



Monday Morning

Heavenly hotel service

Robert Lee Dorn is a joyful man, a minister of the Gospel, a preacher at no particular church, but a witness always in his renewed life. Wherever you see him, there is the pulpit. "I preach anywhere," the affable Hilton bellman says. "Christ is The Truth. From Him, we get our life." /1B

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countdown to 2000

Today: 1958, American Airlines opened the jet age in the United States with the first scheduled transcontinental flight of a Boeing 707.



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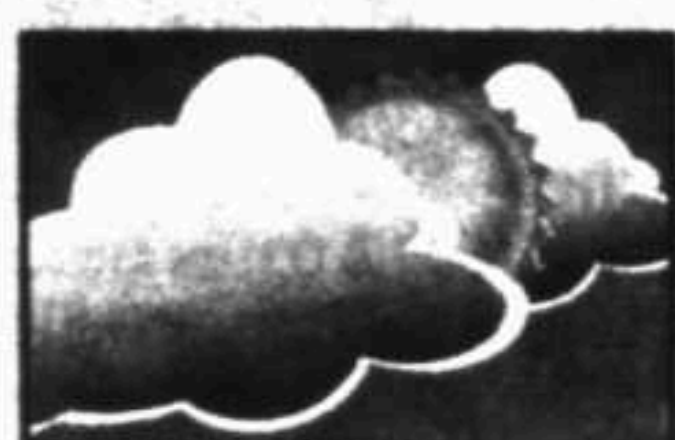
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Partly cloudy
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mid-70s.
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Golden Globes

Jenna Elfman holds her award for Best Actress in a Television Comedy series for her role in "Dharma and Greg" during the 56th annual Golden Globes in Beverly Hills, Calif., Sunday. Steven Spielberg was voted best director for the brutally realistic World War II drama "Saving Private Ryan," which took honors as best film. Spielberg, whose film is a major contender for an Oscar, extended his thanks to "all the veterans that are out there that saved Western Civilization and stopped the Holocaust in 1945."

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Boy killed

A 10-year-old boy died Sunday afternoon from injuries he received when he was hit by a vehicle while riding a go-cart at the intersection of East County Road 63 and North County Road 1162, according to a spokeswoman for the Department of Public Safety. Claude Spindle drove his go-cart southbound out of the driveway of his residence and into the path of the east-bound sport utility vehicle, she said. The vehicle, driving in a 30-mph-zone, was not speeding, according to DPS reports. Claude, who had been wearing a seat belt, was pronounced dead at a local hospital at 5:24 p.m. His body was transported to Lubbock for an autopsy, the spokeswoman said.

Jimmy Patterson:

A bobcat in the woods — or is it? The family's protector must find out.

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Y2K: What's it 'oil' about?

Editor's Note: This is the second of a two-part series looking at the Y2K computer problem and its potential for disruptions in different aspects of society.

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The lynchpins of our technological society may be those things that can be taken for granted — electricity, phone service, natural gas supply.

Buried and forgotten or streaming discretely in from the back, these services link the modern home to society in a way undreamed of when the first settlers were felling logs to build independent homes.

Providers of utilities throughout the country are focused on testing, repairing and replacement of hardware and programs for year 2000 compliance — lest every American wake to the new year in their own little house on the prairie.

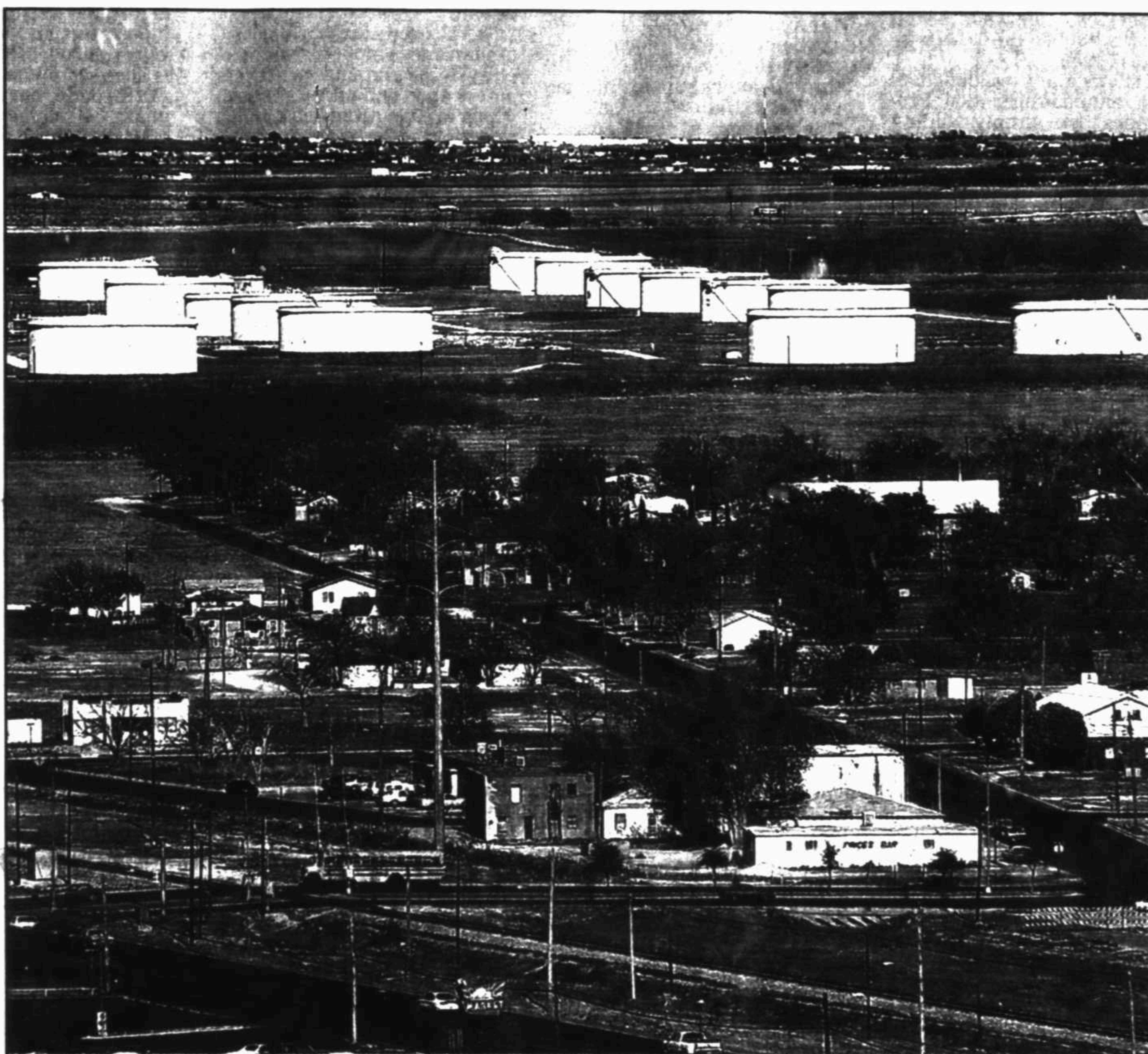
With testing programs completed, those who provide utilities to Midland are currently replacing hardware and computer programs that will not function properly when the clock rolls over to Jan. 1, 2000.

SBC Communications Inc., which owns three of the so-called Baby Bells including Southwestern Bell, has thousands of employees working to make sure phone service does not fail.

SBC staffers are upgrading 1,100 central office switches, including some in Midland.

Locally, all of the computerized switching stations have been upgraded and certified free of Y2K bugs, said Linda Foster, Southwestern Bell

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The oil industry depends on computers for everything from payrolls to pipelines. Every aspect of the oil patch is prey to the potential havoc of the Millennium Bug.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Oil industry taking steps to prepare for turn of the century

By John Paul Pitts

Oil Editor

Joint interest billing, payroll accounting, lease terms, production agreements, pipelines, refineries, strategic planning, global positioning, automation equipment, gas measurements — every aspect of every sector of the oil patch is controlled by computers and will be impacted by the Y2K Bug.

That's the bad news.

The good news is that the oil industry is well aware of the problem and is moving full speed ahead to become compliant by the year 2000.

"It is amazing how short-term the horizon is for some people," said Jerry Hays, with Arco Permian, in a recent Oil Report article. "They simply could not see the problems involved when the year turns to 2000."

Those companies not prepared, said Lorin Brass, vice president of operations for Shell Oil Co., will dread the year 2000. When the calendar rolls around to 2000, computers and computer chips will recognize it as 1900, and programs will cease to function properly.

Computer analyst Karen Bruce, in an article for Shell Oil

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COUNTDOWN TO 2000 MILLENNIUM BUG

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■ City officials in 'final stages of contingency plans' for Y2K/3A

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Agriculture Department hopes to exterminate rural Y2K Bug problem

By Rick López

Staff Writer

Some might think that the Y2K Bug only thrives inside the thousands of humming computers neatly arranged in corporate offices.

In reality, its wrath extends to even the most rural Texas farms, where some ranches have evolved from simple, two-person operations to a digital, sophisticated enterprise.

Officials with the Department of Agriculture fear that on Jan. 1, 2000, computerized irrigation systems won't turn on. Tractors programmed to remember what areas of the field to plow won't function. Electronic scales will be useless.

In the long run, this means that meats, fruits and vegetables won't make their way to your grocery store, your breakfast table and your child's lunch box.

That's why the Agriculture Department plans on launching a campaign called "Beat the Bug," which helps prevent farmers and ranchers from living this nightmare, said JoAnn Nobles, department spokeswoman.

The office estimates that more than 65 percent of the state's 180,000 farms are vulnerable to the Millennium Bug, Ms. Nobles said. If they don't seek ways to become Y2K-

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Latest tool for police a beacon to light those in darkness

By Richard Acosta

Staff Writer

Local law enforcement personnel are promoting a new product that will help light the way for emergency vehicles.

Gene Duke, with Citizens On Patrol, read about the Emergency Beacon in a newsletter and thought it could be useful to Midland residents, Midland police Sgt. Dale Seago said.

The beacon works just like any other light bulb, but will act like a strobe light when activated, Seago said. "The good thing about this light is that it doesn't require any special fixture," Seago said. "You can plug it in to your porch light, lamp, anything. One flip of the switch, and you have a regular light. Two flips and it blinks like a beacon. That is why it is very helpful when trying to find a house."

Traffic Officer Bruce Williams said trying to find a house is hard enough during the day, much less at night when it's dark.

"We have a city ordinance that all houses have to be

clearly marked," Williams said. "But most neighborhoods in Midland are dark."

"Apartment complexes have hundreds of rooms. Sometimes it can be hard find the right one. Our crystal ball batteries are not always fully charged. So something that would draw our attention to the right house would be nice."

Larry Stewart is a fire truck driver for the city of Midland. He said it can be very difficult for them to find where they are supposed to be.

"Sometimes it is down right impossible to find a house unless someone is waving us down, especially in the county," Stewart said. "A lot of people in the county don't put addresses on their houses. It is really good for us when the sheriff's deputies beat us out there, because we can find the house easier. Seconds count and we can not afford to pass a house once or twice. So something that can help us find a house fast would be great."

Paramedic James Howard said not being able to find a house can be frustrating.

"Every second you can't start working on a person

can really make a difference in their outcome," Howard said. "Not being able to start your job or have to start late, puts more pressure on you."

"Something that will help us find the location faster would help us help people and that is what we are all about. I think everyone in the fire house would agree with that."

Williams said that the light would not just help emergency vehicles, but would also serve as a crime deterrent.

"The light won't stop at just helping police to find the house," Williams said. "In neighborhoods with neighborhood watch programs they will know something is wrong. If you can't stay in your home to talk to a 911 operator you can hit the light."

The police have already donated 100 Emergency Beacons to the Senior Citizens Center, Seago said.

The Midland Police Department will have Emergency Beacons available for sale the beginning of February. To purchase a light, call the department at 685-7108.

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UTILITIES: Nation's electric companies banding together to combat problem

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area manager for external affairs.

"All of our computer switches that handle local traffic have been upgraded for Y2K compliance," Ms. Foster said.

Other PC-based functions are also to be upgraded at the local office, Ms. Foster said.

"We are about 99 percent complete on upgrading our own personal computers," she said.

Throughout the SBC system, more than 100,000 personal computers and the software run on them have been tested.

The staff has reviewed and continues to review millions of lines of computer code, as well as testing thousands of computer chips for date problems, SBC officials said.

SBC is participating in Telco Year 2000 Forum, which is a consortium of major telephone companies that are working together with Bellcore laboratories to ensure Y2K compliance.

Most software and hardware systems have been fixed, with replacement ongoing in some systems.

SBC and other telecommunications companies are saving time and money by using what technicians have dubbed the 60/40 window solution.

That allows many two-digit date chips to remain in operation. Programmers are simply adding additional "logic" computer coding in the programs that will make the year 00 be recognized as the year 2000 and not the year 1900, an SBC technician said.

This two-digit date will be

accepted as future years up to the year 2059.

For any two-digit date greater than 59, the affected system will recognize that as part of this century. For example, the two-digit year 78 will be recognized as 1978, whereas the two-digit year 14 will be recognized as 2014.

That should be enough leeway to maintain an accurate, active database. Obviously, this patchwork system could not hold archives older than 1960, nor could it project a date beyond 2059.

The nation's electric companies, including TU Electric and Cap Rock Electric, are banding together to combat the Y2K problem just as the telecommunications companies are.

The reason for this is that any break in the chain could cause portions of the national "grid" to go down, leaving all downstream electric utility companies without the power to distribute to their customers, local power company officials said.

Both TU and Cap Rock employees are continuing their extensive testing and remediation efforts to ensure that all monitoring and switching systems will be operational on Jan. 1.

TU staffers are well into their identification, repair and replacement schedule, said Eric Schmitt, communications support manager for TU in Dallas.

"We're about 50 to 60 percent complete," Schmitt said. "We haven't encountered any significant problems," he said.

System-wide, TU is spending an estimated \$36 million to ensure proper function when Jan. 1



Gary Reid, a technician with Caprock Electric, oversees the field data monitoring system of the utility. The system, which monitors 19 substations, will be upgraded to become Y2K compliant, Reid says.

arrives.

"These are the kinds of numbers we're seeing in other companies... it's fairly typical for the industry," he said.

At TU, crews are working on the mainframe computer system, other systems running on PC computers and "embedded systems," which are electronic components specific to the transmission of electricity to customers, Schmitt said.

Most of these embedded systems are checking out, and will operate in a Y2K situation,

although a number of "date stamp" problems have been found.

While the component may record the wrong date, it will not fail to function when the calendar year rolls over, he said.

These components are listed as "Y2K-ready, but not totally compliant," he said.

Most of the work and the repairs are happening in the software realm for TU teams.

"We're dealing with 300 applications and 113 million lines of code," Schmitt said.

TU teams, however, are predicting readiness by late summer or early fall.

"We have some work in front of us, but we're becoming more and more confident," he said.

Cap Rock equipment is checking out, for the most part, but as with TU there are significant software changes that need to be made, said Cap Rock spokeswoman Peggy Luxton.

"We're going to a completely new computer system... there just wasn't a way to upgrade," Ms. Luxton said.

The computer system that monitors lines and substations will need to be completely replaced, and that effort is ongoing.

Fortunately, this system, installed in 1987, is reaching the end of its useful life and company officials have been planning for its eventual replacement — which has just been stepped up to clear any Y2K problems, said Cap Rock engineer Gary Reid.

"It's not something we decided yesterday," Ms. Luxton said. "But it blew several years' budgets," she said.

A much smaller company than TU, Cap Rock is expected to be able to clear its Y2K problems for under \$1 million, she said.

Cap Rock crews are ensuring Y2K compliance at both ends of their service grid, in case portions of the national grid go down, she said.

"We have done our part on the distribution end," she said. "If we don't get the power — it's not going to make any difference," she said.

The industry as a whole is working to make sure no weak links are

going to be found in the chain come Jan. 1 and both local electrical providers are part of this national effort.

U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson has said that the industry must aim for a perfect "1000 batting average" in Y2K readiness because of the chain-like nature of the national grid.

Companies throughout the country, however, are reporting that there should not be any problems in 2000 that will shut down the grid, although more work remains to be done.

Y2K checks at all of the country's nuclear power stations indicate that there are no problems that could affect the safe shutting down of the reaction chambers, according to industry reports.

As in other utilities, Y2K problems are being taken seriously at Atmos Energy, the parent company of Energas.

Atmos officials believe they have a jump on the problem, having been implementing four-digit date chips and software since 1996 and are participating in the American Gas Association Alliance Program addressing Y2K issues in all the industry's embedded systems.

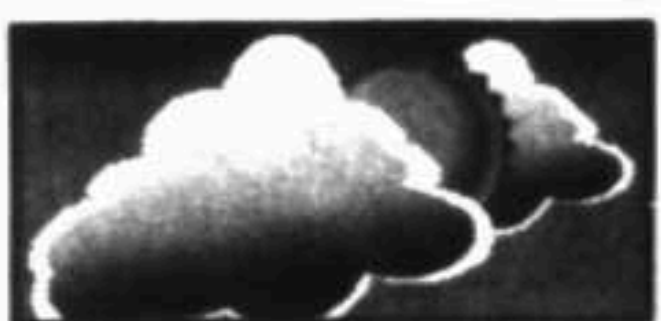
"Our goal is to make the year 2000 issue a non-event for our customers," an Atmos spokesman said.

Atmos teams report confidence that they will meet their summer deadline for identification and remediation of Y2K problems in the system.

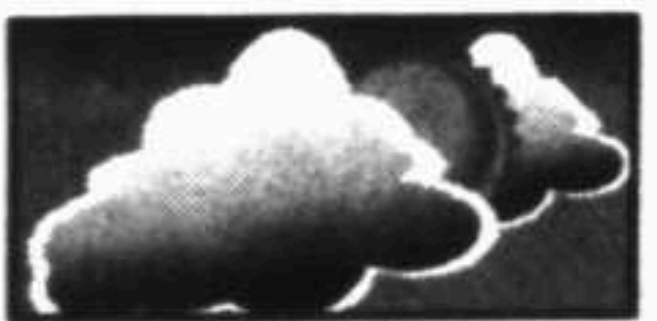
WEATHER

Midland forecast

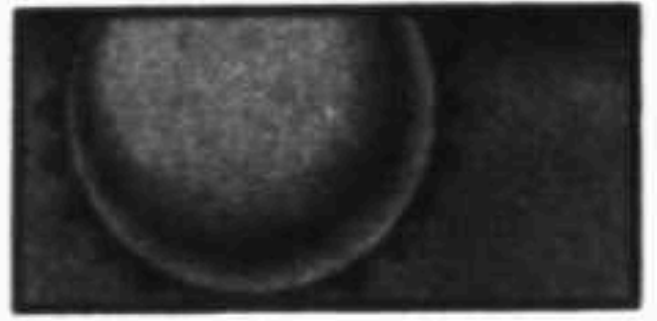
3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 74
Low 41



Tuesday
Mostly cloudy
High 68
Low 45



Wednesday
Fair
High 68
Low 43

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-to upper 70s and breezy with southeast winds gusting at 15-25 mph.

This evening should be partly cloudy, becoming mostly cloudy into the night. The low overnight should be in the low to mid-40s, with 15-25 mph gusty winds turning to 5-15 mph late.

Tuesday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high of 68 and a low of 45. Wednesday's forecast calls for fair skies and a high of 68.

After an overnight low of 36, Sunday's high was 80, compared to the record of 82 set in 1950. The record low was 9, set in 1963.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday 0.00 in.
Total for month XX in.
Total for year 0.20 in.
Normal total yr to date 0.25 in.

Yesterday's temperatures
High 80
Low 36
Normal high 57
Normal low 29

Sunrise ... 7:46 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:16 p.m.

National forecast

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Outk	City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Outk	City
Albany, N.Y.	37	37	01	dir	Albany, N.Y.	37	37	01	dir	Albany, N.Y.
Albuquerque	58	37	01	dir	Albuquerque	58	37	01	dir	Albuquerque
Allentown, Pa.	52	46	01	dir	Allentown, Pa.	52	46	01	dir	Allentown, Pa.
Anchorage	32	32	01	dir	Anchorage	32	32	01	dir	Anchorage
Ashville	48	49	48	dir	Ashville	48	49	48	dir	Ashville
Atlanta	54	45	03	dir	Atlanta	54	45	03	dir	Atlanta
Atlantic City	58	55	132	dir	Atlantic City	58	55	132	dir	Atlantic City
Baltimore	59	59	107	dir	Baltimore	59	59	107	dir	Baltimore
Baton Rouge	62	34	01	dir	Baton Rouge	62	34	01	dir	Baton Rouge
Bilings	18	-2	01	dir	Bilings	18	-2	01	dir	Bilings
Birmingham	55	43	01	dir	Birmingham	55	43	01	dir	Birmingham
Bismarck	15	14	04	dir	Bismarck	15	14	04	dir	Bismarck
Boise	37	27	01	dir	Boise	37	27	01	dir	Boise
Boston	62	35	75	dir	Boston	62	35	75	dir	Boston
Bridgeport	78	45	01	dir	Bridgeport	78	45	01	dir	Bridgeport
Brownsville	58	32	01	dir	Brownsville	58	32	01	dir	Brownsville
Buffalo	35	35	12	sn	Buffalo	35	35	12	sn	Buffalo
Burlington, Vt.	52	42	30	sn	Burlington, Vt.	52	42	30	sn	Burlington, Vt.
Charleston, S.C.	72	60	261	dir	Charleston, S.C.	72	60	261	dir	Charleston, S.C.
Charlotte, N.C.	64	59	61	dir	Charlotte, N.C.	64	59	61	dir	Charlotte, N.C.
Cheyenne	24	18	01	dir	Cheyenne	24	18	01	dir	Cheyenne
Chicago	35	33	03	dir	Chicago	35	33	03	dir	Chicago
Cincinnati	40	34	01	dir	Cincinnati	40	34	01	dir	Cincinnati
Cleveland	37	36	01	dir	Cleveland	37	36	01	dir	Cleveland
Dayton	38	33	01	dir	Dayton	38	33	01	dir	Dayton
Daytona Beach	72	63	100	dir	Daytona Beach	72	63	100	dir	Daytona Beach
Denver	31	30	01	dir	Denver	31	30	01	dir	Denver
Des Moines	32	29	01	dir	Des Moines	32	29	01	dir	Des Moines
Detroit	38	35	sn	dir	Detroit	38	35	sn	dir	Detroit
Fargo	15	15	01	dir	Fargo	15	15	01	dir	Fargo
Fort Wayne	35	32	01	dir	Fort Wayne	35	32	01	dir	Fort Wayne
Fresno	47	46	23	dir	Fresno	47	46	23	dir	Fresno
Goodland	36	28	01	dir	Goodland	36	28	01	dir	Goodland
Grand Junction	51	35	01	dir	Grand Junction	51	35	01	dir	Grand Junction
Grand Rapids	34	31	01	dir	Grand Rapids	34	31	01	dir	Grand Rapids
Great Falls	21	-14	01	dir	Great Falls	21	-14	01	dir	Great Falls
Indianapolis	41	33	01	dir	Indianapolis	41	33	01	dir	Indianapolis
Kansas City	48	26	01	dir	Kansas City	48	26	01	dir	Kansas City
Knoxville	48	47	24	dir	Knoxville	48	47	24	dir	Knoxville
Lake Charles	64	38	01	dir	Lake Charles	64	38	01	dir	Lake Charles
Lansing	35	31	01	dir	Lansing	35	31	01	dir	Lansing
Last Vegas	64	55	01	dir	Last Vegas	64	55	01	dir	Last Vegas
Lexington	39	36	01	dir	Lexington	39	36	01	dir	Lexington
Lincoln	31	24	01	dir	Lincoln	31	24	01	dir	Lincoln
Little Rock	59	32	01	dir	Little Rock	59	32	01	dir	Little Rock
Los Angeles	60	55	01	dir	Los Angeles	60	55	01	dir	Los Angeles
Louisville	42	37	01	dir	Louisville	42	37	01	dir	Louisville
Macon	61	50	01	dir	Macon	61	50	01	dir	Macon
Madison	31	28	05	dir	Madison	31	28	05	dir	Madison

State forecast

Texas temperatures

By The Associated Press

Monday

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CST.

	Hi	Lo	Pop.	City	Hi	Lo	Pop.	City
Abilene	80	44	44	Abilene	80	44	44	Abilene
Alice	79	40	40	Alice	79	40	40	Alice
Amarillo	75	35	35	Amarillo	75	35	35	Amarillo
Arlington	77	39	39	Arlington	77	39	39	Arlington
Austin Bergstrom	75	29	29	Austin Bergstrom	75	29	29	Austin Bergstrom
Austin Mueller	75	39	39	Austin Mueller	75	39	39	Austin Mueller
Beaumont	68	38	38	Beaumont	68	38	38	Beaumont
Brownsville	78	43	43	Brownsville	78	43	43	Brownsville
Burnet	76	37	37	Burnet	76	37	37	Burnet
Childress	77	36	36	Childress	77	36	36	Childress
College Station	72	37	37	College Station	72	37	37	College Station
Comstock	72	34	34	Comstock	72	34	34	Comstock
Corpus Christi	78	40	40	Corpus Christi	78	40	40	Corpus Christi
Denton	78	36	36	Denton	78	36	36	Denton
DFW Airport	77	37	37	DFW Airport	77	37	37	DFW Airport
El Paso	77	40	40	El Paso	77	40	40	El Paso
Gaffney	66	47	47	Gaffney	66	47	47	Gaffney
Hartlingen	77	41	41	Hartlingen	77	41	41	Hartlingen
Houston Intercontinental	73	36	36	Houston Intercontinental	73	36	36	Houston Intercontinental

OIL: Many independents lack resources to cope with Y2K

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Co., said that 80 to 90 percent of computers worldwide will experience Y2K problems, and the cost of fixing them could run as high as \$600 billion. Most major oil companies are spending \$50 million to \$100 million to become compliant.

All major oil companies and most larger independents in the Permian Basin, such as Pioneer Natural Resources, Wagner & Brown and Clayton Energy Inc., have computer specialists working on the problem full time, but many of the smaller oil companies

are still not in compliance.

John Hood, area technology manager for Arco Permian, said recently that his company has a full-time staff person "debugging" all computer systems and that they expect to be fully compliant by the year 2000. "I fear some of the smaller companies that are still struggling with Y2K may not make it," he said.

Most smaller oil companies are well aware of the problem and are moving at varying rates to identify and exterminate the Millennium Bug in all computer systems. "If they move now, smaller oil

companies can still become compliant by the end of the year," Hood said.

In some cases, becoming compliant will be as simple as contacting one's software vendor and acquiring program upgrades. Computer experts say oil companies should not overlook those programs that have been written in-house. If new software is purchased, it should be 2000-compliant.

In some cases older computers may have a chip that makes them incapable of becoming compliant and will have to be replaced. A

vendor or computer consultant can advise on this matter.

Independents looking for Y2K help can find it on the Internet at www.year2000.com, or they can contact a local computer analyst with experience in Y2K debugging.

Shell Oil Co. offers a comprehensive consulting program for oil companies for conducting a systems inventory of potential bugs, debugging programs, installing new programs and testing. The address is: www.renew2000.com.

RURAL: Agriculture Department reaching out to help farmers

(From 1A)

compliant, the United States would lose its second biggest crop producer and the state would lose its \$44 billion industry.

"People aren't doing this with a ledger, paper and pen anymore," Ms. Nobles said. "Most farms are vulnerable to this system failure. That's why we're urging people to check out any equipment they have that's run by a computer or has an embedded microchip."

She and her staff are creating information packets that explain what steps agricultural workers need to take to eradicate the Millennium Bug from their equipment.

The office hopes to reach out and educate every rancher, crop grower and food processor by hosting workshops in all areas of the state by fall — including West Texas.

The office hasn't set any definite dates or time constraints for these events, she said.

The package offered by the agriculture office contains brochures and other literature that help farmers and ranchers learn: 1) what the Y2K bug is, 2) how to make a list of what equipment is at risk, 3) find out who to contact, 4) fix the program, 5) test their repaired equipment and 6) have a back-up plan if something is overlooked.

Ms. Nobles said the information will also be posted on the World Wide Web in the near future.

Here's what other farming and

ranching agencies are doing:

■ The Food Supply Working Group (FSWG) of the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, has completed an initial assessment of the Y2K state of readiness of the domestic and international food supply chain.

"Assessing the Y2K state of readiness of the food supply chain is a daunting task," said Dan Glickman, secretary of Agriculture. "The food supply sector makes up 16 percent of our nation's economy."

The FSWG is checking if the largest companies within the food industry will be able to continue operating in spite of the Y2K problem.

"The state of readiness within the food industry is encouraging," he said. "An interruption in the food supply so severe as to threaten the well-being and basic comfort of the American public is unlikely."

The FSWG's assessment shows that food suppliers will likely have a relatively low risk of year 2000 disruptions to their import, processing, distribution, and retail chains.

■ With the new year rolling in, the computer crisis is looming. National Meat Association has completed a survey of the readiness of its members, spokesman Leon Panetta said.

Only 29 firms responded to the questionnaire, but of that small group nearly 60 percent were already Y

COUNTDOWN TO 2000 MILLENNIUM BUG

County officials expect nary a glitch when Millennium bell tolls

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

When mankind's calendar, like the odometer on your car, turns from 1999 to 2000, any glitches in Midland County's computer system's hardware microchips and software programming ought to have been purged or corrected by then.

"I think we are in pretty good shape" (in becoming Y2K-compliant) said William P. McCullough, the county's chief information system officer.

"The first concern is to get those software programs recompiled and reconfigured so that they can support a full four-digit date" vs. old two-digit format, McCullough said.

"It all boils down to whether it is an embedded chip (in the computers) or if it is a software problem. The applications need to be able to address a full four-digit year vs. a two (-digit format). Typically, a lot of software in the past has been developed and not concerned about the four-digit format."

McCullough expects county government and, hence, the Midland County Public Library and Midland College's Learning Resource Center, to bridge the gap with hardly a notice.

The libraries' electronic functions, including the computerized card-index files, are on the county's \$815,000 IBM AS 400 computer.

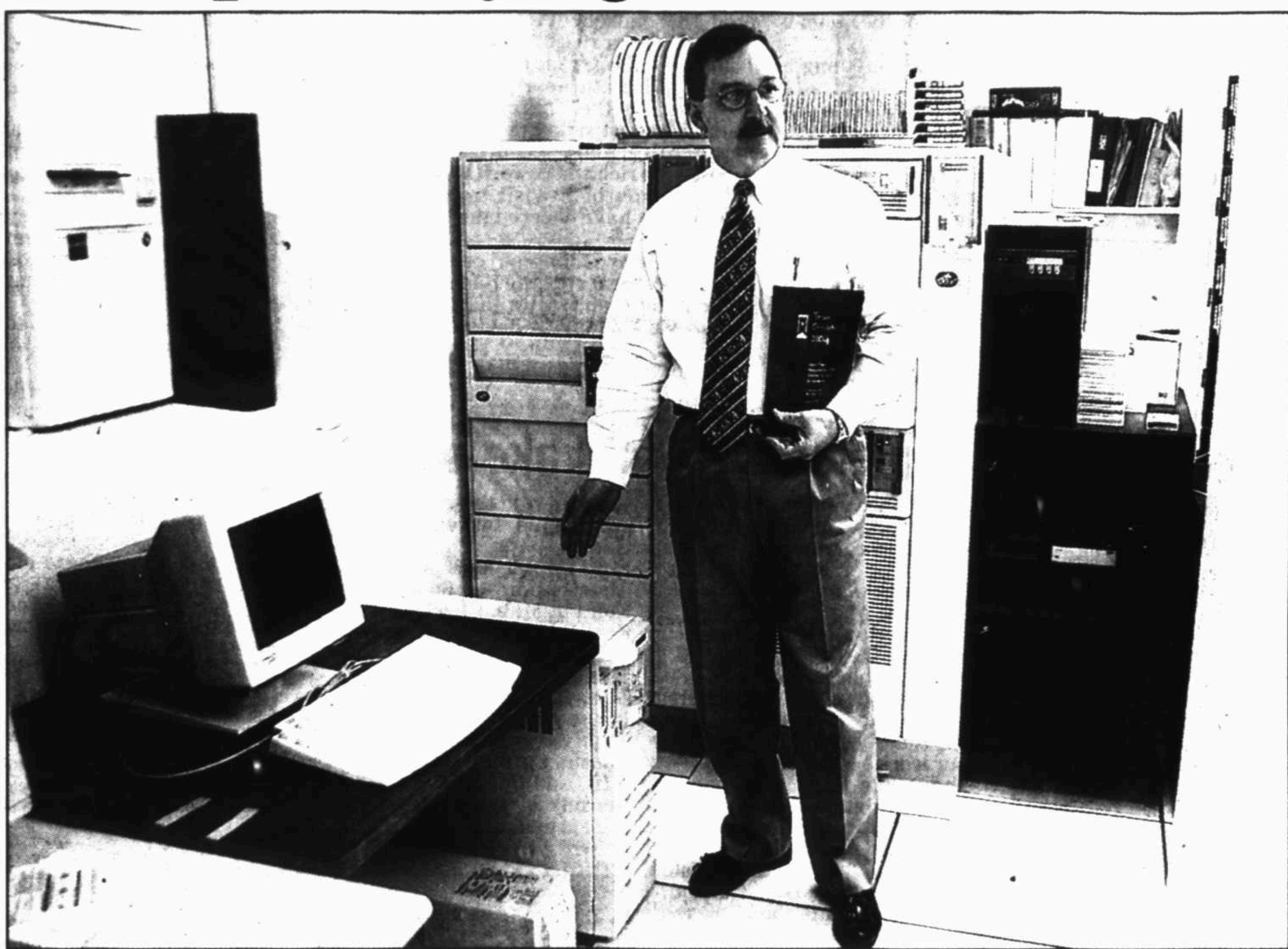
"We've got to keep the (courthouse) doors open, and we've got to serve the public," McCullough said. "We've got to do our business."

"The concern that the (Commissioners') Court would have is that those operations are maintained. We don't want to come up to a situation that we don't get a payroll out, can't check out a book, or record a deed. We just need to do business as usual."

The county's computer system has a built-in redundancy system, though.

"We are imaging every (paper) document," McCullough said. "Security is the most important thing that we do at the courthouse. We back everything up with (high-density) tape. If you want a hard copy, you punch a button and print it out."

Midland County Judge Bill Morrow, as



William McCullough, chief information systems officer for Midland County, says the county is on track to become Y2K compliant. "I think we are in pretty good shape," McCullough said.

a matter of course, is putting his trust in McCullough and his technical staff to move into 2000 with nary a bump or only a slight one.

"He has spent a good deal of time working on it and is very diligently pursuing all the possible glitches," Morrow said. "As

far as we know, we've got that (Y2K) thing conquered."

McCullough's computer-world bailiwick, which is operating on a \$673,000 budget, keeps track of the county's almost \$21.9 million general-fund budget and \$30.5 million overall budget.

The county's financial computer is the IBM \$62,500 RS (Risk) 6000.

"The new financial package we are getting is, of course, (Y2K-) compliant," Morrow said. "Each department can look up and see where they are in their budget and will have online capability in county gov-

ernment ... for budgeting purposes and preparation of the budget to see where you are."

As Sandra Wegner, library director, recalled, Midland County started venturing into the computer age about two decades ago.

"We began preparations for our computerized catalogs as early as 1981," Mrs. Wegner said. "But we didn't actually do it until 1993."

Though she suggested a fair amount of confidence in the county's Y2K transition, Mrs. Wegner is, nevertheless, cautious.

"I have a contingency plan just in case," she said. "I am not going to get rid of all of my pencils and paper just in case we need to keep a record of who checked out what. That's my contingency plan: paper and pencil."

"My automation software people tell me that we are OK. (Hardware) is the county's responsibility."

Two years ago, the county spent \$180,000 to upgrade its AS 400 (for advanced-system computer), said McCullough, who noted that the county contracts out its application software. "We don't do any development in-house."

Within the county detention facilities, security should go uninterrupted from the end of 1999 into the start of 2000.

"We don't think that there is any date-sensitive, embedded chips within those electronic devices," McCullough said. "That's our understanding ... today. The Sheriff's Office has checked with their electronic doors over at the jail for opening and closing. They've checked with their vendors, and they haven't uncovered any problems with any embedded chips in the Sheriff's Office and jail."

From McCullough's perspective, if the year 2000 were to arrive tomorrow, "I would think that we (in county government) would continue to function."

"We may have a couple of glitches. But we should be able to address those very rapidly. I don't think that it (Y2K) would be of a magnitude that would shut down our operation."

"I personally am looking forward to the year 2000 to get this behind and address what issues that may come up and get on to other business," McCullough said.

City officials in 'final stages of contingency plans' for Y2K

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Starting early with a concerted push to address year 2000 computer problems, the city of Midland will spend much of the next year worrying about needs not locally controlled, rather than city services.

A team headed by Tommy Hudson, assistant to City Manager Mike McGregor and Communications and Information Systems Director Charles Gipson have been spearheading the effort for more than a year.

Working with individual department heads, city equipment has been tested, literally turning the internal clocks up to see if problems occur, or have received letters of compliance from equipment vendors.

All of the city's systems that failed the testing will be replaced shortly, and contingency plans in case of catastrophic utilities failures will be adopted by early summer, Hudson said.

"We're in the final stages of our contingency plans," Hudson said.

One benefit to the city is the readily available power generators, which will probably be available for lease before 2000, as the sagging oil and gas industry will probably have generators to spare.

These generators will be used to power any critical part of city infrastructure that could not be used in case of power-grid failure.

The city's major traffic intersections are being identified and studied, to determine if stop signs, human traffic direction or locally generated traffic lights will be needed.

With only a few critical pumps powered by generators, the city's wastewater and potable water systems can operate on gravity alone, city staff said.

Most of the generation power will be needed to pump the city's groundwater fields to provide potable tap water.

A catastrophic power grid failure is not anticipated, but these contingency plans will be honed and ready for implementation just in case, Hudson said.

While they will likely never be needed, city

staff are continuing to form worst-case-scenarios to ensure the safety of local residents.

Barring the loss of utilities, the city of Midland should be in fine shape for 2000, city officials said.

"I'm really impressed with what our city has done to protect itself," said Midland Mayor Bobby Burns.

"Our motto has been: Beat the clock before it's too late. And I think we're there," Hudson said.

For the most part, only minor problems have been identified in city systems. Traffic signals, pipeline control stations and other electronic gear have all been checked out and vendor promissory letters are in hand.

The most important equipment to fail year 2000 (Y2K) tests are the communications consoles at the Midland Police Department's dispatch area.

These did not have a simple date-stamp failure, meaning they would function but would record improper dates — these electronic consoles failed totally.

Negotiations for the purchase of nine new consoles, which route all radio, 9-1-1 and data transmission for city emergency services, are ongoing and purchase is expected in February, Hudson said.

The purchase is expected to be nearly \$1 million, making this the most significant problem by far that the city must face, city staff said.

All replacement hardware, software and training on the new equipment is expected to be completed by the end of the summer, putting Midland in a position to weather any storm that might arise from the much-hyped Y2K computer bug.

The city has established a Y2K hotline — 685-7544 — for those with specific questions about city services. Recorded questions will be retrieved daily and responses made directly to the caller.

In addition, those linked to the Internet can keep track of city Y2K plans at a dedicated Web site: y2kinfo@basinlink.com.

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MISD must trust service center in San Antonio for compliance

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District is doing much of its Y2K work long-distance, but the potential problems the bug may cause couldn't be closer to home.

The district's mainframe computer — on which all of its payroll, student attendance and grading applications reside — is actually located in San Antonio, at the state's Region 20 education service center.

There, a staff of about 50 analysts is checking over all the district's data processing software and hardware, trying to anticipate any incompatibilities when the year 2000 hits. So far, 4,000 of those programs have had to be modified or rewritten.

"We feel we're dealing with the problem — and it is a problem — as best we can," said Larry Lusby, executive director of computer and pupil services for MISD.

The district has been working for the past three years on the Y2K problem. Overall, Lusby said it's difficult to estimate how much will be spent on Y2K before the work is done. A "very gross guess," he said, would be half-a-million dollars.

"The biggest expenditure is in time — personnel time. It's hard to put a dollar figure on it," he said.

And for equipment alone?

"Just right off the top of my head, I can come up with \$250,000 pretty easily," he said.

The district is scrutinizing Y2K compatibility in three main areas: data processing, instructional technology and auxiliary services.

The data processing problems are being handled in San Antonio. The other two areas of scrutiny fall in the laps of district employees.

In the instructional technology area, all servers,

routers and microcomputers have had to be evaluated for Y2K compliance. The district has about 5,000 microcomputers. Lusby said anywhere from 1,500 to 2,000 of those will not be Y2K-compliant.

In some cases, when computers are for stand-alone personal use, compliance will not be important, Lusby said. But computers hooked up to the district's wide-area network will have to comply.

"There are a number of those old machines that we have on our wide-area network now that we have to replace," he said.

Auxiliary services that need to be evaluated include security systems, bell systems in the schools, gas pumps, elevators and heating and cooling systems.

Some of the equipment used in auxiliary services is fairly new, so the district is in good shape, said Lusby.

In November, when MISD had its last status report, work was 75 percent complete. All the Y2K kinks are supposed to be worked out by July 1.

The district will also have to make sure it is ready to handle any unexpected problems that may arise on Jan. 1.

"It's kind of hard to plan for something that you don't know what you're planning for," Lusby said. But he added he does not foresee any major difficulties.

"I think it is a manageable situation. I think it is a very real situation, but I think by-and-large companies and organizations are taking it seriously," Lusby said. "The world is not going to come to an end."

Midland College anticipates smooth but tedious transition into Y2K

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

Midland College does not have as massive a job in preparing for the year 2000 as a place like the University of Texas, but because of the nature of the Y2K problem, the job is about as tedious.

MC computer service administrators have spent the past year or so combing all hardware and software used by the college for compatibility problems. But there is no guarantee, no matter how close they look, that they'll find everything.

"That's the big bug-a-boo: are you going to miss something? Hope not," said Dennis Sever, director of instructional information systems.

MC has to order patches for about 750 PCs across campus, Sever said. It has spent \$100,000 replacing and patching administrative software and \$30,000 on the school-wide network operating system and related software.

Sever said the college's work is between 50 and 60 percent com-

plete. The goal is to be finished by September, but that is not a deadline, Sever said. Right now, MC is in the process of reviewing the software for environmental systems like heating and cooling.

Officials have already purchased upgrades that will make its administrative software Y2K-compliant. That means functions like payroll, student and financial records and financial aid should not show any glitches.

But, in the unlikely event that any of those functions become corrupted Jan. 1, Sever said the college already has emergency procedures in place.

If there were problems with payroll, for instance — an area of obvious personal concern — officials would make new hires on a temporary basis to produce paychecks by hand. The same would be the case for all other administrative software functions.

Student financial aid may be a dicier issue — not at the college but at the national level.

"Those systems (used by the federal government for financial aid)

are very, very old and very, very large," Sever said.

Though he was assured that the college systems for financial aid would run smoothly, he admitted, "If something happens at the federal level, we'll get complaints about it."

A worst-case scenario would be if students were unable to get federal Pell Grants. About one-fourth of MC students rely on the grants to provide them with up to \$1,500 per semester.

But Sever said, no matter the scenario, the school would handle it and continue to function.

"We would see that somehow they got them (grants)," said Sever. "That's what we do. That's what this college is here for."

Records could not possibly be lost, Sever said. The worst that could happen would be if software or hardware that read the data ceased to function properly, he said.

Sever estimates that, when it's all said and done, the college will have spent as much as a quarter-million dollars fixing the Y2K bug.

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Flag retirement ceremony should be supported

John Crosby of Midland is a man with a mission — a mission that should be carried out.

Crosby, who as a youth attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, has scheduled Midland's first annual American Flag Retirement Ceremony for Feb. 7 at a location north of ClayDesta Inn, 4108 N. Big Spring St.

The idea is to bring respect and honor back to the American flag, the symbol of the United States of America. Or, as Crosby puts it, "The American flag represents everything that we stand for — freedom, liberty, justice for all."

Crosby believes that "if we could get people back to where they respected the flag, it might change some attitudes that are very prevalent now." One of them is the lack of concern some people show to others. So, Crosby began organizing the American flag retirement ceremony to encourage people to show respect for the flag. It is a campaign Midlanders should support wholeheartedly. One reason is that Old Glory deserves the respect Crosby is encouraging, but another — and certainly just as important — is to foster support for the nation.

Most military veterans are strong advocates of respect for the flag. Most are also highly patriotic. But every American should show respect to the flag and the nation.

Yes, the American flag is merely a symbol of the United States of America, but to show the flag disrespect is to show the United States disrespect.

As the United States Supreme court has noted, "A person gets from a symbol the meaning he puts into it."

The idea is to bring respect and honor back to the American flag, the symbol of the United States of America.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 1999. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 25, 1959, American Airlines opened the jet age in the United States with the first scheduled transcontinental flight of a Boeing 707.

On this date:

In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.

In 1579, the Treaty of Utrecht was signed, marking the beginning of the Dutch Republic.

In 1787, Shays' Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.

In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded.

In 1915, the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service.

In 1946, the United Mine Workers rejoined the American Federation of Labor.

In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.

In 1961, President Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television.

In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

Ten years ago: The Senate Armed Services Committee opened confirmation hearings on the nomination of John Tower to be secretary of defense.

One year ago: Pope John Paul II ended his historic journey to Cuba. American astronaut Andrew Thomas moved from the space shuttle Endeavour into the Russian space station Mir as the relief for David Wolf. The Denver Broncos won their first Super Bowl title in four tries, defeating the Green Bay Packers 31-24.

Thought for Today: "By the time a person has achieved years adequate for choosing a direction, the die is cast and the moment has long passed which determined the future." — Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald, American writer (1900-1948).

JACK ANDERSON

Meatpacking picture looks even worse today

The wide-ranging problems in America's meatpacking industry may be worse than we've reported.

Recently we've detailed unsanitary plant conditions and abuses of immigrant workers that depict an industry not much different today than the one Upton Sinclair wrote about in his seminal book, "The Jungle," nearly a century ago.

We've also exposed a fundamental contradiction: At a time when meatpackers and industry representatives claim that safety and sanitation are better than they've ever been, foodborne illnesses caused by eating red meat are at an all-time high.

Unsanitary conditions might not be as dangerous to consumers, we've discovered, if the system for recalling tainted meat worked better.

Most meat contamination occurs at processing plants, where the U.S. Department of Agriculture relies on random sampling to detect pathogens like the deadly E. coli virus. When inspectors find contamination, they issue a recall. The problem is, current regulations say that the USDA must first negotiate the terms of the recall with meatpackers, which can delay the process for days or even weeks.

According to an analysis of USDA data by the Center for Public Integrity, Americans consumed over 17.9 million pounds of contaminated meat between 1990 and 1997, most of which was in "Class I," a category that includes the deadly strain of E. coli.

But the USDA had actually recalled 32.5 million pounds of meat. Doing the math, we learn that just 45 percent of all recalled meat was actually recovered.

"(The 45 percent figure) doesn't really surprise me because recalls are (an) after-the-fact attempt to mitigate problems that have already gone through the system," said Patrick Boyle, president of the American Meat Institute. The AMI is the meatpacking industry's main public-relations and lobbying arm.

Although meatpackers and the USDA know within 24 hours whether a shipment might be contaminated, USDA's policy is to confirm the results before issuing a recall. Confirmation can take several weeks — during which time the tainted product makes its way to grocer's shelves and backyard barbecues.

Meatpackers are in the driver's seat throughout the recall process. There are no regulations requiring that meatpackers wait for test results — even the preliminary ones — before they ship, and they negotiate the scope and timing of each recall with the USDA.

Once the meat has been shipped, recovery becomes exceptionally difficult. Many grocery store butchers combine different types of meat into one package or combine meat from several different packinghouses. The origin of meat in a specific package is anyone's guess.

Boyle said it is a fallacy for the government to suggest that testing for pathogens will eliminate them. Because testing destroys the meat sample, it would be impossible to test an entire shipment.

Earlier this month, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, introduced a proposal that would give the USDA

mandatory recall authority and require meatpackers to notify them of all instances of contamination. Similar proposals were defeated in 1994, 1995 and 1997.

The only realistic solution is to minimize the possibility of the meat being contaminated in the first place. We have reported on the deplorable safety and sanitation conditions in many plants. Dozens of large plants continue to operate in spite of extensive violations. In 1996, there were seven plants with over 1,000 violations. One plant tallied 1,753 violations, yet never missed a day of operation until a reporter for Cox News Service began researching an article about the plant.

But the chances are dim that safety and sanitation will improve anytime soon. Under the USDA's new inspection system, industry inspectors perform many of the tasks formerly done by the USDA. Under the new system, launched last January, sanitation and safety records have improved significantly at plants that were once among the industry's worst offenders.

Industry reps, of course, maintain that safety and sanitation are the best they've ever been — regardless of who is doing the inspecting. But when we asked Boyle if the claimed improvements would result in fewer recalls, he squirmed a bit.

"That's a very difficult question to answer," said Boyle. "Our quality control and sanitation programs are dramatically improved from where they were as recently as 10 years ago, but the (USDA's pathogen) detection process has also improved dramatically."

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CHARLEY REESE

Forget impeachment trial — focus on our neglected defense

I'll skip any comment on "Zipper Bill's" impeachment trial until it's over. The only important thing from here on out is the final vote — to adjourn, convict or acquit.

Until then, I plan to ignore the beltway buzz generated by politicians, spin doctors, TV talking heads and journalists indulging in speculation and slinging general barnyard manure they call "analysis." Those folks in Washington generate as much greenhouse gas as a power plant.

There's nothing to analyze. No point to the exercise. Just wait. Eventually, the Senate will take the final vote.

In the meantime, we ought to nudge our representatives toward a few important issues, such as a defense which both the administration and Congress have neglected in recent years.

Defense is the main job the Constitution assigns to the federal government. As long as people still have thermonuclear warheads and missiles, defense cannot be ignored safely. Nuclear weapons are nation killers. All other issues will be moot if the United States becomes a dead nation.

Be careful not to be misled by semantics. It is easy to say the Cold War is over. But what do the words "Cold War" actually mean? It's just a phrase used to describe a period of time in the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union. The United States and the core of the Soviet Union (and its missiles), Russia, still exist. They still have relations. And they aren't doing so hot lately.

And then there's China. In short, we are not out of the nuclear woods yet, and what should have been the top priority of the administration, nuclear disarmament, has been ignored with one exception. The one exception is the United States, which the current administration seems to think can be disarmed without any reciprocal actions on the part of other nations.

Not so. Something so serious as nuclear weapons cannot be allowed to get out of balance. If it is possible to get real reductions, then they must be carried out carefully and simultaneously.

Don't forget the axiom that intentions can change overnight but capability cannot. So long as Russia and China have nuclear weapons capability, we cannot trust mere intentions. Not only can intentions change overnight, but so can governments.

Cementing a relationship with Russia, and bringing Russia into the Western coalition, should have been the No. 1 priority of this administration. Alas, this administration is corrupt and, for the most part, incompetent. It has succeeded in driving Russia away from the Western coalition. Almost surely any new government in Moscow that rises out of the ashes of the current economic mess will be less pro-Western, thanks to the Clinton administration.

As I mentioned before, we do not, if we have any sense, want to wake up one morning, disarmed, and facing a hostile nuclear troika of Russia, China and India. That would give elitists who slobber over dreams of U.S. hegemony a headache. That's a new world order Americans wouldn't like. There are indeed better reasons to get rid of "Zipper Bill" than his games with a broad-based blabbermouth Valley Girl.

But the press is as much of a goofus as Clinton. Imagine, a basketball player retires (for the second time) and you would think that's the single most important thing happening on the third rock from the sun.

Jeez. People who put their faith in human reason need a lot more faith than those who believe in religion.

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DAN RATHER

Shakespearian reflections on the news

Desperate times require great books. The ongoing (and ongoing and ongoing) story of President Clinton's inappropriate intimate conduct, his historic impeachment and partisan bickering in Congress have one thing in common: They can really get a guy down.

You're lucky. You can pick up the paper, read until you're disgusted, and put it away. Me, I've got to think about this stuff 24/7.

When you're working round-the-clock, it's hard to find escape. I can barely even get to the movies.

Friends Mary Ann Quisenberry and Betty Smith have urged me for months to see "Shakespeare in Love," but the kid at the mall slams the multiplex doors in my face and tells me they don't sell tickets at four in the morning. (At this rate, I'll be lucky to see that Charlie Chaplin fellow I keep hearing about.)

At last I turned to the next-best thing to "Shakespeare in Love." Namely, Shakespeare himself. Like the movie, he can also be found at the mall, but he stays open all night.

From school days, I remember this: Shakespeare was NEVER a reporter. Here, I might find refuge from the headlines of the day.

What fool this mortal be.

I picked up a drama of dark political intrigue: Some Republicans plot the downfall of a charismatic but flawed leader. They attack him in the Senate, then clash among themselves; the rival party prevails in the end.

Sure, the name of the play is "Julius Caesar," but you could easily rename it "Bilious Clinton."

Allow me to share a few stunning parallels between "Julius Caesar" and reality.

■ The Weather. "Julius Caesar" has the worst weather of any Shakespeare play I know, including "The Tempest" and "Lear." It rains everything but

cats in this play. This is supposed to be ominous, the celestial macrocosm reflects the Roman microcosm, yada-yada, but instead it just reminds me of the winter of 1999. Every time I fly, we get snow, sleet and/or electrical storms. Traveler's weather advisory: If I'm traveling, the weather's lousy.

■ Dick Arme. Well, the Texas congressman isn't REALLY in here. But I read the line this way: "I am Arme, and dangers are indifferent to me."

■ Henry Hyde. Even using poetic license, the leading Republican in the real-life drama can't be described as having "a lean and hungry look." It's wrong to read the line: "Hyde, thy faces in smiles and affability!"

■ Heroes and Villains. Scholars debate who the hero of "Julius Caesar" is: not Brutus (gullible idealist), not Caesar (arrogant dictator), not Antony (cowardly opportunist — but speaks well), and not Cinna (because Cinna's are immoral). Our Bilious bestrides the world like a Colossus, but he's never been "constant as the northern star." And although our real-life Republicans tell us they're doing the right thing ("We will shake him, or worse days endure," as Cassius says), I fear we'll be debating the morals and motivations of all the principal players in our real-life drama for a long time.

■ At one point, Caesar says, "Who is it in the press that calls on me? I hear a tongue, shriller than all the music, cry." Well, HAVEN'T we in the press been shrill sometimes?

■ Cassius observes, "Men at some times are masters of their fates. The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves..."

Ed Murrow quoted that incessantly. Murrow was right. Shakespeare was right. If the time is out of joint, we have only ourselves to blame.

I still haven't found any interns or Gap dresses anywhere in this play — more reasons to like Shakespeare.

Read on, Macduff!

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By Larry Margat
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON
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House prosecutors say Lewinsky would help senators find 'truth'

By Larry Margasak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At a critical juncture in President Clinton's impeachment trial, House prosecutors interviewed Monica Lewinsky for almost two hours on Sunday and asserted her testimony would help the Senate "determine the truth."

After a session that triggered partisan convulsions even before it was held, Ms. Lewinsky's lawyer, Plato Cacheris, said she "added nothing to the record that is already sitting before the Senate right now."

Yet all three House managers who participated in the interview called the session productive.

"I believe she would be a witness that would help them determine the truth, and that's what we are all endeavoring to do during this process," said Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark. Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., said Ms. Lewinsky "might be a very helpful witness to the Senate if called." Rep. Ed Bryant, R-Tenn., called the former White House intern "an impressive person."

Cacheris said his client "was candid, forthright and extremely truthful" but he insisted that anything she told the Senate would cover familiar ground. He urged the managers to tell their colleagues that it is unnecessary to call Ms. Lewinsky as a witness, so that her "long nightmare" could come to an end.

The House prosecutors were set to meet Monday, the deadline for submitting a witness list to the Senate. Senators then will debate whether to call witnesses before taking two votes: first on a motion to dismiss the case and then on the decision to take depositions of witnesses.

Earlier Sunday, three Republican senators said they wanted a swift end to the case and two of them expressed hope for a conclusion this week.

Republican Sens. Olympia Snowe of Maine, Slade Gorton of Washington and Richard Shelby of Alabama sought a fast conclusion to the trial. Snowe even predicted, "I think we will reach a conclusion by the end of this week" with a "chance to vote up or down on the articles of impeachment."

Gorton also said he hoped a solution could be found

this week, said both parties should agree on a final vote and "get to it... promptly." Added Shelby: "Let's close this thing out. Let's vote on it up or down."

The prosecutors also indicated they wanted to talk to presidential friend Vernon Jordan, who helped Ms. Lewinsky in her job search. Hutchinson said he met with Jordan's lawyer "laying the groundwork... in the eventuality that he is called as witness. And hopefully, I'll be able to talk to Mr. Jordan."

Separately, former Clinton political adviser Dick Morris was interviewed by House impeachment investigators. He said he was asked about his conversations with Clinton as the Lewinsky scandal was breaking a year ago. House managers, in presenting their case to the Senate, said Clinton's state of mind was important when he asked Morris for a poll on Americans' opinion of his conduct with Ms. Lewinsky.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, meanwhile, said he would go ahead with a plan to submit written questions to Clinton, even though White House lawyers — who first suggested the questions — now say the attorneys would respond rather than the president.

"We will continue to prepare a letter in hopes that the president will respond to the senators' interrogatories," Lott said in a statement. A response by Clinton attorneys "is not a substitute for the president answering the questions," he said.

In Reno, Nev., former President Bush said Saturday night that he was deeply concerned by "what appears to be a lack of respect" for the presidency by Clinton. But Clinton's predecessor said the case "will soon pass away and once again our country will be respected and strong around the world."

In a move that shattered the Senate's bipartisan approach to the impeachment trial and caught senators from both parties off guard, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's office obtained a court order to help the House schedule the interview with Ms. Lewinsky.

Starr told reporters outside his home Sunday that his office took "the appropriate action" and was "not in any way participating other than responding to requests" from House managers.

Tumble from canoe leads to First Amendment fight

STANDISH, Mich. (AP) — Timothy Boomer made a bigger splash than he bargained for after a tumble from a canoe landed him in a fight over whether foul language is legally protected free speech.

A sheriff's deputy says he heard Boomer explode in a three-minute barrage of profanity after the mishap on the Rifle River last summer, loud enough to be heard a quarter-mile away. What's more, he says, a woman and her two young children were nearby.

So the officer ticketed Boomer under an 1897 Michigan law that prohibits cursing in front of women and children.

Boomer, 24, insists his words have been exaggerated. But defense attorney William Street, who took the case on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union, says that even if Boomer was boorish, he was within his First Amendment rights.

Boomer's trial is scheduled for Thursday, but Street on Monday will ask a judge to throw out the charge and declare the law unconstitutional.

"There is an understandable desire for more civility in our society. But do we want to give police the power to enforce it?" Street asked. "Heaven forbid, we have sex police. Are we now going to have language police?"

Assistant Arenac County Prosecutor Richard Vollbach says the case involves no lofty constitutional

issues. Instead, he says, it is a simple matter of disorderly conduct.

"People think this poor, hard-working guy fell in the river and just said 'Oh, damn' and the Nazis came and arrested him," Vollbach said. "He's doing what he can to come across as a martyr, but that is not the case."

If the case goes to trial and Boomer is convicted, he could get up to 90 days in jail and a \$100 fine.

The Rifle River winds through rural Ogemaw and Arenac counties, about 130 miles north of Detroit, before emptying into Lake Huron. It's a slow-moving, tree-lined waterway popular with canoeists.

People living along the river have complained about cursing and other rowdy behavior by boaters, said Ben Wellmers, editor of the weekly

Arenac County Independent. The newspaper reported last spring that police were beefing up patrols along the river.

"I've been canoeing on that river a lot," said Jessica Davidson, a bakery cook in the county seat of Standish. "There's no reason for all the screaming and lewdness."

Boomer, who lives in the Detroit suburb of Roseville and works for a company that makes automobile assembly lines, went canoeing with his fiancée and four other couples in August.

Both sides agree Boomer fell into the water. What happened next is in dispute.

"He went on a three-minute profanity tirade in front of a 2-year-old girl and a 5-year-old boy," Vollbach said. "The mother literally covered the ears of her daughter."

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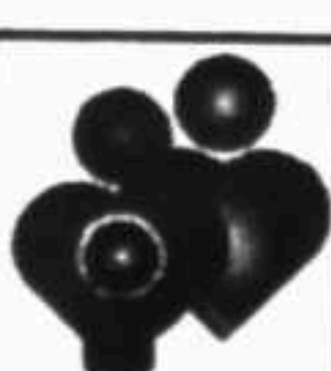
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Welfare rolls still falling, but more slowly in some states

By Laura Meckler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of people on welfare has fallen to its lowest level in 30 years, President Clinton will announce Monday. But the new figures also show the dramatic declines of recent years are beginning to slow in certain states.

The president will also offer a package of programs aimed at helping more people get to jobs and encouraging businesses to continue hiring them.

Nationally, just under 8 million people remained on welfare at the end of September, down 44 percent from 14.3 million in 1994. But state officials and academics alike have long cautioned that, at some point, nearly all the people who can move off welfare with relative ease will have left. That will leave those with deeper problems like substance abuse, domestic violence and very little education.

"With welfare reform, the more you succeed, the harder the job becomes," said Don Winstead, who heads Florida's welfare reform program.

Clinton hopes to make that job easier. Administration officials said he will announce proposals included in the budget he will submit to Congress next month, including:

- \$1 billion to help 200,000 long-term welfare recipients in high-poverty areas move to work. It's the continuation of a two-year-old program with a new requirement that 20 percent be used for low-income fathers.

- \$430 million to give 75,000 housing vouchers that help people on welfare move closer to a new job.

- \$150 million in transportation money to help people get to jobs, often in suburbs not served by public transportation.

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- \$530 million to extend the tax credit for businesses that hire people off welfare.

As he did in his State of the Union address, the president will also trumpet the falling welfare numbers.

"On a national basis, the caseload drop has been remarkably steady," said Bruce Reed, the president's chief domestic policy adviser.

But the figures show the drops in some states may have begun to slow in the final quarter of fiscal year 1998. In at least eight states, most of which have seen incredible drops since 1993, the reductions slowed to a trickle in July, August and September 1998.

"There's a difference between the first three quarters of the year and the last quarter of the year," said Michael Kharfen, a Department of Health and Human Services spokesman.

State officials say they are preparing to serve welfare recipients with tougher problems, moving beyond the "work first" approach that helps recipients look for work and then pushes them to take any job they can find. Under work first, states don't try to solve every problem or get people the education they may need. They simply try to find them jobs, reasoning that work experience will help them move up the economic ladder.

But that isn't enough for everyone, state officials say.

"We're past the situation where someone comes in who may need a little bit of confidence building, who may need a brush-up on skills and may need a new battery for the car — all things we can do," said John Garlinger of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. "We are left with the hard-core people."

Kansas has cut its welfare rolls by 62 percent since 1993, but by the end of the last fiscal year, healthy quarterly drops of 8 to 10 percent

fell to just 1.7 percent.

Other states seeing dropoffs include Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts and North Carolina.

Seasonal variations may explain some of it. In Massachusetts, the rolls always stay higher near September, when the state gives clothing vouchers for every child on welfare.

But other states say they have

begin to "bottom out."

"We knew that after that wave of families went off the rolls, the somewhat harder work would begin," said Joe Quinn, spokesman for the Arkansas Department of Human Services. In Arkansas, the rolls fell just 2.7 percent in the last quarter after drops of about 9 percent in previous quarters.

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Religion Briefs

"The Week Ahead," A look at Faith Opportunities in the Permian Basin for the coming week, can be found on Page 2B

Lots of shoes

A man goes into a pet shop and tells the owner that he wants to buy a pet that can do everything.

The owner says, "How about a dog?"

The man replies, "Come on, a dog?"

The owner says, "How about a cat?"

The man replies, "No way! A cat certainly can't do everything. I want a pet that can do everything!"

The owner thinks for a minute, then says, "I've got it! A centipede!"

The man says, "A centipede? I can't imagine a centipede doing everything but, okay, I'll try a centipede." He gets the centipede home and says to the centipede, "Clean the kitchen."

Thirty minutes later, he walks into the kitchen and it's immaculate. All the dishes and silverware have been washed, dried, and put away; the counter-tops cleaned; the appliances sparkling; the floor waxed. He's absolutely amazed. He says to the centipede, "Go clean the living room."

Twenty minutes later, he walks into the living room. The carpet has been vacuumed; the furniture cleaned and dusted; the pillows on the sofa plumped; plants watered. The man thinks to himself, "This is the most amazing thing I've ever seen. This really is a pet that can do everything."

He says to the centipede, "Run down to the corner and get me a newspaper." The centipede walks out the door. Ten minutes later, no centipede. Twenty minutes later, no centipede. Thirty minutes later, no centipede. The man is wondering what's going on. The centipede should have been back in a couple of minutes. Forty-five minutes later, still no centipede!

He can't imagine what could have happened. Did the centipede run away? Did it get run over by a car? Where is that centipede?? He goes to the front door, opens it, and there's the centipede sitting right outside. The man says, "Hey!!! I sent you down to the corner 45 minutes ago to get me a newspaper. What's the story?!"

The centipede says, "I'm goin'! I'm goin'! I'm just puttin' on my shoes!"

How cold is it?

60 degrees - Californians put their sweaters on.

50 degrees - Miami residents turn on the heat.

45 degrees - Vermont residents go to outdoor concert.

40 degrees - You can see your breath, Californians shiver uncontrollably, Minnesotans go swimming.

35 degrees - Italian cars don't start.

32 degrees - Water freezes.

30 degrees - You plan your vacation in Australia.

25 degrees - Ohio water freezes, Californians weep pitifully, Minnesotans eat ice cream, Canadians go swimming.

20 degrees - Politicians begin to talk about the homeless, New York City water freezes, Miami residents plan vacation farther south.

15 degrees - French cars don't start, cat insists on sleeping in your bed with you.

10 degrees - You need jumper cables to get the car going.

5 degrees - American cars don't start.

0 degrees - Alaskans put on T-shirts.

-10 degrees - German cars don't start, eyes freeze shut when you step outside.

-15 degrees - You can cut your breath and use it to build an igloo, Arkansans stick tongue on metal objects, Miami residents cease to exist.

-20 degrees - Cat insists on sleeping in pajamas with you, politicians actually do something about the homeless, Minnesotans shovel snow off roof, Japanese cars don't start.

-25 degrees - Too cold to think, you need jumper cables to get the driver going.

-30 degrees - You plan a two week hot bath, Swedish cars don't start.

-40 degrees - Californians disappear, Minnesotans button top button, Canadians put on sweater, your car helps you plan your trip South.

-50 degrees - Congressional hot air freezes, Alaskans close the bathroom window.

-80 degrees - Polar bears move South, Green Bay Packer fans order hot cocoa at the game.

-90 degrees - Lawyers put their hands in their own pockets.

-100 degrees - Hell freezes over, Clinton tells all.

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MONDAY MORNING EDITOR

JIMMY PATTERSON

Smiley face creator takes off the gloves

By Leslie Miller
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — No more Mr. Nice Guy.

The creator of the smiley face has declared commercial warfare on those who have profited from the friendly yellow icon he squiggled for an insurance company 35 years ago.

Graphic artist Harvey Ball, who earned \$45 for designing the joyful face, has formed the World Smile Corp. His "signature smiley" products will include his signature inside the smiley drawing. Profits from greeting cards, but-

tons and other products will go to charity.

Last spring, Ball learned that French entrepreneur Franklin Loufrani had registered the smiley trademark in more than 75 countries and was threatening to sue U.S. companies that sell smiley products overseas.

The 77-year-old Ball thought about a lawsuit but decided he just couldn't sue over a smile. "It's repugnant. Yucky," he said Wednesday.

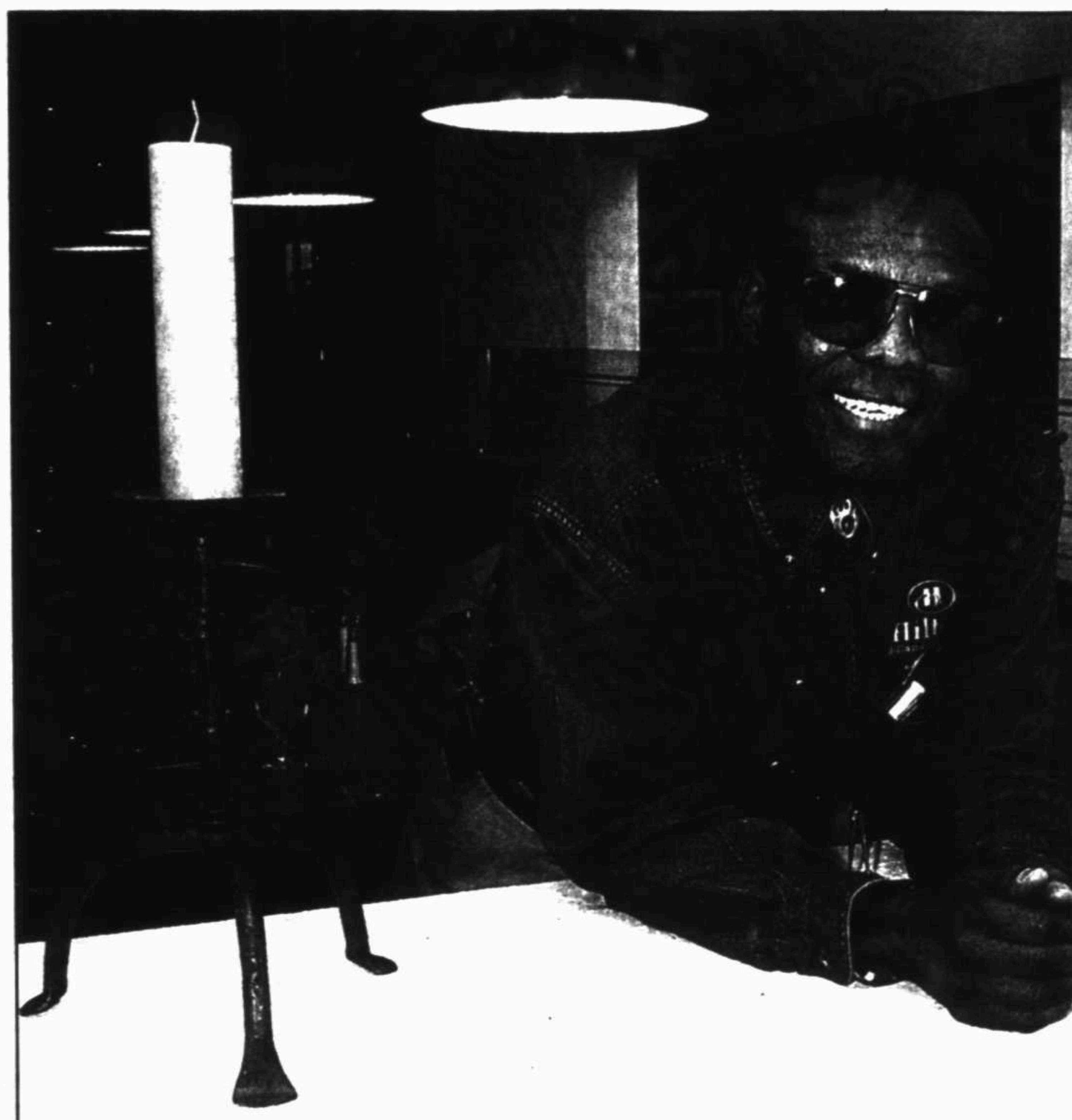
Suing Loufrani would also tie him up for years, perhaps decades, in litigation without a

certain outcome, said Ball's son, Charlie, a lawyer.

"Smiley's been pretty successful in the commercial arena," Charlie Ball said. "If we're going to take it to Loufrani, let's do it in the marketplace."

Nicholas Loufrani, Franklin Loufrani's son and vice president of marketing for London-based Smiley Licensing Corp., wishes Ball the best.

"He has the right to use the smiley character in the U.S.," he said. "If he's able to sell smiley products and give the money to charity, that's great."



Robert Dorn forsook temptation and now, when not serving as bellman at the Midland Hilton, is a minister.

Brian Adamcik/
Reporter-Telegram

Heavenly hotel service

Whether as bellman or preacher, man says he's here to serve

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Robert Lee Dorn is a joyful man, a minister of the Gospel, a preacher at no particular church, but a witness always in his renewed life.

Wherever you see him, there is the pulpit. He is a witness, never imposing, but a servant of the Lord and of mankind. That is his mission.

"I preach anywhere, preach to people," said the affable Dorn, who is a 54-year-old bellman at Midland's Hilton Hotel.

And in his messages, Dorn preaches truths. "If you are going to witness, be good, tell the whole truth."

"Christ is The Truth," he said, "and from Him, we get our life."

Dorn, who is one of 12 children born to a Central Texas sharecropper who later became a Midland porter and a soft-spoken mother, was named after Robert E. Lee, the American Civil War Confederate Army general whom Dorn beholds as a gentleman and an honorable man from Virginia.

Lee, who was respected by Northerners and Southerners alike,

was a dignified man who saw the evil effect of slavery and had freed his own slaves before the 19th century war. Black soldiers fought for the Confederacy, he said. "He (the black soldier) was fighting for his cause, his livelihood."

"The man (Lee) was a patriot," Dorn said. "You can't hate a man for that."

In his ministry, Dorn speaks of the glory that is due God.

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us," he said in reciting his favorite Scripture, Psalm 115:1, "but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake."

He grew into service of the Lord not through seminary or playing the sanctimonious role but through repentance after doing what unrepentant man does best at his worst and, some say, naturally. And that is sinning.

"I did all of that: the drugs, alcohol, money, sex," Dorn said. "It did not matter. If it felt good, I did it."

But one day, after experiencing the ills of the Devil long enough, Dorn found faith in 1973. "I gave my life to the Lord in September 1973. I accepted the call to preach in 1974."

"What brought me to my knees

was desperation," he confessed. He had experienced many of the world's temptations, as many young men are wont to do but that "wasn't enough." There still was a void and pain.

"I had wine, women, and song, and that wasn't the answer."

Instead, "the answer" was in Jesus Christ, who offered him peace within, life eternal and a mission on Earth.

"Most people think that because I'm a preacher, all I do is preach."

Not so.

"I meet people and greet people" in his courtesy role at work where he witnesses in kindness and in service. "I love my job here" at the Hilton which, he said in qualifying his comment, "is the only four-star hotel in West Texas according to Robert Dorn."

His job there is "all about serving people, making myself available to them, comforting them. If it wasn't for people, I wouldn't have a job."

Blessed with a melodious voice ranging between tenor and baritone, Dorn sings songs such as

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First, resolve to start small, work way up

News flash: It is past mid-January and I have managed to keep all of my New Year's resolutions! This has never happened before. My last longest record was January 4, 1996.

For the past 20 years, my annual list of resolutions has had the same general theme. See if you recognize any of these goals as those you've had on your lists over the years:



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WEIGHT — I resolve to lose 10 pounds by swimsuit season. This is a bogus goal since I gained 10 pounds in December knowing I was going to have to diet beginning January 1. Every Christmas cookie, piece of fudge, and half gallon of gravy I consume is justified by this looming date of January 1, when the fun is over. Even if I lose the 10 pounds, my net loss only puts me to where I was in November and trust me the swimsuit didn't look any better in November than it will in June. It's a darn good thing I don't swim!

EXERCISE — Here we go! Every year I am going to get in shape! I am the proud owner of Abs of Steel, Buns of Steel, Thighs of Steel (the videos, not the actually body). My video collection dates back to "feeling the burn" with Jane Fonda. I feel the burn alright ... it's in my check-book. I buy the exercise mat du jour, the aerobic tennis shoes, the snappy pony tail holders (even though I don't have a pony tail), the scrunchy socks, the warm-up suit, the Gatorade, the wrist bands, the rubber bands, the head bands and the Spandex Body Suit. They haven't made the Lycra that will make me look like those women. By the time I get in all my gear, I am too exhausted to actually do the work out video, so I sit on my mat eating Twinkies and watching those perky babes sweat and smile!

ACHIEVEMENTS — Each year I grow older, I realize I still haven't exactly "set the world on fire" like I originally planned. January 1 of every year is going to be the beginning of a new era of achievement for me. It seems each year my options grow fewer. Originally I planned on starring in one of the "Rocky" movies. Even though they went up to Rocky XIV, I never made the cut. Then, I was going to try to get adopted by the Osmond family and ride their coattails to success. One year I decided I was going to write an epic novel about the South during the Civil War. It was going to have everything: romance, the burning of Atlanta ... then I found out someone named Margaret Mitchell had stolen my idea and her book was apparently already on the book store shelves.

The past 15 Januarys I have been resolving to

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Thank You Note ...

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to a lot of fine people in our community. During Christmas time, when there is a need for help, there is a way for families to be extra blessed with love and sharing, provided for families in need.

"Survivors of Homicide" Support Group wants to thank all who helped in our special party for victims and their children.

In special, we'd like to say thank you to the Independent Order of Foresters, Calico at the Spot Restaurant, the Crisis Intervention Unit, The Disney Store, Toys R Us, Sheriff Gary Painter, Midland Police Officers Association, Clint Lovejoy, Ruth Fallis, Sharon Stuart, Gloria Newman and Lt. David Wilkes.

It's wonderful to know that our community is full of people who really care and take the time to make a difference for the children; they were so happy and thrilled, especially to have a visit from Santa Claus, who made their night complete.

— Lydia Fresca

JIMMY PATTERSON

A 'Cat in the Woods: Is there or isn't there?

One of the really nice things about the mountains of New Mexico is the beauty. With the area's tall, whispering pines, rolling terrain, cool temperatures, and cold streams that run beside winding two-lane roads, the scenery is beyond description.

Another memorable aspect of making frequent escapes to such a peaceful place is the mystique that the mountains hold.

If you have kids, namely young kids — under 10, for instance — the main mystique is that there may, in fact, be something dangerous just beyond their line of sight.

We found this out last weekend. A family member is fortunate enough to own a house nestled in a small neighborhood on a quaint little nine-hole golf course 10 miles outside of Cloudcroft. If you want to go somewhere just because there is no one else there — this is your place.

It was our first morning in the mountains last weekend. The three kids got up and perched them-

selves on a couch by the window, pulled back the curtains and looked out onto the third fairway of the golf course. Trotting across the course was what looked like a cat. Except this cat was the size of a Border Collie. Big cat. Not King of the Beast big, but a bigger cat than what you're likely to find darting in front of your grill on the way to work in the morning.

This was not the household cat variety. And so someone uttered the word Bobcat. Is that what we had seen?

The three children perched on the couch became quickly unperched. Nothing will make a small child move faster than the mention of the possibility that all that separates them from a wild animal is a pane of glass and about 100 feet.

Suggest that there may be a bobcat close by and it only takes a few seconds for that bobcat to magically transform itself into something even bigger: Maybe it was a Mountain Lion. Or a Cougar. Heck we didn't get the best look at its hide, maybe it was a ... a ... a ... LEOPARD.

Whatever it was, it was dangerous beyond our wildest imagination, never mind the fact that the minute it laid eyes on me, it ran for the hills.



Patterson

Yes, being the brave protector of my family, the minute we all spotted the cat that may or may not have itself been spotted, I forced myself to put on a brave face and walk outside to see if I could better see just exactly what it was we had all seen.

My bravery came at the heated disapproval of Mrs. P and the children, all of whom feared death was near at hand for Dear Ol' Dad. The door was five steps away; the leopard was about 500 steps away. Call me a Lion-tamer wannabe, but I think my odds were pretty good at returning to the house safely.

When the possibility exists that a leopard, or a cougar or a mountain lion, or even a measly bobcat may be foraging near the safety of our little mountain hideaway, it's pretty interesting to see what becomes of small children.

Take The Boy, for instance. Later in the day, after the mystery feline had returned to the trees, the kids and I went for a walk through the wooded neighborhood.

As he held my hand tightly, The Boy was the pic-

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Enron Corp. linked to human rights abuses

By Donna Bryson
Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — Enron did nothing to stop India's brutal campaign against opponents of the U.S. energy giant's multibillion-dollar power deal, a New York-based human rights group charged in a report released Monday.

Enron Power Development Corp.'s \$2.4 billion power project in the western Indian state of Maharashtra has been dogged by questions of corruption and environmental degradation since it began in 1992. The company is a subsidiary of Houston-based Enron Corp.

In its 166-page report, Human Rights Watch charged that the government tried to silence opposition by unleashing police to beat protesters and illegally detain leading activists. In one instance, it said, the pregnant wife of a village leader was dragged naked from her home and beaten in the street.

Ashok Basak, chairman of the government-run Maharashtra State Electricity Board, said he had not read the Human Rights Watch

report, but believed the events described in it "happened long ago," involved only the police, and had been resolved. The MSEB is Enron's junior partner in the power plant at Guhagar, 210 miles south of Bombay.

Human Rights Watch called the episode a lesson for other powerful companies.

"Unless an explicit and programmatic commitment to human rights exists, respect and protection for these rights will not improve, and may deteriorate, even in countries that are considered democratic and open," the report stated.

Enron, Human Rights Watch said, paid police officers who struck back at generally peaceful protests with clubs and tear gas. Indian law requires companies to pay for extraordinary security provided by police under certain circumstances.

"We have no control over (police) just because we're required to offset the cost" of security, said Enron spokeswoman Kelly Kimberly. She said Enron and its partners were still reviewing the Human Rights Watch report, but

released a preliminary company statement calling it "out of context at best."

Human Rights Watch called on the federal government to conduct a criminal investigation into the alleged abuses and punish those responsible. Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's spokesman had no immediate response to the report.

The watchdog group added that the U.S. government also bore some responsibility because it vigorously supported Enron's business plans in India. The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The Human Rights Watch investigation included interviews with key figures in India and the United States, including Frank Wisner, U.S. ambassador to India in the early 1990s. In 1997, after leaving the diplomatic corps, Wisner joined Enron's board of directors.

Wisner was quoted by Human Rights Watch as saying he knew of no human rights violations linked to the Enron project.



A danger sign warns the people of Tehuacana to keep away, instead they are rallying to boycott Vulcan Materials Company from destroying their land and coming into the city limits, where they are standing Monday.

Town of 322 facing \$25 million lawsuit

TEHUACANA (AP) — This Central Texas town of 322 people faces a \$25 million lawsuit from an industrial giant over the right to blast rock within the town limits.

"I feel like we're looking up at this gigantic mountain that's about to come down and squash us," said city council member Billy Duke. "It's a horrible feeling, but there's not much we can do except try our best to fight it."

Vulcan Materials Co., the nation's biggest supplier of crushed rock with more than \$1.5 billion in annual sales, claims in a lawsuit filed in federal court in Waco that it will lose \$25 million if Tehuacana blocks its plan to blast within the town limits.

Vulcan claims the city council damaged the company's business by passing an ordinance last month prohibiting mining and rock blasting within the town, 25 miles southwest of Corsicana. The ordinance was adopted two months after Vulcan bought property in the town.

"We have a government entity here telling us we can't work, can't use our own property," Tom Ransdell, Vulcan's Southwest region president said. "They're the government making the laws and using powers to put us out of business."

Vulcan claims blasting and other operations on that site pose no hazard to residents. But residents say it's a nuisance, and city officials say they are within

their rights to ban blasting.

"Any quarrying activity that involves powerful explosives is simply a nuisance to the residents of the town," Fred Neale, a Mexia attorney representing the town, told the Corsicana Daily Sun. "It's a heavy industrial business. There's nothing wrong with that, but it doesn't belong in the town limits."

Jeffalene Stuver said cracks have shown up in her garage floor, and she blames nearby blasting. Other residents say their homes have suffered foundation damage.

"We start hearing them every day very early in the morning, almost before the sun rises," Ms. Stuver said of the blasting operation, which can be seen from her back porch. "One day I was lying on the couch and they blasted. It lifted me and the couch off of the floor."

Blasting opponents claim a 1981 ordinance which blocked drilling and coring activities in Tehuacana would have stopped Vulcan's plans and that the new ordinance was just an additional precaution.

City and company officials are expected to meet in federal court in July.

"We're trying not to think about the possibility of them winning this," Ms. Stuver said. "I don't know what we would do if that happened. They could take our whole town and not get \$25 million."

Oil patch lawmakers press for relief for battered industry

By Michelle Mittlestadt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Concerned about the depressed state of America's energy industry, oil patch lawmakers on Capitol Hill are proposing tax breaks and other relief for producers reeling from collapsed oil prices.

But first they acknowledge that they'll have to dispel some myths about the industry, which runs the gamut from giant multinationals to the small independents operating wells that pump a few barrels of oil a day.

"Everyone thinks of oil and you think J.R. Ewing," said Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon. "And that's not the case."

With oil prices at some of their lowest levels since the Depression, conditions have been especially tough for the independents. Their "stripper" wells individually produce fewer than 10 barrels daily but collectively account for 20 percent of domestic production.

Some independents are finding that it costs them more to get a barrel of oil out of the ground than they can earn on the market, which has

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been depressed by a world oversupply.

With the nation already heavily dependent on foreign energy sources, keeping those independents afloat is "a security issue for our country," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, who is co-chair of the Congressional Oil and Gas Forum.

Thornberry agreed.

"The big oil companies are not looking predominately for new oil inside the continental United States ... and so the only people that are looking for new oil and producing most of the oil from existing reserves inside the United States are these small and mid-sized producers," he said.

Mrs. Hutchison is poised to introduce legislation, backed by many oil-state colleagues, that would provide tax credits to independents and give them incentives to return inactive wells to production.

"By providing tax relief for marginal and inactive wells, we hope to help maintain existing jobs and domestic production and decrease our dependence on foreign sources of oil," said Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., a key sponsor of the legislation.

Their cause may be aided by the latest indicator of the industry's troubles. Last week, the number of domestic rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas hit an all-time low of 588. During the oil boom of the 1980s, the rig count peaked at 4,530.

"The less we drill today means the less crude oil we are most likely going to find for tomorrow," said Scott Espenshade, chief economist for the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

IPAA, which represents the nation's independents, backs the Hutchison measure. In the short term, however, the trade group wants the Clinton administration to

take some 100 million barrels off the domestic market, buying the oil to replenish the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

"We think that would help really bring the market back into balance," Espenshade said.

Just as steel producers launched a public-relations blitz to highlight their industry's troubles, energy officials say they'll have to work harder to make the public understand the job loss and economic disruption occurring in their field.

"Certainly, we need to raise the P.R. (public-relations) campaign," said Lee Fuller, chief lobbyist for the petroleum producers' association.

Industry officials say nearly 500,000 energy-sector jobs have been lost since the early '80s, more than 29,000 of them last year alone. And they estimate the industry's troubles have deprived federal and state governments of \$1.6 billion in royalties and taxes over the last 14 months.

"It's having a major effect on a lot of towns and school systems and county budgets around the country that rely on royalties for their tax base," Fuller said.

DEAR ABBY

Man finds being dishonest more painful than being gay

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a gay man who is in the middle of a nasty divorce, ending a 10-year marriage. I married to hide the fact that I am gay from my conservative religious parents and family.

This divorce has been a terrible experience for both my wife and me, and we will bear the scars of this broken relationship for many years to come. The irony is, my parents have fully accepted my homosexuality and are extremely supportive.

How I wish I had waited until I was strong enough to deal honestly with my sexuality instead of getting married. Young men who are in my shoes need to heed my advice: "Give yourselves time to come to terms with your sexuality." Lesbians, too, should know that they can be happy and live rewarding and productive lives if they accept themselves as they are.

Abby, my effort to become a heterosexual was a total farce for me! Gays and lesbians should find a supportive therapist and give themselves time to mature. If one person learns from my terrible mistake, it will make it worth the pain. — 20/20 HINDSIGHT IN NEW YORK

DEAR 20/20: Thank you for

sending a message that many people — gay and straight — will appreciate. I am reminded of a quote from Shakespeare: "This above all: To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, you ran a letter signed "Grieving" that listed some things people should not say to a couple who has lost a child by miscarriage. I still hurt after 15 years, and I'm the grandmother. You may use my name. — NANA IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR NANA: I'm sorry. Losing a child is one of life's most painful tragedies — one almost too difficult to bear. Of course I will print the column again so that well-meaning people will not offer sympathetic comments that only increase the pain.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I wanted so much to have this child, and we almost made it, but I miscarried a baby boy in my sixth month and he couldn't be saved. This tragedy was heartbreaking enough, but some of the "comforting" comments from well-meaning friends made it even worse.

Abby, will you please ask your readers NEVER to try to comfort a woman who has lost a premature baby with any of the following comments — and if you can add anything, please do:

— "Cheer up, you're still young. You can try again."

— "You have one child already. Be thankful for what you have."

— "It was God's will. Praise the Lord."

— "You could have been lucky; it might not have been normal."

— "Don't be so downhearted — it isn't as though you lost a CHILD."

DEAR GRIEVING: To the above well-intentioned but inappropriate comments, I can repeat some advice I have frequently offered: To the parents, a miscarriage is the loss of a child. They

have anticipated, planned for and prepared for the child, which they will never have. Regardless of how many other children they may have, one child will never replace the one who was lost.

If a friend loses a child through miscarriage, express your feelings of sorrow as though she had lost a "living" child. Because she has.

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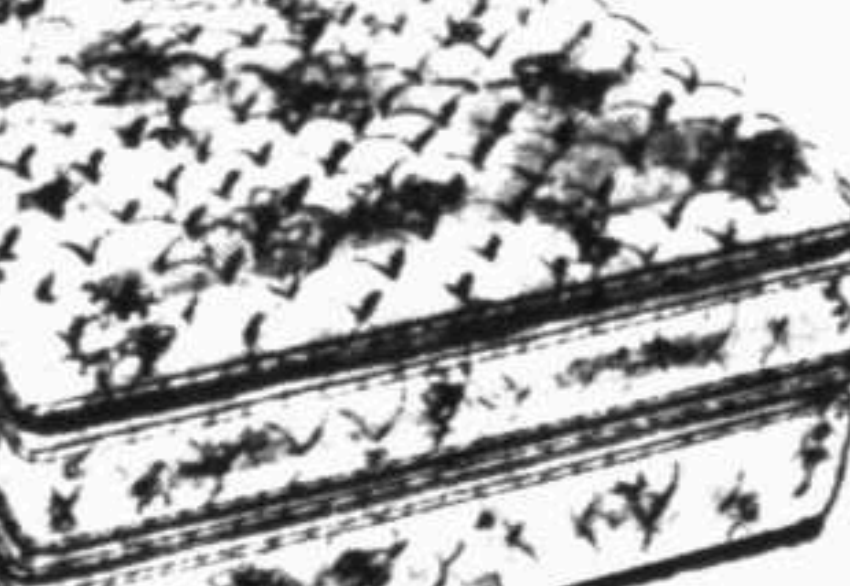
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Although lacking in rump, calf's good looks steer him to grand championship

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Handsome Jack, who is 12-year-old Whitney Merket's grand-champion beef steer in the 47th annual Midland County Livestock Show this weekend, is both a rascal and a pussycat.

"He can be mean and he can be a baby," Whitney said of the mid-night-black, 1,197-pound Maine-Anjou steer.

She's investing the \$2,900 that top-bidders Cattleman's Steak House and Autry Stephens of Midland donated to Whitney for raising the show's grand-champion steer. The animal was bred by rancher-schoolteacher Kent Boyd of Loraine in Martin County.

"It's going in a savings account for college," said Whitney, whose 10-year-old sister, Meagan, helped her raise the big calf.

"It takes a lot of hard work, and they did a very good job," said the girls' stepmother, Darla Merket. "This is one time when hard work won the day."

Last year's grand-champion

Midlander Kyle Mitchell, 2, carries her goat, Casper, into the exhibit building Saturday before the goat judging for the Midland County Livestock Show.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

steer, exhibited by Hoot Fox, was a Hereford calf produced by Martin County rancher Tee Knox.

Handsome Jack pleased the steer judge who "liked everything" about the calf, including his profile, noted Whitney's father, Adam Merket. But the judge "just wished he had a little more rear end — a little more rump," Merket said.

"That's one judge's opinion on one steer on one day," Merket said of the judge's choice. "It might be different tomorrow. Who knows?"

In last year's auction, 130 Midland County 4-H Club boys and girls and FFA (Future Farmers of America) youths earned \$95,000 in the auction of their livestock projects.

He said that Whitney is taking Handsome Jack to the Southwest Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth for competition.

The show's reserve champion steer was a 1,150-pound black Angus named Simon shown by 13-year-old Sydney Jones, who just happened to lead the steer past Whitney and Handsome Jack in the steer tent.

"Good job," Whitney told Sydney.

Sydney's mother, Patrice Jones, noted that the steer judge said that Whitney's black Angus was "hard to criticize" and was "pretty well-balanced."

What judge looks for in cham-

pions "varies from year to year," said Mrs. Jones, whose son, Dustin Jones, exhibited grand champion and reserve champion steers in recent years.

Sydney's reserve-champion steer brought her \$2,300 at the bidding of Midland American Bank and Agri-Empresa.

The grand champion goat, exhibited Joseph O'Brien, brought \$900. Lindsey Childs' reserve champion goat got a \$900 high bid.

Cara Watzl's grand champion swine drew a \$2,050 top bid. The reserve champion swine exhibited by Tim Rogers brought \$1,400.

The grand champion and reserve champion lambs were exhibited by Taryn McNeil, who got a \$1,600 bid on the grand champion and \$1,000 on the reserve.

Katy Lehman showed the grand champion pen of rabbits, which got a \$550 top bid. Mackenzie Conder showed the reserve champion pen of rabbits, which got a \$500 final bid.

Tara Price exhibited the grand champion poultry, which attracted a \$650 top bid. Amy Hanson's reserve champion pen of broilers took a top bid of \$450.

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LOCAL IN BRIEF

"Oil Patch Dreams" and "Birds in Art" opened Friday at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

"Birds in Art 1998" a traveling exhibition that features 60 works by internationally renowned artists using diverse media, remains through Feb. 28.

"Oil Patch Dreams: Images of the Petroleum Industry in American Art," features 60 works from American artists (1901-1991) including Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol and Thomas Hart Benton. This exhibit, which remains through March 14, captures the impact of oil on the 20th century.

LUBBOCK — Humanities professor Kenneth R. Davis will present a lecture titled "Exploration: The Renaissance to the Coronelli Globe" at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Formby Room of the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library at Texas Tech University.

After the lecture, individuals will have the opportunity to view the library's 1688 Coronelli globe that went on permanent display this month in the Rotunda of the library. A gallery exhibit, "The World of Coronelli," also will provide guests with information on Franciscan Father Vincenzo Coronelli's life, the mapmaker charged with the globe's construction, as well as historical information on the library's acquisition of the globe.

The lecture, sponsored by the University Library and the Friends of the University Library/Southwest Collection, is \$5 for Friends members and \$7 for the general public. Admission is free to students. To make reservations call (806) 742-3685.

DEATH N



James Jones

James (Jim) Jones, born in Midland, Texas, Jan. 21, 1922, to M. Rogers. He was educated in the public schools. He married June 3, 1941, Texas. He owned Rogers Fence Co. from 1970 to 1991. He was employed by Cattle Co. and Ranches.

Basket

By T.E. Jenkins
Big Spring Correspondent

BIG SPRING — A light at the end of the tunnel concerning juvenile basketball is in sight.

Max Webb, Northside Community Center director, has drafted a summer "evening program and games" last week to instill a sense of community in the center's outdoor.

Webb said the program is just breaking its first steps.

"I can't do this program to work community's support," Webb said. "Thank God for vision."

Webb said the new program is modest, but the results are promising.

'Chemical

SAN ANTONIO — A man who was required to wear a "chemical cast" for sex-crimes convictions in Bexar County is now in a debate over wearing a 5-year gina.

Treating people with chemicals in the 1980s and '90s was a law in several states, including California and Florida, who are now debating the case of Joseph F.

"Chemical treatment," said F. William "Doc" Jones, who opposed his state's castration law.

off, even if you're on surveillance, and doing it again."

Dr. Collier Collier, former chairman of the Council on Sex Offenders, said chemically, if ever, is a psychopathic crime.

In 1983, a San Antonio man, Smith, was given a 10-year term for the same crime, only a ski mask and a gun.

Smith found work and married and administered his business, said his wife, Honey Jr. He was moved to a suburb.

But authorities hid an ugly secret. Smith was arrested in Virginia, and sentenced next month to life in prison.

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TEEN BEAT

Impeachment trial is making an impression on youth of West Texas

By Matt Josefy

A history unfolds with only the second impeachment process ever instigated against a United States president, what is the opinion of those who hold the reigns of the future; or do they even care? I pondered the question for myself and began to find out.

First of all, students must admit that political affairs (no pun intended) are near the bottom of our lunch discussions, but that doesn't mean that it's far from our minds, like some adults may think. Responses range as to how frequently the topic is discussed.

As one freshman responded when asked if she and her friends ever talked about President Clinton, "Only in history class."



Josefy

However, few shy away from the topic, and most have distinct opinions. The reason many students don't discuss the political scene is because they think it doesn't really pertain to us, but they still think it's interesting.

Most students are just as informed about what's going on as adults are, and not just because of keeping up with it for school. A surprising number of people who I talked to watched at least part of Clinton's State of the Union speech Tuesday evening. I'll admit that some caught trivialities that appeal to their interests, namely Sammy Sosa's position near Hillary Clinton, but they still retained the gist of the speech.

Overshadowing anything Clinton said is the ongoing debate on whether he should be removed from office.

I asked a friend who definitely had an opinion: "He's a jerk. They should kick him out of office. If anyone else does something wrong then they get punished. Just because he's the president. ..."

While here in West Texas it's easy to accept the general consensus of parents and the community, students claim their independence. While parents' opinions may affect students, most form their own beliefs. "My interest in politics is my own," said a participant in the MHS chapter of Model Organization of American States.

Though some students don't know what their parents' views are and therefore come up with their own, one student declared "I make my own opinions. My dad thinks they should kick him out. I think he should just be punished with a censure."

That same student had the attitude held by numerous students: "They should get over it, because he'll be gone in a couple of years anyway."

"Move on; let it go."

"It doesn't matter because by the time they get him impeached, he'd be out of office already."

Though logical, the most unusual response that I received pointed out that "the process is a waste. It costs \$12,000 an

hour to run a session of Congress."

While I didn't check out his figures, the point is that it may be necessary to start worrying about our political and economic agendas at hand, and that's why another student thinks he shouldn't be removed. "He's helping the economy right now, and we can't get anywhere until they get this settled."

That student continues, "People are gossiping out of control, rather than focusing on the future of America."

Morality is definitely an issue in this debate, one that students aren't afraid to tackle: "If we've set up our government so that you're impeached when you break the law, then we need to proceed. If he really did lie under oath, which is against the law, we have a duty to perform."

Others repeat, essentially agreeing he should be impeached "for lying under oath, not for the Lewinsky matter," because "adultery isn't right, but it's not against the law, either."

As for me, I believe that most of us use

what our parents have taught us a measuring stick with which to judge the world, but by this stage in life one begins to measure for oneself, and occasionally adjusts that ruler to an individualized outlook on life.

In general, students have the attitude that, "You can never plan the future by the past." (Edmund Burke). They, or we I should say, think that it's time to move on with what's best for America, whatever that may be, because partisan bickering and maneuvering cannot undo "the wrongs we seek to condemn and punish."

As the Senate continues to deliberate, perhaps it should consider what, "We the people of the United States do ordain and establish..." and that includes the input of my generation who are constantly forming their ideas and views that will soon become the very compass of America's fate.

Matt Josefy is a junior at Midland High School.

TEEN BEAT

That barbarian at the gate is probably a teen-ager wanting to do a good deed

By James Hershberger

In ancient times, the most feared enemy of the Romans were the German Barbarians. They were savage warriors, who had no appreciation for art and civilization. Today, the Barbarians no longer exist, but we have a threatening equivalent: the American Teen-ager (at least in the eyes of all those over 21.)

Headlines and TV shows proclaim the evil teen-agers of the '90s. They kill their classmates, use drugs and slap graffiti all over town.

The truth is, for every teen-ager who has a rap sheet, there are dozens who devote themselves to productive causes. There are actually teen-agers who focus their energy in positive ways, thereby making an impact on the community.

They don't make the news, but they do improve the world.

In Midland, candy strippers at the hospital work long hours to assist in nursing patients back to health. Teen-age volunteers visit residents of nursing homes, helping to lift spirits and give hope.

Church youth groups offer a wealth of volunteerism. They serve at the soup kitchen, conduct food drives, participate in Christmas in April and adopt sections of the highway to collect litter. Midland churches send teams of youth on mission projects, often to impoverished countries.

Last fall, the senior youth department at a Midland church was called upon to serve a special need. The carnival at an elementary school was low on parent volunteers to run the booths. The carnival was on Halloween night, a big social night among teen-agers. The carnival chairman happened to be a high school Sunday School teacher. After a chain of phone calls, the spirit of volunteerism spread and 25 teen-agers arrived on Halloween night to assist with the carnival.

Sure, social plans had to be cancelled, but the need to serve was stronger than the desire to have fun.

On the sports fields across Mid-

land, it's a common sight to see teams of preschoolers and elementary kids being assisted by teen-age volunteers. They are ready and willing to pass on their knowledge and love of the game, whether it be soccer, football, baseball or basketball.

Teen Court, the judicial system for determining punishment of teen-agers who have committed offenses, is staffed by teen-age volunteers who serve as jurors and attorneys. The purpose is to raise self-esteem, foster volunteerism and reduce crime by youth, thereby producing better citizens.

Youth Advisory Council of Midland, the City Council for those 18 years and under, was established in the fall of 1998 to serve the community. Council members have put in volunteer hours mentoring children at Casa de Amigos and the Boy's and Girl's Club. Community service is the main emphasis of Youth Council.

Pickwick Players, the acting troupe that volunteers huge amounts of time to putting on productions for Midland Community Theatre, help with after-school programs and assist with theater classes.

Who could forget the ever-respected Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts? Scouts volunteer countless hours to the community, conducting food drives and providing assistance at big public events.

Somewhat, few of these groups ever see the headlines.

If the idea of a good teen-ager is

news to you, you're not alone. The media seems to shout the bad news on the front page, and whisper the good news somewhere in the back.

Chief Justice Earl Warren once

said, "I always turn to the sports pages first, which record people's accomplishments. The front page has nothing but man's failures."

Those juvenile gunmen who ter-

rorize their schools are made famous, while the majority of teen-agers make the world a better place. Next time you see a teen helping an old lady carry her groceries,

don't be afraid to say thanks. We really aren't all that bad.

James Hershberger is a student at Lee Freshman High School.

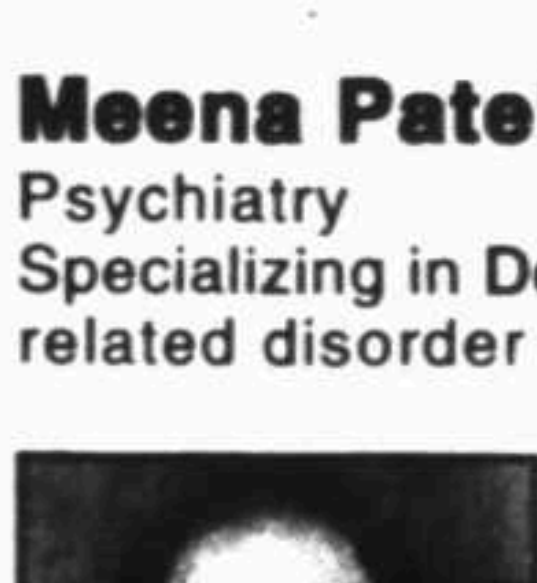
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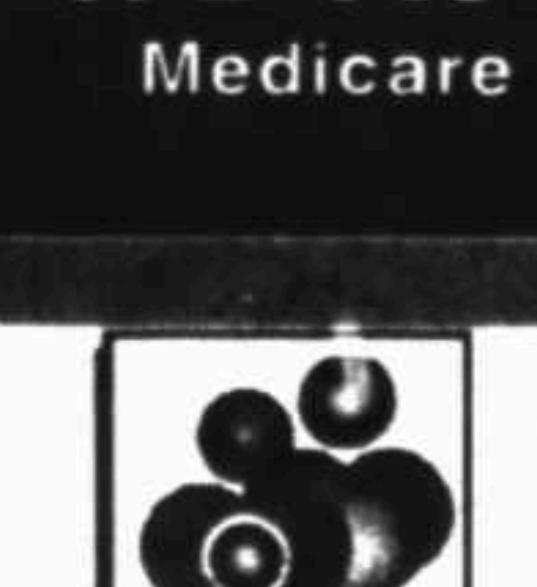
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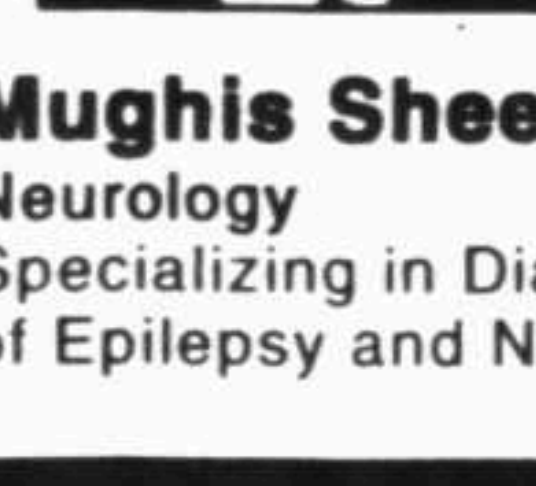
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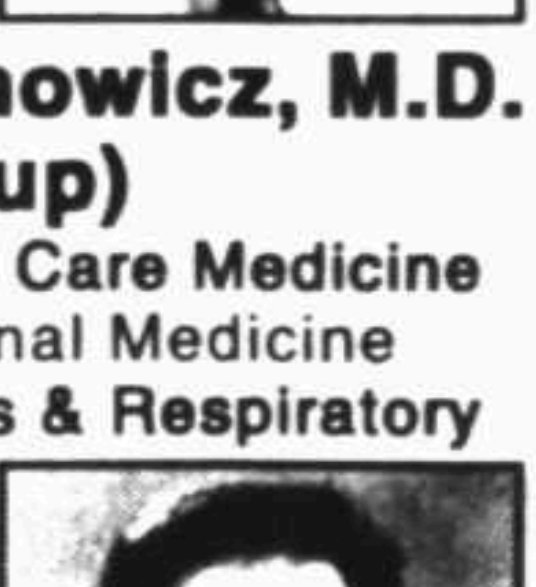
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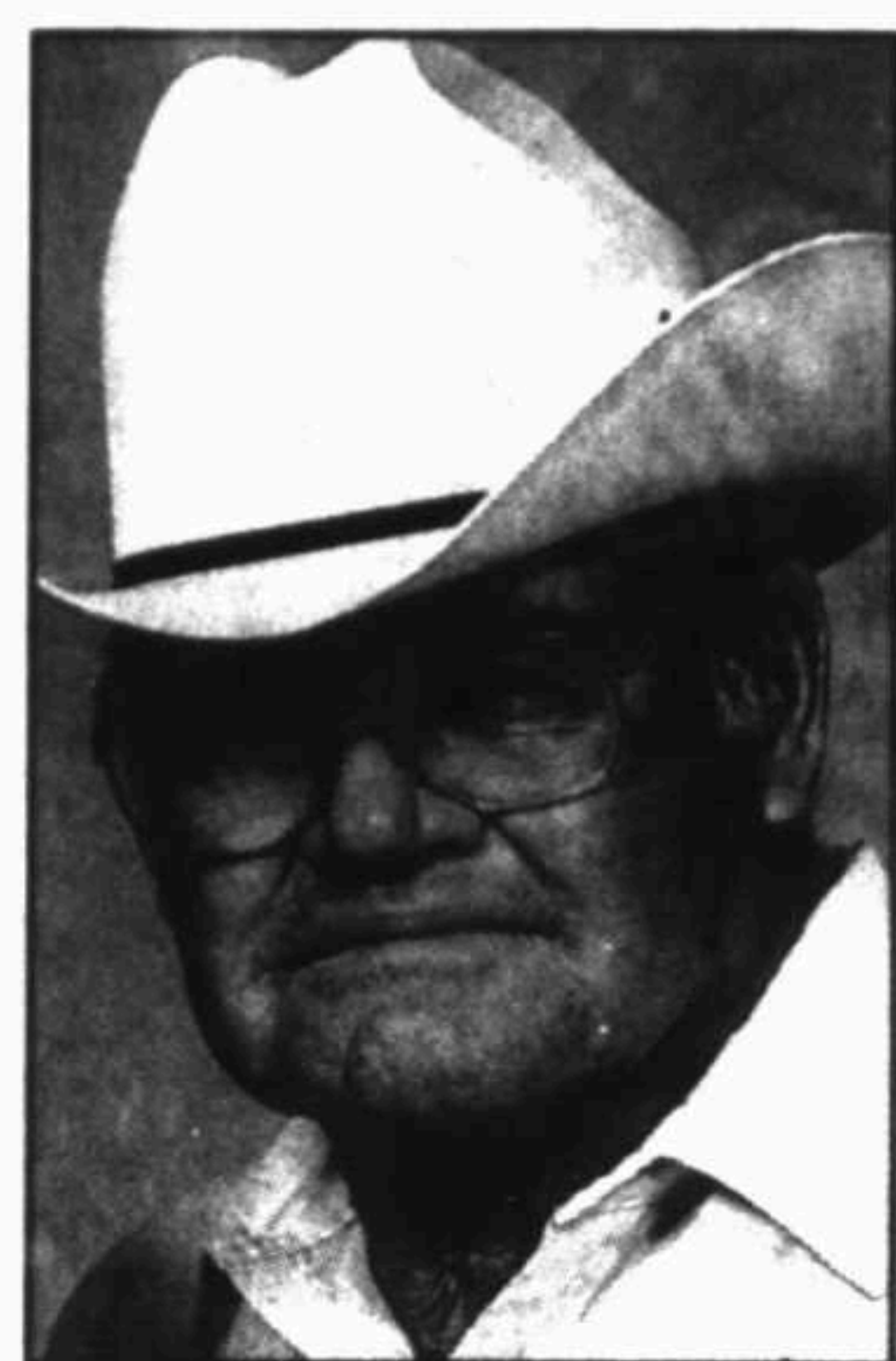
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Theft: A bicycle House Park at 48 was reported at 2 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of the above contact the Midland Police Department at 687-1111 or Stoppers at 694-1111.

DEATH NOTICES



James Rogers

James (Jim) A. Rogers was born in Midland on February 21, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. J.Q. Rogers. He was reared and educated in Courtney, Texas. He married Pauline Smith on June 3, 1941, in Big Spring, Texas. He owned and operated Rogers Fence Contractor, from 1970 to 1991. He was exclusively employed by Scharbauer Cattle Co. and Charles A. Bird Ranches.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Rogers of Midland; two sons, Roy Rogers of Midland and Wayne Rogers of Stanton; one daughter, Lillie Rogers of Midland; six grandchildren, Gary Rogers, Debbie Couger, Paula Ford, April Heitman, Jamie Rogers and Dusty Rogers; five great-grandchildren, Samantha Couger, Hailey Couger, Ashley Ford, Kami Ford, and Jared Heitman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Rogers died Saturday morning, January 23, 1999, at Midland Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Wayman Swopes of Greenwood Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Don Pierson, Charlie Newson, Lex Crawford, Tommy Tutt, Cedar Nolan and Ken Albus.

Visitation was Sunday, January 24, from 6-8 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert Monaghan

Former City Councilman Robert L. Monaghan died Friday, Jan. 22, at his Midland residence.

Memorial services are to be 2 p.m. today, Jan. 25, at Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity with the Rev. Stockton Williams officiating, assisted by the Rev. Allen Whitman. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 16, 1923, in Fort Worth.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Monaghan of Midland; three sons, Cullen Monaghan of Plano, Patrick Monaghan of Chicago and Robert Monaghan Jr. of Austin; two grandchildren; two nephews and one niece.

Memorials may be made to Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity Music Fund or Hospice of Midland.

Benito Rubio

BIG SPRING — Benito J. Rubio, 68, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 23, at a Big Spring hospital.

Funeral Mass is to be celebrated 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Cornelius Scanlan officiating. Burial is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Rosary is to be recited 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 11, 1930, in Marfa.

He moved to Big Spring in 1946. He was general foreman of sanitation for the city of Big Spring and retired in 1992 after 33 years of service. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Crucillista.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine Rubio of Big Spring; three sons, Benito Rubio Jr. of Big Spring, Rudy Rubio of Memphis, Tenn., and Oscar Rubio of Plano; two daughters, Maria B. Martinez of San Antonio and Margie Johnson of Big Spring; four brothers, Frank Rubio and Ismael M. Rubio, both of Big Spring, Felix Rubio Jr. and Domingo Rubio, both of Denver; and five sisters, Elva Olague, Esperanza H. Rodriguez, Viola Lopez, and Lydia Herrera, all of Big Spring, and Connie Valdez of Dallas; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mina Dixon

BIG SPRING — Mina Juanita Dixon, 84, of Carrollton died Saturday, Jan. 23 at a Carrollton nursing home.

Memorial services are to be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Eddie Tubbs officiating. Burial is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch

Funeral Home. Visitation is to be 6-7:30 p.m. today, Jan. 25 at the funeral home.

She was born Feb. 1, 1914, in Granby, Mo.

Before moving to Carrollton she lived in Big Spring and Phillips. She owned and operated The Charm Hut Beauty Salon. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Carrollton the past 10 years, the T.E.L. Sunday School Class and was active in Live-Wire Choir Program for Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles P. Dixon, on March 13, 1986.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn Tims of Midland and Kae Wise of Carrollton; a son, Mike Dixon of Highland Village; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice, or a memorial of your choice.

Hugo Sanchez

Hugo Wislar Sanchez, 18, died Saturday, Jan. 23, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home in Midland.

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Basketball program designed to deter crime

By T.E. Jenkins

Big Spring Correspondent

BIG SPRING — There may be a light at the end of the tunnel concerning juvenile crime in Big Spring. Basketball court lights, that is.

Max Webb, director of the Northside Community Center Director, has dreamed of starting a summer evening basketball program and ground was broken last week to install lights at the center's outdoor courts.

Webb said that the groundbreaking is just the beginning.

"I can't do this alone. For this program to work, I need the community's support," Webb said. "I thank God for giving me this vision."

Webb said the support for the new program has been tremendous, but the real difference will

be made when the first whistle blows.

"Where I really want to see everyone is during the basketball games. We need everyone to come out and cheer these kids on and show their support, because without the kids, all we really have here is an empty basketball court."

Webb began looking for funds for the program last summer.

"It wasn't easy getting the money together. The first grant, which came from (Midland's) Permian Basin Area Foundation, was for \$5,000, but it was a matching grant. That meant the money was there for us, we just had to find someone else who was willing to put up the same amount."

Webb said he immediately began contacting other foundations and supporters, writing the

grants for the program himself. Other contributors include Capp Electric and the Dodge Jones Foundation in Abilene.

"We just want to give the kids something constructive to do during the hot summer nights, which is generally when they get in the most trouble," Webb said. "Maybe this will help keep them off the streets, and out of trouble, while at the same time giving them something competitive to look forward to."

The basketball program, which has been made possible by more than \$35,000 in grants and funds from various foundations and entities, is expected to get under way sometime in June, with trophies and awards given at the end of the season.

'Chemically castrated' rapist to be sentenced again

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man who was required to undergo "chemical castration" after a sex-crimes conviction 16 years ago in Bexar County is renewing a debate over the procedure after raping a 5-year-old girl in Virginia.

Treating repeat sex offenders with chemicals gained currency in the 1980s and '90s and is now the law in several states, including California and Florida. But it has critics, who are seizing on the case of Joseph Frank Smith.

"Chemical treatments don't work," said Florida state Sen. William "Doc" Myers, who opposed his state's 1997 chemical-castration law. "You let someone off, even if you put them under surveillance, and they're out doing it again."

Dr. Collier Cole of Galveston, a former chairman of the Texas Council on Sex Offender Treatment, said chemical injections rarely, if ever, successfully treat psychopathic criminals.

In 1983, a San Antonio jury convicted Smith, 45, of twice burglarizing and attempting to rape the same woman while wearing only a ski mask and socks. Jurors gave him 10 years' probation on the condition that he get weekly injections of Depo-Provera, which reduces male hormones in the bloodstream.

Texas authorities sent Smith to a clinic for sex offenders at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Bexar County probation officials told the San Antonio Express-News. For a time, Smith, a Virginia native, commuted to Baltimore from his sister's home in Richmond, Va.

Smith found work as a truck driver and married the nurse who administered his shots at Johns Hopkins, said his lawyer, John K. Honey Jr. He fathered two girls and moved to a nice home in the suburbs.

But authorities say appearances hid an uglier truth.

Smith was arrested and convicted of raping a 5-year-old girl in Virginia, and he will be sentenced next month. Authorities there link Smith to as many as 70

other sex crimes since the late 1980s.

Texas and Virginia authorities are now blaming each other for not watching Smith more closely.

Bexar County officials said they monitored Smith for the full 10 years required by his sentence and believed he had stayed out of trouble.

But doctors and Virginia probation officials released Smith from their supervision in 1988 because, they said, Texas officials stopped corresponding with them, the Express-News reported.

"As long as Texas didn't seem

to show much concern, we decided to take (Smith) off our books," Virginia Department of Corrections spokesman Larry Traylor said.

Bexar County officials acknowledged they made an administrative error, communicating directly with Virginia probation authorities and not with an agency that coordinates probation between states.

"It didn't always fit the rules of administrative procedure, but things were more relaxed back then," said Edward Castart, deputy chief of the Bexar County probation office.

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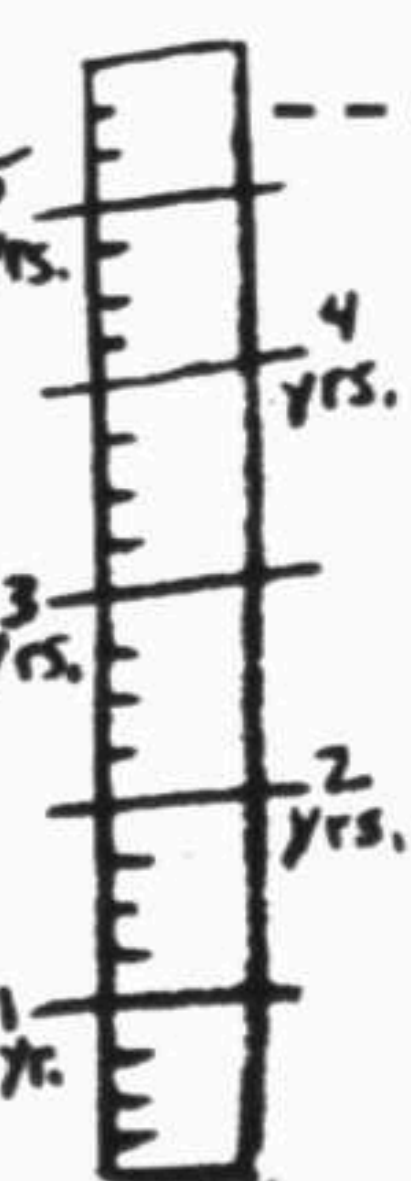
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Midland Police Department

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Vandalism: A residence at 900 Neely Ave. was vandalized. It was reported at 6:35 p.m.

Theft: A bicycle was taken from House Park at 4800 Ric Drive. It was reported at 2:08 p.m.

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

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In addition, the 1997-98 Directory of Community Services for Midland County is on the web. This listing of more than 100 local health and human service agencies, child care providers, clubs and civic organizations and more can be found at www.basinlink.com/unitedway/dir.htm.

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SCOUTING FOR FOOD

On Saturday, February 6, local Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers will canvass the Permian Basin communities in the 12th annual "Scouting for Food" drive to benefit the West Texas Food Bank. During the week prior, food bags donated by Albertsons will be delivered to your home.

If you're interested in giving to this drive, simply place canned or non-perishable items in the bag and leave it on your doorstep on the morning of February 6. A Scout will come by and collect the bag. If you would like more information on the Scouting for Food drive, please contact the Boy Scouts at 570-7801.

ACTIVITIES AT THE Y

The Midland YMCA After School programs are now enrolling at the following MISO schools: Bonham, Burnet, Bowie, DeZavala, Lamer, Houston, Greathouse, Rusk, Milam and Washington.

The Alamo and Northeast YMCA will be hosting all day Child Care programs for children ages 5-12 on February 15 and 16 for MISO in-service days. Enrollment is now open. The Alamo YMCA Gymnastics program is now enrolling for its Spring 99 season. Classes are available for ages 3-5 and 6 and up.

For registration information for any of these programs please call the Central YMCA at 682-2551, the Alamo YMCA at 684-2528 or the Northeast YMCA at 682-8468.

SPECIAL PARENTING TOPICS PROVIDE HELP

The Parent Information Center of CENTERS for Children and Families will begin a series of special interest topics for parents. The first workshop, on January 26, will cover "Making Time-Out Work." The workshop will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at West Elementary School, and again from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Bunch Elementary. Future workshops will cover such topics as Stress Management/Shaken Baby Syndrome, Dealing with Difficult Behavior, and more. For more information on these workshops, please call CENTERS at 570-1923.

BATTERED WOMENS SHELTER VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Winter Volunteer Training for the Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children will begin on Saturday, January 30, 1999. If you are interested in learning how you can help individuals and families affected by domestic violence, please call Marsha Crawford, 683-1300.

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A Thank You To The Oil & Gas Companies

In 1997, the United Way of Midland raised a record \$3,056 million. That year, the oil and gas industry in west Texas was looking strong, and the local economy was thriving. In early 1998, things began to change, with oil prices beginning a downward turn which has yet to reverse itself. By the time the 1998 United Way campaign began in September, prices were the lowest they'd been in a decade.

The United Way braced itself for quite a blow to giving, as companies began layoffs or left Midland altogether. But, as has been the case many times before, Midlanders stepped up in the

face of adversity and answered the community's call for help. The 1998 campaign raised \$2.9 million, a remarkable accomplishment given the state of the economy. Oil and gas companies and their employees again played a major role, some giving at record levels despite their uncertain futures.

Just as the local economy relies heavily on oil and gas, so too does the United Way of Midland. We would like to extend a very heartfelt "thank you" to all the oil and gas companies and employees in Midland who gave of themselves so generously. Below is a listing of the oil, gas,

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Obviously, we also want to thank every company, business and individual who gave to the United Way campaign in 1998. Your generosity will help more than 33,000 people this year. You are making your community a better place to live.

Program teaches students Life Lessons

By Marsha Crawford
Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children

In its first semester in Midland high schools, 37 students graduated with success from the Reconnecting-Youth Program, administered by the Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children. The program, funded by a grant from the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is part of a national drug abuse-reduction program based in Seattle. It is also designed to improve communication and decision-making skills. Learning how to cope with problems, communicate with teachers and parents, monitor their school attendance and how to give and take criticism are among the skills students learn in the classes. One participant in the program was quoted as saying "I skipped a lot last year!" While enrolled in the fall semester classes, her attendance and grades improved tremendously. She has become a role model to other students and has a goal to graduate from high school. This is just one example of the positive benefits this program is having on students in the Midland and Odessa schools.

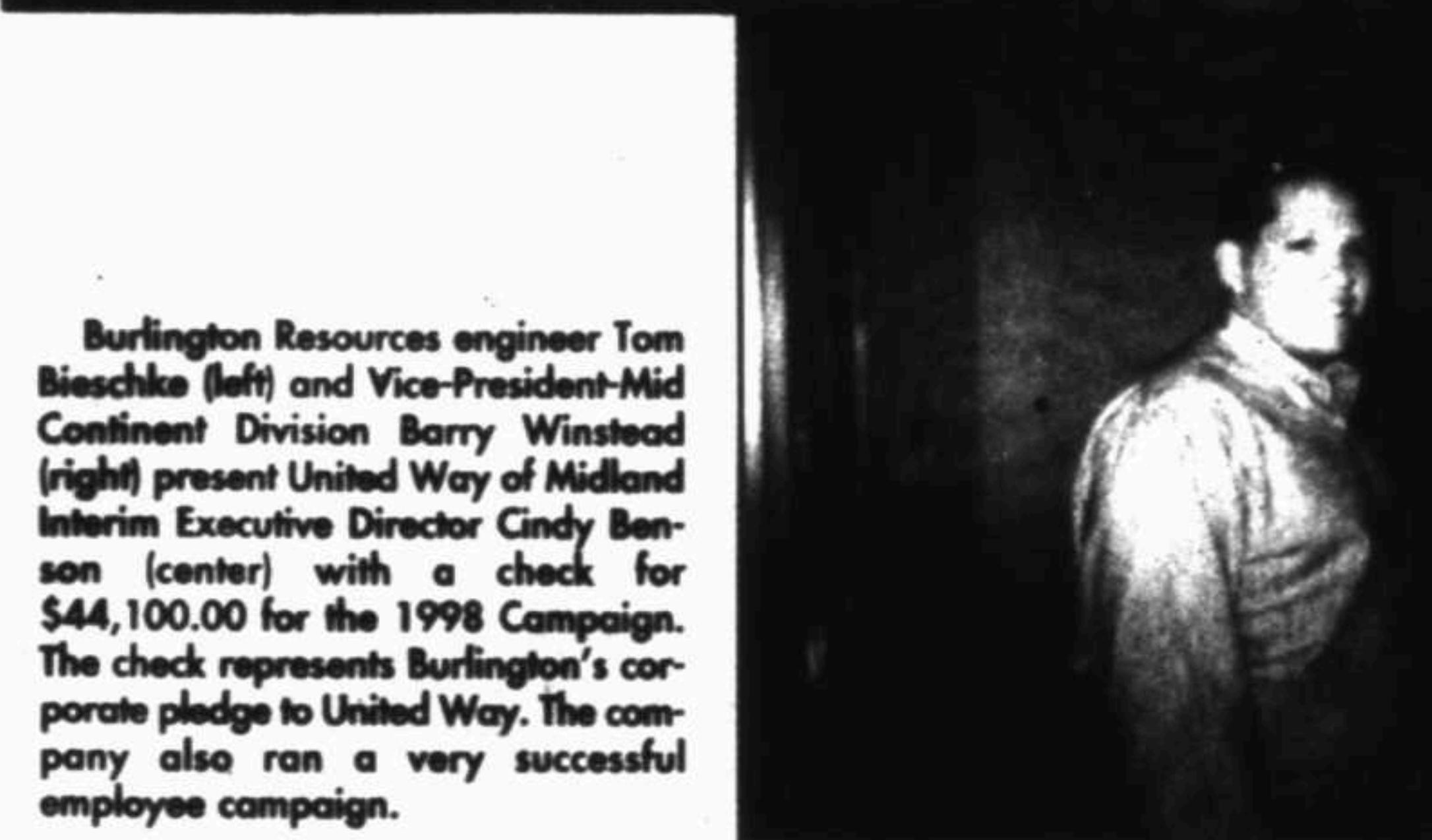


D'Maria Mondry and Letty Madrid, two graduates of the Fall semester Reconnecting Youth classes at Lee High School, share program goals with facilitator, Val Carrillo.

Leading the Way



Butch Rabbass, Manager of Target Store in Midland, presents a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Rebecca Grimaud, Executive Director of Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children as a part of their ongoing support of agencies helping to strengthen families in communities in which Target operates. Rabbass is also a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Midland.



Burlington Resources engineer Tom Bieschke (left) and Vice-President-Mid Continent Division Barry Winstead (right) present United Way of Midland Interim Executive Director Cindy Benson (center) with a check for \$44,100.00 for the 1998 Campaign. The check represents Burlington's corporate pledge to United Way. The company also ran a very successful employee campaign.

Bowl For Kids Sake

You don't have to be a great bowler to bowl for a great cause. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland needs your talents February 20th for their third-annual "Bowl For Kids' Sake."

Bowl For Kids' Sake is Big Brothers Big Sisters' largest annual fund-raiser, and all of the money raised stays in Midland to benefit the local BBBS agency. By participating in this event you not only help raise funds necessary to match quality volunteers with children from single parent homes; you also help to increase community awareness about the needs of these children and the benefits of the BBBS program. This year the honorary Co-Chairs for Bowl For Kids' Sake are George and Barbara Bush, the former President and First Lady.

The event will take place at Midland Park Lanes, and will offer the following four "flights" of bowlers:

- 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: "BBBS Friends and Family"
- 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.: "Education"
- 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.: "Business and Professionals"
- 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.: "Oil and Gas Industry"

Each bowler who registers will get a sponsor sheet and be asked to collect sponsorships, with a minimum total sponsorship of \$25. Teams of four will compete against each other in the various flights. Pre-registration is required. In addition to the bowling, there will be food, awards, and door prizes given away all day long.

For more information on Bowl For Kids' Sake, call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 687-0195.

NO LOCK-OUT HERE YMCA Youth Basketball is in Full Swing

By Terry Rudd
YMCA

Midland - The YMCA Youth Basketball League has officially kicked off, and you do not have to worry about these boys and girls holding out for more money or facing a management lock-out. This year the YMCA has 127 teams (over 1,300 boys and girls) that you can come out and cheer for. The kids range from Kindergarten to 6th grade and play games on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Volunteers have always played a key role in YMCA programs and operations, serving on boards, committees and helping with fundraising. Youth sports is no exception. Volunteer coaches and assistant coaches, team moms and scorekeepers all contribute to the success of the program. "Without these parents volunteering their time, these programs could not exist," says Eddie Venzant, YMCA Youth Director. With 127 teams participating this year, the YMCA estimates that over 400 people will be volunteering their time for this program.

Basketball was invented in the YMCA over 100 years ago. The popularity of the sport continues to grow each year. "Each year we are amazed at the number of kids interested in playing," says Mr. Venzant. The

YMCA has three goals for the program. The first is to teach the basic fundamentals of basketball, such as dribbling, passing and shooting. The second is to teach kids the importance of teamwork, and the third is to let the kids have fun. "We want to use this program to develop character in these kids," says Terry Rudd, V.P. of Operations. "We want to focus on the four basic values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, and the sport of basketball allows you the opportunity to teach these values." The YMCA does not keep team standings, and each child plays at least half of the game. The YMCA is not about winning or losing. "These kids will be exposed to that when they get older," says Mr. Rudd. "We want to teach these kids about team work, building self-esteem and sportsmanship. We also want the kids to have fun. If we were to keep team standings then we would be emphasizing winning over having fun, and that would defeat our objective."

Having fun, isn't that what being a child's all about?

For more information about the YMCA and the programs and services that are provided please call 682-2551 or stop by any of the three Midland YMCA facilities.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS DESK

Thanks For a Great Four Years

By Carl Zapora

When I was first interviewed for the position of executive director of United Way of Midland, the members of the search committee all spoke of how different and wonderful Midland was. I must confess that while I was impressed with the community and in particular the volunteer leadership, I doubted that any community could be "that special." I had lived in communities large and small in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois. All were great communities. None stood out more than the others.

Four years ago, I began working for the community of Midland. Four months into the job, the United Way office building burned to the ground. I



Carl Zapora

witnessed an amazing outpouring of support from the entire community. I quickly learned that that kind of help and compassion was not unique nor shown only in emergencies. It's a part of being a Midlander.

My wife, Cheryl Foster, and I also learned on the personal level how wonderful Midland is. We were welcomed into the community quickly. Volunteers, fellow nonprofit agency personnel, business people, professionals, and many others all went the extra mile to welcome "two Northerners."

In my new position working for United Way of America, I will always be referring to Midland as the ideal community. I will always remember the caring spirit, the superior volunteer leadership, the great corporate culture of caring in the community, the "can-do" attitude, the 16 exceptional United Way

member agencies and in particular their directors who worked together with each other and United Way, the professional and well run city and county government as well as state and federal agencies, the great state of Texas (why don't all states have early voting?), and coworkers in the United Way office that are the best in the industry -- they could run any United Way in the country.

Thank you for the opportunity to work for your United Way, and even more, for letting me be a Midlander. Stay proud and keep in touch!

Leading the Way is a monthly newsletter of the United Way of Midland, featuring news and information about the United Way and 16 member agencies in Midland. Information appearing on this page is compiled and edited by Pat Monacelli unless otherwise indicated. We welcome your feedback! Please call the United Way at 685-7700.

SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Connecticut at Georgetown, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.
Texas Christian at Tulsa, 7 p.m., FSN.
Texas at Oklahoma, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.
Fresno St. at Utah, 11 p.m., ESPN.
HOCKEY — AHL All-Star game, 7 p.m., ESPN2.
TENNIS — Australian Open, men's and women's quarterfinals (same day tape), 11 p.m.

Texas Scores

WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes 3, Waco Wizards 2, shootout.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Women, No. 19 Virginia 80, Baylor 51.

Sports Today

JUCO BASKETBALL — Midland College Women at Frank Phillips College, 5:50 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).
Midland College Men at Frank Phillips College, 8 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

TABC rankings

WACO — The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches boys top 10 poll, with records through Jan. 23:

Class 5A	
1. Houston Miller	(24-2)
2. Fort Bend Willowridge	(26-3)
3. Duncanville	(21-3)
4. Fort Bend Eldine	(24-2)
5. Midland	(20-3)
6. Alief Elsie	(23-5)
7. Dallas Kimball	(22-5)
8. Keller	(22-4)
9. Dallas Skyline	(20-3)
10. San Antonio Holmes	(21-4)
Class 4A	
1. Amarillo Palo Duro	(23-1)
2. Lancaster	(23-1)
3. Port Arthur Lincoln	(16-4)
4. Crowley	(21-4)
5. Cleburne	(24-3)
6. Slaters	(20-6)
7. Houston Kashmere	(17-4)
8. Denton Ryan	(18-5)
9. Longview Pine Tree	(19-3)
10. Waxahachie	(19-7)
Class 3A	
1. Seminole	(24-2)
2. Clarksville	(17-5)
3. Kountze	(22-3)
4. Glen Rose	(20-2)
5. Mexia	(19-5)
6. Clyde	(21-4)
7. Waco La Vega	(16-4)
8. Delingerfield	(10-0)
9. La Vernia	(19-3)
10. Crockett	(15-4)
Class 2A	
1. Krum	(23-2)
2. Hubbard	(22-1)
3. Beeville	(22-2)
4. Edgewood	(19-3)
5. Farmersville	(21-3)
6. Pease	(17-6)
7. Lexington	(21-4)
8. Clyde Ellis	(21-3)
9. Buffalo	(18-5)
10. Port Aransas	(18-6)
Class A	
1. Brookeland	(25-0)
2. Lipan	(24-2)
3. Moulton	(24-3)
4. Millerton	(20-2)
5. Evidale	(21-2)
6. Isacal	(19-1)
7. Goodrich	(21-3)
8. Bartlett	(12-2)
9. Paducah	(21-3)
10. Lanesville	(21-3)
PRIVATE SCHOOL BOYS (Compliments Walk Sports Service)	
1. Dallas Jesuit	(18-10)
2. San Antonio Antonian	(16-10)
3. Houston Westbury Christian	(17-7)
4. Harlingen Marine Military Acad.	(19-4)
5. Houston Christian	(26-2)
6. Dallas Greenhill	(20-3)
7. Beaumont Kelly	(13-9)
8. Houston Strake Jesuit	(17-7)
9. Addison Trinity Christian	(24-4)
10. S. Antonio Castle Hills 1st Baptist	(23-5)

Keenan fired

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Mike Keenan, the NHL's gypsy coach, is through in Vancouver. He was fired on Sunday and replaced by Marc Crawford, who led the Colorado Avalanche to the 1996 Stanley Cup.

Canucks spokesman Chris Bruhwell confirmed the dismissal, with Crawford to be introduced at a news conference Sunday night.

This was Keenan's fifth team and his stay ended after 14 months amid reports of an ongoing feud between him and general manager-president Brian Burke.

Burke, who had been attending the All-Star festivities in Tampa, Fla., flew to Vancouver on Saturday night and the two met on Sunday.

Keenan's dismissal came a week after the Canucks traded star hold-out Pavel Bure to the Florida Panthers. The team reached the All-Star break with a 15-24-6 record, having won only twice in 13 games. He was fired.

Crawford, 37, becomes the 15th coach in Canucks history, and fifth in four years. He still has contractual obligations to the Avalanche, meaning the Canucks will have to negotiate a compensation deal.

The Avalanche would get a minimum \$200,000 and a second-round draft pick. If the Canucks make the playoffs, the Avalanche get a first-round pick and receive \$200,000 for each playoff round the Canucks win.

Keenan is five games short of coaching his 1,000th game, which puts him fifth among all NHL coaches. His 506 victories also are fifth on the career list.

Report: DiMaggio in grave condition

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe DiMaggio is in grave condition at his home, permanently bedridden and using a ventilator, the Daily News reported Sunday.

The 84-year-old baseball great was released from the hospital Jan. 18 because there was nothing else the hospital could do for him, the newspaper said, quoting an unidentified source.

DiMaggio spent 99 days in intensive care at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Fla., after contracting lung cancer. He is too weak to undergo chemotherapy.

Although DiMaggio reportedly walked out on his own when he left the hospital, the Daily News said he was taken home on a stretcher. He is receiving round-the-clock nursing care.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said at the time of

DiMaggio's release he was looking forward to having DiMaggio throw out the first ball on opening day April 9 at Yankee Stadium.

Lawyer Morris Engelberg, a neighbor and longtime friend, visited DiMaggio on Sunday but did not return calls. Steinbrenner referred questions about DiMaggio to Engelberg.

DiMaggio entered the hospital Oct. 12 and had surgery two days later to remove a cancerous lung tumor.

He then was stricken with pneumonia in his left lung and had fluid drained from his lung several times. He slipped into a coma last month and was given last rites.

DiMaggio's last public appearance was Sept. 27, when he was honored at Yankee Stadium and received replicas of nine championship rings that were stolen from

his hotel room three decades ago.

The Yankees had wanted him to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the World Series, but by then he was in the hospital. He celebrated his 84th birthday in the hospital Nov. 25, surrounded by family.

DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak in 1941 is still considered one of the greatest feats in all sports.

He was voted into the Hall of Fame in 1955, four years after his retirement, and in 1969 was chosen as the greatest living baseball player.

DiMaggio played in 11 All-Star games and 10 World Series in 13 seasons with the Yankees. He batted .325 with 361 home runs, was a two-time batting champion and a three-time most valuable player.

NBC says technical error led to false report about baseball great's death

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC blamed a technician who accidentally pressed a wrong button for its airing Sunday of an erroneous report on "Dateline NBC" that baseball great Joe DiMaggio had died.

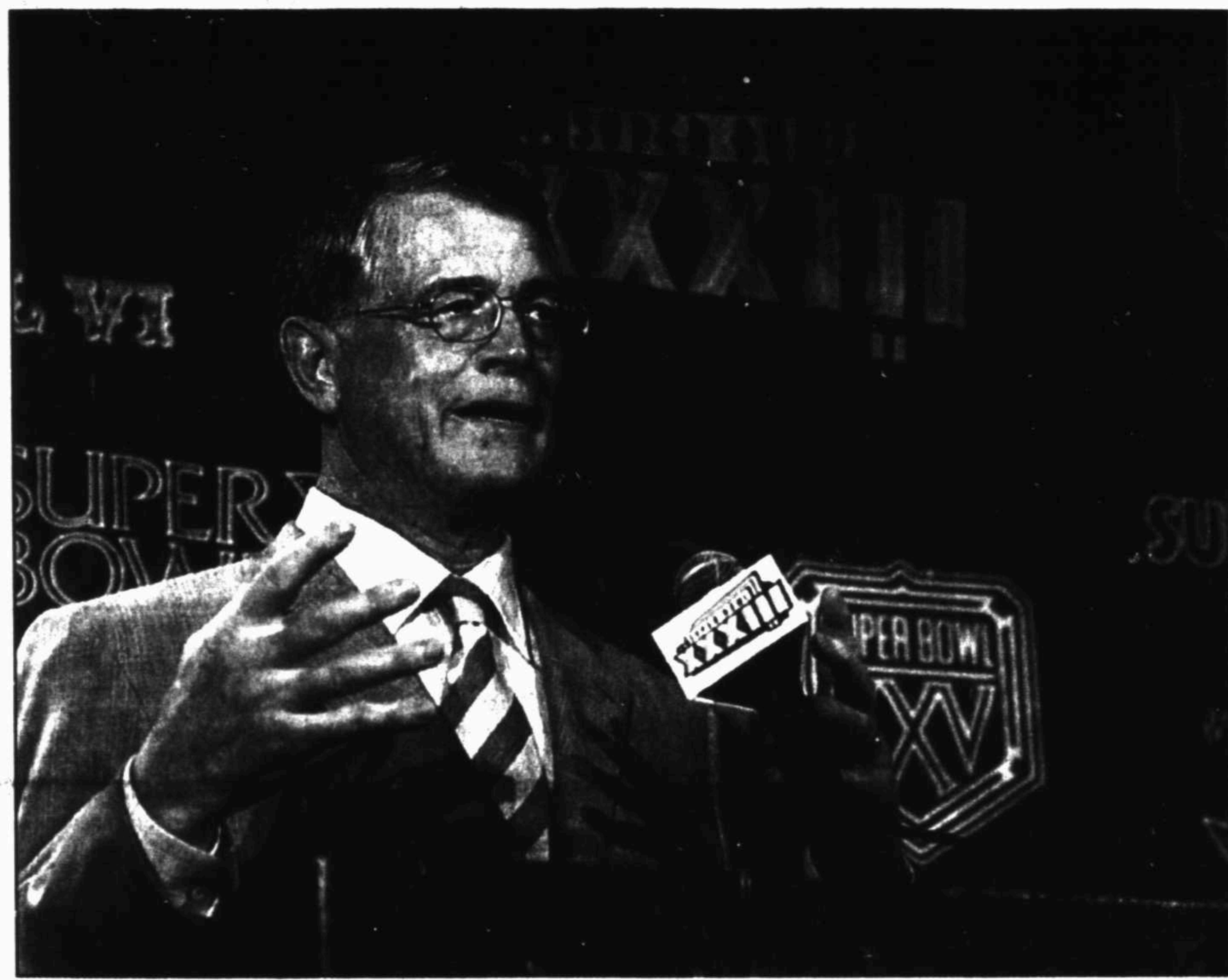
The report was corrected about 20 minutes after it was broadcast.

It came on as a crawl, or words running at the bottom of the TV screen, at about 7:30 p.m. EST: "This is an NBC News Special Report. Baseball legend Joe DiMaggio has died at his Florida home. He was 84 years old and had." The message was then cut off.

An NBC employee had typed the report and stored it in NBC's computer earlier in the day after reading a New York Daily News report that DiMaggio was in grave condition and using a ventilator. Many news organizations prepare obituary material in advance to be able to move quickly when a major public figure dies.

A technician in NBC's New York control room inadvertently sent the message out live to all the network's East Coast affiliates, spokesman Cory Shields said.

SUPER BOWL XXXIII



Atlanta Falcons coach Dan Reeves speaks at a news conference after arriving at the team's hotel in Miami on Sunday. The Falcons play the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXXIII on Sunday, Jan. 31.

Super Bowl finally living up to its name

By Dave Goldberg

AP Football Writer

MIAMI — No, it's not the Stupor Bowl anymore. The game finally has come of age.

For the last decade, there have been as many exciting Super Bowls as clunkers, a departure from the first 20-plus games, when only three or four were worth watching.

And Sunday's game between the Atlanta Falcons and Denver Broncos figures to be competitive again.

Denver, the defending champion, is favored by only a touchdown, largely because the Falcons were 14-2 during the regular season and proved themselves by winning at Minnesota last week.

But Atlanta also has another incentive, one that was rekindled last week, with Falcons coach Dan Reeves on one side and Broncos coach Mike Shanahan and quarterback John Elway on the other.

Reeves, who coached Denver for 12 seasons, believes Shanahan and Elway got him fired by the Broncos after the 1992 season.

"It would probably mean more to him getting the Super Bowl trophy against us because he was here and the way he was dismissed and all the things that have circulated about his career here," Denver tight end Shannon Sharpe says of Reeves. "It would give him more ammunition if he could get it against us."

Then there's history.

Elway, win or lose, is almost sure to retire after 16 glorious NFL seasons. The Broncos, naturally, will use the "win one for John" angle to get him a second consecutive ring. Elway will be starting his fifth Super Bowl, the most by any quarterback.

But history says it will also be a good, competitive game, as it has been in the last three Super Bowls — last year's a 31-24 victory by Denver over Green Bay that broke a 13-game losing streak for the AFC.

Three of those were by Denver, coached by Reeves, which lost by an average of 32 points in 1987, 1988 and 1990.

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Gretzky leads North America past World

By Ken Rappoport

AP Hockey Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Once again, it was Gretzky and goals in the NHL All-Star game.

Led by Wayne Gretzky, the greatest All-Star of them all, the goals came fast and easy as the North America team beat the World team 8-6 Sunday in another typical '90s shootout.

"I was lucky, I got to play with two very unselfish players," Gretzky said of

linemates Theo Fleury and Mark Recchi. "I'd like both for the (New York) Rangers."

As usual, the NHL All-Star game was no checking, no hitting and no goaltending in the wide-open midseason game that has become a nightmare for netminders.

All-Star games in the previous nine games of the decade have averaged 16.5 goals — a direct contrast to the regular season that has produced a steady

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Jacks rock past Wizards

By Ted Battles

MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — After a night of WCW wrestling and Tough Man competition, ice hockey returned to the Jack Shack (sometimes referred to as the Ector County Coliseum) when the Odessa Jackalopes edged Waco's Wizards, the WPHL Central Division leaders, 3-2, in a tension fraught shootout.

If there was ever any question as to what Sami Laine means to this team, it

was answered again Sunday night in this taut battle that found the Jacks hanging on for dear life the final two periods.

"I didn't know if I'd play or not, but I decided to try," Laine said. "I took my full shifts the first period and then only three or four shifts the final two periods. I feel good."

Scoring two goals and an assist, including the dramatic game winner in

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O'Neil, Howe to be featured at WT Sports Banquet

Staff Report

The ninth annual West Texas Sports Banquet and Memorabilia Auction on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center will feature one man who is baseball history and another who may be guiding a "dynasty of the future."

John "Buck" O'Neil is baseball history. While the color barrier of the 1930's and 40's prevented him from reaching the Major Leagues as a player, he would later make an historic breakthrough as Major League Baseball's first black coach with the Chicago Cubs in 1962.

Prior to becoming the Majors' first black coach, O'Neil made an extraordinary mark on baseball as a scout. He is credited with signing Ernie Banks, Lou Brock and Joe Carter, who played in Midland with the Midland Cubs in his first professional year.

As a player, O'Neil spent 17 years with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro Leagues and teamed with the legendary Satchel Paige during the height of the "barnstorming" days when the Negro League teams traveled across the country playing countless exhibition games.

O'Neil now serves as a scout for the Kansas City Royals and is chairman of the board of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and is a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame veteran's committee.

Former Houston Astros manager Art Howe, who now coaches the Oakland Athletics, will also be at the banquet. "Baseball America" says that Howe's A's "could become (baseball's) next dynasty."

Howe's Athletics have an arsenal of young talent, including Rookie of the Year Ben Grievie, and most of that talent is home grown by the A's. The Midland RockHounds (formerly Angels)

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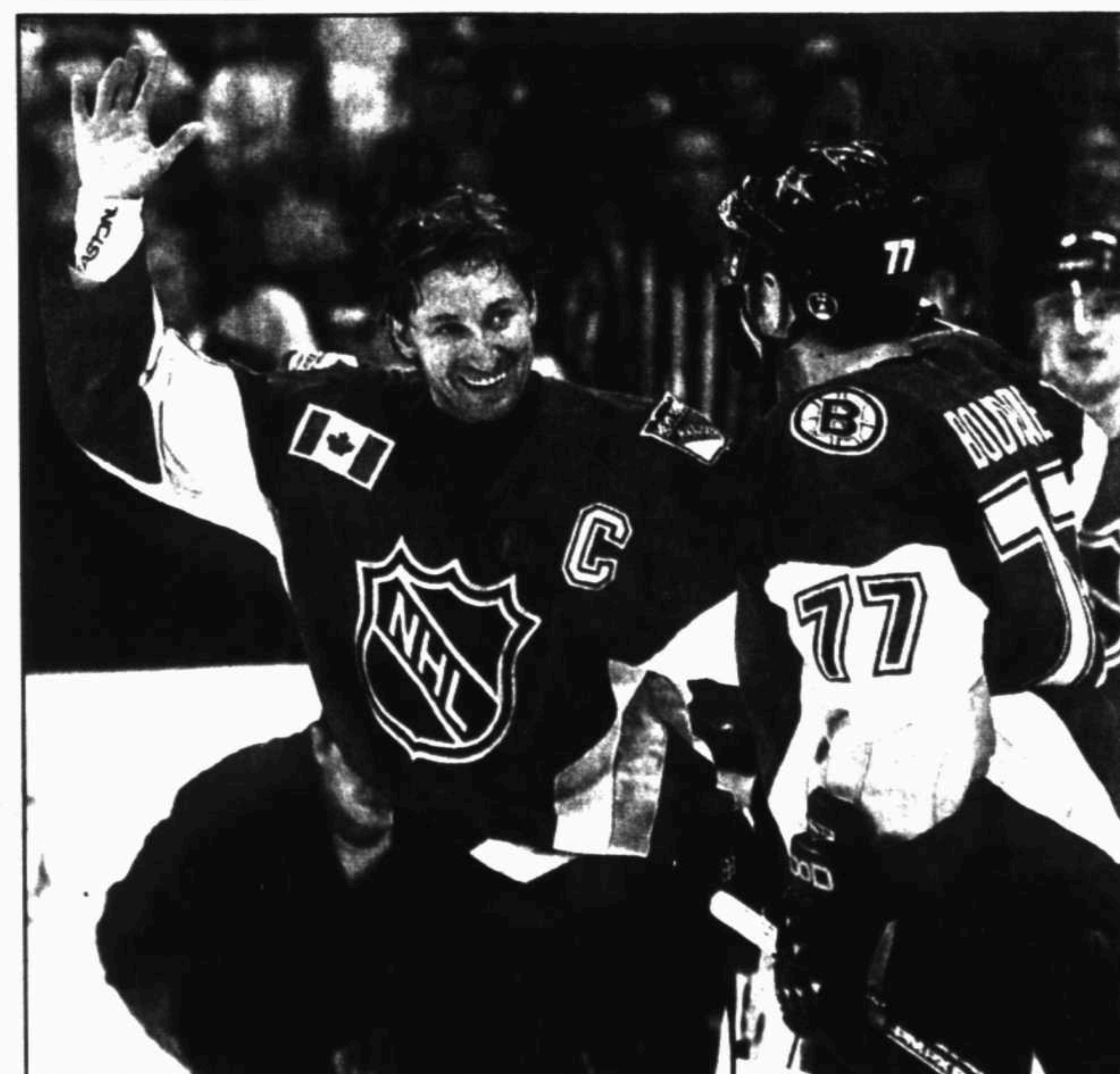
West Texas Sports and Memorabilia Auction

When: Wednesday, February 3. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m., program, 7:30 p.m., auctions throughout the evening.

Where: Holiday Inn Convention Center.

Cost: Individual tickets \$50, children (12-under) \$40. Sponsor tables \$425 (includes seating for eight and a baseball autographed by one of the special guests).

Ticket Information and Reservations: In Midland, call Christensen Stadium at 683-4251. In Odessa, call Ector County Coliseum at 552-7825.



North American All-Star Wayne Gretzky, left, waves to teammates, including Ray Bourque (77), after being named the Most Valuable Player in the 1999 NHL All-Star game Sunday afternoon at the Ice Palace in Tampa, Fla. The North Americans defeated the World 8-6.

Chicago, Charlotte big losers; Rockets, Knicks are winners

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

After four days of the NBA being open for business and a bevy of signings and trades, the early returns are in.

The winners look to be the New York Knicks, Houston Rockets, Detroit Pistons, Denver Nuggets, Sacramento Kings and New Jersey Nets. The losers are the Chicago Bulls, Charlotte Hornets, Miami Heat, Golden State Warriors and Los Angeles Clippers.

The balance of power has shifted in the East with the breakup of the Bulls and the many changes to Chicago's former pursuers. In the West, Houston could replace the Los Angeles Lakers as the most likely team to unseat Utah atop the pecking order.

A look at who made out, who didn't and why:

WINNERS:
New York Knicks: The brain-trust of Dave Checketts and Ernie Grunfeld came to the realization that a player of Latrell Sprewell's caliber very rarely comes onto the trade market. They took a public relations hit for bringing aboard a questionable character after saying they wouldn't, but now they arguably have the best two-guard in the Eastern Conference. Other offseason moves brought in Marcus Camby, Dennis Scott and Kurt Thomas, and suddenly the Knicks no longer are the same old group of graybeards that went out in the second round of the playoffs for four straight seasons.

Houston Rockets: The Rockets nearly knocked the Jazz out of the playoffs a year ago when Clyde Drexler was playing his final season. If they had Scottie Pippen instead, the result might have been different. They will remain old, vulnerable to injury and not very deep, but the front-line nucleus of Pippen, Charles Barkley and Hakeem Olajuwon will be formidable come playoff time. If they can sign free agent Kevin Johnson, they would be the favorites in the West.

Detroit Pistons: They didn't come out of the free agent frenzy with a point guard, a center or a dead-eye shooter, but still improved measurably by signing Clippers power forward Loy Vaught and trading for Atlanta

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free agent forward Christian Laettner. If Laettner is healthy in time for the playoff push, Grant Hill will have two scorers to dish off to when he's double-teamed driving to the basket. The new guys also will open things up for Jerry Stackhouse, who re-signed with Detroit.

Denver Nuggets: Won the battle for the hearts and minds of all those people surrounding Antonio McDyess, thereby getting him to leave Phoenix and return to the team he spent his first two seasons with. McDyess joins rookie Raef LaFrentz and the recovered Eric Williams on the front line, with newly acquired Nick Van Exel and Bryant Stith in the backcourt. Even with the shortened season, the Nuggets are a cinch to surpass last season's victory total of 11.

Sacramento Kings: Went from being Mitch Richmond and four nobodies to being Chris Webber, Vlade Divac and three nobodies — at least for now. Corliss Williamson elected to stay for only \$500,000, and rookies Jason Williams and Predrag Stojakovic won't be unknowns for long. If Webber stays aboard and this team starts clicking in April, nobody will want them as a first-round opponent.

New Jersey Nets: Showed Jayson Williams their appreciation by rewarding him with a \$100 million contract, and solved their biggest defensive problem from last year — the lack of a shot-blocker — by acquiring Jim McIlvaine from Seattle. Should be able to lock up Keith Van Horn and Kerry Kittles with long-term extensions, and will be perhaps the deepest team in the East.

LOSERS
Chicago Bulls: Have decided to blow off this season and rebuild next summer with loads of salary cap room and draft picks, which in the long run could work out well. But did it have to come to this? So many years of bad blood between the front office and the team ultimately led to the demise of the decade's greatest dynasty, the retirement of arguably the greatest player ever and the disillusionment of one of the greatest coaching minds ever. Other teams, after withstanding years of

arrogance from this franchise, will want to exact some revenge this season and beat the Bulls badly — even if Toni Kukoc, Randy Brown, Ron Harper and Bill Wennington are the only familiar faces.

Charlotte Hornets: Last season, they couldn't decide whether they wanted to keep Vlade Divac or Matt Geiger. They ended up losing both, and now they're stuck with one of the game's great malcontents, Derrick Coleman, in the pivot. Also will be without Glen Rice for the first two months of the season, which should ensure that the Hornets miss the playoffs for the first time since 1996. Rice's wrist injury begs the questions: Why did he wait until now for surgery? Wouldn't it have been better to take care of it during the lockout?

Miami Heat: Failed to acquire the one player they most wanted and needed, Latrell Sprewell, lost their other shooting guard, Voshon Lenard, for 10 weeks, then failed to work out a sign-and-trade deal for Brent Barry, who cost them the services of Isaac Austin last season. Added Clarence Weather- spoon, but failed to add any other significant help to a front line that can't measure up to Indiana's. Size is such a problem that Pat Riley is considering signing Dennis Rodman, setting up an epic clash of personalities.

Golden State Warriors: Got back three decent players for Sprewell, but all three are reserves. That's not much for a player who was first team All-NBA a couple years before his attack on P.J. Carlesimo. Golden State also lost out on Brent Barry, who actually wanted to play there, and will get nothing in return for Weather- spoon and Jim Jackson, the two players acquired in the trade with Philadelphia for Joe Smith, the former overall No. 1 pick.

Los Angeles Clippers: Nobody wants their free agent money, and they lost the chance to put the No. 1 overall pick, Michael Olowokandi, through his first NBA training camp. He's playing in Europe until Feb. 15. Also will be without two of their best big men from last season, Austin and Vaughn, but at least they'll be better than the Bulls.

WJCC BASKETBALL TODAY

WOMEN

Midland College at Frank Phillips College

Where: Activity Center, Borger.

When: 5:50 p.m. today.

Coches: Midland College — Ron Jones (5th year), Frank Phillips — Chereé Monden (1st year).

Records: Midland College is 18-2 overall, 4-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. The Lady Chaps are ranked No. 6 in the latest NJCAA women's poll. Frank Phillips is 5-14, 0-4 in the WJCC.

Notes: The Lady Chaps are coming off an 86-41 win over Clarendon last Thursday. It marked the sixth straight win for the Lady Chaps, who have to be playing some of the best basketball of the season. "I think we played well against Howard and New Mexico but we're still making a lot of mistakes, defensively, that take away a lot of our hard work. We've still got a lot of improvement to make and I think we will," Frank Phillips is under a first-year head coach and is coming off a 75-53 loss against Western Texas. "I think right now (Frank Phillips) is just trying to get a new system in," Jones said. "They've had some close games and they're playing real hard. We just need to concentrate on what we're doing, try to play well and play smart." The Lady Chaps have been playing well and improving thanks to a non-conference schedule that really put them to the test. "This is one of the toughest schedules we've had. And playing at the Las Vegas tournament and then playing Weatherford before starting conference was good for us," Jones said.

Next: The Lady Chaps next host Odessa College at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Player	Midland College Women	G	FG	FT	FT%	Pts.	AVG
Judy Gonzalez	20	109	113	66	286	14.3	

MEN

Midland College at Frank Phillips College

Where: Activity Center, Borger.

When: 8 p.m. today.

Coches: Midland College — Pat Rafferty (5th year), Frank Phillips — Blake Brown (3rd year).

Records: Midland College is 12-8 overall, 1-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. Frank Phillips is 6-11, 2-2 in the WJCC.

Notes: The Chaparrals are at a point of the season where a sense of urgency is desperately needed after a 68-64 loss to Clarendon at home on Thursday. Coach Rafferty is wondering if that sense of urgency will emerge anytime soon. Rafferty said that ever since coming off the Christmas break, the only solid game his Chaps have had was the win over then No. 8 Weatherford right before conference play. Ever since that victory the Chaps have lost three out of the last four games — all of which they've had the ability to win. "At this point, it's about pride and wanting to play hard," Rafferty said. "These guys just want to

stand around and pout. Thursday's performance was the worst of all time. This is not something new. We've had a flat game experience during a scrimmage in October. We had a flat game experience in the second half against Hill College, and then we had another flat experience against Chandler (Ariz) but they were so bad that we won in overtime. The guys have failed to recognize that and failed to have a sense of urgency. I don't understand the thought process in a person who's been in athletic all their lives and not get tired of losing. They should have a chip on their shoulder. Instead this team has wilted away and become passive little introverts." The Chaparrals are coming off a 91-67 loss to New Mexico Military Institute and the fact they're coming off a loss and playing at home, should make them a dangerous team. "They're probably going to play like a wounded tiger and that's the approach that we should take into the game," Rafferty said.

Next: The Chaparrals next host Odessa College at 6 p.m. Thursday.

STATISTICS

Player	Midland College Men	G	FG	FT	FT%	Pts.	AVG
Mike Cummings	19	106	90	52	264	14.6	
Alvin Brooks	20	77	89	61	240	12.0	
Ivan Gatto	20	74	83	52	226	11.3	
Eugene Costello	20	60	86	62	203	10.2	
"Ricky" Duff	9	37	19	10	84	9.3	
Teohn Conner	20	60	40	28	154	7.7	
Thya Dunn	20	58	25	14	137	6.9	
Mike Stewart	19	56	31	15	127	6.7	
Carl Alexander	9	9	4	2	23	2.6	
Armon Whitaker	16	6	26	15	27	1.7	
Jaamal Jones	8	4	0	0	10	1.3	
x-Leander Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Totals	20	546	463	311	469	74.8	

3-point goals (62): Gatto, 26; Brooks, 25; Costello, 21; Conner, 8; Dunn, 7; Alexander, 3; Jones, 2.

*academically ineligible
x-no longer on team

BANQUET: Auction remains key feature

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join the A's organization this season as Oakland's Double-A affiliate.

The banquet will also provide fans with their first opportunity to meet the man who will guide the RockHounds during their inaugural season. Tony DeFrancisco will be the 'Hounds field manager this season. He will be joined by Glenn Abbott, a former Major

League pitcher who will serve as Midland's pitching coach.

The banquet guest list also includes Midland native Randy Velarde of the Anaheim Angels. Velarde is a 1981 graduate of Midland Lee. Rick Kozuback, the president of the Western Professional Hockey League, will also be here as will Tom Kayser, Texas League president. Odessa Jackalopes head coach Joe Clark and some of his team members will also be in

attendance.

The event will again benefit Casa De Amigos, West Texas Special Olympics and the Scott Seator Foundation. In the past eight years, the banquet has raised more than \$118,000 for the local charities, with the bulk of those funds coming through the auctioning of sports and entertainment memorabilia. That part of the banquet remains as a key feature.

Graf, Seles looking like champions of old at Australian Open tourney

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Steffi Graf and Monica Seles are looking a lot more like the champions of old than old champions.

But unlike years past, when they routinely faced each other in Grand Slam finals, the two four-time Australian Open winners set up a quarterfinal confrontation when they breezed to victories Monday.

Healthy for the moment and sprinting effortlessly again as she seeks her 22nd Grand Slam title, Graf raced through a 6-1, 6-1 rout of Austria's Barbara Schett.

Not to be outdone, Seles followed with a 6-0, 6-3 romp over Sandrine Testud of France.

Each match lasted exactly 47 minutes.

Graf holds a 9-4 advantage against Seles, though the last three came in the years after Seles made her comeback from the stabbing in Germany.

Of those 13 matches, six were played in Grand Slam finals. Graf beat Seles in the U.S. Open finals in 1995 and 1996, and Seles won when they met in the Australian Open final in 1993.

"I'm looking forward to playing her," said Seles, who has nine Grand Slam titles and is 32-0 in Australia Open matches. "Steffi is playing some great tennis, and I haven't beaten her in a long time. It's going to be a very difficult match, as always. It's going to be a great challenge."

"Her level of play is not reflected in her rankings ... and neither is mine."

The No. 6 Seles is playing some great tennis, too, yielding just five points to the No. 14 Testud in the 17-minute first set.

The show of force by Graf was similarly as one-sided a thrashing as she ever delivered. Though seeded a lowly No. 10 as she works her way back from two years of injuries and illnesses that put her on the brink of retirement, Fraulein Forehand is as likely a candidate to win the Australian Open as anyone.

"I raised my game," Graf said. "I didn't play my best the last two matches. I knew I had to play better and I did."

"I'm still as hungry as five years ago or 10 years ago. The joy and freshness for the sport are still very much there."

A sense of destiny attends the quarterfinal between Lindsay

Davenport and Venus Williams, as if they were fated to chase each other all over the globe.

Davenport, No. 1, and Williams, No. 5, stand shoulder to shoulder, taller than everyone else on the women's tour.

They were born within a few miles of one another, though worlds away socially, on the outskirts of Los Angeles — Davenport in tony Palos Verdes, Williams in low-rent Lynwood.

Davenport, 22, is four years older, but they are both Geminis, their birthdays in June only nine days apart. Horoscopes are big deals to Californians.

So the position of the sun, the moon and the planets — everything upside down Down Under — may have a benign effect on the two of them when their paths cross again Tuesday.

If past is prelude, though, Davenport would seem to have the advantage in this blossoming rivalry. She has won six of their seven matches, the last one on carpet in a final in Switzerland, the one before that in the semifinals of the U.S. Open last September. A year ago at the Australian, Davenport won in three sets. In between, Williams won a three-setter on a hard court in Oklahoma City.

"It's always been close," said Williams, who looked sharp Sunday in a 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 victory over Chanda Rubin. "Lindsay knows that when she come out and plays me, she's going to have to play her best tennis. She is steadily improving, but then again so am I."

Davenport didn't disagree with that assessment.

"It's tough to get a rhythm against her because she makes a

lot of unforced errors, and then she will hit some great shots. So you never really know what to expect," said Davenport, who advanced Sunday with a 6-1, 6-3 romp past Canada's Maureen Drake.

"It's tough to break (Williams') serve because she has such a big serve," Davenport said. "Hopefully, the little slower surface here might give me an advantage in that department. But she's very fast. I need to hit the ball deep and not give her a lot of time to step in."

Williams roamed the court speedily and effectively against Rubin, showing once again she's tough to pass. She has quick reflexes, long arms and long legs, and she covers a lot of ground.

"I'm not expecting to hit 30 winners out there on the court, but maybe bring on some unforced errors and keep the ball deep," Davenport said.

At the Australian Open last year, Williams raced through the first set as if she were going to blow Davenport away, but wound up losing 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.

"In all the matches I have played her, that's the best she's ever played against me," Davenport said of that first set. "She played incredible here, came out firing. I lost the set very fast, and was really in trouble in early parts of the second set but was able to get back into the match. If someone plays that well, it's almost too good. If she can play like that she definitely deserves to win."

"She's a year older, probably a lot smarter than a year ago, and maybe she won't make some of the mistakes I have seen her make before in matches."

Duke survives St. John's, 92-88, in OT

Associated Press

NEW YORK — No. 2 Duke is not accustomed to winning like this. Nor are the Blue Devils accustomed to seeing a performance like the one by Boots Thornton of St. John's.

The Blue Devils (19-1) beat No. 8 St. John's 92-88 in overtime Sunday despite a career-high 40 points and 12 rebounds by Thornton, who scored 23 of the Red Storm's final 36 points.

The win was Duke's 14th straight and it was the closest of the streak with only two of those games less than 20-point victories. St. John's (16-4) was playing without its leading rebounder, Tyrone Grant, who is sidelined indefinitely with a broken right wrist, and nearly the entire team was in foul trouble in the second half.

Still, the Red Storm stayed close, never letting Duke pull away and even taking a 76-75 lead with 1:37 left in regulation on a three-point play by Ron Artest.

Two free throws by Nate James with 9.3 seconds left gave Duke an 81-78 lead, but Artest, who had missed most of the second half with four fouls, hit a 3 with 1.1 seconds left to force the overtime.

Thornton gave the Red Storm an 84-81 lead two minutes into overtime, but the Blue Devils, who had struggled from the foul line all game, suddenly found the mark and made nine of 11 the rest of the way. The last three came by Chris Carrarelli over the final 18 seconds after Thornton had pulled St. John's within 89-88 with his seventh 3-pointer of the game.

No. 25 Miami 75, Boston College 67

BOSTON — Johnny Hemsley scored 21 points, leading a balanced attack that carried No. 25 Miami to a 75-67 victory over Boston College Sunday.

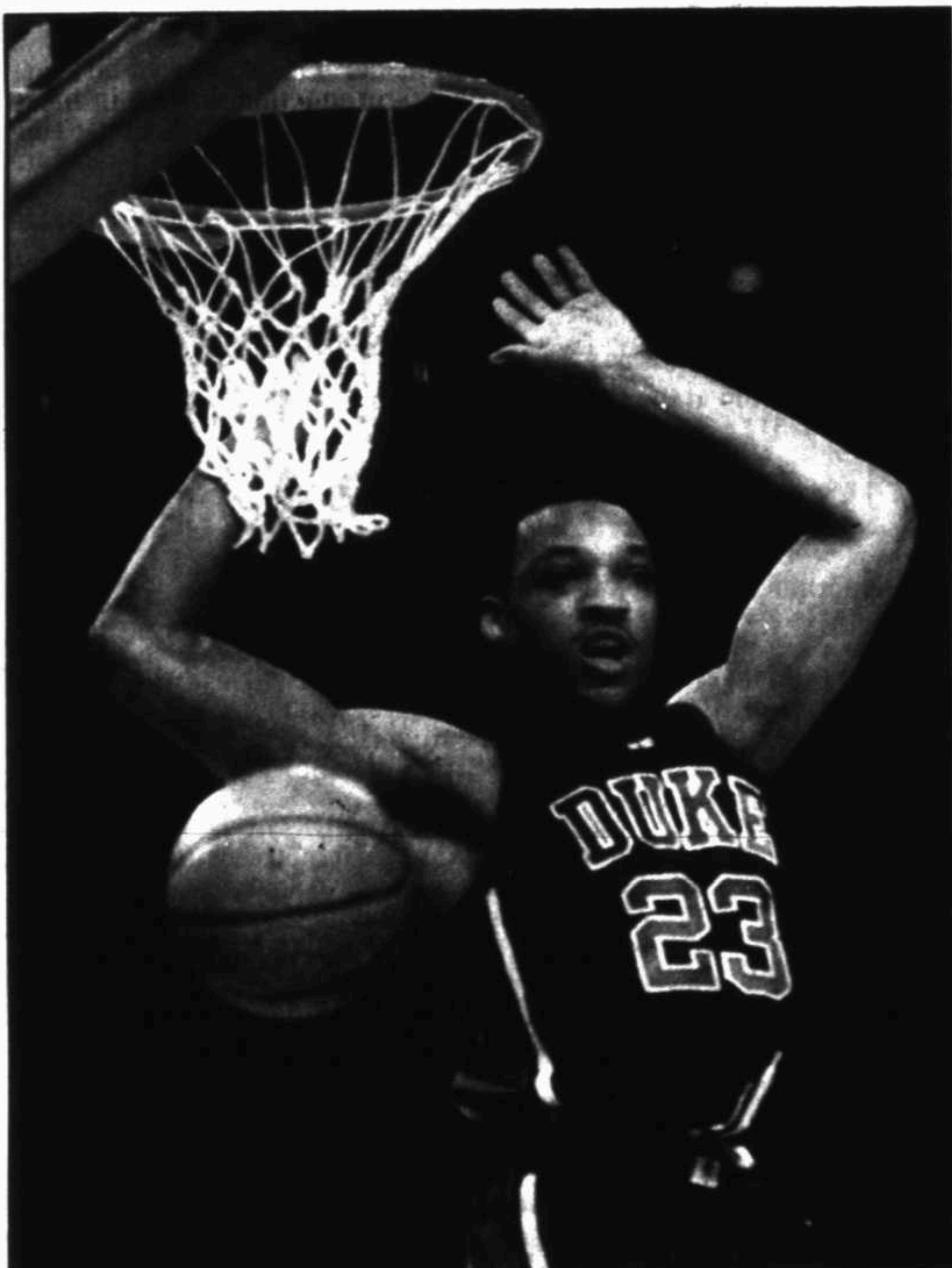
Tim James scored 16 points, Mario Bland 14 and John Salmons 10 for the Hurricanes (12-4 overall, 6-2 Big East). Dwayne Pina scored a career-high 17 points and Kenny Harley had 16 for the Eagles (3-14, 0-9), losers of eight straight.

No. 20 Syracuse 84, South Carolina 37

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Jason Hart scored 15 points and Damone Brown added 13 as No. 20 Syracuse used an aggressive defense to subdue South Carolina 84-37 Sunday. Syracuse (14-5), coming off a 90-51 victory over Boston College, held the Gamecocks to just 23.8 percent shooting in the first half and built an insurmountable lead despite some erratic early play.

The Gamecocks (5-13) have relied on guard BJ McKie to spark the offense. McKie, who picked up three fouls in the first half, had just seven points at halftime and finished with nine, his worst outing since scoring nine in the first game of the season against Valparaiso.

Missouri 71, No. 19 Kansas 63



Duke's Chris Carrarelli jams for two points during the first half of the game against St. John's Sunday at Madison Square Garden in New York. Carrarelli scored 17 points in the 92-88 overtime victory.

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Missouri seems to be the only team that knows how to win at Kansas.

Brian Grawer scored 16 points and Albert White had 15 as Missouri beat the 19th-ranked Jayhawks 71-63 Sunday.

Kansas (13-5, 5-1) had won 35 straight conference games since an 81-74 loss to Missouri on Feb. 20, 1994. The Tigers (13-4, 4-2) are the only conference team to beat Kansas since the Big 12 was formed, winning once each in 1997 and 1998 at Columbia.

No. 11 Michigan St. 73, No. 18 Indiana 59

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Mateen Cleaves had 16 points and 13 assists Sunday to lead No. 11 Michigan State to a 73-59 win over 18th-ranked Indiana, which started fast before a bad second half.

No. 4 Maryland 81, Clemson 79, OT

CLEMSON, S.C. — Terence Morris tied the score with a short

follow, then hit a baseline jumper with 14.4 seconds left in overtime, giving No. 4 Maryland an 81-79 victory over Clemson Sunday.

Morris, a sophomore, tied his career high with 26 points, but the most important points came in the final minutes. He converted Terrell Stokes' 3-point miss to tie it at 79, then hit the winning winning jump shot for Maryland (18-2, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

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LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) —

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College Basketball

Men's Scores

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Delaware 80, New Hampshire 68

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La Salle 58, Fordham 46

Loyola, Md., Iona 51

Maine 75, Towson 61

NYU 66, Carnegie-Mellon 40

Niagara 88, Fairfield 75

Penn St. 95, Cincinnati 82

Rhode Island Col. 61, Keene St. 78

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No scores reported from the FAR WEST.

Top 25 Boxes

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St. John



South quarterback Michael Bishop (7) of Kansas State tries to roll away from North defensive end Brad Sciolli (95) of Penn State in the first half of the Hula Bowl in Wailuku, Hawaii on Sunday. Sciolli sacked Bishop.

Williams, Bishop lead South in rout over North at Hula Bowl

By Ben DiPietro
Associated Press Writer

WAILUKU, Hawaii — In a game between the big names and the no names, the big names won. Led by Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams of Texas and runner-up Michael Bishop of Kansas State, the South rolled to a 34-14 victory over the North on Sunday in the Hula Bowl.

Williams rushed for 114 yards and two touchdowns and was named most valuable player for the South.

Despite the advice of his agent, who wanted him to skip the game to avoid the risk of injury, Williams said it was his dream to play in an all-star game.

"It's a great way to cap off a great college career," said Williams, who carried 22 times.

His 11-yard TD run early in the fourth quarter gave the South the lead for good, then Bishop took over and led the South to two more scores to seal the win.

"I got the opportunity to put the ball in the air and make some good plays," said Bishop, who finished 10-for-17 for 197 yards and two TD passes.

"When you play with the best it makes you play your best. I had a great game," he said.

The North took a 14-13 lead when quarterback Kevin Daft of Division II California-Davis hit Kent State receiver Eugene Jones with an 8-yard touchdown pass with 39 seconds left in the third quarter. Baker also caught a 28-yard pass on the drive.

From then on it was all South. Bishop marched his team down the field on a nine-play, 74-yard drive capped by Williams' second TD run, a dash off left tackle that ended when he stretched the ball over the goal line with 11:05 left.

Bishop and East Carolina's Troy Smith put the game away for the South, hooking up on two pass plays for 74 yards. A 45-yard completion brought the ball to the North 19, and the two combined on the next play for touchdown that gave the South a 27-14 lead.

Bishop closed out the game's scoring with a 54-yard TD pass to Texas receiver Wane McGarity. On the game's final play he lofted a ball to Arizona cornerback Chris McAlister, who wanted to show scouts he could play receiver, but the pass into the end zone was deflected.

The North took a 7-0 lead by scoring on its first drive. Missouri quarterback Corby Jones and Utah receiver Daniel Jones

capped a six-play, 79-yard drive with a 22-yard pass. The two hooked up on the drive for completions of 33 yards and 22 yards.

The South scored all 13 of its first-half points in the second quarter.

Tennessee kicker Jeff Hall kicked a 42-yard field goal after a 10-play drive stalled.

Texas Tech cornerback Darwin Brown intercepted Montana quarterback Brian Ah Yat on the next series, giving the South the ball on the North 23. Williams ran for 12 yards on a draw, then spun through the middle for a 2-yard score with 9:07 until halftime.

Hall closed the first-half scoring with a 37-yard field goal after Penn State lineman Brad Sciolli sacked Bishop for a 17-yard loss on a first-and-goal from the 9. Sciolli was named defensive player of the game.

Daft was named MVP for the North after completing eight of 17 passes for 117 yards and TD. Michigan running back Clarence Williams led the North with 64 yards on nine carries.

"Coming from a Division II school, I had to prove myself against these players," Daft said. "I got the opportunity and I made the most of it."

Bears go with No. 2 choice in Dick Jauron

By Nancy Armour
AP Sports Writer

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — It took one of the NFL's oldest franchises two tries, a public relations disaster and a really red face to figure out the right way to hire a new coach.

Announcing Dave McGinnis' hiring before offering him the job? Wrong way. Getting second-choice Dick Jauron? Right way.

The Chicago Bears introduced Jauron as their new coach Sunday, one day after McGinnis withdrew his name and flew back to Phoenix, still upset the Bears had announced his hiring before he'd been offered the job.

"I can't tell you how good it feels to stand here in front of you," said Jauron, defensive coordinator at Jacksonville the past four seasons. "To stand here as the head coach of the Chicago Bears gives me a great feeling inside."

Team president Michael McCaskey was feeling equally warm and fuzzy about putting the last two days behind him. Talks with McGinnis, a former Chicago assistant, broke down over the Bears' overeagerness to name him coach.

Despite McCaskey's attempts to smooth things over Friday and Saturday morning, McGinnis decided he was better off keeping his job as Arizona Cardinals defensive coordinator.

So McCaskey got back on the



Dick Jauron speaks after being named coach of the Chicago Bears on Sunday in Lake Forest, Ill. Chicago Bears president Michael McCaskey looks on at left.

telephone. He called Jauron's former bosses — Jacksonville coach Tom Coughlin and Seattle coach Mike Holmgren — and both said Jauron was ready.

San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci, who worked with Jauron when they were assistants under Holmgren in Green Bay, even called from Mexico to put in a good word.

"When I spoke to them about Dick's credentials and readiness to be a head coach, they couldn't have been more enthusiastic," said McCaskey, who looked visibly relieved. "It's the right time and

he's the right guy."

The Bears didn't disclose terms of Jauron's contract, other than to say it was "multi-year." He replaces Dave Wannstedt, who was fired almost four weeks ago. His hiring also closes out an active offseason in which nine NFL teams — including the expansion Cleveland Browns — had openings.

Despite the Bears' disaster with McGinnis, Jauron said he didn't think twice about taking the job. A candidate for the Indianapolis job last season, Jauron was disappointed when the Bears chose McGinnis.

SUPER: Reeves, Broncos fued helps hype

(From 1C)

The game in between in 1989 broke the trend of Super Bowls instead of Super Bowls — a 20-16 victory by San Francisco over Cincinnati 10 years ago at Pro Player Stadium, then known as Joe Robbie Stadium.

That was the game in which Joe Montana drove the 49ers 92 yards in the final 3 minutes, 20 seconds, capping the comeback with a 10-yard TD pass to John Taylor with 10 minutes left.

Two years later, in Tampa, Fla., came the closest and most exciting Super Bowl, a 20-19 win by the New York Giants over Buffalo. Scott Norwood of the Bills missed a 47-yard field-goal attempt in the final seconds.

Buffalo went on to three more Super Bowls in a row, losing all comfortably to Washington and Dallas twice, although the Bills led 13-10 at halftime against the Cowboys in the 1994 game in Atlanta. Then, back in Miami, San Francisco won its fifth, beating San Diego 49-26 in a game that wasn't nearly that close.

Four years ago in Arizona, Dallas won again, 27-17 over Pittsburgh. The Steelers had the ball and were trailing 20-17 with 4:15 remaining. Then Larry Brown got his second interception and Emmitt Smith scored to clinch it for Dallas.

The next season, in New Orleans, it was Green Bay against New England, with Bill Parcells ready to jump from the Patriots to the Jets. Still, the Patriots played well, staying close until Desmond Howard's 99-yard kickoff return late in the third quarter.

And then there was last year, Denver's 31-24 win over Green Bay in what then was thought to be Elway's last game. It wasn't, but it was his first Super Bowl victory in four starts and broke that AFC losing streak.

Let the Super Bowl parties begin in Miami

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — The image is frightening: sports writers stoked on free beer dancing to the music of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

It could happen only at the Super Bowl.

The Daddies will perform Tuesday at one of countless parties leading to Sunday's game. Some 150,000 people are coming to town, and most hotels require a four-night minimum stay, which means plenty of time to kill before kickoff.

The result is a weeklong exercise in excess. No one's complaining.

"There's so much going on," said Alex Munoz, executive director of the South Florida Super Bowl Host Committee. "You can go to a Super Bowl, not go to the game and still have a great time."

Since Pro Player Stadium's capacity is 75,000, many visitors obviously are making the trip for reasons other than attending the Denver-Atlanta game.

"You don't want to go through life drunk, fat and stupid," said Jeff DeForrest, a local radio talk-show host. "But if you do, Super Bowl week is the way to do it."

DeForrest has survived a dozen Super Bowls, but this one might be his toughest test yet.

For starters, there's not one media party, but two. They're sanctioned by the host committee, as are a cook-off for charity with top chefs from NFL cities showcasing regional cuisine, and a three-day beach party held by the NFL Players Association. The bash on the beach is expected to attract many former and current players.

"Not all of these guys get tickets to the game, and there are a lot of them in town," Munoz said. "They'll go there and hang out and watch the game."

There are also concerts and VIP gatherings, as well as countless parties not considered official events.

"I heard rumors that Michael Jordan is throwing a party,"



Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway hoists his travelling bag to his shoulder as he heads for the team bus after the Broncos arrival at the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., airport on Sunday. The Broncos arrived to begin preparations for next Sunday's Super Bowl XXXIII game with the Atlanta Falcons.

The game wasn't sealed until Denver's John Mobley knocked down a fourth-down pass by Brett Favre from the Denver 31 with 32 seconds left.

"To finally come and show them is unbelievable," Elway said at the time. "You wonder if you're going to run out of years. But, fortunately, I hung on. All the questions we've been answering for the last 15 years, it makes it that much sweeter."

This year, the Falcons face the questions. After 33 years as a franchise, they're two steps farther than they've ever gone.

Add Reeves' feud with the Broncos and it adds up to another game that lives up to its name.

Munoz said, "and Deion Sanders is having one."

The biggest bash is the only one hosted by the league — the annual commissioner's party. Invitations are free but limited, and one broker is selling them for \$850 apiece.

Some 5,000 of commissioner Paul Tagliabue's closest friends — the media, employees of NFL teams and other guests — will attend the soiree Friday at the Miami Beach Convention Center. The event requires 154,000 square feet of floor space, the equivalent of eight football fields.

"We put an equal emphasis on three elements: decor, food and entertainment," said Sue

Robichek, who is planning her fourth commissioner's party. "This year it's an undersea adventure to exotic shores. We'll have three stages of simultaneous entertainment plus smaller stages with live music."

The media party featuring Big Bad Voodoo Daddy also includes ice skating in a downtown Miami park. Munoz declined to reveal how he'll produce an ice rink in 80-degree weather.

On Sunday, the action moves to Pro Player Stadium. Companies such as Coca-Cola, General Electric and Toyota will hold parties before and after the game in a corporate village that includes 20 tents.

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Duval matches best score in PGA history

Associated Press

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Behind those wraparound sunglasses and his similarly cool demeanor, golf's hottest player was pumped.

David Duval hit a magic number Sunday — a round of 59 that matched the best score in PGA history.

Duval, uncannily accurate in every phase of the game, surged from seven strokes off the pace to win the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

When he rammed his 8-foot eagle putt dead-center into the cup on the final hole, the usually stoic Duval let go, pumping his arm several times, then raising both arms in celebration.

The only other PGA players to shoot 59 were Al Geiberger at the Memphis Classic in 1977 and Chip Beck at the 1991 Las Vegas Invitational.

Duval's 13-under-par 59 — the best closing round in PGA history — gave him the five-day tournament title with a total of 26-under 334. He had rounds of 70, 71, 64 and 70 before making his charge.

Duval said he was "a little juiced" coming down the 18th fairway, and that he could feel the adrenaline pumping as he floated a 5-iron close enough to the pin to give him a good chance at an eagle.

Asked if his unusual show of emotion on the final green was about as excited as he's been, Duval grinned and replied, "Gee, I wonder why? I'm kidding. Oh, yeah, I was more excited about the score — I'm not going to sit here and lie to you — than having a chance to win the golf tournament."

"I certainly had aspirations of winning, but the 59 was first and foremost in my mind. It was kind of a double bonus."

Then it was back to reality for a while. Despite his astonishing round that included 11 birdies and

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one eagle, Duval had to wait as Steve Pate, playing in the day's final group, finished.

After going to 25-under with a birdie on No. 16, Pate parred the final two holes, lipping out an 18-foot birdie try on No. 18 that left him one shot behind.

Duval shot 31 on the front nine and 28 on the back at the 6,950-yard Arnold Palmer course at PGA West. Afterward, the fact that he matched the PGA record hadn't really hit him yet.

"I am two or three hours from believing that I shot a 59," he said, shaking his head. "It was just something where everything is going your way."

His irons, especially, were going his way — straight at the pin.

Duval kept nailing approach shots within 2 to 6 feet of the cup, leaving him, in his words, "kick-ins" for birdies.

At the end, he needed every one of the birdies and the eagle to beat Pate.

Pate was one shot off the lead heading into the last round, and he wasn't able to keep pace with the streaking Duval despite shooting a 66.

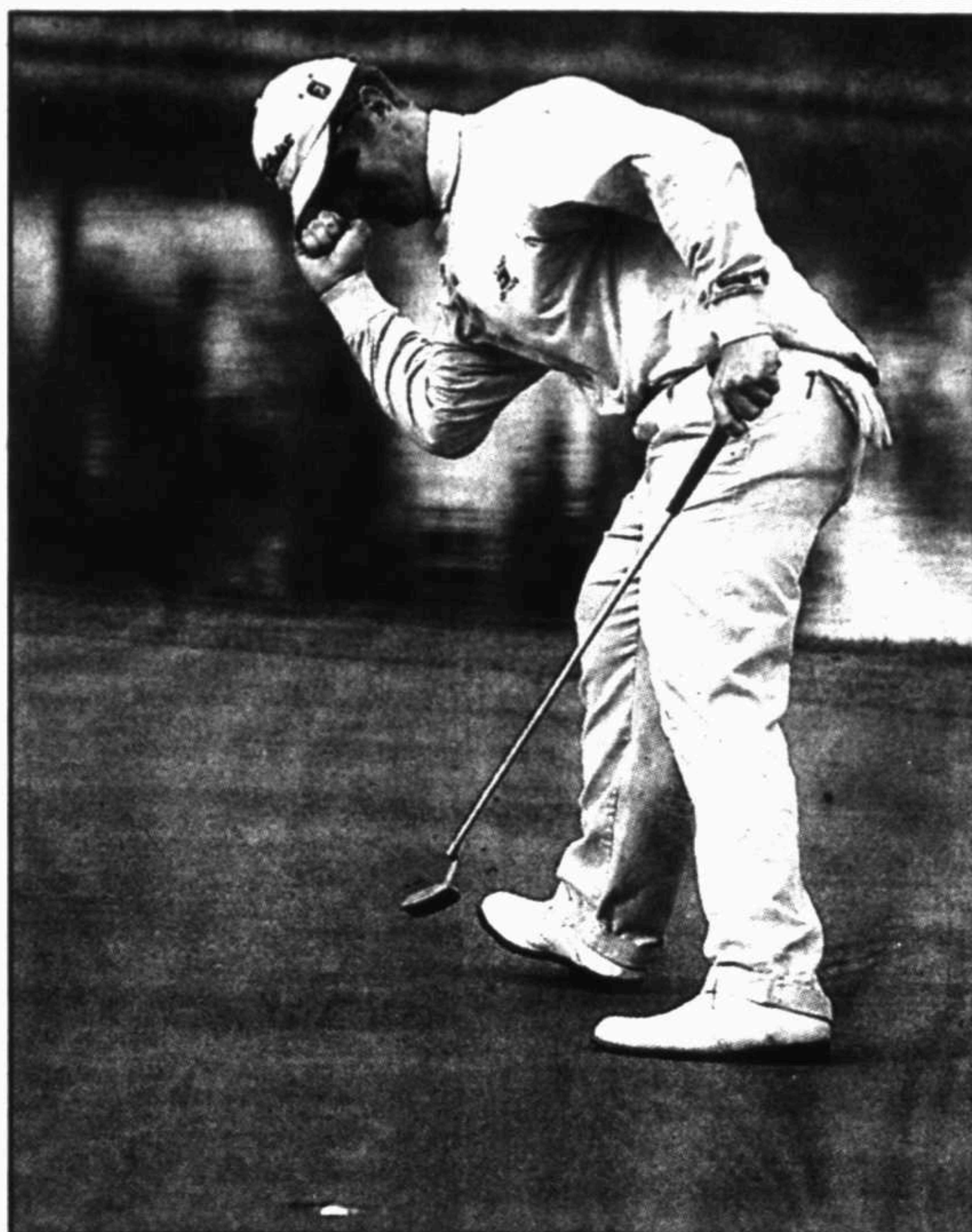
"I heard David had a 59 when I had about two holes to go," Pate said. "I knew he was at 26-under, and I knew I had to make birdies. I played better than all but one guy."

"I guess I was in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Duval said, "In a sense, I feel bad for Steve because I absolutely stole the golf tournament from him."

Meg Mallon wins with 16-under total

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Meg Mallon went into Sunday's final round of the Naples LPGA Memorial not wanting to know what



David Duval pumps his fist while watching his ball drop into the hole for the eagle on the 18th hole during the final round of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic at the PGA West golf course in La Quinta, Calif. on Sunday.

score she would need to win. It turned out her 67 was just fine.

With a leaderboard filled with names like Annika Sorenstam, Kelly Robbins, Helen Alfredsson and Hollis Stacy, Mallon birdied three of the final five holes to win the inaugural event at 16-under par.

Alfredsson and Robbins also had strong fourth rounds to finish in a tie for second, at 15-under at The Club at Pelican Strand.

After Mallon made a 9-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole to get to 16-under, Alfredsson and Robbins each had a chance to force a playoff. But Alfredsson's 60-foot

birdie putt on the 18th hole missed left of the hole and Robbins' long fringe putt for birdie came up short.

"I knew I had to make some birdies," said Mallon, 35, who earned \$112,500 with the 10th victory of her career. But, she noted, "there weren't any (scoreboards) out there — which was interesting — because usually I try to put blinders on."

With four rounds in the 60s (69-67-69-67), it wasn't exactly blind luck that propelled Mallon to victory.

Cheever uses instincts to hold on for victory

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Eddie Cheever really didn't know what was going on. Fortunately, he didn't need to.

■ Indy 200

The 1998 Indianapolis 500 winner drove the final 60 miles of Sunday's Indy 200 at Walt Disney World Speedway without a radio, using his instincts and experience to hold on for a win he didn't know was his until the end of his cooldown lap.

"The car was simply impeccable, but I lost radio communications with 60 laps to go and that was difficult," Cheever said. "I thought Scott Sharp was ahead of me in the lead. I thought I had finished second."

"I didn't know I had won until they sent me to the starting line when I came back around."

Pole-sitter Sharp had fallen behind when his last pit stop was followed moments later by a yellow flag. So he was not in contention when Cheever drove past Boesel and into the lead on the 193rd of 200 laps on the one-mile oval.

"I had no idea who was in the lead," Cheever said. "I didn't know Boesel was when I passed him."

Boesel's McCormack Motorsports team chose to gamble, hoping to run the final 81 laps on one fuel load. It appeared the move might pay off when all the other contenders were forced to pit for fuel in the late stages, leaving Boesel in the lead on lap 181 after Sharp headed for pit lane.

But the Brazilian came up seven laps short, slowing on the back straightaway as the other leaders sped past.

"I was optimistic," Boesel said. "I thought today would be a great script."

TransWorld Diversified Services, the sponsor of the race, is the sponsor of his car.

"It would have been my first win and the first win for Dennis (McCormack). It would have been a dream race."

"I was disappointed when the car started to cough. I even ran two more laps, but it wasn't to be."

McCormack thought the yellow flag that crushed Sharp's hopes was going to get his team a win.

"When we got had last yellow, I let out a sigh of relief," he said. "I thought it would get us to the end. Our telemetry said we had two or three gallons left in the tank. That would have gotten us to the end. But we've all heard that story before."

Scott Goodyear, who led several times, wound up second, trailing Cheever, who averaged 118.538 mph, by 5.148 seconds. Jeff Ward was third, followed by Sharp and Boesel, a lap down in fifth.

"My car was good at the end, but there was just too much distance between us at the end," Goodyear said. "We got four or five car-lengths behind, with some people in between us. It would have been nice to be closer and put on more of a show for the fans."

The race was marred by seven caution flags, several of them brought out by crashes.

Treadway Racing's two-car entry was wiped out in the first 15 laps as rookie Jason Leffler, making his first start in the series sponsored by Pep Boys, crashed on the second lap and Sam Schmidt hit the wall on lap 15. Schmidt is the replacement for two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Arie Luyendyk, who will run only the 500 this year before retiring from the IRL.

Defending series champion Kenny Brack slammed into the rear of a car driven by IRL newcomer Gualter Salles after Salles' engine blew on lap 103.

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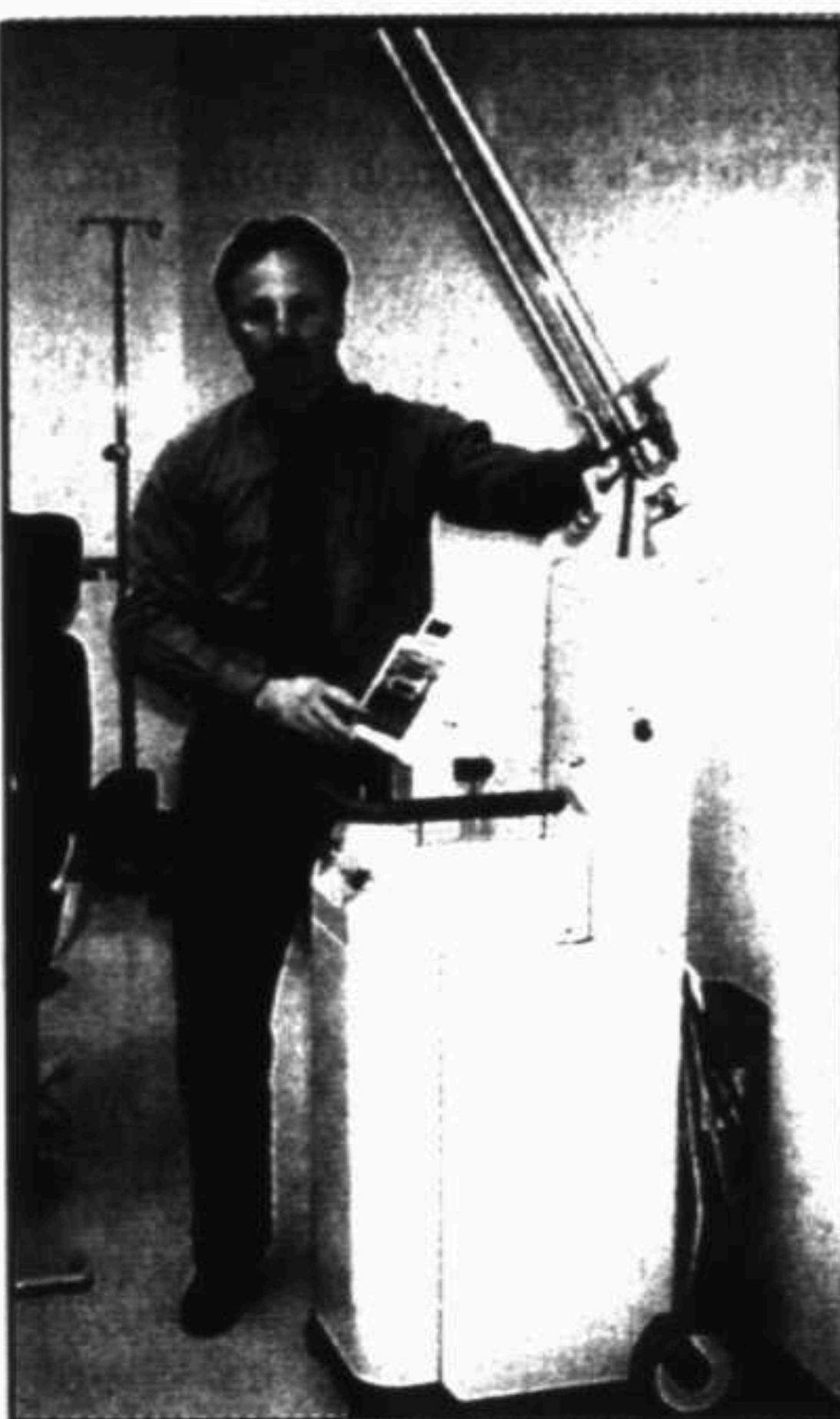
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Rick Schoel, RN, the Administrator for the Laser and Aesthetic Center, explains why dermatology and ophthalmology are a natural marriage. "Ophthalmologists have been using lasers for years in procedures such as glaucoma," says Schoel. "They understand the need for the proper respect for eyelid tissue and the eyes themselves. The surgeon must not put too much pressure on the eye during the

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** Trying to control the uncontrollable could waste your energy and make you angry. Why bother? The unexpected runs riot, but need not attack your finances. Think before making commitments or taking risks in the present astrological climate. Tonight: Hook up with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Though you give 100 percent, you might feel that others simply aren't responding appropriately. You're right! Unpredictability has permeated your professional life. Parents and authority figures have been away, to say the least! Pull back, smile and do your thing. Tonight: Follow your heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Assume a low profile. You might not like everything you hear. Winning a popularity contest isn't important, however; honoring your needs is. You may have given

up a lot recently. News from a distance tells you which way to go. You might need to change plans. Tonight: Pamper yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Close relating unnerves you. Be clear about what you want. Evaluate decisions carefully. Take an overview and assess the big picture. Network, visit with others and brainstorm. You gain another perspective as the day goes on. Give a partner space to think. Tonight: Seek excitement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** You might feel that others are overly dependent on you for answers and decisions. You like it that way, remember? An associate acts up and causes consternation. Not only is this affecting you, but others as well. Steer clear of difficult personalities. Tonight: Embrace your personal power.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Intellect saves the day, while reacting emotionally puts you (and others) in jeopardy. Take a step back, detach and see what is going on with an individual at work. You might need to let go of set rules and reorganize. An afternoon walk clears your mind. Tonight: Rent a movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** You mean well, but you sometimes have a difficult time seeing the big picture. A child or loved one gives you quite a jolt. Think before you leap into action or even react. You could be partially responsible for what is going on. Have you been avoiding or skirting a key matter? Tonight: A long-overdue talk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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

*** Pressure is high to defer to others and let them have their way. Consider choices with care. Uncertainty sometimes causes you to lose your balance. Take your time and explore alternatives. Understand that, despite their intentions, others cannot be counted on. Tonight: Update your image.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Remain calm when faced with unexpected changes. News unsettles you, but by concentrating on work you regain a perspective. You might not be pleased with everything you hear. Allow more space between you and your reaction! Tonight: To the gym.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Use creativity to smooth the wrinkles out of a financial issue. Loosen up and allow your ingenuity to play into the situation. You are capable, even inspired, when needed. Another has a totally different perspective, but you don't have to agree. Tonight: Mischief making!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** You might not be on another's wavelength. Consider where you could be overreacting. Maintain a high profile; stay in touch with priorities. Causing an uproar on the homefront is counterproductive, though you might really want to! Release rigidity; use creativity. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** You could be more shaken up than you know. Slow down, as you could easily make a mistake. Keep communication flowing, remain as even as possible. Return calls, clear your desk and do what is normal for you. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

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Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ K ♡ A J 6 3 ♦ A K Q 4 ♣ K Q 4 2

The bidding has proceeded:
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
1♠ Dbl 3♠ Pass
What action do you take?

A - You have too much to sell out meekly to the opponents. However, you cannot afford to bid a four-card suit at the four-level. The correct action is to double again. Since your first double of spades was for take-out and since partner has not spoken, this is still for takeout.

Q 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 6 ♡ J 10 6 5 4 ♦ K 10 6 3 ♣ K

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one club. What action do you take?

A - The one bid we do not like is an overall of one heart. That lays too much stress on your weak five-carder when your hand is suitable for play in any of the three unbid suits and, indeed, in no trump if partner has club values. Our choice is to double for takeout.

Q 3 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 9 8 7 6 5 4 2 ♡ 9 5 3 ♦ Q J ♣ 6

The bidding has proceeded:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♦ Dbl 3♦ ?
What action do you take?

A - Since your diamond honors are wasted, to all intents and purposes, you have bust, but you do have a seven-card suit and you know partner has at least three cards in support. Not to bid three spades would be a grave dereliction of duty.

Q 4 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A 7 3 ♡ Q 9 8 4 3 2 ♦ 8 3 ♣ 9 5

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
2♦ ?
What action do you take?

A - We would have responded initially with a raise to two spades rather than slowing down the auction by bidding one no trump. Now we feel that the only way to catch up is to jump to four hearts. That comes with no guarantees, but there are too many hands where partner would pass three hearts with game cold, because of your spade ace.

Q 5 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 3 ♡ Q 8 2 ♦ K J 9 3 ♣ A 7 6 5 2

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A - You have neither the strength nor suit quality to respond at the two-

level — your singleton spade is a flaw, not an asset. Respond one no trump and see what part does next.

Q 6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 10 6 ♡ Q 10 6 ♦ A 8 2 ♣ A Q 8 7 6

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
1♥ ?
What action do you take?

A - It is hard to think of a holding where partner, a passed hand, would have enough for game. Since you do not want to suggest partner even think in that direction, pass to describe a minimum opening bid with probably no more than three-card support for hearts — with four-card support it is normal to raise, even with a dead minimum opening bid.

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PEOPLE TODAY

Discovery astronauts visit Japan



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U.S. astronaut John Glenn, right, hugs Japanese astronaut Chiaki Mukai upon his arrival in Japan Sunday.

TOKYO — John Glenn arrived in Japan on Sunday with four other crew members from the space shuttle Discovery on a trip to promote international links for the U.S. space program.

The astronauts were greeted at Narita airport, near Tokyo, by Chiaki Mukai, Japan's first female astronaut and a member of the Discovery crew that returned to Earth Nov. 7 after a 10-day mission.

Glenn and the other astronauts will hold news conferences Monday at the Japan National Press Club in Tokyo and Wednesday at the Tsukuba space center.

The seven-member crew, one of whom arrived Saturday on a separate flight, will also take a sightseeing trip to Kyoto before leaving Japan at the end of January.

Glenn, 77, who made a pioneering space flight in 1962, returned to space last year while ending his long career as a U.S. senator.

Before coming to Japan, the astronauts made stops in France, Germany, Spain and other European cities to promote the U.S. space program.

NEW YORK — At age 37, "The Practice" star Dylan McDermott doesn't regret waiting a few years to find major fame.

"I think if I had all that money and fame in my 20s, I might have turned to drugs and alcohol and wound up blowing everything I had," McDermott says in Sunday's Daily News. "Instead, I had the slow, steady process. Many of the movies I made did not do well. Some movies I had to go away and

make didn't even come out."

McDermott, whose quality film credits include "Steel Magnolias" and "In the Line of Fire," also appeared in less noteworthy pictures including "Hamburger Hill," "Til There Was You," "Destiny Turns on the Radio" and "Where Sleeping Dogs Lie."

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Former "Baywatch" babe Pamela Anderson cut short a tour of Uruguay and Argentina after being harassed on a beach by scores of excited teenage boys and pestered with questions about her famed sex videotape.

"Pamela is frightened, and though we offered to suspend her open air presentations she just wants to go home," tour manager Diego Cassagne said Saturday.

After a news conference Friday at the Atlantic resort of Punta del Este, Uruguay, scores of teen-agers surrounded Anderson on the beach, shouted vulgar remarks and tried to fondle her.

The current star of the syndicated TV show "V.I.P." immediately canceled the filming of a suntan lotion commercial in Uruguay and a guest appearance on a TV show in neighboring Argentina.

During the televised conference where she was asked about a videotape of her having sex with estranged rock star husband Tommy Lee, Anderson said, "I think I'm going home."

Anderson initially fought the release of the tape in court, now widely available on the Internet, as an invasion of privacy.

BUFFALO, N.Y. — TV newsmen Sam Donaldson is ho-hum about most awards.

That story changed Saturday night when he was presented with the Gilda Radner Courage Award — an honor reserved for those who generate attention to the fight against cancer.

"I'm honored to have been selected. I don't think this is a run-of-the-mill award," said Donaldson, a survivor of melanoma.

The Roswell Park Alliance gave Donaldson the award during its 10th annual benefit.

The chief White House correspondent for ABC News said he was uncomfortable at first about accepting such awards.

"It was very disconcerting," he said. "I thought, 'Hey, you can keep your awards, and I'll give you back the cancer.'"

But he changed his mind when he realized the award's significance.

Donaldson was diagnosed with melanoma in August 1995. Since then, he has taken the battle public to help others.

"I think we have to work on making Congress feel the heat, and they'll produce the cash," he said. "It is the squeaky wheel that gets the cash."

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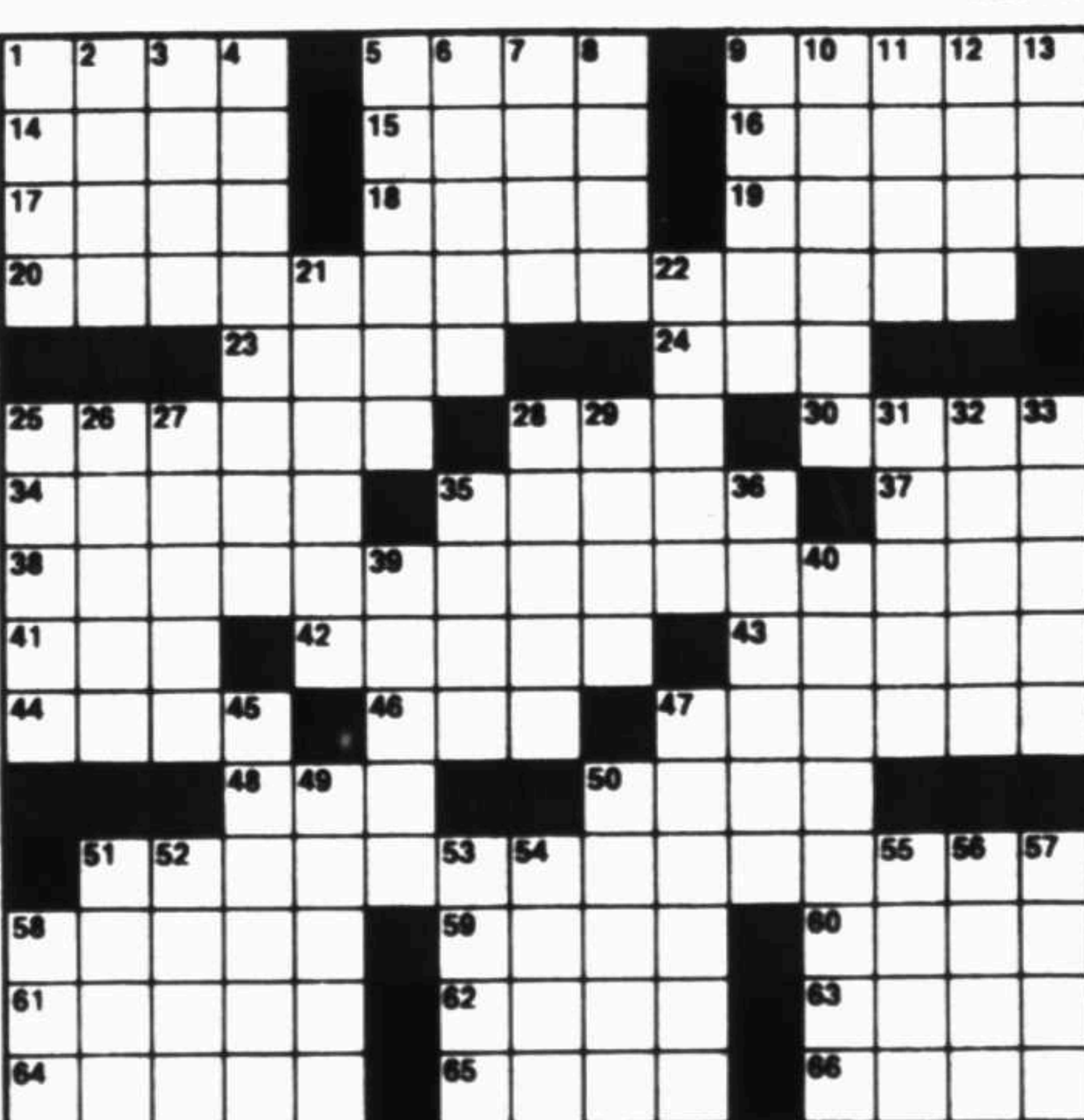
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13	KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 541748		To Be Announced 76854		The 50 Years War: Israel and the Arabs (Part 2 of 2) 444960 (TVPG)					Telecourse 150106		
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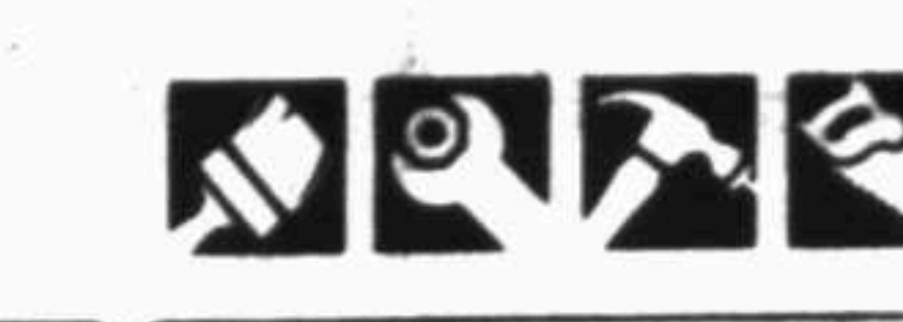
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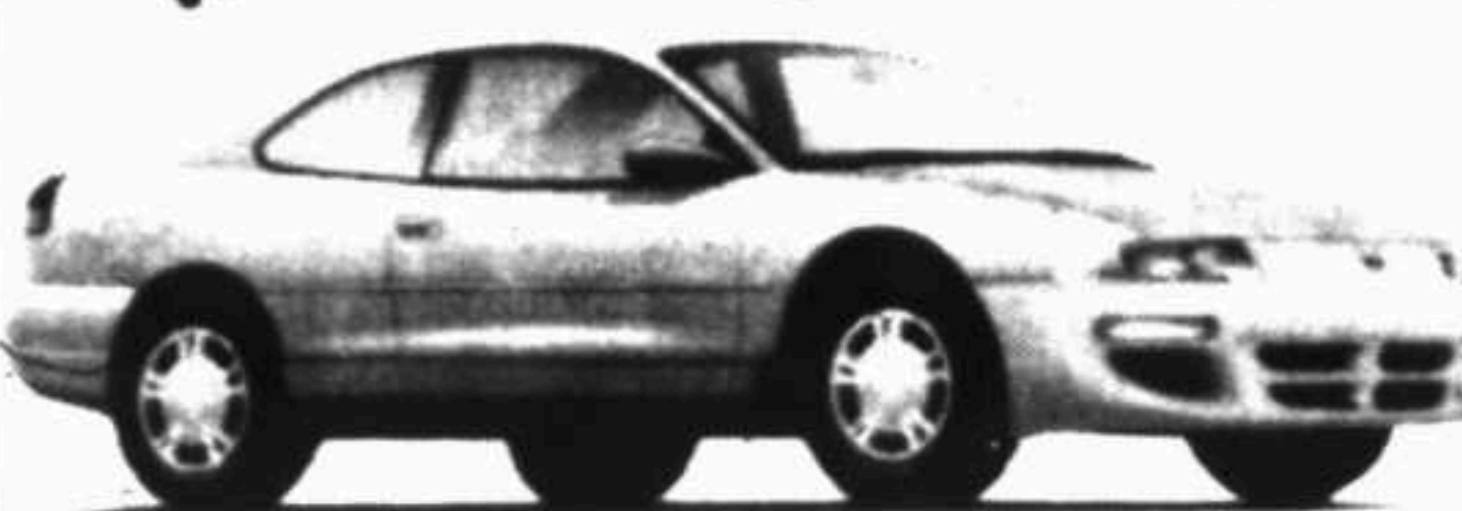
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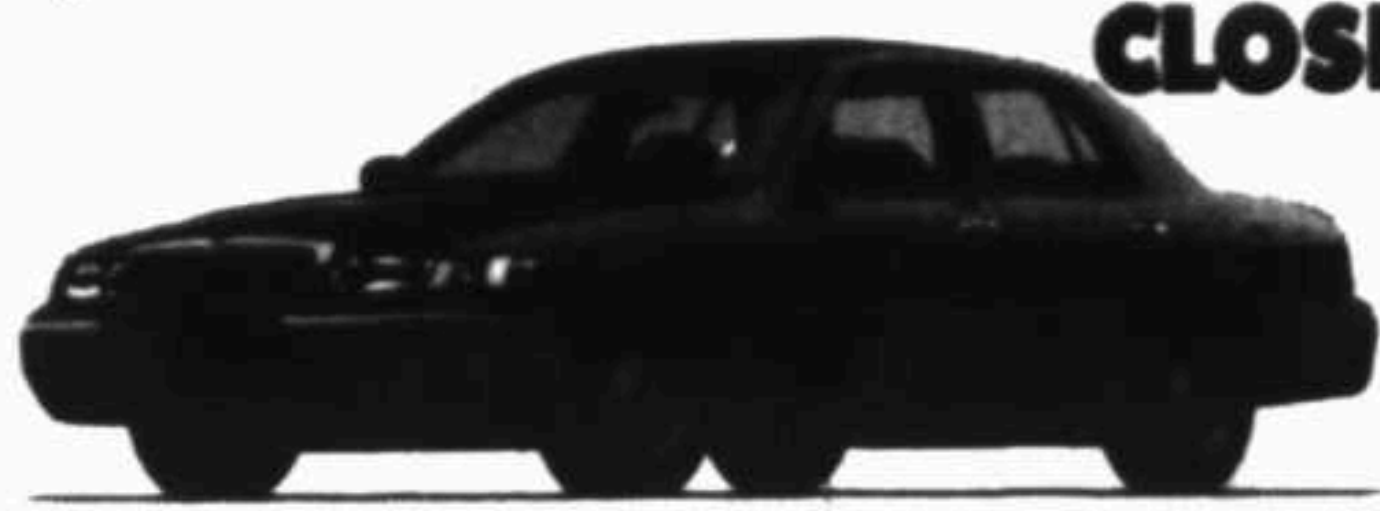
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The 20th Century

Centenarians' firsthand view of revolutions great and small

Editor's Note: This is the second story in a yearlong series examining the 20th century.

By Jerry Schwartz
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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Ann Drake reaches back — to a time before airplanes traversed the skies or automobiles crowded the roads, to a time before penicillin or communism or plastic toys.

Some times, it is a struggle to remember. She had what she calls "a little stroke" a few months ago, and sometimes when she tries to retrieve a memory it isn't there.

She is 103 and the granddaughter of slaves. She remembers the milestones of the 20th century — the triumphs and the fiascos, the great and grotesque men and women who made history.

But she also remembers Miss Lotie Brooks, who taught her the ABCs about the same time the Wright brothers were learning to fly. The first cars, and how they bewildered the horses. And a day when the century was not 10 years old, and she wanted to go skating.

Her family lived in Orangeburg, S.C. Her father was a Methodist minister and there was little money, so her skates were borrowed and worn.

"These little white girls were laughing at me, talking about it," she recalls now. "I just thought this was so ridiculous. I couldn't do anything about it. I just said, 'Leave me alone.' I just gave it up."

Ninety years later, the memory still burns.

There are, today, more than 135,000 people like Mrs. Drake — people who have lived every day of this remarkable century, capable of offering an eyewitness tour of the decades.

In 1905, at the end of the Russo-Japanese War, recalls 99-year-old Kushida Fuki, "There were parades and street cars decorated with fake flowers. People were so happy Japan won the war."

But I was crying because the five young soldiers who stayed with our family never came back.

Ahmed Darwish is 112; for the first half of his life he lived in the village of Kakaun, in Palestine. He remembers the first time he saw an airplane, when a Turkish military plane crashed during World War I at the neighboring town of Bala.

"People were excited," he recalls. "We said, 'Bala is the airport.'"

Mrs. Drake remembers the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918, which killed an estimated 20 million people around the world — including her boyfriend. One Sunday afternoon soon after, she says, he appeared before her.

"He said, 'Annie, I came by to tell you goodbye. I've gone.' Just like that..." she recalls. "I guess I must have been sleeping. Maybe I was dreaming. But I saw him... and heard his voice."

GUO JINGTONG LIVES IN A BRICK HOUSE with a tile roof, down a narrow lane in Beijing. His house is near Hou Hai, or Back Lake, one of a string of lakes through the center of the city.

This was once a pleasure ground for the imperial court. And though you would not know it to look at him — his face is smooth and round, his complexion pink — Guo remembers the days of the empire. He was born Nov. 14, 1891, in the twilight of the Qing dynasty.

"Whatever the emperor said went," he says. "Those who didn't listen got their heads chopped off."

Guo was 8 at the time of the Boxer Rebellion, when Chinese fighters rose against foreigners. He holds his hands a foot apart; their knives, he says, were this long.

He remembers the cruelties of another time. Girls' feet were bound at age 5 or younger, and "it hurt so much they cried."

In his 107 years, he has seen the death of the empire, invasion by Japan, the rise of communism, the Cultural Revolution, the creation of a new, post-Mao China.

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As a child he would pass the palace and see the czar's children at the windows. Alexei, the hemophilic heir of the doomed Romanovs, "was always carried around by a big sailor," he says.

The last czar, Nicholas, "was too kind," he says. "He should have seized Russia and held her firmly in his hands."

Instead, there was revolution. "All the workers went out into the street because they were hungry — we had a daily allowance of 400 grams (less than one pound) of bread," he said.

"My father and I were in his shop on Nevsky (the main street) and saw it all through the window. People were shouting, 'Bread, bread, bread.'"

When the Bolsheviks took power, "It was a terrifying time. There were no rules." The police shot down on the street, from the roofs. "I spent all day on the streets," Lugovoi recalls.

But it was so dangerous, a visitor suggests.

"I was silly," he says. "I was 17."

THE FIRST TRAGEDY OF LEE OWENS' LIFE occurred when he was 2 years old, in 1898. In a single week, his father and his 9-year-old sister died.

His mother moved Lee and his three brothers to southern Missouri. He started school there, but quit to pull weeds at farms for 25 cents a day: "I just got as far in the

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There was no running water, no telephone, no electricity. Power would not make its way to the farm until the 1930s.

People today "don't have any idea of how hard it was," he says. "We didn't buy a great lot out at the store. You raised it, and you put it up."

In the first 21 years of his life, he traveled not 100 miles from his birthplace. Suddenly, all that changed.

"It was 1918, February the 25th. I'll never forget that," he says.

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— Ahmed Darwish, a Palestinian living in a refugee camp

fact, Bulgaria staved off deportations to the concentration camps — but like 25,000 other Jews in the city of Sofia, she, her husband and their son were forced to move to the provinces.

"My husband ran a stocking factory and when they took every-

thing from us, my husband's (non-Jewish) friend took it over and sent us money every month," she says.

Eighteen hundred miles away, in Leningrad, Georgy Lugovoi — by now a photographer for news agencies — took a train to the countryside, to his family's dacha. It was a Sunday, June 20, 1941; his wife and her mother ran to him when he arrived.

"What's happened?" he asked. "War has begun, and Hitler has attacked us," they said.



of hearing and bent by osteoporosis, living in Kansas City, Kan., with his daughter Patricia. But World War I is vivid in his mind.

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ammunition across the field, to the guns, and a big shell hit him and just blew him all to pieces. You'd find his head here and his arm over there. It's not a pretty sight to see these dead people. ..."

"My mother cut the bread into three pieces and we had a piece each for breakfast, lunch and dinner with tea. This saved us. People who ate their bread at one go died much quicker."

— Georgy Lugovoi, who lived with family in Siberia during World War II

There are pleasant memories, of course: Pitching his pup tent next to a vineyard in Bordeaux and pinching grapes each night; the German girl he met after the armistice ("I had her picture.")

But then, there was the time he encountered a train filled with men. "The Germans used this mustard gas on them," he says. "Their face and their eyes... it was awful."

This was supposed to be the War to End All Wars. It wasn't.

STREA LIACHEV REMEMBERS A GRACIOUS LIFE in the Bulgarian city of Russe, along the Danube River. She was born April 16, 1898, into a wealthy Jewish family; each year, the Jewish community came to her family's large house to celebrate the festival of Purim.

"People set up tables outside with sweets, and a horse and carriage would take us for rides around the city for 10 cents. We dressed in carnival costumes and non-Jewish Bulgarians came to watch us celebrate."

Anti-Semitism, she says, was not a problem there. But Bulgaria was allied with Nazi Germany, and in 1941 and '42 it passed laws, mirroring Germany's, that rid schools of Jews and forced every Jew to wear the yellow star.

"I remember how it began — with the yellow stars and how my Bulgarian friends helped us," Mrs. Liachev says. "On the night that we thought we might be deported (a friend) said to come with her. She had arranged a safe house for us."

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passed away, like so many others in the second Great War. Lee Owens' son, Gene, fell in France, where his father had fought a generation before. One of Strea Liachev's brothers was killed fleeing Bulgaria for Italy. Dora Binns McMaster, who has lived in South Africa for 99 of her 103 years, lost her son Harold in 1942.

He was an air force pilot in North Africa. "He was 25 years old," she says. "You can't do anything about it. If he wants to go, he'll go."

The Axis was turned back — in Africa, in Europe, and finally in the Pacific. Kushida Fuki remembers the terror of the war's last days:

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On Aug. 15, 1945, she heard the emperor surrender. "I couldn't hear him well. We were on the roof of the office building and some were crying."

But I was not sad. I was relieved the war was over, because my friend Shigeji Tsuboi (a famous poet) had been saying this was a war of aggression and we'd better lose this one."

AFTER THE WAR, the Liachevs' factory was returned to them, but Mrs. Liachev's son, Harry, joined a Zionist youth movement and emigrated to Israel. She could not bear life without him, and in 1949 she found a job as a cook on a boat to Israel.

Penniless, she joined her son at a kibbutz near Petach Tikva. Her husband came a year later. Eventually, they moved on to Tel Aviv and then to Jerusalem.

"Life was not so quiet here (in Israel), but I remember opening the door and seeing my son standing in uniform. I wasn't just happy to see him, but I was proud to see him —

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"In 1947, the Jews kicked us out of the village and destroyed it. At 10 that morning the villagers were in the field and a lot of soldiers came in with jeeps attached with cannons and machine guns. They first attacked a base where 45 Iraqi soldiers were. ... They killed them all."

"They then asked the villagers through the loud speakers to immediately leave the village. They spoke in Hebrew and said, 'You must leave this land — it is our land.' There were about 1,000 people in the village."

"My wife and I were in the fields, and the soldiers would not allow us to go home to pack. As we left they picked out some 70 young men and shot them in front of the villagers."

(Did these things happen? Historians note that Iraqis did not get to the village until later; they say the truth about reports of brutalities is hard to establish, because Israelis have often suppressed it and Palestinians have often exaggerated it.)

In 1950, the United Nations began to build refugee camps. Darwish and his 65-year-old third wife live in a spare, two-room apartment at the Askar camp; from there, they have seen a series of wars, and the promise of peace, and a Palestinian homeland.

"I can't wait," Darwish says. "I will be so happy to get rid of tear gas that chokes me when it is fired in the camp."

Mrs. Liachev insists that "what is our land is ours." But she also yearns for peace — especially when she thinks of one of her 12 great-

grandchildren, an Israeli paratrooper.

"We need some quiet here," she says.

WHEN LEAH Mahlangu was young, she lived in a round house with a floor made of mud and cow dung. She was born in 1899, a black infant in white-ruled South Africa; her parents worked for food and a place to live on a white-owned farm north of Pretoria.

"We would fight among us, the cattle herders. We had fights over who the strongest herders were. I was beating the others most of the

time."

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She does remember a long life of hard work, and beatings at the hands of whites.

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But by the time she arrived, Ahmed Darwish had already called this same land his home for 63 years. Long ago, he was a farmer, with citrus trees and seven cows. He remembers when Omar Abdel Latif left the village to visit Jaffa, and came back with amazing tales of something called the telephone.

"Some people did not believe him, some thought he was crazy," he says.

The languages he speaks — Turkish, English and Hebrew — are a legacy of the peoples who have ruled the Holy Land in his lifetime.

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