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Clinton connection

Midlander William Greene, originally born and raised in Hope, Ark., knew President Clinton when he was a young boy./1B



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Tara comes home

She's done Letterman, she's done the Grammys. Now, gold medalist Tara Lipinski is coming home to Sugarland./1C

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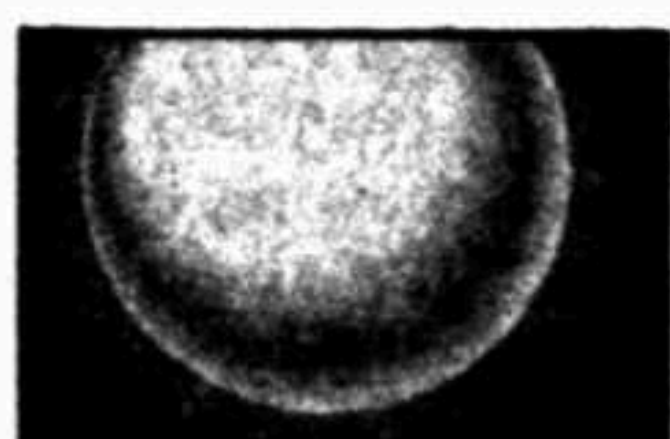
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AP Photo
Kenny McCaughey carries the last of his septuplets children strapped in their car safety seats out of Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Sunday in Des Moines, Iowa.

Septuplets

DES MOINES, Iowa — With their father grinning ear-to-ear and their mother crying, the world's first surviving septuplets were together at home Sunday after the last two babies were released from a hospital. Natalie and Alexis McCaughey joined their brothers and sisters, who came home in January, in a small three-bedroom house in Carlisle where some 60 volunteers work shifts to care for the babies.

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Mayor moonbeam

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jerry Brown hasn't changed much. Fifteen years after leaving the governor's office, six years since he last ran for president, he's still haughty, still elliptical of speech, still unable or unwilling to show emotion. But of all his political quests, and the list is long, his newest may be the strangest. This privileged politico who thinks big thoughts wants to be mayor of blue-collar, down-on-its-luck Oakland. He's a white man running in the mostly minority city that gave birth to the Black Panthers. And he stands a good chance of winning.

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Germany elections

HANOVER, Germany — In a state vote with nationwide consequences, Lower Saxony Gov. Gerhard Schroeder won a sweeping re-election Sunday — and, in the process, a shot at ousting Chancellor Helmut Kohl after 16 years in power. The Social Democratic party said it will nominate the telegenic Schroeder on Monday as its candidate in September's race against the conservative Kohl, Europe's longest-serving leader.

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Subpoenas vex White House staff

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Glancing up at TV screens, White House staffers watched in dismay as one of President Clinton's schedulers was called before a federal grand jury investigating the Monica Lewinsky matter. Some colleagues were angry at what they considered an unwarranted intrusion into the life of the little-known aide. Jennifer Palmieri, a woman whose lawyer said she had no information about any impropriety and didn't know why she was called.

Other officials wondered about the hefty legal bills being incurred by a growing list of White House staff members summoned to the federal courthouse — from lowly, unpaid interns to the most senior presidential aides.

With unlimited subpoena powers, special prosecutor Kenneth Starr is roiling White House tempers and anxieties, bringing angry charges that he is trying to intim-



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— Rahm Emanuel
senior presidential advisor

idate officials, silence his critics and get the president. But officials say Starr has not knocked the White House off course or paralyzed its work.

"Not a step has been missed in this process — from education, social security, health care, crime," said senior presidential advisor Rahm Emanuel. "People feel

for the individuals. How could you not? But I don't think it gums up the works."

"In fact," said presidential spokesman Mike McCurry, "the real victory over Ken Starr is the fact that this White House continues to do very good work on behalf of the American people, the president continues to lead and the American people continue to say he's doing a good job. That's the best victory of all."

But former White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said the ordeal has to weigh on Clinton's team. "I think it has a terrible impact on morale because every member of the staff, first of all, is fearful for the president. And second, they're fearful for themselves," said Fitzwater, a veteran of the Reagan and Bush White Houses and the Iran-Contra scandal.

When Clinton's secretary, Betty Currie, was subpoenaed, "That had to send a strike of fear through the heart of every staff person," Fitzwater said. "Every member

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SCIENCE CIRCUS



Greathouse students treated to show featuring earth, wind, fire

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

The "greatest show on earth" may be the physical and chemical world around us.

Chevron and the Midland High School physics department recently showed Greathouse Elementary students a science "circus" show.

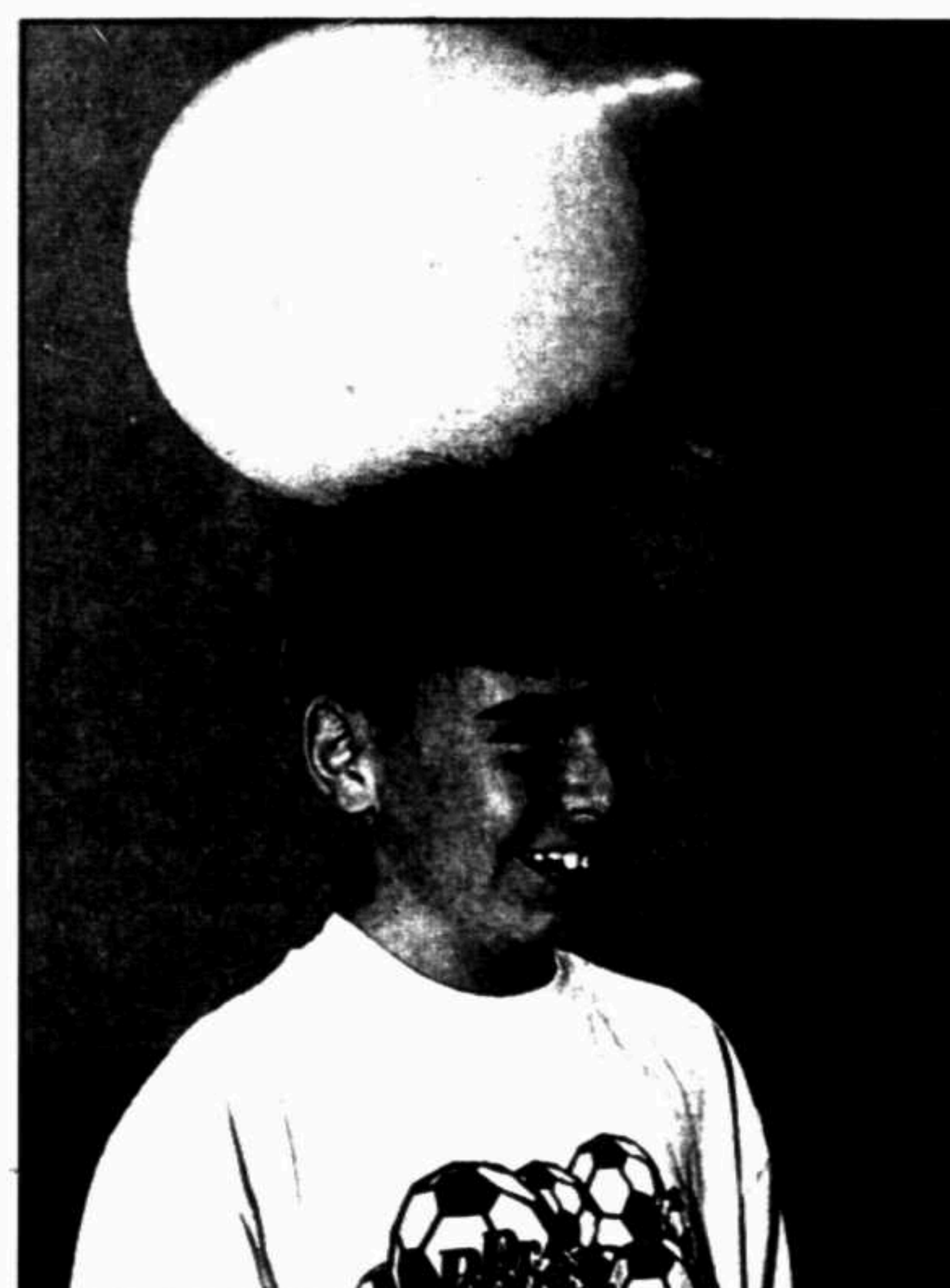
Using amazing stunts like a barrel drum that spit non-toxic circles of smoke, a plastic foam vat of freezing liquid nitrogen, and a comfy bed of nails, the company and MHS students showed the younger children just how exciting physics and chemistry can be. Shawn Potts and Robert Green, Chevron petroleum engineers, demonstrated that simple science can be cool. Six MHS Physics II students assisted with the event.

Potts said that the show was one way to promote engineering among young people. The tricks may be fun and gaudy, but there's

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ABOVE: MHS student Michael Pickell smashes a cinder block sitting atop two beds of nails that Junior Seth Fishman is sandwiched between. LEFT: Tyler Heineman learns about the affect of static electricity.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram



A fly-on-the-wall glimpse into Reagan's presidency

By Mike Feinsilber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Twelve years after receiving unprecedented access to a president at work, historian Edmund Morris is offering a few tantalizing hints into what he thinks about Ronald Reagan.

He sees the 40th president as an aging, declining leader who was not up to handling the greatest crisis of his presidency, the Iran-Contra affair.

Morris' insights are of interest because he was given what no other presidential biographer ever had — a "fly-on-the-wall" oppor-

tunity to observe history as it occurred in the White House during much of Reagan's second term.

With the former president himself silenced by Alzheimer's disease and unable to offer any now-it-can-be-told accounts of his own, Reagan followers have been eagerly awaiting the Morris book. The book was originally planned for 1991 and was reported to have fetched Morris a \$3 million advance, and Random House said it will come out in the fall. Morris is the author of a Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of Theodore Roosevelt.

Morris has been generally praised

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USAF prescribes vindictive streak in nuclear policy

■ Study suggests policy will intimidate antagonistic nations such as Iraq from using biological, chemical or nuclear weapons.

By John Diamond
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States should maintain the threat of nuclear retaliation with an "irrational and vindictive" streak to intimidate would-be attackers such as Iraq, according to an internal military study made public Sunday.

The study, "Essentials of Post-Cold War Deterrence," was written by the Air Force's Strategic Command, military headquarters responsible for the nation's strategic nuclear arsenal. It was obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by an arms control group and published Sunday in a report on U.S. strategies for deterring attacks by antagonistic nations using chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

"Because of the value that comes from the ambiguity of what the U.S. may do to an adversary if the acts we seek to deter are carried out, it hurts to portray ourselves as too fully rational and cool-headed," the 1995 Strategic Command study says.

The London-based think tank the British-American Security Information Council cited the STRATCOM document in its report as an example of the Pentagon's push to maintain a mission for its nuclear arsenal long after the Soviet threat disappeared.

The report portrays the command as fighting and winning an internal bureaucratic battle against liberal Clinton administration officials who lean in favor of dramatic nuclear weapons reductions. Citing a range of formerly classified documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, the report shows how the United States shifted its nuclear deterrent strategy from the defunct Soviet Union to so-called rogue states: Iraq, Libya, Cuba, North Korea and the like.

In its study, the Strategic Command uses Cold War language in defending the relevance of nuclear weapons in deterring such potential adversaries.

"The fact that some elements (of the U.S. government) may appear to be potentially 'out of control' can be beneficial to creating and reinforcing fears and doubts within the minds of an adver-

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Napoleon's exile

Actor Michel Muller, portraying French Emperor Napoleon, is welcomed by a fisherman from Golfe-Juan during the re-enactment of Napoleon's landing in the French Riviera here Sunday. This commemoration is part of the 183rd anniversary of the Emperor's landing after his exile on the island of Elba in 1815.

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German governor wins re-election — and chance to challenge Kohl

HANOVER, Germany (AP) — In a state vote with nationwide consequences, Lower Saxony Gov. Gerhard Schroeder won a sweeping re-election Sunday — and, in the process, a shot at ousting Chancellor Helmut Kohl after 16 years in power.

Confident in the governor's popularity, the Social Democratic party said it will nominate the telegenic Schroeder on Monday as its candidate in September's race against the conservative Kohl, Europe's longest-serving leader.

"The Kohl era is over," Schroeder declared after partial returns gave his party more than 48 percent of the vote, compared to about 36 percent for Kohl's Christian Democratic Union.

The 53-year-old Schroeder, who said he would accept the nomination, said Sunday's election "signals a deep-seated wish for change in politics."

Already campaigning, the governor said he would fight to end unemployment, a key election issue in a country where joblessness is at a postwar high of more than 12 percent.

A fan of President Clinton and British leader Tony Blair, Schroeder presents a moderate-left challenge to years of conservative rule — much as with Clinton in 1992 and Blair last year. He wants to reach out to middle-class voters to avenge four straight Social Democratic defeats by Kohl.

For Europe, a victory by Schroeder in the chancellor's race would extend the continent's shift

to the left, following Blair's Labor Party win and the election of socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin.

Christian Democrats were quick to dismiss the election's importance. "A huge victory in one state has no meaning in the federal elections," Peter Hintze, the party leader, said in Bonn.

Still, many Lower Saxons saw larger consequences in Sunday's vote, casting their ballot for Schroeder to send him into the chancellor's race even though that would take him away from the state.

"I voted for the SPD so he'll become a chancellor candidate," said student Jakob Krovoza, 22. "He stands for economic competence."

The Lower Saxony governor's recipe of saving jobs with state aid while promoting flexible working hours and deregulation has served him well. His northern state relies on jobs in heavy industry and at Volkswagen, Europe's biggest automaker.

But Schroeder's biggest appeal may be that he presents a new face to Germans ready for a change.

"We need some movement in German politics," said Rosemarie Bewersdorff, 68, after casting her vote in Hanover. "It's always that way when parties have been in power too long."

Polls indicate Schroeder has a far stronger chance to beat Kohl on Sept. 27 than the Social Democratic Party leader Oskar Lafontaine — who suffered a bruising defeat to Kohl in the chancellor's race in

1990. "Tomorrow, Gerhard Schroeder will become the Social Democrat's chancellor candidate," said party manager Franz Muntefering. Lafontaine, setting aside his own ambitions, is to recommend Schroeder personally.

In a clear attempt to keep Schroeder out of the chancellor's race, Kohl had campaigned heavily in Lower Saxony for Schroeder's rival, Christian Democratic Union candidate Christian Wulff.

Becoming chancellor has long been Schroeder's dream. In the early 1990s, he was quoted as saying he wanted to open an annual trade expo in Hanover as chancellor in the year 2000.

Lore has it that as a young parliament member in the '80s, Schroeder stood outside the chancellery in Bonn after a late night of drinking and called out, "I want to be there!"

The governor's assets with voters include his rise from humble working-class origins, though nowadays he sports Cuban cigars and designer suits.

But critics, such as Wulff, note that Schroeder has offered few detailed ideas on fighting unemployment and that his state's economy lags behind more prosperous conservative-ruled southern German states.

Sunday's vote was the first major test of Social Democrat's strength in the election year. Lower Saxony's 5.9 million voters elected a 155-seat state parliament, which chooses the state premier, or governor. The Social



Lower Saxony Gov. Gerhard Schroeder, right, and his wife Doris Schroeder-Koepf leave the polling station after state parliamentary elections in Hanover, Germany Sunday. His victory could make him a challenger to Chancellor Helmut Kohl in the September national elections.

Democrats held a one-seat majority in the outgoing legislature.

Schroeder had declared he would not accept his party's nomination for the chancellor's race unless Sunday's voting results

gave his party at least 42.3 percent — just two percentage points less than it won in the last election in 1994.

Early returns put the Social Democrats safely above that tar-

get. The party won its strongest showing ever, though it was not immediately clear whether the Social Democrats would retain their absolute majority in the state parliament.

Iraq ambassador says country will stick to U.N. weapons agreement

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — With the Security Council expected to threaten "very severe consequences," Iraq's U.N. ambassador said Sunday his government will honor an agreement to open suspected weapons sites to U.N. inspectors.

But Ambassador Nizar Hamdoun said the inspections should not be open-ended, even though no time limit is mentioned in the agreement, signed last week with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

The 15-member council meets at 10:30 a.m. EST Monday to consider a U.S.-backed resolution, submitted by Britain and Japan,

endorsing the Annan agreement, which reduced the possibility of a military strike by the United States and Britain.

The final draft of the resolution warned of "very severe" consequences if Baghdad breaks the accord. Earlier drafts had used the phrase "severest consequences."

Earlier drafts also referred specifically to a 1991 council resolution, which branded Iraq's failure to abide by U.N. orders as a "material breach" of the truce which ended the Persian Gulf War.

But Russia, France, China and others objected to any language which might open the door to an automatic U.S. military response

if Iraq violates the Annan deal.

In an effort to win unanimous support, the sponsors removed a direct resolution to the "material breach" resolution. Instead, the latest draft refers simply to "all relevant resolutions" on the issue.

Where the council to declare Iraq in "material breach" of the 1991 cease-fire, that would strengthen the U.S. case for launching military action under international law.

Although a vote was tentatively set for Monday, council diplomats said it was possible it could be pushed back until later in the week.

The final draft was circulated

late Friday so council ambassadors could refer the text to their home governments for approval.

In an interview Sunday with "CNN Late Edition," Iraq's Hamdoun, who participated in the negotiations with Annan in Baghdad, acknowledged that the agreement contains no time limit for inspections of eight presidential compounds which the Iraqis had placed off-limits.

"But I think that all the under-

standing was it should be within a reasonable time," Hamdoun said. "I mean, this process cannot continue forever."

Before Annan left for Baghdad last week, the United States insisted that any agreement should neither limit the duration of the inspections nor rule out the possibility of repeat visits as long as the U.N. inspectors felt they were necessary.

Iraq says it can't take full advantage of oil-for-food

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq cannot take full advantage of the increase in the U.N.-approved oil-for-food program because its petroleum industry is in disrepair, Iraq's oil minister said Saturday.

Lt. Gen. Amer Mohammed Rashid also told a news conference that if the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries calls an emergency meeting to deal with plummeting oil prices, Iraq "most probably" will attend.

Rashid said that the chief U.N. weapons inspector, Richard Butler, would be welcome on his next visit to Baghdad, expected early in March, to discuss the agreement worked out by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on inspections of presidential sites.

He accused the Americans of "a hidden political agenda" and added: "They want to undermine the sovereignty of Iraq. ... They don't want an independent leadership in the area."

The U.N. Security Council approved Feb. 20 an increase to the oil-for-food program that will allow Iraq to sell \$5.2 billion of oil over six months to buy food, medicine and other necessities for its 22 million people. The current program allows sales of \$2 billion every six months.

But Rashid said that the country would be able to export just \$4 billion every six months — and this only after spare parts and special chemicals are provided for its ailing industry.

"We cannot export a quantity more than what amounts to \$4 billion in the six months because of the production limitations ... and because of the deterioration of oil prices in the market," Rashid said.

He put Iraq's current crude oil production capacity at 2.3 million barrels a day and said that with the investment of "a few hundred million dollars," this could be increased to 2.65 million in about three months. This, he said, would provide about 650,000 barrels daily for domestic consumption, leaving the balance of 2 million barrels a day for export.

"We have not had any revenues to compensate for the attrition of our oil fields," Rashid complained. Denis Halliday, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator in Iraq, said that a U.N. team would be in Baghdad soon to assess the oil industry's need for spare parts.

Rashid estimated that it would take about a year to raise Iraq's production to its pre-Persian Gulf War level of 3.5 million barrels a day.

The agreement on weapons inspections signed Monday by Annan and Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, would create a special committee of U.N. diplomats and inspectors to look at eight presidential compounds that had

been declared off limits.

The inspectors must certify that Iraq has eliminated its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons as well as long-range missiles before punishing trade sanctions imposed after the 1990 invasion of Kuwait can be lifted. The oil-for-food program is an exception to the sanctions.

Rashid, who has led negotiations on weapons inspections, said that he expected Butler's U.N. Special

Commission, which oversees the inspections, to act more professionally under the new Annan-Aziz accord.

Iraq had charged in the past that the teams had too many American and British members and that they used UNSCOM as a cover for spying. Iraq also objected to inspection teams showing up at sites it deemed sensitive for security or sovereignty reasons, such as the palaces.

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IMF reforms alone aren't solving Indonesian crisis, Suharto says

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Coasting to another five-year term but under pressure to halt soaring food prices, President Suharto called for changes Sunday to an International Monetary Fund plan to help save his limping economy.

Suharto told the 1,000-member People's Consultative Assembly, which is expected to re-elect him unopposed later this week, that he remained committed to carrying out the IMF's \$43 billion rescue package.

However, Suharto said additional strategies were needed as life gets tougher in the world's fourth-most populous country. The bailout was approved last year and revised in January after the crisis worsened.

"Despite the fact that we already have started to carry out clear and fundamental reforms and a restructuring program, there are no signs yet that the situation has improved," the 76-year-old leader said in the nationally televised speech.

"On the contrary, the people's life is becoming more difficult," said the president, whose 32 years in power make him Asia's longest serving leader.

Suharto did not specify what reform changes he wanted, but said new measures could be introduced as an "IMF-Plus" formula.



Indonesian Research and Technology Minister Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, center, avoids reporters' questions as he leaves a cabinet farewell ceremony at Merdeka Palace in Jakarta Sunday. The 1,000 member People's Consultative Committee, which opened today, is expected to re-elect President Suharto to his seventh consecutive five-year term and possibly Habibie as his vice president next week.

There's been some worry in financial markets that Indonesia has been too slow to follow through with IMF reforms. The plan calls for abolishing monopolies and other privileges that have made

Suharto's family and associates wealthy over many years.

In recent weeks, five people were killed when mobs in more than 20 towns wrecked and burned hundreds of shops and houses,

owned by ethnic Chinese traders whom they blamed for rising prices of food and other basic goods.

Suharto made no direct reference to the targeting of the Chinese

minority but said it "is useless to look for scapegoats."

"I share the sadness of housewives and low-income families in dealing with the skyrocketing prices. The public becomes restless. Even the slightest misunderstanding has sparked greater unrest," he said.

Suharto identified currency stabilization as the key to recovery and voiced frustration that the rupiah's value had not rebounded after plummeting more than 70 percent since July.

He was still "carefully and cautiously contemplating" a plan to peg the rupiah to the U.S. dollar through a currency board system.

The IMF and major industrial countries, including the United States, have cautioned against a currency board, saying it was premature and could wreck Indonesia's chances of recovery.

Former Vice President Walter Mondale is expected to reinforce this message when he arrives Monday for talks Tuesday with Suharto as an envoy of President Clinton.

In recent days, many analysts have speculated that the currency board plan would be quietly dropped.

But Suharto said while any new solutions would need IMF support, ultimately "our fate rests in

our own hands."

"I shall not hesitate to do whatever possible to overcome the situation in order to alleviate the increasingly heavy burden on the people's life," he said.

The president's six children sat alongside government ministers in the first rows of the huge wood-paneled chamber during Suharto's one-hour speech in the national parliament building.

The Jakarta Post newspaper quoted the president's son Bambang as saying Suharto would call it quits in five years — or his family would force him to step down.

"I think father has no intention of fighting the 2003 presidential election," Bambang was quoted as saying.

The head of Indonesia's largest independent trade union, Muchtar Pakpahan, said Sunday the special assembly that was expected to renominate Suharto was a sham.

Pakpahan, who has a tumor in his right lung, watched the speech from his Jakarta hospital room, where he has spent one year of a four-year sentence for subversion.

Mass gatherings have been banned in the capital, where elite troops have staged impressive security exercises to demonstrate how they would react against troublemakers.

Researchers use serums, estrogen to test birth control for elephant herd

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, South Africa (AP) — Times have changed for park ranger Douw Grobler.

Once he fired tranquilizer darts to sedate elephants selected for killing in a culling program that reduced South Africa's burgeoning herds. These days, he shoots elephants to help save them.

From the back of a helicopter, he aims a modified 20-gauge shotgun loaded with darts at a small herd of elephants 65 feet below. With the dull thump of each shot, a behemoth slumps to the ground.

A ground crew of American and German scientists rushes in to examine the three sedated animals. Their mission: to check if a contraception experiment started about a year ago can limit population growth enough to prevent the resumption of culling.

Before opposition to culling halted the practice in 1994, Grobler spent eight years firing a stronger tranquilizer that knocked out elephants so they could be shot to death more easily and safely. Up

to 600 a year were killed that way in Kruger National Park, which has an elephant population of more than 8,300.

Since the end of culling, herds have again outgrown their environment, destroying vegetation and threatening local communities.

"At Kruger we try to limit the elephant population by non-lethal means as much as possible," said the park's resident elephant expert, Dr. Ian Whyte.

The main way has been to move elephants to less-populated game parks. But relocation is expensive, and on average only a few dozen elephants can be moved a year due to the lack of places to send them. In the three decades through 1997, just 1,339 elephants were moved.

"They are reproducing at such a rate that we may be forced to look at culling again," Whyte said. But researchers hope to show birth control can limit elephant herds, without the bloodshed.

The helicopter carrying Grobler swooped after a herd of elephants

charging through the bush. The ranger picked out three of the elephant cows in the experiment, each identified by a mud-colored collar, and fired his dart gun.

The research team moved in on the three cows lying within 20 yards of each other, snoring gently from the tranquilizer. Within minutes the scientists had set up equipment and started their tests.

Along with blood and fecal exams, a specialized team from the German Institute of Biology and Wildlife Research in Berlin performed a trans-rectal ultrasound pregnancy test on the slumbering creatures.

"Definitely not pregnant" concluded Thomas Hilderbrandt while watching the progress of the ultrasound probe through a specially designed helmet. His colleagues, looking at a similar display set up on the elephant's stomach, nodded in agreement.

The researchers tested 48 elephants over a 10-day period — 18 in the core group that had been treated with an anti-pregnancy

serum, 10 that were given estrogen implants at the start of the test and 20 in a control group that received no contraceptives.

Using vaccine derived from pig ovaries, the researchers periodically shot the 18 cows in the core group with darts that injected booster doses of purified protein. The protein provokes the buildup of antibodies that prevent sperm from binding to eggs. The method is widely used in zoos.

Ten cows in the group treated with the vaccine were found to be not pregnant, while eight conceived. In the control group, 18 of the 20 cows were pregnant.

While the results are statistically significant, serious problems remain for developing an effective birth control program for elephants in the wild, the scientists said.

For the Kruger park, which is about the size of Israel, they estimate more than 3,000 elephant cows would have to be on the program at any one time.

"Each elephant would have to be

periodically located to receive its booster shots. The logistical and cost constraints are prohibitive," said Dr. Richard Fayrer-Hosken, a veterinarian from the University of Georgia.

The experiment highlighted such problems. One of the original 20 core group elephants couldn't be located during the testing period and another was found to have been pregnant before the test started.

The parallel experiment using estrogen implants had to be abandoned because it caused the 10 elephant cows to remain in heat for

extended periods.

"The bulls were following them around all the time, hassling them," Grobler said.

While none of the 10 became pregnant, the experiment was dropped because "this was not the kind of behavior we were looking for," he said.

Despite the problems, Grobler said all involved hope for a practical solution to one of Africa's most persistent environmental debates.

"Nobody wants a return to culling," he said. "We just have to find an alternative."

Bodyguard says Princess Diana was conscious after Paris crash

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana was conscious and talking immediately after the Paris car crash that killed her and Dodi Fayed, the bodyguard who survived the accident was quoted as saying Monday.

"I have had flashes of a female voice calling out in the back of the car. First it's a groan. Then Dodi's name is called. It could only have been Princess Diana. I was conscious, and so was she," Trevor Rees-Jones said in his most extensive public comments since the crash.

Dr. Frederic Mailliez, the French doctor who treated Diana immediately after the accident, said that Diana, 36, had been semi-conscious and muttering, but did not say "anything precise" after the accident in the Pont de l'Alma tunnel.

Rees-Jones told The Mirror in the interview published Monday that Henri Paul, the chauffeur who was also killed in the crash, did not appear to have been drinking.

"If he had shown any signs of

being drunk I would never have let him near our car," Rees-Jones said.

Rees-Jones, who worked for Mohamed al Fayed and was Dodi Fayed's bodyguard, said he remembered two cars and a motorbike chasing Diana's Mercedes after it left the Paris Ritz before crashing. One of the cars was a white hatchback. The paper said that was similar to a mystery Fiat thought to have been involved in the death crash.

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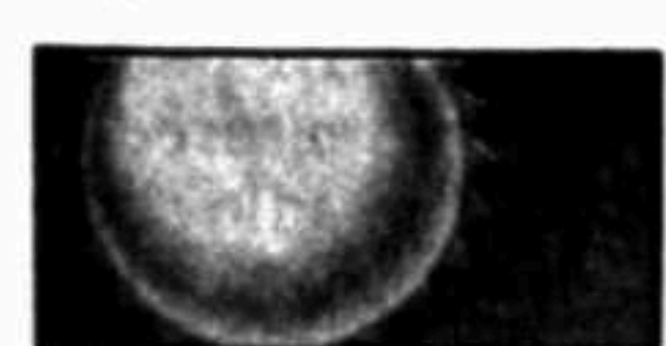
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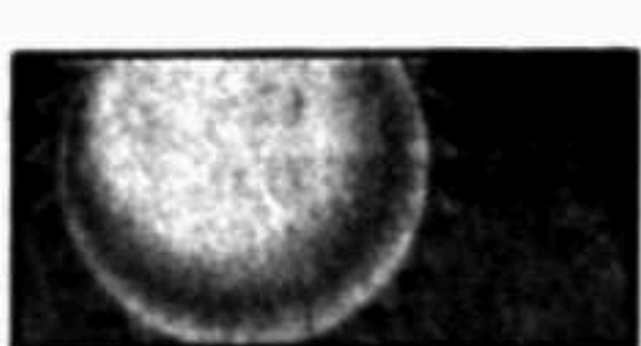
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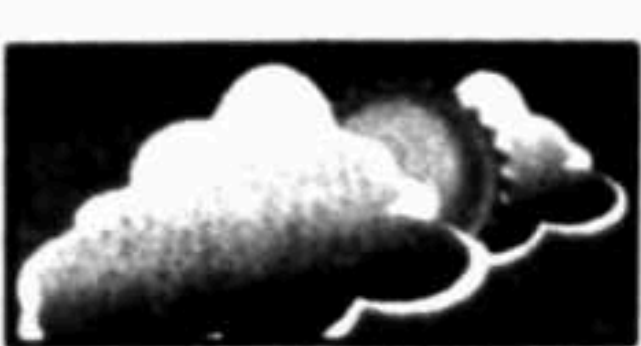
3-day forecast



Today
Sunny
High 60
Low 28



Tuesday
Sunny
High 65
Low 30



Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 68
Low 39

Sunny skies are expected today, according to the National Weather Service, with high temperatures ranging between 55 and 60 degrees. Winds will be out of the north at 5 to 15 MPH.

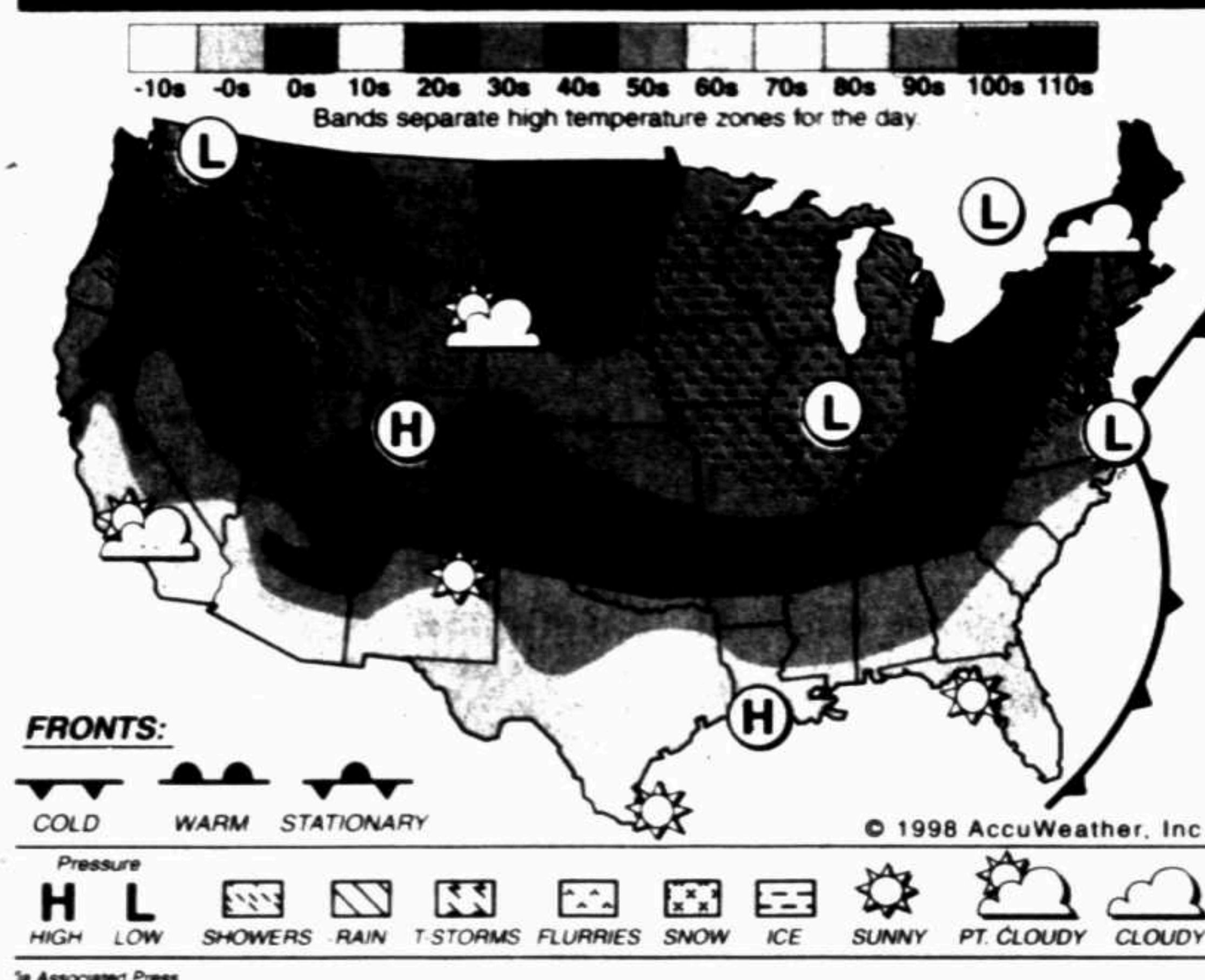
Tonight will be clear with lows between 25 and 30 degrees. The sunny skies will continue Tuesday, with the high around 65 degrees. Wednesday is expected to be partly cloudy with a high around 68.

Sunday's high was 58 degrees, compared with a record 85 set in 1976. The low was 24, compared with a record low of 14 set in 1962.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall	.00 in.	High	58
Rainfall	.00 in.	Low	24
Total for month	0.50 in.	Normal high	66
Total for year	0.74 in.	Normal low	36

Sunrise 7:15 a.m. Sunset 6:47 p.m.

National forecast

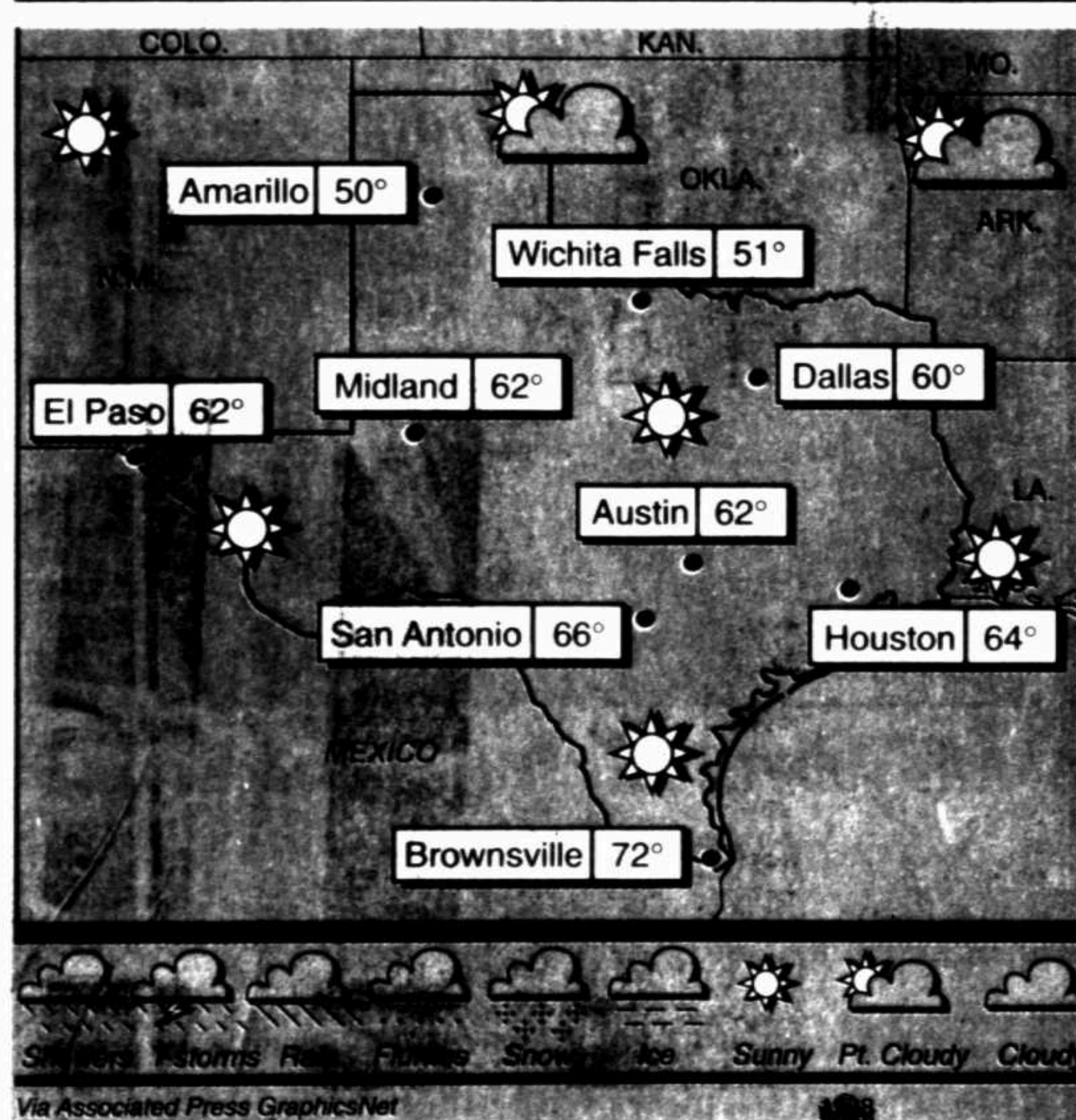


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:32 p.m. EST

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Obs	City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Obs
Albuquerque	48	23	cl		Milwaukee	37	33	sn	
Atlanta	61	46	cl		Minneapolis	32	27	06	cdy
Baltimore	56	43	m		Mobile	63	46	cdy	
Baton Rouge	57	43	15	m	Montgomery	62	48	cdy	
Birmingham	58	37	cdy		Nashville	53	39	cdy	
Bismarck	23	15	04	cdy	New Orleans	61	49	cl	
Boise	49	34	m		New York City	50	40	05	m
Boston	42	38	30	cdy	Newark	51	41	02	
Chattanooga	29	17	cdy		Oakland	51	31	cl	
Chicago	38	33	01	sn	Omaha	30	24	sn	
Cincinnati	46	28	cdy		Orlando	77	60	67	cl
Cleveland	50	40	39	cdy	Pasadena	52	38	01	
Colorado Springs	39	10	cdy		Pittsburgh	39	23	cdy	
Columbia, S.C.	66	50	cdy		Portland, Me.	40	36	02	cdy
Columbus, Ga.	66	52	cdy		Portland, Ore.	49	43	49	cdy
Columbus, Ohio	50	35	cdy		Providence	45	40	64	cdy
Concord, N.H.	42	29	01	cdy	Pueblo	46	4	cl	
Flagstaff	41	1	cl		Raleigh-Durham	67	42	cdy	
Flint	41	36	05	sn	Reno	55	28	cdy	
Fort Smith	48	26	cdy		Richmond	62	49	cdy	
Fort Wayne	43	30	sn		Salt Lake City	39	29	cdy	
Fresno	64	50	cdy		San Francisco	41	12	cdy	
Goodland	39	23	cdy		St. Louis	45	25	sn	cdy
Hartford	47	41	26	cdy	Seattle	73	54	01	cdy
Havana	46	21	cdy		Shanghai	47	44	83	
Honolulu	81	69	cl		Shreveport	61	34	cl	
Houston	65	33	cdy		Sioux City	29	23	sn	
Huntsville	53	38	cdy		Sioux Falls	32	23	05	sn
Indianapolis	40	35	sn		South Bend	40	31	01	sn
Jackson, Miss.	59	34	cdy		Spokane	43	33	09	m
Jacksonville	71	61	27	cl	Springfield, Ill.	37	31	01	sn
Las Vegas	61	38	cdy		Springfield, Mo.	34	27	cdy	
Lexington	52	35	cdy		Syracuse	44	36	08	m
Lincoln	32	24	sn		Tallahassee	72	53	cl	
Little Rock	56	33	cdy		Tampa-St. Petersburg	74	66	48	cdy
Los Angeles	75	54	cl		Toledo	45	37	12	cdy
Louisville	45	35	cdy		Tokyo	34	29	cdy	
Memphis	52	35	cdy		Tucson	64	34	cdy	
Miami Beach	81	73	37	cdy	Tulsa	47	23	cdy	
					Tulsa	55	33	cdy	
					Washington, D.C.	55	46	07	m
					W Palm Beach	78	68	82	cdy
					Wichita	43	25	cdy	

State forecast



Texas temperatures

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

City	Hi	Lo	Pcp	City	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	59	36		Haltom City	66	49	
Addicks	59	36		Hondo	63	30	
Beaumont	65	37		Houston Hobby	65	40	
Brownsville	69	54		Houston Intercontinental	65	33	
Burnet	59	36		Huntsville	63	34	
Childress	54	28		Lubbock	50	24	
College Station	61	31		Lufkin	50	32	
Comstock	63	32		Marfa	54	12	
Corpus Christi	68	41		McAllen	68	52	
Corsicana	59	33		Meridian Wells	58	31	
Cotulla	68	35		Navy Corps	66	55	
Dalhousie	48	15		New Braunfels	66	35	
Dallas	57	38		Palacios	64	39	
Del Rio	69	32		Panama	61	31	
Denton	57	32		Rockport	66	44	
DFW Airport	58	37		San Antonio	59	25	
El Paso	55	23		San Antonio Shreveport, La.	64	34	
Fort Stockton	57	27		Terrell	58	36	
Fort Worth	56	35		Texarkana, Ark.	55	33	
Galveston	65	47		Victoria	65	37	
				Waco	59	33	
				Wichita Falls	57	31	
				Wink	56	21	

SCIENCE: Equal pressure prevents injury on bed of nails

(From 1A)

real-world knowledge behind them.

"We like to go out and promote education in the engineering field," he said. "Physics experiments like this are representative of many engineering concepts. These are some of the more interesting ways to demonstrate more physical concepts."

The bed of nails was one of the more interesting experiments. The bed has thousands of nails less than a quarter of an inch apart each. They are sharp, but since they are spaced properly a person can sit or lie on them without danger of injury.

The group also had a nail "blanket" to place on top of the high school students already lying on the nail mat.

Potts and Green told the students that it looks dangerous, but it's not because the nails are spaced evenly and support the body's weight evenly.

Jennifer Foreman, a fifth-grade math and science teacher, even volunteered for the nail bed experiment.

"It felt kind of good actually — little pressure points," she said. "It didn't hurt at all."

One boy in her class volunteered for the nail bed. He spread out on it without any difficulty. Green said the equal pressure makes the difference.

"If it was one or two nails, we'd be rushing him to the hospital," Green said.

Potts told the Reporter-Telegram that the nail bed is very



Greathouse Elementary School students try to catch smoke rings that had been blown out of an air cannon.

safe.

"It's because of the density of them and the surface area, since you're spreading the force of your body over a larger area," he said. "If you're lying, you can float on the water kind of the same idea."

The nail bed and pressure experiment has real-world ties in Pott's work in the oil industry.

"The oil industry force per unit area gives us pressure," he said. "That's one of the things we deal with in the oil industry every day. You think about pressure, like blowing a well head off — something we don't like to think about too much."

The group also demonstrated just how cold liquid nitrogen gets.

They froze a racquetball and hurled it against the wall, shattering it. They also froze a helium balloon with interesting results, the balloon "wilted" when immersed in the liquid, and the gas inside it liquefied.

"It's shrinking," Green told the students. "It's actually turning it into liquid air."

Greathouse fifth-graders enjoyed watching the experiment. Ms. Foreman's class was among several that watched eagerly and volunteered for many of the demonstrations.

Students like Terrani Garnett liked the racquetball experiment. To her, it looked like the ball turned into shards of glass.

"It's fun," Terrani said. "When they busted it, it turned to glass. I didn't know it was going to bust."

You won't catch her putting her hand in a vat of liquid nitrogen.

"No, because it would be too cold," she said hastily.

Michael Weber said he wouldn't try this stuff at home, because he had ample warning.

"I would have never thought of this stuff myself," Michael said. "They said we can't do any of this stuff at home. I'd like to do it at home."

He said the engineers put chemicals inside a barrel drum and pounded on it because "they're trying to demonstrate the power of air."

Lacy George also liked the racquetball experiment.

"When they did the freezing stuff, I just like how the nitro stuff froze things," she said. "It's 230 degrees below zero."

Patrick Wayland, a Gifted Education Midland student, said he'd like to do some of the experiments in his gifted and talented class.

"I liked the static electricity," he said. "They were showing how they rubbed the balloon on somebody's head, and how negative and positive electrons attract."

Potts hopes this will be an incentive for Greathouse students and about 3,000 other West Texas students his company visits.

"They keep the kids interested in science," he said. "Physics has the fundamentals of all engineering. Everything's basically derived from the same sets of equations."

SUBPOENA: Staffers legal bills incurred bring heartburn

(From 1A)

of that staff knows they're eligible for that kind of questioning, simply by being there."

He said when Clinton spoke at the Pentagon recently about Iraq, there were signs the controversy is troubling him. "He looked distracted and tired, almost like he didn't want to be there," Fitzwater said.

White House officials say most of the staff steers clear of the Lewinsky case.

Most of the work on the investigation and Starr counterattack is concentrated among about a dozen people, officials say. The heavy lifting falls on the counsel's office, the press and communications operation, and people like Emanuel and Paul Begala, who jump at opportunities to criticize Starr.

For most of the White House, the Lewinsky affair is a drama that dominates the headlines but not their daily work.

"Does it trouble them to see some of their colleagues subpoenaed and having to go down to the courtroom? Yes, absolutely," McCurry said. "But it's a human reaction. It's not an institutional reaction. It hangs in the air but whatever the impact, it goes largely unspoken."

When the Lewinsky furor exploded in late January, chief of staff Erskine Bowles made a decision that officials say has proven crucial in keeping the White House on course.

As officials anguished over whether the charges might be true and what the future held, Bowles announced at the senior staff meeting that a handful of people from the communications team and counsel's office would handle the crisis and that everyone else should not be distracted. The president publicly emphasized the order.

Bruce Reed, the domestic policy chief who oversees Clinton's social

programs, said, "It's pretty much business as usual around here. We spend our days doing what we've always done: coming up with ideas, trying to get things passed, putting together executive actions for the president."

But Reed frets that it is more difficult to get attention for his side of the White House.

"It's fair to say that when the networks are devoting most of their coverage to the situation in Iraq, El Nino and the (Lewinsky) investigation, there's not as much time left over for other issues," he said. "But we'd face that same challenge if it were just Iraq and El Nino."

A lot of the heartburn comes from the legal bills staffers incur when they have to testify. White House officials were incensed when communications aide Sidney Blumenthal was subpoenaed to testify about his contacts with reporters.

"The subpoena of Sid Blumenthal is tantamount to a \$10,000

fine," Begala said, referring to Blumenthal's legal expenses. "It comes right out of his family, and this is a fine for speaking his mind."

There also is an emotional toll.

"It's extremely uncomfortable," says McCurry. "I think many people feel extremely uncomfortable about a prosecutor with unlimited power being able to basically do what he feels like without any supervision. I think that makes people very uncomfortable. But regardless of how they feel about that, it doesn't relieve them of their responsibility to do their work."

Officials observe they have weathered trouble many times before in Clinton's presidency.

"We've been going through this so long you get a certain hardening," said presidential counselor Doug Sosnik. "You either toughen up and deal with it, or you leave."

THREAT: U.S. will refrain from first-use against treaty signatories

(From 1A)

sary's decision makers," its report said. "That the U.S. may become irrational and vindictive if its vital interests are attacked should be a part of the national persona we project to all adversaries."

Two years after this document was written, President Clinton approved a directive on U.S. nuclear policy that upheld the "negative security assurance" that the United States will refrain from first-use of nuclear weapons against signatories to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, a list that includes Iraq, Iran, Libya and North Korea.

The policy, however, includes exceptions that presidential adviser Robert Bell said have been "refined" in recent years. They

would allow responding with nuclear weapons to attacks by nuclear-capable states, countries that are not in good standing under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty or states allied with nuclear powers. Iraq, which the United States regards as violating international atomic weapons restrictions, could be one such exception.

Arms control advocates are concerned that signatories to the Non-Proliferation Treaty who possess no nuclear weapons will abandon the pact if they see the existing nuclear powers preserving their nuclear arsenals and finding missions for their weapons — particularly if those missions include scenarios that involve attacks on them.

Bell, President Clinton's senior adviser on nuclear weapons and

arms control matters, disputed that argument in an interview Friday.

"I don't think there's a disconnect in principle between some level of general planning at STRATCOM and the negative security assurance and our goals relative to the Non-Proliferation Treaty," Bell said. Treaty signatories are more worried about their neighbors than the United States, Bell said, and they support the nuclear weapons reductions the treaty imposes on nuclear-armed states.

Of the 1995 Strategic Command document, Bell said, "That sounds like an internal STRATCOM paper which certainly does not rise to the level of national policy."

Navy Lt. Laurel Tingley, spokeswoman for the Omaha, Neb.-based command, said she could not com-

ment on the council's report until it could be reviewed in detail. She restated the command's basic policy guidance that deterrence of attacks involving nuclear, chemical or biological weapons is "the fundamental purpose of U.S. nuclear forces."

Worried that the Clinton administration wanted to end the command's role, an internal memo referred in 1993 to then-Assistant Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, who was in charge of proliferation and arms control issues, as having "negative feelings" toward nuclear weapons. Background information on Carter, the command document said, indicated "a less than favorable long-term outlook for nuclear weapons" and long-term visions of "complete denuclearization."

REAGAN: Morris says tenure was one of steady physical and mental decline

(From 1A)

vate about what he saw first hand in the White House and what he concluded from it.

As one of a number of Reagan observers interviewed for a two-part "American Experience" biography of Reagan aired on PBS last week, Morris shared some insights, including his view that Reagan's tenure was one of steady physical and mental decline.

When the disclosure came along about the sale of arms for hostages to Iran and the unlawful transfer of the proceeds to the anti-communist Contra forces in Nicaragua, Morris said, Reagan was at sea, incapable of coping.

"That was the first time I got the feeling that he was not able to handle anything that came at him again," Morris said in the TV interview. "He wasn't quite up to handling a crisis of that dimension."

And when it became necessary to sacrifice his chief of staff, Don-

ald Reagan, to put the matter behind him, Reagan could not bring himself to tell Reagan. Word leaked, and Reagan left in a huff.

"By that point, the White House 'troika' — Edwin Meese, Michael Deaver and James A. Baker III, the advisers who carried out Reagan's broad philosophical directives — were gone from the White House, Baker to run the Treasury, Meese to run the Justice Department and Deaver out of government."

And that left Reagan virtually abandoned, "an old tired man" and "divorced from reality," the author concluded.

One piece of evidence: Reagan wrote in his diary on a Friday night in 1987 that Nancy Reagan's brother and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Davis, visited the residential quarters after dinner "and things immediately livened up."

In fact, Morris said, although the guests had been on the schedule for a visit, they did not come. But Reagan was so out of touch

that he did not realize that. The following day, Reagan corrected his diary: "Oh, I was mistaken. They didn't come down until lunch time today."

Morris offered the view that Reagan's decline started when Reagan was shot and seriously wounded on March 30, 1981, in the third month of his presidency.

"His thoughts became slower, his speech became slower, he deliberated more, he hesitated more when he spoke," he said. "He lost his quickness. And for the rest of his presidency it was a very, very slow and steady mental and physical decline."

Initially, he said, Reagan was fully engaged with the paperwork that came his way, constantly checking off points and writing comments in the margins. "But as the years proceed you see he is less and less interested," Morris said. "He was saving his faculties, as old men do, for the really important, vital events."

The shooting had another effect, Morris said: It strengthened Rea-

gan's feeling that his destiny was preordained. Reagan concluded "that the life which had been spared was now going to have to be put to the service of the God who had saved him," Morris said. "He became much more devout and evangelical from that moment on."

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Manchild in East Bay: Jerry Brown wants to be Oakland mayor

By Deborah Hastings
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jerry Brown hasn't changed much. Fifteen years after leaving the governor's office, six years since he last ran for president, he's still haughty, still elliptical of speech, still unable or unwilling to show emotion.

But of all his political quests, and the list is long, his newest may be the strangest.

This privileged politico who thinks big thoughts — the late columnist Mike Royko dubbed him "Gov. Moonbeam" — wants to be mayor of blue-collar, down-on-luck Oakland. He's a white man running in the mostly minority city that gave birth to the Black Panthers.

And he stands a good chance of winning.

The latest polls show Brown well ahead of nine minority opponents, including a city council member, an Alameda County supervisor and the local NAACP president. The nonpartisan primary election is June 2.

There is real affection for Brown among blacks, who constitute more than 40 percent of Oakland's 400,000 people. Asians and Hispanics make up 30 percent.

Black voters remember that when he was governor of California, nearly half of his 6,150 appointments went to minorities and women. They remember the Civilian Conservation Corps, which put city kids to work, and Brown's close association with Black Panther leaders.

And they remember his father,



Oakland mayoral candidate Jerry Brown delivers an impromptu campaign pitch to Oakland resident Jay Garrett while waiting for breakfast at the Royal Cafe Sunday, Feb. 15, in Oakland, Calif. To Brown's left are Tiye Buchango, 3, and her mother Diamond Buchango.

Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Sr., a bigger-than-life liberal who ruled California from 1958 to 1966 and died two years ago.

"I voted for his daddy and I voted for him, too," said resident Lenora Dessalle, 54, as she entered Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church on a recent Sunday morning. "I like him. I only know good things about him."

Former Black Panther David Hilliard works on Brown's small campaign staff.

"He can pull this city together,"

Hilliard says.

Oakland's port is thriving, and the city has wealthy neighborhoods and tourist attractions. Brown's campaign office is near Jack London Square in the rejuvenated city center.

But downtown is a blighted stretch of abandoned buildings, haunted by crack dealers and addicts. Nearly every mayoral candidate talks about economic growth and Oakland's unrealized potential.

Hilliard admits that not all

blacks like Brown.

"I think there's a certain part of the population who see him as a white boy who doesn't have a clue as to what is going on. But those people are very myopic anyway," he says.

There are many people, of all colors, who fault Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown Jr. for his arrogance, his dabbling in mysticism, his three failed runs for president, two of them while he was still governor, and his penchant for changing his mind, sometimes at taxpayer expense.

In his second term, the state lost an estimated \$100 million during an infestation of Mediterranean fruit flies while Brown flip-flopped on the issue of aerial pesticide spraying.

"He's a great politician, but I don't think he has what it takes to be mayor of Oakland," said mayoral candidate Ces Butner, former director of the Chamber of Commerce.

"It's difficult to describe the arrogance of his demeanor with common people," said Butner, an 18-year resident. "We're basic folks here. We like straight talk for straight people."

At 59, Brown is still a bachelor, though with less hair and a few more pounds than in the 1970s when he was dating singer Linda Ronstadt. In an interview, he gives little. To questions he doesn't like, which are most of them, he retorts, "What kind of question is that?"

He wants to be mayor because "the city's the place where all the action is." National politics is "pretty trivialized."

On a recent Sunday morning, he walks into an Oakland diner, greets the breakfast crowd and starts pressing the flesh. An eager man tells Brown that he's saved a newspaper article from Brown's 1974 gubernatorial race.

"I wasn't running for governor then," Brown tells the man, who looks confused. 1974 is the year Brown was elected.

Over waffles, Brown rails at politicians. "They're not human after a while. They become an image, and everything is about presenting that image. It corrupts every part of their lives."

Then how is he different?

"That would take more self-reflection than I want to spend in this breakfast meeting," he replies.

The one constant in Brown's life appears to be this: He is looking for something.

He spent four years at a Jesuit seminary, then decided he didn't want to be a priest. He went to the University of California-Berkeley, then to Yale law school.

He wasn't an attorney for long. He entered politics in 1969, as a member of Los Angeles' Community College Board. In 1970, he became secretary of state.

He formed a think tank called "We the People" and took over a 18,000-square-foot warehouse next to Jack London Square and the Amtrak station. He paid \$1.2 million to convert it into a live-in town hall, complete with communal kitchen, broadcast booth, community meetings and classes in yoga and tai chi.

Brown used the booth for a radio

talk show, taking on such topics as midwifery, monasticism and stupidity — specifically the political kind.

Last year, he entered the race and stopped his radio show which was broadcast in 30 cities in 22 states.

His mayoral campaign basically repeats the mission statement of "We the People": save the city, save the planet, save the arts, save the environment.

As in his last presidential bid, Brown refuses individual donations of more than \$100. Money, he says, is the root of all political evil.

He campaigns at churches, at bus stations, and at small gatherings in private homes.

At Parks Chapel AME, on the same Sunday he campaigned in the diner, Brown is speaking at both services.

Worshippers number only 20, but the gospel choir is in full swing, arms upstretched, faces upturned, singing, "we'll understand it better, by and by."

The pastor introduces him. Brown steps to the altar. His eyes focus. A switch has been thrown.

"There's no reason why Oakland can't be the shining city on the hill," he begins.

"Mmm, mmm," says a worshipper.

"Amen," shouts another.

Of all the things Brown does, this is what he does best.

"Say 'Amen!'" he shouts. "Amen!"

Liz Taylor hospitalized after fall on her 66th birthday

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor was in the hospital Sunday, two days after she was slightly injured in a fall at her home just hours before a party to celebrate her 66th birthday.

The Academy Award-winning actress was recovering from Friday's fall at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, her publicist said Sunday.

"I just spoke with her. She's doing fine," said Shirine Ann Coburn. "There's some bruising, nothing serious."

Miss Taylor was expected to be released

within a few days.

"She was kneeling to get something from the nightstand, and when she straightened up, she fell," Coburn said.

Coburn denied a report that Miss Taylor blacked out after the fall.

"She didn't hit her head and she was never unconscious," she said.

Miss Taylor, who turned 66 on Friday, had brain surgery a year ago to remove a benign golfball-sized tumor. She was hospitalized last March 1 — a week after the surgery — because

she suffered a mild seizure, a common occurrence after such an operation, her doctor said at the time.

She had both hips replaced in recent years then had to return for hip-adjustment surgery in October 1995 because one of the operations left her with one leg shorter than the other.

She was hospitalized for an irregular heartbeat in September 1995.

Serious respiratory problems nearly killed her in 1990 and kept her hospitalized for three months.

Body found in trunk of car that caused fire

WALWORTH, Wis. (AP) — A man's body was discovered Sunday in the trunk of a charred car that crashed into a 30,000-gallon liquid propane tank and caused a fire that forced hundreds of people to flee their homes.

A witness told authorities she saw someone take the license plate off the vehicle and run just after Saturday's crash.

The fire was extinguished Sunday afternoon, almost 24 hours after it started, allowing investigators to get to the wreckage of the car wedged beneath one end of the tank.

Sheriff Dean R. McKenzie said it still wasn't known how the car had crashed under the tank. The death is being treated as a homicide, police said.

The behavior of the person who

crashed into the tank, located at a propane gas company, was spotted by a woman who called 911.

"Somebody just plowed in underneath the propane thing out there and you can hear something sizzling and stuff," said the woman, whose name was not made public. "He's fine, but he looked like he was getting his license plate off his car or something."

Hundreds of people were allowed to go back home about 4 a.m. Sunday as firefighters continued to pour streams of water on

the tank while leaking propane continued to burn off.

The fuel had caught fire soon after the initial crash, sending orange and yellow sheets of flame shooting 30 to 40 feet into the air and lighting up the night.

Firefighters used water to cool the metal and prevent an explosion that could have ignited nearby tanks at the Ferrell Gas Co. lot.

Residents in this village of about 1,800 people 50 miles southwest of Milwaukee said they were thankful that other explosions were avoided.

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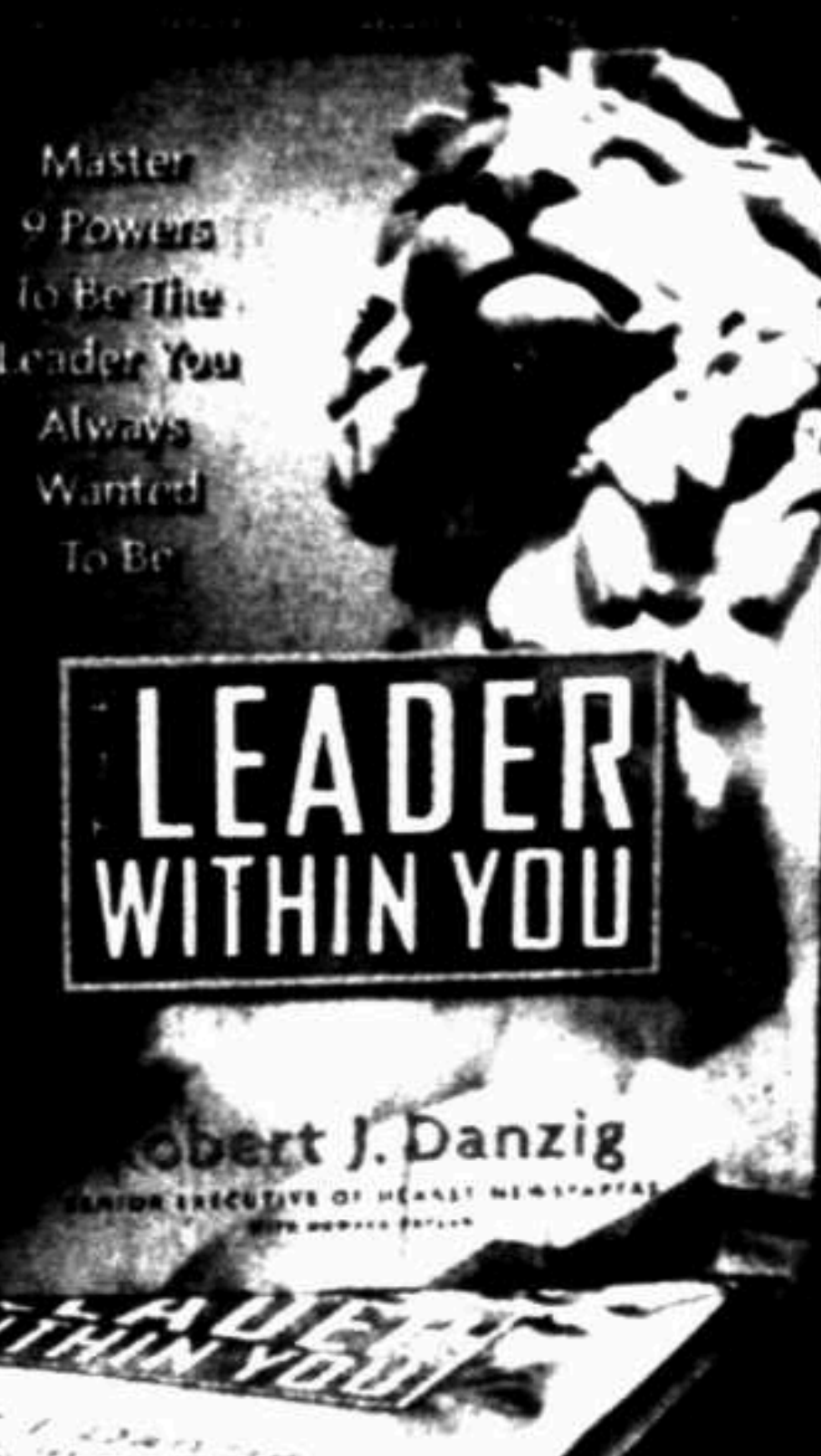
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Keasler, Bledsoe, Meyers best for court

Three seats on the Court of Criminal Appeals are up for election this year and although there are no contested races for the court on the Democratic ballot, three contested races appear on the Republican ballot.

Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1:

Five candidates are seeking this nomination, but our choice is Judge Mike Keasler of Dallas, who was appointed to the 292nd District Court bench by then-Gov. Bill Clements in 1981.

Keasler is a well-respected jurist who gets good reviews from those in the legal community who work with him. He has served on the faculty of the National Judicial College for the past six years.

His credentials indicate that he will be a good addition to the Court of Criminal Appeals and we encourage voters to cast their ballots for Mike Keasler in the race for Place 1.

Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2:

The eight-way race for this nomination virtually ensures a runoff, but we believe the nominee should be Bell County Assistant District Attorney Murf Bledsoe.

Noting that the court has seen lots of splintered decisions lately, Bledsoe said he is a consensus builder and will work to create more majority opinions.

Bledsoe is a solid candidate and we encourage voters to cast their ballots for Murf Bledsoe in the Place 2 contest.

Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3: Incumbent Justice Lawrence "Larry" Meyers has essentially done a good job while on the court and deserves to be returned to the court for another term.

Since Meyers has only one opponent for the GOP nomination and there are no Democrats seeking that party's nomination, a win in the GOP primary means Meyers wins the race.

We encourage voters to cast their ballots for Lawrence "Larry" Meyers for Place 3 on the court.

We encourage voters to support Mike Keasler, Murf Bledsoe and Lawrence "Larry" Meyers in the three contested races on the Republican ballot for seats on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

JACK ANDERSON

Financial industry pushes bankruptcy reform

In the U.S. Congress, sometimes profits come before principles. At least that seems to be the case with an effort now underway to reform the two-decade-old bankruptcy system.

When the Republicans took over Congress in 1994, they did so with a clear, simple message of smaller government, fewer regulations and lower taxes. Ask any Republican member of Congress, and they'll tell you those principles still apply to the party. But look into the fine print of some of their legislative efforts, and you'll find quite the opposite.

Perhaps no issue illustrates this quite as well as bankruptcy reform, where a collection of lawmakers are pushing a bill to make the process more cumbersome and bureaucratic for individuals who need protection from creditors. Under a bill scheduled to move swiftly through the House and Senate, lenders would get a long-desired leg up in their efforts to recover as much loot as possible when people file for bankruptcy.

Republican leaders have made no bones about their desire to shake up the system, which has come under scrutiny in recent years as bankruptcies skyrocketed despite the booming economy. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., listed it among his priorities in his response to the president's State of the Union speech.

More than 1.3 million Americans filed for protection from their creditors last year, and the numbers are climbing. In the meantime, banks and other financial service companies continue to enjoy record profits as the economy booms.



Anderson

But that's apparently not enough. This year the industry — led by credit-card issuers and the financial services industry — have pooled their resources in an all-out effort to tailor the system more to their liking. The same folks who sent out more than 4 billion unsolicited credit card applications last year now want Congress to help them get their money back when people default on their payments.

But their solution, eagerly adopted by more than 150 House members so far, would make it far more difficult for individuals to file for bankruptcy protection and makes it easier for creditors to collect. "Bankruptcies are up, but (this issue) is always something the financial community has grumbled about," explains Jake Lewis, formerly a top congressional staffer who now edits a banking newsletter for Ralph Nader. "There have been bills up there before. But they've never had a push like this."

To boost their prospects, the financial services industry has hired some of the best fixers in the business. Lobbying the Republicans is none other than Haley Barbour, the former chairman of the Republican National Committee. Taking care of Democrats is former Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, who also served as Treasury Secretary and was a vice presidential candidate.

Of course, the industry is also pouring money into the pockets of like-minded lawmakers, people like Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., who took in more than \$300,000 from the financial industry in the last election cycle and is one of the prime movers behind the bill.

Supporters of the bill are couching their arguments in terms of "responsibility," and tout an industry-funded study showing that Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceedings often allow debtors to keep too much of their assets. They aren't trying to put the screws to deadbeats, they claim; they merely want to put an end to "bankruptcies of convenience."

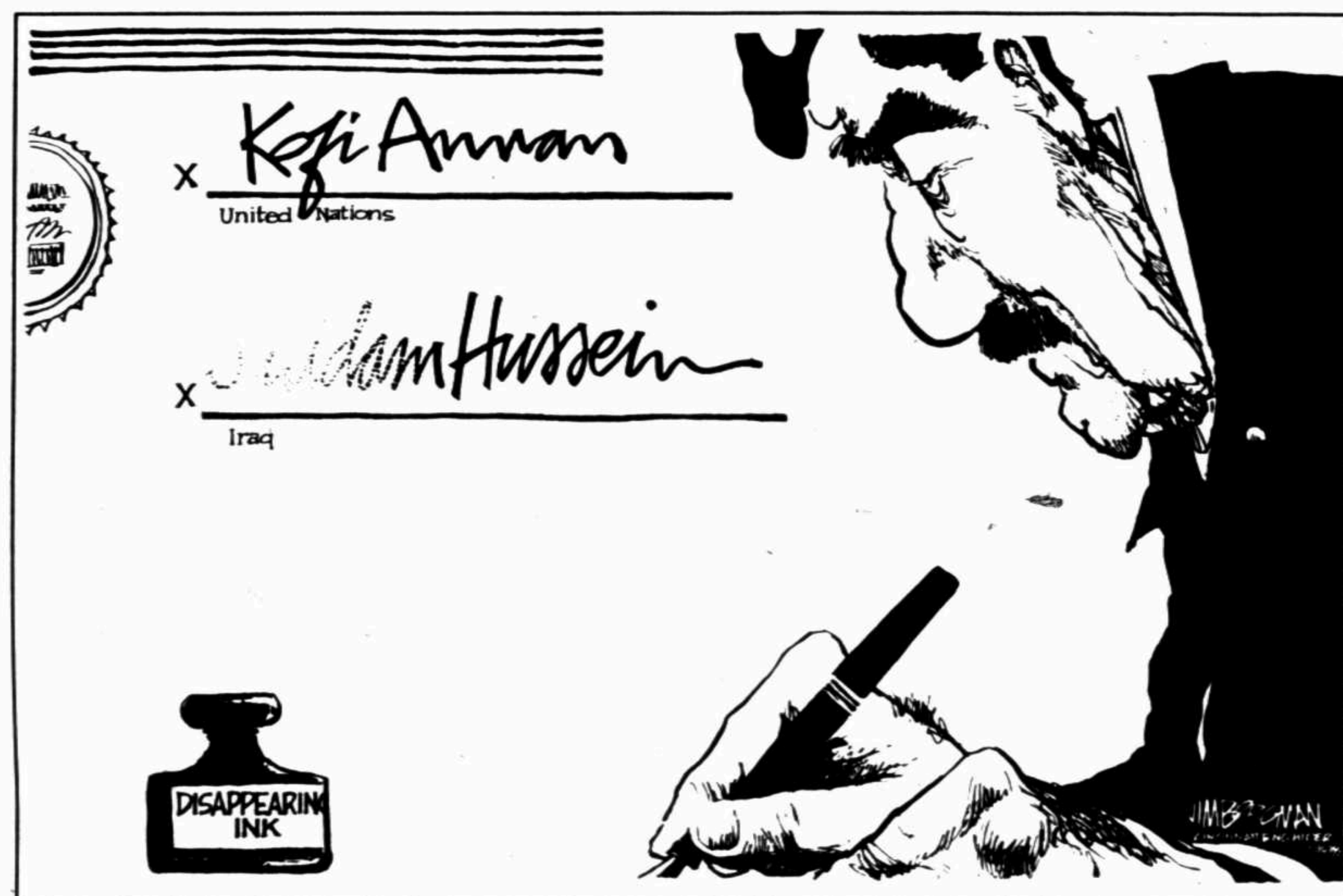
"The industry would like to see a system that serves... those who are truly in need of bankruptcy relief while deterring those who aren't," says Lynn Strang of the American Financial Service Association.

Almost nobody denies that there are problems in the bankruptcy system. What Congress conveniently ignores is that there are also problems with irresponsible creditors that aren't addressed — banks that urge casino gamblers to use their credit cards for cash advances and then want a bailout when the suckers go bankrupt.

As one congressional observer scornfully said of the bill: "(This is a) taxpayer-financed correction racket for people who've been making sub-prime loans at usurious rates. And now they want Congress to come in and make bankruptcy virtually unavailable to people who are in need."

Hearings are slated to begin this week in the House. Here's hoping lawmakers give consumers a seat at the witness table next to the well-heeled creditors whose bidding is being done.

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CHARLEY REESE

Administration is all wrong about Iraq

I hope Americans realize how ridiculous and absurd it is for President Clinton to say that the dictator of a small, impoverished country is a threat to the world.

It is as grotesque as saying that the president of Paraguay, whoever he is, threatens world peace. Iraq, when it was a U.S. ally and at the height of its military power, could not defeat Iran. Yet Clinton says Europe, North America, China, Japan, Russia and Latin America must tremble in fear unless he, the great warrior, saves them all from Saddam Hussein, whose military and economic resources have been devastated.

Those "suspected weapons sites" are civilian facilities such as bakeries, breweries and pharmaceutical and fertilizer labs. True, any of them could be used to manufacture biological weapons. That's also true of any similar facilities in the United States. By the way, the biological agents were supplied to Iraq by the United States.

It is not true that Iraq has used chemical weapons on its own people. It used them against Iran, which was using them against Iraq. The famous video of dead villagers is being dragged out as proof that Saddam used chemical weapons on his own people. A U.S. military study of that incident, however, found that they died of a chemical weapon that the Iraqis didn't even possess.

There has never been a U.S. administration with so many scandals, and there has never been an administration that so consistently and persistently lies to the American people about everything.

Question: Why is Israel able to defy 66 U.N. Security Council resolutions?

Answer: Because the United States prevents the

United Nations from taking any action at all to enforce them. The Arab world knows this, even if most of the American public and pabulum-peddling press don't.

The United States, by maintaining the most vicious economic blockade in history, has directly caused the deaths of a half-million Iraqi civilians, most of them children and the elderly. This is a crime against humanity, and is far more people than Saddam has ever killed when putting down rebellions.

Bombing Iraq would prove disastrous to the United States. It would undermine every Arab government that is friendly to the United States. The Arab man in the street in every country, except Kuwait perhaps, has enormous sympathy for the Iraqi people and is angry about the pain and suffering the United States has unjustly inflicted on them.

To kill even more innocent people with bombing would set off a fire in their hearts that no Arab politician in the region would be able to put out.

It will queer relations with Russia. When the president of Russia devotes nearly one-third of his equivalent of the state of the union speech to preventing a U.S. attack on Iraq, you can be sure the Russians are serious about this situation. They can't stop us, but they can react in ways that would be unpleasant for U.S. interests.

Bombing Iraq would probably kill what's left of the peace process. If you or your children get blown out of the sky by terrorists in the future, you can thank Mr. Clinton and his advisers for that. When the French, Russians and Chinese grab all the business in the Arab world, you can thank the same administration.

Finally, for a man who has expressed his contempt for the American military to put young Americans in harm's way without a strategy, without a clear objective, without even a definition of victory is politically unforgivable.

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LETTERS

Bradford has the qualities to make him a great leader

It is not very often a candidate emerges possessing the qualities necessary to make him a great leader. This candidate's experience would include relevant challenges and successfully acquired leadership skills, which have molded him into a capable and effective leader. This leader would be Mike Bradford, Candidate for County Commissioner Precinct 2, Midland County.

Mike has the real life experiences and leadership qualities needed to fulfill the roles of County Commissioner. As a young man, Mike was involved in his family's transportation business by driving trucks. It was through this experience that Mike developed a strong work ethic at an early age. Mr. Bradford has given back to the community through his time with organizations such as Hearststone Children's Home. This illustrates Mike's dedication to the children in our community since Commissioners are voting for our children's future. In addition to this, Mike's dedication to the recommendations made during his tenure as Foreman of the Special Grand Jury on Juvenile Gangs shows his desire to build a safer and more attractive community for the future. Of all these outstanding traits, the most admirable would be Mike's love and dedication to his family. I believe that anyone that makes his family a top priority will apply the same principals and respect to those around him.

Norma Marker

Randy Prude is best choice for District 4 commissioner

I want to encourage fellow Midlanders to join me in supporting Randy Prude for District 4 County Commissioner. I have known Randy since I was a boy, when he first served as one of my Bible School teachers. As adults, we have worked together in supporting church mission efforts, and most recently, we have joined together in several business deals. He is a man whom I admire and respect, and I am proud to call him my friend.

I know Randy to be extremely intelligent and caring and deeply committed to the responsibilities that he accepts. He is always cost-conscious in his business dealings and expects efficiency in all areas. I believe these qualities will serve the Midland community as Randy strives to lower taxes and to make our county a safer place in which to raise our families.

Cary Brown

Character makes Jobe the one to count on as judge

I would like to support Keith Jobe for County Judge because I know he has character. Character is an essential trait in a person that disciplines the behavior over the emotion. Keith Jobe has a Christian faith to keep him humble, and yet the wisdom of age and experience to make him strong in decision-making, as well as a good and faithful wife to help him.

Keith Jobe's experiences in the Marines, the Sheriff's Department, and Justice of the Peace gave him the educational background to be a very capable County Judge. Midland County can count on him to do what is good and right. I will vote for him again.

John G. Merritt

Volunteers, sponsors made 'Hands to Heart' successful

Midland NHS Second "Hands to Heart" project was a great success, we would like to publicly give thanks to our volunteers, Christmas in April and to Efrén and Pat's Carpet Service who supplied materials as well as labor for the project. Everyone rolled up their sleeves and really worked hard for Mrs. Norma Lewis "Hands to Heart" project and made it an answered prayer.

A special thanks to Mrs. Brenda Wallace for coming up with the title and slogan for our outreach project. "Neighbors coming together are the hands used as instruments to encourage an elderly person's heart with the hope and assistance needed to maintain their home."

To all of these we offer our sincere thanks!

Cynthia Ortiz-Ramirez

Pilot

By Leslie Zganjar
Associated Press

LAFAYETTE, La. — The village of My Lai, a helicopter pilot, scanned the sky. The pilot must be there. What else could it be?

But the "enemy" front that day also wore U.S. uniforms. The pilot still.

The My Lai massacre of the court-martialed stands as one of the American military's most notorious stories.

There is a sliver of the known story. It's the story of convictions, who placed his body by fellow soldiers, who fire on American also a story of looting of this bitter battle. The blame on a nation.

On Friday, the concluding chapter.

By the glossy Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Thompson is to receive the Medal for Bravery. The villagers and soldiers from killing more.

Some insist the to publicly honor. Shortly after My Lai, the Flying.

Lawman

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress agreed Sunday on an agreement on a bill that is unlikely to pass. The bill would only real solution to a problem with Iraq.

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World's first surviving reunited

DES MOINES — With their father and their mother, the world's first surviving reunited family were together after the last released from a.

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Carlisle where so work shifts to care "It's great, find under one roof."

father, Kenny M. ing the bundled-up car seats as the Children's Hospital.

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Pilot who saved villagers in My Lai massacre finally getting medal

By Leslie Zganjar
Associated Press

LAFAYETTE, La. — Flying low over the village of My Lai in South Vietnam, helicopter pilot Hugh Thompson frantically scanned the ground below. The enemy must be there, he thought. Must be. What else could explain what he had just seen?

But the "enemy" Thompson would confront that day almost exactly 30 years ago wore U.S. uniforms. His battle with them haunts him still.

The My Lai massacre, which left some 500 Vietnamese civilians dead and led to the court-martial of Lt. William Calley, stands as one of the darkest moments in American military history.

There is a sliver of light: Thompson's little-known story.

It's the story of a man who obeyed his convictions, who defied superiors, who placed his body between villagers and his fellow soldiers, who ordered his gunner to fire on American troops if necessary. It's also a story of long-withheld recognition of this bitter brand of heroism, which some blame on a nation's shame.

On Friday, the story gets an overdue concluding chapter.

By the glossy granite walls of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, Thompson is to receive the prestigious Soldier's Medal for his action in saving some villagers and stopping American troops from killing more on March 16, 1968.

Some insist the military was reluctant to publicly honor what Thompson did. Shortly after My Lai, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross as his crew mates



AP Photo
Chief Warrant Officer Hugh Thompson speaks with reporters at the Pentagon Dec. 4, 1969, after testifying before a board looking into the original investigation into the My Lai massacre in South Vietnam.

received Bronze stars, but he looks on that cynically.

"It was only to keep me quiet," he says.

My Lai was deceptively quiet that March day.

Thompson, then 24, and his two-man crew were to swoop down over the village and draw fire so helicopters behind them

could destroy the enemy with machine gun and rocket fire.

They never drew fire.

But they spotted a young Vietnamese girl, injured and lying on the road. Thompson marked the spot with a smoke grenade, radioed for help and then hovered nearby.

He and his crew watched in horror as an American Army officer walked up to the girl, flipped her over with his foot — and shot her dead.

They saw the bodies of Vietnamese children, women and old men piled in an irrigation ditch. Thompson landed and implored American soldiers: "Help the wounded."

Instead, troops fired into the bodies.

Thompson wracked his brain for an explanation.

"We wanted to find something that would point the blame to the enemy, but it just didn't work," the gruff, graying Thompson says. "It all added up to something we just didn't want to believe."

He was moved to action when he spotted villagers crowded in a hut — an old woman standing in the doorway, a baby in her arms, a child clutching her leg.

American soldiers were approaching.

"These people were looking at me for help and there was no way I could turn my back on them," Thompson recalls.

He told the officer in charge to help him get the villagers out. The officer replied that the only help the villagers would get was a hand grenade, Thompson says.

So he placed his chopper down in front of the advancing Americans and gave his gunner, Lawrence Colburn, a simple, direct order: "Train your M-60 on the GIs.

If the Americans attempt to harm the villagers, 'You open up on them.'"

Thompson radioed to two gun ships behind him, and together they airlifted a dozen villagers to safety.

He flew back to the irrigation ditch where his other crew mate, Glenn Andreotta, saw something move. Andreotta jumped out and waded through the bodies until he reached a 2-year-old boy, still clinging to his dead mother, but unharmed. He handed him to Colburn.

"You've never seen shock like this," Colburn says of the child, whom he cradled as they flew to a hospital. "Such a blank stare."

The standoff lasted 15 minutes.

"I had a son at home about the same age," he says.

Few Americans ever knew of Thompson's deed until David Egan, a professor emeritus at Clemson University, saw a BBC documentary on My Lai 10 years ago in which Thompson was interviewed.

"I thought this was a guy that did something that was brave, honorable and morally correct," Egan says. "And I was curious. Did he get recognition? I didn't realize he was a forgotten hero."

Egan wrote more than 100 letters to Congress and high-ranking government officials. He pressed others to write. Among those who did: Dean Rusk, secretary of state during the Vietnam years.

"I sincerely hope that some action will be taken by the Army to record the courage of Thompson," Rusk wrote to Egan.

At the Pentagon, Lt. Col. Kevin Clement lobbied the Army brass, holding up the

pilot as a model for officers in training.

Still, no recognition came until Aug. 22, 1996, when the Army told Thompson he'd been approved for the Soldier's Medal, given to those who risk their lives in situations where an opposing army is not involved.

Nothing more came from the Pentagon, Thompson says, until last November, 15 months later. Then, he was faxed a copy of the citation. No medal. No ceremony.

A Pentagon spokesman, Dov Schwartz, acknowledges the delay but blames it on bureaucracy and efforts to ensure that Thompson's crew also was recognized, not on military reluctance to revive the tragedy and shame of My Lai.

"What he did was an incredibly heroic thing," Schwartz says. "He's deserving of his medal and he's going to get his medal."

David Anderson sees it differently.

"The delay is not just a problem of the military, but of American society and official institutions to deal with a shock of this magnitude," says Anderson, a professor at the University of Indianapolis who has written a book on the massacre.

"My Lai is a challenge to American image and ideals."

Today, Thompson counsels veterans in Lafayette. After My Lai, he stayed in uniform 13 years, then flew helicopters in Louisiana for an oil company.

On a return trip to My Lai, he's been told the Vietnamese, too, may give him a medal.

And he'll meet the people he rescued that day, maybe even the little boy, now all grown up.

Lawmakers say ultimate course for peace with Iraq must be to remove Saddam

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress from both parties agreed Sunday the U.N.-brokered agreement on weapons inspections is unlikely to work and the only real solution to the festering problem with Iraq is to drive Saddam Hussein from power.

Several lawmakers said on the Sunday news programs that the Iraqi president should be tried as an international war criminal to show the United States is right to bring about his downfall.

"It is our goal to remove him from power because it's patently obvious to all observers that as long as he's there, we're faced with this enormous challenge," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Inspection regimes are unlikely to work as long as Saddam is in power, said Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., on the same program. "We've got to change the objective in Iraq and say that we're going to try to replace this dictatorship with a democracy."

Sandy Berger, President Clinton's national security adviser, agreed Sunday in a Washington Post opinion piece that the United States should support Iraqi opposition groups. But he cautioned that past efforts to overthrow a government by proxy, at the Bay of Pigs in 1961 or Hungary in 1956,

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—Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

failed. "Before we embrace lofty goals," Berger wrote, "we must be sure this time that we are prepared for the ride."

The deal worked out a week ago between U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Saddam on opening up Iraq's presidential sites to weapons inspectors to avert what appeared to be imminent U.S. military action has been met in Washington with general suspicion and, particularly among Republicans, derision.

Critics contend Saddam will never live up to his word, he has no intention of revealing his chemical and biological weapons programs and the deal, by adding diplomats to the inspectors going into the disputed presidential sites, makes it easier for Saddam to move weapons before inspectors arrive.

"It will add delay, and delay is the worst enemy of an inspector," former U.N. weapons inspector David Kay, an American, told NBC. "Unless you surprise the

Iraqis, you have no hope of finding anything; they literally move things out the back door while you are at the front door."

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said on NBC that Annan made Saddam "look pretty good in the eyes of the rejectionist Arab states."

Iraq's ambassador to the U.N., Nizar Hamdoun, said Iraq would give full access to the inspectors as promised. "We will be sticking to our word," he told CNN's "Late Edition."

And Annan, in an interview published in the Time magazine edition on newsstands Monday, said the Iraqis are fully aware after his trip to Baghdad that if they break the agreement, "The attitude on the Security Council will be quite different, and ... it may be much easier for the U.S. to get a consensus to strike."

He said he bluntly told Saddam that his support around the world is limited. Asked if that surprised Saddam, Annan said, "It's difficult

to know, because he shows no emotion on his face. His eyes moved slightly, perhaps a bit of slight smile, but difficult to read."

In a separate interview, in Newsweek, Annan said: "In some cases we have to deal with people we may even consider evil to save lives."

Chief weapons inspector Richard Butler supported Annan's view of the agreement. On both CNN and ABC's "This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts," Butler said the agreement should keep inspectors firmly in control. "If they keep their promise, our access will actually

be improved," Butler said.

He said 150 inspectors are conducting their usual activities now in Iraq. The new team, including diplomats, that will go into the presidential sites will be there "fairly soon."

Lawmakers said trying Saddam at the war crimes tribunal in The Hague should be one means, along with supporting a democratic opposition, of forcing the Iraqi leader from power.

"If we were to make efforts to topple him," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said on CBS' "Face the Nation," "we would certainly be within our rights in a much broad-

er way since he (would have) been declared a war criminal and perhaps through a trial tried in absentia." Specter introduced a Senate resolution Monday urging such a trial.

But Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., on NBC, also cautioned that any effort to overthrow Saddam should be seen within a climate of rising Islamic extremism and Arab awareness.

"There's not Thomas Jefferson waiting in the wings to take over as the next leader," he said. "Sometimes you have to be careful. You get what you wish for."

World's first set of surviving septuplets reunited at home

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — With their father grinning ear-to-ear and their mother crying, the world's first surviving septuplets were together at home Sunday after the last two babies were released from a hospital.

Natalie and Alexis McCaughey joined their brothers and sisters, who came home in January, in a small three-bedroom house in Carlisle where some 60 volunteers work shifts to care for the babies.

"It's great, finally, everybody under one roof," said the babies' father, Kenny McCaughey, carrying the bundled-up girls in separate car seats as the family left Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines. The four boys and three girls were born Nov. 19, about nine weeks early.

Normally, doctors hope that premature babies will be ready to go home around the date they would have been born if the pregnancy was carried to term.

However, Natalie and Alexis were held in the hospital longer because they didn't eat as aggressively as their brothers and sisters, said Wes Yoder, a spokesman for the family.

Natalie, weighing just 2 pounds, 10 ounces at birth, now weighs 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Alexis, who was 2 pounds, 11 ounces at birth, now weighs 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

McCaughy and his wife, Bobbi, went to the hospital with the rest of the septuplets, Kenneth, Joel, Brandon, Kelsey and Nathan. Older sister Mikayla also went along, as did Mrs. McCaughey's parents, the Rev. Bob and Peg Hepworth. "We brought them here for a small reunion," McCaughey said. "It's part of being a family."

Natalie and Alexis spent 102 days in the hospital and their parents made daily visits to Des Moines, about 10 miles north of Carlisle.

"It'll be weird not to come up every day," Mrs. McCaughey said.

Firstborn Kenneth was the first of the septuplets to leave the hospital on Jan. 3. Brandon and Joel joined him nine days later, and Kelsey was released Jan. 16. Nathan was discharged Jan. 21.

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West Point group, ex-congressional candidate spar over estate

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

JAMAICA BEACH — When police found 68-year-old Absalom T. Webber Jr. dead in his bed at a Galveston Island beachhouse, all signs pointed to suicide. The Texas millionaire and West Point graduate whose fortune was made selling oilfield pipe had six cuts on his right wrist. A double-edge razor blade was lying on his abdomen. Then things really got strange. Four days after the body was found Dec. 5, Donna Peterson, 37, a frequent but unsuccessful Republican congressional candidate in East Texas, filed a petition claiming she was owed \$4 million from Webber's estate because she was his wife, despite his writing her out of his will five weeks before. A will filed in Jefferson Parish, La., names her as the beneficiary of \$4 million upon Webber's death. The will was filed two days before the couple married quietly on Aug. 29 at the New Orleans home of Webber's attorney, Herbert W. Christenberry, named as executor of the estate. The marriage was his third, her first. Forty-four days after the wedding, the

millionaire filed for divorce. And about two weeks later, on Oct. 28, Webber amended his will to cut her out. "He was disgruntled, certainly," Christenberry, Webber's attorney and friend for 40 years, said Friday. "He said he had had enough and he didn't believe she loved him and the marriage was a sham and he wanted out." But according to Ms. Peterson's filing in Orange County, she has a document signed by Webber on Oct. 22 that gives her the money in the event of his death, plus another \$1 million for any child she has, adopted or by birth. Oh, and by the way, I'm pregnant, Ms. Peterson told Christenberry. "I've suggested to her if we had DNA showing it was his child, we'd certainly want to help her, and help the child," Christenberry said. "I've asked to have a doctor make information available but she hasn't responded." As for the document Ms. Peterson says she and Webber signed, the lawyer said it was witnessed only by her father, Richard Peterson. It was not notarized. "All we've seen is a photocopy," Christenberry said. "I told her I could not honor it without a court order, and that I had

grave misgivings about it. One thing: We would have to get a handwriting expert to look at the document." Neither she nor her attorney, Steve Carlton of Orange, returned telephone calls seeking comment. The case began unfolding when Ms. Peterson called a neighbor Dec. 5 to check on Webber after she said she had been unable to reach him by phone. The neighbor called police, who found the man dead in the house, one of dozens of similar homes on stilts in a subdivision bordering a canal just off the Gulf of Mexico. Dr. Jessie Adame, the deputy medical examiner who conducted Webber's autopsy, said the man had been dead 24 to 36 hours. On Dec. 12 — what would have been Webber's 69th birthday — Adame ruled he could not determine whether Webber's death was suicide, accident or homicide. What was apparent, the physician ruled, was that death was due to a heart attack but the circumstances were uncertain. Now the battle over his estimated \$10 million estate is tied up in court. Although Jamaica Beach Police Chief Bill Ennis says he considers the case closed, police still were inspecting the razor blade for fin-

gerprints. "Everything I saw, everything the investigators saw, pointed to (suicide)," Ennis said last week. "My opinion has not changed one iota." "This deal, if there wasn't this much money involved, it wouldn't be a story," he added. Webber's will calls for bequests to a number of universities and military schools. It also establishes a trust fund for his 34-year-old son, Michael Q. Webber. But a big loser if Ms. Peterson and her child collect from the estate could be an organization tied to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After the bequests are distributed, the organization is due to receive five-sixths of the remainder, according to Webber's will. Seldon Graham, the attorney who represents the Association of West Point Graduates, the alumni group named in the will, said he wants to question Ms. Peterson, but her attorneys have refused. He also wants to examine her original version of the will. "If she has nothing to hide, it would benefit Ms. Peterson to have a deposition as soon as possible," Graham said. "Apparently they do have something to hide and

that's the purpose of a deposition to begin with — to find out what's going on." "There is no way Ab Webber would even think about suicide." Because Ms. Peterson has filed documents in Orange County and his attorneys want the case in Galveston County Probate Court, about 100 miles to the west, a hearing was scheduled Monday in Galveston to determine where the case will be heard. Christenberry also is seeking the return of a number of personal items he says Ms. Peterson continues to hold, including a Rolex watch, credit cards, his 1951 West Point class ring and about \$4,000 in cash. Ms. Peterson, a former helicopter pilot and chief of protocol at Fort Hood, left active duty and entered the reserves as a captain in 1987. While working for her family's plumbing business, she ran four times for the U.S. House seat formerly held by longtime incumbent Democrat Charlie Wilson. She lost to Wilson in 1990, 1992 and 1994. In 1996, she lost in the GOP primary.

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Talk show host Oprah Winfrey says her life was transformed by six-week stay in Texas Panhandle

AMARILLO (AP) — Oprah Winfrey says her life was transformed by her six-week stay in Amarillo, a place she wasn't sure she wanted to come after hearing about the unkink bumper stickers being printed about her. Cattlemen in the Texas Panhandle were suing her for remarks on her show unfavorable to their industry. How could she get a fair trial in a city where some people were wearing buttons with a red slash over her face? Before coming to Amarillo for the trial, she told the Amarillo Globe-News for a story in Sunday's edition, she sent a security team to the city to make sure she would be safe from a lunatic's bullet and her dogs would be safe from being poisoned.

Instead, she found fans everywhere, cheering her as she came to and from her daily appearances in court and clamoring for tickets to her shows taped in Amarillo throughout the 41-day trial. On Thursday, the jurors vindicated her. "I am grateful for the kindness of strangers. I'll miss Amarillo. I'll miss the sunsets and the sunrises. I've been fortunate to see some of the most beautiful sunrises I've ever seen in my life here," she told the newspaper. "And also to experience people in a way with a depth and a sense of community that I've never felt before. I live in a building in Chicago where I don't even know my neighbors. I've never had this

sense of community and extension of spirit the way I've felt it here." Only in Amarillo, Ms. Winfrey said, have audience members invited her to dinner at their homes. "It's been a blessing to have been here." Her television production team was paralyzed, she said, upon learning they would be uprooting

their lives and moving for awhile from Chicago to some little city (population 170,000) somewhere in Texas. "When I told them, (the production team), they were looking at me literally like stunned deer. But I have the best team in TV, and they started to work and began brainstorming. They all rose to the occasion, but they rose slowly."

Ms. Winfrey said. The experience has taught her not to judge, she said, and she has

more compassion and empathy for others in crisis than she had before the trial.

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HUMOR ON THE SIDE

From Henny, with love

Getting on a plane, I told the ticket lady, "Send one of my bags to New York, send one to Los Angeles, and send one to Miami." She said, "We can't do that! I told her, 'You did it last week!'"

The food on the plane was fit for a king. "Here, King!"

A doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so he gave him another six months.

The doctor says "You'll live to be 60!" "I AM 60!" "See, what did I tell you?"

The patient says "Doctor, it hurts when I do this." "Then don't do that!"

"Doctor, my leg hurts. What can I do?" The doctor says "Limp!"

A man goes to a psychiatrist. "Nobody listens to me!" The doctor says, "Next!"

A man goes to a psychiatrist. The doctor says "You're crazy." The man says "I want a second opinion!" "Okay, you're ugly too!"

A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says "You've been brought here for drinking." The drunk says "Okay, let's get started."

Another drunk goes up to a parking meter, puts in a quarter, the dial goes to 60. The drunk says "Huh. I lost 100 pounds!"

A bum asked me "Give me \$10 till payday." I asked "When's payday?" He said "I don't know, you're the one who is working!"

Another bum asked me "Can I have \$300 for a cup of coffee?" I told him "Coffee's a quarter!" The bum said "Yeah, but I want to drink it in Brazil!"

I was walking down the street, and I found a man's hand in my pocket. I asked "What do you want?" "A match." "Why didn't you ask me?" "I don't talk to strangers."

I played a great horse yesterday! It took seven horses to beat him.

My horse's jockey was hitting the horse. The horse turns around and says "Why are you hitting me, there is nobody behind us!"

The hotel I'm in has a lovely closet. A nail.

There was a girl knocking on my hotel room door all night! Finally, I let her out.

I have a lovely room-and bath in the hotel. It's a little inconvenient, they're in two separate buildings!

This is an elegant hotel! Room service has an unlisted number.

A Jewish man pulls up to the curb and asks the policeman "Can I park here?" "No" says the cop. "What about all these other cars?" "They didn't ask!"

Why do Jewish men die before their wives? They want to.

A woman was taking a shower. There is a knock on the door. "Who is it?" "Blind man!" The woman opens the door. "Where do you want these blinds, lady?"

In high school football, the coach kept me on the bench all year. On the last game of the season, the crowd was yelling, "We want Youngman! We want Youngman!" The coach says, "Youngman — go see what they want!"

A little Jewish Grandma is at the Florida coast with her little Jewish grandson. The grandson is playing on the beach when a big wave comes and washes the kid out to sea. The lifeguards swim out, bring him back to shore, the paramedics work on him for a long time, pumping the water out, reviving him. They turn to the Jewish Grandma, and say "We saved your grandson." The little Jewish Grandma says "He had a hat!"

I wish my brother would learn a trade, so I would know what kind of work he's out of.

I've been married for 49 years. Where have I failed?

I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife every finds out, she'll kill me!

I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.

I asked my wife, "Where do you want to go for our anniversary?" She said, "Somewhere I have never been!" I told her, "How about the kitchen?"

My wife told me the car wasn't running well, there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was, and she told me it was in the lake.

(All jokes, Henny Youngman, 1907-1998)

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MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Seniors stay in shape with synchronized swimming

By Jim Gintonio
Associated Press

SUN CITY, Ariz. — Walking around the pool with a microphone in her hand, shouting instructions, Nancy Elliott could have passed for a drill instructor schooling eager recruits. She barked, and they moved.

But they were moving to Broadway show tunes, and all eight of them, 64 to 75 years of age, were moving underwater.

Members of the Sun City Aqua Suns synchronized swimming team were working hard in anticipation of the Arizona Senior Olympics, which runs through March 8 at venues around the Valley.

"You know," Shirley Muise said, "we're not bad for a bunch of old broads."

It's a kick, to be sure. With songs like "Lover," "Hello, Dolly!" and "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" providing the background, the team moves in unison above water, floating and kicking. Then it's time to go underwater for about 10 seconds. It can be a flip, a somersault or a dive with their legs straight up in the air.

The workout is strenuous, and it's the job of Elliott, 70, a former member of the team, to keep her troops — including one male swimmer — in top shape for both the

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Members of the Sun City Aqua Suns synchronized swimming team rehearse their routine for the Arizona Senior Olympics on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1998, at Lakeview Pool in Sun City, Ariz. The group has more than 50 members, all women, except for one man. The Arizona Senior Olympics is scheduled for Saturday.

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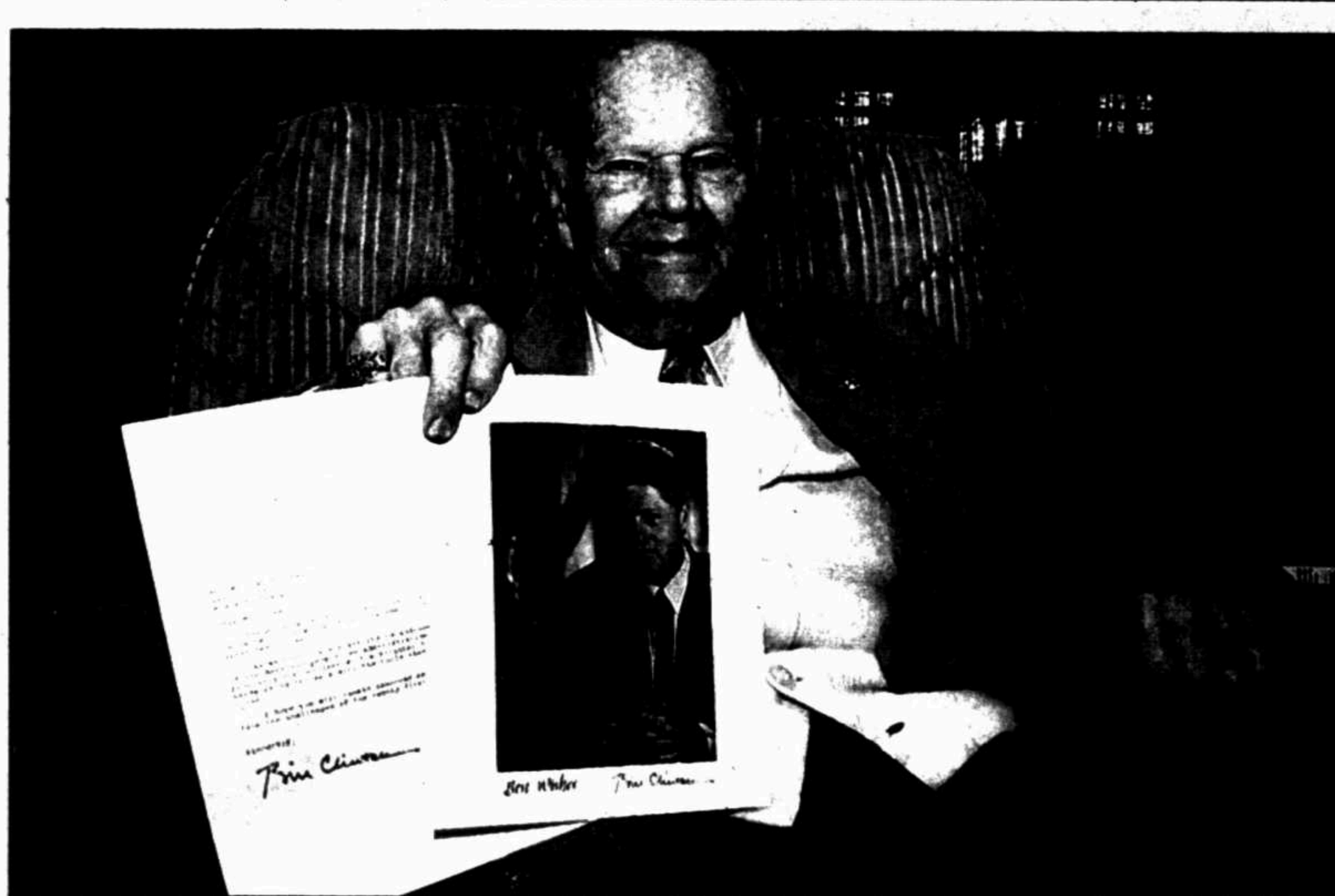


Photo by Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram
William Greene holds a letter and photo he recently received from President Bill Clinton. Greene is originally from Hope, Ark., and knew Clinton when the president was a boy.

Hope springs eternal for Midlander

By Amy Brasher
Staff writer

One Midlander, although partial to President Clinton, said he will continue to "stand by my man."

William Greene, originally born and raised in Hope, Ark., a population consisting approximately of 20,000 at the time, came in contact with one particular young boy and family that he will never forget.

Greene, an 81-year-old insurance agent, moved to Midland in the late 1940s and never knew that several years later, that young boy who was also born and raised in Hope, Ark., would become President of the United States.

Greene said he remembers

seeing Clinton when he was very young with his family, "but to my knowledge, he wasn't chasing women at that time."

"When I knew Bill Clinton, he wasn't old enough to be on social security."

Greene said he never thought anything about seeing young Clinton because he didn't know he was going to be President. "If I had the foresight he was going to be President, I would have paid more attention to him," he said.

About four or five years ago, Greene received a surprising and unexpected call from the President.

"Clinton called me at home and said he was checking on former Hope residents. I visited with him about the town

where we both grew up," Greene said.

"He said he called just to see what those people from Hope were doing and how they were doing."

Since the phone call, Clinton has sent Greene a letter of acknowledgement every year.

"I don't know whether we are going steady or not," he said.

However, when Greene received the first letter from Clinton he said "it didn't knock me off my feet."

"I turned it inside and out and said, 'Hell, he didn't even ask me for any money.'"

After the recent State of the Union Address, Greene wrote Clinton a letter of encourage-

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Hospital patients find comfort in visits by clergy

By David Briggs
AP Religion Writer

When a cleric visits a parishioner in the hospital, the spiritual outcome is nearly always favorable.

In a study at a Midwestern hospital, patients gave pastoral visitors high marks for comforting them and helping them realize God cares for them. Out of 21 areas of pastoral care surveyed, patients did not find any faults with church visitors.

There was only one problem: Relatively few patients told anyone at their local church or synagogue that they were in the hospital.

In a random sample of 500 patients, only 326 could identify a religious caregiver. Of that number, just 194 made the pastoral worker aware they were hospitalized, according to the study published in the recent issue of The Journal of Pastoral Care.

Many ministers and priests have stories to tell about the church

member who doesn't inform them about an upcoming operation and later complains that they didn't visit.

"What is kind of surprising is the extent of that. It is not an infrequent phenomenon," said study author Larry Vandecreek, assistant director of the Department of Pastoral Care at The Ohio State University Medical Center.

Churches place a high priority on

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JIMMY PATTERSON

'Don't worry, it's just a phase he's going through'

Next to "Just wait til she's a teenager," maybe the phrase uttered most often regarding kids that those knowledgeable

bestow upon those not, is "Oh don't worry, it's just a phase he's going through."

Just a phase. If I wanted a kid who went through phases, we would've named him Moon Boy.

Even my ear drums cover their ears during one of The Boy's episodes. He can scream louder than Paul McCartney at the end of "Hey Jude."

The Phase ain't a pretty place 'o be. It's not fun to watch, live through or otherwise participate in.

And all of you who have successfully raised children, you've learned by now that one thing is certain: Phases are not a unique, one time occurrence. They come and go throughout life — at least for as long as the child is taking up space under your roof.

Phases, or stages as some people call them, usually start around the age of 2. So prolific is that first

stage, they actually call the whole year "The Terrible Twos." It's a year-long phase, and you know if they took the time to tag a name on it, it must be a real doozy. Not to mention a real long doozy. But just because a kid turns 3 doesn't mean he's through with his quirky behavior patterns.

Take my Boy. Please. (Thank you, Henny.)

For three years now, we've been under the impression Mrs. P gave birth to only one male child. But as it turns out, we have two in our house: The Mean Boy and The Nice Boy. They are two distinctly different kids. The Nice Boy is allowed in the house. The Mean Boy is not. The Mean Boy is told regularly that if The Nice Boy doesn't get his rear in gear (or as our parents warned us, "You better straighten up and fly right"), he can just sleep in the garage. (And don't worry, we've never actually made The Boy sleep in the garage with the cans of house paint, the lawn mower and the weed whacker. It's just one of those convenient idle threats parents can legally put to use as long as they are the makers of the rules.)

When the next phase will begin, I don't know. But I welcome it. Most anything's better than the one we're in now. One minute, it's The Nice Boy building

a skyscraper with his Legos and sharing his Fritos with his sisters. A split second later, he's Linda Blair with a baseball cap. We've yet to determine what brings these episodes on but I have a sneaking suspicion sugar may have a little something to do with it. It's almost like he's got hormones, and trust me I don't need any more of those critters flying around my house. I'm afraid I have a lifetime subscription to Hormone Illustrated that I can't cancel.

I imagine about the only thing worse than the current phase The Boy is in would be the Whiney Phase. But that won't fly in our house either. I'd rather have Hormone Boy bouncing off the wall than a whiner any day.

Speaking of phases and other stuff, the countdown to teenage living in our house is now officially on. It is at 325 days, which really, really frightens me. That's barely enough time to actually devise a plan to somehow avoid the first of three spans of teenage years.

Mrs. P and I have decided that somehow, some way, we are going to petition God, and ask for permission to skip right from 12 to 21. I think all five of us will be better for it if we can avoid 13-through-20.

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Patterson

DAVE BARRY

I want a cave man! Unless he'll pick me up!

NAGANO, JAPAN — I got picked up in a bar.

No, not THAT kind of picked up. I mean I got actually, physically picked up, into the air. By a Latvian politician. This was after I saw a guy bend spoons by magic, but before I sang with two guys who won medals in the luge.

The common element linking these events, as you have no doubt already gathered, was karaoke.

"Karaoke" comes from the Japanese words "kara," meaning "people," and "oke," meaning "who could not carry a tune in a bucket." Karaoke was invented in Japan, and it remains very popular here. The three basic elements are:

1. A microphone.



Barry

2. Beer.

3. A whole lot more beer.

A group of us professional journalists found these elements at a place called "Police 90," which has become the Official Karaoke Bar For Westerners Looking For A Karaoke Bar of the Winter Olympic Games. The way you get there is, you ride around in a taxi until the driver gives up, and then you get out and listen for the muted but unmistakable sound of Westerners passing out face-forward on the sidewalk, and you walk toward that sound.

We sat at a table and started looking through the book of karaoke songs, which were listed in both Japanese and some language that was not exactly English. For example, the band "Los Lobos" was listed, I swear, as "Ros Rovos."

While we were selecting some songs, the owner of Police 90, Yoshio Matsuzaki, came over and entertained us with amazing feats of magic. He'd pick up a spoon, and make us feel it, to see how sturdy it was.

Then he'd hold the spoon loosely in his hand for a second and — Presto! — it was bent like a pretzel. Then he'd hand the spoon back, and we'd try to straighten it, and we couldn't, and then he'd take it back and — Presto! — it was straight again! Spoon healing!

He also, without touching it, caused a wristwatch to stop and then start again, and he made a pack of cigarettes scoot toward him on the table.

"The Force!" he said. "Duke Skywalker!"

As the magic act was going on, a lean, intense-looking man came over to watch, then started talking to Matsuzaki. The next thing we knew, Matsuzaki was doing something to the man's back, and the man was saying "Warm ... warm ... WARM! WARM! WARM!" We were concerned that the man was going to become bent, or burst into flames, but he seemed to be pleased.

Afterward I asked him what was going on. He pointed at Matsuzaki and said, "He is strong! He is giving me energy!"

His said his name is Peteris Strubergs, and that he's the secretary of the board of an important political party in Latvia, which is a nation. He also said that he's 53, and that he used to be a boxer.

"I am strong!" he said, and, as I was writing that in my notebook, he picked me up off the floor. This is something that never happens to me when I am interviewing American politicians such as Lamar Alexander.

After he set me down, we shook hands and he said, "I am having a big pleasure to have meeting you," and invited me to look him up if I am ever in Latvia, which I will surely do, although I will keep my distance.

Shortly thereafter, we were joined by two American athletes, Gordy Sheer and Brian Martin, who won medals in the two-man luge event. We congratulated them, and Sheer let us admire his silver medal, which I would describe as "round." Then, to celebrate, we all patriotically sang the closest song they had to "The Star-Spangled Banner,"

which was "The Red River Valley."

A bit later, columnist Mitch Albom and I performed what I would describe, in all modesty, as a brilliant rendition of a song that truly epitomizes the Olympic ideal: "Johnny Get Angry." There was hardly a dry set of underpants in the house when we belted out the chorus: "Johnny get angry, Johnny get mad! Give me the biggest lecture I ever had! I want a BRAVE man! I want a CAVE man!" etc.

After that for some reason they took the microphone away from us, and it fell into the hands of members of what I believe was the Austrian bobsled team, who were clearly not going to give it up until they had consumed all the beer in Japan. So we left. But it was an Olympic experience that I will not forget. At least not until this headache goes away.

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GREENE: Man lives with positive outlook in spite of cancer

(From 1B)

ment, supporting him for "taking care of business."

Clinton responded back by sending a signed photo of himself along with an official White House stamped letter, personally thanking Greene for sharing his thoughts, support and words of encouragement.

"Some people like him and some don't. I personally think he has done a lot of good for our country, and not because I grew up with him or because I know him."

The recent allegations that Clinton is facing doesn't change his opinion of the President.

"You can't please everyone. If you waited to vote for the per-

"If you waited to vote for the perfect man, you would never vote."

— Midlander William Greene, who knew the president when Clinton was a boy.

fect man, then you would never vote," he said.

"I am proud of the things he is doing, but I think most men and women who are Republicans, all respect to them, accuse him."

Greene said that Clinton is diplomatic enough that he goes on "like water off a duck's back."

"Everyone thought sugar

wouldn't melt in Kennedy's mouth but they make Bill Clinton look like an angel," he added.

Although Greene has a connection with the President that not everyone has, he said he has never been to Washington to personally visit with him.

"The only time I have been to Washington was when I was in the service. I had to deliver a patient to his parents who lived there but I have never been back."

Greene, who is undergoing cancer treatments and keeps a positive outlook on life, said he now has a reason to travel back to Washington.

"If I could hit the lotto, I might go up and see him someday."

We know where the police won't be eating

EBENSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A police officer had accused a cook of making his stomach do backflips by loading up his order with red peppers and laxatives. A judge says the hot meal is no big deal.

Judge Timothy Creany on Tuesday dismissed a charge of official retaliation against Lisa Pierchowski, a 43-year-old cook at Tirabassi's Central Tavern in west-central

Pennsylvania. Creany said the alleged offense was "diminutive."

"It has become a major divisive issue for Ebensburg, and everyone is glad that it's over," prosecutor Gary Costlow said.

Pierchowski received two \$3 parking tickets, including one written by Officer Robert Sapp, on June 26. Sapp ate the sausage parmesan at Tirabassi's later

that day and suffered stomach cramps and other problems for five days.

Pierchowski insisted she did nothing unusual to Sapp's order.

The case appears to have thinned the lunch crowd a little at Tirabassi's and defense lawyer Kevin Persio offers this reason: "I don't think the police are eating there."

PATIENTS: Visits bring 'high level of satisfaction'

(From 1B)

caring for those suffering. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says those who would not visit the sick "will go away into eternal punishment."

However, clergy have come in for some criticism recently for not being supportive enough to critically ill individuals.

According to a 1997 poll conducted by The George H. Gallup International Institute, nearly nine in 10 people get comfort in the belief that they will be in the loving presence of God or a higher power after death.

Yet, barely more than one-third of the respondents said the clergy could be comforting to them in many ways when they were dying.

"The survey is a wake-up call for the clergy," said George H. Gallup Jr. "Not many see the clergy providing broad spiritual support in their own dying days."

In their study, Vandecreek and Stephanie Gibson of The Ohio State University School of Medicine interviewed a random

sample of 500 patients at the Ohio State Medical Center from June to August 1996.

What they found to be a "significant impediment" to local clergy meeting the spiritual needs of patients was not the quality of pastoral care, but the fact that less than 40 percent notified someone from a local church that they were in the hospital.

Of the 196 patients who did let their religious caregivers know they were in the hospital, 57 percent reported being visited since their admission an average of 3.5 days earlier. An additional 22 percent said they expected a visit.

When clergy or lay visitors did come, the patients reported high levels of satisfaction. Nearly all the patients said the pastoral worker's prayers were a comfort to them, and they also were extremely satisfied with their clergy's ability to help them realize God cared for them and to use their faith to cope with their feelings.

After talking with the parish visitors, the patients said they

felt better about their problems.

Researchers said there are a number of reasons patients don't tell their pastors when they enter a hospital, ranging from a desire to keep a secret to the lack of a strong connection to a local congregation.

Those patients who tended to inform their religious caregivers were regular churchgoers and those hospitalized for cancer.

In an era of managed care, when people both enter and leave the hospital in sicker conditions and the process is sometimes compared to "a body shop," the value of personal pastoral care is particularly high, says Vandecreek, who also is the editor of a separate publication, the Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy.

So it is frustrating to clergy, he says, when a church member quietly checks in and out of the hospital, and "then the parishioner criticizes them for not visiting ... like clergy should be able to read minds."



Pancake race

First-grader Olivia Keller, left, flips her pancake in the air and concentrates on catching it during the start of a pancake race at Brougham Elementary School Tuesday, Feb. 24, in Olathe, Kan. The first-grade classes joined in the celebration of a 49-year-old tradition between Liberal, Kan. and Olney, England.

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Eamon the Eagle

Eamon Gallagher rollerblades with metal rods as he jumps over the crack in the sidewalk near 18th & Cincinnati Ave., Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Tulsa, Okla. Gallagher got the idea to use metal rods to help him jump higher after he watched the Olympic men's downhill skiing on television.

SENIOR: Man joined team three years ago

(From 1B)

Senior Olympics and numerous exhibitions they put on during the year. And she doesn't go easy on them.

"She is a drill sergeant," said Muise, 67.

Elliott smiled that DI smile: "They always ask me if I want to take a vacation."

With more than 50 club members, including some in their upper 80s, it's easy to see that the Sun City contingent takes its synchronized swimming seriously.

"We work hard," Muise said. "We wouldn't be out here in the middle of winter if we didn't love it. Rain or shine, we're here."

And it's so easy just to float. "Wait a minute," Muise said. "You think it's easy? Do you want to get in the water and do this? We have muscles that don't quit."

The team works out four days a week for two hours at a time, and many of them practice on their own as well, doing the flips, lifts and gyrations that could help them earn gold medals.

Whenever they're practicing or competing, onlookers are surprised to see the one who sets

"It's really a sport. It's a very enjoyable thing to do."

— 68-year-old Mary McBain, synchronized senior swimmer

this team apart: a male, F.W. Wood, who will be 68 next month, joined the team three years ago as a way to stay in shape.

"It looked like hard work, and I wanted to see if I could do it," he said. "It's quite challenging. I needed a serious hobby, and it's hard to keep up with the ladies. When I joined, they accepted me with one proviso, that I do everything they do."

His buddies don't rib him about his hobby, he said.

"I think they're jealous," he said. "Not everyone gets to be with 53 ladies."

The only problem comes when it gets down to swimsuits, Muise said.

"We order our suits, but his wife has to make his to match," she said. "But he is outNUMBERED, and we tease him about that."

The group is assured of win-

ning at least one title in the Senior Olympics because it has the only full team entered. Two other clubs, one from Sun City West and one from Green Valley, will test their water skills against the Sun City team in other events scheduled Sunday at Cactus Pool in Scottsdale.

Another member of the team, Mary McBain, is one of the most accomplished seniors in the nation. She has won a bronze medal in the Masters Nationals in solos, and she will compete in another major meet in Oregon in October.

"It's really a sport," said McBain, 68, who spends over and beyond the required hours in the pool. "It's a very enjoyable thing to do."

Her husband, John, who videotapes practices and meets, said he's happy that she's involved.

"But I have to come over here to see her," he said. "She has really improved a lot. Four years ago, I had to tip her over in the water, because she could only swim, not do this."

While Broadway show tunes will be blaring over the pool Sunday when the team plunges into the water, that may change, Elliott said.

"We might want to get into hard rock someday," she said.

POLICE RE

Standoff

A Midland agency committed off with police morning.

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By Abigail Van

DEAR ABBY
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HEALTH BRIEFING

Drug 'cost-efficient'

Proscar, a drug widely used to control symptoms of benign prostate enlargement in older men, can be quite effective and begins to work within four months, according to a four-year study of more than 3,000 men recently published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

In men with very severe prostate symptoms, Proscar reduced the rate of acute urinary retention by 57 percent and the need for surgery by 55 percent compared to men treated with a dummy drug, said researchers from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and elsewhere. Their study, which was funded by Merck & Co., maker of Proscar, confirms the results of other research.

But that does not mean all men with enlarged prostates should take the drug, which can cause loss of libido, cautioned Dr. John H. Wasson, a Dartmouth Medical School internist and author of an accompanying editorial.

For one thing, said Wasson, symptoms of benign prostate enlargement don't always get worse and hence may not need to be treated at all. For another, it is not clear that Proscar improves quality of life more than surgery (transurethral prostatectomy) or other drugs such as Hytrin do. And then there is the high cost of Proscar, about \$700 a year. Wasson estimates that overall, for every dollar spent on Proscar, the health care system saves about 20 cents on surgeries that are avoided. In men with less serious prostate enlargement, the savings would probably be even less.

The bottom line, he noted in a telephone interview, is that of every 100 men with benign prostate enlargement followed for four years, 13 would have an episode of urinary blockage or need surgery. If all 100 took Proscar, this would drop to seven.

Wash lettuce

So you've taken to buying mesclun greens, not just because they're pretty and taste good but because you figure you can safely toss them in the salad bowl without washing them.

Well, it is still a good idea to eat those greens, says the latest Health & Nutrition Letter from Tufts University. But if you buy bulk greens that you bag yourself — with tongs that are tossed back into the bin or with your hands — you definitely need to wash them first. Even if the box they come from is labeled "washed," they've now been exposed to the wide world of germs.

Rinsing lettuce several times under running water should get rid of bacteria, even the harmful kind of E. coli. (Shocking lettuce around in a bowl of water isn't good enough, because the force of the running water helps dislodge bacteria.)

The only stuff you probably don't need to wash is the kind that comes in prepackaged, sealed bags that say "washed" or "ready to eat," say the Tufts folks. And don't assume lettuce has been washed just because the bag is sealed. Sometimes the bags say "fresh" or "organic," but that doesn't necessarily mean "washed," says Tufts dietitian Christine Perry.

Rare cells may help

Cells taken from a rare human cancer may help restore brain function after a stroke, say researchers from the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center and the University of South Florida College of Medicine in the latest issue of Experimental Neurology.

The team took cells from a 19-year-old man with a rare cancer characterized by the presence of immature, "progenitor" cells. These are cells that have not yet "decided" what kind of cells — neurons or muscle cells, for instance — to become.

The cells were then treated in the lab to nudge them into becoming nerve cells. Once differentiated this way, they no longer divide and are no longer cancerous, says Virginia Lee, a Pennsylvania neurobiologist who was an author of the study.

When these cells were injected into the brains of rats that had artificially induced strokes, the rats were able to function normally, she says. This kind of transplant, patented by the Penn medical center, will be tested in human stroke patients within a year and might someday replace fetal cell transplants for people with other brain disorders such as Parkinson's disease.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram News Services and "Med Notes" by Judy Foreman.

Cancer care brought closer to home

By Traci Carl

GARDEN CITY, Kan. (AP) — When Marcy Howard's father needed additional treatment for colon cancer, it looked like the closest medical help might be halfway across the state in Enid, Okla.

Mrs. Howard and her father, Wayne Hayes, live in Beaver, a small town in the Oklahoma Panhandle hundreds of miles away.

That was before St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City, a community of about 25,000, decided to build a cancer treatment center that would serve people in southwest Kansas, southeast Colorado, western Oklahoma and the northern tip of Texas.

The \$4.5 million center, which opened in May, focuses on giving residents in the region something they hadn't had — complete cancer care, from preventive screenings to support groups to advanced radiation treatment.

Before the cancer center opened, Mrs. Howard's father received chemotherapy from an Oklahoma City doctor who traveled to Woodward, Okla., about 70 miles away from Beaver. When the doctor retired recently, Mrs. Howard had to find someone else to oversee her father's treatment.

Now, several times a week, Mrs. Howard drives her father 107 miles to Garden City for his radiation therapy. Walking into the center's lobby, she exchanges treatment updates with others she has met at the center, then settles into a seat to wait for the return trip home later that day.

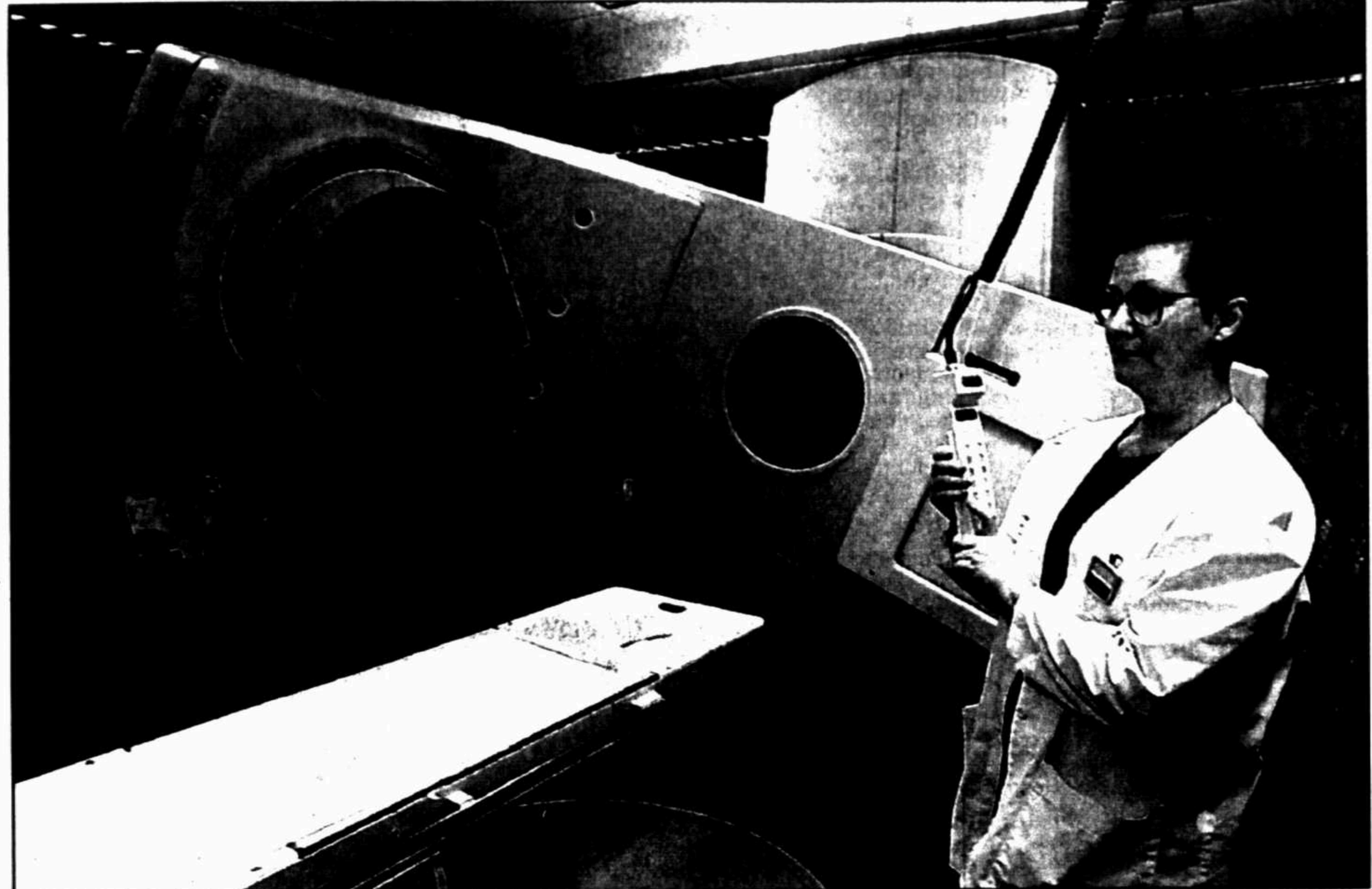
"I feel real fortunate that we don't have to go all the way to Enid," she said. "They let you maintain somewhat of a lifestyle here."

The center, a separate building across from St. Catherine, looks more like a doctor's office. It doesn't have hospital beds for overnight stays, but patients and their families can stay at a nearby hospitality house.

The center also has established partnerships with hospitals in Hugoton and Liberal to coordinate patient care.

Before the cancer center opened, patients in the region might have been diagnosed by a local doctor but would have had to travel hundreds of miles to see different specialists for treatment. And it was difficult to track the progress or document developing problems in patients who bounced between different doctors and medical facilities.

"It wasn't a complete approach, it was



Jennifer Crommett, a radiation oncologist, talks about the high energy linear accelerator at a new cancer treatment center in Garden City, Kan. St. Catherine's Hospital decided to build the \$4.5 million cancer treatment center, which focuses on giving residents in rural areas complete cancer care.

a fragmented approach," said Mark Steadham, senior vice president for operations at St. Catherine.

Comprehensive cancer centers that integrate radiation and drug therapy are becoming more common but most smaller communities still have a fragmented approach to cancer care, according to James Wade, a medical oncologist in central Illinois and president of the Rockville, Md.-based Association of Community Cancer Centers.

Centers like the one in Garden City are rare now but will be needed for the growing aging population, said Lee Mortenson, executive director of the association. He estimated that less than 10 percent of the association's 530 members offered integrated cancer care.

For its new center, St. Catherine also

replaced its old radiation machine with a \$1.2 million laser machine that treats the tumors of 20 to 25 patients each day.

Each week a panel of medical experts creates a treatment plan for new patients, reviews plans already in progress and, if needed, consults with experts throughout the country.

The center also offers spiritual, mental and emotional help to both the patients and their families.

Hossein Haghighi, a medical physicist who came to the center, determines the most effective form of treatment for each patient by examining photos and computer images of tumors taken from a CAT scan. He left a similar job in Michigan to treat cancer patients on the prairie, partly because the Garden City treatment center offered the chance to interact with

patients and explain treatment options. "This was a new place and lots of opportunity," he said.

The program is similar to cancer treatment centers in larger cities like Kansas City and Wichita, said William Jewell, director of the Kansas Cancer Institute, the state's cancer research program for the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan.

Jewell, who has seen Garden City patients travel 400 miles to receive treatment in Kansas City, estimated that the St. Catherine center could provide 90 percent of all needed cancer care and be financially successful, even though it is not based in a large city.

"Out there 100 miles is nothing," he said. "They drive 100 miles to go shopping."

Mononucleosis: Viral infection strikes adolescents, young adults

By Dr. Roger E. Wetherbee
Associated Press

Generations of high schoolers and college students call mononucleosis the "kissing" disease — with good reason. Experts believe that mononucleosis, an infection caused by a virus, is transmitted through oral secretions and close interpersonal contact as well as by blood transfusions.

The infection is caused by the Epstein-Barr virus, a member of the herpes virus family. Mononucleosis primarily strikes adolescents ages 15 to 20 years old and rarely occurs in young children and older adults. Studies show that 90 percent of the adult population has evidence of Epstein-Barr antibodies, yet mononucleosis appears in only a fraction of the population.

Although the infection is easily spread, the illness is infrequent and unpredictable. Unlike measles and chickenpox, where infection is generally symptomatic and easy to identify, the source of infection in mononucleosis is usually not known, making the disease impossible to prevent.

Why does mononucleosis strike teen-agers so prevalently? Other than the fact that teen-agers are often in close interpersonal contact with their peers, science has not fully uncovered the answer. Indeed, mononucleosis is a common reason why younger military recruits are temporarily disabled and unable to participate in military action.

Mononucleosis often strikes in two separate stages, an acute illness followed by a more indolent condition. Initial symptoms include fever, sore throat, fatigue, loss of appetite and swollen lymph glands. These symptoms persist for two to three weeks. In more than 50 percent of cases, the spleen enlarges. The liver may enlarge slightly, too, and swollen tonsils can make

breathing difficult. Nevertheless, despite the long recuperative period and persistent fatigue, mononucleosis rarely leads to more severe illness.

Often with this condition, the patient begins to feel better and appears to be on the road to recovery when a small amount of physical exertion or exercise hurls him into mononucleosis' second stage. Light exercise can elicit extreme fatigue accompanied by fever. These symptoms can linger for 2 to 3 months, and in extreme cases, up to six months. Some college students who contract mononucleosis take a leave of absence for a semester before they are strong enough to return to school and complete their course of study.

No cures for mononucleosis have been discovered. Acetaminophen or aspirin can be used for fever or pain. (However, aspirin should be avoided in young children because of the slight possibility of Reye's syndrome, a rare but serious condition which can cause inflammation of the brain.) Some complications of the illness, such as severe swelling of the airway, can be treated with corticosteroids. But the best treatment for infectious mononucleosis is rest and adequate nutrition until the fever, sore throat and feeling of malaise disappear.

There is hope on the horizon that a vaccine can be developed to help minimize the illness' debilitating effects. But no vaccine is expected in the near future.

As long as viruses are transmitted, mononucleosis will likely continue among 15 to 20 year olds. The good news is that after the necessary rest period, nearly all patients recover and return to their normal activities.

Dr. Roger E. Wetherbee is clinical associate professor of Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases at the New York University School of Medicine.

El Nino is something to sneeze at

By Carolyn Poirot
N.Y. Times News Service

My geraniums are blooming again, and that helps explain the problem.

They are blooming even though they were never taken inside or even covered up, and certainly never watered, this winter.

And I am itching — all over, but especially my eyes and nose.

Blame it on El Nino. As the unusually warm current sweeps through the Pacific, dragging hurricanes, floods and mudslides along with it, El Nino is also wreaking havoc on our allergies.

The warm, wet weather has extended the fall allergy season right into winter, and it's not expected to get much better anytime soon, according to a recent survey sponsored by Pharmacia & Upjohn.

Among states that have experienced a recent increase in allergy cases along with changes in climate patterns are California, Washington, Oregon, New Mexico,

Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Texas, according to the survey.

Approximately 35 million of us suffer from seasonal allergies, which account for 3.5 million lost workdays and 8.4 million physicians' office visits each year, according to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

Also known as hay fever, or allergic rhinitis, seasonal allergies occur when the natural mucus of the nose traps substances like dust, pollen and mold spores, causing swelling and irritation.

With year-round or perennial allergies, symptoms persist even when nothing is pollinating — primarily because of dust mites, mold and animal dander.

Without a few more days of good hard freeze before spring, there's going to be a lot of overlapping.

Pollen counts for your specific area of the country and practical tips for managing your allergies are available from the National Allergy Bureau at (800) 9-

POLLEN

A simple questionnaire designed to identify postmenopausal women at increased risk of osteoporosis is available through Merck & Co.

The "Simple Calculated Osteoporosis Risk Estimation" questionnaire has been available in doctors' offices and is available by phone or mail along with educational materials on osteoporosis, the bone-thinning disease that causes so many fractures, primarily in older women.

For more information on osteoporosis or a free risk-assessment, call (800) 334-4641. Of the 22 million American women with osteoporosis, 80 percent of all cases remain undiagnosed.

The silent nature of the disease and the cost of bone mineral density testing have been obstacles to identifying women with osteoporosis.

Carolyn Poirot writes on health issues for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

If moles change, check with doctor

By Dr. Robin Ashinoff
Associated Press

A mole may be considered a beauty spot for some, but any change in its size or appearance should signal an immediate trip to the doctor's office for a medical evaluation.

Skin cancer is the most common malignancy in the United States for upward of 600,000 cases each year. Subtle changes in moles, known medically as nevi, that lead to cancer are often ignored until it's too late.

Pre-cancerous or abnormal moles are noticeably different from normal moles. Called "dysplastic," or abnormally growing nevi, they affect about 5 percent of the population and are most often found in people who already have a lot of moles on their bodies.

A person with many body moles should undergo a medical examination at least twice a year. And a monthly self-examination may help detect a changing mole that might otherwise develop into a malignant melanoma at a point where it is still treatable.

Melanoma is the most virulent of skin cancers because of its ability to spread rapidly throughout the body. Because the incidence of melanoma is increasing, vigorous campaigns to alert the public of its dangers are underway in many parts of the world. Melanoma can spread so rapidly that it can be fatal within months of its recognition. But with early diagnosis and treatment, the prognosis is good.

Medical researchers continue to look for better ways to treat advanced melanoma, and the possibility for controlling this disease is improving. The American Cancer Society offers an "ABCD" rule that makes it easier to distinguish a normal mole or other skin blemish from a dysplastic or pre-cancerous nevi: Asymmetry, where one-half of the mole does not match its other half. Border, where the irregular edges of the mole are ragged, notched or blurred. Color, where the color is not uniform, but may be differing shades of tan, black or brown, sometimes with patches of red, white or blue. Diameter, when the mole is larger than a pencil eraser, about a quarter or an inch, or is increasing in size.

If you notice any of the above, seek a dermatological evaluation immediately. The physician will usually perform a biopsy to determine if the mole is dysplastic. If a biopsy indicates the mole may be cancerous, the mole must be surgically removed.

Malignant melanomas can occur on any part of the body and are usually associated with prolonged exposure to strong sunlight. The most common sites are the face, upper trunk and legs, but melanoma can also occur on parts of the body rarely exposed to sunlight.

The dermatologist will examine the entire skin, including the scalp, of a patient suspected of having one or more dysplastic nevi or atypical lesions, which will be biopsied for further testing. The physician also will take a family history with special reference to moles and melanomas and other skin cancers.

Moles can be removed for cosmetic purposes, and they also will be examined closely to determine if they may be pre-cancerous.

Since the sun often plays a role in melanoma, patients with dysplastic nevi are advised to stay out of the sun, or at least wear a sunscreen with high protective factor against the sun's ultraviolet rays.

Dr. Robin Ashinoff is an Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Chief of Dermatology and Laser Surgery at New York University School of Medicine.

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AFLA — Wichita Falls Drillers 27, Midland Colts 14.
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EXHIBITION BASEBALL — Houston Astros 4, Tampa Bay Devil Rays 3, 12 innings.
Texas Rangers 12, Cincinnati Reds 9.
NBA — Utah Jazz 106, Houston Rockets 100.
NHL — Dallas Stars 2, Chicago Blackhawks 2.
COLLEGE BASEBALL — Texas Longhorns 5, Miami Hurricanes 7.
Baylor Bears 10, Oklahoma Sooners 9.

Sharp earns honor

DALLAS — Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp, whose 20th-ranked Lady Raiders went 15-1 in Big 12 play, was named the league's women's coach of the year Sunday.

Texas Tech was ranked No. 7 or better nationally all year. Her team has the No. 1 seed in the Big 12 tournament that gets under way Tuesday in Kansas City.

The 1997-98 All-Big 12 team includes two players from last year's all-conference team — Alicia Thompson, a 6-1 senior forward for Texas Tech, and Anna DeForge, a 5-11 senior guard for Nebraska.

Also on the all-conference team are 5-10 sophomore guard Phylasha Whaley of Oklahoma, 6-2 sophomore forward Lynn Pride of Kansas and 5-8 sophomore guard Stacy Frase of Iowa State.

Frase was tabbed Big 12 newcomer of the year after transferring from Iowa and leading her team to a runner-up finish behind Texas Tech. Megan Taylor, also from Iowa State, was named freshman of the year, averaging 19.3 points.

Three finalists for Big 12 women's player of the year will be announced Monday.

TCU selections

Texas Christian University had three players named on Sunday to the all-Western Athletic Conference's Pacific Division honor roll.

The league's awards, chosen by the WAC's 16 head coaches, had Malcolm Johnson, Mike Jones and Lee Nallon of TCU on the first team in the Pacific Division.

In the Mountain Division, Utah and New Mexico each had two players named to the first team. Michael Doleac and Andre Miller represent Utah and Clayton Shields and Kenny Thomas represent New Mexico.

Joining the TCU trio on the first team in the Pacific Division were Chris Herren of Fresno St. and Michael Ruffin of Tulsa. Wyoming's Jeron Roberts was the fifth person selected for the first team in the Mountain Division.

Nallon also was named Player of the Year in the Pacific Division, while Shields took that honor in the Mountain Division.

Nallon scored 25.3 points per game to lead the WAC and had a field goal percentage of .555. He was sixth in rebounding with 8.9 per game.

Named coaches of the year were TCU's Billy Tubbs in the Pacific Division and Larry Shyatt of Wyoming in the Mountain Division.

Longhorn doubtful

AUSTIN — Kris Clark, the Texas Longhorns' leading scorer this season, is likely to miss this week's Big 12 Tournament after dislocating his right shoulder in practice Sunday.

Clark, who is left-handed, suffered the injury in a collision with 245-pound forward Nnabubem Nnabueke on a fast break during a scrimmage session. He left practice with his shoulder in a sling.

He was listed as doubtful for Texas' tournament game against Texas Tech on Thursday.

Losing Clark, who averaged 17.6 points per game this season and also led the team in assists, steals and minutes, is the latest blow in a long and difficult season for the 12-16 Longhorns.

MC sophs take program's success to another level

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Lady Chaparral sophomores want to make one thing clear — they want to be known as conference champions, not co-champions.

Midland College finished with a 12-2 Western Junior College Athletic Conference mark this past season. South Plains and Howard also had identical records of 12-2 to finish in a three-way tie for the WJCAC title.

But for the sake of arguing with these determined young ladies, we'll just simply call the Lady Chaps champions for now, instead of co-champions.

For Jill Davis, Candy Mitchell, Jody Finley, Mamie Ndoye and Hol-

Region V tickets

The NJCAA Women's Region V basketball tournament is March 3-5 at Midland's Chaparral Center. Tournament passes are available at the Chap office for \$10. There is no reserved seating available. Tickets will also be available at the door. Day passes will cost \$5 and \$3.

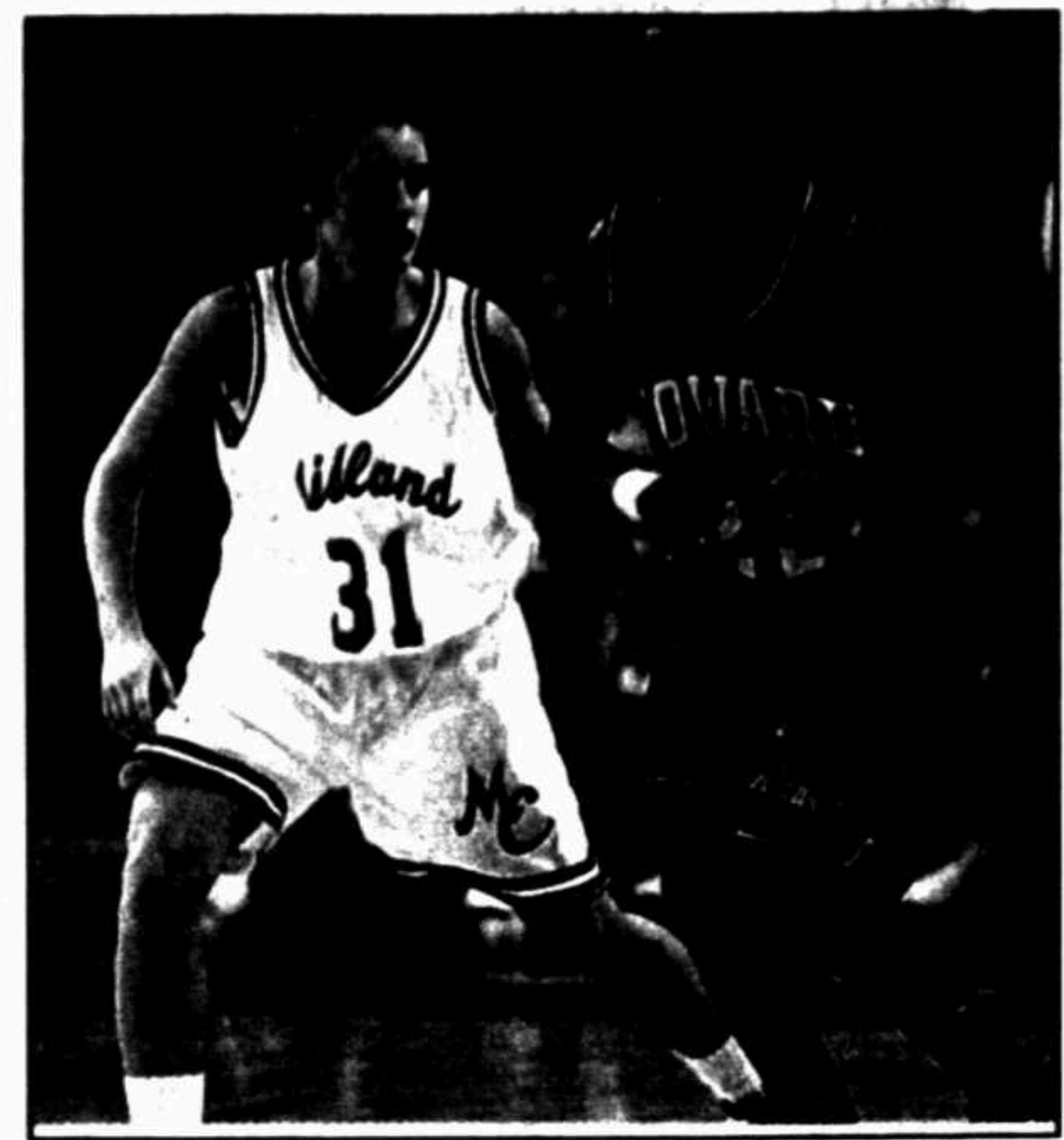
ly Turnbough, winning just comes with being at Midland College. A 48-13 record over the past two years is proof of that. Their work is not done, however, as the Lady Chaps face a

team they're very familiar within the first round of the Region V Tournament. MC faces McLennan at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

Whether their final game at the Chap is either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, this Lady Chap quintet will leave the college as the first sophomore class to win back-to-back conference championships. Something they're deeply proud of but know there's more to accomplish.

"It's good to win conference championships but I don't like that we have to share the title," said Mitchell, a 5-foot-7 guard from Oklahoma City. "We'll prove it on Tuesday who's the best team in

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Midland College sophomores, like Jill Davis, have had plenty of tough wars in their two seasons at MC. This week, they go through another at the region tourney.

'Garbage Man'

Christian making living off other people's mistakes for second-ranked Purple Pack

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High's Jay Christian has been referred to by at least two District 4-5A basketball coaches as the league's best "garbage man."

And the term garbage man isn't used in a derogatory sense, either.

Says Abilene Cooper head basketball coach Dan Harris, "Every good team needs a great garbage man and Jay Christian is that man for Midland High. He's going to pick up all the mistakes of the offensive end of the floor and put it back in. Then he's going to make a steal off the press and make something else happen. He lives off other people's mistakes."

Christian is third on the team in scoring (over 14 points per game) and is second in rebounding (just over nine boards per outing). And he's only a junior.

"The coach from Abilene Christian University told me the other day he would take Jay Christian right now," said MHS coach Jack Stephenson. "He said that Jay could be the glue of his basketball team. He's stable and has great leadership skills in addition to being a good basketball player. He does what he needs to do to keep this team going."

And these are all roles which Christian has accepted on the way to a 31-2 run during the 1997-98 basketball season.

"I learned a lot last season from Jon

Boy (Jon Stephenson, who was District 4-5A's MVP a year ago)," Christian said. "He taught me a lot and I learned from him that a lot of this game is mental, not physical."

"Talent wise, this is the best team I've ever played for and it has been a lot of fun, but last year's team was better at getting mentally prepared to play while this year's team has to do more with the talent we have on hand. It's important that we don't look ahead and seize each moment. I think it's part of my job to see that this is done."

Of course, Christian is part of MHS' vaunted Big Three along with junior guard Charles Tatum and senior post Kirby Lemons. The Big Three is known far and wide across West Texas basketball circles.

"Sometimes Jay gets caught in the dust of Charles and Kirby, but he's one of the Big Three," Stephenson said. "He's something on the court and he's a seasoned veteran. We wouldn't be where we are without him."

Christian likes the limelight of Big Three status at MHS and doesn't outwardly, at least, seem to mind that Tatum and Lemons get most of the recognition.

"Recognition doesn't always come my way, but even more will come next year. Charles and I didn't get all the publicity last year as sophomores, but more has come this year. The main thing is that we win."

Still, Christian likes the recognition that has come.

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Midland High junior Jay Christian, seen above shooting over a Cooper player, is third on the team in scoring (14 points a game) and second in rebounding. Christian is one of the players who could help take MHS to its second-straight region tournament.

Martin is point man in controversial Ford rout

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

LAS VEGAS — Mark Martin outlasted a vibration that threatened to end his race early, then found himself fending off a different challenge following the inaugural Las Vegas 400.

"You can't expect the sanctioning body to fix all your complaints," Martin replied Sunday in answer to a barrage of questions about the rout by a squadron of new Ford Tauruses.

After the 400-mile race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Martin said his car "wouldn't have gone 500 miles."

Despite the unexplained vibration, Martin led a sweep of the top

seven positions by the Tauruses, which have replaced the discontinued Thunderbirds. They also took 14 of the top 15 positions in just their third Winston Cup race.

Martin drove the best of those Fords to his 23rd career victory, beating Roush Racing teammate Jeff Burton to the finish line on the 1 1/2-mile oval by 1.605 seconds — about 20 car-lengths.

The teams fielding General Motors cars — Chevrolets and Pontiacs — immediately reacted with outrage over recent aerodynamic rule changes they say have given the Fords a decided advantage.

"It's just a bad deal when you put out everything you do and you're trying and everybody is working

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Lipinski returns an Olympic hero

By Pauline Arrillaga
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — A little more than a week after fulfilling her gold medal dream at the Olympics, figure skating sweetheart Tara Lipinski returned home Sunday to a hero's welcome and some much-needed relaxation.

"It's so great to be back home," the 15-year-old said after arriving at Bush Intercontinental Airport to the cheers of hundreds of fans.

Flashing the trademark smile that helped win her the gold, Lipinski walked off the plane with her parents as a band played the Olympic theme song.

Olympic gold medal figure skater Tara Lipinski waves to her hometown fans Sunday.

AP Laserphoto

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Midland 1-1 in AFLA openers

■ Gunslingers win; Colts lose in Amateur Football League of America doubleheader action.

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

It was hard to tell the beginners from those who were already established Sunday at Midland Memorial Stadium.

In the first season of the Amateur Football League of America in Midland, Memorial hosted an unseasonable football doubleheader featuring the Midland Colts, who started play last season in the United States Independent Football League, and the brand new Midland Gunslingers. The results left Midlanders at least half happy.

The Colts lost a rematch of last season's USIFL championship game, falling to the Wichita Falls Drillers 27-14 in the first game. Following that game, the Gunslingers made a successful debut in their opener, using an early offensive

outburst to crush the overmatched Dallas Avengers 26-3. This was the first of four Sundays in a row in which Memorial will host the Colts and Gunslingers.

Since none of the teams had much practice time and no scrimmages beforehand, some ragged play was to be expected. In the Gunslingers' win, they combined with Dallas for a total of only 246 yards of offense in a game in which neither team sustained crispness for more than one drive at a time.

"We made a lot of mistakes, but the guys played real good ball," said Gunslingers coach Preston Wright. "I think we can be one of the best teams in the league before it's all over."

The Gunslingers certainly made a big splash early, scoring on their first two possessions ever to take a 14-0 lead. Operating out of the wishbone, quarterback Michael Campbell, concluded the first drive by lofting a 41-yard touchdown pass to Chris Mayfield to give the Gunslingers a 6-0 lead.

On the ensuing Dallas possession, Tommy

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Dallas quarterback Tony Naves fumbles Sunday in AFLA action. The Midland Gunslingers' Mike Brandt, one year removed from Midland High, returned the fumble for a touchdown during the Gunslingers' win.

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Mayfair beats Woods in playoff

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

VALENCIA, Calif. — Billy Mayfair ended a two-year run of bad putts, bad bounces and self-doubt Tiger Woods came oh-so-close again, but was left looking for his first tour win since July.

Mayfair, who won two tournaments and finished second on the money list in 1995 then slipped into a slump, caught Woods by sinking a 4-foot birdie putt on the final hole of regulation Sunday.

He then rolled in a 5-footer for another birdie on the same hole shortly thereafter to win the Nissan Open.

Woods, who has finished second twice and third once in tour events this year and also won recently in Thailand, shot a closing 5-under-par 66 that included birdies on three of his last four holes in regulation.

But his pitch from 40 yards on the first playoff hole rolled 18 feet beyond the pin, and his putt coming back stayed left, giving Mayfair his chance.

"Having won and having beaten the best player out here, it's awesome," said Mayfair, who was in the group behind Woods and had a 67 to finish at 12-under. "There was no doubt in my mind that Tiger would play well, but I wasn't going to change my game because of him."

Woods, who made his tour debut in this tournament in 1992 and missed the cut as a 16-year-old amateur that year, obviously was disappointed he didn't win in front of a hometown crowd. But he was happy with his effort.

"The great thing is, granted that I didn't win, but that I birdied three of the last four," Woods said. "I wanted to go to 12-under, which I thought would be a winning number, and I did."

"Billy played great, played steady golf."



Tiger Woods of Windermere, Fla., kicks his bag on the 13th hole during the final round of the Nissan Open, Sunday in Valencia, Calif. Woods lost the tournament to Billy Mayfair in a playoff.

Asked if he would reflect on "letting this one get away," Woods said, "I don't see it as getting away from me. I was right there. I made some good putts, hit some

good shots. And I had a chance on the first playoff hole."

Woods, who grew up in Los Angeles, said he enjoyed having his friends and family at the tour-

namment, and also the fact that Charlie Sifford, the first black player to win a tour event, was honored at the event.

"It was a special week," Woods said. "Charlie, he's like a grandfather to me."

Mayfair essentially won it when he hit his wedge from 90 yards within close birdie range on the playoff hole.

Woods pushed his tee shot into the gallery on the right for the second time in a row, hit his second shot 40 yards short of the green, then left himself a long birdie try.

Mayfair had a career year in 1995, when he won twice and finished second on the money list with \$1.4 million. Since then, he had lost his touch — and his confidence.

But, in winning the fourth title of his career, Mayfair led the first two days, lost the lead the third, then came back to beat Woods.

The tournament normally is at Riviera Country Club, but was shifted to Valencia, 40 miles north of downtown Los Angeles, because Riviera is being readied for the U.S. Senior Open in July. It was the first time a PGA event was held at Valencia.

Divots: Mayfair, 31, got \$378,000 for winning, more than his earnings for an entire year in 1996 and 1997. Woods got \$226,000 for finishing second. John Daly said that, in his fight against alcohol abuse, he has learned to live day-to-day, which also isn't a bad approach to golf.

"When I'm playing the fifth hole, I'm no longer thinking about the 16th, and how it gives me trouble," he said. "Daly and several other of the players said they would prefer Valencia, in a relatively remote spot, over Riviera Country Club for the tournament in the future."

"I don't think any of us like that drive down Sunset Boulevard, then getting to Riviera and not having a place to park," Daly said. "Everything's much more convenient here."



NASCAR driver Mark Martin passes the finish line on his way to winning the inaugural Winston Cup Las Vegas 400, Sunday at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas. It was Martin's 23rd career victory.

FORD: Questions follow race

(From 1C)

their hearts out and the rules are just this unbalanced," said Richard Childress, owner of the Chevrolet Monte Carlo driven to eighth place by Daytona 500 winner Dale Earnhardt.

In agreement was Bobby Labonte, who finished 19th.

"This Pontiac was as good as it can be," he said. "It's obvious NASCAR needs to look at something."

Soon, Ernie Irvan, hopes after a 30th-place in his Pontiac.

"Downforce is even more critical at Atlanta," he said of next Sunday's venue. "If they think it was bad here, it's going to be worse at Atlanta."

The problem, as GM teams see it, is that they need a better aerodynamic package than that provided under a rule that mandates five-inch-high spoilers and air dams for the Taurus and Chevy Monte Carlos. The Pontiacs have almost-identical specs.

Jack Roush hopes the sanctioning body will be mindful that despite the rout Sunday, Chevys won the first two races this year.

"I'd be really disappointed with NASCAR if they made a change after the Taurus won its first race," Roush said. "There isn't a basis yet."

But Roush noted that if NASCAR can show him wind-tunnel numbers that prove a change must be made to even up the competition, "I'd go along with it."

Pole-winner Dale Jarrett and series points leader Rusty Wallace were the only drivers aside from Burton who appeared to have any chance against Martin on Sunday.

But Jarrett went out with an engine problem while running second on lap 218. Wallace, who finished third, was unable to mount a challenge after Martin moved past him to take the lead on the 201st of 267 laps at the 1 1/2-mile oval.

The Roush team, which expanded from three cars to five this season, also had Johnny Benson in fourth, Ted Musgrave sixth and Chad Little 10th — the final car on the lead lap.

Adding Benson and Little prompted a reorganization of the Roush program, with Buddy Parrott becoming Martin's team manager and holdover crew chief Jimmie Fennig supervising a virtually new crew for the 39-year-old driver as they moved into a shop with Burton's team.

"This is a brand new race team," said Martin, who agreed with Roush to let longtime crew chief and team manager Steve Hmiel go to work with Benson and Musgrave.

"These guys really put it all together," Martin said. "I was so afraid we'd come into this season and people would say I did the wrong thing."

After an engine problem led to a 38th-place finish in the opener at Daytona, Martin finished third and led the most laps at Rockingham. He again led the most laps, but said it wasn't as easy as it looked.

"About 120 laps into the race, we had a terrible vibration, and I was sure I was going to fall out," said Martin, who raved about the new Las Vegas track. "I prepared myself to accept it. I said to myself, 'I want to be leading if that happens.' So we went to the front and tried to stay there."

Olazabal hits pay dirt; Webb wins at home

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Weakened by the flu, unable to eat solid food and facing swirling desert sand, Jose Maria Olazabal left Dubai a winner.

He came from three strokes behind Sunday to capture the \$1.2 million Dubai Desert Classic by three shots.

The Spaniard shot a 4-under-par 68 to finish at 19-under 269 after starting the day three shots behind leader Robert Karlsson of Sweden.

Olazabal felt so bad he said he considered pulling out on Friday. Instead, he stuck around and earned a first prize of \$221,000. He called

the victory at Emirates Golf Club his best in four years.

Dubai has treated Olazabal well. He won there last year in his comeback tournament after missing the

previous season because of an arthritic foot condition. On Sunday, after taking the lead early in the final round, Olazabal struggled on the back nine. But he clinched his victory in style, with an eagle on the 13th hole and birdies on the 17th and 18th.

But that momentum was short-lived. The Colts looked set to take the lead late in the third quarter, but Whitney Hillin missed a 47-yard field goal and the Drillers took over on their own 29. On the first play, Derek Alford hit Ricky Weaver down the right sideline for a 71-yard score which gave Wichita Falls the lead back for good at 15-8.

That play marked the only real crack the Colts showed defensively. "Defensively we played very well," Pierson said. "You hang your hat on defense but if you can't move the ball and score points it doesn't mean much."

The Colts actually outgained Wichita Falls 270-249 and Metcalf threw for 256 yards and two touchdowns, but the Colts never were able to turn their running game loose, managing only 25 yards on the ground. Metcalf also committed two second-half fumbles which were recovered by Wichita Falls in the Colts' end zone, extending the Drillers' advantage to 27-8.

Webb wins Australian Masters

GOLD COAST, Australia — Playing before family, friends and her wheelchair-bound coach, Karrie Webb finally won in her home country.

Her five-stroke victory Sunday at the Australian Ladies Masters left her in tears on the "happiest day of my life."

A year ago, Webb blew a four-shot lead in the final round of this event, which is part of the regular LPGA tour.

This time, there was no repeat. She finished at 16-under-par 272, holding off Annika Sorenstam of Sweden to win the \$700,000 tournament.

Golf Roundup

Sunday action

Wichita Falls Drillers 27, Midland Colts 14

First Quarter
Drillers — Mark Marsh FG 27, 8:54
Colts — Marsh FG 32, 0:52

Second Quarter
Colts — Under Graves 25 pass from Metcalf (Tan Jesse run), 0:25

Third Quarter
Drillers — Ricky Weaver 71 pass from Derek Alford (Marsh kick), 2:44

Fourth Quarter
Drillers — Marsh recovered fumble in end zone (pass failed), 7:56

Colts — Phillip Molina 5 pass from Metcalf (pass failed), 4:31

Midland Gunslingers 26, Dallas Avengers 3

First Quarter
Gunslingers — Chris Mayfield 41 pass from Michael Campbell (run failed), 6:24

Second Quarter
Gunslingers — James Lee 31 run (Lenny Long pass from Campbell), 3:24

Third Quarter
Gunslingers — Mike Brandt 54 fumble return (run failed), 4:43

Gunslingers — Philip Sims 2 run (run failed), 4:43

around the 5-yard-line.

(Playing in Memorial) brings back memories.

The only memories for the Colts Sunday were unpleasant ones of last year's USIFL championship game, when they fell behind Wichita Falls early and lost 25-15. A mildly similar pattern was followed at Memorial, where the Colts' offense seemed to vacation for all but the final drive of the first half.

Despite making numerous mistakes early and not moving the ball past their own 21, the Colts trailed only 8-0 late in the second quarter before finally showing an offensive burst.

"We came out here and I told the

ALFA: Colts lose championship rematch

(From 1C)

Jones intercepted Tony Naves at the Dallas 35-yard-line. Three plays later, James Lee rumbled 31 yards for a touchdown and Lenny Long caught a two-point conversion from Campbell to give the Gunslingers a 14-0 lead, which proved to be far too much for the Avengers to overcome.

"The wishbone is our base and from there we can open it up," Wright said. "We need to work a whole lot on our offense. We've got to try to get rid of the mental mistakes, although there weren't all that many."

After the early touchdowns, the Gunslingers netted only 33 total yards of offense. The Avengers never got close to even, though, with their only score coming early in the second quarter on a 32-yard field goal by Naves. They actually showed spurts of ability in moving the ball during the second quarter, but twice lost fumbles.

The second fumble was more fatal. Naves was scrambling around and lost a handle on the ball and defensive tackle Mike Brandt picked it up for the Gunslingers. Despite not having great speed, Brandt brought the ball back up the middle and cut toward the left sideline before finally chugging 54 yards for a touchdown which made it 20-3 and effectively ended the competitive phase of the game.

"I thought someone was going to catch me but I got a hell of a block," said Brandt, who at 19 is one of the two youngest players on the team and played his home games at Memorial for Midland High before graduating in 1997. "The monkey jumped on my back

TARA: Sugar Land honors teen skater

(From 1C)

and hoisted signs reading, "Welcome to Tara-tory." "She's made all of Houston proud," said 13-year-old Casey Kimsey.

At a brief ceremony in the airport terminal, Brown presented Lipinski with a key to the city and read a proclamation declaring March 1 "Tara Lipinski Day."

"We are proud to honor and celebrate your achievement, and to show you in a big, big way that we are Houston proud," Brown said. "You've shown the world what Houstonians are made of."

U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, also presented Lipinski with an American flag that has flown over the Capitol, calling her "a champion for all Americans and for all young people."

Afterward, Lipinski was whisked away in a stretch limousine to a victory parade in her hometown of Sugar Land, a Houston suburb. She rode down the streets in a horse-drawn carriage as thousands of well-wishers cheered and waved.

The parade included several local high school

bands, floats and mascots from Houston's professional sports teams. Several past Olympians also attended.

Lipinski, whose performance in Nagano made her the youngest individual gold medalist in any Winter Games and an overnight celebrity, said she still can't believe her dream finally came true.

"It seems so strange, I'm still in a little shock, but it's great," she said, adding, "A lot more people are asking for my autograph."

After leaving Japan, Lipinski spent a whirlwind week in New York, where she made the rounds of the talk-show circuit and was a presenter at the Grammy Awards.

While all that was "pretty cool," Lipinski said she was glad to finally be home. Her schedule over the next few days includes relaxing and playing with her five dogs.

"It's just good to be home and be with my family and spend time with them," she said.

After a few days of rest, Lipinski said she will continue training for the World Figure Skating Championships, which begin March 31 in Minneapolis.



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N.Y. Islanders 20 31 8 48
Florida 18 29 12 46
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Patience pays off for Utah against Houston

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Utah's patience was rewarded with a win.

"We just hung in there and kept doing our thing and didn't panic," John Stockton said Sunday after the Jazz overcame a slow start to beat Houston 106-100 for their ninth victory in 10 games.

"They jumped on us pretty good in the beginning. It seemed like a barrage. I knew it would come around and we just needed to not panic," Stockton said.

Karl Malone scored 21 points and gave Utah the lead for good on a 16-foot jumper with 1:38 left, igniting a 9-0 run to put away the Rockets. Hakeem Olajuwon had given Houston the lead with a 5-footer off the glass with 2:36 left, but the Rockets then went cold, missing eight straight shots. Clyde Drexler, who topped Houston with 25 points and 10 assists, finally ended the drought with a jumper at the buzzer.

Stockton had 17 points and 14 assists as the Jazz, winners of three straight on the road and five straight against Houston.

The Jazz, whose 48.3 percent shooting is the best in the NBA, shot just 32 percent (12-for-39) in the first half while Houston built as much as a 14-point lead.

The Jazz hit only six field goals in the second period — four of them 3-pointers — and stayed in the game from the free throw line, converting 17 of 18 in the first half to trail just 53-46 at intermission.

For the game, Utah connected on 32 of 39 free throw attempts while the Rockets, the best free throw shooting team in the league, made just 11 of 19. The 11 free throws tied a season low.

"If some things had occurred differently, I think we could have won the game," said Drexler, referring to a 26-17 foul disparity. "If I comment on those things, I'd get fined."

NBA Roundup

Notes: Malone's third point of Sunday's game, on a free throw in the first quarter, gave him 27,000 for his career. He is sixth on the NBA career scoring list. Elvin Hayes is No. 5 at 27,313. ... Olajuwon has played in 1,002 games as a Rocket, equalling Calvin Murphy's team record. Only eight players in NBA history have played 1,000 or more games with one team. ... Olajuwon, who had 11 rebounds Sunday, is 48 short of 12,000. ... Stockton's 17 points brought him within 63 of 15,000.

Knicks 101, Lakers 89 — New York got 32 points from Allan Houston and overcame injuries and a height disadvantage to defeat Los Angeles.

John Starks added 16 points and Charlie Ward 15 for New York, which held the Lakers to just one field goal over the final 6 1/2 minutes and kept Los Angeles 17 points below its league-leading average.

It was the eighth victory in 10 games since the All-Star break for New York. The Knicks outscored the Lakers 33-18 over the final 12 minutes.

Pacers 90, Nuggets 63 — INDIANAPOLIS — Rik Smits scored 23 points and Mark Jackson had 12 assists as Indiana held Denver to nine points in the third quarter and sent Denver to its 11th straight loss.

The Pacers, who beat Portland 124-59 on Friday to become the first team in NBA history to score more than twice as many points as its opponent, weathered some sloppy play but used a flurry late in the second quarter and early in the third to take control.

Hawks 101, Grizzlies 76 — VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Mookie Blaylock scored 20 points as Atlanta, despite playing without leading scorer Steve Smith, rolled over Vancouver.



The Utah Jazz' Karl Malone is caught in the air while defending against the Houston Rockets' Brent Price (20) as Price passes off the ball in the second quarter Sunday in Houston.

Blaylock went 4-for-5 from the 3-point line and chipped in nine assists and five rebounds as the Hawks won for the fourth time in five games.

SuperSonics 89, Suns 87 — SEATTLE — The Sonics went more than five minutes at the end of the game without a basket but used two free throws by Gary Payton and one by Detlef Schrempf in the final minute to beat Phoenix.

The win gave Seattle (44-13), which has the best record in the NBA, a 4 1/2-game lead over the Lakers in the Pacific Division.

Timberwolves 115, Pistons 113 — MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett's corner jumper with 1.2 seconds left in the second overtime

gave the Minnesota Timberwolves a 115-113 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Sunday.

Heat 85, Nets 84 — MIAMI — Voshon Lenard scored 27 points, including two free throws with 0.9 seconds left, to lift Miami to a sweep of the home-and-home series.

Celtics 102, Trail Blazers 101 — BOSTON — One game after absorbing the second-worst loss in NBA history, Portland came back from a 25-point deficit only to lose by the smallest of margins.

Cavaliers 102, Warriors 82 — CLEVELAND — Shawn Kemp scored 28 points, including 14 in the third quarter, as Cleveland handed Golden State its third straight blowout loss.

Cy Young pitcher excites Sox' fans, pitching coach

By Howard Ulman
AP Sports Writer

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Pedro Martinez thrilled the fans, his catcher and his pitching coach.

Even Martinez was excited in his first game for the Boston Red Sox.

"I was a little bit wild, a little bit overjuiced, I guess, but everything else was fine," last year's NL Cy Young award winner said.

His fastballs were consistently in the mid-90 mph range, his breaking ball was sharp and his change-up ball had hitters out in front as he got the win in Sunday's 11-3 exhibition victory over the Minnesota Twins.

"We were challenging inside (with the fastball) and then that changeup came and they could have swung twice," Boston catcher Scott Hatteberg said. "I was excited to catch this guy."

Martinez, traded by Montreal last Nov. 18 after going 17-8 with a 1.90 ERA, struck out two, allowed two singles and no runs and threw a wild pitch in the first two innings.

Pitching coach Joe Kerrigan was excited to watch the pitcher he coached at Montreal from 1994 through 1996 before Kerrigan got the Boston job last season.

"He's throwing the ball harder already than he was two years ago when I saw him in Montreal," Kerrigan said. "When you see somebody like him or (Roger) Clemens or (Steve) Carlton or (Tom) Seaver, you get pumped."

Twins leadoff hitter Otis Nixon was just trying to get his bat around.

Martinez' first pitch of the game was about 95 mph. And Nixon, a lefty hitter, couldn't get around on the four pitches he fouled off to the left side before he flied out to center field.

The fans were rooting Martinez

on. "They were going, 'Pedro, come on, strike him out, get him out of the way.' It's nice to hear," Martinez said.

He eventually did on the ninth pitch, then retired Brent Gates on a routine grounder to first before Matt Lawton singled to left. Marty Cordova ended the inning with a fly to right.

Martinez was sharper in the second inning, striking out Orlando Merced and Ron Coomer. Todd Walker managed to get around on the ball for a single to right, but Terry Steinbach grounded out to third.

After 40 pitches, Martinez was done.

In other games:
Diamondbacks 7, White Sox 6 — At Tucson, Ariz., the expansion Diamondbacks remained unbeaten, rallying for three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning on a single by Andy Stankiewicz and a wild pitch to defeat Chicago.

Yankees 6, Phillies 3 — At Tampa, Fla., Chuck Knoblauch drove in three runs as the Yankees beat Philadelphia. The All-Star second baseman, recently acquired in a trade with Minnesota, had a two-run single and a sacrifice fly.

Athletics 6, Brewers 7 — At Phoenix, rookie Ben Grieve and Matt Stairs hit home runs as Oakland remained undefeated by beating wireless Milwaukee. The A's are 4-0 and the Brewers are 0-4.

Cardinals 7, Expos 2 — At Jupiter, Fla., Ron Gant hit a grand slam and a two-run homer to lead St. Louis over Montreal.

Blue Jays 9, Pirates 4 — At Dunedin, Fla., Felipe Crespo, Darin Fletcher and Mike Peeples hit home runs as Toronto defeated Pittsburgh.

Orioles 1, Mets 0 — At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Jesus Tavarez hit an RBI single in the ninth inning on a single by Andy Stankiewicz and a wild pitch to defeat Chicago.

Indians 6, Royals 5 — At Haines City, Fla., Dwight Gooden struggled in his first game for Cleveland, but home runs by David Miller and Russell Branyan rallied the Indians against Kansas City.

Marlins 8, Tigers 6 — At Jacksonville, Fla., Cliff Floyd hit a three-run homer and Josh Booy hit a two-run shot Sunday to help Florida down Detroit.

Padres 5, Mariners 4 — At Peoria, Ariz., George Arias hit a two-run double with two outs in the eighth inning that sent San Diego over Seattle.

Tennessee gets scare

COLUMBUS, Ga. — They cut down the nets, but the celebration was subdued.

Top-ranked Tennessee stayed undefeated Sunday by holding off No. 20 Alabama for a 67-63 victory in the title game of the Southeastern Conference tournament.

It marked just the second time this season that Tennessee (33-0) has won by fewer than 10 points and it left coach Pat Summitt demanding better as the Vols gear up to defend their two straight national titles.

"When you're ranked No. 1 and undefeated, the hardest thing to do is come out and do what you're supposed to — and that's to go out and win," she said. "It's going out with an attitude and sending a

message. The way we played tonight, I don't think we can do it."

Chamique Holdstock scored 22 points and was named tournament MVP as Tennessee won its eighth SEC tournament championship. The Volunteers stayed alive to join Texas and Connecticut as just the third team to go undefeated since the NCAA began sanctioning women's basketball in 1981.

But Alabama (22-9) established itself as the team that might have the best chance of preventing that — adding a four-point defeat to a 73-66 setback on Feb. 1.

Alabama kept it close early by refusing to get into anything resembling the running game that Tennessee so often uses to tear opponents apart.

Oklahoma State can't upset No. 4 Kansas

Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Raef LaFrentz scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half Sunday and also grabbed 14 rebounds to help No. 4 Kansas to a 71-67 victory over No. 25 Oklahoma State.

The Jayhawks (31-3, 15-1 Big 12) led by 13 points at halftime and by 10 with 6:28 remaining, but had to withstand a rally to beat Oklahoma State (21-5, 11-5) for the sixth straight time and end the Cowboys' seven-game winning streak.

Five of LaFrentz's rebounds were at the offensive end, with two of the biggest coming in the final minute.

No. 11 Purdue 99, No. 10 Michigan St. 96, OT — EAST LANSING, Mich. — Brad Miller scored 18 of his season-high 30 points in the second half and Mike Robinson made two free throws with 30 seconds left in overtime to lift the Boilermakers.

The loss forces the Spartans to share the Big Ten regular-season title with Illinois although they will be the top seed for the conference tournament.

Washington 95, No. 18 UCLA 94 — SEATTLE — Todd MacCulloch's two free throws with 2.1 seconds left lifted Washington to the victory, keeping the Huskies' NCAA tournament hopes alive and breaking a 10-game losing streak to the Bruins.

Kris Johnson's 3-pointer with 12 seconds left gave UCLA a one-point lead, but teammate J.R. Henderson fouled out holding MacCulloch on an inbound play, sending the 7-footer to the line for the decisive free throws.

No. 24 Temple 74, No. 20 Massachusetts 66 — PHILADELPHIA — Pepe Sanchez scored 19 points and Rasheed Brokenborough added 16 as the Owls won the Eastern Division of the Atlantic 10.

The victory gave Temple (20-7, 13-3) a first-round bye in the league tournament, which begins Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Monty Mack had 15 points for the Minutemen (20-9, 12-4) who committed 20 turnovers.

SOPH: Lady Chaps make 4th Region V appearance Tuesday

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conference.

That confidence is instilled in every young female athlete that becomes a Lady Chaparral. Winning is just part of the program. Along with the confidence, comes blood, sweat and tears that it takes to be a winner.

"It takes a lot of hard work and discipline," Mitchell said.

"It takes hard work and doing what we're told to do," said Finley, a 5-9 forward from Bloomington.

"You have confidence when you come in here that it's a winning program and you expect to win," said Davis, a 5-6 guard from New Boston.

The job of molding players into a winning system rests on Midland College coach Ron Jones, who has racked up a record of 98-27 in four years at the school and has never finished lower than third in the conference.

"In junior college, you try to get the players because they're only here for two years," Jones said. "It doesn't take as long to build a program like it does to at a four-year school, so you get players and go to work."

Jones succeeded with these five

players and is sure to continue that success.

"When I think of this group (of sophomores), we won a conference championship both times and that's hopefully a building block for the future of this program," Jones said. "We started the program four years ago and then we've had success. We've finished a game out of first the first two years. And the last two years with this group, we've been co-champions. Hopefully we're ready to take the next step out of regionals."

The Lady Chaparral program has tasted a lot of success, considering the program has been around for only a short amount of time.

"We're on the verge of being one of the premier basketball programs in the country. We're just not consistent enough at this point to be recognized that way," Jones said. "I don't know if the NJCAA keeps records but I doubt if there's been many programs which have started off with as much success. But I also believe that has a lot to do with Midland College. It's got the name recognition, good facilities, and a good history of recruits. And I think all of those factors gives an advantage that other pro-

grams don't have."

And with winning comes high expectations not only from the fans and the school, but from the coaches and players as well.

"Our expectations are so high, and I think sometimes it causes some of our frustrations," Jones said. "We are doing so well sometimes, but because we have high expectations, we don't see ourselves in that light."

The sophomores will not only remember the wins but also the cherish the moments they had off the basketball court.

"I'll miss it," is all Turnbough, a 6-0 post from Fort Davis, had to say.

"It's been fun. The people here give the basketball team a lot of support and it makes it a great place to play," Davis said.

"It's nice meeting all the people here and all the friends I've made, not only through the basketball program but outside of it as well," Finley said.

"When I first got here I was worried because I was far away from home and I was alone here," said Ndoye, a 6-1 post from Dakar, Senegal. "Now it's like I have a second family here and I like it."

DOGS: Christian one of the Big Three

(From 1C)

"It is nice to be recognized as one of the Big Three," Christian says. "Everywhere we go, everyone knows who Lemons is. Then the paper started calling us the Big Three, so people know who you are even when you go on the road."

"I think the Big Three thing is nice because it fits us. If one of us can't do one thing, one of the other two can. We compliment each other really well."

As a sophomore, Christian got to experience his first playoff run as a starter, along with Tatum, his best friend off the court. But the voyage to the Region I semifinals still left some emptiness for Christian.

"It was disappointing to lose to Duncanville on our home floor,"

Christian said. "We had come so far. So, we want to make it (state championship) happen this year."

With a year of high school eligibility left, Christian could be looking forward to his last season, but he says this year first.

"This has been a wonderful season, one that has gone by just like that," Christian said. "We want the state championship now for a couple of reasons. You never know what will happen in the future and we don't know how much longer Coach (Stephenson) will be around. We want to get him a championship this year."

"Anyway, our goal next year can be to repeat. Wouldn't that be great?"

Midland High has played under the burden of being state ranked all season, finishing regular season

play as the No. 2 Class 5A team in the final TABC poll. Every team gets pumped up to play them. And they still win. Christian is honest in his view of the state ranking.

"The ranking thing is positive recognition to the city and school. That's a good thing. But, if there is a negative, it is that you have to live up to it every time out. The expectation is much higher. But that can be a good thing, too. It keeps us playing hard all the time."

The Bulldogs have taken one of six steps toward winning that elusive state championship. Step two comes Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. against El Paso Hanks in the region quarterfinals at the Pecos High School gym where MHS is 2-0 over the last two years there.

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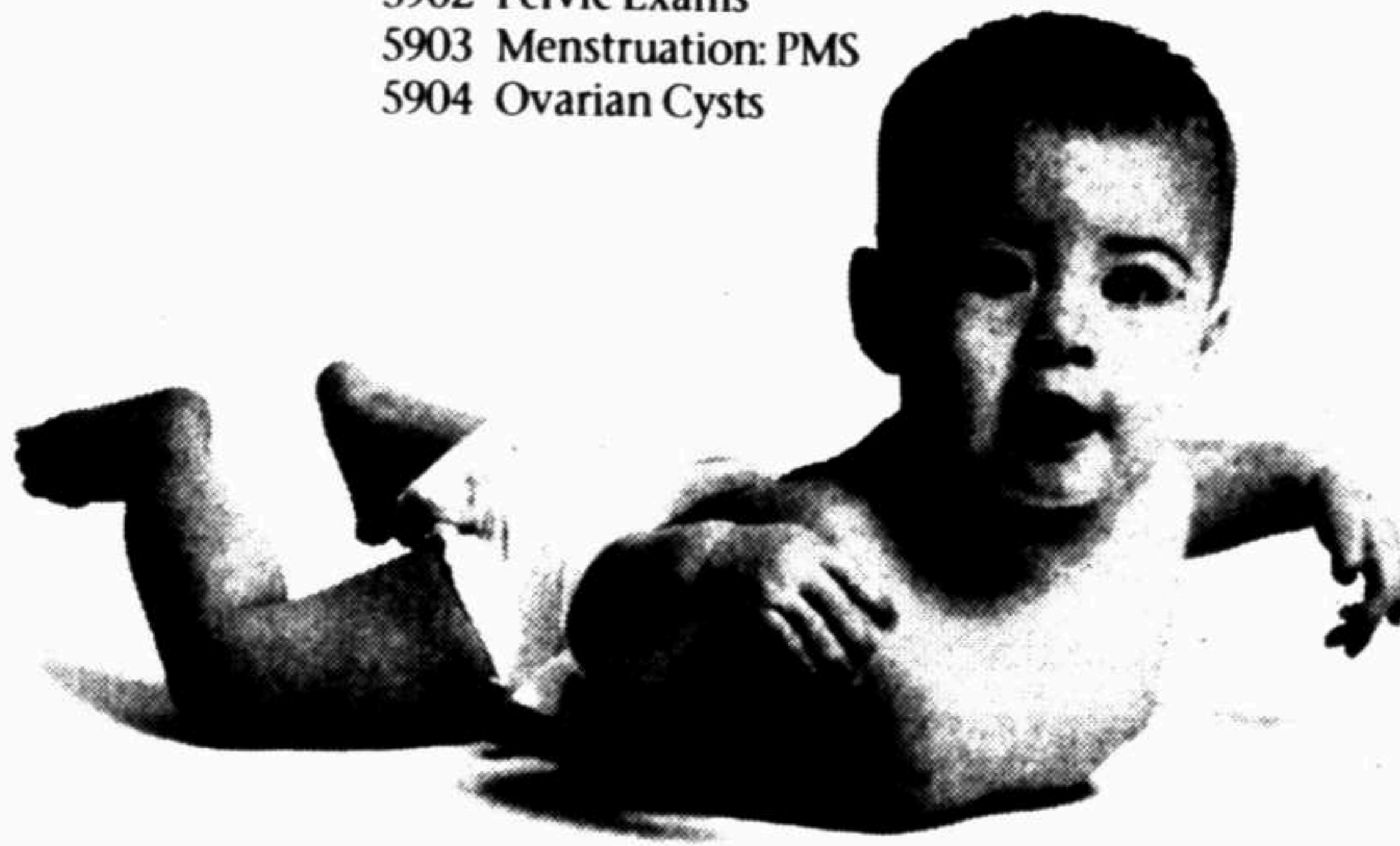
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By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

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Stars, Blackhawks skate to 2-2 tie

By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Anyone watching the Dallas Stars and Chicago Blackhawks hook, and hold their way to 17 penalties could see that the NHL has changed.

Is the mandate instructing referees to call more obstruction and interference infractions good or bad for the game? It depended upon who was talking after the teams skated to a 2-2 tie Sunday.

"You're asking the wrong guy," said Dallas' Craig Ludwig, who twice was assessed penalties giving Chicago 5-on-3 power plays that resulted in goals by Greg Johnson and Eric Daze.

"I don't see how they're speeding up the game with all the penalties. We're going to have to learn to change and play a different game from what we've been playing for the last 75 years," Ludwig said.

"I don't think it's going to make it better. If

you ask guys like (Mike) Modano and (Tony) Amonte, they're going to say, 'Yeah.' But I think there's more players like me than there are superstars, so let's get it back to our way."

Modano and Amonte — the respective stars for Dallas and Chicago — disagreed with Ludwig.

"It's tough on guys who rely on sticks and arms to slow down players, but I like it because it's going to force everybody to skate," Modano said. "They're trying to let the speed back into the game. It wasn't there before."

Said Amonte: "If you get half a stride on a guy, there's no way he's going to catch you. I bet Dallas doesn't like it because they like to get their sticks on guys and interrupt the skating lanes. I think it will help."

It certainly helped the Blackhawks on Sunday, as they parlayed their two 5-on-3 goals into a tie against the NHL's best team. It completed a successful weekend against the Western Conference's top teams; the Blackhawks won 4-0 Saturday at Colorado.

Pat Verbeek and Benoit Hogue scored for Dallas, which had its five-game winning streak snapped but still pushed its NHL-leading point total to 85. The Stars had won their previous three games against Chicago by a combined 12-1.

"I don't blame the referee (Don Van Massenhoven). He's calling what he's told to call," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said.

"We had all the penalties in the first period and they had them all in the second. The best players on both teams were killing penalties and on the power play. You could see the tiredness of the skilled players in the third period. When the game was on the line, there was nothing left."

The Blackhawks managed only four shots on goal in the third period and overtime against Roman Turek, who finished with 18 saves.

Chicago's Jeff Hackett stopped 24 shots. He needed help from defenseman Eric Weinrich, who made a stick save on Jamie Langenbrunner's shot from the slot with 14 1/2 minutes left in regulation.



Pete Sampras returns back to Sweden's Thomas Enqvist during the final round of the Advanta Championships in Philadelphia Sunday. Sampras defeated Enqvist 7-5, 7-6 (7-3) to win the tournament.

Williams wins first WTA championship

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Venus Williams won her first COREL WTA title by defeating Joannette Kruger in straight sets Sunday in the final of the IGA Tennis Classic.

Williams had three service breaks in each set as she won 6-3, 6-2. Williams, the biggest hitter on the women's tour, had just one ace in the finals.

"This is one I will probably always remember," Williams said. "I can say it all started back in Oklahoma City."

Williams took a 30-minute break after the match and joined her sister, Serena, in the doubles finals. There, the two made quick work of Catalina Cristea of Romania and Kristine Kunc of Australia 7-5, 6-2. Kruger said Saturday's 3-6, 6-3,

Tennis Roundup

6-4 semifinals victory over Sarah Pitkowski took a lot out of her.

"I just didn't have any fire in my legs," the South African said. "I missed too many balls today. I would have liked for it to have been a closer match. I didn't play my best tennis."

Williams, 17, gets \$27,000 for winning the \$164,250 Tier III event. It was the third finals appearance for the third-seeded player from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

She lost to Martina Hingis in last year's U.S. Open final, and to Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in a tournament in Sydney, Australia, in January.

Williams beat Kruger, ranked 27th, by a similar 6-2, 6-3 score in

last year's U.S. Open in their only previous meeting.

Williams knocked off top-seeded and No. 2-ranked Lindsay Davenport 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 6-3 in the semifinals Saturday night.

She said there was no letdown after beating Davenport in what many felt would elevate the winner to the title.

Williams was ranked 14th coming into the tournament and is expected to move up to No. 12 in the next WTA ratings.

Gomez defeats Vilas in Citibank Champions final

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Fourth-seeded Andres Gomez defeated Guillermo Vilas 6-4, 6-4 Sunday in the Citibank senior tennis tournament at the Delray Beach Tennis Center.

Gomez, 38, who plays doubles for

Ecuador's Davis Cup team, hit 19 winners to Vilas' 16 and converted on two of his four break point opportunities. He also recorded a season-high 15 aces against only one double fault.

"I've been watching him (Vilas), and he's been so aggressive," Gomez said. "I knew I had to serve well and get a lot of first serves in to keep him from taking advantage and controlling all the points. I've been doing some work on my serve and it started to go really well. It's good that the work I've done paid off."

It was Gomez's second senior tour victory of the 1997-98 Nuveen Tour season and established him as one of the favorites at this week's Nuveen Master's championship event in Naples.

San Francisco 49ers reach deal with Detmer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Quarterback Ty Detmer, a sometime starter in two seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles, has reached contract terms with San Francisco, giving the 49ers a veteran backup for Steve Young.

The move reunites the former Heisman Trophy winner with 49ers coach Steve Mariucci, who was the quarterbacks coach when Detmer played at Green Bay.

Terms of the deal were not available Sunday. Detmer started 18 games in two seasons with

the Eagles, leading them to the 1996 playoffs before they lost to the 49ers. He began last year as a starter but had an erratic season, later losing his job to Bobby Hoying.

Detmer, who chose the 49ers over Atlanta, is expected to serve as a backup to Young. Last season, the 49ers were forced to start rookie Jim Druckenmiller when a concussion sidelined Young. With Detmer, the 49ers get a veteran player familiar with San Francisco's offense.

"I'm extremely excited (Detmer) picked the

49ers because I think he's an outstanding addition, not only to the quarterback position but to the entire team," 49ers executive Dwight Clark said.

"He's a quality kid who has great character and is a helluva football player," Clark said. "He knows our offense, and he'll be able to start on occasion when needed."

The addition leaves second-string quarterback Jeff Brohm's career with the 49ers in question. He played sparingly last season.

Healthy Living

Modern dentistry offers better prevention and treatment

It is no secret that there are things more enjoyable in a visit to the dentist than getting a cavity filled. With that fact in mind, Midland dentist Dr. Jeffrey Kapp offers preventive measures and simpler, longer lasting treatment for cavities.

A sealant of thin plastic film painted onto the chewing surface of molars has proven to be nearly 100 percent effective in preventing (and stopping) tooth decay where it is applied, according to the Academy of General Dentistry. To understand how the sealant works, we need to learn how cavities form.

Teeth are covered with a sticky bacterial film called plaque. The bacteria in plaque feed on sugar and starch in food. They convert this food into harmful acids that break down tooth enamel, eventually causing cavities.

Brushing and flossing remove plaque from most tooth surfaces, preventing the bacteria from attacking teeth at length. However, the chewing surfaces of molars and pre-molars have developmental pits and fissures, which are too small for toothbrush bristles to reach and clean out. Food particles can become trapped in these pits and fissures, allowing plaque to grow uninhibited.

Sealants fill in the pits and fissures, keeping out the food particles. Studies have also shown that properly applied sealants can also stop small areas of decay from becoming larger.

"In only takes a few minutes per tooth to apply a sealant," says Dr. Kapp, and there is no discomfort involved! First, the tooth is cleaned, prepared and dried. The sealant is "painted" on, then hardened with a special curing light. "The sealant should easily last five years," says Dr. Kapp, noting that one study revealed that 49 percent of treated teeth were still covered after seven years. Some can last 10 years.



Jeffrey H. Kapp, D.D.S.

Sealants can reduce dental costs by preventing more costly fillings, other dental work, or even tooth loss. Also, some dental plans now cover sealants because they are a cost-effective measure.

Children and teenagers benefit most from sealants, since erupting and newly formed teeth are more susceptible to decay—and children/adolescents have poorer hygiene in general than adults. However, in certain circumstances, adults can also benefit.

If you already have cavities or unsightly metal fillings, Dr. Kapp reports that there are new treatments which are more conservative and provide longer lasting results. Many people do not realize that, under most conditions, silver colored amalgam fillings have a life expectancy of only about five to seven years—they will have to be replaced, or a much worse problem can occur.

Some types of ceramic restorations can last 10 to 20 years or even longer (Dr. Kapp says no treatment is "permanent"). They have the immediately obvious advantage of looking very much like the tooth itself, which makes ceramics preferable to gold or porcelain bonded to metal when a crown or other major restorative work is needed.

"With ceramics, we can be more conservative in preparing you teeth, allowing you to keep more of your own tooth structure," Dr. Kapp says. The more of your own tooth you keep, the better off you are. Ceramics bond more closely with remaining tooth material, strengthening the tooth itself.

Ceramic restorations "act" more like a tooth—responding in more the same way to heat and cold and wearing down at about the same rate as tooth material. The metal in amalgam fillings shrinks and expands at a different rate than teeth do when exposed to temperature changes, which leads to recur-

rent decay, sensitivity, cracking or breaking of the filling or of the tooth itself.

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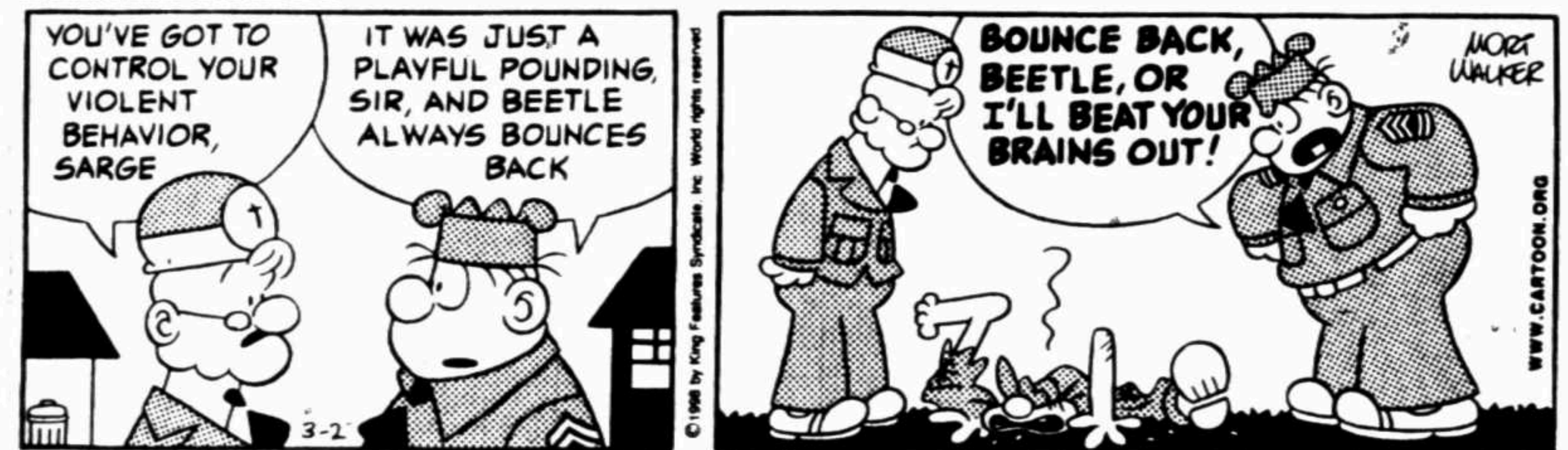
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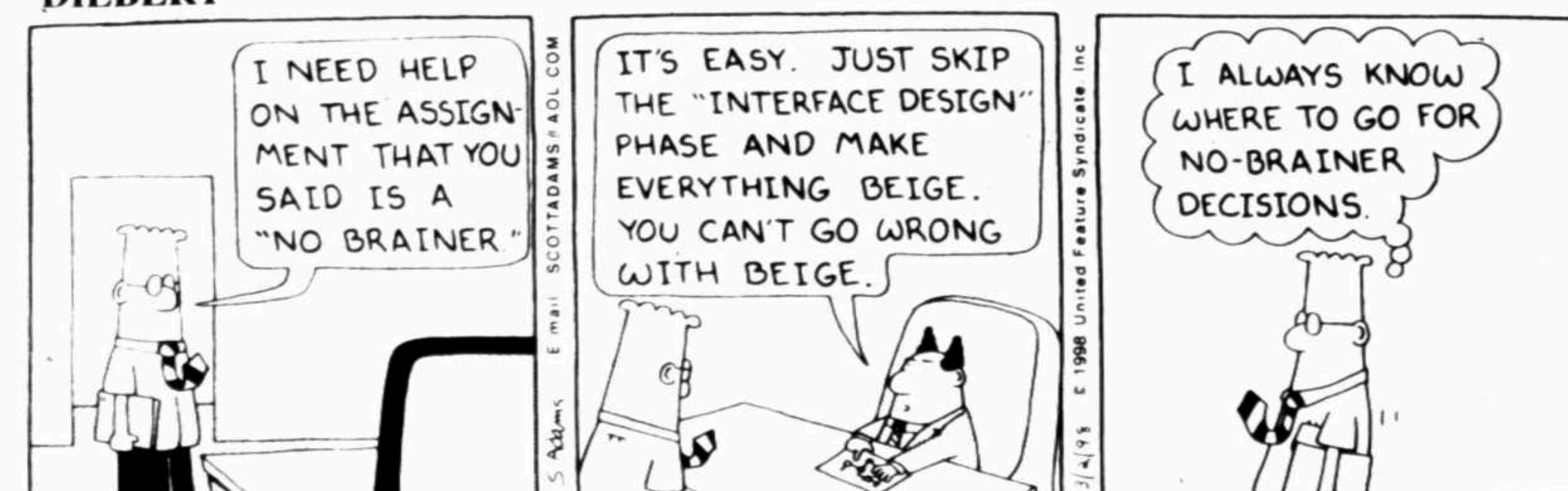
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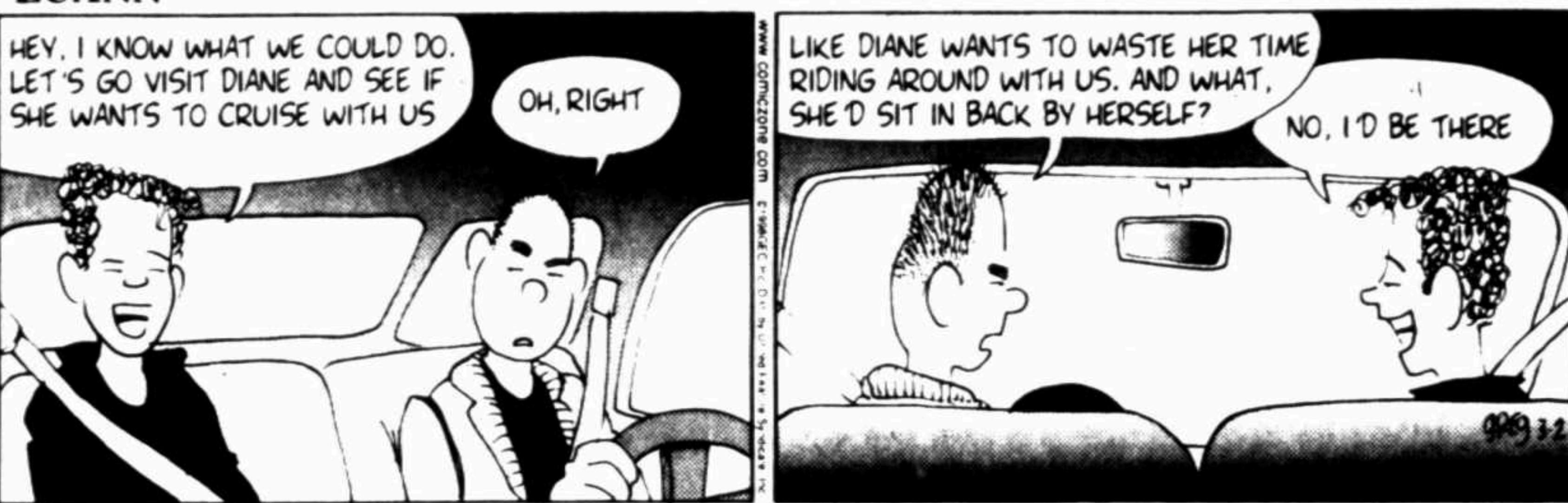
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1998

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **★★★★** Money-making is a high priority. You suddenly realize that you do not have the entire story. Think issues through, and find solutions. Do not hesitate to regroup and change goals if necessary. You might not have all the answers now. Tonight: Redo the budget.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **★★★★** Boss and work combine to give you a jolt. You wonder what is motivating you. Connect with a friend, and get advice. A group meeting helps enlighten you about what is happening. Go for what you want. Friends seek you out. Tonight: You make the call.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **★★★★** You need to detach, even more than you think. You aren't seeing the whole picture. Don't blame someone else for a mistake; explore options, make calls, and understand more of what is at work here. Excellence marks your job performance. Tonight: Engage in a favorite hobby.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **★★★★** A friendship plays a key role in your decisions. Money proves to be a wild card. Use common sense, reach out for others and question more. Be direct with a loved one, and find out what is going on with him. A caring, informed attitude brings results. Tonight: Enjoy!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **★★★★** Maintain a high profile, and don't let a partner's attitude unnerve you. Unexpected news throws you off. Concentrate on one item at a time. Financial backing or support is there; it is simply a matter of deciding to go with it. A talk will clear the air. Tonight: Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **★★★★** Your nerves could be frayed, despite your focus on the big picture. Stay attentive, work with supportive associates and don't give in to nervous energy. Take a walk during lunch to recycle. You are lucky. Relax, and see what comes up. Tonight: Off to the record store.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **★★★★** One-to-one relating will keep the peace. A loved one does something you consider disruptive. Try to stay above it, and don't let this person dominate the day. Energy is high, and you are effective at work. A new financial option appears. Tonight: Negotiate what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **★★★★** Defer to others, and you will succeed beyond your imagination. The unexpected marks family interactions. Listen carefully to another's opinion; you don't have to agree. Establish your limits, and let another do what he wants. Tonight: Enjoy a special friendship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **★★★★** Get into work, focus on the basics and handle what is going on. You could have a mess on your hands before you know it. A misunderstanding explodes before your eyes. Be open; expressing what is important to you helps ease the situation. Tonight: Out late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★★★★** Be careful with money. A risk appears attractive, but you need to pass it up. Make calls, network and initiate discussions. Positive vibrations stem from talks. You have a totally different perspective once you hear what is going on. Tonight: Naughty and nice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **★★★★** You might be causing more problems than you realize. Stop and look at what you are doing. If a family member is reacting in a strong way, there might be a good reason. Positive financial news follows you; use it to ensure security. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **★★★★** Make calls, and keep an aura of togetherness even as you stumble onto a hot piece of news. Communications are essential; put your best foot forward. It appears someone simply doesn't understand. Don't take his behavior personally. Tonight: Return calls.

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Q 1. Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ J76 ♥ 83 ♦ AK1052 ♣ 982

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
1♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q 2. As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A109 ♥ A8763 ♦ 95 ♣ J75

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A Partner must have either four clubs or three diamonds, but does not have the values for a jump shift. In our opinion, it is a close decision between a preference to two clubs and a pass. Since game is unlikely, allowing partner to declarer one spade gets the nod. Pass.

Q 3. As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 9 ♥ K65 ♦ KJ7 ♣ AQ7432

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
What action do you take?

A Almost everyone plays a change or suit by responder is forcing, so a pass is out of the question. That makes life simple. You don't want to raise partner's second suit with only three-card support or rebid your moth-eaten club suit again so, with two potential stoppers in the unbid suit, two no trump is a stand-out.

Q 4. As South vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K6 ♥ AK10872 ♦ K5 ♣ 954

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♠ Pass
What do you bid now?

A Since you have already told partner you have six hearts, there is no reason to repeat that suit again. The decision is between a preference to three spades or showing partner your diamond stopper by bidding three no trump. You choose. Either could be the winning action.

Q 5. Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ AQ9863 ♥ Void ♦ AQ ♣ J10964

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
? ?
What action do you take?

A The double fit and the fifth trump warrant a slam try, but which feature of your hand is the most exciting? Clearly it is your filling cards in diamonds, so cue partner into your side strength by cue-bidding five diamonds.

What do you bid now?

A It makes no difference whether North's jump to three spades was forcing or limit — if North has a club control, a slam beckons. The first step in the probe is to cue-bid the cheapest first-round control. Bid four diamonds.

Q 6. As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ AJ872 ♥ J ♦ KJ5 ♣ J854

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
4♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

A The double fit and the fifth trump warrant a slam try, but which feature of your hand is the most exciting? Clearly it is your filling cards in diamonds, so cue partner into your side strength by cue-bidding five diamonds.

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