Tony Cox, a manager at a Domino's store in Knoxville, Tennessee.

"This was something Peyton wanted to do for the fans," Cox said. "He didn't want it spread around here that he bought the pizzas. The driver just kind of started telling people."

Cox said Manning called around 11 p.m. Monday and ordered 20 large pepperoni pizzas that the quarterback asked the store to deliver to fans waiting to buy tickets for Tennessee's Sept. 20 showdown with the Gators.

Manning paid for the pizzas with a check at the Knoxville store and the driver distributed the pizzas to the school's University Center where the line had formed, Cox said.

Manning, the leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy, has completed 54 of 87 passes for 651 yards and seven touchdowns in leading fourth-ranked Tennessee to a 2-0 record.

Manning passed up millions of dollars to remain at Tennessee.

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Miller absence affects Cowboys

■ Receiver looking soft with mysterious hamstring injury that is keeping him on the sidelines and team's production down.

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Anthony Miller's mysterious hamstring problems have become a deep concern for the Dallas Cowboys.

Although Miller is a five-time Pro Bowl player his exits at San Diego and Denver were prompted by his down time because of injuries that gave him a reputation as a soft player.

But he showed is value following an exhibition season in which he played only one game, burning the Pittsburgh Steelers with his speed in a 37-7 victory in the regular season opener. He caught a 31-yard touchdown pass from Troy Aikman and helped free Michael Irvin for two touchdown receptions.

Three days before Sunday night's 25-22 overtime loss at Phoenix, Miller developed a twinge in his hamstring during practice. He told coach Barry Switzer he felt it again during warmups before the game. Miller played two downs and took himself out.

The Dallas passing game suffered. Switzer called Miller "our biggest training camp disappointment" because he didn't get to work with Aikman.

If Miller doesn't get healed soon, Switzer might have to change that to "biggest regular season disappointment."

Switzer said Miller came out of the game on his own "because he was scared to turn it loose. He's a Pro Bowl player in this league for years and knows his body better than anybody."

"We want him to be smart. We don't want any college rah-rah. We don't want him to be like one of those track guys who blows a hamstring and misses a bunch of time."

Switzer ordered a new practice routine for Miller. He said Miller will no longer sit idle for 20 minutes in practice while the defense faces the scout team offense like it did last week.

"We're going to keep him stretched out," Switzer said.

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1997 DISTRICT 4-5A VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

MHS, coach ready to continue streak

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Give Midland High volleyball coach Terri McColloch a challenge and she will usually answer it.

When the former Alpine coach came to MHS in 1994, the Lady Bulldogs were two years removed from post-season play. However, she took over the team and turned it into a district contender with a second-place finish.

In 1996, MHS went into the season lacking the big weapons, but again the Lady Bulldogs made the playoffs.

Each of McColloch's three teams at MHS have made the playoffs. No other coach in the district can make that claim. In fact, McColloch's teams have never missed the playoffs in her six years as a head coach (three at Alpine and three at MHS). It might have been something she learned as an assistant at Seminole, a perennial playoff entrant.

Captains (left to right) Kiersten Donnelly, Alicia Kirk and Marisa Hernandez are looking for another playoff appearance.
Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Please see **MHS/4C**



Midland Lee's Maurion Strambler (left) and Tiffani Zachry will be two returnees for Connie Alexander's Lady Rebels. Lee is hoping to get over the hump this season and make the playoffs.

Lee seeks playoff ending to season

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

"Bitter Sweet" is how Midland Lee volleyball coach Connie Alexander described her team's 1996 season-ending win over San Angelo Central. Her team had defeated the district runner-up, living up to the potential that came out in bits and pieces throughout the season.

However, the Lady Rebels' season was over — too soon in her mind.

This season, the effects are still there. It is not a bad thing, but something that the coach and the team thinks will be a motivating factor. If Lee is going to learn from

its mistakes — and in this case its successes — it has to be a big factor.

"We say we will not have a season like that," senior hitter Tiffani Zachry said. "We know we could have done it. We could have played like we did against Central and could have won first place."

Coach Alexander has her own view. That victory served as a step towards respectability in the district, something that is a must in this go-round.

"Our program has to earn respect," Alexander said. "We have to win the district. That is the goal. I'm not counting us out."

Lee (8-7 for the season) begins

Please see **LEE/4C**

Strength of 4-4A lies in the numbers

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

An oft-repeated line by District 4-4A coaches prior to the start of the season was that once district play started each team would have to be ready to play every Friday night or face the consequences.

That sounds like a tired cliché, but last Friday night, if a team wasn't ready to play its 4-4A opponent, it was in serious trouble. For that matter, even if that team was ready to play, the 4-4A team was more ready.

Five of the six 4-4A teams won their season openers last week, and for the most part in convincing fashion. The six district schools outscored their opponents by a combined 178-76 in the first week, and that includes San Angelo Lake

View's 44-14 defeat to Kerrville Tivy. More indicative of 4-4A's initial dominance was Andrews' 42-0 win over 2-4A Snyder, which wasn't even the biggest margin of victory by a 4-4A team for the week.

Area Roundup

good teams in this district," said Andrews coach Mike Lebby. "By the time district rolls around there are going to be six good football teams. Lake View didn't win but I guarantee you they're going to be right in the middle of it."

Strangely, the team which had the toughest time winning was Sweetwater, the consensus pick as district favorite which had to battle to beat Brownwood 21-17. The most emphatic 4-4A win might

have come from Big Spring, which used the backfield twin firepower of Antwoyne Edwards and Tony Mitchell along with a stifling defense to beat Monahans 24-2.

While Monahans is one of the biggest 3A schools in the state, it figures to become a 4A school next season following realignment. That's just well for the Lobos, since the strength of 4-4A this season could potentially swallow them.

"I think it is a really strong year for this district," Big Spring coach Dwight Butler said. "The people who took over the Harris Poll rated this the fourth toughest (4A district) in the state and with 32 districts that's saying something."

Andrews and Big Spring will both try to improve to 2-0 Friday at 7:30 p.m. when they play 3A opponents. Big Spring will host Ballinger and Andrews will go

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Area Football Notes

■ — District 4-4A teams won five of their six season openers, defeating their opponents by a combined 178-76.

■ — Neither the Andrews nor Big Spring defenses were scored upon in their season openers.

■ — Greenwood will open its home schedule against Seminole, which has the top returning 3A rusher in the state in Toby Shain.

■ — Stanton plays Roscoe, which suffered its only regular season defeat last season against the Buffaloes.

■ — Greenwood, Garden City, Lamesa, Rankin and Trinity will be seeking their first wins of the season Friday night.

JAY PEDEN

Any UT quarterback will come through vs. UCLA

The 11th-ranked Texas Longhorns face their toughest non-conference opponent Saturday when UCLA comes to Austin. The Longhorns surely would like to know who their quarterback will be.

James Brown twisted his ankle in the first half of Texas' 48-14 win over Rutgers Saturday. He was still wearing a splint on his ankle on Tuesday as he watched his teammates practice. Coach John Mackovic won't announce until Saturday whether Brown will be able to go, or if the 'Horns will have to go with Richard Walton, the backup.

Walton, a 6-foot-5 junior, has proven to be a pretty good backup over the last two seasons. He's completed 53-of-95 passes for 777 yards. He's started one game, a 21-13 win over Baylor, two seasons ago. His passing efficiency rating last year was 135.5, which would have been third in the Big 12 behind Brown (136.9) if Walton had enough attempts to qualify.

Walton performed well enough last week against Rutgers. After Brown's injury, Walton completed 7-

of-12 passes for 111 yards and one interception. He did a fine job of handing off to Ricky Williams, which would normally be the Longhorns' best strategy no matter who is playing quarterback.

UCLA's performance last week doesn't give a clear indication of how well the Bruins might stop Williams. UCLA fell just short of an upset of No. 3 Tennessee, losing 30-24 at home. But Tennessee, as you may have heard, is more of a passing team. Quarterback Peyton Manning threw for 341 yards, while the Volunteers' afterthought rushing attack netted 104 yards despite Tennessee's wire-to-wire lead.

The Bruins will give up more than 104 yards rushing this week.

This is not the best UCLA team in recent years, but they aren't bad. Quarterback Cade McNown threw for 400 yards last week — more than (gasp!) Manning. Running back Skip Hicks rushed for 80 yards and a touchdown, and he scored another time on a 50-yard screen pass. The Bruins defense gave up 30 points, but only six in the second half, and it's been documented that Tennessee has a pretty good offense.

While the Longhorns nudge the top 10, UCLA is unranked by the Associated Press. The Bruins didn't even get any votes. (However, San Diego State and

Hawaii each got one vote, calling into question the sobriety of some voters.)

UCLA may be underrated.

Still, the Longhorns will have what it takes for a victory, although a close one.

UPRIGHTS: As is almost always the case, Texas will go into the game with the best placekicker. It seems like Phil Dawson has been kicking — and kicking well — for the Longhorns since Shea Morenz was in high school. But, according to the UT media guide, Dawson is only now a senior.

Last week Dawson became Texas' all-time leading scorer by hitting four extra points and two field goals — both beyond 50 yards. That gave him 284 points, surpassing Jeff Ward (282), who was another guy who seemed to play six or seven seasons, but it was only four: 1983-86.

Thanks to guys like Dawson, Ward and Russell Erxleben — another four-year kicker, from 1975-79 — the Longhorns have used only nine primary kickers over the last 23 seasons. They've had 13 leading passers and 13 leading rushers in the same span.

Jay Peden is a Sports Writer for the Midland Reporter-Telegram.



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MHS freshman split with Lee

The Lee Freshmen White team edged Midland Freshmen Pur-

In the other match, Midland Freshmen Gold defeated Lee

Elkins named Sooner captain

Whitney Elkins, a 1993 Midland Lee graduate, has been named one of three captains for the University of Oklahoma women's soccer team.

season after tearing an anterior cruciate ligament in the season opener. She was granted another year of eligibility. She had made the OU team as a walk-on after playing three years on the OU club team.

Elkins played on the boys' team at Midland Lee in 1992, then was a member of Lee's first girls' team in 1993.

World Cup Roundup

Marcelo Salas tied the score nine minutes later for Chile (5-5-4)

which dropped into fifth place three points behind Peru (6-4-4). Colombia (8-4-3) beat visiting Venezuela 1-0. Third-place Paraguay (8-4-2) won 2-1 against visiting Bolivia.

England (6-1) took over the Group Two lead from Italy (5-0 2v).

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St. Louis Cardinals Mark McGwire connects for a home run against the San Francisco Giants Wednesday at 3Com Park, in San Francisco. McGwire tied Babe Ruth's record for hitting 50 home runs in consecutive seasons.

McGwire hits 50th homer

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Placing his name next to Babe Ruth's in the record books left Mark McGwire in awe — of himself.

McGwire joined Ruth as the only players in major league history with consecutive 50-homer seasons by hitting a 446-foot shot Wednesday in his St. Louis Cardinals' 7-6, 10-inning loss to the San Francisco Giants.

"Any time you can have your name associated with Babe Ruth, it's a pretty awesome thing to think about," McGwire said. "I'm blown away. I think I'm sort of in awe of myself. I've surpassed anything I ever expected to do in the game of baseball."

McGwire led off the third inning with a drive down the left-field line off Shawn Estes. It was McGwire's 16th homer in 34 games since joining the Cardinals in a July 31 trade from the Oakland Athletics.

McGwire had spent his entire career in Oakland before the trade to St. Louis, where he rejoined longtime Athletics manager and

current Cardinals manager Tony La Russa.

The San Francisco crowd gave McGwire, who got the ball back from a fan in exchange for two autographed bats, a standing ovation after the homer.

McGwire, who hit a major league-leading 52 homers for Oakland last season, became the first player with back-to-back 50-homer seasons since Ruth did it in 1927 and 1928. Ruth also accomplished the feat in 1920 and 1921.

McGwire became the sixth player to reach 50 homers twice, joining Ruth — who did it four times — and Jimmie Foxx, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays and Ralph Kiner.

The 50-homer level has been reached 23 times. McGwire is the first to do it while playing for two teams in a season.

McGwire and Ken Griffey Jr., who began the day with 50 homers for the Seattle Mariners, became only the fifth pair of players to hit 50 homers in the same season. This is the first time it's been done in consecutive years.

McGwire and Brady Anderson

(50) did it last year. The other pairs were Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle (1961), Kiner and Mize (1947) and Hank Greenberg and Foxx (1938).

McGwire, playing in the Bay area for the first time since the trade, also homered in the Cardinals' 5-3 win over the Giants on Tuesday night. He has homered six times in his last six games.

"I played with the great Hank Aaron and played against guys like Willie Mays and Willie McCovey, and they never accomplished it," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. Baker of the 50-50 feat.

Baker also said he's rooting for McGwire to surpass the record of 61 homers in a season set by Roger Maris in 1961, especially since the Cardinals are host to the Los Angeles Dodgers — whom the Giants are chasing in the NL West — in a pair of games next week.

But McGwire was not ready to start thinking seriously about Maris' record.

"Let's just savor the moment now, and if it happens it happens," he said.

AREA: Rangers host Seminole

(From 1C)

on the road to face Brownfield. It might appear that both the Steers and Mustangs are taking a step down in class, but both will have to contend with top running backs in Ballinger's Ricky Guerrero and Brownfield's Eugene Reed.

The Mustangs can easily answer back with junior tailback Shaud Williams, who ran for 211 yards and four touchdowns in only 2 1/2 quarters against Snyder. That win came easier than Leiby thought it would.

"The score surprised me a bit," Leiby said. "If you see the film, though, we've got a long way to go."

It still is a long way to go until the 4-4A schedule opens on Oct. 10, and that night's Sweetwater at Andrews game could go a long way toward deciding the district champion. Leiby, for one, thinks that the team which wins the district most likely won't go undefeated.

Prior to district, though, several teams could be sporting gaudy records. Butler thinks there's a good chance that the majority of 4-4A teams will be over .500 going into Oct. 10. With runners like Edwards, Mitchell, Williams and Fort Stockton's Jacob Vasquez and Sweetwater quarterback Andrew Boatright, there should be plenty of points on the board.

"For our district in this part of the country we have a lot of above average athletes," Butler said. "This is probably the best collection of college caliber athletes as we've had in a long time."

If Butler is looking for some first-hand information on Ballinger, the best person to contact might be Bob Purser. The coach for Greenwood (0-1) saw Ballinger score 26 unanswered points on his Rangers in a 26-3 loss last week. Greenwood led 3-0 but Guerrero ran for a touchdown just before halftime and Ballinger never looked back.

The Rangers, who host Seminole Friday at 8 p.m., moved the ball well on the ground, gaining 210 yards. But they completed only one of 10 passes for five yards and threw two interceptions.

"We threw it 10 times and just didn't execute," Purser said. "We've just got to quit making so many mistakes. We still feel like maybe (the Ballinger game) should have been our second scrimmage."

Defensively, things will only be more slippery for Greenwood against Seminole. The Rangers, who gave up 260 yards rushing to Ballinger, will have to contend with Seminole tailback Toby Shain who is merely the leading returning rusher among all Texas 3A backs. Shain gained 2,001 yards last season.

Frieder steps down at Arizona State

By Mel Reiser
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Bill Frieder, who only last week denied with characteristic vigor that he was going anywhere, took a \$350,000 buyout and stepped down Wednesday as Arizona State's basketball coach.

The 55-year-old Frieder, one of the best-liked and most problem-plagued coaches in school history, made the announcement at his suburban home during a news conference attended by about 50 people.

Frieder, who has been dealing with a federal investigation of his program into possible point-shaving, said the accusation last week

of minor theft in a dormitory against two of his players was the final straw.

"We had stressed with one another from Day One, and had several meetings speaking about the fact of needing to be letter-perfect this season," Frieder said, explaining why the accusations last week against players Eddie House and Reggie Hester hit him so hard.

Frieder said he and athletic director Kevin White came to a mutual understanding.

White said the money would be paid to Frieder over a three-year period, regardless of whether the

coach took another job. Frieder was in line for about \$1 million in salary and benefits through the life of the document.

But it was clear both were ready for a change.

White said he had been speaking with Frieder off and on for months and realized Tuesday after Frieder returned from a recruiting trip that it was time to negotiate a buyout.

"He'd be the first to tell you that the challenge as we were moving forward was becoming greater," White said. "And he's a guy who's never backed down from a good challenge. I don't think, but I think it got stale."

Bichette leads Colorado over Houston

Associated Press

DENVER — Dante Bichette hit a grand slam and Larry Walker got his 43rd homer, leading the Colorado Rockies over the Houston Astros 9-7 Wednesday and sending the NL Central leaders to their 10th loss in 13 games.

Houston has maintained its division lead primarily because second-place Pittsburgh is slumping, too. The Pirates, who trailed by 3 1/2 games at the start of the day, had lost seven of nine going into Wednesday night's game at Montreal.

Vinny Castilla hit his 39th homer and Harvey Pulliam had a pinch-homer as Colorado overcame 4-1 and 6-4 deficits to win for the 12th time in 14 games. Bichette, who has 24 homers, got the fifth grand slam of his career.

■ NL roundup

Houston's Jeff Bagwell went 3-for-5 and drove in three runs, tying the franchise record of 120 RBIs that he set last season.

Trailing 6-4, Colorado rallied in the seventh when Pulliam homered off Mike Magnante (3-1). Weiss and Burks singled, John Hudek hit Andres Galarraga with a pitch and Bichette homered.

Expos 5, Pirates 4

MONTREAL — Pedro Martinez (17-7) allowed three runs — two earned — and seven hits in seven innings and struck out eight. Pittsburgh, which has lost six of seven and 12 of 16, has 16 games remaining.

Mike Lansing and Doug Strange homered for Montreal, which completed a two-game sweep and won

for the eighth time in 12 games. Mets 10, Phillies 2

NEW YORK — Butch Huskey and Alex Ochoa each drove in three runs as the Mets averted a three-game sweep.

Ochoa had four hits and a stolen base and Huskey went 3-for-4 in extending his hitting streak to a career-high 18 games. The Mets began the day seven games behind Florida in the wild-card race.

Cubs 3, Reds 1

CINCINNATI — Kevin Tapani (6-3) won his fourth consecutive start, allowing one run and five hits in 7 1/3 innings. Mark Grace had three hits as the Cubs won for the sixth time in eight games.

Kent Mercker (8-10) made his first start since Aug. 16, the day before he went on the disabled list because of a sore lower back. He gave up five hits over four innings.

Sele, Red Sox defeats slumping Yankees

By The Associated Press

BOSTON — Aaron Sele broke a three-game losing streak with his second consecutive strong start and the Boston Red Sox beat the slumping New York Yankees 5-2 Wednesday night.

Sele (13-12), who lost 1-0 to Montreal a week earlier, gave up four hits in 6 2/3 innings against the Yankees, who lost for the eighth time in 11 games.

New York still leads Anaheim by seven games in the wild-card race but dropped 8 1/2 games behind first-place Baltimore in the AL East.

White Sox 3, Brewers 1
CHICAGO — Albert Belle and Robin Ventura each hit solo homers, leading the Chicago White Sox over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Belle hit his 28th home run in the second inning and Ventura hit

his fifth of the season in the fifth as the White Sox won their second straight after losing six in a row.

Jason Bere (4-1) gave up one run on three hits and six walks over 5 1/3 innings.

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LEE: Alexander starts second loop season

(From 1C)

District 4-5A play Saturday at 2:30 when it travels to Midland High.

Alexander said that making the district's top 3 is a task made more difficult by the parity across the board.

"It is evenly matched from what I can see," Alexander said. "There are not any weak teams. The Abilene teams are going to be strong and Midland High will also be."

Now, what do the Lady Rebels bring to the court in 1997? There is the lineup that is shorter and not as powerful, according to Alexander. But this team has two things that might make it better on paper or on the hardwood as demonstrated by their second place at the San Angelo Invitational.

"We are playing great team ball," Maurion Strambler said. "We are all together. Team unity is how you play volleyball and our working together is the best thing."

There is also the case that the team is more fundamentally sound than last season, especially in the areas where height is not that big of a concern. Passing and defense are a couple of positives, and another is the setting of senior Cecilia Ibarra and sophomore Marlo Nordt.

"I'm excited about our setters," Alexander said. "The stats are speaking for themselves. They allow us to do different things. We

Midland Lee Roster

Name	Number	Height	Position
Toyia Custer	2	5-3	Hitter
Morissa Underwood	6	5-7	Hitter
Tiffany Zachry	8	5-9	Hitter
Patty Edwards	9	5-7	Setter/Hitter
Cecilia Ibarra	10	5-9	Set/assistant
Shelly McPherson	13	5-8	Hitter
Maurion Strambler	1	5-6	Hitter
Stephanie Staughter	2	5-6	Hitter
Aurora Cramer	2	5-6	Def. specialist
Marlo Nordt	5	5-8	Setter/Hitter
Cecilia Ibarra	10	5-9	Set/assistant
Assistant Coaches:			Kathy Alexander, Steve Lovelace.

Midland Lee Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
13	at Midland High	2:30 p.m.
18	at Odessa High	7:30 p.m.
20	at Cooper	2:30 p.m.
23	at Water Valley	5 p.m.
27	at Abilene High	2:30 p.m.
30	at Permian	7:30 p.m.
4	at Odessa High	2:30 p.m.
7	at Midland High	2:30 p.m.
11	at Odessa High	2:30 p.m.
14	at Cooper	7:30 p.m.
18	at Abilene High	2:30 p.m.
21	at Permian	2:30 p.m.
25	at Central	7:30 p.m.

also seem to be passing and are more consistent with our service reception. When you are passing well, there is so much more you can do."

The team does have to make up for losing some power. All-district performer Vanessa Mosely (Michigan Christian), Allison Bradshaw (University of Texas-Permian Basin) and LaToya Strambler (Cisco JC) are gone.

MHS: Griffin takes over role as big hitter

(From 1C)

Now, here's the new challenge for McColloch and the 8-8 Lady Bulldogs: Keep the process going.

"I have never not made the playoffs," McColloch said as she knocked on a desk as to not hear herself. "It is tough to get a tradition going, and that is what we are trying to do. We have a ways to go before getting there, but it is getting there."

The players are aware of MHS' success in the recent past and say it is not a burden.

"I don't think that anyone thinks about it," senior Kiersten Donnelly said. "We want to win. If we do our best, the rest will take care of itself."

Midland High goes into Saturday's District 4-5A opener against Midland Lee with a club that has some experience. Although there are a number of returnees, not one played all the way around in the rotation in 1996. McColloch says the key is to have the returnees and newcomers step up and fill the necessary slots. That has been a goal during pre-district play.

"I don't have many players that played a major role (last season)," said McColloch, who lost such key players to graduation as Brienne Elkins, Talitha Belcher, Christy Trautman and Becky Salgado. "The returnees are important and now they are having to step up."

Kyleigh Griffin is one player who may have the biggest shoes to fill. The senior takes over as a primary hitter in MHS' 6 (hitter)-2 (setter) offense, filling the role left

Midland High Roster

Name	Number	Height	Position
Kiersten Donnelly	3	5-4	Setter
Lisa Johnston	11	5-7	Hitter/Setter
Alicia Kirk	13	5-9	Middle Blocker
Amber Doster	14	5-8	Outside Hitter
Morissa Hernandez	23	5-3	Def. specialist
Kyleigh Griffin	25	5-10	Outside Hitter
Jenni Crawford	5	5-5	Setter
Hill Green	12	5-4	Setter
Porsche Hill	21	5-6	Utility player
Held Lange	24	5-7	Middle Blocker
Tiffany King	22	5-8	Outside Hitter
Coach:			Tami McColloch
Assistant Coaches:			Susan Nix, Shawnda Vines

Midland High Schedule

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18	at Permian High	7:30 p.m.
20	at Abilene High	2:30 p.m.
23	at Central	7:30 p.m.
27	at Cooper	2:30 p.m.
30	at Odessa High	7:30 p.m.
4	Dual-Seminole & Kermit	10 a.m.
7	at Lee	7:30 p.m.
11	at Permian	2:30 p.m.
14	at Abilene High	7:30 p.m.
18	at Central	2:30 p.m.
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over by Elkins, the district's outstanding hitter in 1996. Griffin leads an attack of taller players and maybe better across the board. It does allow for more options.

"We have more hitters," said Alicia Kirk, a senior middle hitter. "Instead of everyone knowing where we are going to, we have more players who we can depend on."

Donnelly said, "It wasn't a crutch to go to Brienne. She knew she had to get the job done. We will run a quicker offense and more

plays. The more spread out the offense is, the more you are counting on everyone."

Kirk and Griffin are joined on the front line by junior middle blocker Heidi Lange. Tiffany King and Lisa Johnston add depth to the MHS' hitting lines. That should give setters junior Niki Green and Donnelly more options, but also take some pressure off the defense.

"Last year, we were a defensive team," defensive specialist Marisa Hernandez said. "This year, we have more height and will be more offensive and defensive. That will help."

The MHS' defense will be key. Last year, the perimeter (one player back) defense played a very large role in getting McColloch's team into the playoffs. Because of the lack of size across the front, it had to. This year, the coach again points to it being a team strength.

"Our opponents know we will be tough on defense," McColloch said. "That will not be surprising to them."

Also no surprise is the fact that the district is tough across the board. McColloch feels that the race for the district crown will go down to the last day and playoff spots will be even harder to obtain. That makes focusing on every game that much more important.

"It is anyone's ball game. It will go to the end," McColloch said. "It might come down to who is mentally toughest. Last year, we were mentally tough. This year, we have a ways to go, but it will work."

O'Meara: Ryder Cup golfers should be paid

SAINT-NOM-LA-BRETECHE, France (AP) —

Mark O'Meara has an idea how to make the Ryder Cup even more exciting — put money on the line.

"My feeling is it's become big business," O'Meara said Wednesday at the Lancome Trophy tournament. "I don't know the numbers but I think the European PGA and the U.S. PGA should look at this aspect, even if some seem afraid the Cup will lose its special feeling if players are paid."

The Ryder Cup was first played 70 years ago and the players have never been paid, except for expense money. The honor of selection was its own reward.

But in the last 10 years, the Ryder Cup has grown into one of the most anticipated events in golf and a series of very competitive matches since Europe gained its breakthrough victory in 1985 has greatly increased ticket sales and what TV networks pay

to televise the event.

Some players have pointed to that increased revenue and say they have to give up two or three weeks of tournament paychecks to compete.

"I've already taken some heat for suggesting this," O'Meara said. "But I'm only trying to be honest. This is not about greed, only about the right thing to do," he said. "Other players feel the same way but haven't spoken up."

Although O'Meara is the only American playing in the Lancome Trophy, seven members of the European team — Jesper Parnevik, Ian Woosnam, Darren Clarke, Bernhard Langer, Per-Ulrik Johansson, Lee Westwood, and Colin Montgomerie — are here fine-tuning their games for Spain.

The Ryder Cup is at the Valderrama course in Sotogrande, Spain Sept. 26-28.

Dawson kicks way to top of Longhorns' list

By Chip Brown
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Texas kicker Phil Dawson told teammates he wanted to start the season with a couple easy kicks to build his confidence.

He ended up with attempts of 52 and 54 yards, both successful, in a 48-14 victory over Rutgers Saturday night.

"I don't think I did a very good job of communicating the message about the short kicks," Dawson joked.

In nailing both, the fifth-year senior from Dallas finished the game with 10 points and became the school's all-time leading scorer with 284, overtaking another kicker, Jeff Ward, who scored 282 points from 1983-86.

Dawson, who has made 10 straight field goals dating to last season, is closing in on several major school records. He needs 10 more field goals to overtake Ward's career record of 58, and four more to break Ward's record of 13 straight.

But Dawson may already have one of the most unique distinctions a player can have.

While many players get credited for helping turn around a game or over a season, Dawson, some argue, helped turn around the Texas program with a kick as time expired two years ago that gave the Longhorns a 17-16 victory over Virginia.

The kick was as improbable as it was important. It was a 50-yarder into a stiff, 20 mph wind. Dawson put it right down the mid-

dle with a couple feet to spare.

The victory came on the heels of a disappointing tie against Oklahoma and marked the first time in five years that the Longhorns had won a regular-season game over a team ranked in the top 15 (Virginia was No. 14 at the time).

"That was a critical win for our program," said Texas coach John Mackovic. "We had just come off a tie to Oklahoma in a game in which we had a big lead, and it was a crossroads for us, no question about it."

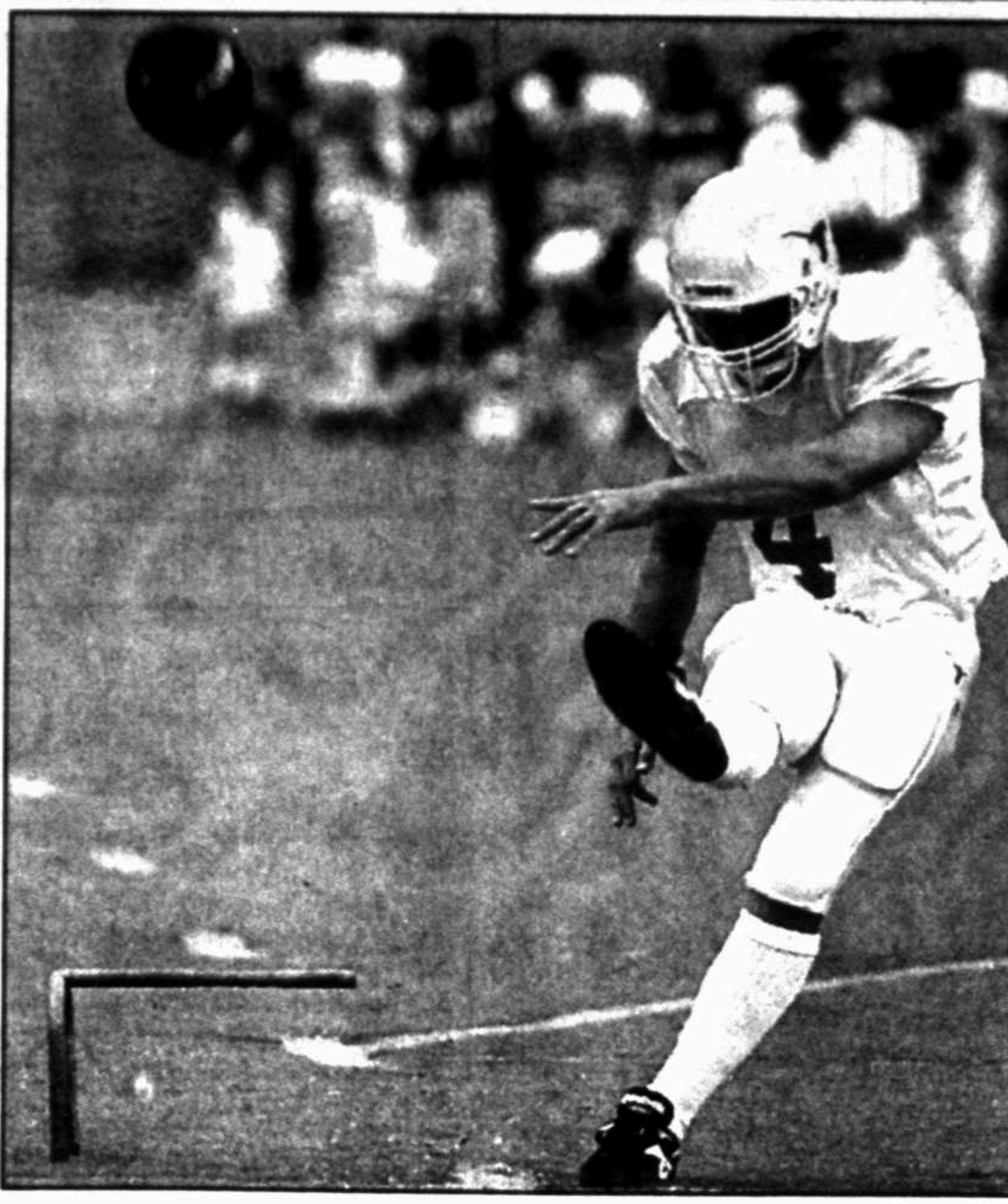
"We had been hearing so much about how we couldn't win the big games against ranked opponents," said senior center Ryan Fiebigler. "Winning that game, and the way we did it, made everyone who's a senior right now realize that we could win the big game. If we had lost, our season might have gone down the drain."

Texas rode the momentum following Dawson's kick and went undefeated the rest of the regular season, finishing 10-1-1 and earning a berth in the Sugar Bowl.

"Looking back, it wasn't necessarily that kick, but it was the statement that the kick made," Dawson said.

"We came back at the very end and won that game and it showed this team that we could come back and beat a quality opponent. Before that, we usually had to be ahead going into the fourth quarter to win a game."

"Ever since then, we've had a different attitude and it's been a different environment around here," Dawson added. "So I think



University of Texas placekicker Phil Dawson boots toward the uprights during a team workout Tuesday in Austin. Dawson, who played his high school ball at Lake Highlands, is a senior, majoring in government.

it was a game that helped turn the program, but it wasn't a single event. There's been a lot of hard work put in to turn this program around."

Dawson was 19-of-24 (.792) on attempts in 1996; 13-of-20 (.650) in 1995; and 14-of-19 (.737) in 1994.

Quarterback James Brown says Dawson is a great insurance poli-

cy for the offense.

"I'm always thinking touch-down, but we know that once we get inside of the opponents' 35 yard line, we are going to come out with some points," Brown said. "It's in your mind on third down, that you shouldn't try to force a big play because you have Phil there to kick the field goal."

Deion's influence spreads to college athletes

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Ga. — The influence of Deion Sanders goes far beyond the NFL and major league baseball.

Nowadays, players like Georgia running back Patrick Pass see no reason why they can't play baseball in the summer and football in the fall.

"Why give one of them up when you can succeed at both?" he asks.

While his teammates spent the past summer relaxing at home and working out for the upcoming football season, Pass was playing for the Florida Marlins rookie team in Melbourne, where he hit .222 with one homer, eight RBIs and three stolen bases.

Once August rolled around, Pass traded his bat and glove for a helmet and shoulder pads, resuming his role as a starter in the Bulldogs backfield.

"It can get tiring," he said. "You've got spring football (practice), then you have final exams, then you report right to baseball. It just about wore me out, but I wanted to see for myself how I could do in both sports."

Pass makes no secret about the player who influenced him to pursue his two-sport dreams.

"I like Deion a lot," he said. "He's a sight to watch when he's playing two sports. I figured if he can do both, why can't I do both. The Florida Marlins gave me a chance, and I'm trying to take advantage of it."

The NCAA allows athletes to accept money for playing one sport while retaining their college eligibility in another. A number of players have taken advantage of that rule in recent years, including Doug Johnson, who is starting at quarterback for Florida after playing baseball with a minor league affiliate of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Football coaches, needless to say, would prefer to have their players focus on one sport.

"Patrick was instructed not to take the extra base," Georgia coach Jim Donnan quipped. "If a fly ball is falling between him and the center fielder, let them take it. And under no circumstances is he to slide."

On a more serious note, Donnan points out that Pass reported for fall camp in worse physical condition than his teammates — not because he was out of shape, but because baseball requires a different style of conditioning than football.

Of course, coaches don't have much leverage at dissuading talented prospects from playing two sports. There's always some school that

will give the green light if it means getting their name on a letter of intent.

"I have no problem with what Patrick is doing," Donnan said. "It sure beats the alternative, which is not to have him here."

Pass got extensive playing time as a freshman at Georgia, rushing for 354 yards and averaging 5.1 yards per carry. A starter this season, he gained 83 yards and a touchdown in the season-opening victory over Arkansas State.

"My No. 1 sport is football," Pass said. "I've been playing it longer than baseball. If I had to make a choice, it would be football."

While he plays football on instincts, baseball is still a mental challenge for the 19-year-old sophomore. Pass didn't start playing the sport until he was 10, about five years later than many youngsters get their start in tee-ball leagues.

"Football is a lot easier than baseball for me," he said. "In baseball, you've got to know who's the cutoff man, which base to throw to, all that kind of stuff. ... In football, I know exactly what to do when they call my play."

Baseball does have one advantage over football.

"In baseball, you're running the bases," Georgia backfield coach Leon Perry said. "In football, you're running for your life."

Another last-play finish for Colorado-Michigan?

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

Here they go again.

Colorado returns to the scene of one of the most dramatic finishes in college football when the No. 8 Buffaloes play No. 14 Michigan in front of 106,000 at Michigan Stadium on Saturday.

In 1994, Kordell Stewart threw a last-play, 64-yard touchdown pass caught by Michael Westbrook after it was tipped in the end zone to give the Buffaloes a 27-26 win.

Last year, at Boulder, Colo., the Buffs were in a similar situation. With Michigan ahead 20-13 and five seconds left, Colorado was at the Michigan 37. Koy Detmer's pass into the end zone was tipped away by Chuck Winters just as the Buffs' Rae Carruth looked as if he would make a diving catch.

"It has certainly been a game to talk about over the last few seasons," Buffaloes coach Rick Neuheisel said. "Both games have come down to the last play, and when that happens, it usually makes for great drama."

Last week, Colorado turned aside Colorado State, while Michigan becomes the last Division I-A team to open the season. And the Wolverines will do so with Brian Griese at quarterback.

Griese, the son of Hall of Fame quarterback Bob Griese, beat out Scott Dreisbach, who started 11

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games last season. Griese took over for Dreisbach and led Michigan's 13-9 comeback win over Ohio State last season.

"I think his decision-making has improved, and I think he has shown great leadership skills," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said of Griese.

With each team coming away with a win, this will be a sort of rubber match, since the series has not been continued.

In a short time, Colorado-Michigan has turned into a can't-miss game.

"Everywhere I went this summer, it's amazing how many people want to talk about that game, even though we have some other rivalries around here," Carr said.

The picks: **Temple (plus 37) at No. 1 Penn State**

Owens' winning streak ends at one. ... PENN STATE 56-14.

San Diego State (plus 22) at No. 3 Washington

From Huard to Shehee to Chork, Huskies possess star power. ... WASHINGTON 41-14.

Maryland (plus 33 1/2) at No. 5 Florida State

Terps lost to Ohio U; and Seminoles scored only 14 points last week. ... FLORIDA STATE 45-7.

Central Florida (plus 42) at No. 6 Nebraska

Pesky Golden Knights can score points with Daunte Culpepper. ... NEBRASKA 56-20.

No. 17 Stanford (plus 13) at No. 7 North Carolina

Big point spread, good teams. ... NORTH CAROLINA 24-21.

No. 8 Colorado (plus 1) at No. 14 Michigan

Can these teams go down to the final play three times in a row? Could be. ... COLORADO 31-27.

Bowling Green (plus 38) at No. 9 Ohio State

Buckeyes coach John Cooper has another week to work in new players. ... OHIO STATE 45-13.

No. 10 LSU (no line) at Mississippi State

If Kevin Faulk is OK, Tigers win; if not, Bulldogs are a threat. ... LSU 27-21.

UCLA (no line) at No. 11 Texas

Bruins are best 0-2 team in country and Longhorns better be ready. ... UCLA 27-24.

No. 12 Notre Dame (minus 19) at Purdue

Will Irish open up the offense? ... NOTRE DAME 31-7.

No. 24 Arizona State (plus 9 1/2) at No. 13 Miami

Not the same Sun Devils who went 11-0 last season. ... MIAMI 31-20.

No. 15 Alabama (minus 12 1/2) at Vanderbilt (Thursday)

Bama doesn't miss defensive tackle Michael Myers in this one. ... ALABAMA 31-14.

Mississippi (plus 20) at No. 16 Auburn

Tigers' Dameyune Craig is one exciting quarterback. ... AUBURN 28-13.

Tulsa (plus 24) at No. 18 Iowa

Hawkeyes running back Tavian Banks keeps rolling up yards. ... 38-17.

No. 19 Clemson (plus 2 1/2) at North Carolina State

What the heck, let's stick with the 2-0 Wolfpack. ... NORTH CAROLINA STATE 24-23.

Ohio U. (plus 23) at No. 20 Kansas State

Bobcats in for letdown after big win over Maryland. ... KANSAS STATE 41-14.

Memphis (plus 19) at No. 21 Michigan State

Spartans beware — they are 3-5-1 in games the week before playing Notre Dame. ... MICHIGAN STATE 31-14.

Syracuse (plus 2 1/2) at No. 22 Virginia Tech

Three losses in a row for Orange-men? Yes. ... VIRGINIA TECH 35-31.

Washington State (plus 7) at No. 23 Southern California

With QB Ryan Leaf at the controls, Cougars capable of upset. ... WASHINGTON STATE 28-27.

No. 25 Colorado State (minus 14) at Utah State

Rams rebound after tough loss at Colorado. ... COLORADO STATE 35-17.

Last week: 17-0 (straight); 8-7 (point spread)

Season: 27-2 (straight); 14-13 (point spread)

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Booster Clubs...

The Lee Softball Booster Club will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria.

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will be holding a meeting Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 115. The public is invited to attend.

The Midland High School Football Booster Club will meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the MHS Cafeteria. All MHS supporters are welcome.

The Midland Lee Football Booster Club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Lee Youth Center and will continue until the end of the season. The meeting is open to Lee Booster Club members only.

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club is holding its first meeting of the school year on Monday Sept. 15 in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. After that, meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month through April.

The Midland Lee Volleyball Booster Club will have a meeting on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. in the school library. All members are encouraged to attend.

Tennis...

The upcoming schedule for the Midland Tennis Club is as follows: Sept. 27-28, men's doubles and women's singles club championships; Oct. 11-12, Mixed Doubles club championship.

The West Texas Seniors Tennis Circuit kicks off in Lubbock Sept. 20-21 for players in age divisions 35-49 and 50 and over. Singles and doubles will be played in both divisions. The circuit will stop in Midland Oct. 4-5 and in Abilene Nov. 1-2. Players will receive West Texas rankings at the end of the sessions from theUSTA. For more information, call David Hester at (806) 744-7839.

Softball...

The World Hispanic Final Warmup is scheduled for Sept. 13-14 in Plainview. Entry fee is \$90 and the field is limited to 20 entries. For more information, call 1-806-763-3841 or 1-800-373-9789.

Midland Lee softball coach Perry Young is holding tryouts Sept. 14 for a 12-under competitive girls fast-pitch softball team at 5 p.m. on MUGS Field No. 7. The team will travel to tournaments as well as compete in a competitive league. For more information, call Perry Young at 520-8696.

Golf...

The 34th Midland Women's City Golf Tournament is Oct. 13-16. Contestants must be a resident of Midland for a minimum of 30 days and have an established handicap. Qualifying is for placement in championship and first flights. The deadline for entry to the four-course tournament is noon, Oct. 10. Entry fee is \$30 and does not include a cart. For more information, call Emily Goodfellow at 684-5042, or Karin Sanford at 697-2649.

McCamey Country Club will host the following tournaments: Ona Lee Sharp Classic (Four-Lady Select), Sept. 20, \$35 per person. Three-person 18-hole select shot tournament, Oct. 18, \$35 per person. Call 1-915-652-8904 for more information.

The Big Spring Country Club's WGA/MGA Tournament Schedule for 1997: Sept. 27-28 Two Man Scramble; Oct. 25-26 Two Man Scramble (combined team age of 80 & over). For more information, call (915) 627-5354.

The Martin County Country Club of Stanton will host the following tournaments: Three-Person Scramble, Sept. 20-21; Jack and Jill Scramble, Oct. 18-19. For more information call 915-756-2556 or 915-756-2314.

The 34th annual Midland Woman's City Golf Tournament is Oct. 13-16. The tournament has previously been held during the last week in July. For more information, contact Emily Goodfellow at 684-5042.

Manor Park is hosting its third annual tournament Sept. 19 at Hogan Park Golf Course. The tournament is a four-person scramble with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$45 per person, including a cart, green fee and lunch. Deadline for entry is Sept. 12. For more information, call Tracy Lasater at 689-9898.

The Senior Women's West Texas Golf Association will hold its 19th annual amateur championship Sept. 14-18 at the Club at Mission Dorado. Registration will take place both Sunday, Sept. 14, and Monday, Sept. 15. Practice rounds for contestants qualifying for the championship flight (18 and under handicaps only) will be held Sunday, Sept. 14. Higher handicaps will have a Monday practice round. For more information contact Peggy McCrary, publicity, (915) 367-3996.

The Andrews County Golf Course is holding a four-man scramble Oct. 4-5. Entry is \$55 per man with carts extra and free range balls. For more information, call Alan Pursley's Golf Shop at (915) 524-1462.

The Chicano Golf Association

monthly golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 14 at Hogan Park. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Individual format with A, B, C, & D flight. For more information call Al Enriquez at 684-9481 or Santana Garza at 683-7354.

Aquatics...

Summer Diving Program is taking place at the Mabae Aquatic Center. Diving lessons for ages 11 and under and from ages 12 to 15 is available. Classes are conducted in five two-week sessions. Participants must be able to swim in deep water. Cost is \$38 for ages 11 and under and \$50 per person for ages 12-15. A competitive diving team for all ages is also offered. This is a year-round competitive diving team which will travel to in- and out-of-state competitions. Participants must have coaches approval and tryouts are available. Monthly coaching fees also vary depending on the group the athlete is in.

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabae Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabae Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755.

Football...

YMCA flag football is holding registration for elementary school-aged boys and girls. Deadline is Sept. 13 with a \$25 fee for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. Referees are also needed. For more information, call the Central YMCA at 682-2551.

Volleyball...

Registration for YMCA youth volleyball for boys and girls in grades 3-8 begins Sept. 11. The fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551.

The YMCA Adult Volleyball league begins Oct. 14. There will be three divisions (Co-ed, Women, and Men), and the registration deadline is Oct. 4. The program fee is \$125. Call the YMCA for more information at 682-2551.

The Midland Volleyball Program is holding its annual informational meeting for its upcoming season Sept. 28 at 2:30 p.m. at the HealthSouth facility at the corner of Loop 250 and 191. Information regarding coaches, tryouts and applications will be handed out. For more information, call 694-1182 or 570-6700.

Basketball...

The Midwest September Slam is scheduled for girls Sept. 13 and boys Sept. 20 at Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond, Okla. The event is open to high school and junior college players who want to be seen by college coaches around the country. For more information, call (405) 377-HOOP or 372-5109.

The 4th annual Texas Girls Fall Shoot-Out will be held in the Lubbock area on Sunday, Sept. 14 at South Plains College in Levelland. The event is for high school girls who play varsity basketball. Players will play against other varsity competitors and be observed by college coaches. This event is certified by the NCAA for coaches of member schools to attend. Entry fee is \$40 per player. Players may come as a team or as an individual. To receive a brochure or for more information, call the Texas Girls Shoot-out at (972) 790-2903 or fax a request to (972) 790-6835.

Bowling...

The Midland Women's Bowling Association is holding its fall meeting Saturday, Oct. 11 at 3 p.m. in the meeting room at AMF/Midland Park Lanes. All Midland women bowlers are invited.

Miscellaneous...

The Flatlanders Ski Club is planning the following trips: Breckenridge, Colo. Nov. 26-29; Steamboat, Colo., Jan. 14-18, 1998; Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22, 1998; Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29, 1998 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1, 1998.

The Midland Wrestling Club is a non-profit group of athletes participating in Olympic freestyle and collegiate wrestling. For more information, call Larry at 685-0531.

The Midland Friends of NRA Committee is holding a fund-raising dinner Oct. 2 at the Petroleum Club of Midland at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 apiece and are available by calling 682-2473. The dinner will be followed by an auction and drawings for door prizes.

Chances 'almost 100 percent' Fittipaldi will walk again

By Catherine Wilson
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Emerson Fittipaldi will have an "almost 100 percent" chance to walk again after the champion driver has surgery to repair a spinal fracture stemming from a plane crash, his doctors said Wednesday.

The 50-year-old racer, a two-time winner of the Indianapolis 500 and a national hero in Brazil, has a partially paralyzed left leg. He flew from Brazil to Miami on Wednesday for further treatment.

He is scheduled for lower back surgery Thursday at Jackson Memorial Hospital, which has an acclaimed spinal injury center.

"The chances are almost 100 percent he'll be able to walk," neurologist Barth Green said after an initial examination. "I think his long-term outlook is very good, God willing."

Dr. Frank Eismont, an orthopedic surgeon who will be part of the surgical team, added, "The good news is that the paralysis in his leg now is significantly less than right after the injury."

Fittipaldi may be released from the hospital within a week. He will have to wear a back brace for six months and will be "limited in high-velocity activities for at least a year," Green said.

Doctors said circumstances worked in Fittipaldi's favor from the moment the ultralight plane he was piloting crashed Sunday near Fittipaldi's ranch in Araraquara, Brazil. Green said the plane plopped into a "padded swamp" that was even better than water for cushioning impact.

As a veteran of spinal surgery and a fundraiser for the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, Fittipaldi knew how to move himself properly as he awaited rescue through a hot day and a cold night.

His 6-year-old son, Luca, the only other person in the plane, was not injured. Emerson Fittipaldi also sustained a big cut on his head, cuts on his arms and bruises.

"People were actually swimming through rivers with snakes and everything risking their own lives to save his," Green said.

Fittipaldi is in great physical shape and has an upbeat attitude, both working to his advantage, the neurologist said.

"He's better than I expected," Green said. "When I saw the big smile on his face at the airport, we knew his head was not injured."

Surgeons will make an incision on his left side above his hip and repair the damaged area from the front.

A surgical team of 10 doctors will remove the shattered second lumbar vertebra and the discs on either side, decompress the nerves, reconstruct the spine with a bone graft and implant titanium rods and screws.

After Fittipaldi's arrival in Miami, the driver was immobilized on a bed that swivels from side to side to prevent complications from paralysis, such as pneumonia, blood clots and skin breakdown.

Both surgeons are well-acquainted with Fittipaldi's spine. They operated and supervised the part-time Miami resident's recovery last year after he fractured a neck vertebra in a crash during an IndyCar race in Michigan.

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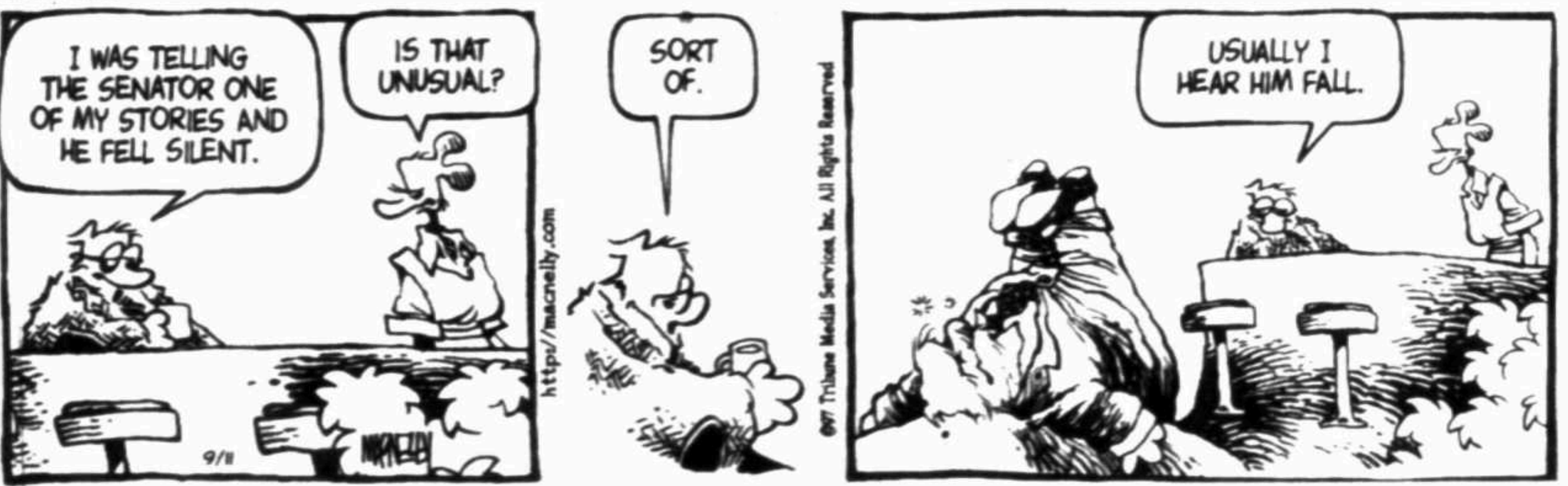
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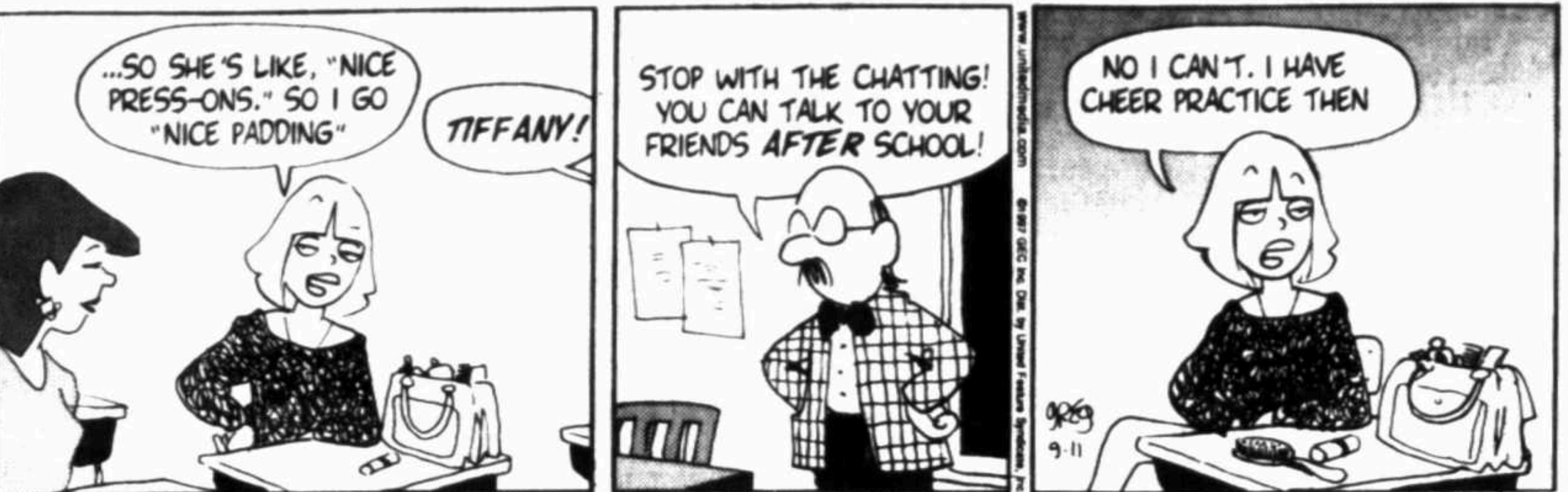
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THURSDAY, SEPT. 11, 1997

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 11, 1997:

Creativity and an innovative style open doors. You are unusually attractive and charismatic. Others enjoy your humor, brightness and ideas. If you are single, romance will be present throughout the year. You might have more than one choice; but you will find either way works. If attached, your relationship blooms even more. Be more willing to share your feelings. You will build greater intimacy into your union. You might decide to embark on a new creative venture with your mate. CAPRICORN finds you endearing.

BORN TODAY
Singer Harry Connick Jr. (1967), filmmaker Brian DePalma (1940), former Sen. Bob Packwood (1932)

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Accept the limelight, and power your engines to take charge. Others feed you with their ideas. Somehow you put them all into the soup, coming up with something special. A partner falls into line, giving you the go-ahead. Trust another's judgment. Tonight: Call the shots.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Listen to experts, and use the information creatively. Do not be a purist; integrate. A partner is there for you, if you ask, and is extremely supportive and loving. If single, go that extra mile to let another know you are interested. Tonight: Take off from work early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Close relating is key to

making a decision. You come from a strong point of view, likely to convince another that you are right. Nurture a family member; let him know how much you care by actions rather than words. Tonight: Experience a close encounter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others seem to dominate the day, leaving you little time for thinking. You feel like you are in constant motion. Still, clear your desk. Trust a loved one who wants to chip in and help. If single, a new relationship could easily be building. Tonight: The fun begins now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Career needs to take a higher priority. Figure out what you want, and make choices accordingly. Prepare for a positive merger at work. A family member supports you in getting what you want. Money must be discussed; there is no way around it. Tonight: Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Straight talk heats up the area. Another definitely cares about you and shows it in an interesting way. Your candor is appreciated by all who come in contact with you. Brainstorm, share ideas and let someone get to know you better. Tonight: The fun begins with you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your mind is on overload. Rethink a decision. Clear up a negative personal situation. It's costly, but ultimately, it benefits you. You will see this when you are calmer. Do for yourself, instead of waiting for another to notice your needs. Tonight: Take time for reflection.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You are on the winning path. Focus on what you want, and state your desires. Others come up with workable ideas that will help you along. You are unusually attractive to others. You will get your way, if you relax. Tonight: Just ask.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Expenses are a main focus. A boss tries to entice you to do what he wants with a financial incentive. Still, discuss exactly what you expect professionally. Instincts are correct, so following them will take you in the right direction. Tonight: It's your turn to treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Trust news and information. You have reason to celebrate. Follow through on what you want. A trip becomes a definite possibility. Do not hold back: Share, and let others speak. Success is yours. A friend encourages you. Tonight: Your personality melts barriers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You are touched by another's gesture. Caring seems to abound, no matter which way you turn. Still, you have a choice to make. You might be dedicated to a partnership that is tried and true. Go within to make a decision; the answer is there. Tonight: Take a night off to think.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Eye what you want. Friendship, love and success mix well. Be sure of yourself. An invitation is tempting, and is worth accepting. You break new ground and open doors by the experience offered. Tonight: Be among the crowds.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

LUCKY TOMMY

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

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The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠

Trump Coup Tommy's remarkable ability to play like a world champion when trumps broke badly never ceased to amaze the members of the club. Besides this uncanny trait, Tommy also was blessed with an enormous amount of luck. Consider this deal.

To all intents and purposes, Tommy had leaped to seven hearts over North's positive three-club response to the demand bid in hearts. Not that it was a poor contract — with a 3-2 trump break the slam would be home if the queen of clubs could be ruffed out or if the jack of diamonds was guarded no more than twice. Playing for those possibilities was better than trying to ruff a diamond on the table.

All that changed when, after winning the opening spade lead, Tommy cashed the ace and king of trumps and discovered the 4-1 split. Now a trump coup would be needed to avoid losing a trump trick. To accomplish that, Tommy would have to ruff twice in hand to shorten his trumps to the same length as East, then return to dummy to run winners through the defender. That would require three entries to the table, and there were only two in sight.

To trick four declarer led a low club and when West followed low, the ten was finessed. A spade ruff was followed by the king of clubs, overtaken with ace, and a club ruff reduced Tommy's trumps to the required length. The ace of diamonds and another to the king left Tommy in perfect position to execute the coup.

When a winning club was led East ruffed immediately with the eight. Tommy overruffed, drew the last trump and when the jack of diamonds dropped under the queen, the ten became the fulfilling trick.

Besides the lucky breaks, the slam required a slight slip by the defense. If West puts up the queen of clubs on the first lead of the suit, declarer is an entry short for the coup!



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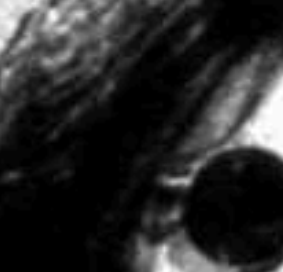
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“He was barkin’ and wanted to talk to his friends.”

Stern refuses to apologize for insulting French-speaking Quebecers on show



Howard Stern made his Canadian debut last week.

The broadcast prompted the Quebec government to suggest Stern was violating a law against stirring up ethnic hatred. At a news conference, Stern said: "The reason you guys have put me on the front page of your newspapers is because I'm the freshest, wildest radio host in the world. You've now been introduced to good radio."

The former governor is trying a weekly half-hour show that will be offered free to public radio stations and commercial outlets nationwide.

After losing for re-election in 1994, Cuomo tried his hand at national talk radio. His syndicated show, which ran on weekends in 1995 and 1996, aired on about 50 stations at its peak but never drew a large audience.

Cuomo said a public radio audience might be more receptive than commercial outlets to his brand of talk radio. He prefers generally serious and in-depth discussions.

To do commercial talk radio, "you have to be entertaining. Entertaining means

NEW YORK — Soprano **Rosa Ponselle** was a great eater as well as a great singer, **Luciano Pavarotti** recalled Wednesday as postage stamps picturing four Metropolitan Opera stars of the past were unveiled.

"She gave me an appointment in the afternoon. For her the morning didn't exist," the tenor recalled. "She came out of her house dressed like a beautiful diva. She said, 'Today my pianissimo will not be so great.'"

"She was a great eater. Wow. We were eating the same precise things. Staying even with me is not easy," the heroically proportioned Pavarotti said.

STAUNTON, Va. — A former soap opera actress got a year in prison for trying to have her husband killed for \$20,000.

Catherine Ann Christianson, 40, pleaded guilty in April to soliciting murder. She was sentenced on Tuesday.

Police videotaped a conversation between her and a police informant in which she offered the man \$20,000 to kill her husband, **Charles R. Chittum**.

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Compiled from Associated Press wire reports

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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3	KMDT	6	News 459	6:30	Wheel of Fortune	7:00	Gymnastics: World Championships 96633	8:00	20/20 9140	9:00	News 2002121	10:00	Cheers (10:35)	11:00	Nightline (11:05)
5	KPEJ	24	The Simpsons	6:30	News 4230	7:00	Living Single	8:00	Between Brothers	9:00	FX: The Series: Zero Hour 65492	10:00	Mad About You	11:00	Letterman
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15	AMC	15	Captain From Castile 447	6:30	Steele and Buzzi 38872	7:00	Baseball: Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox 321188	8:00	Chris Matthews	9:00	The News With Brian Williams 313685	10:00	Charles Grodin 7569512	11:00	Rivers Live 6276343
16	TNN	16	Dukes of Hazzard 47	6:30	Steele and Buzzi 38872	7:00	Baseball: Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox 321188	8:00	Chris Matthews	9:00	The News With Brian Williams 313685	10:00	Charles Grodin 7569512	11:00	Rivers Live 6276343
17	TNT	17	Lila & Clark 47	6:30	Steele and Buzzi 38872	7:00	Baseball: Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox 321188	8:00	Chris Matthews	9:00	The News With Brian Williams 313685	10:00	Charles Grodin 7569512	11:00	Rivers Live 6276343
22	MAX	22	Think Big (PG-13) 47	6:30	Steele and Buzzi 38872	7:00	Baseball: Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox 321188	8:00	Chris Matthews	9:00	The News With Brian Williams 313685	10:00	Charles Grodin 7569512	11:00	Rivers Live 6276343
29	VCI	29	Donnie Brasco (4-30)	6:30	Steele and Buzzi 38872	7:00	Baseball: Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox 321188	8:00	Chris Matthews	9:00	The News With Brian Williams 313685	10:00	Charles Grodin 7569512	11:00	Rivers Live 6276343
30	CHTS2	30	Jerry Maguire (4-30)	6:30	Steele and Buzzi 38872	7:00	Baseball: Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox 321188	8:00	Chris Matthews	9:00	The News With Brian Williams 313685	10:00	Charles Grodin 7569512	11:00	Rivers Live 6276343
31	CHTS1	31	Private Parts (R, 97) 370830	6:30	Steele and Buzzi 38872	7:00	Baseball: Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox 321188	8:00	Chris Matthews	9:00	The News With Brian Williams 313685	10:00	Charles Grodin 7569512	11:00	Rivers Live 6276343
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33	SHOW	33	Shogun (PG-13) 47	6:30	Steele and Buzzi 38872	7:00	Baseball: Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox 321188	8:00	Chris Matthews	9:00	The News With Brian Williams 313685	10:00	Charles Grodin 7569512	11:00	Rivers Live 6276343
34	HBO	34	Charles (PG-13) (PG-13) 47	6:30	Steele and Buzzi 38872	7:00	Baseball: Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox 321188	8:00	Chris Matthews	9:00	The News With Brian Williams 313685	10:00	Charles Grodin 7569512	11:00	Rivers Live 6276343
35	HC	35	WWF: In Your House: Ground Zero 825589	6:30	Steele and Buzzi 38872	7:00	Baseball: Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox 321188	8:00	Chris Matthews	9:00	The News With Brian Williams 313685	10:00	Charles Grodin 7569512	11:00	Rivers Live 6276343

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Notes: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its ticker symbol). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each table.

Price: Price of stock trading at the close of the day.

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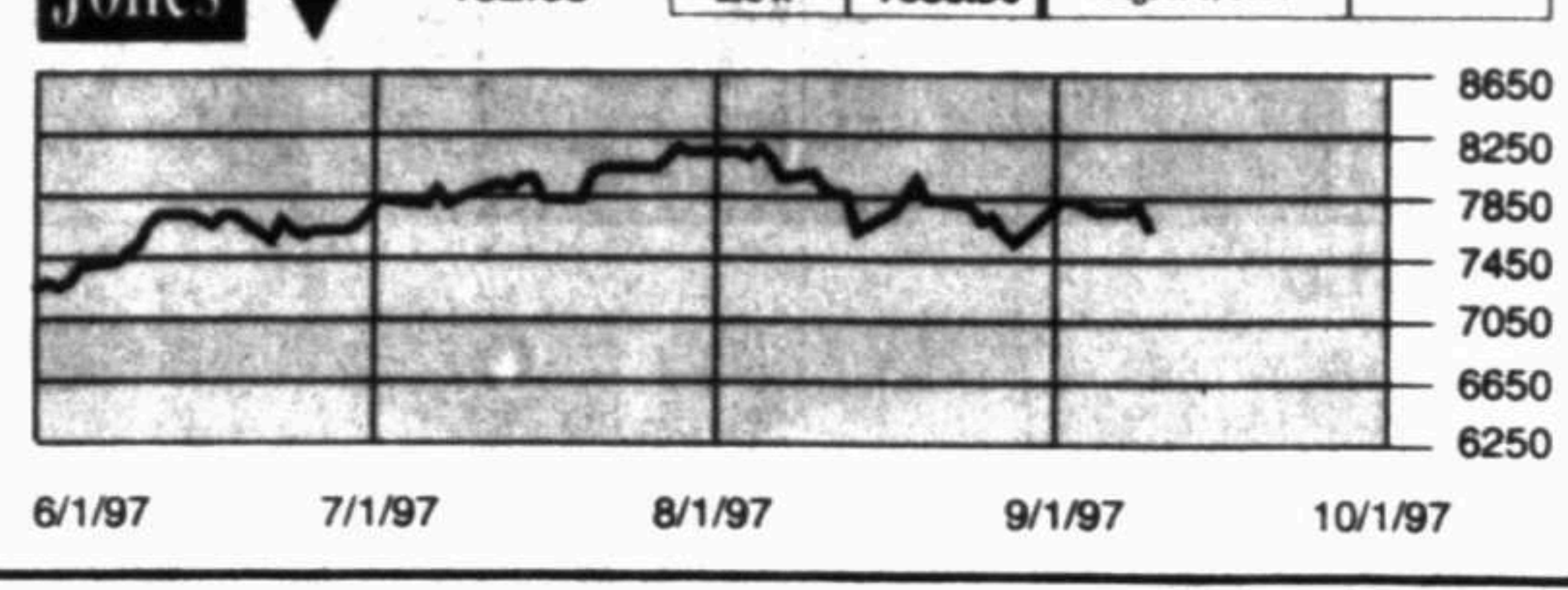
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Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Daily market roundup

September 10, 1997		August 6, 1997	
High	Low	High	Low
7719.28	7686.36	7719.28	7686.36
-132.63	-132.63	-132.63	-132.63



INDEXES										
52-Week		Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg		
High										
8,299.49	8,259.86		Dow Jones Industrials	7,719.28	-132.63	-1.89	+19.71	+34.13		
3,028.23	2,015.95		Dow Jones Transportation	3,020.50	+9.40	+31	+33.91	+48.40		
243.29	208.98		Dow Jones Utilities	236.15	-1.34	-0.56	+1.58	+49.40		
460.83	352.87		NYSE Composite	460.83	-8.06	-1.25	+22.52	+34.26		
671.54	541.02		Amex Index	670.27	-1.18	-0.18	+28.87	+42.08		
1,659.37	1,139.39		Nasdaq Composite	1,639.25	-18.97	-1.17	+26.97	+42.08		
964.17	655.68		S&P 500	919.03	-14.59	-1.56	+24.07	+37.73		
438.30	334.09		Russell 2000	436.90	-85	-19.19	+20.49	+29.78		
8,891.01	6,515.51		Wilshire 5000	8,891.01	-105.07	-1.17	+23.52	+35.78		

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Wednesday \$19.42
Previous Close \$19.42
Year Ago \$24.12

POSTED
Today \$17.25
Previous Close \$17.25
Year Ago \$22.50

NATURAL GAS PRICES

Wednesday \$2.702

Prices steady

Unleaded gasoline and heating oil futures fell sharply Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange as inventories jumped just before the heating season begins and as the summer driving season ends.

The unexpectedly large increases in stocks come as many of the nation's largest refineries are gearing up after being down for maintenance or unexpected outages, prompting concern that supplies will grow even more in coming weeks.

With the winter heating season just around the corner, there appears to be ample early supplies on hand to meet demand.

The falling prices for energy products had little effect on crude futures, which were unchanged.

October crude was steady at \$19.42 a barrel.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar was mixed against other major currencies Wednesday as traders awaited the release of a key report on Japan's trade surplus amid escalating tensions with the United States.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 119.31 yen, up from 118.93 late Tuesday. It also was changing hands at 1.7990 marks, down from 1.8135.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.4795 Swiss francs, down from 1.4885; 6.0490 French francs, down from 6.0965; 1,755.50 Italian lire, down from 1,768.00; and 1.3855 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3839.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.5850, down from \$1.5881.

Phone service

ATLANTA — Cox Communications Inc. announced Wednesday that it will begin offering local telephone service in Orange County, Calif., becoming the first cable TV concern nationwide to do so.

Company officials said they chose Orange County because it's home to one of Cox's cable TV units, which already offers customers such new services as high-speed Internet access.

Called Cox Digital Telephone, the new service will begin modestly. The company will offer it to only 1,500 customers in the Trabuco Canyon area of Orange County.

But by next year, Cox Communications plans to offer local telephone service to 265,000 households.

And by year-end, Cox Communications plans to offer local telephone service in several of its other cable TV markets.

Coupon settlement

Procter & Gamble Co. and nine other consumer-product companies have agreed to pay \$4.2 million to settle state antitrust charges that they conspired to reduce the availability of shopping coupons in western New York State.

The settlement, announced Wednesday by New York State Attorney General Dennis Vacco, calls for the companies to issue refund coupons worth \$2 each and redeemable for any grocery product other than tobacco and alcohol. The coupons would be printed in Sunday newspapers in a 16-county area that includes Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse.

The companies admitted no wrongdoing in the settlement, which is subject to Federal court approval.

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Dow slides over 132 points

■ Worries about corporate earnings, inflation jitters hit market.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average slid more than 130 points Wednesday as earnings and inflation jitters multiplied on another day offering little hard news to occupy investors.

The Dow fell 132.63 to 7,719.28, the biggest point drop since the blue-chip barometer plunged 247-points on Aug. 15.

Although the day's losses were heaviest among the blue-chips, the selling spilled over into the broad market, snapping a nine-session streak of record highs by the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies.

Blue-chip shares have been struggling over the past week amid worries about whether third-quarter profits will justify a full recovery to the lofty levels that preceded last month's downturn.

Of particular concern has been the pronounced economic troubles of many Asian economies and the resulting turmoil on world currency markets, which

has boosted the value of the dollar.

That situation presents a two-fold problem for big multinational firms such as Procter & Gamble and IBM — two of the Dow's biggest decliners on Wednesday — which could be hurt by weaker overseas demand and unfavorable exchange rates as they convert their foreign revenue into dollars.

"The market has been trading (this year) on earnings momentum. If it slows, stocks will go down," said David Shulman, chief market strategist at Salomon Brothers.

Meanwhile, with no major economic data to digest on Wednesday — the third straight day without any big reports scheduled — tensions continued to percolate over Friday's readings on August retail sales and wholesale prices.

The markets have been dogged by signs of surprising strength in the economy, which pose inflationary risks and raise questions as to whether the Federal Reserve will try to slow things down by raising interest rates.

"The real test will be Friday, when we get some numbers," said Shulman. "The retail sales numbers could unnerv some

folks. The domestic economy's on fire."

Those anxieties were most apparent Wednesday in the bond market, where interest rates rose sharply. The worsening interest rate backdrop weighed down financial stocks, which enjoy a healthier lending business when rates aren't rising.

Declining issues outnumbered advanced by more than a 5-to-3 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume was fairly heavy at 516.68 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list fell 14.59 to 919.03, and the NYSE composite index fell 6.06 to 480.63.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 0.85 to 436.90. The index had risen for 12 straight sessions, closing at record highs in the last nine.

The American Stock Exchange composite index, which is dominated by smaller companies, fell 1.16 to 670.27, ending its streak of record highs at six sessions.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index, which had closed at record highs the previous three sessions, fell 16.97 to 1,639.25.

Market in brief

September 10, 1997

DOW (Industrials)	NYSE
7719.28 -132.63	480.63 -6.06
S&P 500	AMEX
919.03 -14.59	670.27 -1.16
S&P MidCap	NASDAQ
322.75 -1.91	1639.25 -16.97

NYSE Diary

Advances:	1,056	New highs
Declines:	1,786	221
Unchanged:	549	New lows
Total issues:	3,391	9

Composite volume: 641,056,900
1996 avg. comp. vol.: 497,311,770

New machine brushes off telemarketers

■ Phone Butler allows people to avoid unwanted calls without being rude.

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Kenneth Jursinski was gnashing his teeth, waiting for news he hoped would close a \$50 million deal when his secretary said he had an urgent call. He snatched up the phone.

"It was some guy trying to sell me stocks and bonds," Jursinski grumbled. "I hung up and said, 'Enough!'"

Four years later, Jursinski is selling a device he has designed to thwart telemarketers: The Phone Butler.

When an unwanted so-and-so rings up, a press of the star button on the phone pad brings the butler to life. The recording, in a gentle-but-firm voice with a British accent, says:

"Pardon me, this is the Phone Butler, and I have been directed to inform you that this household must respectfully decline your inquiry. Kindly place this number on your do-not-call list. Good day."

And with that, the caller is disconnected. While it can work with any caller, it is designed for those pesky telemarketers.

"I wanted something polite and fast," Jursinski said. "I was raised to be polite and not to hang up on people."

The FBI said that about 10 percent of all firms in the \$250 billion-a-year telemarketing industry are potentially fraudulent. Americans lose an estimated \$40 billion a year to such crooks, with most victims over 55.

"They become victims because simply hanging up is rude to them — it's not polite," said Leslie Richards, president of the Senior Benefit Association, a Phoenix-based advocacy group for senior citizens. "Some of them just can't say no."

Theoretically, saying no is all it takes. The Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 said a demand not to be called must be obeyed for one year. It does not apply to nonprofit organizations or to cases in which the consumer has an established business relationship with the company the telemarketer represents.

The Senior Benefit Association even sells the \$50 Phone Butler, and a similar \$20 device that works on rotary phones



Lawyer Kenneth Jursinski poses in his office in Pensacola, Fla., holding a Phone Butler, a device he invented to thwart telemarketers. The Phone Butler plugs into any telephone jack and is activated by pressing the star button on the phone pad.

called Easy Hangup, to its members.

The Phone Butler, sold through Morgan-Francis Inc., in Fort Myers, Fla., won't work on rotary phones. The Easy Hangup, made by the Phonex Corp. of Midvale, Utah, is activated by pushing a button attached to the phone jack.

Bob Van Winkle, 81, a retired electrical engineer in Columbus, Ohio, got his Phone Butler in April after a veterans organization called four times in three weeks seeking donations.

"I got a little bit disgusted," he said. "These solicitors usually call right at dinner time, and by the time you get through reading their pedigree, your food gets cold."

"Now, I say, 'Excuse me, just a second,' and I press the button and that's the

end of it," Van Winkle said. "It saves me from getting all agitated."

Even some in the telemarketing industry like the device.

A recent article in Effective Telephone Techniques magazine said: "If you encounter the Phone Butler, don't take the hang-up personally. ... At least the Phone Butler ends the call quickly and (somewhat) pleasantly. You don't have to deal with an irate prospect, and you can go on to your next call quickly."

And Jursinski, a lawyer in Pensacola, Fla., said the Phone Butler appealed to at least one telemarketer.

"I had one call me back and say 'What is that thing? I want one,'" he said. "I still smile every time I use it."

Consumer confidence reaches all-time high

■ Weekly magazine poll finds high consumer confidence overall.

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — U.S. consumer confidence hit a record this week, as nearly half of those surveyed said it's a good time to spend money, according to a weekly poll by Money Magazine/ABC

News.

The results are tracked in a Consumer Comfort Index, which has a scale of -100 to +100. The index touched +14, one point above its previous record set Aug. 3.

Of 1,035 people surveyed, 62 percent rated the economy positively, up one point from last week's record, raising the poll's "economic index" two points, to +24.

Some 61 percent gave high marks to

their personal finances, down one point from last week, lowering the "personal finances" index two points, to 22.

Some 48 percent were "upbeat" about spending, up two points from last week, raising the poll's "buying climate" index four points, to 4.

The Index's record low of -50 was set Feb. 9, 1992.

Money, a Time Warner Inc. publication, has surveyed U.S. consumer attitudes weekly for the past 11 years.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Buy-and-hold investing makes even more sense now

By Eric Tyson

Q: I am invested in many stocks outside of a retirement account, some of which I've held for quite some time



Tyson

I've traded into in recent months. I'm in a high tax bracket and a bit of a tinkerer with some of the portfolio, which I view as "play money."

What impact should the new tax law have on my stock investing strategies?

What do you think of annuities now?

A: The tax rate on long-term capital gains is reduced from 28 percent to 20 percent for holding periods of more than 18 months and to as low as 18 percent beginning in the year 2006 for holding periods of more than five years.

A strategy of buying and holding — which reduces trading costs and the likelihood of being whipsawed by fluctuating investment values — makes even more sense now.

Investors who frequently trade their investments or who invest in mutual funds that do the same should reconsider such strategies and holdings. With longer-term capital gains being taxed at even lower tax rates now, trading that produces short-term gains which are taxed at ordinary income tax rates, penalizes higher-bracket investors the most.

The lower tax rate on long-term capital gains also makes investing money in annuities relatively less attractive. In addition to the higher relative operating expenses that depress the returns on an annuity compared with a comparable non-retirement account investment, all earnings on an annuity are taxed upon withdrawal at ordinary income tax rates.

Investors will need to keep money in an annuity even more years so that the benefit of tax-deferred compounding outweighs an annuity's higher annual operating expenses and possibly higher income taxes upon withdrawal.

Under the old tax laws, many investors needed to keep money in an

annuity for 10 to 15 years for the benefits to outweigh the costs. Under the new law, add at least five more years to that time horizon.

Q: I'm thinking of withdrawing all my 401(k) money, \$37,000, paying the tax and penalties and buying stock in Microsoft, Compaq, Intel and Dell. I figure that I can make a much greater gain in these stocks and control my own assets rather than investing in the 401(k) plan's mutual funds.

I would re-enroll in the 401(k) plan immediately.

What do you think of this idea? I am 26 years old and have no debts.

A: I don't think it's a very good idea. First, as you indicated, you would have to pay current income tax, federal and state, on the amount withdrawn as well as early-withdrawal penalties — 10 percent of the amount withdrawn at the federal level and whatever penalty your state levies.

While it's true you would have more personal control over the money investing in stocks of your own choosing, I don't see that as a positive. No matter how intelligent you are or how

much of your free time you are willing to devote to researching and monitoring individual companies, you're not likely over the long term to do better than a good mutual fund.

Some of the stocks you name have done extraordinarily well in recent years, but that's history. Going forward, it's unlikely those stocks will be tomorrow's stars.

Even if you could generate slightly higher returns, those surely would be wiped out by the extra taxes and penalties for withdrawing the money.

If you want to invest in some individual stocks for the fun of it, why not start with a small amount you're able to save outside of a retirement account?

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NEW INFORMATION!
Legal Notices are now under class 590 & Public Notices are now under class 595.

Lodge Notices

CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448
Reg. stated meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am. Breakfast 7:30 am.
Terry Cowin, W/M
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414
1000 Upland
Stated Meeting, 2nd & 4th Tuesday @ 7:30 pm.
Bruce Milliken, W.M.
Al Talbot, Sec.

Midland Shrine Club
2019 Trade Dr.
520-9206
Reg. mtg. 3rd Thurs. each mo.
Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm, Bus. mtg. 8 pm.
Marvin Wither, Pres.
Earl Selman, Secy. 687-4344

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
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URGENT MEETING.
Thurs. Sept. 11, 7:30 PM.
Tom Arnold, WM
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

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Lost & Found

REWARD Female Boxer-brown with white on neck & chest, has knot on right front shoulder. May be with puppy colored same. Help get her home. Please call 683-4292 or 684-6801.

FOUND Red Heeler approx. one year old. Red collar and flea collar, no tag. Found north of Wall-Mart. 520-6439.

LOST Tortoise Shell/Tabby small female, adult, cat. Vicinity of Green Tree. Child's pet. 697-7376.

LOST Ranch Estates area. talking gray Cockatiel bird. Answers to "Bulldog". Reward offered. 687-4666.

LOST Black & white cat, long-haired, female, spayed, 9-10 years old, answers to "Lucky", disappeared from home in vicinity of Neely & Whitney on 8-31 or 9-1; please call 520-8337.

LOST DOGI Brown & white Sheltie. Answers to Shirobi, wearing maroon Texas A & M collar. Home 522-7874 or work 688-9002.

FOUND! WHITE LHASA APSO. Saturday in parking Lot of Fiesta Foods on Rankin Highway 683-5732.

LOST DOGI Reddish brown Dachshund answers to "Rosco". Call 689-0669, home or 570-4475, work.

FOUND SMALL White dog near Loop 250 and Midland Drive. Call 694-6048.

LITTLE Lost orphan Annie needs home. Pretty female kitten, approx. 3 months old. 699-5815 or 694-7475.

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MAZDA 1992 B2600I 4 x 4, Extra cab, air, oversized tires, 2 jump seats, excellent mechanical condition, \$7,000. 699-7275.

JEEP 1995 Wrangler 3300 miles, excellent condition, like new. Soft top. Lots of extras! \$11,900. 699-7457 for more information.

JEEP 1988 Wagoneer Limited, white, tan leather, full power, one owner, Michelins, 59,000 miles, \$10,700. Call 699-0102.

JEEP 1979 Wagoneer, Hunting or work vehicle, excellent mechanical condition, \$2,200. Call 550-0008.

JEEP 1984 Renegade, excellent condition, soft top, pull out arm's day cassette \$5,500. 682-3855 days 683-4925 nights and weekends.

FORD 1986 Bronco XLT, Full size, power windows & lock, cruise, automatic, good condition, \$3,800 negotiable. 520-9505, After 5 weekdays.

TOYOTA 1994 Landcruiser 4x4, Loaded, sun roof, CD, security system, Forest Green. Excellent condition, \$28,500. Call 685-3227 for more information.

Real Wheel Deals ONLY \$25 w/Photo
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TOYOTA 1991 4-Runner, SR5-V6, 5 speed, sun-roof, CD, alarm, new tires, 73K. Silver/gray Excellent! \$14,850. Call 694-5681.

230 Commercial Vehicles

CHEVROLET 1993 Kodiak 6 ton truck & 36 foot Big Tex gooseneck trailer. Call Hobbs, 505-392-3924, evenings, 505-397-3232 days.

235 Cars, Trucks & Vans \$3,000 & under

FORD 1991 Crown Victoria, Fully loaded, 100K, excellent condition, \$3,000. 697-5556.

OLDSMOBILE 1985 Delta 88, Runs okay \$600 or best offer. 685-3345 extension 3019 before 6, 689-0287 ter 6.

FORD 1984 Mustang, 2 door, automatic, V6, fairly new stereo. \$1,500. 687-0723.

MAZDA 1987 Long Bed Pickup, 5 Speed, Stereo Bronco Engine recently worked. \$2,550 negotiable. 686-7375.

CADILLAC 1980 Sedan DeVille, \$800 or best offer, new brakes and battery. Call 699-0852.

TOYOTA 1978 Corolla Runs good, looks rough \$500. Call 522-7423.

TOYOTA 1982 SUPRA, \$400. Please call 688-2308 or 520-8217 for more information.

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VOLVO 1984 station wagon, Excellent condition, \$3,000. Call pager 499-6867.

CHEVROLET 1977 Pickup, Rebuilt engine, transmission & differential. New exhaust, looks used, runs great. \$1,500 o. b. o. 688-2308, 520-8217.

CHEVROLET 1990 ASTRO van, Runs good, \$1,000 or best offer. 520-8507.

CHEVROLET 1984 Caprice, 2 Door, V8, super clean interior, 118K. New brakes, 24 MPG highway, dependable, cold A/C. \$2,700. 697-5256.

CHEVROLET 1984 Cavalier, Runs but needs work. \$400. o. b. o. Call 699-6319.

CHRYSLER 1986 5TH AVE, New tires and air. Good condition \$1,800. Call 689-7620.

DATSUN 1978 pickup, White, 5 speed, runs, needs some work. \$700 or best offer. 520-7036.

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LINCOLN 1982 Town Car, All service performed/ ready to go anywhere. \$2,850. 697-0013.

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MERCURY 1984 Cougar, Light blue, 3.8 liter, V6, power mirrors & windows, tilt, cruise, good condition, \$2,200. 684-9696, 689-8404.

FORD 1984 Escort, Needs clutch. Give a way priced at \$700! Good paint/ tires. 2900 W. Front, 683-5574.

240 Motorcycles

1987 HONDA Shadow, VT 1100, high mileage, always garaged. New covered. New tires, many add-ons and extras. \$3,495. 682-6133.

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1988 GOLDWING, 78K, Good shape. \$7,000. Call 561-9440, Roger or 520-7556 after 7 pm.

YAMAHA YZ60, excellent condition, great starter bike! Priced to sell at \$675. 686-8035 or 694-0508.

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HONDA 1992 XR250L, Like New! Street legal, but mostly highway miles. \$2,600. Call 520-5183.

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Midland, TX
or call (915)570-4899
Monday - Friday
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MOTEL MAINTENANCE Person Responsible. Must live on property. Part time Room Cleaner also needed. Call 520-3000.

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RESTAURANT- Immediate openings for waiters, waitresses and housekeeping. Apply at The Club at Mission Dorado. 563-0980.

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Send resume's to:

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ODESSA, TX 79702
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Experienced with computers. Must be well versed in all aspects of dealership and automotive office functions including management ability to direct others. Successful applicant will have complete responsibility in preparing financial statements and cash flow management.

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Visual Basic, VBA/ MS Access Programmer

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Please call 550-7876 & speak with Larry.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

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Experience in commercial building maintenance. Hands on position for person with light electrical, plumbing, and HVAC experience. Full benefits. Fax resume to 694-4280 or call 684-5800.

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Cornell Correction in Big Spring Texas seeking correctional Officer \$7.01/hour. Shift work. Contact Personnel Department at (915)264-9511 EOE M/F/V/D.

CPA WANTED - Small tax manager position. Slightly client contact and room for growth. Must have minimum 4 years experience in all areas of income tax preparation. Salary plus incentives. Buy-in a possibility. Fax resume and salary requirements to 806-765-0371 or mail to CPA Wanted, P.O. Box 6992, Lubbock, TX 79493.

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Independent needs experienced person to analyze and maintain lease records, division orders, operating agreements, etc. Quanta software experience and ability to generate reports from database files helpful. Please send your resume along with salary requirements to: Box P, 6040, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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SECRETARY NEEDED for small oil and gas company. Land knowledge and accounting skills a plus. Send resume, P.O. Box 2334 Midland TX 79702.

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Benefits

- 5 years accounting experience
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- Non smoking office

Pay

- Will match experience

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Engine Lathe or Mill Operator. 2 years experience. Must be able to read blueprints & have own tools. Benefits include Paid vacation, uniforms, holidays, medical insurance. Salary DOE. Call 686-0405

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Apply in person to Room 108 at the Midland Days Inn or call 915-520-6869

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LEARNING PROGRAM for toddlers. Clean, safe, loving environment. Breakfast, lunch snack. First aid/ CPR. 694-9871.

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410 Misc. Sales

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24/7 DAYS A Week Care Facility now open. 2 Rooms available immediately. Call Paula at 520-5275.

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LIVE IN NANNY for cooking and cleaning. Monday thru Friday 6 month term program. \$150 weekly. Spanish speaking okay. 553-2940.

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CHILD CARE: 2-5 Years. 7 am-7 pm. Open Weekends. Call 694-6575.

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GARAGE SALES

Hidden treasures? Junk? Recycle your unwanted items! Call 682-6222 today. A friendly qualified consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

79701

MITCHELLS NEW and Used Kid Shop. Closing doors forever. half off clothes, furniture and building supplies. 2215 W. Industrial. 687-1985.

79705

MOVING OVER-SEAS SALE
4905 Purple Sage
Sept. 11 - Thursday - 6 - 8 pm
Sept. 12 - Friday - 9 am - 2 pm
Sept. 13 - Saturday - 9 - 2 pm

KUENSTLER ESTATE SALE
1001 W. College
Friday - Saturday 9 - 6
Sunday 1 - 5

Eastlake Marble top table, Marble top coffee table, Mahogany rose ladies' and men's chairs, Carved ladies desk, Mahogany Duncan Phyfe drop leaf table, Mahogany dresser & night stand, Fruitwood bed, French provincial bedroom set, Wicker including two chaise lounges, sofa, chairs, small tables etc., 8 Gone with The Wind lamps, Diamond ring, Ruby glass, Cranberry bowl, crystal Iris & Herringbone flower, Fiesta platter oil lamps, Mary Gregory Style glass, Figurines, Amethyst candlesticks, American Fostoria candlesticks, collectible Barbies including Bob Mackie & others, costume jewelry, Christmas ornaments, Kitchen collectibles TV's, Refrigerator and too much more to mention!

Services Provided by Cats Meow
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WAREHOUSE SALE 2900 W. Washington. Furniture, dishes, appliances. 8 am to 6 pm. Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

1505 COMMUNITY LN. Friday & Saturday 9-5. Paintings, doors, paint (brand new), large carpet remnants, screen doors and windows. Brand new brushes, various sizes with fiber and metal bristles, white wood decorative columns, one of a kind. New deadbolt locks.

79703

SATURDAY 8 am - 2 pm. 2 Families. Clothes of all sizes, books, toys, toy boxes, linens, twin beds, misc. 3410 Douglas.

SATURDAY 8-6. Variety of items! 4 oak chairs, Christmas decorations, clothes, household goodies. 4320 Douglas.

3501 GASTON. Inside garage sale. Friday & Saturday 7-12. Antique upright piano, \$300 and many miscellaneous items.

208 N. DEWBERRY, Friday 1-5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 12. Dresser, home accessories, Lawn mower, exercise bike, canner, and fans. Lots of miscellaneous.

BAG SALE!!! All clothes, shoes and purses - stuff a bag for \$3. SPCA Thrift Shoppe, 3314 Illinois (just west of Midkiff), Saturday only 10 am - 4 pm.

79705

SATURDAY & Sunday only. Furniture, baby items, Guess jeans wedding dress. 4302 Nicklaus.

CLOTHING, shoes, sweeper, 3 inside house doors, magazines, books, lampshades, mirror, Westend coffee perk, misc. Friday 8:30 - 5 Saturday 8:30 - 1. 1601 Winfield Rd.

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*2 Days
*★ Stand Out Emblem
*★ Garage Sale Kit (includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints \$5 Value)
*★ Package of Flavored Drink Mix (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand)
*★ \$3 Off Classified Coupon (Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get \$3 off!)

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE \$20

Or Get 3 Days for Only \$24!

Call 682-6222 Today!
\$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20

410 Misc. Sales

COOLERS, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, Appliances warranted. Dining/ suites, couches, chairs, recliners.

413 Jewelry & Furs

LADIES diamond bracelet. Unique style. Approximately 4 ct. baguette and round stones. Can be seen Houck Jewelry.

415 Misc. Wanted

WANT TO BUY John Deere 2 cyl tractors for parts and restoration. Especially looking for Models 30, 40, 320, 420, 330, 430, and G. Will consider other brands and models. 699-6437 days. 683-6432 nights.

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MARIA'S HOME MADE Tamales \$5. per dozen. Call to place order anytime 683-5504 or 684-9950.

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SLEEPER Southwest condition. \$50.

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LARGE cabinet \$350. \$3000. \$3000. \$3000. \$3000.

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CHILDREN bed, \$350. \$300. \$300. \$300. \$300.

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430 Household Goods
INCLINER SOFA. Earth tones. Good condition. \$65. Call 694-1147 after 5 weekdays, all day weekends.

432 Household Furniture
COUCH bought new. 3 months old. Retail \$1,400. Selling \$650 negotiable. Must sell by 9/10. 699-1814.

MOVING: Must Sell Sofa and chair. 1 1/2 years old. Hunter green. \$500. Entertainment center \$30. China hutch \$125 and miscellaneous items! 570-6593.

SLEEPER sofa/ loveseat. Southwest colors. Excellent condition. \$300. Call 570-8564.

LAZY BOY recliner. 21 inch. Good condition. \$150. Call 685-0015.

SLEEPER SOFA \$150. Captains 6 drawer waterbed \$250. Both in great condition. 689-0931.

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CHILD CRAFT CRIB/ Youth bed. \$350. Electric rocking crib \$300. 570-7266.

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SOFA SLEEPER. WHITE. \$175. Vacuum cleaner (Hoover) \$35. Food processor \$25. Pfaltzgraff Village pattern, service pieces plus some dishes. 683-8353.

SOLID OAK Table. 60 inches. 1 leaf. In new condition. \$475. Call 687-3732.

SOMMA Queensized waterbed. \$200. Excellent condition. Call 699-2193.

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MATCHING COUCH and loveseat. light beige with pale design. \$200. Southwest corner \$75. Nandai Corner Parrot with chair. \$200. Call 520-0107.

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SEARS KENMORE washing machine \$35. 683-6818.

KENMORE Upright freezer approximately 10 cubic feet. almost \$200. Large room air conditioner. \$250 or best. 694-1032.

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