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When Midland High coach Barry Russell made his first call to the bullpen of this season's playoffs, Robert Friday was the one who took the hill./1C



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Mayor Burns wraps up final days on the job

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

Midland Mayor Bobby Burns isn't counting the minutes, but he has admitted contracting "short timers" condition.

After seven years on the job, experiencing short timers (doing less as the job comes to an end) is forgivable. Having given notice of his last day almost nine months ago, it is expected.

"I really feel it is wrapping up right now, because last week the phone calls just stopped," Burns said. "I feel the new start coming and the mixed feelings of having to say goodbye to a job I loved."

As far as his mayoral obligations go, it is a light week. That is what happens when you are an outgoing mayor days before relinquishing your post.

Burns threw out a first pitch at the National League City Tournament Wednesday night.

Today, he will be the guest of honor at a cookout (open to the public), which is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. at Centennial Plaza.

Friday, there will be another function, honoring his service as a three-term mayor. However, that will be the last before Monday's ceremonial changing of the guard as Burns passes the mayoral baton to Mayor-elect Mike Canon.

This weekend, Burns' son Austin will receive a church confirmation. City business is on the back burner.

"Fortunately, this weekend will be built around Austin," Burns said. "I don't think I will be melancholy or have mixed emotions at all, because I will be thinking about my son. I think Monday it will hit that it is complete. My job is finished."

Burns said sometimes as his mayoral run comes to an end it is hard not to be answer-

For an in-depth look at the legacy of Bobby Burns, Midland's 26th mayor, see Sunday's Reporter-Telegram.

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Bobby Burns fires the ceremonial first pitch of the tournament to Northern Rockies catcher Michael Holloway Wednesday evening.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Big Spring man arrested for murder of Midland man

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — A 27-year-old former Midlander, Carl Stanley Friday Jr., who has been arrested for arson in the past, has been charged with murder in the May 4 death of Bob Joe Counce, 64, of Midland, according to Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker.

Remains of Counce's charred body were found north of Big Spring in the back of his 1989 Subaru hatchback car that had been engulfed by and gutted by a gasoline fire, Walker said on Wednesday.

Friday, an apparent acquaintance of Counce, was arrested for murder by Howard County sheriff's deputies at about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in downtown Big Spring at the bail-bond business where his mother, Paula Wardford, and sister, Denise Smith, are agents, noted Robert Smith, owner-agent of the business.

"None of us believes that he did it," Smith, 41, said. "That's all that he told us — that he didn't do it."

The Counce-Friday connection was determined, at least in part, through telephone records of Counce calling Friday from his Metro Inn room in Midland on May 3 on the eve of his death, Walker said. Friday was living in a mobile home in Big Spring, the sheriff said.

"This case is not closed," Walker asserted. "There is more than one person involved in this case. And the investigation does continue. We will see that the persons involved in this crime will come to justice."

Lubbock forensic pathologists had determined Counce's death was due to blunt trauma to the head. And a week following his death, pathologists positively identified the charred remains as those of Counce through Midland-produced medical X-rays of his back and hips.

His younger brother, Bill Counce, 57, of Midland, noted that his brother for years had taken medication for severe back pains.

"Ain't nobody deserves to die like that — I don't care who it is — burn somebody up in a car," Bill Counce said.

Bob Joe Counce, a heavy-equipment (crane) operator during Mid-



Friday



Counce

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McVeigh to meet with attorneys today to discuss request to delay execution

By Catherine Tsai
Associated Press

DENVER — Timothy McVeigh is expected to decide today whether he will ask a federal judge to block his June 11 execution for the Oklahoma City bombing, attorneys say.

Two members of McVeigh's defense team say they will meet with him at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., while attorney Nathan Chambers remains in Denver to file the necessary documents if McVeigh gives permission.

The attorneys refused Wednesday to predict what McVeigh will do, though Chambers said McVeigh believes newly released FBI documents are worthy of judicial review.

At his office in Tulsa, Okla., Rob Nigh declined to specify what legal documents will be discussed, but said: "You can certainly anticipate it will request a stay."

McVeigh is to receive a lethal injection for the 1995 bombing that killed 168 people and injured hundreds of others.

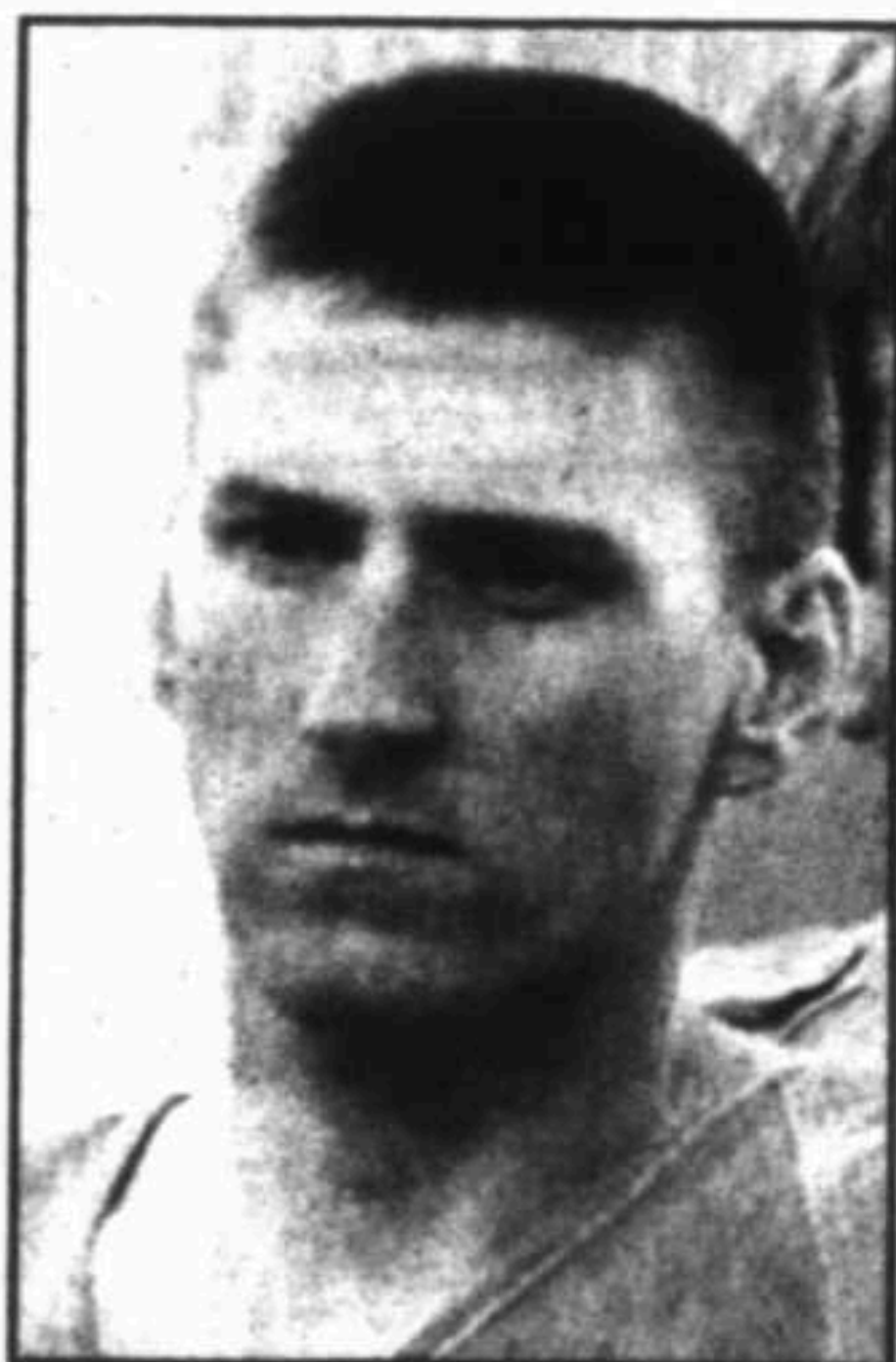
What would have been the first federal execution in 38 years was postponed this month after the Justice Department turned over thou-

sands of FBI documents it admits should have been given to McVeigh's lawyers during his trial.

Justice Department spokeswoman Chris Watney declined to comment on the agency's options. Attorney General John Ashcroft said the government would fight any further delay, saying that failure to carry out the death sentence "would deny justice for the victims of this crime and for the American people."

Last December, McVeigh went against his attorney's advice and asked a federal judge to stop further appeals. He also requested an execution date.

"Obviously his lawyers have gotten toward the first hurdle," said Denver attorney Scott Robinson, who observed McVeigh's trial.



McVeigh

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Two arrested in murder of Guess

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

Two men have been arrested for the murder of 48-year-old Arthur Guess of Midland.

Twenty-year-old William Brazier led police on a chase in east Midland Tuesday night, which resulted in his capture for evading arrest around 8:30 p.m. But Midland Police Chief John Urby said officers had a suspicion Brazier would be a suspect for the murder.

"Based on the investigation, when they were chasing him, they knew they had a suspect," Urby said.

While police officials said the investigation pointed to Brazier, it was not until later when police charged him with the murder.

Wednesday morning, police caught up



Brazier



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The bodies of two of the 14 immigrants, who died crossing the border from Mexico to the United States in the Arizona desert last week, are loaded into an awaiting plane at the Tucson International Airport Wednesday./See story 7B

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Bush's daughters allegedly attempt to buy alcohol in Austin restaurant

By Natalie Gott
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Police said Wednesday they were investigating whether President Bush's 19-year-old twin daughters illegally tried to buy alcohol at a restaurant.

One of the twins, Jenna Bush, pleaded no contest to a charge of being a minor in possession of alcohol in an unrelated incident less than a month ago.

Police responded to a 911 call Tuesday evening from the manager of Chuy's restaurant in Austin who said minors were trying to buy alcohol.

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Barbara Bush



Jenna Bush

Renowned swim coach with Midland ties dies at age 65

By Jonathon Carrasco
MRT Correspondent

Terry Gathercole, a major force in Australian swimming and a former Olympian who coached many Midland swimmers, died early Wednesday morning at the age of 65.

Gathercole, who had been in declining health in recent years, died of a heart attack in Canberra, Australia. A memorial service is scheduled for next week at the Australian Institute of Sports in Canberra and a funeral is planned in West Wyalong.

In the late 1960s, Gathercole accepted a job at Midland Aquatics as head coach where he was called upon to form a nationally competitive swim team. During his time in Midland, Gathercole coached 320 competitive swimmers, four of which qualified for the American Olympic Trials.

"Gathercole was a motivator above everything else. He knew how to get kids motivated and working to improve," said Brad Swendig, executive director of Midland Aquatics who briefly swam under Gathercole before the



Gathercole

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Bush team rethinking federal stance in leftover lawsuits

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Like boxes of junk in a musty attic, not all inheritances are welcome. Just ask the Bush administration.

Case by case, it is struggling with a host of lawsuits filed by or against the government when Bill Clinton was president. Now, the Bush administration has automatically become the plaintiff or the defendant, in many instances totting a decidedly different mindset into court.

The government still is the target, for example, of a lawsuit challenging a ban on snowmobiling in national parks. But now the administration seems more likely to settle out of court and eventually lift the ban.

Likewise, the government still is suing Midwest power producers alleging violations of air pollution rules. But now the administration is reviewing whether it should ease up on such actions.

To one degree or another, the story is the same on cases touching a broad range of issues, from cigarette-makers' liability for public health problems to Microsoft's alleged antitrust violations.

"Law is a reflection of politics," said Mary Cheh, a law professor at George Washington University. "As with private lawsuits generally, plaintiffs can give up and they can change their minds."

Justice Department spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said the new administration begins with the same presumption



AP Photo
Snowmobilers approach a group of bison in Yellowstone National Park in Jackson, Wyo., in this file photo. A lawsuit challenging a ban on snowmobiling in national parks is one of many lawsuits inherited by the Bush administration from the Clinton administration.

tion as its predecessor before deciding how to proceed with each case.

But shifts in strategy are evident. Bush supporters say it is only natural for the new administration to bring its own philosophy to bear in approaching lawsuits spawned by what they see as over-regulation and judicial activism in the Clinton era.

"If they did not, they would be abdicating their role," said Paul Kamenar, senior executive counsel of the conservative Washington Legal Foundation. "They have to make an assessment of

what the case means in terms of the larger public policy issues and the agenda that the administration was elected on."

The foundation, in a study requested by Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, found at least 13 instances in which the Clinton administration refused to defend environmental decisions of its predecessors.

Critics, meanwhile, contend the Bush administration is turning its back on the law to advance its own political agenda. In some cases, they say, the administration has offered only a limp defense of Clinton-era rules.

As an example, they point to a lawsuit challenging a Clinton administration ban on logging and road-building on a third of the most pristine national forests.

The Bush administration's defense of the policy in court was so underwhelming that a federal judge earlier this month cited the government's own arguments in a ruling against it.

U.S. District Judge Edward J. Lodge in Idaho issued a preliminary injunction against the roadless rule in which he cited the government's admission of "concerns about the potential for irreparable harm in the long term under the rule."

To environmentalists, the government sometimes appears to be crossing its fingers behind its back and hoping to lose. That way, they say, it can claim credit for trying to protect the environment without angering industry officials by enforcing tough regulations.

"It's a great gig for the government, because they can say, 'This is all playing out in the courts,' and they don't have to take the political heat for dismantling the rules themselves," said attorney Abigail Dillen of the Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund, which is representing environmentalists who have intervened in a number of cases to defend Clinton-era regulations.

That makes for some interesting legal conferences, in which the Bush administration and environmental groups nominally are on the same side but aren't necessarily of the same mind.

"There's always a joke that we're sitting on the same side of the table, but

not for long," said Dillen.

Logging and other interests counter that the Bush team is taking an open-minded look at the lawsuits and doing its best to manage "the mess that the Clinton administration left," in the words of Chris West of the American Forest Resource Council.

The roadless rule, West said, "has been handled in a very judicial manner given the blatantly illegal way that it was put together."

Craig credits the administration for fulfilling its obligation to defend the rule in court while moving forward on a separate track with amendments to correct its flaws. He dismissed the suggestion of a weak defense as politically motivated.

The legal maneuvering extends well beyond environmental matters, with the government's 1999 racketeering suit against major cigarette makers among the cases being watched closely.

The Bush administration has requested a small fraction of the millions of dollars that Justice Department lawyers say they need to press the case.

Advocates of the suit worry the case will be left to dangle and die, but White House officials have denied they plan to drop it.

On the Net:

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<http://www.roadless.fs.fed.us/>
Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund:
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Arrest made in slayings of two dismembered men

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP) — A nurse was charged with killing two men whose remains were found stuffed in plastic trash bags along New Jersey highways.

Richard W. Rogers Jr., 50, was arrested at a New York City hospital Tuesday and charged with two counts of murder in the 1992 and 1993 killings. Prosecutor E. David Millard said the victims had been "meticulously dismembered" with a knife and handsaw.

Millard said police are also investigating whether Rogers was involved in other dismemberment murders. He is being held on \$1 million bail in New York, and is fighting extradition to New Jersey, the Manhattan district attorney's office said Wednesday.

Authorities on Wednesday searched Rogers' condominium in the New York City borough of Staten Island, New Jersey State Police spokesman John Hagerty said.

"They have removed some items that hopefully will prove of some evidential value upon completion of forensic tests," Hagerty said. He said officers

were looking particularly for hair, blood stains and surgical tools.

Attorney Lorraine Brown said she was representing Rogers in the extradition matter and that he does not yet have a lawyer in New Jersey. She declined further comment.

Rogers was charged in the killings of Thomas R. Mulcahy, 58, and Anthony E. Marrero, 44.

Mulcahy, a Massachusetts computer executive, disappeared July 8, 1992, after attending a business meeting in New York. Two days later, his head and other remains were found in bags at a New Jersey picnic area and parts of his legs were discovered at a rest stop.

On May 10, 1993, the remains of Anthony E. Marrero, 44, of Manhattan, were found in a bag along a roadside. He was last seen in New York City six days earlier.

Authorities said fingerprints taken from the plastic bags matched Rogers. His prints were on file in Maine, where he was cleared of a manslaughter charge 27 years ago.

Millard would not comment on a motive but said Mulcahy

was known to frequent gay bars and that Marrero worked as a gay prostitute in New York City.

Investigators said last year that the killing of Michael Sakara, 56, of New York, could be related to the murders of Marrero and Mulcahy.

Sakara's head and arms were found July 31, 1993, at a rest area in Haverstraw, N.Y., a day after he was last seen leaving a gay bar. His legs and torso were recovered about eight miles

away.

New Jersey state police said Wednesday they are also looking into whether Rogers was involved in the death of Peter Stickney Anderson, a Philadelphia investment banker.

Rogers has worked at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Manhattan since 1979. The hospital is cooperating with investigators, spokeswoman Joan Lebow said.

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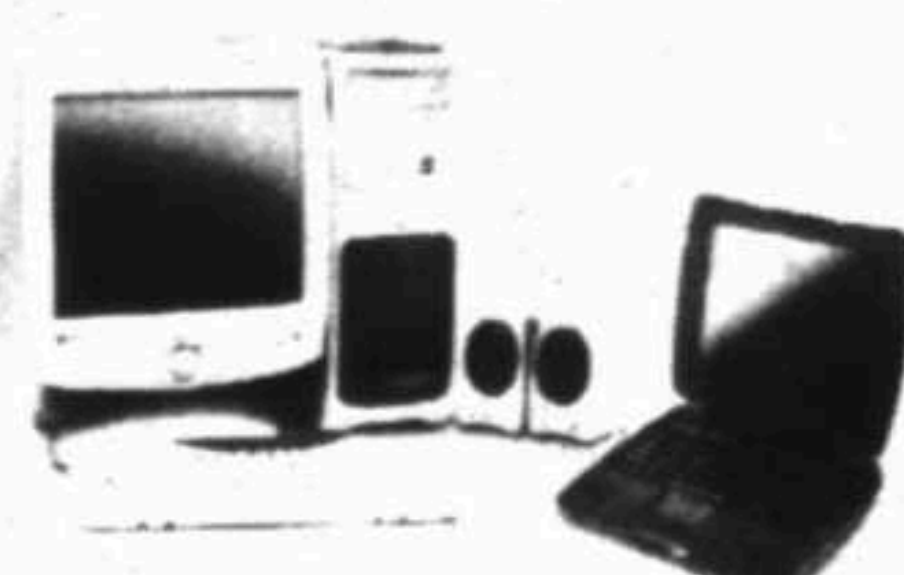
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By Genaro C. Associated Press

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Americans age make up 12.4 percent population. Florida destination for ne the highest percentage states, at 17.6 percent.

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Graying heartland struggles to retain young workers

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chris Branaman did not want to be in Kansas any more.

Wary of the cold winters, Branaman left for sunny Florida after graduating from college five years ago. It's a path well-worn by young adults who are leaving small cities and towns across America's rural heartland, figures from the 2000 census show.

The drain has left behind elderly residents and officials struggling to prevent their communities from eroding into modern-day ghost towns.

"The weather is what brought me out here," said Branaman, 28, a marketing executive in Orlando, Fla., who grew up in Topeka. "I'm probably not going to go back."

Economic development officials are struggling in towns, counties and states that are losing their young people. Some hope to lure high-tech businesses by the prospect of cheaper costs-of-living. The Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Office last year distributed \$296 million in loans and grants to help community programs such as child-care centers, and has created rural empowerment zones.

New 2000 census figures show their plight — especially during a decade in which population surged across the South and West, as well as in many urban centers in the Midwest.

For instance, of the 99 counties in which 4 percent of residents were 85 or older, all but two (in Virginia and Florida) are in the Great Plains. Most of them are in rural areas.

Nationally, 1.5 percent of Americans are over 85.

The Great Plains, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, stretch from North Dakota and parts of Montana and Minnesota south into central Texas and a portion of eastern New Mexico.

Of the 99 counties, only Dickey County in North Dakota had more than the national average of 6.7 percent of its population between ages 20 and 24. All 99 counties had less than the national average of 14.2 percent of their populations between ages 25 and 34.

All but six of the 99 counties had decreases in the number of married-with-children households.

"There is a swath of rural and small towns that are on the potential 'ghost town' list, destined to a virtual demographic extinction," University of Michigan demographics expert William Frey said. "It's likely many of these towns will simply die out, as fewer young people remain or locate there."

Americans age 65 and over make up 12.4 percent of the U.S. population. Florida, a longtime destination for new retirees, had the highest percentage among states, at 17.6 percent.

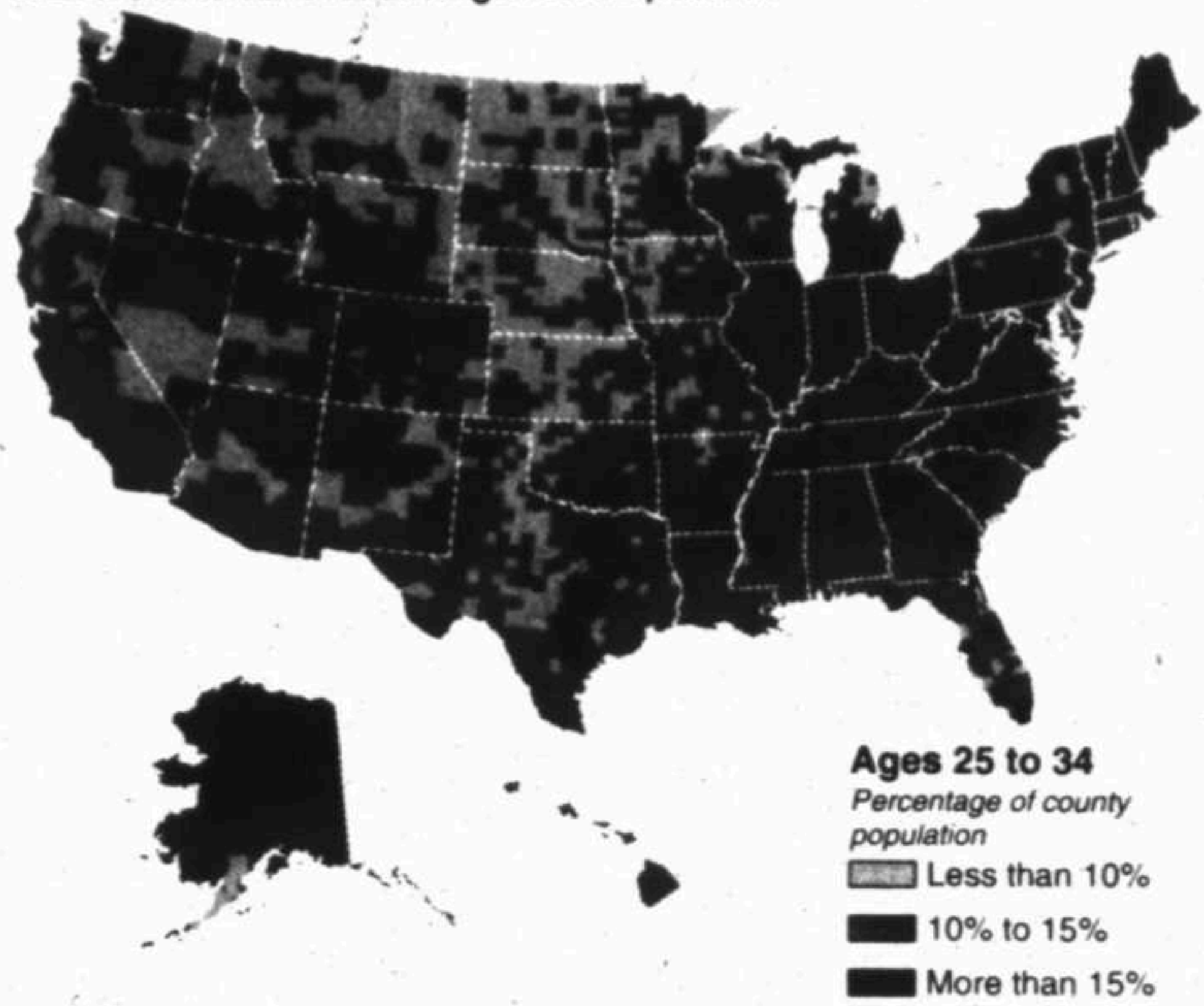
Among counties, Charlotte County, a retirement destination in southwest Florida, had the highest percentage of people over 65 at 34.7 percent. But like many other counties in Florida and across the Sun Belt, it also saw an increase in the number of married-couple households raising children under 18.

McIntosh County in North Dakota is more typical of what is going on in rural America. It has

Census 2000

Young adults stay away from Midwest

Age shifts over the last decade have caused an 8 percent decline in the 25- to 34-year-old population. But it has not been an even decline. Many Midwest counties have a population of these young adults significantly less than the national average of 14.2 percent.



SOURCES: ESRI; U.S. Census Bureau

AP

the second-highest percentage among U.S. counties of residents over 65, about 34.2 percent of its 3,390 residents. McIntosh also saw a 28 percent decline in married couples raising kids.

Statewide, 2.3 percent of North Dakotans are 85 or older, the highest among all states. In McIntosh County, 6.6 percent of residents were 85 or older, the highest among all counties.

Part of the solution, officials say, may be to lure back baby boomers approaching retirement who left for more attractive opportunities

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University of Michigan demographics expert

earlier in their lives, but are now looking to settle down closer to their roots.

Other places, such as Ashley, N.D., in McIntosh County, have tried to cash in on the high-tech boom.

Jason Dockter, 35, is a rarity. After college, he returned to Ashley to manage one of the few new businesses to open in town the last few years, a small technology firm.

"There aren't a whole lot of people returning to Ashley because the jobs aren't here," he said. "So technology is a very important factor to bring back young people with those skills."

Others like Daniel Curran, 29,

of San Diego, have no plans to return to Nebraska, from which his

family had moved when he was 2. He went back to the state to attend college and law school, but moved back to San Diego for a job.

"The people are great, the cost of living is great, and the opportunity was excellent, but the weather was difficult," Curran said. "San Diego is home."

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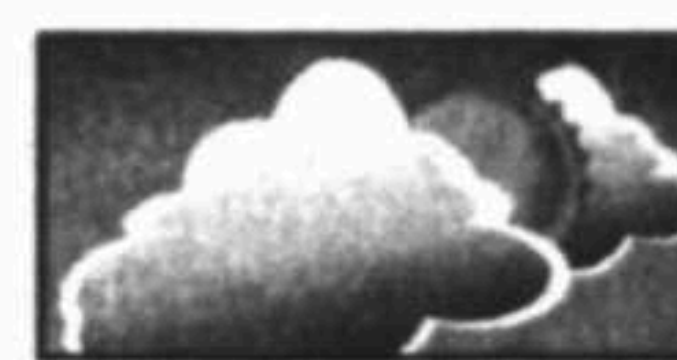
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The forecast for today calls for partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs for today are expected around 84 with an East wind of 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, expect mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms and a low in the mid-60s.

On Friday look for partly cloudy skies and high in the mid-90s. For Friday night, the forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a less than 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms and a low in the upper 60s.

On Saturday, expect partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms and a high from the mid 80s to lower 90s. The high for Wednesday reached 93, while the low dipped to 68. Record temperatures for May 30 holds a high of 104 set in 1998 and a low of 46 set in 1937.

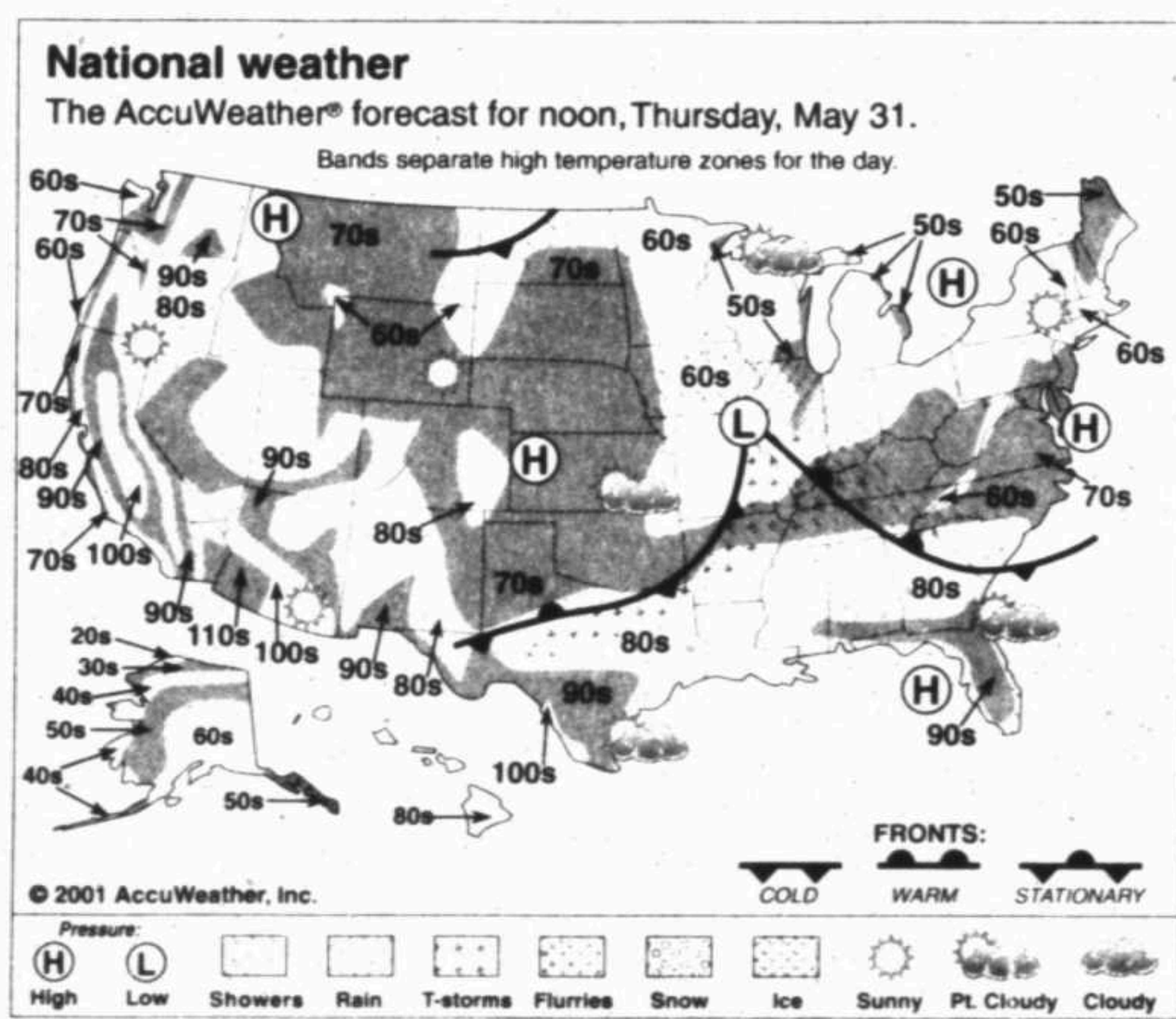
Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday . . . 0.20 in.
Rainfall Wednesday . . . 0.00 in.
Total for month . . . 1.21 in.
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Normal total
(year to date) . . . 2.99 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High . . . 93
Low . . . 68
Normal high . . . 90
Normal low . . . 62
Sunrise . . . 6:44 a.m.
Sunset . . . 8:49 p.m.

National forecast



ATTEMPT: Restaurant manager placed call

(From 1A)

Police spokesman Kevin Buchman said officers were told Jenna Bush tried to buy drinks using a third person's identification card. Her sister, Barbara Bush, was present but did not show any identification.

"As no offense was witnessed by APD officers, following routine procedures, further investigation is required to determine if any charges will be filed," a police statement said.

Police would not give any information on the whereabouts of the daughters' Secret Service agents. The Secret Service also would not comment on the location of the agents.

The legal drinking age in Texas is 21. Police and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission are investigating. It is unclear what the punishment would be since it is unclear what type of ticket, if any, might be issued.

Jenna Bush's attorney, William P. Allison, would not comment on the matter, said an employee in his office.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan declined comment. "If it involves the daughters' private lives, it is a family matter," he said.

When asked whether President Bush was aware of this latest incident, McClellan repeated the statement.

Mark Dore, a manager at the restaurant, referred all questions to the corporate headquarters, which did not return telephone calls seeking comment.

Jenna Bush's earlier no contest plea stemmed from a ticket police issued while checking for minors in possession of alcohol at nightclubs along the popular East Sixth Street entertainment district April 27.

She was ordered to pay \$51.25 in court costs, serve eight hours of community service and attend six hours of alcohol awareness classes.

John Wall, who prosecuted that case, said if Jenna Bush is issued a ticket in this case her punishment might be revoked and authorities might seek a conviction. She also could have her driver's license suspended, he said.

Jenna Bush is a student at the University of Texas at Austin. Barbara Bush attends Yale University.

GUESS: Apprehension of Braziel made after chase

(From 1A)

with Braziel's alleged 22-year-old accomplice, Jason Spraglin. Police also charged Spraglin with Guess's murder.

Police did not indicate which suspect they believed pulled the trigger.

But officers did say they believe Guess was shot after an argument with the suspects in the tan colored 1982 Cadillac that belonged to Guess. They said Guess was shot twice in the head on Oriole Lane, which runs perpendicular to Robin Lane where Guess's body was dumped and left dead beside a Dumpster.

The suspects allegedly fled the scene and abandoned Guess's vehicle at the Renaissance Apartments just a few miles from Guess's body, police said.

Urby said police were still questioning the suspects in custody on Wednesday.

Even though Guess had a criminal record, his murder remains a mystery to some.

Guess's neighbor Espie Gutierrez said he was a friend to everyone in the neighborhood.

"He was a real sweet guy," Ms. Gutierrez said. "We never had any problems with him. I don't know who would want to do something like that."

Meanwhile, Spraglin and Braziel remained in the Midland County Jail Wednesday evening. Braziel's bond was set at \$50,000 by Justice of the Peace Joe Matlock. Spraglin's bond had not been set as of 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Relatives at Braziel's home at 304 South Webster Ave. had no comment when asked about his alleged involvement in Guess's murder or his arrest.

Both suspects have been arrested on previous occasions for a variety of offenses, police said.

COONCE: Suspect has prior record

(From 1A)

land's boom of the late 1970s and early 1980s, was a Republican candidate for Midland County justice of peace but lost the 1982 election to then-Democrat Justice of the Peace Robert "Bob" Pine.

Like Walker, Bill Coonce said, "I think there is somebody else involved" in Bob Joe Coonce's death. "I don't think this (Friday's arrest) is all of it."

However, Bill Coonce said Friday is "not who I figured would have done it, but I don't know that much about the guy."

Friday did work in a Midland auction place that Bill Coonce had rented to another person near his Bill's Automotive shop just off Terrell Street in southeast Midland, Coonce said. And in a recent year, Friday had done some underpinning work on a Greenwood mobile home that Bill Coonce had rented out.

At his downtown Big Spring bail-bond office, Smith, 41, said Friday was aware he was being investigated in the Coonce case but did not expect to be arrested. He was at the bail-bond office on Tuesday afternoon to visit his family, including his mother and stepsons, who were visiting their grandmother, Smith said.

Law-enforcement agencies and officers, including the Texas Rangers, Midland police and sheriff's officers, and the FBI, had joined Walker and his investigators in working on the Coonce case.

"A lot of good, thorough police work was done," said Texas Rangers Capt. Barry Caver of Midland. "And as a direct result, we have been able to make, I think, a very strong case against this guy (Friday). Only time will tell, of course. We will just have to wait and see what happens" and what takes place in the "court system."

Even before the charred remains had been positively identified as those of Coonce, Walker said investigators immediately began working on the case and assumed the remains were those of Coonce based on the registration — in Coonce's name — of the burned-out hatchback Subaru car.

In referring to the arrest, Walker cited Friday's "MO or modus operandi (method of operating)."

"He does have a history of it (arson)," Walker said. "And it just so happens to be a (1992 Midland) car fire where gasoline was poured into the car — similar to our case as well."

"Another similarity in that case is the time of day at which this arson in Midland occurred," Walker said. "It was at exactly the same time that our arson here occurred — very early in the morning," Walker said. "Just a lot of similarities."

"It certainly doesn't point to a conviction," Walker said, "but it is certainly things to consider during the investigation as you are piecing things together."

It was at 2:36 a.m. on Friday, May 4, when Howard County Deputy Sheriff Sgt. Herb Edwards "drove up on this (car fire)" off the roadway to Gail in Borden County and near a cotton field.

"It was raining that night," Walker said. "He (Edwards) saw a fire at the distance. He drives up and finds the car on fire, completely engulfed in flames."

In response to Edwards' alert and suspecting an accident, DPS troopers and the Big Spring Fire Department came on the scene of the fire, that firefighters extinguished.

"And we determined that it wasn't an accident real quick," Walker recalled. "The body was found in the back — hatchback — of the car. So, we knew something was up" and deemed the death a homicide.

Walker noted the investigation "started out in the negative" since investigators "didn't even know" Coonce's identity for certain for a week. "It didn't keep us from pursuing the fact that it possibly could have been Mr. Coonce."

And the Midland motel's telephone "records did lead us to Carl Friday," Walker said. "And Mr. Friday did receive several phone calls on May 3 from Bob Coonce" in his Midland motel room. Coonce was telephoning "Friday at his Big Spring trailer house. We do not know for sure (why the phone calls were made)," Walker said. "That's under investigation."

Walker said Friday "did tell our investigators that Mr. Coonce did arrive at his house on the third (of May). So, we do know that he did get here (in Big Spring)."

"However, Mr. Friday's account of his times do not match up with what we do know as far as locations when they were seen together" in Big Spring," Walker said. "So, the story does not match — what Mr. Friday is telling us."

Though Walker did not disclose any theories on the possible motive or motives behind Coonce's death, the sheriff said it is certain Coonce "definitely" did know Mr. Friday, and he has called on him in the past.

"What that is all about, we still are yet to determine," Walker said.

A check of Friday's criminal background through the Midland County Sheriff's Office and the Midland County District Clerk's Office indicates since 1991 Friday had been arrested for such offenses as theft, burglary of a building and related arson, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and related arson, burglary of a house, failure to appear in court and violation of probation.

Court records reflect that Friday in 1993 had been found guilty of the 1992 offenses of stealing an automobile and then setting it afire, causing it to explode and to burglarizing a building and then setting it afire. His 10-year sentence in each case was probated, and Friday was released under supervision of the court.

In 1999, Friday's probation was revoked, and he was sentenced to prison.

Records of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice indicate that Friday was sentenced to two concurrent three-year prison sentences out of Midland in November 1999 for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and burglary of a building. He was released from prison in March 2000. He was to be discharged from supervision in October 2001.

Since Friday is charged with violation of parole via the murder charge, he is not eligible for bail, said Walker, who also noted that Friday's father, Carl Stanley Friday Sr., 57, is in prison.

The senior Friday, according to TDCJ records and TDCJ spokesman Larry Todd of Austin, is serving a 25-year prison sentence for delivery of methamphetamines in 1988.

JOB: Burns says he'll focus on family, business

(From 1A)

ing calls and going over city documents.

"You don't miss the work, but the opportunity to make the city better," Burns said. "When you have the power of the mayor's office behind you, you can make things better."

Not that he particularly hopes to stay on the e-mail list when future City Council agendas are sent out.

"I don't want them," Burns joked. "I need to take a break and change my focus. My focus has been on City Hall. I wake up in the morning thinking how to make Midland better. I go to sleep at night thinking how I prepare and look toward the future and what to change to make City Hall better. I need to change my focus where I think about business and family."

A significant period in Midland's history will be completed on Monday, Burns' years as mayor will turn into a legacy of

Mayor's farewell party
Midland's outgoing mayor Bobby Burns will be the guest of honor at a midday cookout today, which will be held at Centennial Plaza. The free cookout, which is open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. and last until 1 p.m. The event will include hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and entertainment, and offers a chance for Midlanders to offer a "thank you" to their mayor of the last seven years.

what has been. He will be associated with some of the largest undertakings in city history — the Scharbauer Sports Complex, the new Midland International Airport terminal and development of Loop 250. Also, Burns played a integral part in the recruitment of Circular Wireless to Midland and the return of then President-elect George W. Bush to the place he calls home.

"Because of all the work we accomplished as a team, I am

almost totally relaxed," Burns said. "As corny as it sounds, I feel blessed. We had a great run. As you look at all that has been accomplished the last seven years, it is hard not to feel good about it, and I do."

There are few things Burns feels he didn't get accomplished or didn't have the chance to do. Ideally, there was the opportunity to throw the first pitch out when the new baseball park at the sports complex opens next year,

but he understands that will be the duty of his successor.

"Anybody who dreamed of it, worked on it and led the charge on it would love to be involved, but you can't run again to cut a ribbon or throw out a first pitch, because there is too much work involved," Burns said. "That opportunity goes to the head of the city. Frankly, I cut ribbons on parks that Mr. (J.D.) Faircloth and Mr. (Carroll) Thomas worked on. That is part of the process."

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COACH: Gathercole returned to Midland many times

(From 1A)

Olympian returned to Australia in 1973, "That's why people around the world were so eager to train under him."

"As a coach the respect he had was immense, he was a visionary at the top of his profession," said Charles Cook, a member of the Midland Aquatics board during the time Gathercole was training students in Midland.

Cook, who had children who swam under Gathercole's direction, felt he was a master motivator who committed himself to the success of his students.

"No one could question his expertise, all the kids stood in awe of him, he made their lives the very example of commitment and hard work," Cook said.

"Terry has helped make COM the success that it is today," added Jami Owen, a current board member of Midland Aquatics and parent to swim students. "Because of his influence, COM is the strong and dominate team it is in West Texas."

Gathercole frequently returned here to help continue the development of Midland's swim program. In the summer of 1995, he returned to help train instructors and coaches and provide his expert advice to young students.

For his efforts as a coach and mentor, he received a State Senate resolution commending his contributions to swimming and the children of Texas.

At a young age, Gathercole developed a passion for swimming that would later lead to a lifestyle in which he excelled as a competitor, teacher and administrator.

Gathercole represented Australia in the 1956 and 1960 Olympics in which he won a silver medal as a member of the Australian medley relay team. As the Australian Swimming

president, Gathercole led a vigorous campaign against the use of performance enhancing drugs in swimming. Gathercole served as president from 1997 through the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

"Terry was fiercely loyal, passionate and he believed that an even playing field was the only path that swimming worldwide should follow. He wanted and achieved the removal of drug takers and cheats from our sport," commented John Devitt, Australian Swimming president and a late friend of Gathercole.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 6-10-17-21-30-49

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$13 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-3-8

NASA

By Andrew B. ...
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Astronomers are bumper crop of binary space rocks — orbital dance with the sun.

The latest discovery announced Wednesday by radar images showed 1999 KW4, objects separated by a mile, something suspected for the first time.

Radar images showed moon just one-quarter across whipping around a companion as large.

"Some day, people will see a binary asteroid, interesting sky object," said Steven Osterman, an Aeronautics Administration's Laboratory.

The discovery of roughly 10 the number of asteroids in the solar system since the space era.

Midwife

WAUKEGAN, Ill. — An unlicensed midwife, complete disregard for safety, when she attended a breech baby at home, argued Wednesday in a manslaughter trial. Yvonne Cryns is charged with manslaughter in the death of a baby. Verzi struggled to deliver the baby, but the baby died. Verzi is charged with manslaughter in the death of the baby. Verzi is charged with manslaughter in the death of the baby.



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NASA astronomers finding many asteroids have twins or moons

By Andrew Bridges
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Astronomers are discovering a bumper crop of binary asteroids — space rocks locked in an orbital dance with a partner.

The latest discovery was announced Wednesday, when radar images showed that asteroid 1999 KW4 is actually two objects separated by about a mile, something that had been suspected for the past year.

Radar images show a small moon just one-quarter of a mile across whipping clockwise around a companion three times as large.

"Some day, people will go to a binary asteroid and what an interesting sky they will see," said Steven Ostro of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The discovery boosts to roughly 10 the number of binary asteroids imaged by radar since the spacecraft Galileo spot-



This picture is made from images taken by the imaging system on the Galileo spacecraft, about 14 minutes before its closest approach to asteroid 243 Ida. The range from the spacecraft was about 6,500 miles. Ida's moon Dactyl is visible to the right of the asteroid. Astronomers are discovering a growing number of asteroid pairs, space rocks locked in an orbital dance with partners of equal or smaller size.

ted the first, 243 Ida and its tiny moon Dactyl. Another seven suspected pairs haven't been confirmed.

While the tally is still small, it

is certain to grow as astronomers refine the techniques used to spy the miniature planetary systems. Observations of paired craters on the Earth and other bodies led

astronomers to suspect that binary asteroids existed.

On Earth, the craters — all of equal age — are too large and too far apart to have been formed by a single asteroid breaking up in the atmosphere. The odds of two asteroids hitting the Earth in the same location and at the same time are slim — unless they were paired before impact. But the first binary asteroid was not seen until 1993, when Galileo spotted Ida and Dactyl while en route to Jupiter.

Not all asteroid moons orbit asteroids. The two moons of Mars, Phobos and Deimos, are probably asteroids captured in orbit by the planet's gravitational tug.

Czech astronomer Petr Pravec said the study of near-Earth asteroids is becoming more important — especially if scientists are going to entertain ways to defend the planet from potential asteroid impacts.

"If some of them are on a collision course with the Earth in the future, it will be more difficult

to divert them than if they were a single asteroid," Pravec said.

The asteroid pairs found so far share little more than diversity.

Pairs like 90 Antiope are nearly twins, each 50 miles or so across. Some, like 2000 DP107, are also of about equal size, but just hundreds of feet in diameter. Others are far more lopsided, like the case of 87 Sylvia, which at 176 miles across dwarfs its moon, just 5 percent as large.

Collisions may have formed many of the binary asteroids, meaning each little moon is, literally, a chip off the old block. In other cases, passing close to

Earth may have pulled off material, dumping it into a mini-orbit.

In the case of 1999 KW4, the objects may be the remnants of an extinct comet. Orbital observations will allow astronomers to determine the mass, density, composition and porosity of each member of the pair.

"That tells us an awful lot about these things without having to go there," said Bill Merline, a senior research scientist at the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colo., who has discovered three binary asteroids.

On the Net:
<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov>

Midwife tried on manslaughter charge in baby's death

WAUKEGAN, Ill. (AP) — An unlicensed midwife showed "complete disregard for everyone's safety" when she attempted to deliver a breech baby at home, prosecutors argued Wednesday at her involuntary manslaughter trial.

Yvonne Cryns is accused of failing to react properly as Heather Verzi struggled to give birth in August at Verzi's home north of Chicago. The boy became stuck during a feet-first breech delivery and was not breathing and turning blue when he was born.

"There are techniques that should have been employed that

were not and that led to the death of this baby," prosecutor Shannon Castellano said during closing arguments. "From start to finish, there is a complete disregard for everyone's safety."

The jury received the case Wednesday afternoon. Cryns faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

The trial has focused attention on the practice of home deliveries and parental rights, and has drawn supporters of Cryns, including several midwives.

Cryns is a direct-entry, or lay, midwife. She has no formal train-

ing or degree, and is not certified by the state. Nurse midwives are certified by the state, have master's

degrees in obstetrics and gynecology, and deliver babies mostly in hospitals.

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Oklahoma police begin unusual DNA dragnet in search for killer

By Jennifer L. Brown
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Police know who murdered Juli Busken. Not by name, but by the genetic code he left behind in the victim's car five years ago.

In their search for John Doe, police took blood from 200 men and compared their DNA to that of the man who left behind semen in Busken's car. There were no matches.

Police plan to test 200 more men who either lived near the victim and have a criminal record of violence, resemble the police sketch or have been identified as a possible suspect.

There is a growing debate about whether innocent people should have to hand over their blood. Besides concern over unreasonable searches, even supporters of DNA testing say such large-scale genetic dragnets raise the possibility of police coercion.

For Busken's father, the answer is easy. Besides a rough sketch of someone who was seen with Busken before her death, a DNA match is about all he has to cling to in hopes of finding his daughter's killer.

"If you don't want to give your DNA, you've got something to hide," said Bud Busken, who runs a golf course in Benton, Ark. "I'll stand by that until my dying day."

Busken, 21, had just finished her last semester at the University of Oklahoma when she was last seen on Dec. 20, 1996, and was about to drive home to Arkansas for Christmas vacation. Police believe she was abducted from the parking lot of her apartment building.

Her body was found near a lake. The aspiring ballerina had been raped and shot in the head.

Cleveland County District Attorney Tim Kuykendall turned to the DNA testing last year.

Some of those tested gave DNA samples to exonerate themselves. Others were people associated with Busken, including fellow college dancers and even stagehands who worked at the university.

Defense attorneys and civil libertarians call the sweeps an improper violation of the constitutional right to privacy.

A few such DNA dragnets have taken place in this country, but there's little precedent for determining their legality. Mass blood screenings are more common abroad, where the first was



University of Oklahoma Fine Arts graduate Juli Busken is seen in these photographs taken shortly before she was last seen alive on Dec. 26, 1996. Police know who murdered Juli Busken. But they don't know his name, only his genetic code left in semen in the college ballerina's car. To find him, police have taken blood from 200 men. But none of the DNA matched the killer's, so they plan to test 200 more.

AP Photos

ple. One of those was Dennis Stuermer, 23, who said his reputation has been tarnished because Oklahoma City police forced him to give a blood sample.

Stuermer's photograph ran on the front page of the state's largest newspaper after a woman in jail who knew his family said he might be Busken's killer.

In the months it took to get the results of the DNA test, his landlord tried to evict him, a boss threatened to fire him and a few personal relationships deteriorated.

in 1987 in England when 5,000 people had their blood tested after two teen-agers were raped and murdered.

Fred Leatherman, chairman of the Forensic Evidence Committee of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, said he knew of no legal challenges to block mass screenings in the United States. He predicted they would be challenged, calling them "a clear violation of the right to privacy."

Critics fear what happens to DNA samples after they're collected. Some suspect they would be used in future investigations by forensic scientists who sometimes make errors, or that they might end up in the hands of health insurance companies that could see which diseases a person is predisposed to develop.

"This is just horrendous, appalling," said Doug Parr, a board member of the Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. "It smacks of the kind of police state tactics that this country has gone to war against."

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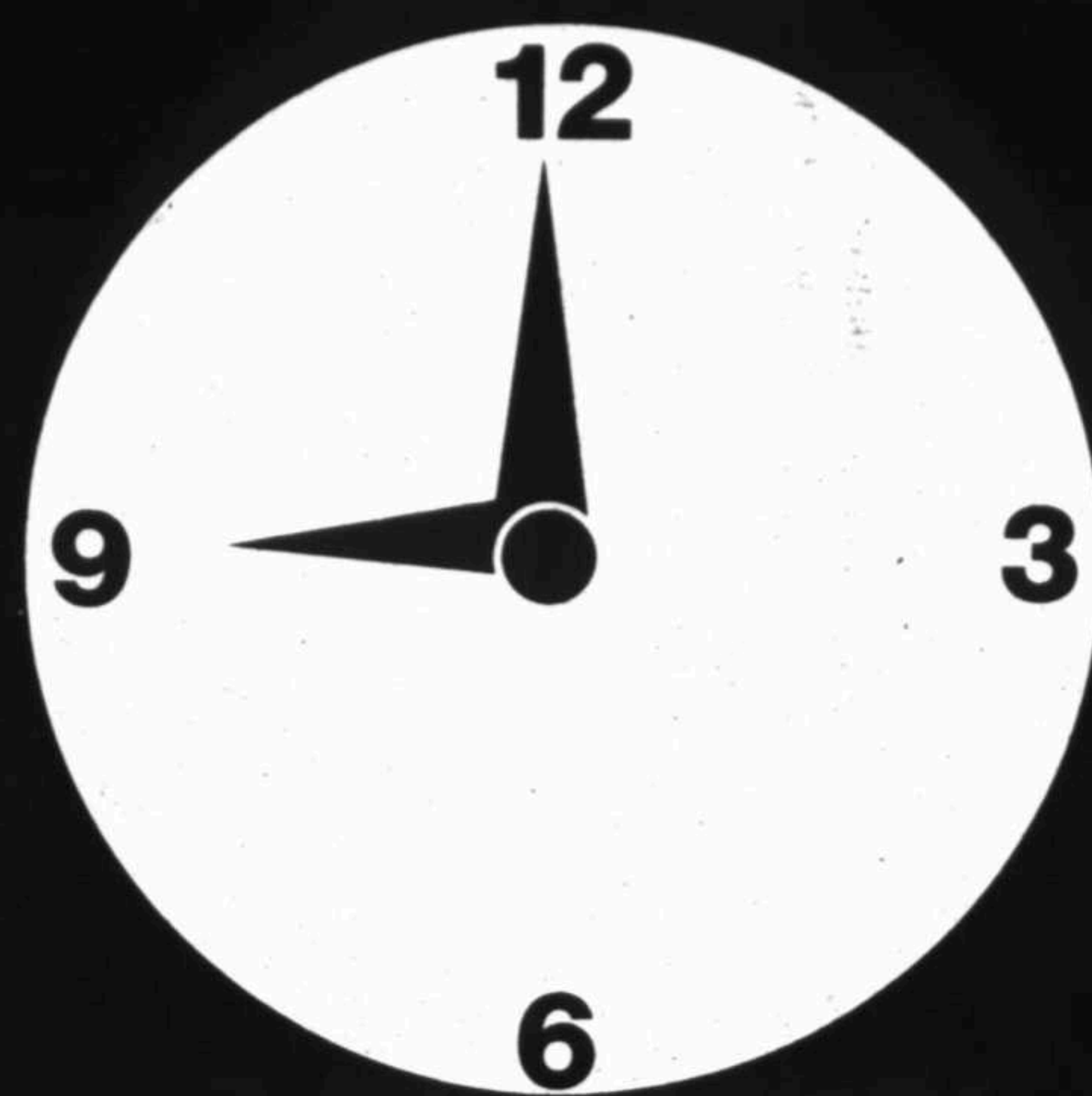
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Political battle unresolved in 77th Legislature

The 77th regular session of the Texas Legislature will likely go down in history as a session laced with political intrigue. But the biggest political game with the greatest consequences — redistricting — is still up in the air.

The session began on the heels of the jubilant sendoff of our governor to Washington, D.C. But no sooner had Lt. Gov. Rick Perry moved over to the governor's mansion than a holiday-season battle for the "acting" lieutenant governor's post began raging. Among a tough field of contenders, which included our own State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, Republican Sen. Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant eked out a single-vote victory. Ratliff has since announced that he will seek the lieutenant governor's chair in the next election.

Both Perry and Ratliff at times in their new jobs showed they lacked the political acumen of our new president, with unlikely utterances that riled certain segments of the public.

Perry seemed to regain his political balance and exhibit greater confidence when U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, his presumed primary rival in the governor's race, abruptly announced she would not seek the gubernatorial post even though many thought it was easily within her grasp.

Meanwhile, despite these political distractions, the legislative process was slowly grinding onward.

Legislators are pointing to the balanced budget and passage of hate crimes legislation as the major accomplishments of this session.

Bivins, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, is to be commended for his dedicated work on the teacher health insurance plan which will aid public school districts desperately trying to cope with rising insurance premiums and teacher recruitment problems.

But what about redistricting? Perry has indicated he will call a special session of the Legislature if he is presented with a redistricting plan. Locally, we are likely to see State Rep. Tom Craddick's district grow in geographic terms as our area has not seen the population explosion witnessed in other areas of Texas.

And our senate district? Many of us have been pleased with the job Bivins has done on our behalf and want to see him remain as our senator. But Bivins, frequently rumored to be a possible Bush appointee, has warned that he won't be here forever.

The 77th Session, which began in a political scramble, will likely heat up again in a political elbowing match this summer. That battle could certainly spill over into court.

Brace yourselves: The political gladiators may soon be quietly girding for battle in a fight which will have a long-term impact on our state.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, May 31, the 151st day of 2001. There are 214 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On May 31, 1819, poet Walt Whitman was born in West Hill, N.Y.

On this date:

In 1889, more than 2,000 people perished when a dam break sent water rushing through Johnstown, Pa.

In 1910, the Union of South Africa was founded.

In 1913, the 17th amendment to the Constitution, providing for the popular election of U.S. senators, was declared in effect.

In 1961, South Africa became an independent republic.

In 1962, World War II Gestapo official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel for his role in the Nazi Holocaust.

In 1970, tens of thousands of people died in an earthquake in Peru.

In 1976, Martha Mitchell, the estranged wife of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, died in New York.

In 1977, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making, was completed.

In 1989, House Speaker Jim Wright, dogged by questions about his ethics, announced he would resign. (Thomas Foley later succeeded him.)

In 1994, the United States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.

Ten years ago: Leaders of Angola's two warring factions signed a peace treaty, ending a 16-year-old civil war. Federal health officials announced a new Medicare fee schedule.

Five years ago: Benjamin Netanyahu claimed victory in Israel's election for prime minister, defeating incumbent Shimon Peres by nine-tenths of 1 percent.

GEORGE WILL

Tight political splits are nothing new

WASHINGTON — The answers are: 49, 49, 49, 48, 48, 48, 49, 48. The questions are:

What was the percentage (all these percentages are rounded off) of the popular vote Bill Clinton won in 1996? What was the percentage of the votes that Republican candidates for the House of Representatives won in 1996? What was the percentage that Democratic candidates won? What was the percentage of votes that Republican candidates for the House won in 1998? What was the percentage Democratic candidates won? What was the percentage of the popular vote George W. Bush won in 2000? What was the percentage Al Gore won? What was the percentage of votes for House candidates won by Republicans in 2000? What was the percentage won by Democratic candidates?

These numbers, compiled by Michael Barone for the forthcoming edition of his "Almanac of American Politics," illustrate the fact that deadlock is three election cycles old. Which is why the balance of power can be shifted by an event as trivial as James Jeffords' epiphany, in which he discovered that the Republican Party is objectionably (to him) pro-life and in favor of tax cuts and missile defenses — as it has been during his last five campaigns for House and Senate seats.

Critics say President Bush brought his current troubles on himself by asserting a mandate after narrowly winning the presidency. But if he had nar-

ried everything other than, say, Minnesota and the District of Columbia, critics would still deny he had a mandate. No matter how a Republican wins the presidency, Democrats, including most of the media, deny that a mandate resulted. When Dwight Eisenhower carried 80 of 98 states in two elections, it was dismissed as "purely personal" because, as was said, his smile was his political philosophy. When Reagan won decisively in 1980, the result was minimized as a negative judgment on President Carter, devoid of positive content.

Two days after the 1984 election, The Washington Post carried this unintentionally hilarious eight-column headline: DEMOCRATS CHALLENGE PRESIDENT'S LANDSLIDE AS A MANDATE. Asked who could have beaten Reagan, a Mondale aide said: "Robert Redford. Maybe Walter Cronkite." Thus was Reagan's 49-state non-mandate (he won 40 times more electoral votes than Walter Mondale's total from Minnesota and the District of Columbia) dismissed as purely personal — more proof of the Smile Theory of history.

The large deeds of Reagan's first term — principally, his tax cuts; but also the firing of the air traffic controllers, which, significantly, required no congressional role — were done by August of his first year. Similarly, even before Jeffords jumped ship, much of the business of Bush's first term agenda was done. He had achieved about 95 percent of his first priority, the tax cut. Missile defense had been affirmed, and now awaits the maturation of the requisite technology. About the education bill, conservatives are disappointed. However, the bill, which substantially increases education spending and which passed the House 384-45, makes ludicrous Jeffords' lament that Bush ignores the middle while appeasing the right.

Most conservative Republicans in the House voted against final passage of the education bill, complaining that Bush had worked too closely with liberal Democrats (e.g., Rep. George Miller and Sen. Ted Kennedy). Indeed, more House Democrats than Republicans voted for final passage. Consider two congressmen from opposite ends of the ideological spectrum, both of them independents. Bernie Sanders, the self-described socialist who caucuses with the Democrats, and Virginia's very conservative Virgil Goode, who came to Congress as a Democrat but who voted to impeach President Clinton and caucuses with the Republicans, voted together against the bill's most crucial component, the testing provisions.

Given the modern use of Senate rules — filibusters and threats of them — nothing important happens if 41 Senators strenuously object. So most Bush objectives were not going to be accomplished even if Jeffords had remained — or, as some would tartly say, had become — a Republican. Gridlock is the Democrats' delight, given the agenda of today's reactionary liberalism — preventing tax cuts, preventing school choice, preventing partial privatization of Social Security, preventing tort reform, preventing any limits on abortion, preventing any curtailment of racial preferences, preventing the traditional exercise of presidential discretion in making judicial nominations, preventing increased energy production by drilling here or putting power plants there.

However, obstruction is not an optimal program on which to run, in either 2002 or 2004. The argument in those elections has already been framed.

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WILLIAM SAFIRE

Divided government is often a blessing

HARPERS FERRY, W.Va. — We best honor fallen heroes by recalling the causes for which they fought, and — eschewing all smug triumphalism — counting the current blessings of American freedoms.

First, we remember the victory that ensures government only by consent of the governed. Here we are fretting about the unvoted switch in power in the Senate, wondering who will now "set the agenda" and if the two parties will conflict or compromise.

But in the recent election, the electorate split down the middle. No ideology won, yet all three branches — Congress, the White House, the Supreme Court — were in conservative hands by the narrowest of margins. Although that was constitutionally legitimate, the one-sided result of the photo-finish race struck many as out of whack.

What better reflection of the consent of the undecided governed than what we have now — closely divided government? As a result, the three branches now have a choice: paralysis through media blame-casting or progress through political horse-trading.

Because voters next year will punish incumbents of both parties for partisan gridlock, public officials have every incentive to perfect the art of the deal. Because "compromise or else" is the order of the day, the principled struggles will be within each party to choose what to fight for and what to sacrifice. And because we the governed are demonstrably uncertain, we are getting only what we consented to. Go find a more ingenious system.

The next blessing is an economic philosophy that has produced prosperity that is the wonder of the world. Communism and socialism turned out to be wavelets of the past; fascism and its corporate state failed as well — though their vestiges persist under benighted and authoritarian regimes. The hidden hands of free-market economics applaud the American locomotive that is pulling the world forward.

The capitalist system, which most raises the standard of living, has won the worldwide competition. But because the business cycle is part of it, as natural as breathing, any temporary downturn or short-term shortage brings cries to veer off into a command economy. Hence the demagogic call for energy "price caps," always politically satisfying at first — populist interference with the market's self-correction that would lead to worse shortages and rationing, to inflation and wage control.

High prices invite fresh supply and restrict demand, which then lowers prices; government can ameliorate the pain of transition and enforce fair competition, but it is the unshackled working of the enterprise system that best balances supply and demand. It has proved to be the most practical system known to humanity, with the most personal freedom built into it; we should be grateful that America is its exemplar. Our emphasis on economic freedom is the source of our military strength and has made it possible for us to lead the fight to save democracy.

Now that they are safe and healthy, nations freed from Nazism and saved from Communism are, in FDR's words about post-Depression Republicans, "throwing their crutches at the doctor."

Here comes the obligatory to-be-sure graph: "Consent of the governed" often leaves a dissenting minority unsatisfied. The free-market system needs protection for competition, privacy, public health and a safety net for people who cannot compete. And we are not the only nation to stand up for human rights.

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MARIANNE MEANS

In England, tax cuts don't sell

LONDON — Unless the polls are completely wacky, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his ruling Labor Party will be handily re-elected on June 7, demonstrating that the conservative issues championed by President Bush are not automatically sweeping the English-speaking world.

The Tories, led by an unpopular William Hague, have echoed Bush with a right-wing ideology centered on promises of huge tax cuts, a smaller national government and a restrained economic and military global involvement.

But British voters want more government spending, not less. The chief grumble about Blair, in fact, is that he hasn't spent enough on essential public services such as transportation, education and health care.

For decades American and British leaders have been personally and philosophically compatible, which has facilitated their cooperation across the ocean on major international problems. Former President Ronald Reagan and former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher were buddies who viewed politics through a similar conservative prism. Blair and former President Bill Clinton copied each other, remodeling their parties from relatively narrow liberal-left outposts into center-left coalitions that could win victories at the polls.

With Blair's re-election, however, the British-American alliance may be under new strain since Blair and Bush approach national and international issues from opposite ends of the political spectrum. A Sunday Telegraph reporter asked an unnamed American Republican adviser traveling with Hague's entourage whether Clinton should get some credit for trying to use America's influence to solve conflicts around the world. "The (voter) base just isn't interested in all that stuff," the adviser replied, dismissing the environment and other world issues as irrelevant in this election.

Since Blair came to power in 1997 on a "New Labor" platform, the defeated Tories have been torn apart by

a wrestle over whether their loss was due to being too conservative or not conservative enough. In the United States, congressional Republicans are currently engaged in the same argument in the wake of moderate GOP Sen. James Jeffords' defection that aids the Democrats.

In desperation, Hague produced Thatcher, 75, the other day to try to crank up more conservative fervor, although she had once ridiculed him as "wee Willy." Predictably, she denounced the Blair government as "rotten" and warned that English sovereignty would be destroyed if the British pound is supplanted by the euro, the new currency of the European Union. The election will not, however, turn on the fate of the pound. Blair is ambiguous on the subject, and Hague has merely said it is too early to decide.

And Thatcher could not reverse polls that have shown Labor at least 20 points ahead of the Tories from the beginning of this race.

When Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott got into a brawl by punching Craig Evans, a burly farm worker who had hit him with an egg, Labor's polls actually went up 2 percentage points. Television surveys immediately after the famous punch reported that an overwhelming majority of viewers approved.

Under their parliamentary system, a British campaign bears many similarities to our American version, but there are also stark differences. As the egg incident demonstrates, the candidates travel with little official security, unlike the cordon of protection that surrounds our candidates. Weirdly, egg-throwing at candidates is a time-honored political tradition, although irately punching out the thrower is a new development.

This is the stuff that keeps reporters in business and visitors like this columnist amused. But it does not go to the heart of the big picture that determines the election. The fact is the British economy is prosperous and people like Blair's engaging personality. Labor has done a better job than the Democrats did last year of making big government spending more appealing than the Tories' big tax cut. There's no real reason to switch.

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DOONESBURY



Study: Tax burden, income of wealthy have grown most since 1979

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While the share of overall federal taxes paid by the wealthiest Americans has ballooned in the past two decades, the income of that richest group has grown even faster, a study by the Congressional Budget Office shows.

The report by Congress' non-partisan fiscal analyst said that from 1979 to 1997, the portion of all federal taxes that are paid by the best-off 1 percent of households has grown from 15.5 percent to 23 percent. That means their share of total taxes grew by 48 percent over the period.

During the same time, the average after-tax income of that wealthiest 1 percent swelled from \$263,700 to \$677,900 — a 157 percent increase that dwarfs the income growth of households making less money.

The lowest-earning one-fifth of Americans saw their average after-tax income drop from \$10,900 to \$10,800 during the period, the study showed. And the middle one-fifth of Americans by income distribution went from a \$33,800 average to \$37,200 — a 10 percent increase.

"The distribution of income among households grew substantially more unequal during the 1979-1997 period," said the analysis, which the budget office quietly released during last week's tax debate in Congress.

The report covers the 19 years ending in 1997, the most recent year for which figures are available, and is based on data gathered by the Census Bureau, the Internal Revenue Service and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The budget office periodically issues reports on tax and income distribution.

The study could supply political ammunition to both sides in the debate over President Bush's top domestic priority, a mammoth tax cut, though it does not include the effects of that legislation.

Congress voted final approval last Saturday to a 10-year, \$1.35

Tax-cut checks should be in mail by end of summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Let the mailbox vigil begin. Millions of tax-cut checks should be arriving by the end of summer, if not sooner.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said Wednesday he'll do everything he can to speed delivery of the checks — up to \$300 for individual taxpayers and a maximum \$600 for couples — in the government's first mass tax refund in a quarter century.

Congress authorized the rebates in the \$1.35 trillion, 10-year tax-cut package approved last weekend.

As it now stands, most of the estimated 95 million taxpayers eligible for rebate checks probably will see them in their mailboxes in September. But O'Neill said he is pushing officials at Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service to explore all options for getting the checks out before then.

"We may not be able to do better than that, but I am not satisfied that we can't yet," O'Neill said during a brief interview session at the Treasury Department. Neither O'Neill nor Treasury officials elaborated on the possibilities.

The hope is that people will spend the money, thus providing a boost to the sagging economy.

"Roughly half of the population is struggling and living almost paycheck to paycheck and those folks will use the tax rebate almost immediately," predicted Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com. "It will be good timing." In all, he believes roughly half of each refund check will be spent and half saved.

Under the legislative package, which Bush is expected to sign into law soon, individuals would get a maximum \$300 back this year, while single parents would receive up to \$500 and married couples up to \$600.

The refund checks come to 5 percent of a filer's first taxable income, based on last year's figures: the first \$6,000 for an individual filer and \$12,000 for a married couple. Congress in the tax legislation lowered the bottom tax rate for 2001 to 10 percent from 15 percent.

Under the current procedures, the IRS in July will send a letter to every person who submitted a tax return for 2000 by the mid-April deadline, Treasury spokeswoman Michele Davis said. The letter will tell them whether they are qualified for a refund check, how much they will get back and when the check will be mailed, she said.

trillion tax reduction that Bush is likely to sign next week. His Republican supporters hailed the measure as a tonic for the economy that will also provide overdue relief for taxpayers, while Democrats derided it as an oversized boon to the rich that will deprive Social Security, education and other programs of needed funds.

Robert Greenstein, director of the liberal Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, emphasized the study's findings of discrepancies between the wealthy and lower-earning Americans.

"The gaps between the rich and poor, and the rich and the middle-class, are now the widest on record," he said Wednesday in an interview.

"In some ways, it's too bad this study wasn't available six months ago" just before the tax debate began, he said.

But conservatives said the income discrepancies between rich and poor reflected in part that in 1997, there were far more college students with low earnings and baby boomers at the peaks of their

careers than there were in 1979. This will ease as the students graduate and make more money and the baby boomers retire, they said.

"This has a lot to do with tax pol-

icy, but also a lot to do with demographic changes," said Kirk Johnson, who analyzes income and social programs at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Conservatives also took issue with the study's findings that Americans of all income groups lost less of their earnings on average to federal taxes in 1997 than

in 1979. They noted that if the reporting period started just two years later — in 198 — the tax burden would show a drop for all but the best-off one-fifth of Americans.

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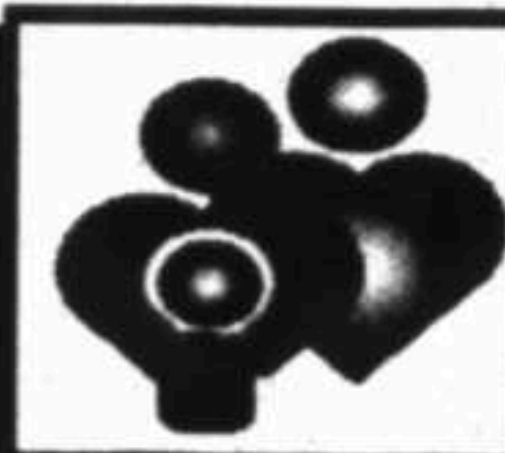
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Germany frees payments to Nazi slave laborers

By Geir Moulson
Associated Press

BERLIN — Extending a historic gesture to a long-ignored group of Holocaust survivors, German lawmakers on Wednesday removed the final obstacle to payments compensating men and women forced into labor by the Nazis during World War II.

After months of wrangling over a \$4.6 billion fund sparked by U.S. lawsuits against German companies, payouts are now expected to start next month to what could be more than 1 million forced and slave laborers, most in eastern Europe.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, speaking before Parliament voted, expressed satisfaction that a new Germany — symbolized by Berlin's revival as the capital — had stepped up to show responsibility for its past even 56 years after the war's end.

"I want to start with a word which I think reflects the relief we all feel today," Schroeder declared. "That word is: 'finally.'"

The near-unanimous vote capped two years of intricate negotiations and months of legal wrangling over the dismissal of U.S. lawsuits — the "legal peace" that German industry had demanded as a condition for financing the fund 50-50 with the government.

In neighboring Poland, home to an estimated 500,000 surviving laborers, Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek welcomed the decision.

"This was the day we were all waiting for," he said. "We are aware that this is not full compensation, because that is not possible. But it is a fair sum."

The fund's one-time payments will be up to \$6,700 per person, an amount many former laborers say can only be symbolic. Some 300,000 claims already have been approved.

The Conference of Jewish Material Claims against Germany, one of the organizations that will distribute the money, said it is preparing to pay an initial 10,000 survivors within two weeks.

"This historic vote fulfills Germany's obligation to Holocaust survivors who have been waiting some 60 years for their small measure of justice," said Gideon Taylor, the organization's executive vice president. "We are racing against the clock to get payments to survivors in their lifetimes."

Germany has paid some \$60 billion in restitution for the suffering of Nazi victims, but slave labor was not explicitly included in postwar German restitution laws. German companies' long denied responsibility for using slave labor, arguing they had been pressured by the Nazis.

Even as they closed the difficult process of negotiating compensation for Nazi laborers, German leaders made it clear they are by no means through dealing with the country's past.

Schroeder, who pledged to compensate the Nazi-era laborers after his 1998 election, said the fund "sends a signal that Germany is fully conscious of the terrible crimes of its past, and will remain so."

"We have tried to draw a

financial line under the darkest chapter of our history," said Otto Lambsdorff, the government's chief negotiator. But, he added, "we can and must never draw a moral line."

Only a few conservative lawmakers voted against Wednesday's parliamentary motion. Some lawmakers suggested that previous German compensation efforts had been overlooked in the discussion over slave labor.

"Unfortunately, the impression may have been created in the past few weeks that only now is compensation beginning for Nazi crimes," said Wolfgang Bosbach of the opposition Christian Democrats, who nonetheless endorsed the payments.

Another conservative, Martin Hohmann, was jeered as he claimed that "nine out of 10" people in line to benefit from the new fund already had been compensated for other suffering under the Nazis.

Some 6,300 companies pledged contributions to the industry fund-raising drive, launched by 16 major German corporations in 1999 to fend off class-action lawsuits by survivors in the United States.

After negotiations involving the U.S. and other governments, key class-action litigation against German companies was dismissed this month after industry announced in March it had finally secured its full share.

The U.S. State Department's envoy for Holocaust issues praised Germany for finally coming through with compensation.

"The large contribution by the German side, both the industry and government, has made it possible to reach our effort to have a dignified payment," said James Bindenagel, who was in Berlin for Wednesday's debate.

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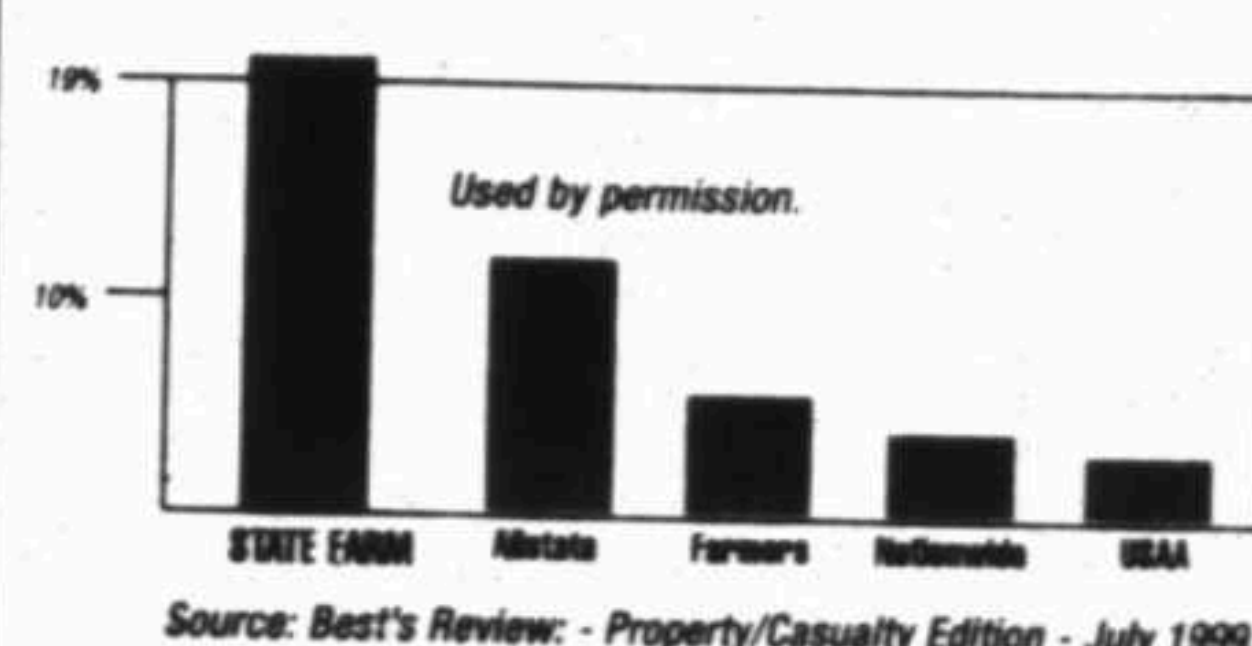
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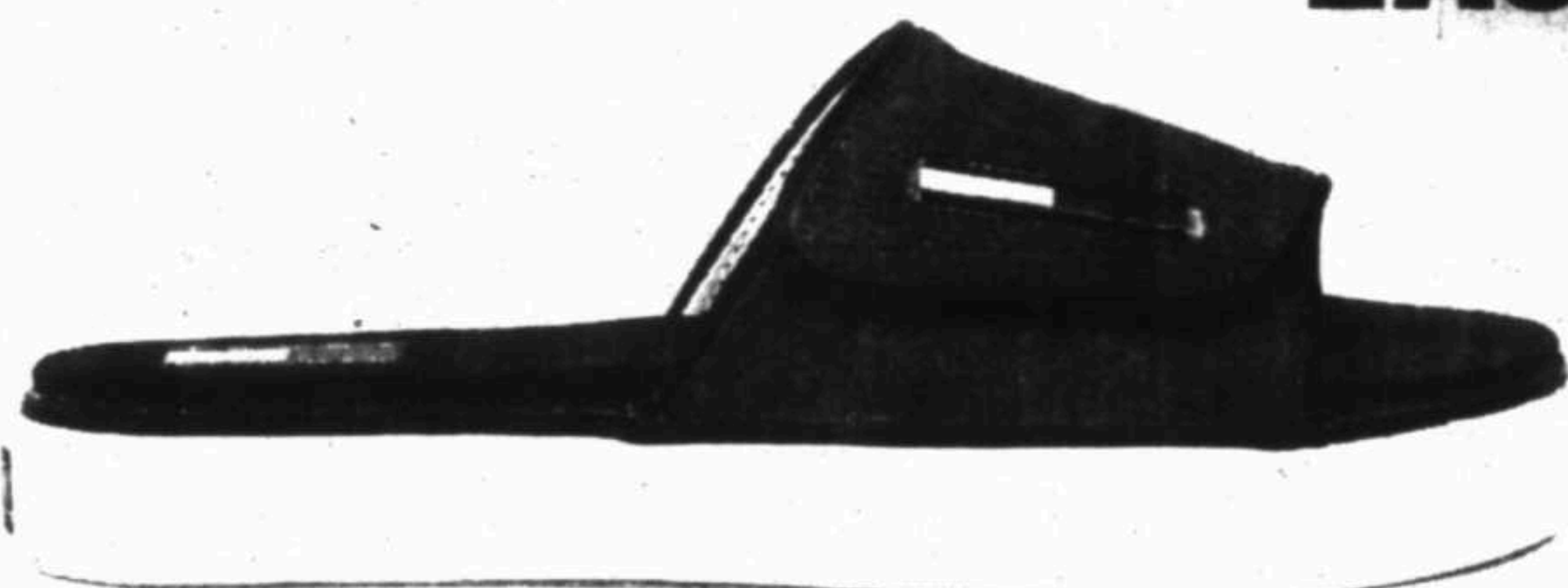


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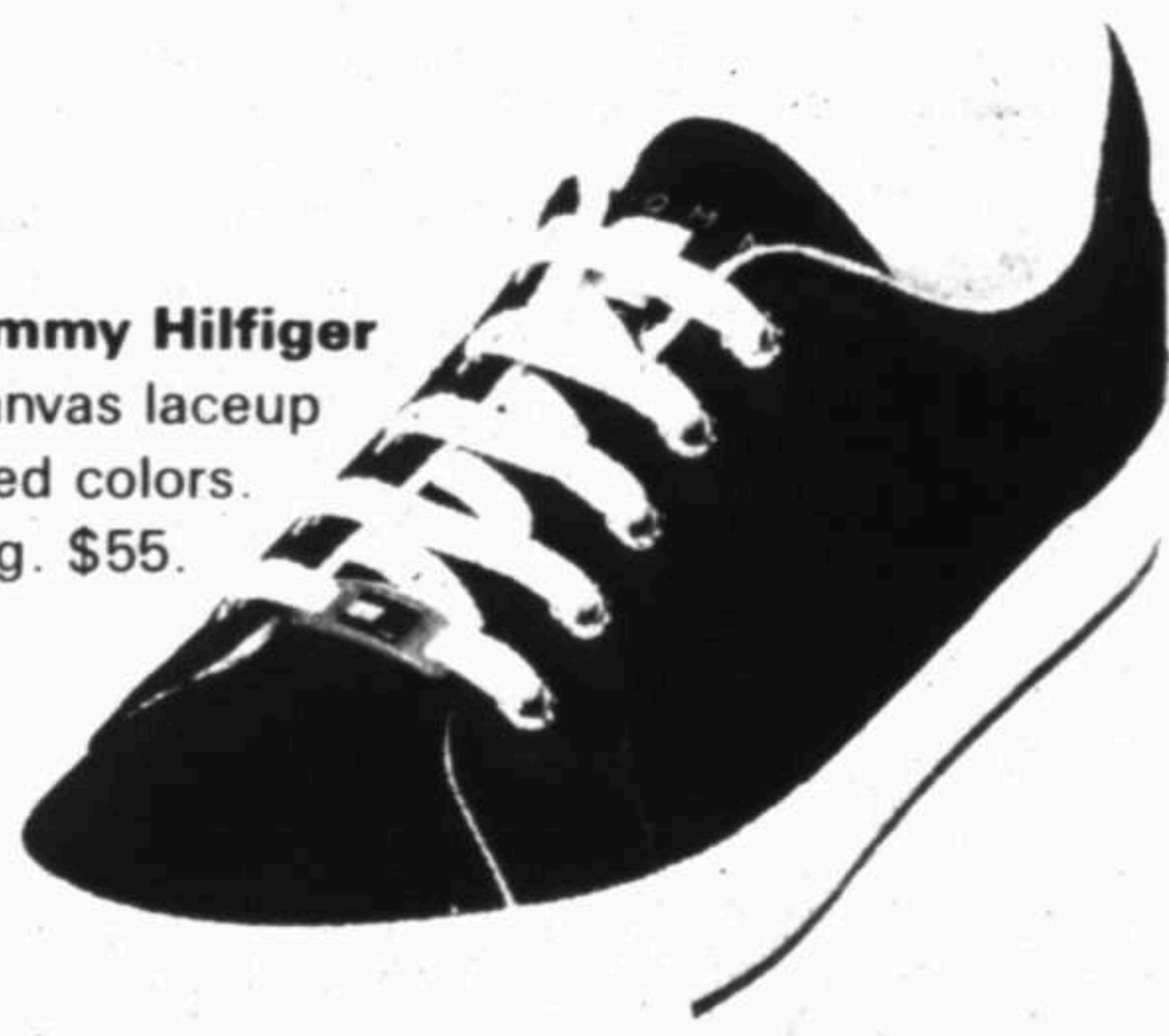


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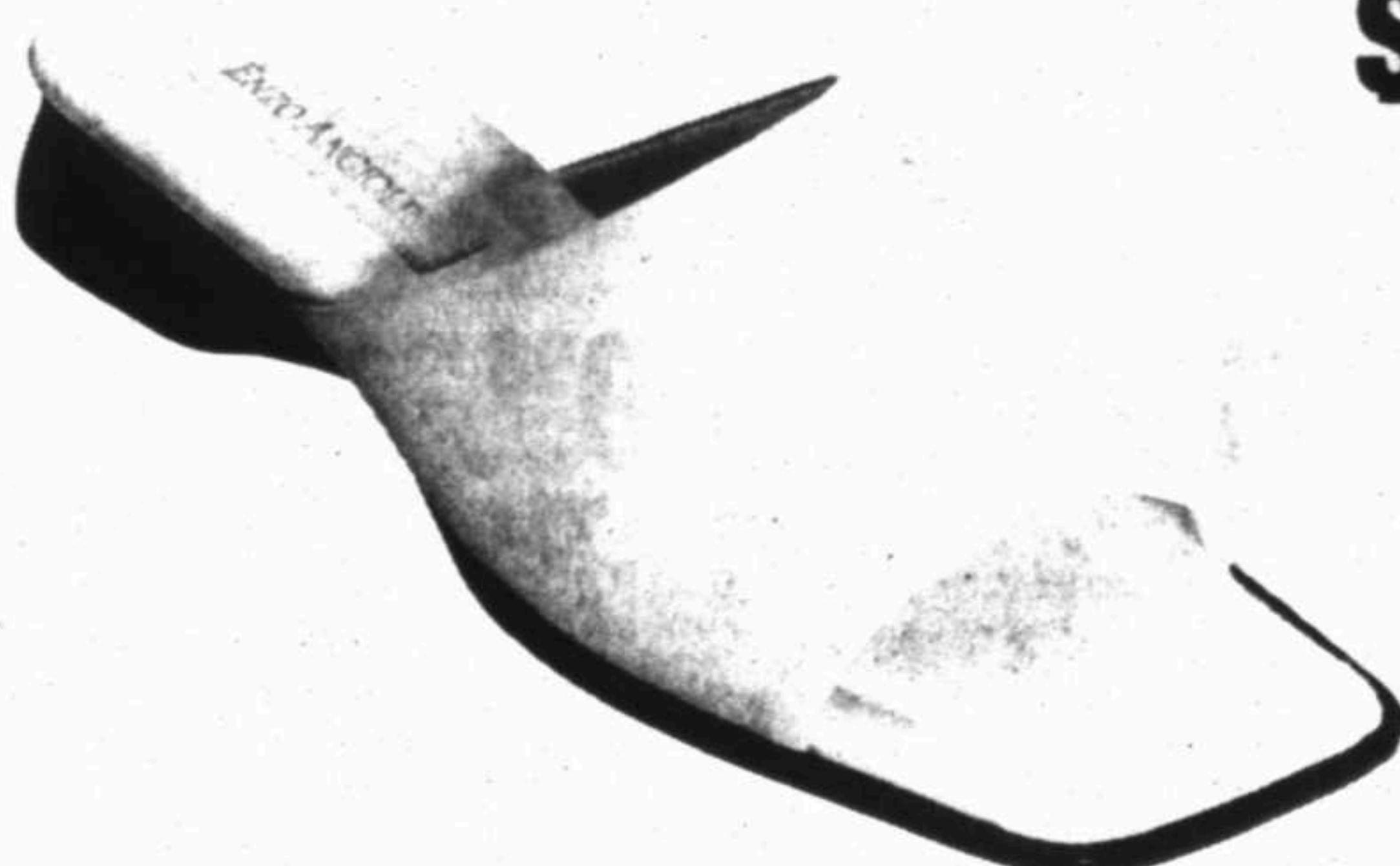
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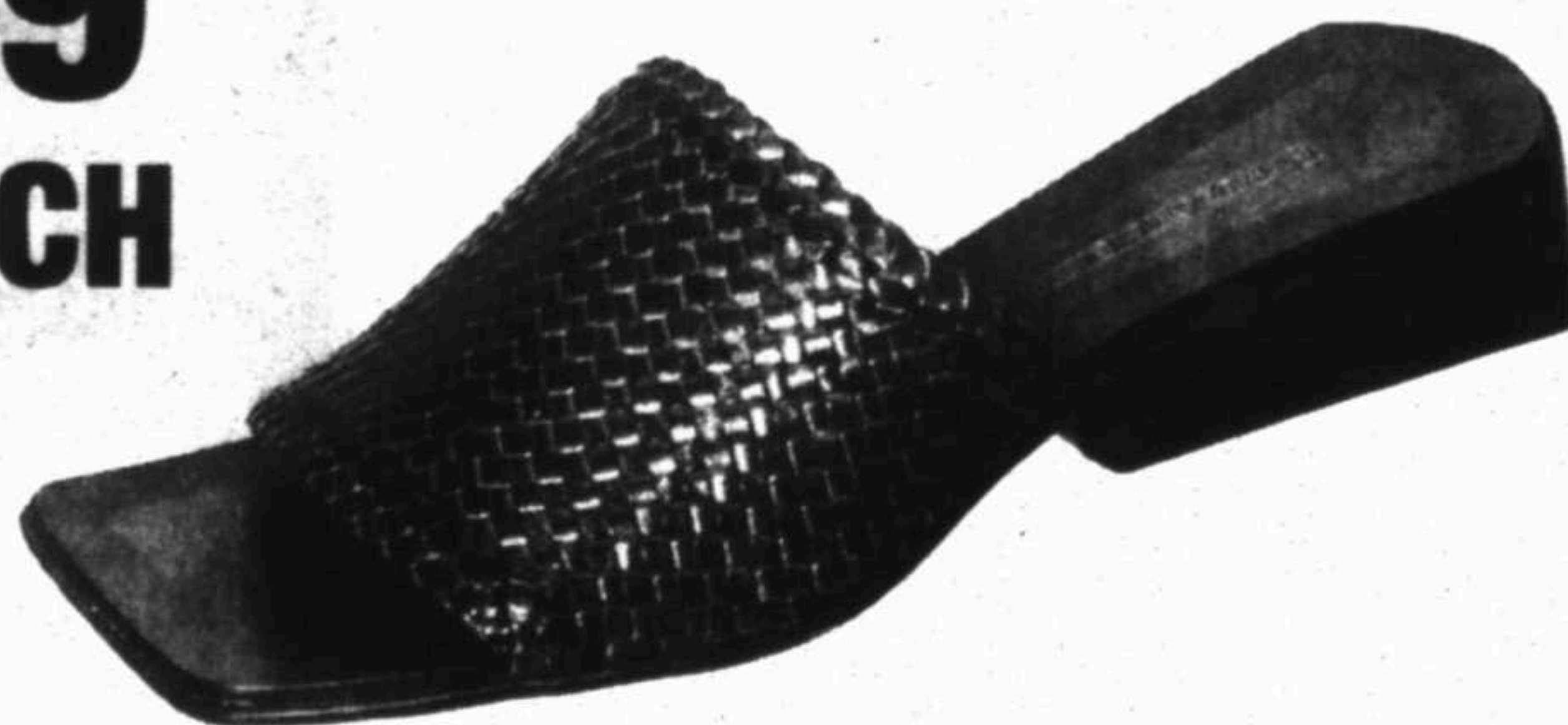
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Hospital's financial health improves

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland Memorial Hospital's financial health continued to improve in April, the seventh month of the hospital's fiscal year.

Bob Dimit, president of the Midland County Hospital Board of Directors, reported that in April, the hospital had revenues of \$10.8 million and expenses of \$10.77 million for an operating excess of \$28,555, up sharply from the budgeted loss of \$344,809 the hospital had expected.

For the seven months of the fiscal year, the hospital reported operating revenues of \$72.7 million and expenses of \$73.3 million for an operating loss of \$589,676, considerably better than the budgeted loss of \$1.76 million.

"An excess of about \$28,000 may not seem too high, but compared to what we had budgeted, it's outstanding," Dimit commented. "We're doing three times better than we thought we would be at this point."

He is further encouraged because revisions to the

Balanced Budget Act of 1997 — believed to be the cause of financial difficulties that have plagued hospitals around the country — went into effect in April and should begin benefiting the hospital's financial results with the May report.

Board members also agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to participate in a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone to help revitalize downtown Midland, after language in the memorandum was changed.

Dimit explained in order for a taxing entity to opt out of the TIRZ, three conditions have to be met: No public improvement has been started in the zone during a specified period; the property value in the zone has not increased, giving no incremental funding to the TIRZ; and there are no plans in place to improve the zoned area.

"Anyone can say 'I've got a plan' and keep us in the TIRZ," he said. "I had added 'deemed viable by a vote of nine directors of the TIRZ board,'" he said.

A second objection, he told the board, was that originally a simple majority of the 12 board mem-

bers had to vote for a project to win its approval.

"The problem was it's a city-dominated board," Dimit said. "No matter what the other entities said, the city could approve a project. I had it changed to require a super majority, which equals nine of the 12 or 75 percent of the board has to approve a project."

"That forces the city to get a buy-in from at least two of the other taxing entities. Three of the four taxing groups have to approve a project. That gave us more strength; it gave the college more strength, it gave the county more strength."

A lengthy discussion developed over the consideration of a service contract between the hospital district and the Midland Chamber of Commerce for the hospital to purchase five copies of the Midland Assessment and Action Plan, its economic and demographic data, regular updates and two seats and one ex-officio seat on the MAAP planning committee.

Director Pete Hulder expressed concern the agreement would mean all the taxing entities would be expected to support any related proposals and would

lose their autonomy.

Fellow director Jess Parrish said he saw the contract as a plus and merely an effort by the chamber to establish a forum to bring all the taxing entities together to share information about their plans.

Dimit said he sees it as an effort to build an information-sharing forum rather than a way to get the taxing entities to hide behind closed doors and agree on bond plans.

"I think our board is strong, with strong-willed individuals with a powerful sense of what's right and wrong for the hospital and for their constituents. The city and county are the same way, and you can ask Dr. Daniel (of Midland College) any time and he'll tell you he won't run with the pack unless he thinks the pack is right," he said.

In other action:

The board approved a contract with Rivercrest Hospital in San Angelo to provide psychiatric and chemical dependency services to indigent patients.

The board also agreed to join other taxing entities in using the same consultant for redistricting purposes as required after the 2000 Census.

It's a gimme!



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Parker Henderson, 3, tries to get his ball in the cup Wednesday morning at the golf course set up in the Midland County Library. The library set up the indoor course to kick off its summer reading program.

Stormy weather predicted for West Texas

By Andrea Fryrear
MRT Correspondent

Scattered thunderstorms and rain could be in the forecast for Midland County later this week. While a Monday night storm was followed by pleasant skies so far this week, Monday's activity may only be a preview of what is in store for drought-stricken West Texas.

Although temperatures will continue their warm pattern with lows in the mid-to-upper 60s and the highs in the 90s, the National Weather Service reports a continuing chance for showers and thunderstorms through Saturday. Each day offers at least a 20 percent chance of rainfall.

The predicted showers may seem unusual to parched West Texans, but May is actually a seasonally wet month. According to Michael Young and the National Weather Service, precipitation usually averages just under two inches during May. But this year West Texas has received barely one inch. A week of showers could pull May's average precipitation back up where it belongs.

"From Sunday to Tuesday there is no mention of showers and thunderstorms," Young said. "Through Saturday there's a chance everyday."

The wet weather started on Monday when the National Weather Service reported radar estimates of approximately four inches of rain in the eastern areas of Midland County that evening. Along with the much-needed drops of rain, lightning and a substantial amount of hail fell on Midland causing a surprising pre-summer storm.

"A DPS trooper reported golf ball-sized hail falling at 7:31 p.m. on Monday around Interstate 20, about 10 miles northeast of the city of Midland," said Young.

Despite this peppering of hail, Tina Jauz, the public information officer for the Midland Police Department, said there had been no reports of damage done by the storm.

"The storm provided localized improvement, although not substantial relief, to Midland's lengthy drought," Young said.

The rain brought a brief respite to local farmers and ranchers, but it did little more than dampen fields. In fact the rainfall was scattered and many parched areas of Midland county remained dry throughout Monday's storm.

Areas that were untouched by this recent rainfall may continue to hope for relief in the coming week.

While most Midlanders, especially farmers, welcome the rain, to some, however, the National Weather Service's predictions are unwelcome. Students Sarah Johnson and Caitlin Michaels prefer the usual dryness over the showers that are expected this week.

"When it's dry you can go swimming," they explained. "And you're not in danger (from the hail or high winds)."

Others remain undisturbed by the possibility of thunderstorms and the perils it may bring.

"It (the predicted storms) could happen or it could not happen," Midlander Billie Harvey said. "You never can tell in West Texas. You'll hear it thundering and lightning and nothing will happen."

This was certainly the case for residents outside of Eastern Midland county during Monday's thunderstorm, who saw and heard the storm but did not experience any of its benefits or dangers.

Missionary to hold forums on the Middle East

By Kristine Aleman
MRT Correspondent

Midlanders will get a chance to listen to an international missionary and a White House Correspondent speak about news in the Middle East next week.

Rev. Michael Howard of Sudan and Bill Keonig of Washington D.C. will travel to Midland on Friday. "We want all faiths to come and participate and be in unity for our nation and for the Lord," said Mary Linthicum, who formerly worked with both Howard and Keonig. "We're in really critical times. While we have freedom of speech, we have to take advantage of it."

Both Howard and Keonig will be speaking at churches around the community, on local radio and at the Midland Center. Sessions are open to the public. Howard was born in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, Africa and attended Rhodes University at age 17 studying political science and economic history. After graduating in 1973, he worked in England writing pam-

phlets on Christianity versus Communism.

After, what he calls, "coming face-to-face with Jesus," Howard enlisted in the Army in Zimbabwe and was sent to East Africa. He spent two years in service and administered in the rural areas. Howard then went on to teach and became a pastor full time and created the Shekinah Ministries, a missionary organization in Sudan.

"He not only talks about laying his life down for someone else, he does it everyday," said Ruth Leigh, director of The Healing Center, describing current conditions in Sudan. "He brings a heart and a love for the nation, and a heart and a love for the other people."

Ms. Leigh spent time in Sudan visiting with Howard and his school three years ago.

Currently, the Shekinah Ministry trains missionaries through a two-year program, providing students room and board and monthly funds to support their families while the students are away.

"He is testimony that ordinary people can do extraordinary things," Ms. Leigh said. "He's a real witness to the people in Sudan, and he brings hope."

Journalist Keonig graduated from Arizona State University with a bachelor of science in communications. He began publication of "Keonig's International News," a

Utilities prepared for severe weather season

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

With West Texas in the midst of tornado season and the chances of sudden high winds, hail and rain always in the cards, local utilities are challenged to maintain service in the face of such severe weather.

"We have crews on call at all times," said Terry Blair, Midland district manager for TX Electric & Gas.

Blair said TXU has had no problems in Midland other than some service outages, "minor problems considering the weather conditions." He said severe weather in neighboring areas kept crews busy over the Memorial Day weekend in Stanton, Lamesa and Big Spring.

Blair also said, "on Monday we sent crews from Snyder, Sweetwater and Big Spring to Wichita Falls" where high winds and storms had knocked down 14 poles. "We're always ready to send crews to help in other areas."

According to Blair, the utility's dispatch center in Odessa has a weather system comparable to the Doppler radar television meteorologists use, allowing the dispatchers to alert crews to approaching storms.

Southwestern Bell's emergency response team began reviewing the company's tornado response plan to respond to tornadoes and severe weather in March, the beginning of the state's tornado season.

Nora McNeil, a spokeswoman for Southwestern Bell, said area crews have not had to request assistance from outside the area due to weather "but they are working overtime and weekends" to address problems.

She said the company's new Intelligent Field Device, a laptop computer given all 27,000 of Southwestern Bell's technicians, has been very effective in helping to quickly and efficiently make repairs.

The IFD lets technicians assess line problems, run seven basic diagnostic tests in 15 seconds and provides cable maps and street directions for faster response.

Guy Andrews, external affairs manager in Southwestern Bell's Midland office pointed out that the IFD also allows service crews from another city or state responding to an emergency more quickly provide assistance.

The company's fiber optic cable can help it redirect calls automatically when major phone lines are damaged and in each community it serves, the central offices are equipped with generators and batteries in case power is disrupted.

Monday's showers, lightning and hail may have marked the beginning of a welcome wet spell, but West Texas residents will continue to watch the sky for a realization of the predicted rainfall.

The week's end will determine if the skies of West Texas will bring relief to their inhabitants or simply a sensory display.

National spelling bee stings Midlander

By Lara Jakes
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — He had studied nightly for weeks and all but memorized a list of 250 tough words to prepare for the National Spelling Bee. But 13-year-old Chiraag Alur of Midland, had never heard of the word "prolix" when it was put to him Wednesday morning during the competition's second round here.

"Could you repeat the word, please? Um, can I have a definition?" asked the slender seventh-grader from Abell Junior High School. Told the word meant prolonged or long-winded, Chiraag still drew a blank. Prolix was not on the list he had studied.

"Can I have the word's origin? Could you use it in a sentence?" he asked. Finally, haltingly, he spelled out: P-R-O-L-I-X-U-E-S.

"Ding" went the bee's dreaded bell signaling a mistake. And off Chiraag went to the "comfort room" where youngsters take a few moments of solace and eat some cookies after being disqualified from the contest.

"I didn't know it," Chiraag said later of prolix. "I'd never heard of the word, but the only

word I could think of was 'prolixes.' I don't know if that's a real word or not," he admitted sheepishly.

Chiraag was one of 178 youngsters to advance to the second round of the Scripps Howard national bee — out of 248 who entered. He was sponsored by the Reporter-Telegram after winning a regional contest in March.

Sixteen other students, ranging in age from 10 to 15, were also knocked out of Chiraag's group of 94 spellers in the second round.

Although Chiraag competed last year in the regional bee, this week marked his debut at the 74th national contest, which is the sponsored by the E.W. Scripps Co., a media corporation based in Cincinnati. The first Scripps Howard bee took place in 1925 at the Louisville Courier-Journal in Kentucky. It has been held every year since except 1943, 1944 and 1945 during World War II.

This year's bee — the nation's largest and longest-running — also gave Chiraag a chance to come for the first time to the nation's capital. "I'm planning on coming next year, too," he said, vowing to be better prepared for next year's bee. "I'll probably study a lot more, enrich my vocabulary, read a lot more."



Chiraag Alur



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Area briefs

Training class

The Midland Police Department will be conducting a new "Citizens On Patrol" training class, June 19 and 21 from 7 to 10 p.m. at 601 N. Loraine, 3rd floor classroom at the police department.

The C.O.P.S. program allows citizens to patrol neighborhoods as extra eyes and ears for the police department. The volunteers of this program assist as a deterrent to crime and help catch criminals.

Upon completion of the classroom training, the candidates must ride for eight hours with Patrol Officers. There is no cost, however, you must complete and submit an application for the program to attend. Applications are available at the front desk of the police department or through the Community Relations Unit. For more information call 685-7580.

Lunch program

Midland County Public Library's fourth season of Summer Brown Bag Lunch programs will begin Wednesday, June 13 at noon in the

Library's upstairs meeting room at 301 W. Missouri. The series begins with Butterflies of Midland County presented by Joann Merritt. The public is invited to attend these programs and bring lunch. Tea, coffee and water are provided. Meeting room opens at 11:45 a.m.

The eight remaining programs are:

June 20: "Boom and Bust: Water and West Texas Ghost Towns," Brandon Young, Sibley Nature Center.

June 27: "Best Trees for the West Texas Landscape," Debbie Frost, TAEX horticulturist.

July 11: "Hunting for Elusive Ancestors: The Joys of Genealogy," Midge Jones, Midland Genealogical Society.

July 18: "Prehistoric Graftiti: Rock Art of West Texas," Eunice Barkes, Midland Archaeological Society.

July 24: "Nighttime Glimmer: The Stars of West Texas," Connie and Gene Hardy, Blakemore Planetarium of the Museum of the Southwest.

August 1: "Digital TV: What is it?," Jim Blischke,

KOCV TV.

August 8: "Gemstone Treasures of West Texas," Randy Bryant, Gem and Mineral Society.

August 15: "Avian Dwellers and Visitors of Midland County," Don Hunter, Midland Naturalists.

Presentation

Allison Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society are sponsoring a presentation on prostate cancer at the Holiday Inn Suites on June 11 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dr. James Corwin will speak on prostate cancer treatments available locally and other recommendations, and a panel of prostate cancer survivors will discuss their experiences with the disease. On June 12, a free prostate cancer screening will be offered from 5 to 7 p.m. at Allison Cancer Center, 301 N. "N" Street. Appointments will be taken in advance until 3 p.m. June 11 and can be made by calling 687-1949. Participating physicians are Dr. Corwin, Dr. Michael Dragun, Dr. Daniel Khouri and Dr. John Staub.

OBITUARIES



Leonard Olliff

Leonard E. Olliff died on May 22, 2001, one month before his 93rd birthday. He was born June 27, 1908 in Bandera, Texas into a different world. Orville Wright was making record breaking flights that year. The Panama Canal was being dug. Teddy Roosevelt was President. The First World War was just 6 years away. One year later the Olliff family moved to Midland. As a small boy Leonard Olliff saw the Pliska plane land in Midland around 1912.

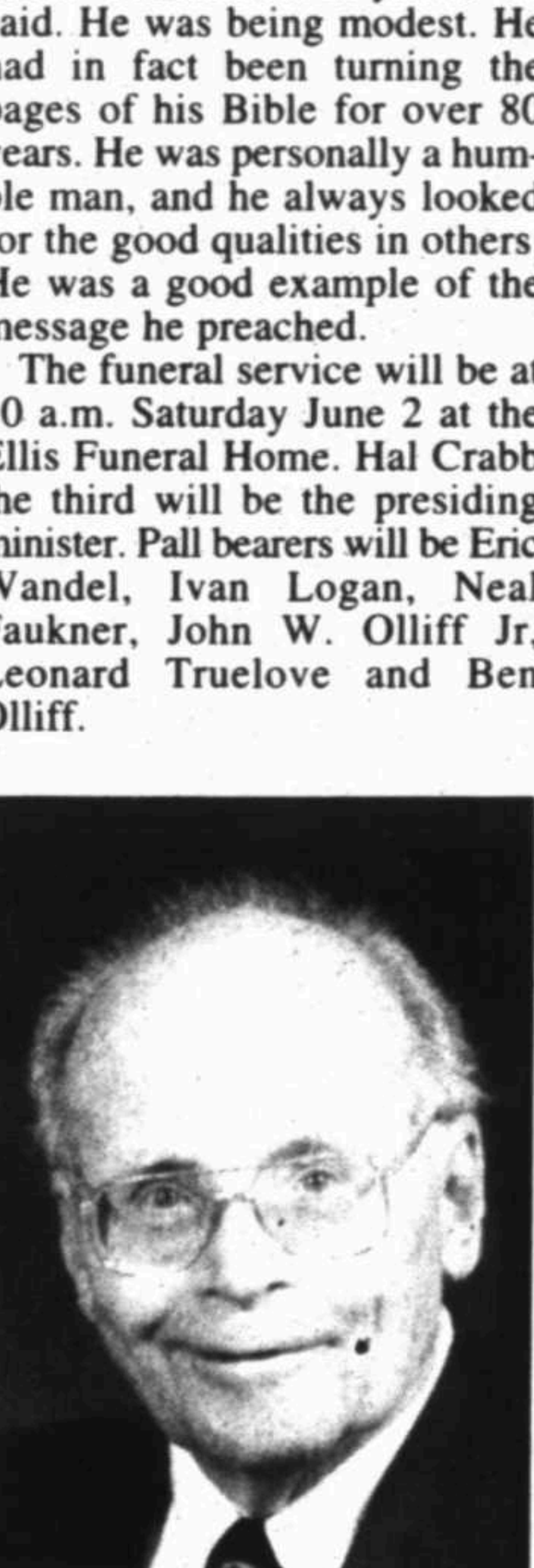
He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur James and Mary Ann Olliff, his wife Georgia, his son Jerry, four brothers Arthur, William, Haley and Dubb, and four sisters Charlotte, Maude, Sarah and Grace. He was the last of his generation of this pioneer family.

He is survived by two daughters Martha Wandel and Helen Petraitis, a grandson Eric Wandel and a brother-in-law Bill Carmichael. Also nephews J.D., Henry, Jim, John, Ben, Joe, Alvin, Pete and Leonard, and nieces Retha, Faye, Margie, Mary Bess, Marie, Mamie, Karen, Mary, Joyce, Betty and Ginger and many great nephews and great nieces. He was 'Uncle Len' to all of these and over the years became known by many, many others as 'Uncle Len' too.

Leonard Olliff lived and worked in the Midland area most of his life, with the exception of a period in Southern California. He attended Midland schools, worked on some of the early ranches and was an employee of Stanolind Oil Company in the mid-thirties.

Uncle Len felt very strongly that he had a personal mission to share his knowledge of the good news of Jehovah's Kingdom to each and every person he met. Throughout his life he would talk to people on their doorsteps, in their homes, on the street, in an airport lounge, standing in a line anywhere. Anywhere was the right place and anytime the right time. From early childhood on he practiced his faith his entire life. He was, without question, a master at quoting Biblical passages. One friend was very impressed at his ability to search for and find relevant passages in the Bible and asked him how he did it. "Practice for 60 years," he said. He was being modest. He had in fact been turning the pages of his Bible for over 80 years. He was personally a humble man, and he always looked for the good qualities in others. He was a good example of the message he preached.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday June 2 at the Ellis Funeral Home. Hal Crabb the third will be the presiding minister. Pall bearers will be Eric Wandel, Ivan Logan, Neal Faulkner, John W. Olliff Jr., Leonard Truelove and Ben Olliff.



Dr. Donald Hunt

Dr. Donald Allen Hunt, born January 20, 1927, in Wheeler, TX, joined his Lord on May 26, 2001 in DeSoto, TX after a courageous battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his Parents: Dink and Altha Hunt and is survived by his Wife of fifty-one years, Macie Kathryn Watson Hunt; Daughters: Lyn Hunt, M.D. and her husband Dan Goggin of Ft. Worth, TX, Lea Holt and her husband, Steve, of Duncanville, TX and Son: Greg Allen Hunt, D.D.S. and his wife Michele, of Arlington, TX; Sister: Irene Norman of Pampa, TX; 5 Granddaughters: Katy and

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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.

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Meg Goggin, Keely and Karlyn Holt and Marisa Hunt; 2 Grandsons: James Donald Goggin and Austin Allen Hunt and many nieces and nephews. After high school graduation from Wheeler, TX, Don served in the armed forces during WW II. He later received his B.B.A. and M.E. from West Texas State University and his Ed. D. from Texas Tech University. He spent 38 years in Texas public schools as teacher, coach, principal and superintendent in Littlefield, Sunray, Amarillo, Groom, Lubbock and Levelland. From 1970 to 1987, he served as Vice-President for Instruction at Midland College. He and his wife moved to DeSoto, TX in 1994 where he was a member of Rolling Hills Church of Christ. He was active in various organizations throughout his life, including Rotary Club, Lions Club and Bible Study Fellowship.

Family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Monday evening May 28, 2001 at the funeral home. Military Honors and interment will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday May 29, 2001 at the D/FW National Cemetery in Dallas, TX. A Celebration of Life will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2001 at the Rolling Hills Church of Christ in DeSoto. Mr. Lonnie Gentry and Mr. Don Davis will be the officiating ministers.

If desired, memorials may be made to the St. Paul Hospice Care, 5701 Maple, Suite 200, Dallas, TX 75235 or the Bible Study Fellowship, 19001 Blanco Rd., San Antonio, TX.

University in San Diego, and Will, a recent graduate of Artesia High School, of Artesia, New Mexico; and Rebecca Dodge of Carrollton, Georgia. His remaining family includes brother H. B. Dodge Jr., and his sisters Carolyn Ottensman and Diana Williams.

Charlie fiercely loved his family, friends, and students, many of whom remained close over the years. There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday, June 2, at 1 p.m., at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Charles F. Dodge/DGS Scholarship Fund c/o Communities Foundation of Texas, 4605 Live Oak St., Dallas, Texas 75204.



James Frost

James A. Frost was born September 26, 1927 in Bryan's Mill, Texas to Austin and Verna Frost. Jim was reared in the East Texas Community of Douglasville.

He graduated from high school in Atlanta. He also graduated from West Texas State University with a degree in Agriculture Economics. He served in the United States Air Force shortly after World War II. Jim married his wife Lavelle on July 5, 1957 in Odessa. Mr. Frost worked for Gulf Oil Corporation for thirty years, retiring from the Midland office in 1982. He was a member of Community Bible Church.

Jim Frost died Tuesday, May 29, 2001 at his home.

Jim will always be remembered for his love of the outdoors, his gardening, his dedication in serving his church, and his gentle, patient spirit.

He is survived by his wife, Lavelle of Midland; two daughters, Sharon and husband, Al Willard of Dallas, and Laura and her husband, Tim Carter of Midland; two sons, Greg and his wife, Kari of Midland, and Wade and his wife, Michelle, of Pearland. He is also survived by two sisters, Maxine Sloan of Oxford, California, and Mavis Jo McMahon of Corpus Christi; ten grandchildren, Emily and Austin Carter, Hannah and Rachel Willard, Aaron, Trevor and Paige Frost, and Courtney, Amanda and Spencer Frost.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3 p.m., on Thursday, May 31, 2001 at Community Bible Church, 4629 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas, with Pastor Mark Kohl officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Home Hospice, 1802 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701 or Mission Adult Day Care, 4500 W. Illinois, Ste. 112, Midland, Texas 79703.

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DEATH NOTICES

Rudy Ramirez

Rudy I. Ramirez Jr., 5, died Monday, May 28, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. today, May 31 at Glory of God Church with Rev. Hector Gonzalez Sr. officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the directions of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Rudy was born on Sept. 26, 1995 to Rodolfo Ramirez Sr. & Adriana Guzman in Midland. He had recently graduated from Bunche Early Childhood Center and had passed on to be a kindergartener this fall.

His great-grandparents Juvenio Ramirez, Catalina Ramirez, Isidora Hinojosa, Leonardo Guzman and Felipe Hinojosa preceded him in death.

Survivors include parents, Adriana G. Ramirez of Midland and Rodolfo "Rudy" Ramirez Sr. of Midland; his stepfather, Jimmy Campos of Midland; several aunts and uncles; and his grandparents, Gaspar Guzman of Muzquiz Coahuila, Casimira Guzman of Midland, Rosa Ramirez of Midland and Juvenio Ramirez of Midland.

William Cathey

William Doyle Cathey died Tuesday, May 29, at his residence.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, June 1, at Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Robbie Barrett officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home. There will be a family visitation at the funeral home today, May 31, from 6 to 8 p.m.

He was born Sept. 11, 1924 in Mills Co., to William and Lila Cathey. He moved to Fort Davis at an early age and attended schools there. He married Adelle Connaway in Brownwood in 1945. They moved to Midland in 1951. He worked and retired from Mobile Oil Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Charles Cathey.

Survivors include his wife, Adelle Cathey of Midland; one son, Clem Cathey of Midland; two daughters, Doylene Arnold of Howe, and Virginia Cathey of Midland; one sister, Jean Langpaul of Hamilton; and two grandchildren.

Carrie Allen

ROTAN — Carrie Elizabeth Allen, 105, of Rotan died Tuesday in a Rotan healthcare facility.

Services were Wednesday, May 30, at 2 p.m. in the Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel in Rotan. Burial followed in the Belview Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Allen was born on Sept. 27, 1896 in Fisher County, Texas to William and Martha (Downs) Schick. On Dec. 6, 1928 she married Aaron Richard Voris Allen. He preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 1971.

She spent all 105 years of her life in Fisher County where she was very active in the Home Demonstration Club, a member of the Church of Christ in Roby, and in the Ladies Bible Study Group. She was the oldest citi-

zen in Fisher County.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and 11 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by Vernon R. (Cotton) Allen, Le Veta Allen and six grandchildren.

Margaret Newman

ODESSA — Margaret Newman, 72, of Odessa, died at her residence on Tuesday, May 29.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. The family will receive visitors from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Services are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 1, 1929. She married John Newman on Oct. 13, 1945. He had been a resident of Odessa for 46 years. Margaret worked as a LVN for many years.

She is preceded in death by her husband, John Taylor Newman; her brothers, Roy Edward Speed, Lonnie Speed, and Billy Jean Speed; and one sister, Jo Ann Speed.

Survivors include her son, J. Frank Newman of Midland; daughters, Mitzie Jo Shoemaker of Odessa and Debbie Lynn McLaughlin of Austin; a brother, Gerald Wayne Speed of Kermit; a sister, Anita Gail Burnett of Kermit; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren, Alixe Ward, Carly Ward, Rebecca Brown and Zachariah Brown.

The family requests memorial donations to Community Care Hospice.

Elicia Vasquez

LUBBOCK — Elicia Hernandez Vasquez, 46, died Saturday, May 26, in New Mexico.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, May 31, at Elgin Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock with Rev. Ronnie Saldana, pastor of Alabanza Unida, officiating and Rev. Randy Rogers, pastor of Elgin Avenue Baptist Church, assisting. Arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She was born March 10, 1955 in Welch to Bonifacio Hernandez Sr. and the late Tomasita Martinez Hernandez. She married Reynaldo Bravo Vasquez in July of 1971 in Brownfield. She moved to Lubbock in 1973. She was employed by Green Oaks Beauty Salon.

Survivors include her husband, Reynaldo Bravo Vasquez of Lubbock; her father, Bonifacio Hernandez Sr. of Lamesa; three sons, Israel H. Vasquez, Victor Grey Vasquez and Ronnie Rene Vasquez, all of Lubbock; one daughter, Priscilla Ann Vasquez of Lubbock; four brothers, David Hernandez and Ramon Hernandez, both of Lubbock, Chon Hernandez Jr. of Lamesa; and Bonnie Hernandez Jr. of Lamesa; two sisters, Mary Lou Savedro of Lubbock and Mary Ann Alonzo of Lamesa; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to: Elicia Hernandez Vasquez Memorial Fund, c/o Wells Fargo Bank, 1500 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79401.

Kenneth Wood

IRVING — Kenneth "Ken" Wood, 73, former resident of Midland from 1948 to 1969, has died.

Family is to receive friends

from 6 to 8 p.m. today, May 31, at the Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home in Irving. Memorial service 2 p.m., Friday at Community Bible Church with Rev. Steve Nutter officiating. There will be a private family graveside service at Restland Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Wood; a son, Keith Wood of Midland; two daughters, Marilyn Elliott of Lawrence, Kan., and Lissa Ward of Portland; eight grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to Community Bible Church, 2301 Texas Dr., Irving, Texas, 75062.

Bertha Trotter

LAWTON, Okla. — Bertha M. Trotter, 81, of Lawton died Monday.

Services were Wednesday. She was born April 2, 1920 in Holister, Okla. She was married to Charles (Charlie) Harrison on Oct. 9, 1937 in Lawton. She was a homemaker and a member of Central Baptist Church.

Her first husband preceded her in death Sept. 13, 1976. She later married S.H. (Bill) Trotter on July 17, 1986 in Lawton. He died in 1998.

Survivors include three daughters, Mattie Carder of Lawton, Carolyn Small of Poway, Calif. and Linda Presley of Midland; a son, Robert Harrison of Lawton; 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Ima Robinson

BIG SPRING — Ima Lee Robinson, 91, died on Wednesday, May 30, in a local nursing home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, June 1, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, and Rev. Bob Manning, a Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1909 in Pecos, and married T. M. Robinson on April 1, 1930 in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death on July 7, 1983.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, four brothers, and one granddaughter.

Survivors include one son, Lloyd Robinson of Knott; four daughters, Wanda Lee Roman of Big Spring, Carol Strong of Salado, Joyce Parker of Ackerly and Martha Sparks of Magnolia; 13 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Knott, Box 27, Knott, Texas 79748 or to College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements are the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Arthur Guess Jr.

Arthur Guess Jr. died Monday, May 27.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

Wane Levels

Wane Levels died Tuesday, May 28.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

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By Jim Vertun Associated Press

AUSTIN — A man was convicted of killing a 13-year-old girl during a 1991 robbery that turned into a murder.

Jurors deliberated hours over two findings: Robert Steen IV, 26, guilty of murder in the second degree. Springsteen was in prison or the Sentencing was Thursday.

The conviction a lengthy investigation produced thousands of stumped detectives. Steen confessed in view.

Two other suspects, Scott and Maurice, were tried on a capital trial on a capital trial. Springsteen's hands behind his verdict was read twice at the jury.

Several jury members as the verdict. One male juror confessed with his hands.

Ayers, Eliza H. 17, and sisters Sarah Harbison, were killed at an It's Yogurt shop. bound, gagged a head before the fire.

The courtroom with victims' families some of whom but the verdict was Most refused cor

Probation

Patricia Bivins land was arrested County Sheriff 4:15 p.m. Tuesday block of North Avenue on a citation of probation.

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Michael Co Midland was arrested land County Sheriff at 3:25 p.m. Tuesday 500 block of Dallas a charge of violation. No bond.

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West Virginia man convicted in death of teen-ager

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A West Virginia man was convicted Wednesday of killing a 13-year-old girl during a 1991 yogurt shop robbery that turned into a quadruple murder.

Jurors deliberated for about 13 hours over two days before finding Robert Burns Springsteen IV, 26, guilty of capital murder in the shooting death of Amy Ayers on Dec. 6, 1991.

Springsteen faces life in prison or the death penalty. Sentencing was scheduled for Thursday.

The conviction closes part of a lengthy investigation that produced thousands of leads and stumped detectives until Springsteen confessed in a 1999 interview.

Two other suspects, Michael Scott and Maurice Pierce, await trial on a capital murder charges.

Springsteen stood tall with his hands behind his back when the verdict was read. He looked twice at the jury.

Several jury members were in tears as the verdict was read. One male juror covered his face with his hands.

Ayers, Eliza Hope Thomas, 17, and sisters Jennifer and Sarah Harbison, 15 and 17, all were killed at an I Can't Believe It's Yogurt shop. The girls were bound, gagged and shot in the head before the store was set on fire.

The courtroom was packed with victims' family members, some of whom burst into sobs as the verdict was announced. Most refused comment as they



Pam Ayers, center, and her husband, Bob Ayers, right, the parents of Amy Ayers, leave the Travis County courtroom where Robert Springsteen, 26, was found guilty of capital murder Wednesday in Austin. Springsteen was found guilty of capital murder in the shooting of Amy Ayers on Dec. 6, 1991, at an "I Can't Believe It's Yogurt" shop, where Ayers, sisters Jennifer and Sarah Harbison, and Eliza Thomas were all killed. Sentencing for Springsteen's case is scheduled for today.

left the courtroom.

"We wanted some kind of ending," said Barbara Ayres, mother of the Harbison sisters.

Springsteen patted one of his attorneys, Berkley Bettis, on the back before bailiffs led him from the courtroom. His lead attorney, Joe James Sawyer, was not in the courtroom when the verdict was read. He did not immediately return a phone call to his office.

Prosecutors Robert Smith and Darla Davis left without comment.

Springsteen maintained his innocence throughout his trial but prosecutors used his own words against him.

The fire and the water used to extinguish the fire badly damaged the girls' bodies and the area of the store where they were found, rendering it impossible to collect physical evidence. So Springsteen's confession proved decisive.

While talking with investigators at the Charleston, W.Va., police station, Springsteen said he sexually assaulted and killed

Ayers.

That statement, coupled with one given by Scott that corroborated some of the details, was enough to convict.

Springsteen's lawyers argued that the confession was coerced and that the high school dropout was manipulated by police pressure.

During trial, Springsteen's lawyers criticized the Austin Police Department's investigation methods, noting that detectives had gained several other confessions that proved false.

They also complained about the handling of the crime scene, suggesting evidence that could have produced other suspects was destroyed.

Jurors, however, watched the tape as Springsteen recounted crime details police said only the killers should know: how the killers entered the store; that Ayers was shot twice with different guns; and the position of her body.

Springsteen and Scott, gave similar accounts of sexually assaulting the girls. Both men said Scott had vomited over the side of a nearby bridge shortly after they left.

Springsteen took the stand on the last day of testimony in the three-week trial, telling jurors he had never been to the yogurt shop. He said he went to a movie the night of the murders.

He said any details he knew came from the media and previous interviews with police.

Prosecutors challenged his testimony as the desperate words of a cold-blooded killer.

The conviction closes only one part of the case. Scott and Pierce also face capital murder charges.

Charges against a fourth suspect, Forrest Welborn, were dropped when two grand juries refused to indict him.

The case had hounded Austin police for several years as investigators chased leads as far away as Mexico.

Several confessions proved false and the leads dried up. It wasn't until police reorganized the case that they revisited a conversation with Pierce shortly after the murders.

Police had stopped Pierce for carrying a pistol in a mall. He told them it was the weapon used in the murders.

Although the gun found on Pierce was later ruled out as the murder weapon, investigators retracing that interview talked again with Scott, who confessed to playing a role in the killings.

They also tracked down Springsteen in West Virginia where he had moved a few months after the murders.

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Probation violation Theft

Patricia Biver, 43, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday in the 100 block of North Industrial Avenue on a charge of violation of probation. No bond.

Lloyd Hargraves, 23, of Breckinridge was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 10:55 a.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of North Colorado Street on a charge of theft. No bond.

Probation violation Sexual assault

Michael Collins, 40, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 3:25 p.m. Tuesday in the 500 block of Delmar Street on a charge of violation of probation. No bond.

Eric Rupp, 27, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's patrol at 8:25 a.m. Tuesday in the 600 block of East County Road 136 on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child. No bond.

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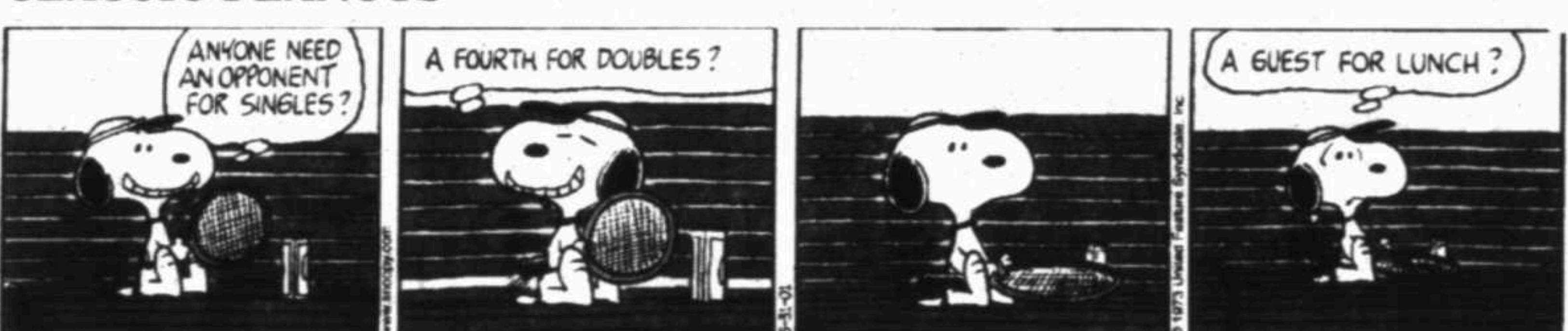
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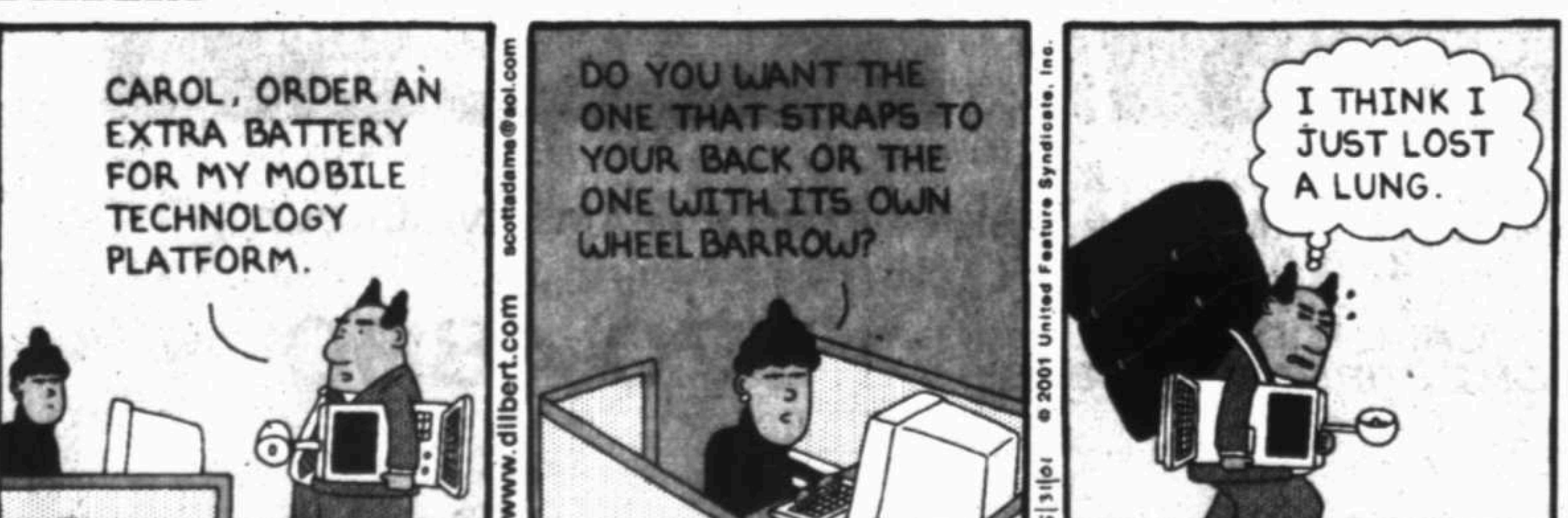
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Faith Hill, Tim McGraw expecting third child in January

NEW YORK — Faith Hill and Tim McGraw are working on a new project together — another baby.

The country music couple said Wednesday that they're expecting their third child in January. They already have two girls — Gracie, 4, and Maggie, 3.

"All four of us are beyond excited," said the couple in a joint statement. "Gracie and Maggie can't understand why they have to wait until January to see the baby."

Hill, 33, and McGraw, 34, both have successful recording careers, and have recorded duets together as well. Last week, they appeared together in the Buffalo, N.Y., area as McGraw was acquitted of charges he assaulted a sheriff's deputy during a scuffle over a police horse during a music festival there last year.

NEW YORK — Limp Bizkit lead singer Fred Durst is going to be the father of a baby boy, saying he wants to "carry out the Durst legacy."

Durst said in a message posted Wednesday on the band's Web site that the child's mother is a Minnesota woman he met last year during the Anger Management Tour.

"It happens, you know, and I believe I need a boy to carry out the Durst legacy," he said.

"It was not planned but is still a blessing. I'm not getting married or anything like that, but I am going to support the child."

Durst, who already has a daughter named Adriana in Florida, said he plans to name the boy Dallas. The baby is due in late August or early September.

"So be happy for me if you can because life is full of surprises and Dallas is one," he said.

The band's latest album, "Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water," has sold more than 5 million copies.

LOS ANGELES — Playing a potty-mouthed fashion show coordinator in the season premiere of HBO's "Sex and the City" is the perfect role for Margaret Cho.

"I curse a mean streak — curse like a sailor. It was very natural to me. The part was written for me, so it was very easy," the actress-comedian told AP Radio, laughing.

Her character asks Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker) to help with her fashion show, "and it's a grand disaster."

When it comes to her own sense of style, the 32-year-old Cho said anything goes.

"I love fashion. I love clothes. I'm very much a shopaholic and I'm an artist in what I wear," she said. "I think that my body is a canvas and I feel very excited and thrilled by all kinds of clothing. Clothes are an amazing resource, an amazing source of inspiration."

Two new episodes of "Sex and the City" are scheduled to air from 9-10 p.m. EDT on Sunday.

On the Net:

http://www.limpbizkit.com

NEW YORK — Tom DeLonge of Blink-182 wasn't terribly sentimental when he married his longtime girlfriend — until he realized that she'd booked his favorite band, Jimmy Eat World, to play a couple of songs at the wedding.

"I was in tears," DeLonge told People magazine for its June 11 issue. "I cried more than any girl ever cried. That was the gnarliest thing that ever happened to me."

The 25-year-old singer-guitarist tied the knot with interior designer Jennifer Jenkins, 26, at Coronado Island in San Diego Bay on Saturday.

He gave his groomsmen, including bandmate Mark Hoppus, silver yo-yos from Tiffany and Co.

Blink-182's single "The Rock Show" is No. 5 on the Billboard modern rock tracks list.

LOS ANGELES — Actor Jack Lemmon, recuperating from gall bladder surgery last week, may be able to go home in a few days, his publicist said.

Lemmon, 75, was being treated at UCLA Medical Center for pneumonia when he had surgery to remove the gall bladder, Warren Cowan said Tuesday.

"I spoke with him yesterday and he's doing great. He should be out in a day or two," Cowan said.

The gall bladder was reportedly not cancerous.

Lemmon won an Academy Award for 1955's "Mister Roberts" and for 1973's "Save the Tiger."

His other films include "The Legend of Bagger Vance," "The Odd Couple," "Glengarry Glen Ross" and "The Apartment."

NEW YORK — 'N Sync, Faith Hill and Britney Spears will

be among the artists reading prayers by Pope John Paul II on a spoken-word CD coming out in North America during the Christmas season.

The CD serves as a companion piece to "The Private Prayer Books of Pope John Paul II," a seven-volume collection of his personal writings. In addition, a video/DVD on the making of the CD project will be released.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TV TONIGHT

THURSDAY EVENING

MAY 31, 2001

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 31, 2001:

You break patterns and force yourself to grow where others might back off. Your mind has the ability to accept new information and integrate it. Travel provides opportunities for understanding different cultures. Excitement surrounds foreigners and friends. Others work with you this year to make your desires a reality. If you are single, romance surrounds you in 2001. You develop a friendship as well as a love relationship. This person could be in your life for a sustained period. If you are attached, your relationship develops exciting overtones. Flirt with LIBRA.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Mellow out, and try an idea out on others before deciding. Feedback empowers you. Someone offers true confessions of the type you like to hear! All work and no play makes the Ram no fun. Schedule a fun outing ASAP. Tonight: Go along with someone's plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Your abilities illuminate a problem. You have reason to smile, as another really does acknowledge you in an odd way. Don't spend funds before the check arrives. Be a cynic when it comes to your budget. Enhance your public image. Tonight: Don't forget the benefits of a little healthy exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** A serious discussion guides a child or loved one. You lighten up once you are sure your message is received. Listen to another. Reach out for someone at a distance. Make calls and return e-mail. Your sense of

humor amuses those around you. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Stay centered. If you must, pull back some. A partner examines joint issues in a different way than you do. A discussion opens up possibilities, though you might get your dander up. Creativity stems from this chat, as you'll go over possibilities. A boss admires your work. Tonight: Be comfortable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Use your Leonine interpersonal skills, and others will respond in a delighted way. Your presentation of another point of view wins over someone else quite suddenly. You can be sure that you don't have the whole story, but you don't need to worry about it, either. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Deal with financial matters while the going is good. Others want to say yes and go along with your ideas. Pressure from a boss will pass once he understands your thought process. Let your creativity speak at work as well as at home. Tonight: Buy a long-overdue gift. (It might be for you!)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Others like your ideas and where you come from. Your true self comes out when dealing with a special person in your life. Remember, you like his unpredictability and fun personality. Someone might not be as forthcoming as you would like. Tonight: Just ask, and someone will respond.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You know the benefit of saying little. Now is the perfect time to be more aware of the forces around you, especially because someone might be acting like a tornado.

Detach, but be generous about your judgments. Work on what you can control. Tonight: Take a break just for you. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Dealings with others draw lively reactions and insights. Your communication sparks. Others listen and go along with you. Network and expand your horizons. Someone's admiration could lead to a different type of relationship. Tonight: Get together with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Others seek you out. Express your caring on a more universal level, but continue to indulge a difficult associate or person. You also might surprise others with your ingenuity when it comes to business. They simply don't know the Goat well! Tonight: Work late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your inventiveness breaks new ground and permits unusual ideas to flourish. A discussion with a day-to-day associate needs to be clear and simple. Not everyone is as oblique or esoteric as you. A kind gesture won't go unrewarded. Tonight: Relax with a good movie or TV show.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Deal with an associate or partner about finances and something you would like to realize. Your positive attitude goes a long way toward creating much more of what you want within a partnership, be it business or personal. Don't hold back information. Tonight: Someone responds to the real you.

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The bidding:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
3♠ Pass Pass Pass 6♠
Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♥

If there is only one distribution that allows you to make your contract, play as if that lie of the cards exists. Eminently sound advice, but it does presume you will be able to find the distribution that will permit you to succeed, rarely an easy matter.

West's pre-empt certainly achieved its purpose — South could think of no way to explore the possibilities. We admit we might not have the courage to duplicate South's choice — a full-blooded leap to six spades — but that action was certainly not unreasonable.

West led the king of hearts, and declarer was not too thrilled with the prospects. A heart loser was certain, and a diamond loser was possible. Things became even worse when, after winning the ace of hearts, declarer led the ace and king of spades, and West discarded a club on the second round. Now there was a potential trump loser to worry about as well.

After much thought, declarer visual-

ized a lie of the cards which would land the contract — West's shape had to be precisely 1-3-2-7. The ace and king of diamonds and ace and king of clubs were cashed, and declarer exited with a heart. West rose with the queen and did the best possible by returning a club. Declarer discarded a diamond from dummy and, since it would not help to ruff, East discarded a heart. (A diamond would be no better.)

Declarer ruffed the club in hand, then ruffed the deuce of diamonds with dummy's remaining trump. Now the jack of hearts was led, and East had a choice of ways to hand declarer the contract.

If East ruffed, declarer would overruff, draw the remaining trump and score the queen of diamonds for the fulfilling trick. If East discarded, declarer would jettison the queen of diamonds, and another heart from dummy would complete the trump coup.

Our congratulations if you found this line!

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ACROSS

- 1 13th century Icelandic work
- 5 Fill
- 9 Represses
- 14 Guitar ridge
- 15 "Didn't know I had it"
- 16 Sheeple
- 17 1966 sci-fi film
- 20 Self-centered sort
- 21 Light color
- 22 One higher than a birdie
- 23 Tallier's cut
- 24 Top
- 26 "... I Go Again": 1987 #1 hit
- 27 Finishes
- 28 Ophthalmologist's concern
- 29 Taurus et al.
- 30 Gary's place: Abbr.
- 31 Last stand?
- 32 Hoi polloi
- 33 1947 James Mason thriller
- 35 Guarantee
- 38 Air
- 39 Wash. habitué
- 42 Entrance
- 43 Big money maker
- 44 Lady of Spain
- 45 Campers' sacks?
- 46 1977 Wimbledon champ Virginia
- 47 Strategic WWII French port
- 48 Swiss canton
- 49 Assist
- 50 Placate
- 51 1981 film set in New Zealand
- 55 Watchful
- 56 Buffalo Bill's birthplace
- 57 Book after Daniel
- 58 Electro ending
- 59 ... the line
- 60 Lively dance

DOWN

- 1 Literally, Turkish for "master"
- 2 16th century cavalier
- 3 Indicated
- 4 Storage areas
- 5 Undiscounted amount
- 6 Hudson Bay prov.
- 7 ... supposed to believe that?
- 8 Order
- 9 Head cover
- 10 Ornamental vine
- 11 They're changed often
- 12 Fencing call
- 13 Clairvoyant
- 18 Burning outcome
- 19 Annoy
- 24 "Lemme ..." Abbr.
- 25 Kind of scheme
- 26 Swarm
- 28 Square part
- 29 Deity with goats' legs
- 31 Apt. part, in ads

As thousands protest, Indonesian parliament says president must go

By Geoff Spencer
Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A near-unanimous Parliament censured Indonesia's democratically elected president on Wednesday and demanded his impeachment, ignoring raucous protests from legions of his followers who encircled the heavily guarded legislature carrying knives and sticks.

Humiliated by the 365-4 vote, President Abdurrahman Wahid could be ousted within two months by the People's Consultative Assembly, the same body that elected him 19 months ago after the fall of the dictator Suharto.

If Wahid is toppled, the assembly — made up of 500 members of Parliament and 200 appointees — would also certainly endorse Vice President Megawati Sukarnoputri as his successor. She is his main rival and the daughter of the nation's founding leader, Sukarno.

"Things look final for the president now," said Arifin Panigoro, the head of Megawati's parliamentary faction.

Wahid's spokesman, however, said the president had "no intention of quitting" or invoking earlier threats to declare a state of emergency and dissolve Parliament. Supporters and aides of the nearly blind Muslim cleric still hope he can negotiate with hos-

'Things look final for the president now.'

— Arifin Panigoro, head of Megawati's parliamentary faction

tile lawmakers to save his presidency.

"I am quite confident that their conscience will surface and their rational thinking will surface for the sake of the country," said Foreign Minister Alwi Shihab.

Wahid pleaded for restraint. "Just be patient. Just be calm," he told supporters.

After a rowdy debate, seven of the legislature's 10 factions backed impeachment. Members of Wahid's party walked out before the vote, and a faction representing the military abstained. Only a small Christian group voted in support of Wahid.

Megawati pushed Indonesia's political crisis a step further last week when she rejected Wahid's offer to share power. Neither she nor the president had any comment after the vote, and neither attended Wednesday's parliamentary session.

Wahid played host to a meeting of leaders from the G-15 group of developing nations at a nearby convention center, then attended a state banquet with his foreign guests, including Malaysia's Mahathir Mohamad,

Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe, and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez.

About 6,000 Wahid supporters, many carrying sticks and knives, rallied at the gates of the heavily guarded legislature. Nearly 1,000 broke through a fence around the complex, but were stopped by four lines of troops backed by armored vehicles and tanks.

In East Java, Wahid's home province, 600 paratroopers were deployed Wednesday in the town of Pasuruan, where one protester was killed and four were wounded by gunfire. Shots were also fired into the air in the city of Malang.

Mobs in East Java have burned churches, mosques and the offices of political opponents. Many have taken oaths to die for Wahid, who formerly headed Indonesia's largest Muslim organization and is revered by millions as a holy man.

Wednesday's vote was the latest step in a complex and largely untested constitutional process that has weighed heavily on Indonesia's transition to democracy.

It began last year with allegations that Wahid was involved in two corruption scandals, but quickly seemed to reflect growing disillusionment over his erratic leadership style.

When Wahid first came to office, he enjoyed wide support and promised to deliver reforms. But his popularity sank after he



An Indonesian riot police officer fires his rifle to disperse supporters of President Abdurrahman Wahid as an unidentified man, right, lies injured on the street during a rally in Pasuruan, East Java, Indonesia, Wednesday. Security forces fired warning shots to disperse Wahid's fanatic followers protesting against a near-unanimous Parliament that censured Indonesia's democratically elected president on Wednesday and demanded his impeachment. One person was killed and four others were reported injured during the clash.

failed to prosecute Suharto for corruption or quell bloody communal and separatist conflicts. The economy also remains in crisis.

The parliament has censured Wahid twice before; he denies

any wrongdoing. Police and prosecutors have cleared him of any crimes, leaving it to lawmakers to take up his fate as a matter of politics rather than criminal law.

On the Net:
People's Consultative Assembly: <http://mpr.wasantara.net.id/>
Antara (official Indonesian news agency): <http://www.antara.co.id/english.asp>

Rabbis try to minimize desecration in exhumation of Polish mass grave

JEDWABNE, Poland (AP) — Archaeologists on Wednesday started exhuming the remains of Jews massacred by their Polish neighbors in 1941, despite objections from Jewish leaders that the work violates religious practice.

Young Jews read prayers at the site of the mass grave in the north-eastern Polish town of Jedwabne in hopes of minimizing what Jewish religious law regards as desecration.

Polish authorities say they sympathize with the Jews, but insist that exhumation is necessary to fully investigate the 60-year-old crime and determine whether any perpetrators can still be indicted.

Recent revelations that Poles, not Nazi troops, killed as many as 1,600 of their Jewish neighbors in Jedwabne have deeply shaken the nation. The government's Institute of National Remembrance has launched an official inquiry and is overseeing the exhumation. Jews are facing their own dilemma. They want the truth aired but tradition prohibits exhumations except in extraordinary circumstances, such as the threat of worse desecration or the possibility of saving lives.

"From the beginning I have opposed the exhumation. I still oppose it," said Rabbi Michael Schudrich, an American who leads Warsaw's Jewish community.

"I can say, in such a difficult situation — difficult in the sense that we are trying so hard to abide by Jewish tradition and on the other hand, serve requirements of the Polish legal side — it is only normal and human. There will be problems along the way."

Schudrich said the work was expected to be finished by Thursday evening. An expert in Jewish practice regarding exhumations, Rabbi Menachem Eckstein, was called in from Israel to observe.

An occasional tractor rumbled along a nearby dirt road as police guarded the grave, flanked by sloping farm fields at the edge of town. The site was shielded by camouflage screening, and only Jews and institute workers were allowed inside.

Poland was jolted by details of the Jedwabne massacre when the book "Neighbors," by Polish emigre author Jan Tomasz Gross, was published last year. He contends as many as 1,600 Jews were killed by their neighbors, including many who were burned alive in a barn that is next to the grave.

Major newsprint supplier scales back operations

By Tom Cohen
Associated Press

TORONTO — It's a cycle as predictable as the paper boy's daily delivery — a strong economy brings more newspaper advertising and therefore greater demand and higher prices for newsprint, while a downturn means excess capacity and a temporary cut in production.

This time, though, the leading newsprint supplier, Abitibi-Consolidated Inc., is shutting down some mills and paper machines for good. Analysts say the move to scale down reflects the mature nature of an industry that may be past its prime.

"I wouldn't say it's a dying industry, but it has very little growth potential," said Andrew Battista, senior economist for Resource Information Systems Inc., a consulting firm for the forest industry. "Peak production is a thing of the past."

Analysts blame a number of factors, including technological, economic and social ones, for the gradual slowing of demand for newsprint.

North America's peak annual demand was 13.5 million metric tons in the late 1980s. Then came the recession of 1991, which "crippled" consumption, Battista said, but even once the recession ended, newspaper circulation never came fully back.

The Internet boom that increased advertising demand helped bring newsprint consumption back to 13.2 million tons last year, but with that bonanza over and circulation continuing to slip, market conditions are particularly difficult for newsprint makers right now.

The overall slowdown in the economy is also dragging newsprint advertising volume lower, while energy costs for running the mills and plants have jumped.

Battles to maintain newspaper readership against competition from television and the Internet only get more challenging with time.

Add to that a consolidation in the North American newsprint industry by Abitibi-Consolidated, which became the planet's biggest producer with major acquisitions

in 1997 and 2000.

Part of the former Abitibi-Price Inc. plan in merging with Stone-Consolidated Corp. and then taking over Donohue Inc. was to stabilize the production cycle. In part, that means shutting down older, less efficient machines.

"Some so-called experts say it's a mature market and the expectations for the next five years are slightly declining or flat," Abitibi manager of public affairs Denis Leclerc said. "So we have to face that situation. That's why we're permanently closing mills and machines."

Since the Donohue acquisition last year, Abitibi-Consolidated has cut production by 400,000 metric tons. It announced the final step in that reduction last week, saying it would permanently shut

down one of three newsprint machines at its Kenora, Ontario, mill and idle the other two for the summer, cutting 147 jobs and laying off 333 others.

Leclerc said complaints from publishers about a previously announced \$50 per metric ton increase in the newsprint price of about \$600 per ton caused Abitibi-Consolidated to cut the increase in half.

In the opinion of Cec Makowski of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union, the massive consolidation of the newsprint makers also has a great deal to do with the cutbacks.

"What's different this time is that rather than taking the downturn across their system and spreading the pain around, they want to take capacity off permanently," Makowski said.

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Devastated Mexican town prepares to bury seven of 14 dead immigrants

VERACRUZ, Mexico (AP) — A Mexican town devastated by the deaths of seven of its residents in the Arizona desert last week waited Wednesday for the last chapter in the trail of tears, the return of the bodies from the United States.

The government of Veracruz state — home to 11 of the 14 immigrants who died after their guide abandoned them May 19 — chartered a plane to fly their bodies home Wednesday, a luxury the ten men and one 14-year-old boy could never have afforded in life.

But no place was so stricken as the rural township of Atzacatlan, about 40 miles (65 kms) west of Veracruz city, after the names of the dead were released: seven were natives of villages in Atzacatlan.

"This has just devastated the township," said Mayor Ramiro Barradas. "There were so many from here." Four of the survivors, two of whom remain hospitalized, were also from the lush mountains of Atzacatlan.

Amid the grieving here, the U.S. Border Patrol announced Wednesday it found the bodies of two more immigrants in deserts south and west of Tucson. One of the two survivors from that group told officers that three more might be dead.

The most recent deaths appeared to involve the same deadly set of circumstances that led the 26 members of the Atzacatlan group into the desert east of Yuma. Of the 14 who died, three are believed to have come from Oaxaca or Guerrero states. All spent five days in temperatures as high as 115 degrees after smugglers told them they were leaving to get water and never returned.

"This was an injustice. They were deceived," said Minerva Barreda, whose father and 14-year-old brother were among the dead. Barreda said a man from the neighboring state of Puebla talked them into making the trip, and charged them 21,000 pesos (dls 2,200) to smuggle them over the border.

"He told them 'Come on, it's easy, you won't have to walk much, and you'll make lots of money,'" said Barreda, who lives on the family farm in the Atzacatlan village of El Equimite.

"It would be good if everyone could come here, and see how hard it is, so they can understand why they left," Barreda said of the coffee and corn-growing region. "They left because they had to."

Veracruz state government spokesman Arturo Reyes said even some with jobs left "to find new things, better economic opportunities."

For Atzacatlan Mayor Barradas, the message is clear. "Perhaps this will cause the rest of our people who are thinking about crossing the border to think twice."

"What we need is foreign investment, to develop opportunities here at home. We need to stick to our own region," said Barradas, who pins his hope on an eco-tourism project on Atzacatlan's wild and scenic Filabobos river, a popular site for rafting.

But even Barradas acknowledges that, with low prices for the region's coffee — worsened by a recent parasite infestation — there won't be enough jobs here anytime soon.

"Times are not just tough right now," he said. "They're cruel."

Car bomb rocks Israeli city ahead of security talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — A car bomb that exploded outside a high school in the coastal city of Netanya on Wednesday caused no serious injuries but threatened to unravel a new-born U.S. effort to put a lid on eight months of Palestinian-Israeli violence.

Students at the Ort technical high school had finished an exam and left just 10 minutes before the bomb went off in front of the building, sending pieces of metal flying in all directions.

Hospital officials said at least six people were treated for shock and hearing problems caused by the blast. Police said some of those injured were youths, although none were students at the school.

The radical Islamic Jihad Palestinian group claimed responsibility for the blast.

Netanya, on Israel's seacoast north of Tel Aviv, is just nine miles from the West Bank and is a frequent target for Palestinian bombers. On May 18, a suicide bomber hit a mall there, killing himself and five Israelis.

The latest bombing, on the day two Israelis killed in a Palestinian drive-by shooting attack were buried, darkened the atmosphere around a renewed U.S. effort to quell the violence.

Israeli and Palestinian security commanders met in Gaza late Wednesday for the second time this week in an effort to improve security coordination.

Maj. Gen. Abdel Razek el-Majaidah, chief of Palestinian public security in Gaza, said afterward that the Palestinians demanded that Israel remove restrictions and evacuate eight Palestinian houses seized in Gaza in the past month.

Israel demanded an end to Palestinian violence and terrorism, according to a statement from the Defense Ministry, which said the talks would continue next week. Both sides said the meetings would continue next week.

U.S. officials canceled a Wednesday meeting with Palestinians about implementing the report of an international commission aimed at stopping the violence, said an official close to the negotiations.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Americans were unhappy that the Palestinians had sent only mid-level security officials to Tuesday's security meeting, the first such get-together in several weeks.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Larry Schwartz declined to comment on the talks.



AP Photo
Israeli police officers inspect the wreckage of a car bomb that exploded outside a high school in the northern Israeli coastal city of Netanya Wednesday. Police spokeswoman Sivan Kedmi said six people were lightly injured in the blast.

Farouq Qaddoumi, the head of the political department of Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization but a bitter enemy of peace with Israel, called for Palestinians to attack U.S. and European interests in the Middle East.

In a statement quoted by the Al-Hayyat al-Jadida daily, which has close ties to Arafat's Palestinian Authority, Qaddoumi said the Palestinians have condemned U.S. and European policies. "When we condemn, the masses should translate the condemnation into action," he said.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said there can be no division between discussions about improving security and advancing political talks, especially a halt to construction in Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza.

"To stop violence means lifting the closure (on Palestinian territories), stopping all settlement activities, implementing signed agreements and resuming (peace) negotiations," he said, listing Palestinian demands of Israel.

Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Qureia said that in previous talks with the Americans, the

Palestinians made it clear that the subject of halting construction in the settlements is not a matter for negotiation. "This issue should be implemented immediately," he said.

The Bush administration again on Wednesday leaned on Arafat to rein in Palestinian terrorists and on Israel to halt settlement activity.

Arafat "really needs to call on his people to stop the violence," national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said, responding to the Netanya bombing.

State Department spokesman Philip Reeker also pressed Arafat to stop terrorist attacks on Israelis. Turning to Israel, he said "continued settlement activity is a provocative activity and inflames an already volatile situation."

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon came under withering criticism from Jewish settlers, once his most enthusiastic supporters, for calling what Israel termed a unilateral cease-fire last week. Palestinians have dismissed the policy — in which Israel says it is initiating no actions beyond self-defense — as a publicity stunt.

Powell, Ivanov confer on sidelines of NATO meeting

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell discussed U.S. plans for a national missile defense with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov on Wednesday but didn't outline any new incentives to make the plan more palatable to Moscow.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Powell and Ivanov will leave it to President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin to grapple with the issue when they meet next month.

The missile plan is one of the most contentious issues between the two nations.

"He didn't come with any new proposals," Boucher said of Powell. It was a reference to reports that the Bush administration is prepared to offer Moscow a series of incentives in exchange for support for the program.

These include the U.S. purchase of Russia's S-300 surface-to-air missiles and joint co-operation for upgrading Russia's early warning systems, some U.S. officials have suggested.

Russia has expressed opposition to the plan, suggesting it could lead to a new arms race and undermine what it views as a bedrock disarmament agreement: the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty.

Bush has dismissed the ABM as a relic of the Cold War that should not block protecting the United States from missile attack.

"The whole idea of missile defense will be discussed by the

presidents," Boucher said. Bush and Putin meet June 16 in Slovenia.

Powell and Ivanov met for about half an hour on the sidelines of the final day of a two-day NATO meeting.

Ivanov and Powell also talked about the Middle East, Afghanistan, and efforts by the United States and Britain to win Russian support for a series of sanctions on Iraq.

The current phase of the U.N. humanitarian "oil-for-food" program expires on June 3. So far, Russia has opposed proposed revisions in the sanctions program sought by the United States and Britain.

No agreement was reached in Budapest, but Boucher said Powell was hopeful that an agreement could be reached by negotiators at the United Nations in New York before the deadline.

Meanwhile, the Bush administration sought to put the best face on NATO's continuing rebuff of U.S. missile defense proposals.

The Bush administration failed to win NATO's support at the Budapest meeting for stronger language in a statement pledging to continue talks with Washington over Bush's plan for a shield against missile attack.

However, NATO ministers did bow to a request by Powell in deleting from a joint statement any reference to the ABM treaty. In past statements, NATO leaders have referred to the treaty as the "cornerstone of strategic stability."

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What are landforms?



In the truest sense, landforms are all the geographic features making up the earth's surface. Everything from mountains to valleys to deserts to high mesas — they are all landforms of one type or another. Some, such as volcanoes and landslides, form as a result of violent actions. Slow, gradual processes such as erosion form other landforms, including canyons and river deltas.

From space, the planet's basic types of landforms are obvious. Satellite images of the United States, for example, show the country's massive mountain chains — the Sierra Nevada and the Rocky Mountains to the west and the Appalachian Mountains in the east. Between them, the Great Plains and the Ozark Plateau offer spacious, flat regions. The Gulf Coastal Plain stretches from Texas across the Southeast and

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northward along the Atlantic Seaboard. Landforms offer evidence of how different the planet once was. America's Death Valley and the deserts around it were once the floor of a great inland sea, while the Great Lakes are remnants of the retreating glaciers of the last ice age.

But landforms show evidence of more recent change as well. The earthquake faults that line the west coast of the U.S. offer proof that the planet's landforms are still evolving.

In the coming months we will explore some of Earth's most amazing landforms in a nine-part global tour of geographic features. Join us as we examine a moonlit, river delta, mesa, waterfall, plateau, volcano, alluvial fan and sand island.

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Snow's heroics pull 76ers through

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Playing on a fractured ankle and suiting up against his wife's wishes, Eric Snow became the latest hobbled hero for the Philadelphia 76ers.

After finding out earlier in the day that his sprained ankle was more seriously damaged than originally believed, Snow hit two jump shots in the final two minutes for Philadelphia's final four points as the 76ers overcame another poor shooting performance by Allen Iverson to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 89-88 Wednesday night in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"My wife is really upset with me. She supports me but she's really worried that I'll do something and won't ever be able to play basketball again," said Snow, who limped noticeably throughout the game and wore a large cast to the post-game news

conference. "I just wanted to give it a go and try to see what I could do, and I was fortunate enough to make a big contribution."

The victory wasn't assured until Glenn Robinson missed a 10-footer from the baseline and Ray Allen missed a tip-in at the buzzer.

Iverson finished just 5-for-27 from the field, but Snow shot 7-for-9 in scoring 18 points as the 76ers added another unlikely chapter to their season-long story of overcoming injury problems.

"He won the game for us," teammate Aaron McKie said. "That was a gutsy performance. He's playing on an ankle that's almost broken."

The series resumes Friday night at Milwaukee, where the 76ers will try to advance to the NBA Finals for the first time since 1983 and face the Los Angeles Lakers.

Dikembe Mutombo had his best game of the series with 21 points, 13 rebounds and 9-for-9

shooting from the foul line, while McKie added 15 points and had four of Philadelphia's 13 steals.

The Sixers, who trailed by as many as 16 points in the first half, needed all they could get from those two as Iverson struggled from the field for the sixth straight game. Iverson missed his first seven shots, nine in a row later and his final three of the game.

"I didn't think I'd have a game like that with this much at stake," Iverson said. "In the past, if I go 5-for-27 I don't think we win."

Robinson had 22 points, Allen added 20 and Please see NBA/4C

Philadelphia's Allen Iverson goes up for a layup against Milwaukee's Ervin Johnson during Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals Wednesday in Philadelphia.

AP Photo



HIGH SCHOOL DIAMOND PLAYOFFS

Thank God It's Friday

That's what MHS fans said when the team needed help on mound

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

He'd thrown only 5 1/3 varsity innings in his career, but when Midland High coach Barry Russell made his first call to the bullpen of this season's playoffs, Robert Friday was the one who took the hill.

It was the first game of the area round playoffs against El Paso Eastwood, and Friday, a junior righthander who four weeks earlier was pitching for the MHS junior varsity, was called on to relieve Matt Bose in a tight game.

On the surface, it looked similar to, say, a roadie taking the stage, picking up a guitar and playing it after Eddie Van Halen broke his hand. In any case, Friday had to perform.

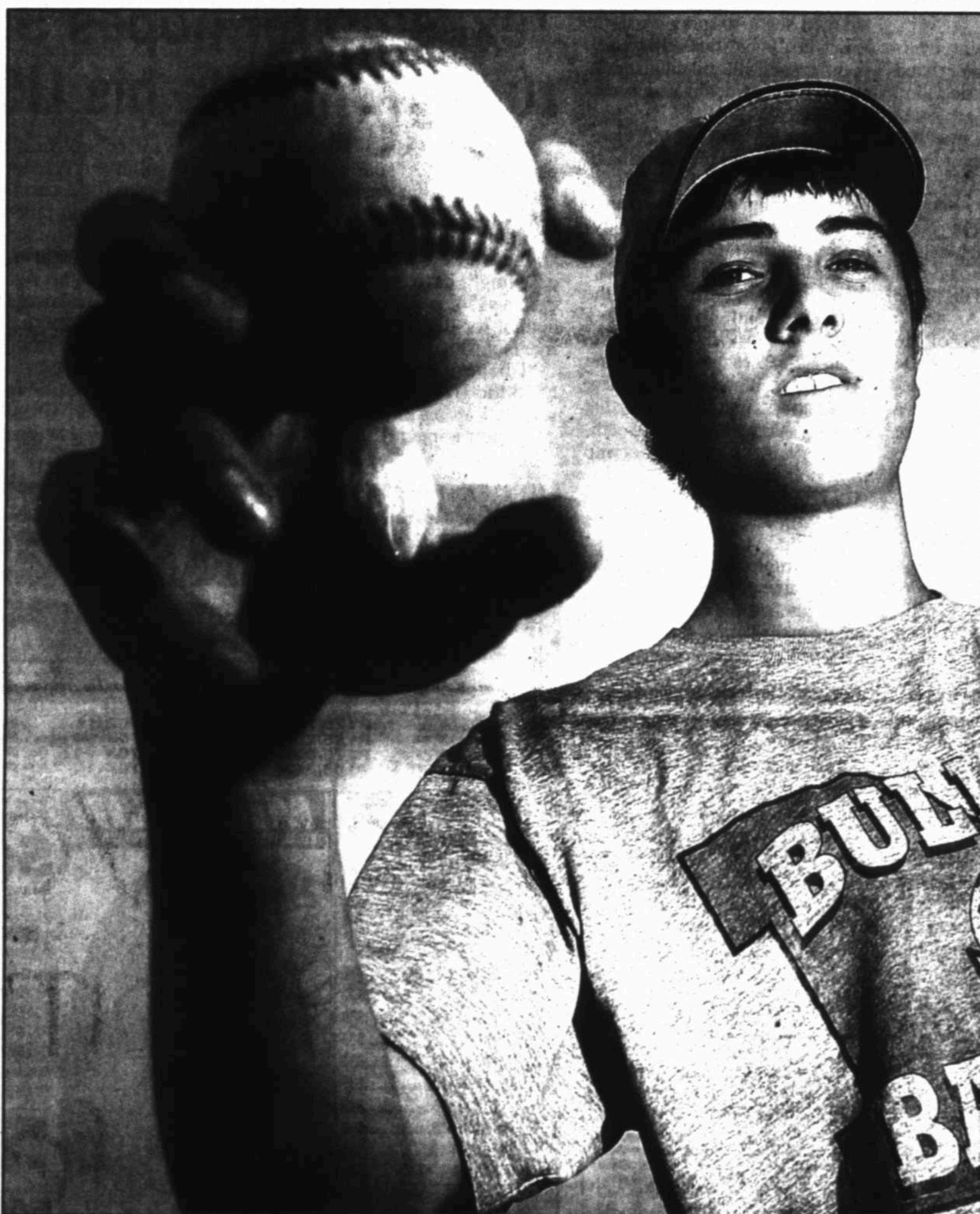
Against Eastwood, Friday threw more innings than he had in his varsity career up to that point, and for the first 4 2/3 innings he held the Troopers hitless. In the top of the 11th, Friday gave up a solo homer to Aaron Vasquez, and he eventually absorbed a 5-3 loss.

But if Friday lost the decision, he certainly ended up winning respect.

"I had a little bit of thought that I didn't want to let the team down," said Friday. "I was really disappointed that (Vasquez) hit a home run off me but I still felt I pitched a pretty good game."

If Friday didn't win (and based on the numbers you can certainly argue that he deserved to), his performance in the epic game allowed to Bulldogs to preserve some pitching for the final two games of the series. Midland High swept those two games and has won each succeeding series.

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Robert Friday started the high school baseball season on the Midland High junior varsity, but he'll end it as a clutch performer for the No. 3-ranked varsity team, which will play El Paso Franklin this weekend for the right to go to the state tournament

Rangerettes have Greenwood buzzing

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

GREENWOOD — The Rangerettes of Greenwood have gone from never having won a state softball playoff game to a Final Four berth in Austin this weekend. To say the least, they are "pumped" for this opportunity.

Greenwood will play Splendor at 8:30 a.m. Friday at Red McCombs Field on the University of Texas campus in the Class 3A semifinals, and the Rangerettes are currently enjoying new found celebrity this week in the Greenwood community.

"At the beginning of the season, we had no fans," said Greenwood junior shortstop Laura Mauldin. "We had a full house against Monahans (in Andrews) and it's like no one misses a game now. It's almost like we are football players."

"It's hard to imagine that we're really going Greenwood shortstop Laura Mauldin scoops up a grounder during a recent team practice. The Rangerettes will compete in the State Softball Tournament this week in Austin.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram



to state. We're like WOWED!"

Junior third baseman Stephanie Wardlaw said, "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Once you get here, it might never happen again."

"The past two years we were out in the area round. Some said this was our year and now it's here. They even mentioned us at the graduation. The valedictorian and salutatorian both mentioned the softball team. I thought that was neat because we don't even have one senior on the team."

It has been a long wait for the Rangerettes. They last played on May 22, getting a 3-0 Class 3A region final win over Monahans in Andrews before a standing room only crowd.

"I really hate waiting to play," said junior centerfielder Stephanie Adams, who drove in a run with a double against Monahans. "That's the worst part. It seems like it has been forever since we played a game. But for state, there will be no problem getting pumped up."

Greenwood softball is a family matter for the Awalt clan. Ashley Awalt is a junior second baseman while Courtney Awalt, a sophomore, is the starting rightfielder.

"I played varsity tennis last year, so I was on Please see SOFTBALL/5C

'Boys get 2 WRs back; one retires

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys wide receivers Raghib Ismail and Joey Galloway took part in team drills Wednesday during the second day of a minicamp at Valley Ranch.

Ismail and Galloway, both recovering from torn ACL injuries, which required reconstructive knee surgeries, had been getting better with each practice but Wednesday was the first time they lined up against the defense since last season.

Coach Dave Campo said Ismail and Galloway did well.

"It was unbelievable today that Rocket and Joey jumped out there and did as well as they did," Campo said. "I'm really excited about that. They looked really good moving and it just gives me real good confidence that they're going to be ready to go."

Linebacker Darren Hambrick — again — didn't show up and never contacted team officials.

Hambrick, the team's leading tackler last season, has been a malcontent all summer because of a \$512,000 contract Dallas offered him as a restricted free agent. He signed it two weeks ago. Hambrick can be an unrestricted free agent after this season.

Meanwhile, receiver Carl Pickens is retiring from Please see DALLAS/2C



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Paul Haley of Dallas watches his putt during the American Junior Golf Association tournament Wednesday at Midland Country Club.

Future of golf gets shown at Midland CC

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The future of the professional golf tours was on display Wednesday at Midland Country Club.

You might never know which future star might be seen out at MCC this week. A player such as 14-year-old James Lee from La Mirada, Calif., who carded a 3-under par 69 during Wednesday's first round play of the American Junior Golf Association's Compaq/David Leadbetter series, might be challenging a thirty-something Tiger Woods 10 years from now on the PGA Tour.

OK, that may be a stretch to predict the future of golf, but the present has Lee leading the boys division by a stroke over Spring's James Minihan and two strokes over Steve Han of Diamond Bar, Calif.

"Usually during this month, I'm playing well," said Lee about his play. "I was confident that I could play well today. This course was kind of hard at times because the wind was going this way and that way. I just prayed to God that I would do well."

On the girls side, Hayley Brown from Austin is tied with Mallory Hetzel from Summerville, S.C., Please see GOLF/5C

Jacks change: Laxdal retires, leagues merge

Staff and Wire Reports

A new beginning and an ending both are forthcoming for the Odessa Jackalopes and the Western Professional Hockey League.

For the Jacks, Derek Laxdal's hockey career, which has spanned 20 seasons, has ended with his retirement. Laxdal, who achieved every hockey player's ultimate dream of playing in

the National Hockey League, will turn his attention and energies to coaching and helping young players reach the heights he attained as a player.

As for a new beginning, executives of the WPHL and Central Hockey League announced that the two leagues will merge and play under the banner of the CHL for the coming season. Somewhere between 18 and 24 teams are expected to form the new

league. Last season, the CHL finished with 10 teams while the WPHL had 13.

Laxdal, who has played for the Odessa Jackalopes for the past two seasons, will remain with the franchise as a full time assistant coach and will oversee the team's youth hockey program.

"Derek Laxdal has had, and will continue to have, a major impact on our franchise," said Jackalopes coach

Don McKee. "Derek has been instrumental in our success as a hockey club and he will continue in that role."

"I only wish every player, professional or amateur, could somehow inherit Derek's work ethic and approach to the game."

Selected by the Toronto Maple Leafs in the eighth round of the 1984 amateur draft, Laxdal began his career Please see JACKS/5C



AP Photo
Andy Roddick gets ready for a backhand during his French Open match against Michael Chang Wednesday at Roland Garros stadium in Paris. Roddick, an up-and-coming American player, defeated Chang, the 1989 French Open champion, in a marathon, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-5.

Deja vu in Paris: Roddick wins epic match vs. Chang

Associated Press

PARIS — Hobbled by cramps near the finish of a five-set French Open marathon, Andy Roddick almost collapsed to the clay. Between points he grimaced, limped, staggered, hopped on one foot, bent over in pain and leaned on a linesman for support.

But the 18-year-old American, whose flair for the dramatic rivals his abundant talent, kept playing and kept slamming aces — 37 in all. And after 3 hours, 50 minutes of tennis Wednesday, he hobbled to the net a winner, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-5.

It was a gallant triumph reminiscent of Michael Chang — who just happened to be Roddick's opponent.

On the same center court in 1989, a 17-year-old Chang cramped so badly in a round-of-16 five-setter that he served underhand at one point. He still managed to beat Ivan Lendl and went on to win the championship, his only Grand Slam title.

Roddick was 6 at the time and watched that match on television. "It's pretty ironic," Roddick said. "That's one of my first memories of tennis. I think I went out and played for three hours after that. It really inspired me."

Chang also thought of that match during his latest endurance contest.

"Similar circumstances," said Chang, the loser this time. "God works in his funny ways."

GOLF: Lee, Hetzel lead tourneys

(From 1C)

for the lead, each shooting a 74. "There was some good and some bad today. I just took it one shot at a time," said Hetzel, 14. "The conditions were made for a lot of details."

Hetzel found the course to play easier than Monday's windier practice round.

"The wind did not blow like I was expecting it to," said Hetzel, 14. "The conditions were made for low scoring today."

AJGA gives young golfers the opportunity to compete on a national level. This year, there will be seven series across the country with Midland being the first stop. For those aspiring to join either the PGA or the LPGA Tour, AJGA gives young golfers a great place to start. Brown, 15, has been with AJGA for two years and has nothing but praise. "They run tournaments very well, and they're very efficient with everything they do," Brown said. "I'm going to continue to play it until I can't anymore."

For Hetzel, this is her first time in an AJGA event but she has also enjoyed her experience.

"This is nice and it's very well run," Hetzel said.

DALLAS: Pickens decides to retire

(From 1C)

the NFL because of a hamstring injury that's prevented him from joining the Dallas Cowboys.

Pickens missed six games last season because of the injury, but had rehabilitated it enough that he felt comfortable signing a one-year, \$500,000 contract with Dallas in April.

Yet Pickens failed to show for the Cowboys' first three minicamps and told agent Steve Zucker to start filling out the paperwork that will formally end his career.

"He had no choice," Zucker said Wednesday. "He hasn't been able to run more than 10 yards. He just can't accelerate at all."

Pickens caught only 10 passes last season for Ten-

And did Roddick ever consider serving underhand?

"I was doing all right overhand," he said. "My underhand serve is suspect — not one of my biggest weapons."

As second-round matches between unseeded players go, this was an epic — perhaps the first of many for Roddick, who has been touted as the next great American player. In just his third Grand Slam match, a crowd that jeered him early chanted his name at the finish: "An-dee! An-dee!"

It was the final match of the day, ending in shadows at 9:04 p.m., and by far the most noteworthy. No. 7 Elena Dementieva was the only seeded player to lose in either draw, falling 7-5, 7-5 to Slovakia's Henrieta Nagyova.

Top-seeded Gustavo Kuerten, bidding for his third French title, beat Agustín Calleri 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. No. 6 Lleyton Hewitt swept qualifier Nikolay Davydenko 6-0, 6-1, 6-3.

Hewitt, another youngster touted as a future Grand Slam champion, will play Roddick in a third-round showdown Friday. The Australian saw part of the Roddick-Chang match.

"I watched their first set," Hewitt said. "Then I played three straightforward sets and got to see the end of it."

The marathon was a seesaw struggle from the first game, when Chang had five break points and failed to convert. Roddick, sliding on the clay like

a gangly colt, raced to a 4-1 lead but then began to spray his shots. When he double-faulted on a key point, he angrily spiked his racket, and the crowd whistled its disapproval.

"When I first went out there, the court seemed huge," he said. "I was rushing a lot. I was just out there playing brainless tennis, kind of like an 18-year-old playing for the first time on stadium court at Roland Garros, I guess."

He blew that first set, won the next two and squandered a chance to close out the fourth, when he had two serves leading 5-4 in the tiebreaker. By then, three hours into a match that began in sunny, 88-degree weather, he was starting to cramp from dehydration.

"I really, really wanted to win the fourth set," he said. "I was struggling."

The symptoms worsened in the eighth game of the final set. Roddick clutched his left hamstring and grimaced after chasing down a shot, then began to pull up in pain after almost every point.

The 29-year-old Chang, meanwhile, looked like he could play another five sets.

Roddick said the symptoms were worst in his calves, groin and hand.

"My hand was doing this cool bendy thing," he said. "I was just hoping that I could hold out long enough before I would be on my back or rolling over or something."

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Here are first-round results from the AJGA Continental Junior All-Star Classic held Wednesday at the 72 Midland Country Club.

Boys

1. James Lee, La Mirada, Calif., 69; 2. James Minihan, Spring, 70; 3. Steve Han, Diamond Bar, Calif., 71; 4. (tie) Mark Conlon, Arlington, 73; 5. Kieny Palmer, Scottsdale, Ariz., 73; 6. Thomas Carlson, Sioux Falls, S.D., 73; 7. (tie) Eunho Shin, McKinney, 74; 8. Ryan Eastman, San Angelo, 74; 9. Craig Boone, El Paso, 74; 10. Jeffrey Edelman, Southlake, 74; 11. (tie) Michael Haverfield, Louisville, Ky., 75; 12. Jonathan Borders, Wichita Falls, 75; 13. Kyle Spencer, Sapulpa, Okla., 75; 14. Sterling Mitchell, Midland, 75; 15. Michael Birtel, New Orleans, 75; 16. (tie) K.T. Livingston, Midland, 76; 17. Bryan Boyd, Austin, 76; 18. Kyle Marcolla, Chillicothe, Mo., 76; 19. Preston Sandknop, Heath, 76; 20. Kellen Mackey, Garland, 76; 21. Jason Cook, Widenmire, Fla., 76; 22. Will Osborne, Wichita Falls, 76; 23. Clarke Kincaid, Trophy Club, 76.

Guillermo Chavez, Clovis, N.M., 76; Chris Yen, Chester, Va., 76; 26. (tie) John Calabrese, Erie, Pa., 77; 27. Robby Ormand, Austin, 77; 28. Logan Young, Memphis, Tenn., 77; 29. Paul Haley, Dallas, 77; 30. Jonathan Lai, Arcadia, Calif., 78.

31. (tie) Cody Lannon, Edmond, Okla., 79; 32. Corey Carroll, Ada, Okla., 79; 33. Corey Carroll, St. Simons Island, Ga., 79; 34. Carson Kulbeth, Lubbock, 79; 35. Stephen Harward, Santa Ana, Calif., 79; 36. Scott Barton, Dallas, 79; 37. (tie) Zach Svendsen, Fair Oaks Ranch, 80; 38. David May, Auburn, N.Y., 80; 39. Tommy Mayers, The Woodlands, 80; 40. Ben Campbell, Flint, 80; 41. (tie) Chris Huffer, Denver, 81; 42. Anthony Broussard, Beaumont, 81; 43. Trevor Pote, Dallas, 81; 44. John Kirchner, Dallas, 81; 45. Christopher Ward, McKinney, 81; 46. Justin Kim, Clifton, Va., 81; 47. Jared Shepherd, Midland, 81; 48. (tie) Chance Williams, Tyler, 82; 49. Rob Krupp, Southlake, 82; 50. (tie) Stephen Evans, Tulsa, Okla., 83; 51. Kevin Schultz, Richardson, 83; 52. Luke Morgan, Muldrow, Okla., 84; 53. Brent Bennett, Midland, 85; 54. (tie) Pranseth Pera, Lewisville, 86; 55. Blake Hughley, Plano, 86; 56. Stetson Perez, Sonora, 86; 57. Michael Stoltz, Midland, 86; 58. Jeff Howard, Plano, 88; 59. (tie) Blake Chrisman, Tulsa, Okla., 89; 60. Troy Jenke, San Angelo, 89; 61. Chet Kendall, Richardson, 89; 62. Cole Moreland, Austin, 89; 63. Hunter McElhenny, Plano, 92; 64. Jordan Davis, Midland, 103.

Girls

1. (tie) Mallory Hetzel, Summerville, S.C., 74; 2. (tie) Heather Wright, Houston, 76; 3. (tie) Reb Bareng, Muntinlupa, Philippines, 76; 4. Caney Hines, San Antonio, 77; 5. Lauren Espinosa, Dallas, 78; 6. (tie) Jennifer Hong, Windermere, Fla., 79; 7. Laura Canfield, Russell, Ky., 79; 8. Ginny Brown, Austin, 84; 9. Daphne Vines, Austin, 84; 10. Jenna Wessels, Columbus, 87; 11. Meredith McMahon, San Antonio, 88; 13. Jennifer Butler, Enid, Okla., 89; 14. Lindsay Anderson, El Paso, 94; 15. Madison Marcolla, Chillicothe, Mo., 98; 16. Whitney Brummett, Eureka, Mo., 101.

Kenny Palmer, a 15-year-old from Scottsdale, Ariz., said he has his sights on being the PGA Tour some day.

"This gets you ready for the bigger events," said Palmer, who is tied for fourth with a 73. "There is good competition in these tournaments."

Mark Conlon, a 15-year-old from Arlington, also wants to parlay this into a long career after AJGA.

"Playing in AJGA is awesome and so much fun," said Conlon, who is also tied for fourth with a 73. "I want to do this (play golf) for a long time, hopefully play in college."

Of the 87 total golfers playing in this series, seven Midlanders are participating with Sterling Mitchell leading the way in a tie for seventh with a first-round 75.

The 36-hole event concludes today.

Woods aims to win Memorial for third consecutive time

Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ohio — Greg Norman celebrated his election to the World Golf Hall of Fame, while Jack Nicklaus kept busy being a good host and working on his new swing. Others gathered at the Memorial to remember Payne Stewart once again.

Tiger Woods, meanwhile, casually offered this thought to anyone that doesn't think he will win a third straight Memorial or a fifth straight major — his game might be as frighteningly good as ever.

"I really feel like I'm swinging the club the way I know I can," Woods said. "It's kind of fun to be able to step up there and hit shots that I haven't hit in a while."

In a tournament conceived by Nicklaus to remember the best of golf, Wednesday was a day for reminiscing by Norman about his career and by those who knew Stewart best about his life.

The talk seldom strayed far from Woods, though, who tees off Thursday morning with a chance to do something even he hasn't done before on the PGA Tour — win a tournament for a third year in a row.

He also has an opportunity to

Stewart, Norman make World Hall

DUBLIN, Ohio — Payne Stewart and Greg Norman, who changed the game with their flair and charisma as much as their 80 international victories, were picked Wednesday as the newest members of the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Stewart's close friend, Paul Azinger, announced Stewart's induction before several thousand fans surrounding the 18th green at Muirfield Village Golf Club. Stewart, who died at age 42 in a plane crash on Oct. 25, 1999, is this year's honoree of the Memorial Tournament.

fine tune his game for an unprecedented fifth straight major at the U.S. Open at Southern Hills in two weeks, a feat that would far outshadow three in a row in this Columbus, Ohio, suburb.

"My goal is not to make a cut or just show up and play halfway decent," Woods said. "My goal is to win."

That goal was accomplished easily enough last year, when Woods won his second straight Memorial by taking command with a second-round 63 and

cruising to a rain-delayed win.

There aren't many who think he can't do it once again in a limited field missing the likes of Phil Mickelson, Davis Love and David Duval.

"He's going to steamroll anybody until he gets to where he really wants to go, and nobody knows where that is," Norman said.

Woods didn't win here until Monday last year after play was suspended for a day because of rain. It's a common problem for the Memorial, which has been plagued by rain over the years.

Things don't look much better this year, with the forecast for heavy rain Thursday and Friday and a chance of rain on the weekend.

Woods won in Germany two weeks ago in his last time out, then took a few days off before going out and beating balls to get his swing into major championship shape.

He's feeling good about his chances.

"You have to be realistic. Obviously, you're not going to win every time you tee it up. But that's my goal and it's disappointing when that doesn't happen," Woods said.

Texas golfer hopes Supreme Court ruling will help his US Open dream

HOUSTON (AP) — JaRo Jones doesn't want to play on the PGA Tour like fellow disabled golfer Casey Martin but does want the right to ride his single-rider golf cart and play in the U.S. Senior Championships.

This week's Supreme Court ruling in Martin's case might have moved him closer to his goal.

Jones, 54, is suing the United States Golf Association for the right to ride a golf cart in tournaments, just as Martin challenged the PGA Tour.

"I hope it helps," Jones said Wednesday. "I hope the USGA now understands that we were right all along and that they will go ahead and drop their appeal. If they'll do that, I'm ready to

go for next year."

A federal judge ordered Jones be allowed to use the cart last year but Jones shot a 12-over-par 84 and failed to qualify for the Senior Open.

On Tuesday, the Supreme Court voted 7-2 to allow Martin to ride a cart on the PGA Tour because of pain in his right leg, caused by a circulatory disease that makes it almost impossible for him to walk 18 holes.

Jones, from Baytown, just east of Houston, suffers from post-polio syndrome and neuromuscular atrophy, conditions resulting from having polio at age 4. From a sitting position on his cart, Jones can drive a golf ball 270 yards but the USGA has insisted he play without his specialized cart.

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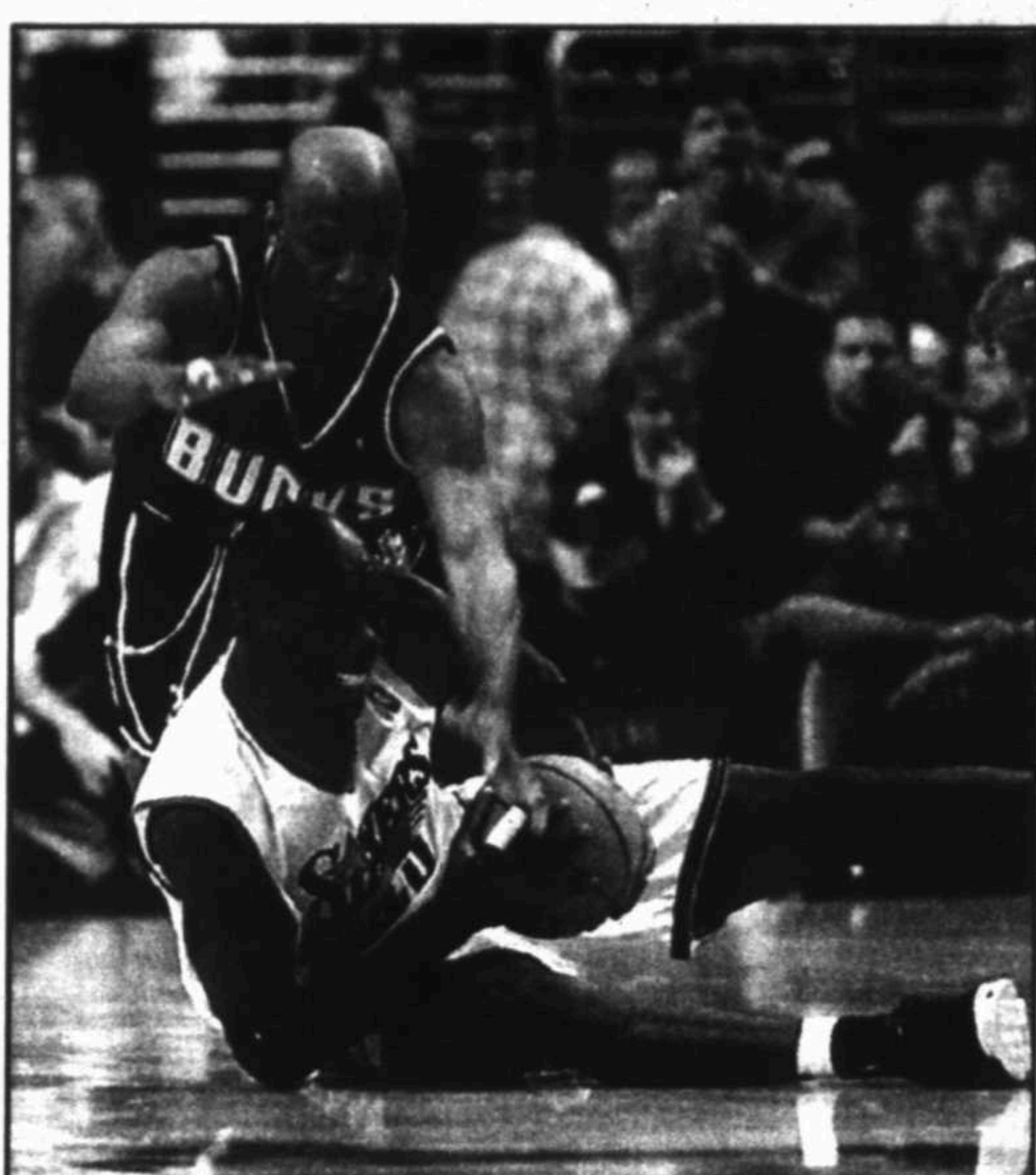
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AP Photo
Milwaukee's Sam Cassell reaches to try to take the ball away from Philadelphia's Tyrone Hill during Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals Wednesday in Philadelphia.

NBA: Philly takes 3-2 lead in series

(From 1C)

Sam Cassell had 18 for the Bucks, who allowed the 76ers to have two four-point possessions and one five-point possession by picking up two untimely flagrant fouls and one technical foul.

Those 13 points ended up being huge for the 76ers, who shot just 37 percent from the field and turned the ball over 14 times. The Bucks led throughout the first half but lost their edge when Cassell picked up a technical foul and Robinson was charged with a flagrant foul in the third quarter.

The 76ers scored four straight points from the line on both calls, then took an 85-82 lead with 3:49 left on a five-point possession as Tim Thomas flagrantly fouled Tyrone Hill, who made both free throws, and McKie converted an offensive rebound and drew Ervin Johnson's sixth foul. Milwaukee scored the next four points before Snow hit a wide-open jumper from 15 feet. Allen was then called for a questionable offensive foul, Iverson missed a drive and Thomas threw away a pass after Milwaukee grabbed an offensive rebound. With the clock ticking inside 35 seconds, Snow hit a 20-footer to make it 89-86.

"He doesn't miss shots like that at the end of fourth quarters. I'll give him that shot every time in the first, second or third quarter," Robinson said.

Milwaukee's Jason Caffey scored from the lane with 18 seconds left, and the Bucks fouled McKie with 13.9 left. The 76ers had made 25 of 26 free throws to that point, but McKie was short on both attempts.

Milwaukee got the ball to Robinson for a good shot, but it wouldn't go — and neither would Allen's tip.

"It never should have come down to that," Robinson said. "We basically gave them 10 points. We have to make sure that if we go down we go down playing the right way."

The Sixers now have a 3-2 lead

in the series, and teams which have taken such a lead have gone on to win 83 percent of the time.

Snow's latest ankle injury is worse than originally believed. In addition to a sprain, he also has a hairline fracture of the ankle running perpendicular to a two-inch long screw that was inserted after a previous fracture.

Sixers team physician Dr. Jack McPhily said there is a risk of further injury and that Snow had made the decision to play. Snow risks breaking the screw or further displacing the fracture, and the team doctors did not recommend one way or the other whether he should play.

Snow wore a special brace on the ankle in addition to heavy tape to protect it from a 90-degree turn.

Iverson finished the first quarter shooting 2-for-10, and he missed all three of his shots in the second quarter. Mutombo (13 points) and Snow (10 points) kept the 76ers within striking distance through the second quarter, but Thomas had four foul shots in the final minute to help Milwaukee take a 51-42 halftime lead.

Iverson missed a wide-open corner jumper early in the third quarter, making him 2-for-18 from the field, and everything seemed to be going Milwaukee's way as Cassell hit consecutive jumpers over Iverson for a 63-55 lead.

Moments later, though, Cassell fouled Iverson on a 3-point attempt and picked up a technical foul for arguing. Iverson hit all four free throws, Mutombo converted a hook shot and Iverson finally hit a jumper — making him 3-for-20 — to tie it at 63-all with 2:40 left in the third.

Notes: Robinson, who complained that he hadn't attempted a foul shot in the first four games, went to the line with 7:36 left in the first quarter but missed his first attempt. ... Mutombo and Iverson had plenty of Georgetown supporters in the stands with Patrick Ewing, Alonzo Mourning and John Thompson in the building.

76ers get offensive boost from Mutombo

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The scowl on Dikembe Mutombo's face didn't change all night — until the game was over.

Mutombo, best known for his defensive ability, helped bail out the Philadelphia 76ers with a rare offensive display Wednesday night.

The NBA's defensive player of the year scored 21 points as the Sixers overcame an awful shooting night by Allen Iverson to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 89-88 in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"We knew the only way we could win is if every one contributed," Mutombo said. "We were short-handed, our guys are hurt, but we want to win so badly."

Game 6 is Friday night in Milwaukee. Philadelphia leads the series 3-2 and is one victory away from advancing to the NBA finals for the first time in 18 years. Mutombo scored eight points in the third quarter as the Sixers rallied to tie the game after trailing by as much as 16 in the first half and nine at halftime.

His hook shot cut the deficit to 63-61 with 4:58 left in the third before Iverson hit a jumper to tie the game for the first time since the opening seconds. After the Bucks took a 68-65

lead, Mutombo hit his final two free throws to cut it to 68-67.

Mutombo finished 6-of-11 from the field, 9-of-9 from the foul line and grabbed 13 rebounds, including six on the offensive glass.

"When it comes to the playoffs, you want to shoot a high percentage of foul shots because a lot of the games are decided at the end," Mutombo said.

The Bucks aren't so sure Mutombo earned all those foul calls.

"It's frustrating because every time he gets the ball down low, he gets a foul," Ray Allen said.

After the Sixers beat Milwaukee 89-83 in Game 4, Mutombo assured the Sixers would win Game 5 and then take the series. He guaranteed a victory in Game 7 of the conference semifinals against Toronto.

As Iverson struggled early Wednesday, the Sixers began focusing their offense around Mutombo. He posted up inside, made a couple hook shots and drew some fouls. Mutombo fouled out Ervin Johnson and helped get Scott Williams into early foul trouble.

"We made a conscious effort to get the ball down to him and then we can play off him if they double team," Aaron McKie said.

Phil's Philosophy guides Lakers

Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Phil's Philosophy is working to perfection after undergoing some heavy scrutiny over the winter.

Considering what Phil Jackson has accomplished as an NBA coach in the last 11 years, his recent success with the Los Angeles Lakers shouldn't come as a surprise.

"He's a winner, kept us well-prepared, let problems work themselves out," Shaquille O'Neal said the other day.

"He's the best coach in the NBA," Kobe Bryant said. "He might be the best coach ever."

Those are interesting observations considering Jackson was criticized when O'Neal and Bryant squabbled in January because he left it to them to resolve their differences.

When things were at their shakiest between O'Neal and Bryant, Jackson used the expression "sandbox stuff" to reporters in describing the behavior of his top players, who ultimately worked out their differences.

He got his message across.

"I've seen them all, I've been with them all," longtime Lakers broadcaster Chick Hearn said Wednesday of the Lakers' coach-

es over the years. "He's the most unusual man I've ever known."

"He can sit on the sidelines over there while the other team runs up 17 points and not uncross his legs or call a timeout. His ability to control a game is astounding to me."

Regarding Jackson's handling of the O'Neal-Bryant dispute, Hearn said: "There is a perfect example of what I mean about the most unusual man I've ever known. Most coaches would have kicked butt, or two butts."

But not Jackson.

O'Neal had a terse response for those who believe Jackson has been so successful because of the outstanding players he had at his disposal, including Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, O'Neal and Bryant.

"Every coach that's won a championship has had players, right?" O'Neal said. "OK, then, so whoever said that is a freaking idiot."

The Bulls won six championships in an eight-year span in the 1990s, and the Lakers are on the verge of winning their second title in two years under Jackson.

In addition, they could become the first team ever to sweep through the playoffs should they win four straight against Philadel-

phia or Milwaukee in the NBA Finals, which begin June 6 at Staples Center.

Jackson enters the Finals having won 19 straight playoff series as coach of the Bulls and Lakers, surpassing the record of 18 by former Boston Celtics coach Red Auerbach.

Jackson's teams have a 137-49 record in the playoffs for a winning percentage of .737 — by far the best in NBA history.

His victory total is second behind Pat Riley's 155, and if the current Lakers win the championship, as expected, it will be Jackson's eighth as a coach — one behind Auerbach's record total.

"There's no doubt about it, the fortunate coaching record I have is due to having teams that are ready to win and capable of winning," Jackson said. "The guys on the court are what count."

"If they don't have a way to get along together, no matter what we do strategically, all the preparation we do, you can be the greatest X-and-O guy in the world, nothing works. It's all on them."

True, perhaps, but somebody's got to guide the players toward getting along.

And that's what Jackson's done.

"He has my utmost respect," Lakers forward Rick Fox said.

"Look at the team they had before Phil got here," said Lakers forward Horace Grant, who also played under Jackson in Chicago.

In their final pre-Jackson action two years ago, the Lakers were swept by the Spurs in the Western Conference semifinals.

They returned the favor in a most decisive manner this year.

"You know, when you win, there's enough credit to go around for everybody," Jackson said.

The 55-year-old Jackson said he got the Lakers coaching job "probably by reputation and not by skill, because people know that I really didn't have the skill to have this job."

He signed a five-year, \$30 million contract in June 1999 — not long after the Lakers had been swept by the Spurs.

"It was more or less that I could deal with people as a coach that had managerial skills, which I demonstrated terrifically this season," he said, before breaking out in laughter.

Actually, it's no laughing matter — that's exactly what he did.

Hall adds Malone, Krzyzewski, Chaney

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Temple basketball coach John Chaney is proud to join the Basketball Hall of Fame. He would just like to do it quietly.

"I wish we could keep it a secret," Chaney said Wednesday after it was announced he would join former NBA great Moses Malone and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski as the latest class with induction ceremonies on Oct. 5. "I'd like to slip right in without anybody recognizing it," Chaney said. "I'm going to ask them if I can go in without being there. I'll write them a letter."

The 69-year-old Chaney has been a college coach for 29 seasons, and has led the Owls to 17 NCAA tournament appearances in 19 seasons, including five NCAA regional finals.

"You look at your whole life in total and you can't put it into words," Chaney said at a news conference in Philadelphia. "It's been overwhelming."

Malone, who became one of the most dominating centers in the game, jumped from

Petersburg (Va.) High School to the Utah Stars of the American Basketball Association in 1974 at the age of 19. He went on to play 21 years in the ABA and NBA.

"It is an honor to think people consider me a great player," Malone said. "I never considered myself a great player. I considered myself a hard worker."

The 6-foot-10 Malone became the third leading rebounder in NBA history — behind Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell — with 16,212, and the NBA's fifth leading scorer with 27,404 points. He also ranks third in games played (1,329), second in free throw attempts (11,090) and first in free throws made (8,531).

A 12-time NBA All-Star, he led the Philadelphia 76ers to the 1983 NBA championship and was selected MVP of the finals.

He also played for Houston, Milwaukee, Atlanta, Washington and San Antonio.

Malone said if he had to single out one of his former teammates, it would be Hall of Famer Julius Erving.

"I love him," Malone said. "He is an ambas-

sador of the game."

Krzyzewski won his third national championship at Duke this spring. He has a 606-223 record in 26 seasons of coaching, five at West Point, his alma mater, and the rest at Duke, where he also won NCAA titles in 1991 and 1992.

Coaches are eligible for induction after 25 seasons of coaching, while players must be retired for at least five years.

A person needs 18 of 24 votes from the Honors Committee to be inducted.

For the first time since 1992 the Honors Committee did not elect a female player or coach. Two female coaches, Cathy Rush of Immaculata College and Kay Yow of North Carolina State, were among the 17 finalists.

The other finalists included coaches Lute Olson, Larry Brown and Jerry Tarkanian, and players James Worthy, Adrian Dantley, Bobby Jones, Earl Lloyd, and international stars Dino Meneghin and Drazen Petrovic.

Proposed as contributors were Tex Winter, Grady Lewis and wheelchair basketball pioneer Junius Kellogg.

Game 2 leaves Avs angered at selves

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — There's a team that's spitting mad in the Stanley Cup finals — and, no, it's not the New Jersey Devils.

The Devils, embarrassed at how easily Colorado took them apart in Game 1, came out with a nasty attitude and a renewed intensity Tuesday night to even the series with a 2-1 victory.

Now, it's the Avalanche who are angry — not just for wasting a chance to go up 2-0, but for letting the Devils dictate how the game was played.

There were no end-to-end rushes, no open ice, no sequence of odd-man rushes as in Colorado's 5-0 romp in Game 1. Instead, the Devils got goals from role players Bob Corkum and Turner Stevenson to take their first lead of the series, then shut down the Avalanche for the next 40 minutes with their dull but effective neutral zone trap.

It may be painfully boring to watch, but the Devils can be as difficult to score against as any team in hockey when they are in their full trapping mode. The Avalanche know they will see the trap again in Game 3 Thursday night at the Meadowlands if the

Devils get the lead.

"They played tighter, a little more physical," Colorado captain Joe Sakic said Wednesday. "Oh, yeah, we can play that way. We just didn't do a very good job. We let them take over the game."

Most of all, that tone was set by defenseman Scott Stevens, whose bullyboy personality returned in Game 2 as quickly as it vanished in Game 1, when he was a minus-3. On Tuesday, he was caught by TV cameras spitting derisively in the direction of the Avalanche bench and rubbing his glove across forward Chris Drury's face.

"He was the old Scott Stevens as we know him," Devils coach Larry Robinson said.

And what Scott Stevens might that be?

"Chippy, and in your face," Stevens said. "It felt a lot more like the Stanley Cup finals than the first game did. We've got to keep that emotion and play with high intensity. We've got to be aggressive and make them work out there."

This don't-mess-with-us attitude was visibly missing from the Devils in Game 1, and might not have been there again Tuesday if the Avalanche hadn't squandered

an early 1-0 lead or converted more than one of six power-play chances.

"We just sat around and played a chess game," Avalanche defenseman Adam Foote said. "We can't do that. That's not our hockey. That's what they want."

Especially Robinson, except for all those power plays, Colorado already has been on the power play 11 times, several for unnecessary retaliatory penalties — the kind that potentially can decide a low-scoring series.

"It is disappointing," said Robinson, who benched rookie Colin White briefly in the Toronto series after several such penalties. "You get to the Stanley Cup finals, and there are stupid retaliatory penalties ... and they can be very detrimental. I'd hate to have to do again what I did in the Toronto series."

The Devils have one edge going into Game 3 — the Avalanche are 0-7-3 in their last 10 games at the Meadowlands.

"That's the regular season," Sakic said. "It means nothing. There's a lot of buildings that we've struggled in; we've struggled in Los Angeles ever since we got to Denver, and we did well there in the playoffs."

Still, the Avalanche can't escape the fact they scored the first six goals in the series against one of the NHL's premier defensive teams, yet have only a split to show for it. That's not necessarily bad — no team since Montreal in 1986 has won the cup after managing only to split the first two games on the road — but the Avalanche realize how close they were to being up 2-0.

"We didn't even play our game to near how we could play it," Foote said. "We're not happy with the way we played, it's no secret, and we have to come out stronger. We know how to play road hockey; I don't think it matters in the playoffs whether you're at home or on the road."

Kans offense at Te

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — City Royals scored Wednesday night their previous for

Dee Brown's keyed a six-run Carlos Beltran shot in the third City snapped a streak with an 11 Texas Rangers.

"I thought it offensive series long time," Royal Muser said of the "We got a go. We've been scuff. We felt good about

Kansas City starter Pat Mahomes runs and eigh inning plus two Mahomes' shorted 59 career starts.

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Associated Press

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Camps...

The Midland High Football Camp is set for June 4-8 for students entering grades 5-9. Camp sessions go from 8:30 a.m.-noon each day. Cost is \$60. The instructors are members of the MHS coaching staff. For more information, call coach Kirk Thurman at 689-1193.

The Midland High Weightlifting Camp is in three sessions, June 11-16, June 18-22 and June 25-29. Grades 5-7 are 8-9:30 a.m. and Grades 8-9 are 9:30-11 a.m. Registration can be done on the first day of each session. Cost is \$50. Contact coach Kirk Thurman at 689-1193 for more information.

The Lee Rebel Football Camp is June 4-8 for students going into grades five through nine. Camp is 8:30 a.m. to noon each day. Cost is \$50 for those who pre-register. The instructors are members of the Lee coaching staff. Call coach Scott Hicks at 689-1602 for more information.

Lee Rebel Weight Training Camp is June 18-29. Session I is 8:30-10:30 a.m. Session II is 10:11-11:30 a.m. at the Lee weight room. The camp is for students entering grades 5-9. Camp costs \$50. Call coach Scott Hicks at 520-8919 for more information.

UTPB volleyball coach Steve Alcina will conduct three summer volleyball camps. On June 11-15, 1-4 p.m., camp is for students entering 7th and 8th grades (\$100). June 18-22, 1-5 p.m., for students entering 9th and 10th grades (\$125); and July 16-20, 1-5 p.m., for students entering 11th and 12th grades (\$125). Each camp is limited to 24 participants. Call 915-552-2675 for more information.

UTPB is offering **Camp Falcon**, which includes swimming, soccer, basketball, volleyball, floor hockey and team handball in two sessions. They will be held from 8:15 a.m. to noon on June 4-22 and June 25-July 13. Cost for each session is \$100 per child with additional children from each family costing \$90 apiece. UTPB students enrolled in summer courses will receive \$10 discounts for their children. A \$10 non-refundable deposit must be paid two weeks prior to the start of each session. For more information, call (915) 552-2335.

The Junior Mustang Weight Camp is June 4-22 from 1-2:30 p.m. The camp is for those entering grades 4-7 in 2001-02 and it is being conducted by coach Chris McKinney. Cost is \$50. There will be a discount for those enrolling in two or three of the junior camps. For two junior camps, cost is \$90. For three camps, cost is \$135. Any questions about the junior camps, please contact coach McKinney at 694-1661.

The Midland College Basketball Camp, for players in the third-12th grades, is set for June 4-7. Sessions will go from 1-5 p.m. at the Physical Education Gymnasium on the MC campus. Cost is \$100 for walk-up registration. For information, call MC men's coach Junsie Cotten at 685-4578.

The Rebels Soccer Camps, for boys and girls ages 4-12, include four different sets of dates: June 4-8, June 18-22, July 9-13 and July 16-20. Times are 9-11:30 a.m. for ages 6-12 and 9-10:30 a.m. for ages 4-6. For more information, call 570-1540.

The Midland High Boys and Girls Basketball Camp is June 4-8 at the MHS gym. There will be a morning and afternoon camp each day. Camp price is \$50 for one camp and \$90 for both camps. The camps are for students entering grades 1-9 and the camp will be taught by MHS coaches and ex-Bulldog players. Students may register by calling 689-1131 or 689-1132.

The Lee Lady Rebels Volleyball Camp will be held June 4-7 at Abell Junior High School. It will be conducted by the Lee coaching staff and graduated senior players. The cost for grade levels is the following: Grades 4-6 (8-9:30 a.m.), \$35; Grades 7-8 (9:30-11:30 a.m.), \$50; Grade 9 (1:15-3:15 p.m.), \$50. Registration at the door June 4 starting at 7:45 a.m.

Bobby Moffat's 2001 TSC is June 4-8 at the Windlands Soccer Complex. Regular Camp: Ages 4-14 is from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. daily. Cost is \$100; Intermediate Camp: Ages 9-16 is from 4:30-8:30 p.m. daily. Cost

is \$110; Goalkeepers Camp: Ages 6-16 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. daily. Cost is \$110. For more information contact, Anna at 684-5425 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) or 686-8848. E-mail: Midland soccer@aol.com.

The Britannia Soccer Sports is June 25-29 at Windlands Soccer Complex. Half Day Camp is from 9 a.m. to noon or 5-8 p.m., cost is \$90. Full Day Camp is from 9 a.m. to noon and 5-8 p.m., cost is \$140. If registered after June 11, \$100 half day or \$150 full day. Customized training sessions by qualified coaches from the United Kingdom. For more information contact, Anna at 684-5425 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) or 686-8848. E-mail: Midland soccer@aol.com.

The British Soccer Camp is July 16-20 at Windlands Soccer Complex. Mini Soccer Camp for ages 4-5 is from 8:30-10 a.m. or 10:15-11:45 a.m., cost is \$64. Half Day Camp is for ages 6-16 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 5:30-8:30 p.m., cost is \$86. Goalkeeper Camp for ages 10-18 is from 5:30-8:30 p.m., cost is \$86. Full Day Camp for ages 10-18 is from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m., cost is \$136. Discount of \$5 is signed up by June 1. For more information contact, Anna at 684-5425 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) or 686-8848. E-mail: Midland soccer@aol.com.

The first Texas Tech football clinic begins June 2 and those wishing to attend are encouraged to sign up before all the spots are filled. Texas Tech coach Mike Leach will be joined by all Texas Tech assistant coaches, strength staff and training staff. Tech is offering eight different camps covering every aspect of the game. Camps fees range from \$35 to \$300. For more information, contact the Texas Tech Football Office at 806-742-4260 or log on to www.texastech.com, select "Football" and click on "Camp Information".

The University of Texas will host nine summer baseball camps with sessions running through July 23. All camps will be held at Disch-Falk Field in Austin. Call 512-471-3309 for information on dates and cost.

The Midland Christian Mustang Baseball Camp is July 9-11 at Butler Fields on Bluebird. Cost is \$35 one day, \$60 two days, \$80 three days for pitching and catching on first day, hitting on day two, and defense on third day. Call 689-0610 for more information.

The Midland College Lady Chaps Basketball Camps will be a Fundamental Camp at 1-5 p.m. July 30-Aug. 2 and Shooting Camp, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Aug. 3-4. For more information and brochure call Ron Jones at 685-4581.

A Gymnastics Camp will be held through Aug. 10 at Midland Gymnastics Center. The one-week sessions will be held over 10 weeks from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekly field trips are included. Cost is \$75 per week. For more information, call Blake Hughes at 682-4113.

The Monahans Volleyball Clinic is June 18-20 at Monahans High School. 7th grade is 8-10 a.m.; eighth grade is 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and grades 10-11 is 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Cost is \$45 for junior high and \$50 for high school. Entry deadline is June 7. Call 943-5864 for more information.

Basketball...

The Juneteenth Men's Tournament will be played June 15-17. The entry fee is \$125, and the entry deadline is June 12. For more information, call Earl at 570-4093 or Eddie at 682-2551.

Registration for the **YMCA Summer League** begins ends June 10. The league includes divisions for boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade. League play begins July 9. For more information, call 682-2551.

The Don Eddy Basketball Camp is June 25-29 for kids 8 years old through the 12th grade at Trinity School. Cost is \$170. For more information call Jeff Young at 697-3281 or 570-5975.

There will be two **girls basketball tournaments** in Midland for ages 12, 14, 16-under and high school on June 9 and June 23. For more information call 684-5645.

The 6th Annual All-Star Classic, a men's open double elimination tournament, is June 9-10 in San Angelo. Cost is \$200

per team (10 player limit) and deadline to enter is June 5. First place prize is \$1,000. To enter call Chris at 915-223-1309 or (cell) 374-9504.

A girls tournament is scheduled for June 22-24 in Abilene for players in fifth grade through high school. All teams are guaranteed three games. The entry fee of \$175 is due by June 16, and the field is limited to the first six teams in each age group. For more information, call Steve Anders at (915) 698-3693.

Softball...

Summer league registration for adult slow pitch softball is underway for the **Midland Softball Association**. Entry fee for the 12-game season is \$250 plus \$10 player fees. Deadline is June 6. Games begin July 9. Register at the Bill Williams Complex or at Ricochet Sports. Call 683-8741 for more information.

Lubbock USSSA is holding the following tournaments: June 1-3, girls and boys slowpitch and fastpitch tournaments; June 8-10, men's D and E and women's A, B, C and D national qualifiers. Entry fees for the youth fastpitch tournament is \$175 with a deadline of June 1. Entry fees for the men and women are \$150 by June 5. For more information, call Bobby Drum at (806) 792-7111.

The following tournaments are scheduled for **Lamesa**: Muleshoe Father's Day Tournament, Men's Class D and E teams, June 16-17, entry fee is \$115; Texas Super Cup/Menadua Festival, USSSA Hispanic State and World Sanctioned Qualifier, Men's B/C, D/E and Women's Co-Rec Recreational, July 20-23. For more information, call (806) 763-3841.

The Nasty Boys Ninth Annual Juneteenth Tournament is scheduled for June 15-17 at Washington Park. For more information, call Tank at 570-4507, 661-2530 or 567-6771 (beeper).

Texas Elite Sports is conducting an AAU state championship for girls June 9-10 in Brenham, age groups range from 12 and under to 18 and under. For more information, call Farley Styles at (512) 292-0190 or visit the web page at www.texas-elitebaseball.com.

The Andrews Men's 1-and-1 Softball Tournament is June 8-9. Entry fee is \$125 per team. For more information, call Rufus at 524-9819.

The American Cancer Society is having a **Home Run Against Cancer Softball Tournament** at the Bill Williams Softball Complex in Midland June 23-24. USSSA registration required. Divisions of play will be men's class B/C and men's D/E. The deadline to enter is June 19. Entry fee is \$150. Call 915-683-8741, 915-699-6313 or 915-683-6374 to enter. Visit www.PBUSSA.com for more information.

The Second Annual Softball Tournament benefiting Special Olympics is June 2-3 in Winston Field in Snyder. Entry deadline is May 31. Entry fee is \$110 per team. Contact Larry Jaramillo at 915-573-0945 or Valerio Torres at 915-574-2297.

Tennis...

The Pacesetters Junior Tennis Program, designed to develop competitive players at the junior high and high school level is now offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. and some weekends at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. For out of town guests there will also be two weekends a month offered. For more details call 580-8929 or 570-6245 and ask for Luis Valdez.

The USA 1-2-3 Junior Tennis Program, designed to develop the basics of tennis is now offered Tuesdays, Thursdays and some weekends at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. For out of town guests there will also be two weekends a month offered. For more details call 580-8929 or 570-6245 and ask for Luis Valdez.

Midland Tennis Center is accepting membership dues. Members are allowed to participate in MTC tournaments and use the Midland College Tennis Center year round. MTC dues are as follows: adults \$50, juniors (18 or younger as of 1-1-01) \$30, family \$125.

The Permian Basin Grand Prix Tennis Circuit competition will hold six tournaments for four

levels (Novice, Intermediates, Advanced and Open). July 9-10, Mission Country Club (563-4707); Aug. 10-12, Odessa College (335-6800); Aug. 24-26, Odessa Country Club (550-0898); Sept. 7-9, Odessa College (580-8929); Sept. 29-30, state tournament in New Braunfels. Entry deadline is the Monday preceding that tournament.

The Odessa Black Tournament is scheduled for July 13-15. Entry deadline is July 10. For information call 335-6800 or 580-8929.

A USTA MXD adult league for levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 is scheduled for June 18-July 20. For more information, call Juanell Fort at 686-0277.

A USTA rating clinic is scheduled for June 2 at 1 p.m. at Midland College. For more information, call Lance Armstrong at 687-4046.

Golf...

The Knights of Columbus will hold a **two-man scramble** on June 10 at Hogan Park. The entry fee of \$50 includes greens fee, cart, meal, a bucket of practice balls and one mulligan per nine holes. The scramble starts at 11 a.m.

Gaines County Golf Club in Seminole has the following tournaments: June 23-24, Jack and Jill; Aug. 4-5, 3-man, 2 low ball; Aug. 9, GCGC Softie; Aug. 18-19, 2 Jacks, 2 Jills; Sept. 8-9, 3-man scramble; Oct. 20-21, Over 80 2-man scramble. Entries will be taken 30 days in advance. For information on any of these events, call 915-758-3808.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is hosting a four-person scramble from 8 a.m. to noon July 30 at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to the pin and the top three teams. Cost is \$75 per player or \$300 per team Mulligans are available at \$5 each with a limit of two per player. For entry forms, call Stacy Fuqua at (915) 552-2809.

The Hogan Park Junior Golf Program sessions run June 11-15 and June 21, July 5 and July 12, July 19. The first week is from 9-10 a.m. or 10:30-11:30 a.m. All other dates are 8:45-11:45 a.m. Fee is \$70. The first session is for ages 9-11 and the second session is for ages 12-17. Entry deadline is June 4 at 6 p.m. Call Hogan Park for more information at 685-7360.

Masters Golf Clinic Schedule: Over 50 Crowd (men and women): June 1, 9:30-11 a.m., \$25; June 15, 9:30-11 a.m., \$25; June 29, 9:30-11 a.m., \$25. **Ladies Beginner:** June 5-7, 6-7:30 p.m., \$45; **Ladies Advanced (Score better than 90):** June 2, 9:30-11 a.m., \$25; June 16, 9:30-11 a.m., \$25. **Kids (ages 6-15):** June 4-6, 9:30-11 a.m.; June 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with lunch break; June 11-13, 9:30-11 a.m.; June 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; June 18-20, 9:30-11 a.m.; June 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; June 28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 570-4499 for more details.

The Big Spring Country Club is holding a parent-child two-person scramble June 9-10. Entry fee is \$80 in the open division and \$30 in the trophy division. A parent may play with more than one child with the entry fee on an additional team coming at half price. For more information, call (915) 267-5354.

Running...

The Permian Basin Road Runners Club is a non-profit, educational organization for runners living in West Texas and southeastern New Mexico. The club, which promotes distance running as a helpful exercise and a competitive sport, is a member of the Road Runners Club of America and the Athletics Congress. Membership is open to all runners, joggers or walkers, regardless of experience. The club sponsors monthly fun runs, specialized training, group runs and runs for charity. For information, call Penny Wasm at 697-6391. Web site is www.pbr-rc.com.

On Saturday, June 2, thousands of Americans from coast to coast will celebrate the 150th anniversary of American YMCAs by participating in the **YMCA World's Largest Run**. The Midland YMCA is proud to be a host site of synchronized 5K run and fun walk. For more information call the Midland YMCA at 682-2551.

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabey 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 \$40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is offering **water aerobics classes** Monday through Saturday at Mabey Aquatic Center. Weekday classes are held at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Classes on Saturdays begin at 8:30 a.m. Classes are open to the public, and swimming skills are not necessary. COM provides all necessary equipment. Cost is \$47.50 per month or \$70 for a couple per month. For information, call Jeni Wood at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details.

The COM Masters Swimming is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5-6 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$40 per month and includes stroke instruction and cardiovascular training. Call 684-7755 for more information.

COM Diving offers a full range of diving instruction from beginning lessons to elite team training and competition. All ages and ability levels are invited to participate. Lessons are offered at various times. For information, call 684-7755.

The Midland YMCA offers year-round 30-minute swim lessons for parents and children and 45-minute lessons for youth. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551.

Midland YMCA will be offering **swimming lessons** for children and adults. Private lessons are available upon request. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551.

The Midland YMCA is offering **water aerobic classes**. Early morning, morning and evening classes are available. No swimming ability is necessary to participate in these classes. For more information please call Leaf Faller at 682-2551.

The Central YMCA is offering **arthritis water exercise classes**. Classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at varying times during the day. For more information call Leaf Faller at 682-2551.

UTPB is offering **summer season passes** to its Olympic-size pool to the public. The largest outdoor heated pool in Odessa is open through Aug. 12. Any currently enrolled UTPB student may enter and swim during scheduled hours with UTPB photo ID. Students may purchase memberships for spouses and children. Pool hours are 1-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon-7 p.m. on Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Daily fees are \$3 for individuals with a non-UTPB affiliation and \$2 for faculty, staff, alumni and family members. Summer memberships are \$50 for individuals with non-UTPB affiliation; \$200 for a family membership and \$30 for UTPB faculty, staff and alumni; and \$125 for a family membership for faculty, staff and alumni. For more information, call 915-552-2335.

The Permian Basin Bicycle Association meets monthly — at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month — at the Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of FM 1788 and WCR 602. Rides are held weekly, including Tuesday & Thursday at 6 p.m., fast/hard ride from corner of Loop 338 and State Highway 191 in Odessa; Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's Bikes in Midland (beginner's ride); Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's (medium and fast paced groups); Saturday at 7:30 a.m. from Loop 338 & Highway 191 in Odessa; Sunday at 7:30 a.m., breakfast ride from Golden Corral in Odessa; Sunday at

Cycling...

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2 p.m., Flag Ranch Ride Mountain Bike Ride. Membership dues are \$25 or \$30 for a family. Call Peyton's Bikes at 699-1718 for more information.

Soccer...

Blast Futbol Club will host its annual soccer clinic on June 11-15 at Windlands soccer complex from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$25. Shane Barden, Blast's coaching director and a USSF National A licensed coach, will direct the clinic. Tony Pierce, the newest member of Blast's coaching staff, has been a collegiate coach and played professionally. He currently holds a USSF National B license. For more information, call Barden at 699-3065.

Blast is also holding open practices every Monday and Thursday throughout the month of June at Reyes-Mashburn Park. All age groups are welcome with boys going from 5:30-6:45 p.m. and girls from 7-8:30 p.m. For information, call Shane Barden at 699-3065.

Specialized clinics for boys and girls eligible for the '91 and '92 club teams are scheduled for June 18, 19, 21, 25, 26 and 28 from 9 a.m.-noon at Reyes-Mashburn Park. Cost is \$5. For more information, call Shane Barden at 699-3065.

Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall, is holding sign-ups for the **Summer Indoor Soccer League** for kids age 4 to adult. Registration is \$40 per player and deadline is May 31. Sign up Monday through Thursday between 5-7 p.m. Season begins June 16 and runs through Aug. 15. Call 520-6633.

Hockey...

Registration for the **Spring Inline Hockey League** is now open at Power Play. Leagues for children 5-up and adults are available for beginners, men and women. For more information, call Power Play at 570-7693.

The Jackalope Summer Hockey School is June 11-June 15 and June 18-June 22 at MCM and Ector County Coliseum. Application forms are available at both the Jackalopes and Rock-Hounds offices.

Power Inline Hockey and Skating Center is holding its first adult-only inline hockey skills camp June 4-6 from 6-9:30 p.m. Cost for the camp is \$60 with only the first 40 adults to sign up accepted. For more information, call Donnie Margette or Donny Desilets at 570-7693.

Volleyball...

The YMCA is looking for a few volleyball players to play at noon on Tuesday and Thursdays. It is an on-going year-round program. If interested, call Len Barrett at 694-1135.

The YMCA is holding **summer camps** for two divisions. Little Spikers, a co-ed camp, is for children 8-12 years old and runs from 2-4 p.m. June 18-21. Junior Spikers, for girls only, is for junior high athletes and runs 2-4 p.m. June 25-28. For more information, call 682-2551.

Track & Field...

The Midland Crusader Track Club is beginning its summer track and field program through Aug. 3 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lee High School track field. The program is for amateur boys and girls athletes 7-18 years of age as of Dec. 2001. For more information, call Tony Goyang at 694-6324 or Damon Polk at 570-5122.

Walking...

Midland Walkabout AVA Club is a new club to Midland and meets every third Monday of the month at the Midland Public Library in the upstairs meeting room at 7 p.m. AVA is the American Volkspport Association and is a walking club for all ages and levels of walking. The club will have the opportunity to take sanctioned walks all over Texas. Jack Rogers is the president and can be contacted at 570-0869.

The Mex-Tex Camino Memorial Walk to find a cure for diabetes is June 2, starting downtown at the Midland Center located at 105 N. Main. Even starts at 8 a.m. for 10k and 8:15 for 5k. Registration is \$20. For more information call Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at 915-682-2960.

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Stocks tumble

NEW YORK — Worries about technology earnings overtook Wall Street Wednesday, sending stocks tumbling on investors' growing fears that this spring's huge rally may have been premature.

The intense sell-off, which forced the Nasdaq composite index down more than 4 percent, followed an earnings warning by tech bellwether Sun Microsystems. Analysts said Sun's late Tuesday announcement was an unwelcome reminder that the economy is still weak and that many companies' second-quarter results are likely to be dismal.

"I'm not concerned that we're going back into a bear market, but I am concerned that we're going to have a very deep correction," said Hugh Johnson, the chief investment officer at First Albany Corp. "I wouldn't be surprised at all to see the Dow get below 10,500."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 166.50 at 10,872.64, a 1.5 percent drop. It was the blue chip index's lowest close since May 11, when the index reached 10,821.31, and its first finish below 11,000 in two weeks.

Broader stock indicators also dropped sharply. The Nasdaq fell 91.04 to 2,084.50, its lowest close since its 2,081.92 finish on May 14. The technology-focused index, which has fallen the last three sessions, has dropped 10 percent since May 22, when it closed at a high for the year of 2,313.85.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 19.85 to 1,248.08, a 1.6 percent decline and its lowest close since May 11, when the S&P finished at 1,245.67.

Dollar falls

LONDON — The dollar fell against other major currencies in European trading Wednesday. Gold prices were also down.

In London, the dollar was quoted in late trading at 85.52 cents, up from 85.45 cents Tuesday.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Tuesday, included 120.10 Japanese yen, down from 120.13; 1.7832 Swiss francs, down from 1.7836 and 1.5395 Canadian dollars, down from 1.5412.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.4212, up from \$1.4173.

Gold falls

Gold fell \$3.30 in Hong Kong to \$273.75.

Near record highs

NEW YORK — Gasoline futures vaulted to near record highs at the New York Mercantile Exchange Wednesday, as inventory reports showed declines in key cleaner-burning summertime gasoline, analysts said.

A drop in reformulated gasoline stockpiles just ahead of summer driving season heightened concerns of a supply crunch and was the trigger for the rally Wednesday.

The sudden jump in gasoline, from 95.50 cents a gallon May 16 to \$1.16 a gallon Wednesday, has traders rethinking when prices will peak. Many are now saying the all-time could be challenged Friday, just ahead of Memorial Day, which is the traditional start of the summer driving season.

The result is motorists may have to wait longer for relief at the pump.

Cleaner-burning reformulated gasoline is required in one-third of the country in heavily polluted urban areas.

Stocks of reformulated gasoline fell 1.4 million barrels to 39.9 million barrels in the week ended May 18, the Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration reported Wednesday. That substantiated a report Tuesday by the American Petroleum Institute.

Protests mar Exxon-Mobil meeting

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — During a meeting marked by protests inside and outside the hall Wednesday, Exxon Mobil Corp. shareholders sided overwhelmingly with management in rejecting proposals on the environment and gay rights.

Dissidents went home badly defeated, but not until they raised the threat of a U.S. boycott against the world's largest publicly owned oil company.

Most of the shareholders sat quietly through more than two dozen speeches, but they roared with approval when chairman and chief executive Lee Raymond announced a 2-for-1 stock split and extra 2-cent per share dividend this summer.

Last year, the Irving-based company earned \$17.7 billion on sales of \$232.7 billion — both records for a U.S. company.

Raymond credited cost savings from the 1999 merger of Exxon and Mobil, which he said could surpass earlier estimates of \$7 billion. He did not mention higher prices for crude oil and gasoline.

Raymond also called for an increase in oil exploration — even if conservation reduces the global growth in demand — and continued to oppose immediate steps to counteract global warming, which many but not all scientists link to the burning of fossil fuels.

"We support taking concrete, economically attractive actions now to limit greenhouse gas emissions in a manner that does not threaten economic welfare," Raymond said, adding he favored more scientific study, voluntary emission reductions and long-range technological fixes.

For the dissident shareholders who are becoming a fixture at Exxon Mobil meetings, that was not good enough.

John Passacantando, executive director of Greenpeace U.S.A., said the company's refusal to acknowl-

edge the effect on climate change from use of its products "has convinced the world that Exxon Mobil is the face of global warming."

British activist Bianca Jagger said consumers would take a dim view of the company's record on climate change and other issues.

"We will boycott your products, and we will not put a tiger in your tank," she said, referring to a long-time Exxon advertising slogan.

Last month, Jagger and other environmental activists announced a boycott against Esso, Exxon Mobil's UK subsidiary, because of its refusal to support an anti-global warming treaty called the Kyoto Protocol. Raymond said it was too early to tell if the company's sales were affected.

Raymond offered little defense during the meeting. Instead he referred to the proxy statement outlining the company board's opposition to eight shareholder proposals, including one to push renewable energy and another to make an annual report on the possible environmental damage from drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which Exxon Mobil supports.

All eight proposals lost badly. Only one drew at least 10 percent support — it would have put the company on record opposing discrimination against gays and lesbians. Raymond said the company's general anti-bias policy is adequate.

Before the meeting, about 50 protesters rallied across the street from the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, banging drums and listening to speeches. Inside the hall, security was heavy, and two protesters were escorted out when they unfurled a banner and chanted, "Stop Killing for Oil."

In trading Wednesday, Exxon Mobil shares rose \$1.15 to \$88.95 on the New York Stock Exchange.

On the Net:

<http://www.exxonmobil.com>



AP Photo
Bianca Jagger speaks to protesters outside the Exxon-Mobil shareholders meeting in Dallas Wednesday. Jagger said she has recently joined forces with Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth in the United Kingdom to launch a boycott of Exxon-Mobil.

Killer mold



AP Photo
Public adjuster Rick Martin looks at a cabinet baseboard in Gilbert, Ariz. The cabinet has black mold growing on it, which is sometimes a dangerous black strain: The fungus stachybotrys, which releases billions of toxic, microscopic spores that, once inhaled, trigger anything from allergies to neurological problems.

Families suing builder over mold-infested homes

HOUSTON (AP) — A group of suburban Houston families are suing a synthetic stucco maker and a home construction company because they allege that defective material has allowed a potentially fatal black mold to creep into their homes.

"The houses look fine," said Alda Brunson of The Woodlands, who moved out of her synthetic stucco home when she discovered the mold. "You can't see what's going on behind the walls."

Brunson and her husband, Larry, are among 73 families in The Woodlands suing Finestone, a company that makes the synthetic stucco, and builder Life Form Homes Inc., which hires subcon-

tractors certified by the manufacturer to install the material.

The families' attorney, Rene Rogers, said the material — a plastic foam and fiberglass mesh with a thin acrylic coating — traps moisture behind walls, creating an environment ripe for mold and termites to thrive.

"One of our clients tried to let Life Form patch it twice, but he still could not sell his home because it could not pass the moisture inspection tests," Rogers told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's editions. "(The homeowners) still found large reservoirs of the toxic mold stachybotrys."

The mold can cause illnesses ranging

from skin rashes, bloody noses and respiratory inflammation to suppression of the immune system and neurological problems. Earlier this month, at least 19 families in the Lubbock area moved to a hotel so their homes could be stripped of the mold.

Rogers said six homes involved in The Woodlands case have been abandoned. She said homes in the suburb sell for \$200,000 to \$500,000.

"We have others who would like to leave but can't afford it," Rogers said.

Chris Ryman of Houston, an attorney for Life Form Homes, said the company has offered to repair leaks at a reasonable cost.

THE ECONOMIST

Time has come to ask not what country can do to meet energy needs

By M. Ray Perryman

The Bush Energy Plan is out and we have received our instructions: The nation is to conserve, industry is to innovate and diversify, and the legislative/regulatory arm of government is to ease off. The bottom line is that (1) we are a country of energy consumers, and (2) we must now pay the price. The time has come to be accountable for our SUVs and electricity-intensive lifestyles. We must exponentially expand the energy resources we have available in kind and in quantity. Moreover, we must pay attention to the way we use them. In short, we must learn a "balanced" approach to consuming energy. It's a tall order for a nation prone to excess.

Mr. Bush is willing to pitch in and help



Perryman

(some). For the little guys, he is trying to push forward his tax relief proposal as quickly as possible; we can then spend more on gas for our vacations. He wants to offer residential consumers incentives for putting energy efficient appliances in our kitchens, installing solar panels in our roofs, and maybe even rewarding us for purchasing vehicles fueled by a combination of electricity and gas. Think out of the (meter) box.

For the big guys, energy incentives are more electrifying. If you build it (drill it, refine it), the money will come. The Administration is calling for more drilling in oil-rich areas that have been roped off to exploration, building more pipelines to move natural gas from Alaska, constructing more gas refineries to produce consumer gasoline products (we can't use oil straight from the barrel, even if it's good ole West Texas Crude), approving more nukes, and erecting more coal-burning plants. But please try to be clean about it: a balanced approach will preserve the environment and allow us to harvest more power.

Interestingly, Democrats launched their own set of energy initiatives (also described as "balanced") at about the same time as the Bush press meetings. Although a few flash points over issues were evident and avidly fueled by partisans and concerned environmentalists, the basic thrust of energy policies from both parties is surprisingly similar. Both plans encourage "renewable" solar and wind power and seek to promote technological innovation as a means to the desirable end-greater independence from foreign oil.

Bush's strategy, however, strongly supports a more responsive (as in less regulated) energy sector. In keeping with the stated goal of greater independence, requests for OPEC countries to "open up your spigots" were notably absent from the package of proposals. Another conspicuous omission was pricing caps to bail out California's runaway energy prices or reprimands to Big Oil for price gauging consumers. Mr. Bush's advisors have found no untoward actions. Whatever the case, one thing is for sure —

price caps don't work!

It's hard to argue with having an energy strategy for the nation. The Administration's 163-page report makes the case for those who doubt. In the U.S., oil consumption will increase by 33 percent; natural gas consumption will increase by more than 50 percent; and demand for electricity will increase by 45 percent. Sobering information, don't you think?

The Bush plan does not lack for itemized initiatives. There were 105 in all, and the vast majority will not need approval of the Congress to be enacted. Most actions will be taken based on executive orders and authority given to federal agencies. Those needing Congressional approval will more than likely face an up-the-Hill battle in the newly Democratic Senate. Regardless of the debate over how to get the energy we Americans seem to need, now we at least have a place to start talking.

Dr. M. Ray Perryman is president and chief executive officer of The Perryman Group (www.perrymangroup.com).

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AOL TW	187085	51.10	+ .10	MiniHfr	263295	45.05	-3.12	Oracle	578425	14.51	-1.10
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Bard	56.09	+109	+24.2	OhioAt	10.50	+95	+9.9	NebiototN	3.05	+49	+19.1
BacouUSA	28.00	+4.60	+19.7	HollyCp	44.50	+3.50	+8.5	Interneur	6.74	+108	+19.1
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RadioShk	26.93	-5.92	-18.0	MSCSC001	2.60	-30	-10.3	EmexCorp	16.98	-9.42	-35.7
MfrsScvs n	5.55	-95	-14.6	Dynamex	2.20	-25	-10.2	Xybraint	3.86	-1.46	-27.4
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418.25	305.84	Dow Jones Utilities	388.47	+64	+1.7	+5.75
681.19	550.57	NYSE Composite	638.11	-7.01	-1.09	-2.86
976.60	827.92	Amex Index	928.25	-63.39	-6.8	+4.0
4,289.06	1,619.58	Nasdaq Composite	2,084.50	-91.04	-4.16	-15.63
1,530.01	1,081.19	S&P 500	1,248.08	-19.85	-1.57	-4.47
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Arizona deaths: A tragic but familiar consequence of illegal immigration

By Pauline Arrillaga and
Giovanna Dell'Orto
Associated Press

WELLTON, Ariz. — The agent was on routine patrol, checking for footprints on a dirt road just north of the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge. This time, amid the harsh desert Border Patrol agents call "The Devil's Path," he found more than fresh tracks.

A man rose from the brush, waving his arms to get the agent's attention. Three others crouched in the scant shade, weak and shriveled. One was barefoot.

It was 10 a.m., and the mercury was already above 100. Water, they begged. Did he have any water?

The migrants had trekked five days across 30 miles of unforgiving desert, over rocks and sand, past cactus and palo verde trees. The mountains provided some relief from the scorching sun, but the washes were dry and there were no water tanks.

They'd made it halfway between the Mexico border and the Arizona interstate. But others — "a bunch," they said — had been left behind. The agent radioed for help.

Over the next day and night, searching "footprint-by-footprint," authorities found 26 men. Fourteen of them died, and at least one person was believed still missing. Once more, a border that holds the promise of a better life had instead brought death.

Most disturbing about the recent deaths of 14 illegal immigrants in the Arizona desert is not that it happened, but that it happens so often.

Year after year, men, women and children brave heat, cold, rivers, deserts, unscrupulous smugglers and angry ranchers to journey to the United States for menial jobs that still beat anything they can find back home.

And year after year, they die.

Since 1998, 991 people died crossing the 2,000-mile Southwest border, most from heat exposure or drowning, according to the Border Patrol. More than 5,000 others were rescued by agents.

The big groups make national news and bring out reporters in droves.

In 1999, 13 migrants were killed when their van slammed into a tractor-trailer rig in New Mexico. Twelve others died near San Diego when they were caught in a freak snowstorm.

In 1998, seven immigrants succumbed to heat exhaustion in California's Imperial Valley.

In 1997, eight immigrants drowned in a wash near Douglas, Ariz.

Less attention is given to the individual who drowns in the Rio Grande or dies alone in the Arizona desert — the deaths that add up to plane-fulls of lives lost each year on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Immigrant rights activists blame an enforcement strategy that has more than doubled the number of border agents over the past six years to 8,802, funneling most to the popular crossing points of San Diego, Douglas, Ariz., and McAllen and El Paso. With those entryways shut off, migrants have turned

to smugglers and more remote routes in the deserts and mountains.

John Hunter, a San Diego businessman who led an effort to install emergency water stations in the California desert last year, called the latest deaths the "inevitable" result of U.S. immigration policy.

However, immigration officials shift the blame to smugglers who take thousands of dollars to ferry unsuspecting migrants up north and then leave them in desolate terrain with few supplies and little water.

"The enforcement strategy is not leading these people into the desert," said Sharon Gavin, spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service's western region. "By having more agents out along the border, we are rescuing thousands of people who have been abandoned by smugglers."

Others note that migrant deaths have long been an unintended and tragic consequence of illegal immigration. Before the shift to remote locales, immigrants were killed dashing across the border into traffic in San Diego or by border bandits stalking the Texas boundary.

With the shift to more treacherous terrain, efforts have been stepped up in past years to warn migrants of the dangers of crossing.

The INS and Mexico's State Department worked together to produce public service announcements that run on television and radio stations throughout Mexico.

"We try to show that this is not some piece-of-cake walk across the border, come to the land of gold," Gavin said. "You're in an entirely isolated, desolate area — sometimes with no shade."

Not everything is known yet about the ordeal this latest group faced during their five days in the desert of southwestern Arizona. The stories relayed from survivors to investigators, Mexican officials and a Catholic priest describe an arduous journey, desperate attempts to survive and, for some, a gruesome death.

Their journey began more than a week ago, in the states of Veracruz and Guerrero in far southern Mexico. Two dozen boys and men, ranging from 16 to 35 years old, traveled by truck for two days to Los Vidrios, Mexico, little more than a rest stop south of the Arizona-Mexico border. At least one set of brothers was among the group — three of them, just looking for jobs.

The INS speculates the migrants paid around \$1,000 each for the services of an immigrant smuggler, or "coyote," to arrange the trip. On Saturday, with a few milk cartons of water and bags holding extra clothes, they crossed into the United States on foot. It was 70 miles to Interstate 8.

That day, it was relatively cool in nearby Yuma, Ariz. — a mere 98 degrees. But the temperature was rising. Sunday, the group hiked north across the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, an area locals describe as a no man's land.

"All you find out there are rocks, sand, snakes and bushes with thorns on them," said Glen Payne, a Border Patrol agent in southwestern Arizona for more than two decades. "There are no facilities of any kind



AP Photo
A United States Marine Corps search and rescue team member, stationed at Marine Corps Air Station, in Yuma, Ariz., leads two undocumented immigrants to the emergency room at the Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma, Ariz., May 23. Border Patrol agents found 26 men on what the agents call "The Devil's Path," in the desert just north of the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge. Fourteen of them died and at least one person was believed still missing.

— no water, no housing, no nothing for 30 miles in any direction." In Yuma, it was 99 degrees. In the desert, above 100.

By Monday, they'd run out of food and water. "Give me your money," their guide suggested, promising to return with more supplies. He never did.

While some waited, others pressed on — determined to make it to the highway. Several dug for plant roots to eat and broke cactuses to drink their juice. Others drank their own urine, according to the Rev. Javier Perez, who spoke with some of the survivors. But the heat was more powerful than their resolve to live. One by one, they began to succumb.

First came the delirium. Some cried out for their loved ones. They peeled off clothes, searched in vain for shade and curled up at the base of a mountain.

Those who did survive, Perez said, "just went on leaving the dead."

By Wednesday, when the Border Patrol agent stumbled across the first four survivors, the temperature in town had climbed another 8 degrees. In the desert, it was above 115.

A few hours after that initial rescue, agents found 17 more people nine miles south of the first group. Eight were alive, although one died en route to the hospital. Scattered among them were nine others in different states of decomposition.

One of the deceased was face down in a shallow ditch that authorities believe he dug to try to escape the sun. Another, said Yuma County Sheriff Ralph Ogden, clawed through the sand with his hands — a phenomenon known as "swimming" in

search of water.

An hour later, agents found two others farther south. They are believed to have died first. Authorities continued the search through the day and into the night over an 80-square mile area, following a footprint here and there, looking for an overturned rock or a bent blade of grass — anything that might be a trail. By sunup Thursday, all but one had been found. And it was another triple-digit day.

Father Perez calls it a miracle. Doctors say they all would have died if they hadn't been found when they were. The survivors were treated for kidney damage and severe dehydration at a hospital and were released to the Border Patrol Tuesday. Eventually, following questions by authorities, all will be sent back to Mexico.

The tragedy has prompted renewed pledges from U.S. and Mexican authorities to work together toward economic and political solutions to reduce illegal immigration; to find and prosecute smugglers; to spread the word that crossing the border can be deadly.

"One death on this border is one death too many," Johnny Williams, head of the INS' western region, said at a joint news conference with Mexican officials.

Others acknowledged that even with such efforts, the flow of immigrants will continue, as will the death. No matter how many people perish on the border, the dream of a better life is something that never dies.

DEAR ABBY

Spreading son's ashes brings mother comfort

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: The letter about a loved one's ashes touched me personally. Please accept one more letter on the subject.

Our 39-year-old son died a few years ago. Most of his ashes are buried in a veterans cemetery near his father.

My daughter wanted some of his ashes, and I have a little container of them on my shelf, along with a ceramic guardian angel.

We returned to our home state and, like the other mom, I scattered a few of his ashes on his beloved grandmother's grave. Then we went to the river where he loved to fish as a youngster, and I dropped some of the ashes along the river's edge. Abby, I'll never forget how they sparkled like diamonds as they settled to the bottom. We were amazed at the sight.

I was a bit conflicted about dividing the ashes, but after reading your columns and seeing those "diamonds" from my son, I knew it was OK. Thanks for letting me express my thoughts. — HIS MOM IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR MOM: You're welcome. I have received some terrific letters on the subject. If other grieving families can gain comfort from your letter, it was worth the space in my column. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Driving was my father's greatest joy and source of pride. He founded, chaired and belonged to several local sports car clubs.

His wish upon his death was to donate every usable organ, including his brain, to Parkinson's disease research, then to be cremated.

His sister (my aunt) asked to bury his ashes on their parents' gravesite. Although I knew this would not be his preference, I agreed in order to bring her

some comfort. But first, I spread a few of his ashes near every exotic and sports car dealership — Ferrari, Mercedes-Benz, Alfa Romeo, etc. — in our area. I also keep a small vial of his ashes in my glove compartment. I'm nowhere near the driver he was, but at least he's still spending a fair amount of time on the road. — HUB WHEELMAN'S DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: From your description of your father, he was also a driving force while he was alive. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When my beloved wife died at a young age, I couldn't bring myself to have her placed in a box and dropped in a hole. We were truly free spirits. Our love developed while sky-diving. We were married in a hot-air balloon. She went on to receive her own pilot's license to fly balloons, and then broke a world's record.

Less than a year later, she died — not from parachuting or ballooning, but from cancer.

I had her cremated and watched the process, for it was

best for closure. Her ashes were divided in two — one half released in front of our home off Marina Del Rey. The other half was released from her balloon in the high desert where she broke the record. Whenever I see the desert or the ocean, I see her, and she is smiling. — GEORGE E. CARMEL BY THE SEA

DEAR GEORGE E.: I'm sure she's smiling because you did exactly what she wanted. Read on: DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter about the widower who wore his wife's ashes in a vial around his neck while making love to his subsequent ladyfriend, my response was, "I wish I could be married to a man that devoted to me."

My female co-worker's response: "At that age, she should be glad she's getting sex. She should IGNORE the vial!" — DEVOTED READER, ALTOONA, PA.

DEAR DEVOTED: Fun-ee! How little your co-worker knows about mature women — I wonder if she'll still feel that way when she's a little older.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, and daughter Jeanne Phillips. Their column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

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LABORERS Now hiring full time laborers for local manufacturing company. Welding experienced helpful but not required. Come by 2501 E 120, Midland, between 8 and 4 Monday through Friday.

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MIDLAND POWERSPORTS is seeking a counter person for its parts department. Communication and computer skills are a necessity. Knowledge of motorcycles & ATV's would be very helpful. See Tom at 5900 W. Hwy 80, 520-2080.

DELIVERY DRIVER/ Technician

needed for home medical equipment company. Experienced and bilingual preferred. Clear driving record required. Send resume to: Alliance Medical Supply, 715 E 7th St., Odessa, TX 79761.

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CVB JOB POSTINGS

The Midland Convention & Visitors Bureau is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions:

Sales Manager- Looking for creative, self-motivated, competitive individual to sell Midland. Responsible for sports, social, educational and fraternal markets. Fast-paced and challenging environment. Must be available to travel. Public speaking skills essential. 4 years higher education and 2 years in the sports/hospitality industry or equivalent combination required. Computer proficiency required using Microsoft Office programs.

Administrative Assistant- Looking for highly motivated individual to provide direct support to CVB Director. Duties include preparing various reports, arranging travel, scheduling meetings, preparing mail outs, and other general clerical duties. Must be highly organized. Fast-paced and challenging environment. Typing and word processing skills of 50 wpm, plus computer proficiency in Microsoft Office required.

Convention Servicing Assistant- Looking for a part-time person to assist with convention servicing. Flexible work schedule, approximately 30 hours weekly. Prepares and distributes registration packets and name badges, processes bulk mail outs, and coordinates welcome receptions. Responsible for distribution of maps, calendar of events and visitor guides throughout the city. Maintains inventory for visitor center. Computer experience in Microsoft Office required.

Applicants should respond to Shura Lindgren, Midland CVB, 109 North Main, Midland, Texas 79701.

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Regulatory Compliance Specialist

Local Independent Oil & Gas Company needs a Regulatory Compliance Specialist. Responsibilities will be to complete and file Texas regulatory forms including W-1, 2, 3, P-8, 17, H-8, 9, 15 & L-1. Be able to handle, distribute and follow-up all TRRC correspondence. Contact the TRRC in emergency situations and monitor progress on all complaints. Be able to correspond with field personnel in a diligent manner to ensure accurate and timely compliance. Be aware and comply with other state filing form requirements. The successful candidate will have all these requirements as well as 2 to 5 years of recent regulatory experience. Competitive salary and excellent benefits comprise the compensation package. Total compensation commensurate with experience. If you meet all these requirements please respond in confidence to Box T4285, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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TRUCK DRIVER-- Class A license, good driving record. Local delivery only. Monday through Friday. Apply Triangle Lumber, 5601 Industrial, 7:30 AM-5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

WAREHOUSE PERSONNEL needed for distribution company in Odessa. Duties include shipping/receiving, stocking & maintaining appearance of warehouse. Requires good communication skills, good driving record, light-duty truck and forklift experience and PC skills. Applicants may apply at 3001 N. Big Spring, Suite 200, Midland, 79705, or fax resume to 915-570-7639.

Whataburger is looking for friendly enthusiastic people for all shifts, all positions. Please apply at the following locations: 1905 North Big Spring, 3206 Midkiff, 2517 E. Interstate 20.

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\$1,000 Sign On and \$300 Referral Bonus! RNs: \$25 to \$45 - LVNs \$18 to \$36. Medical/ Dental/ 401K/ Life. Fax Resumes to 550-9398. E-mail us at NFOdesatx@cs.com

DOCTOR'S ASSISTANT needed immediately. Nursing and computer skills preferred. Bring resumes to 1300 W. Wall, no faxes.

FULL-TIME position for NP/PA in Internal Medicine practice, supportive physician with 10 years experience working with mid-level providers. Responsibilities would include health care for patients 13 and over including acute care, follow-up visits, physical exams, and dermatology. Health insurance, generous vacation and CEU are part of benefit package. Please fax resume to 915-688-0035 or mail to Box J-5129, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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MANAGER NEEDED for small assisted living facility. Care for elderly ladies and gentlemen. 687-2503.

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RN or LVN WITH Pediatric experience needed in Lamesa/Big Spring area. To apply contact Sandy Simpson, RN at Covenant Home Health Care- Big Spring, 915-263-6816.

RN positions available at Permian Basin Dialysis Center Odessa. No experience required will train. 4 day work week with Sundays off. Good benefits, 401K plan, PTO plus insurance. Apply at 1501 E. 8th St or fax resume to 915-580-4259.

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WANTED Line men, electricians and helpers for oilfield work. Permian Basin area. Salary DOE. Must pass drug test. Call 915-683-5000 or come by 6501 S. FM 1788.

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