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Midland tax entities may join to form one caucus

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

Midland's five taxing entities could be headed toward creation of a collaboration which could improve intergovernmental communication.

Similar to the Odessa Partnership, the county, city, school district, hospital district and Midland College will meet and discuss various topics relating to all — like Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ), economic development or other issues which will have city-wide ramifications. The meetings might also allow for a roundtable discussion of future plans.

"We are trying to set up something similar to the Odessa Partnership," said Marvin Wynn, president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is not a taxing entity, rather an economic development partner of the city, and therefore will not be a mainstay of the group but rather one that is present in a support facet. "They set it up 10 years ago, and it has been a communication vehicle between taxing units and community leadership," said Wynn.

A meeting was scheduled for this afternoon, but absences by critical figures forced its postponement. Although a rescheduled date has not been announced yet, it is expected to take place in early June, sometime after Mike Canon takes the oath of office as Midland's next mayor and when Robert Nicks takes a more permanent role as the Midland Independent School District's superintendent.

"This has taken place in the past, but we are trying to see if we can formalize an effort to make sure we are on the same page and working together and not working inconsistently with each other," Canon said. "We only have so many resources, and there is only so much the community can bear at any one time. I think it is important that we communicate with each other to understand what our plans and objectives are to make sure the issues placed before the public is coordinated."

Bringing different entities together was an economic development recommendation of the Midland Assessment and Action Plan (MAAP) report released earlier this year by AngeloEconomics of Austin.

And in some respects, the advice has already been put to good use. The City Council, in conjunction with the other taxing entities, has passed a TIRZ, which set up a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone downtown.

There also was the Cingular Wireless deal, which the city and Chamber of Commerce put together with the help of using a forgivable loan and tax abatements other entities gave their consent to.

"What we told them (during the Cingular process) was we were hoping that we could meet on a more frequent basis, maybe a quarterly basis or every other month," Midland City Manager Rick Menchaca said. "We want to look at anything we can do to help communications between tax entities and help coordinate issues that were of mutual interest."

Menchaca lists the TIRZ, public safety, public transportation or the need to work with the hospital district, such as the extension of Andrews Highway to connect with Interstate 20, as exam-



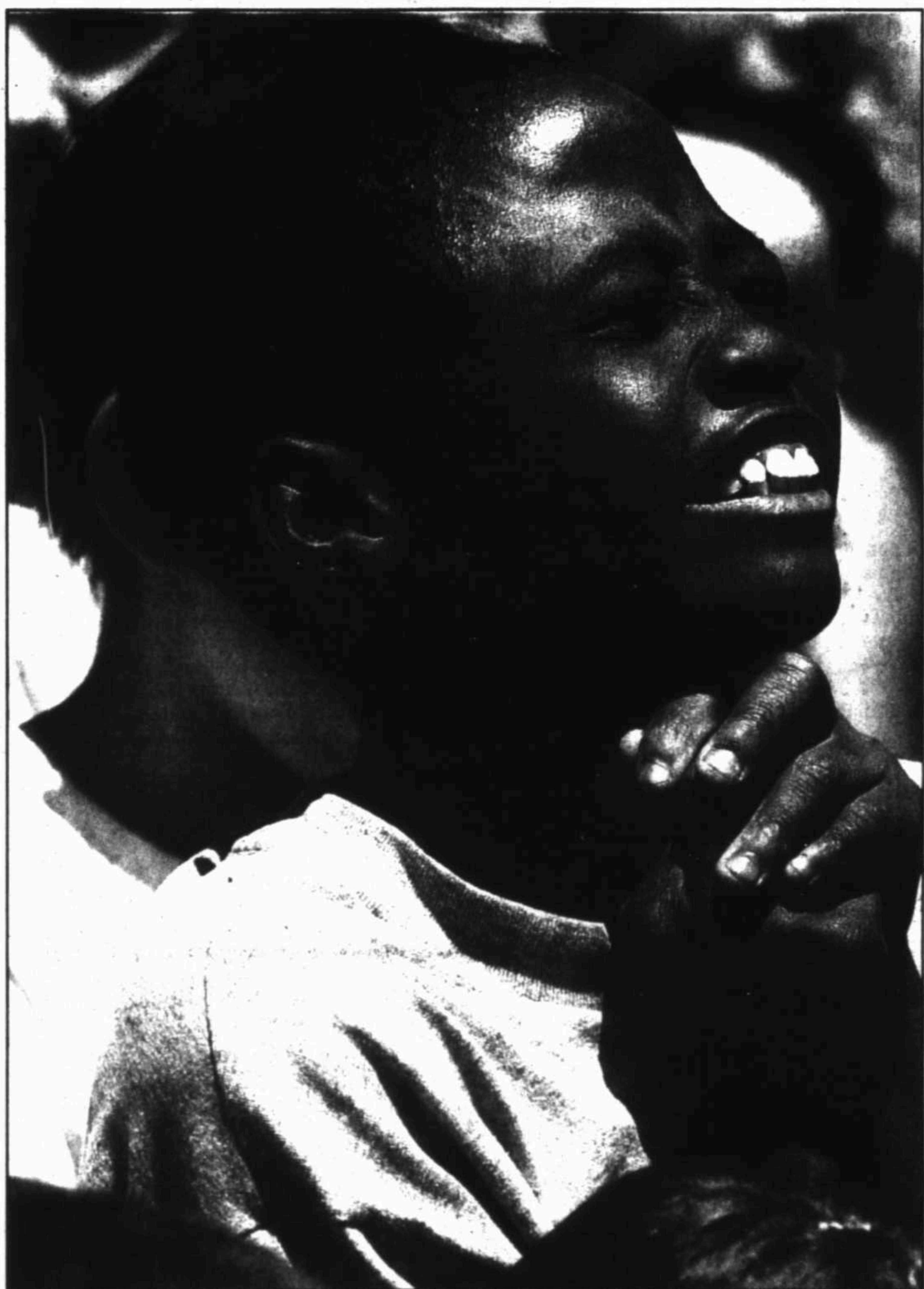
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LEFT: Houston Elementary fourth-grader Jerry Strambler prays his team has placed high in a competition connected to the school's Field Day, which started Tuesday and concluded Wednesday. The reaction of Jerry and his classmates to the news of a team's success was one of wild cheering and exuberance.

ABOVE: Houston Elementary second-grader Michael Contreras was part of an exuberant throng celebrating the closing ceremonies for the school's Field Day Wednesday. The exuberance of Michael and his classmates might have been fueled by the fact that the school year will conclude today.

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Brian Adamcik

Students to be released, but teachers' work just beginning

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

"The most fun thing I did in kindergarten was play with Mrs. (Shirley) Horton," said 6-year-old Michelle Martinez. "I wish she could come to the first grade with us."

As students of all ages prepare to leave school today, some for the last time, others are preparing for bigger and better things at bigger and more exciting schools.

But most students, like Michelle, who is leaving kindergarten at Sam Houston Elementary today, have great things to say about their teachers and schools. Students across the district are looking forward to this year being over as well, but they are excited for different reasons.

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Fourth-graders speak out ...

Four students in Marilyn Cunningham's fourth grade class at Peace Elementary School reflected on the soon to be completed school year, their favorite things about the fourth grade, and what they want to be when they grow up.

Jarvis Conally, 10:

"We had good students who wanted to learn. Our teacher was really nice."

Patricia Lopez, who will be 10 in July:

"I want to be a teacher when I grow up ... so that I can be nice to kids. Like Mrs. Cunningham, she's really nice."

Willie Wilson, 11:

"I want to be a martial artist when I'm big. Or maybe a scientist."

Claudia Hernandez, 10:

"She can put us in order if we're bad, but we're never bad. She'll reward you if you're good, too."

Watchful eye kept on student conduct as school lets out

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

The Midland Police Department as well as Midland Independent School District police might be gearing up for this afternoon's release of students for the summer, but officials do not expect any big problems that will be out of the ordinary.

"Traditionally, there (are) little skirmishes," said MISD Police Chief Dan Walkenshaw. "We don't expect anything really unusual. But we're going to be out and about in force so students see us."

Walkenshaw said with MISD police, Midland police and the schools' faculty keeping their eyes and ears open, the whole last day of school should go off without a hitch.

The last day of school in Odessa was Tuesday, and police there had feared the ritual of eggings and water balloons would continue this year as it had in years past, but mischief was kept to a minimum, officers said.

"We had no problems," said Sherri Thomp-

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Jeffords' independence would give Democrats control of U.S. Senate

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

By a mere vote, the Republicans would forfeit control of the United States Senate should Republican Sen. James Jeffords, 67, of Vermont switch to independent status today and vote Democratic as has been his pattern.

"I think it means that Mr. Bush is going to have to take a more moderate course," Norma Rowland, chairman of the Midland County Democratic Party, said of Republican President George W. Bush. "That must be good for the country. It's an interesting development."

Currently, while the Senate Democrats and Republicans are evenly divided in numbers, 50-50, the Republicans have control since the Republican vice president, Dick Cheney, is president of the Senate and is the constitutional tie-breaker.

"So, if we have a defection, and he (Jeffords) does vote, as I expect he will, with the Democrats, that has a huge implication," Ms. Rowland said on Wednesday.

Midland Republican G. Thane Akins, a former Midland mayor and U.S. Congressional candidate in the 1980s, noted Jeffords heretofore has "voted a lot with the Democrats."

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Jeffords

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Political tug-of-war ensues as GOP moderate threatens switch

By Karen Masterson
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — With Vermont Sen. James Jeffords poised to leave the Republican Party after more than 30 years, moderates say the move bolsters their contention that the power rests with the political center.

"This should serve as a message to everybody that partisanship is more fragile than people think," said Sen. Ben Nelson, a moderate Democrat from Nebraska who bucked his party to vote with President Bush's tax cuts and budget plan.

Much will change if Jeffords leaves the GOP. Democratic Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota would become the Senate leader. He would control the schedule and run the legislative agenda. And a Democratic leadership aide said Jeffords would caucus with Democrats, even if he chooses to become an Independent.

But, perhaps more importantly, Jeffords' switch would further invigorate an already vocal and increasingly powerful coalition of centrists and moderates from both parties.

Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona and a group of moderates, including Jeffords, have found new power in a Senate split 50-50 between the parties. And even though Republicans see Jeffords' impending departure as a "political earthquake," the Senate will still be close to evenly split.

Centrist-leaning lawmakers say that alone gives them power to shape the agenda because they are able to see the middle ground.

Republicans on Wednesday — perhaps offering too little too late — tried to persuade Jeffords to stay by offering him a powerful leadership position within the party, more money for education and, possibly a post on the environmental committee.

Such overtures represent a change in tactics. A Senate Republican aide said the party had been trying to rattle Jeffords into staying by using the equivalent of "a hot iron poker."

"We are trying to see if we can address his concerns because it will have a huge impact on our ability to continue the things we've started," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Texas

Big changes possible in U.S. Senate

How the balance of power shifts if Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont switches from Republican to Independent, making the Democrats the majority party.



Republican. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who would lose his chairmanship of the Senate Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs Committee, said he likes Jeffords and gets along with him. But he added there's little he can do to stop him. "It's a free country; people do what they want to do."

Democrats capitalized on the Republicans' likely loss by painting the party as anti-centrist. "I would guess that this is happening because his party made him feel uncomfortable," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, a moderate Democrat from Connecticut and vice presidential contender in the 2000 elections.

He and other moderate Democratic said centrists from both parties would have an easier time working with Daschle because he "rules from the center out."

The news of Jeffords' likely break from the Republican ranks amplifies a message moderates have been developing all year: conservatives can't deliver their agenda without bending toward the middle.

A core of about a dozen centrists from both

parties forced the Republican leadership to take up campaign finance reform in March, even though Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., wanted to wait until the fall.

That core also pushed for higher education spending in the budget and forced a smaller tax cut package than the 10-year, \$1.6 trillion plan proposed by Bush.

And in January, they worked to guarantee that the 50-50 split in the Senate would include a power-sharing agreement that gave the two parties equal representation on committees.

These centrists are colorful and well-respected lawmakers.

Jeffords, a Yale and Harvard educated tae kwon do black belt, is one of the most mid-mannered members of Congress. While he regularly disagrees with Lott and votes against his party on tax and spending issues, he also sides with conservatives on health-care issues. For example, he has opposed proposals that would give patients the right to sue health maintenance organizations in state court.

Jeffords tips Senate scales, raising questions on Bush, GOP influence

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. James Jeffords' plans to bolt the GOP were fueled by White House and congressional miscalculations about how to deal with a moderate senator at odds with his increasingly conservative party.

It also underscores how unwelcoming the GOP has become for lawmakers like Jeffords, who harbored a gnawing belief that his party had moved too far to the right, particularly on abortion and the environment. And, famously, the president's tax cut plan.

Blame is being heaped on Senate Republican leaders, White House political operatives and Bush himself for underestimating Jeffords' discomfort — and allowing him to step to the brink of giving Democrats the keys to an evenly divided Senate.

With no margin for error, the White House played hardball with Jeffords when finesse pitches were required. People ignored warning signs that he might leave; Democrats had made no secret of their weeks-long attempt to steal away the unhappy Vermont senator.

"We have no one to blame but ourselves," said GOP consultant John Weaver, who clashed with the Bush team as a presidential campaign adviser to Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Senators in both parties as well as aides to Jeffords said Wednesday he had told them he would leave the Republicans, become an independent and align himself with the Democrats. Jeffords planned to announce his decision today in Vermont, but Republican senators and White House aides mounted a last-ditch effort to change his mind with a series of promises — and said Jeff-

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fords agreed to consider their pleas.

His switch would effectively swing control of the Senate to Democrats and put GOP legislative initiatives in peril.

"It will absolutely devastate the president's agenda," said Republican consultant Eddie Mahe of Washington. "I'm stunned."

So, too, were Republicans across the country as well as aides at the White House, where one official compared the mood to a funeral.

The trouble began weeks ago, when Jeffords sought a commitment from the White House for more federal education funding for disabled students as a condition for supporting the president's budget and tax cut plans. The White House balked, and Jeffords voted with the Democrats in forcing Bush to accept a reduced tax cut.

Shortly after the vote, Jeffords was not invited to the White House for a National Teacher of the Year award ceremony honoring a Vermont high school educator. In addition, some GOP aides have whispered that the White House might retaliate by seeking changes in a dairy support system that benefits farmers in Vermont and the Northeast.

Republicans suggested that senior Bush adviser Karl Rove or Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott were on the hot seat for the heavyhanded tactics. "You learn in legislative business that you never focus on the last vote, you focus on the next vote, and I think that was apparently lost here," said Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore. "Retribution is not very effective in the Senate."

White House, Bush may get tough lesson in humility

By Bennett Roth
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — The likely scenario that U.S. Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., will abandon his party may not only hamper President Bush's future agenda but force the White House to be less heavy handed with those who cross the administration, experts said Wednesday.

Jeffords' defection would put Democrats in control of the Senate and in a better position to stall or block White House-backed legislation and nominations.

"He's in a terrible pickle. His legislative programs are in serious jeopardy if this goes through," said Bob Stein, a political science professor at Rice University.

Two key elements of Bush's campaign platform, a large tax cut and education reform, are still expected to be approved with bipartisan support even with a change of power.

But other, more controversial, parts of the White House agenda, including a new energy policy, a missile defense system, and Social Security privatization, would face greater hurdles.

Furthermore, the Democrats will have more ability to block Bush's judicial nominations, if they deem them too conservative, to the Supreme Court and other federal benches. And they will have a greater say in shaping spending pri-

orities. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said a shift in power would not seriously affect the president's agenda, arguing that Bush has been successful in forging bipartisan coalitions for such priorities as his tax cut.

"In all cases, the president is going to continue to work very respectfully and productively with members of Congress in both parties," the spokesman said. Nevertheless, Fleischer said, Bush would prefer the Senate remain in Republican hands.

Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney met separately with Jeffords on Tuesday afternoon to try and talk him out of abandoning the GOP.

But that meeting was the first time the president had made a personal effort to pacify Jeffords —

leading to questions of why it took the administration so long to recognize the festering political problem.

Fleischer denied charges that the White House was largely to blame for Jeffords' likely decision to jump ship by seeking retaliation against the senator for opposing the

administration's original 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax cut proposal.

Critics have charged that a number of administration officials, particularly political adviser Karl Rove and legislative liaison Nick Calio, launched a campaign to humiliate and punish the senator.

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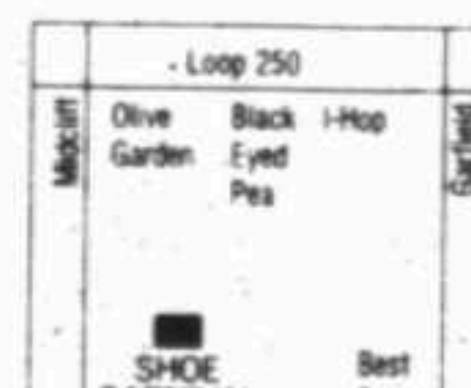
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WASHINGTON — Bush extended a warm welcome on Wednesday to the 14th anniversary of the leader's efforts with Chinese leadership in Tibet's natural identity.

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Bush welcomes Dalai Lama, despite complaints from China

By Sonya Ross
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush extended a carefully measured welcome to the Dalai Lama on Wednesday despite complaints from China. He said he supported the exiled Buddhist leader's efforts to begin talking with Chinese leaders about preserving Tibet's religious and cultural identity.

China, while marking the 50th anniversary of its rule over Tibet, condemned the White House meeting, saying that the reception and the U.S. visit of Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian indicated a toughening stance against China.

Bush, along with National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, greeted the Dalai Lama in the White House residence, not the Oval Office. Bush aides stressed that he received the Dalai Lama in his capacity as a religious leader, and that the visit did not indicate a shift in policy toward China.

"The president commended the Dalai Lama's commitment to nonviolence and declared his strong support for the Dalai Lama's tireless efforts to initiate a dialogue with the Chinese government," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "The president said he would seek ways to encourage dialogue, and expressed his hope that the Chinese government would respond favorably."

In China, however, state television reported that Luo Gan, the Communist Party's top cadre for law and order, told officials the Dalai Lama was "traveling further and further down the separatist road." The official Xinhua News Agency said Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Zhou Wenzhong lodged a formal diplomatic protest of Chen's visit with the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

State media portray modern Tibet as an increasingly prosperous land where religious freedom thrives, education is universal and residents rally behind the gov-

ernment in Beijing. The "peaceful liberation" of Tibet by Chinese forces in 1950 "marked the first step for people in Tibet toward sunshine and happiness from darkness and suffering," Xinhua said.

China regards Tibet as part of its traditional territory and sees the Dalai Lama as a supporter of Tibetan independence. The Dalai Lama said he told Bush he is seeking "genuine self-rule" as "a mutually equitable solution" for Tibet and China, and Bush shared that approach.

"I assured to him that in the future, whenever the president has an opportunity to meet with the Chinese leader, he can assure the Chinese government I'm not seeking independence," the Dalai Lama said.

He said Bush showed him "very genuine, human, warm feelings. That I very much appreciate."

Fleischer said Bush repeated that the United States would "support the preservation of Tibet's unique religious, cultural and linguistic identity, and the protection of the human rights of all Tibetans."

When asked whether Bush was trying to send a signal to China by greeting the spiritual leader more openly than former President Clinton did, Fleischer told reporters that it was Clinton who opted to have "drop by" sessions with the Dalai Lama, as opposed to full meetings.

"The president is maintaining the long-standing tradition of meeting with the Dalai Lama," Fleischer said. "Previous presidents, of course, have met with the Dalai Lama, so there is no change in the United States policy."

Lodi Gyari, the Dalai Lama's special envoy, said the spiritual leader stressed that there would be "dangerous consequences to the Tibetan identity" if China's policies toward Tibet go unchanged, and felt encouraged by the reception he received from the Bush administration.

When asked about China's bid

for the 2008 Olympics, the Dalai Lama said he would support it if advocates for democracy feel it can lead to more openness in China, but not if it could have a demoralizing, "world don't care" effect.

"When I look (at) one problem, I always look from various angles, so sometimes (that) makes me more indecisive," the Dalai Lama said.

The Dalai Lama met Tuesday with Secretary of State Colin Powell. The monk told reporters that Powell "listened very keenly" as he discussed his ideas about promoting human and religious values and the situation in Tibet.

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President Bush meets with the Dalai Lama Wednesday in the White House residence, not the Oval Office, in Washington. Bush aides stressed he received the Dalai Lama in his capacity as a religious leader, and the visit did not indicate a shift in policy toward China.

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For tonight, expect mostly cloudy skies with a 30 percent chance of showers and a low in the mid- to upper 50s.

On Friday, there is a 20 percent chance of rain. Look for mostly cloudy skies and slightly lower temperatures with a high of 82 and a low dipping down to 54 Friday night. Friday night will be mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers.

Wednesday's high reached 94, while its low dipped to 54. The record high for May 23 is 106 set in 1989. The record low is 47 set in 1988.

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Senate pushes big tax cut step closer to White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a dozen Democrats joining in, the Senate passed an 11-year, \$1.35 trillion tax relief package Wednesday that represents the largest tax cut in two decades and matches the priorities President Bush has been pushing since his campaign for the White House.

House and Senate negotiators immediately began meeting to work out a final compromise, which Republican leaders are scrambling to get on the president's desk by the end of the week.

"Now, we go to the final stage," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

The Senate voted 62-38 to pass the bill — the biggest tax cut since President Reagan's in 1981 — during a tumultuous day on Capitol Hill as Republicans and Democrats tried to calculate the political fallout of the possible decision by Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., to become an independent.

All 50 Senate Republicans and 12 Democrats voted in favor of the tax cut.

Bush said at the White House that those 62 senators "deserve our country's thanks and praise," and urged Congress to reach a rapid final accord. "Our economy cannot afford any further delays," the president said.

Senators of both parties agreed that the possible Jeffords switch, which will change the balance of power in an evenly divided Senate now run by Republicans, will have little bearing on the outcome of the tax debate. Sponsors intend to get the bill to Bush before the change takes effect.

"I don't think there's much of a cloud over this tax bill," said Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, ranking Democrat on the Finance Committee and chief co-sponsor of the bill along with Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

Negotiations between the House and Senate on a compromise broke up Wednesday night with no agreement, but talks were to continue today. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., told the conference that he'd be willing to continue talks through the weekend to reach an agreement if necessary, participants said.

"I think it's doable," said Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma, the assistant Senate Republican leader. "There's already been a lot of homework done."

The Senate bill includes the core components of Bush's original 10-year, \$1.6 trillion plan: across-the-board income tax cuts, eventual repeal of the estate tax, relief from the marriage penalty paid by millions of two-income couples and doubling of the \$500 child credit. The House passed individual bills closely tracking Bush's plan.

The Senate also added one item Bush wanted for corporate America: permanent extension of the research and development tax credit, which would otherwise expire in 2004.

Under pressure from Democratic and Republican moderates, including Jeffords, the Senate bill differs markedly from the Bush and House plans, mainly in ways that shift more of the benefits to low- and middle-income people. The Senate bill would reduce the top income tax rate to 36 percent, instead of 33 percent, and gradually phase in all the income tax cuts by 2007.

The Senate bill also would permit millions of low-income people to claim a portion of the child credit, boost contribution limits for 401(k) plans and IRAs, give education breaks such as a \$5,000 college tuition deduction and create a new, retroactive 10 percent income tax rate for the first portion of every taxpayer's income.

Border Patrol agents using four-wheel drive vehicles and five helicopters continued their search into the night. Rescuers were searching for at least four more people, said Cyril Atherton, a supervisory Border Patrol agent.

The Border Patrol said 106 people died while crossing southern Arizona's deserts during the federal fiscal year ending in September. Many of the deaths were from exposure. Before Wednesday's discovery, at least two dozen people who crossed illegally had been found dead in southern Arizona so far this fiscal year.

The latest deaths are believed to be the most among one group of illegal immigrants since July 1980, when 13 Salvadorans died of exposure.

"People are very, very ill-prepared to understand the distances and the dangers and threats to their lives," said the Rev. Robin Hoover, a Tucson pastor who has started setting up water stations for immigrants in the desert. "For many of the people who cross, they have no idea what they are encountering."

Survivors said the smugglers apparently suffering from heat exhaustion Wednesday morning who said they had been part of a group of 22 to 28 people smuggled across the border in a vehicle, Border Patrol spokesman Rob Daniels said.

JOIN: Plan to mirror Odessa program

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ples of areas of mutual interest.

He said the June meeting will take the discussion of those issues "to a higher level." According to Menchaca, the meeting also will allow the group to put in perspective what it wants to do and determine what its mission is. How often meetings are scheduled and specific meeting agendas also will be discussed.

The city, county and school district have recently shown the ability to coordinate their efforts, selecting the same law firm out of Austin to take care of redistricting.

"In the past, the community has done a decent job of getting together like that, but you go

along everyday in your line of business, whether that be city, school or county, and sometimes your calendar runs out of spaces to mark," said Mike Bradford, county commissioner for precinct 2. "It is only natural we get back together and do it, and I only hope we do it consistently. It can't do anything but improve our community."

Last year, the lack of communication has been seen by some as a factor in the failure to pass a \$72.2 million school bond proposal in 2000.

The bond election came nearly one year after Midland voters approved a quarter-cent increase to fund the construction of the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

"If there wasn't coordination going on, they missed an opportunity," Canon said, "because there certainly could have been and probably should have been."

Outgoing MISD Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. said, "I wouldn't cast aspersions on past actions, but no question that working together will improve the cost effectiveness, efficiency and success of various projects. As far as opening the lines of communications between the various entities, that would be great."

With the school bond issue still out there and an economic development sales tax expected to find its way back into the city spotlight, it is thought that the

taxing entities can help each other with projects that are above and beyond the normal mandate of services.

"We are trying to get communication between the tax units going on so the left hand knows what the right hand is doing," Wynn said. "If you were going to vote for a school election, you don't want another taxing unit to go at the same time, because it dilutes the focus from the taxpayers."

"When they (Odessa) got their quarter-cent reallocated to the economic development sales tax, they attributed the fact they had the Odessa Partnership in place as a vehicle which allowed them to accomplish that."

WORK: Student wants to play golf for living

(From 1A)

For students like Evan Sauer, a sixth-grade student at Sam Houston, the summer is just a bridge between two worlds. He'll be attending San Jacinto Junior High School in the fall, and has a well-developed plan after that.

"I'd like to play golf for a living, but get my degree in architecture," he said. In addition to the excitement that elective classes like upper-level Spanish and Speech and Drama classes will bring for Evan next year, he's excited about his No. 1 college choice — Stanford.

"Junior high has more freedom, but you don't get to do all of the fun stuff like in elementary school," Evan continued. "I'll miss Ms. Tubbs (Sam Houston Elementary's principal) the most."

The seventh- and eighth-grade students in Stephanie Fuller's math class at Goddard Junior High School think they will be missed after school is out. She's not so sure.

"The kids think we're going to miss them this summer, and I always tell them that I'm not aiming at them," she said with a smile. "You have to be aiming at them to miss

them."

After today, Mrs. Fuller has a full schedule of activities for the rest of the summer. After attending the Algebra Institute, she will go to Galveston with her Girl Scout troop and then to the National Boy Scout Camp. Then she plans to enjoy painting her house and cleaning out her closet, as well as all of the other things she never had time for during the year.

And she's not alone. Many students, parents and teachers are not making a vacation out of their summer vacations.

"There isn't a teacher I know who doesn't do something during the summer to improve their craft," Mrs. Fuller said. "Who knows what I'll find to do this summer? I'm just looking forward to learning more to take back to the classroom."

And that goes for all grades and schools, too. Martha Fentem teaches second grade at Pease Elementary, and she is living proof that teachers do not, as many people think, get a vacation.

"We get a week off, then two weeks of in-service," she said. "Most people think that teachers get the summer off, but we are in

school most of the summer... we spend a lot of time on staff development to prepare for next year."

Mrs. Fentem will have an added responsibility this summer, because she will stay on board when Pease becomes a magnet school in the fall.

While this school year marked an ending for some, it was a beginning for others. Lisa Williams is a first-year teacher at Sam Houston, and has learned a lot from her fifth grade class.

"This year, our fifth-graders had 100 percent passing test scores," she said proudly. "We will work hard to make sure we have the same success next year."

Mrs. Fuller also expressed awe for the growth she has seen in her students. This was her first year teaching math to two grades (seventh and eighth), and she said it was her "definitive year" after seven years of teaching at Goddard.

"The seventh-graders, they come in like mice," she said. "But then, the eighth graders leave like lions. Watching them change during those two years is really, really fascinating."

EYE: Odessa had few problems with student behavior

(From 1A)

son, the police department's spokeswoman. "Everything went smoothly."

Ms. Thompson said the traditional problems from the last two years were concentrated at parks and other problem areas where young people were tossing water balloons and eggs. This year, extra officers were deployed to curb students' plots for the short spurts of attempted disorder.

Walkenshaw said his department is gearing up to concentrate on training officers who do not work through the 10 weeks of summer, preparing them for

"critical incidents" like those occurring at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Walkenshaw did acknowledge there is normally a slight increase in mischief and vandalism cases in Midland during the summer months.

"We (deal with kids) as far as window breakage, some graffiti, and some skate boarding on campuses," he said.

Many parents and other guardians are preparing for their children to be home for the summer. Determining how to keep them busy is a way to keep them out of trouble.

Psychologist Dr. Perry Marchioni said summer mischievous

activity increases with youngsters for a variety of reasons.

"Kids who go unsupervised for an extended period of time will find something to do," Marchioni said. "Sometimes, those things aren't lawful."

Additional elements factor into the equation.

"You're talking about kids who lack the chemical composition that inhibit developed adults from engaging in this kind of activity," Marchioni said.

While many parents may have postponed their search for activities for children, many organizations offer summer activities that are creative and

fun for children. Local Boys' and Girls' Clubs open May 29 and continue through August 3 and offer young people between ages of 6 and 18 sports programs, arts and crafts, as well as field trips for \$3 for the whole summer. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts tend to their summer camp programs, and kids enrolled in Cub Scouts enjoy day camp activities as well.

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Twelve immigrants found dead of exposure in Arizona desert

YUMA, Ariz. (AP) — Twelve illegal immigrants died in the Arizona desert after crossing the border from Mexico, and rescuers searched Wednesday for others who might be stranded in temperatures that climbed as high as 115 degrees, the Border Patrol said.

Southern Arizona became a popular crossing point for illegal immigrants after crackdowns in California and Texas during the 1990s pushed more people to try to enter the country through remote and dangerous areas.

Agents reported finding seven bodies about 25 miles from the border and four more bodies a few miles away. All had died of exposure. A twelfth man died while being taken to a hospital for treatment.

Rescuers had picked up a total of 13 survivors in the area by Wednesday evening, Border Patrol spokesman Maurice Moore said.

"We intend to work this until we've made sure that there's no one left out there," Moore said. "It's in the middle of nowhere there."

Searchers found five men apparently suffering from heat exhaustion Wednesday morning who said they had been part of a group of 22 to 28 people smuggled across the border in a vehicle, Border Patrol spokesman Rob Daniels said.

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Demolition begins at former Aryan Nations compound

By David Foster
Associated Press

HAYDEN LAKE, Idaho — For 27 years, Norm Gissel never could have made it past the guard shack at the Aryan Nations headquarters. Now he and other human-rights activists roam the 20-acre compound as if they own the place.

That's because they do own it — the result of a lawsuit that bankrupted Aryan Nations founder Richard Butler — and this week they are savoring the demolition of what they call "the campus of hate."

An excavator arrived Wednesday to begin dismantling some of the most potent symbols of Butler's neo-Nazi organization: the guard shack, a 30-foot watchtower and a commissary with a huge swastika on the roof.

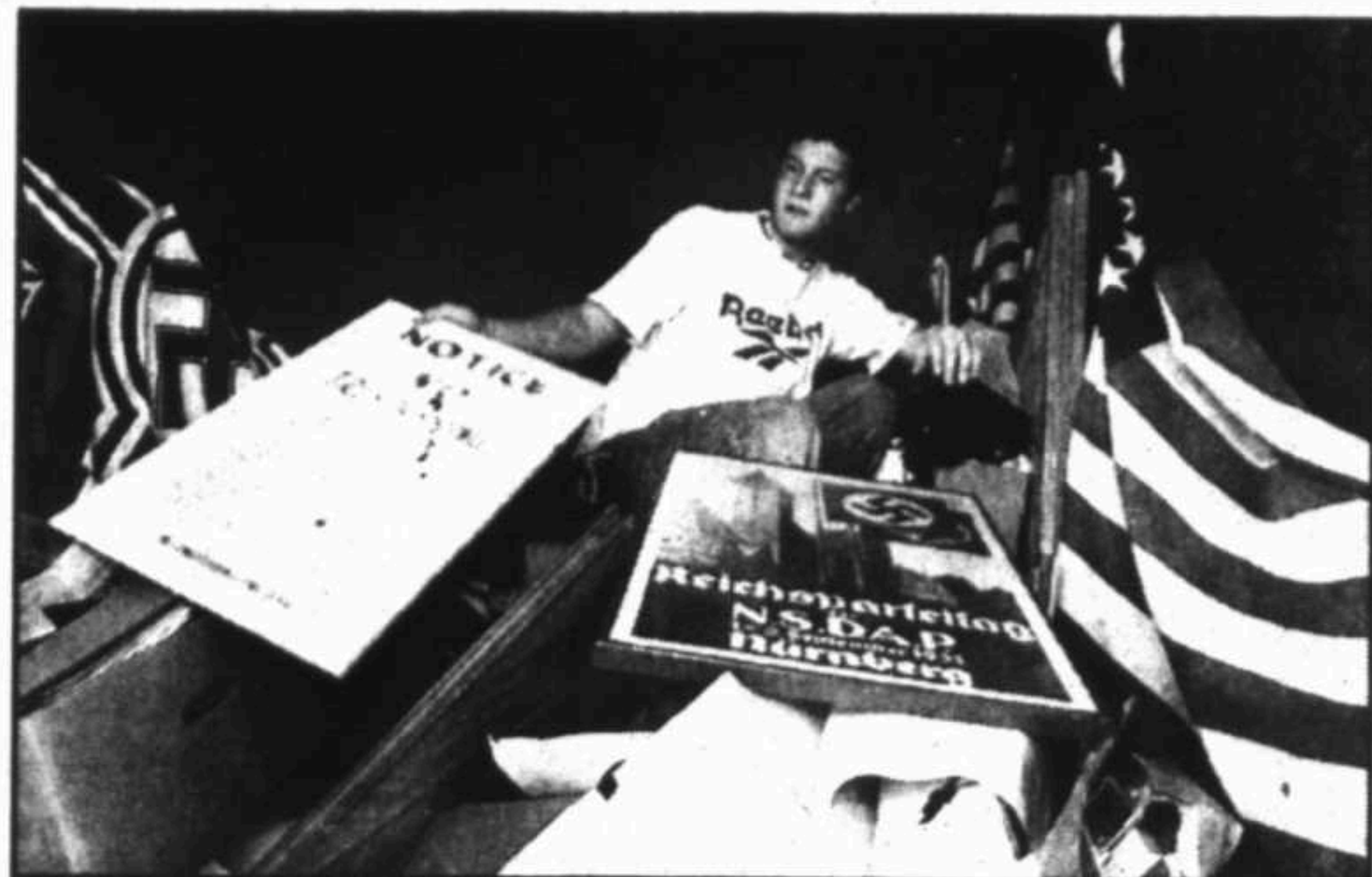
Where skinheads and uniformed Nazi wannabes once goose-stepped around Butler's property in the woods of northern Idaho, the new owners are planning a human-rights retreat or a children's camp devoted to diversity.

Gissel, a lawyer who helped bankrupt Butler, smiled broadly as he stood outside the former Aryan Nations office, watching workers haul away garbage. Inside, shelves were pasted with labels of mail-order tracts: "America: Free, White and Christian," \$9. "The Jews and Their Lies," \$6. "Klansman Handbook," \$5.

Resting his hand on a small printing press, Gissel said: "We've spent many sleepless nights worrying about the effects of the speech that came off this press. This isn't the only printing press out there, and I'm sure they're buying another one as we speak. But they're not going to have this one anymore."

Butler, now 83 and in poor health, still lives in the area, in a home donated by a wealthy supporter. His following, which over the years included some of the nation's most violent racists and anti-Semites, has dwindled to a dozen or so people. The Aryan Nations still maintains a phone number and answering machine, though no one returned three messages left this week.

Butler moved to northern Idaho from California in 1973. By



AP Photo
Brock Bishop stands atop a pile of Aryan Nations memorabilia as he displays some of the items being held in a storage unit Tuesday in Hayden Lake, Idaho. Demolition of the nearby former headquarters of the Aryan Nations began Wednesday afternoon. Brock is assisting his father, Rob Bishop, in taking apart the complex.

1980, when anti-Semitic graffiti appeared on an area restaurant owned by a Jew, community members had taken notice of Butler's racist rhetoric.

The Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations was soon formed and has battled the Aryan Nations ever since. When the Aryan Nations would hold a youth conference, the task force would counter with human-rights rallies. When Butler staged parades in nearby Coeur d'Alene, the task force would assemble protesters.

It seemed as if the duel would continue indefinitely — until 1998, when Aryan Nations security guards chased a car they thought had fired a gun at them. (It turned out to be backfire or a firecracker.) The guards fired at the car and forced it into a ditch. One of them grabbed the driver, local resident Victoria Keenan, jabbed her with a rifle butt and put a gun to her head.

Keenan and her son, Jason, sued Butler and last year won a \$6.3 million verdict. They gained possession of the 20-acre compound and its nine buildings after Butler filed for bankrupt-

cy protection, and in March they sold it for \$250,000 to the Carr Foundation, a human-rights group based in Cambridge, Mass.

Foundation head Greg Carr, an Idaho native and former chairman of the Internet company Prodigy Inc., wants to convert the site into a retreat. He

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— Tony Stewart
a founding member of the task force

also wants to build a public human-rights center 10 miles down the road in Coeur d'Alene — all in the name of erasing Idaho's image as a haven for racists.

Carr and activists plan to demolish some buildings and let the fire department burn down the rest for firefighting practice.

There was a festive air at the compound this week. A dozen law enforcement officials who had tracked the Aryan Nations toured the site Wednesday, posing for photos and poking around the abandoned buildings.

"We're just sightseers like everyone else," said one FBI agent official who refused to give his name or allow journalists to photograph the group. "Some of these guys are still working," he explained. It was

ister in the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian, once preached that northern European whites were the true lost tribes of Israel, favored by God.

Everywhere there were swastikas: carved into trees, stuck on windows and walls, taped onto wastebaskets. "Beware of Dog" signs remained on the trees. But the German shepherds, like their owners, were gone.

"This is a great relief," said Tony Stewart, a founding member of the task force. "It may be a long time coming sometimes, but justice prevails when good people do the right thing."

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Las Vegas supporting privacy for high rollers

By Angie Wagner
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The casinos in this desert city are trying to save the whales — "whales" being their term for the most elite high rollers.

The whales are about 200 of the world's wealthiest gamblers, and they are courted in Las Vegas with lavish suites, personal butlers, chefs and private pools.

As if the red carpet isn't rolled out enough, the casinos now want to let the big shots bet in private VIP salons, where they will not have to mingle with gawking tourists and other regular folks with their plastic change buckets.

A bill approved by the Legislature and awaiting Gov. Kenny Guinn's signature would create such private gambling salons.

Many casinos already have gambling rooms for high-end players, but they are required by law to be open to the public.

"Times have changed," says Alan Feldman, spokesman for MGM Mirage, the largest hotel-casino owner in Las Vegas. "We have to show as much revenue as possible. We're trying to find as much as we can."

And that means offering whales what they want. Casinos in such destinations as Macau, Monaco and Australia offer private gambling rooms where the whales can feel like James Bond, and Las Vegas casinos say they need such salons to compete.

Some casino executives argued before the Legislature that some whales avoid Las Vegas because they are not assured privacy.

"Some of these people can win or lose millions of dollars, but not all of them wish to be identified in public," says Bill Timmins, president and chief operating officer of the Aladdin.



AP Photo
Black Jack Dealer J.C. Nichols waits for players in the London Club, a high-roller room, at the Aladdin hotel-casino in Las Vegas Tuesday. The casinos in this desert city are trying to save the whales — "whales" being their term for the most elite high rollers. The whales are about 200 of the world's wealthiest gamblers, and they are courted in Las Vegas with lavish suites, personal butlers, chefs and private pools.

Casinos protect the identities of their whales, and refused to make any of them available for this story.

Under the legislation, casinos would decide which customers are wealthy enough to gamble in private.

Who are these high rollers? Casinos say they are large-business owners from around the world who have credit lines of millions of dollars. How they do at the gaming tables can determine whether the casino wins or loses that day.

"Vegas should do whatever they can to cater to this segment of the market," says Jason Ader, gambling analyst for Bear Stearns. "There's a tremendous economic impact the high rollers have on Las Vegas."

Because they bet so much money, whales get the royal treatment — free suites that spread over entire hotel floors, shopping sprees in the casino's shops, a private jet ready to whisk them anywhere they want.

Inside the high-limit London Club of the Aladdin in Las Vegas, dealers wear evening gowns and vested suits. The lighting is dim and the slot machines are quieter, offering a much different setting than the jangling Love Me Legal Tender slots tournament in another part of the casino. High rollers

can check in, dine and depart without ever stepping into the main casino.

"They get all the freebies and we pay for everything," says Baltimore tourist Connie Miller, clutching a bucket of quarters inside the Aladdin.

Miller, like most gamblers, will have to be content with those free key chains and the sweet sound of clanking coins.

Honor student arrested under zero-tolerance policy

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — A high school honor student who is set to graduate next week was sent to jail and will miss the ceremony because a kitchen knife was found in her car, officials said.

Lindsay Brown, 18, spent Monday in jail on a felony charge of possession of a weapon on Estero High School property, and she was suspended from school for five days.

Officials saw the knife on the floor of the passenger's side of Brown's car while she was in the school, a report said.

Brown is taking final exams and will most likely get her diploma, but she will miss graduation activities and the May 29 commencement, officials said.

"They're taking away my memories," Brown said, as she walked out of the Lee County Jail on Monday afternoon after posting \$2,500 bail.

"I'm so angry. I won't get to graduate with my friends because of a stupid kitchen knife."

The knife, which has a 5-inch blade, had been left in the car after Brown moved some possessions over the weekend, she said.

Brown said she didn't know it



AP Photo
Lindsay Brown, left, a student at Estero High School in Ft. Myers, Fla., is hugged by her mother Melissa Ashworth in front of the Lee County Jail Monday following the 18-year-old's arrest on possession of a weapon on school grounds.

was there until school security and a Lee County sheriff's corporal pointed it out to her.

Her family claims the arrest is a case of political correctness run amok.

But Principal Fred Bode said,

'They're taking away my memories.'

— Lindsay Brown

"A weapon is a weapon is a weapon."

"We can't treat honor roll students differently than students with a 1.9 grade-point average," he said. "We did everything by the book."

Sheriff Lt. Bill Byrus said he sympathizes with Brown, but said the arrest is not up to the discretion of the officer.

Brown, who has been granted an academic scholarship to Florida Gulf Coast University, is scheduled to return to court June 22.

Supporters of "zero tolerance" rules mandating automatic reporting of incidents involving weapons, threats or drugs at schools say they help keep schools safe. Critics say they can tie the hands of school officials by requiring them to report incidents to authorities no matter what the circumstances.

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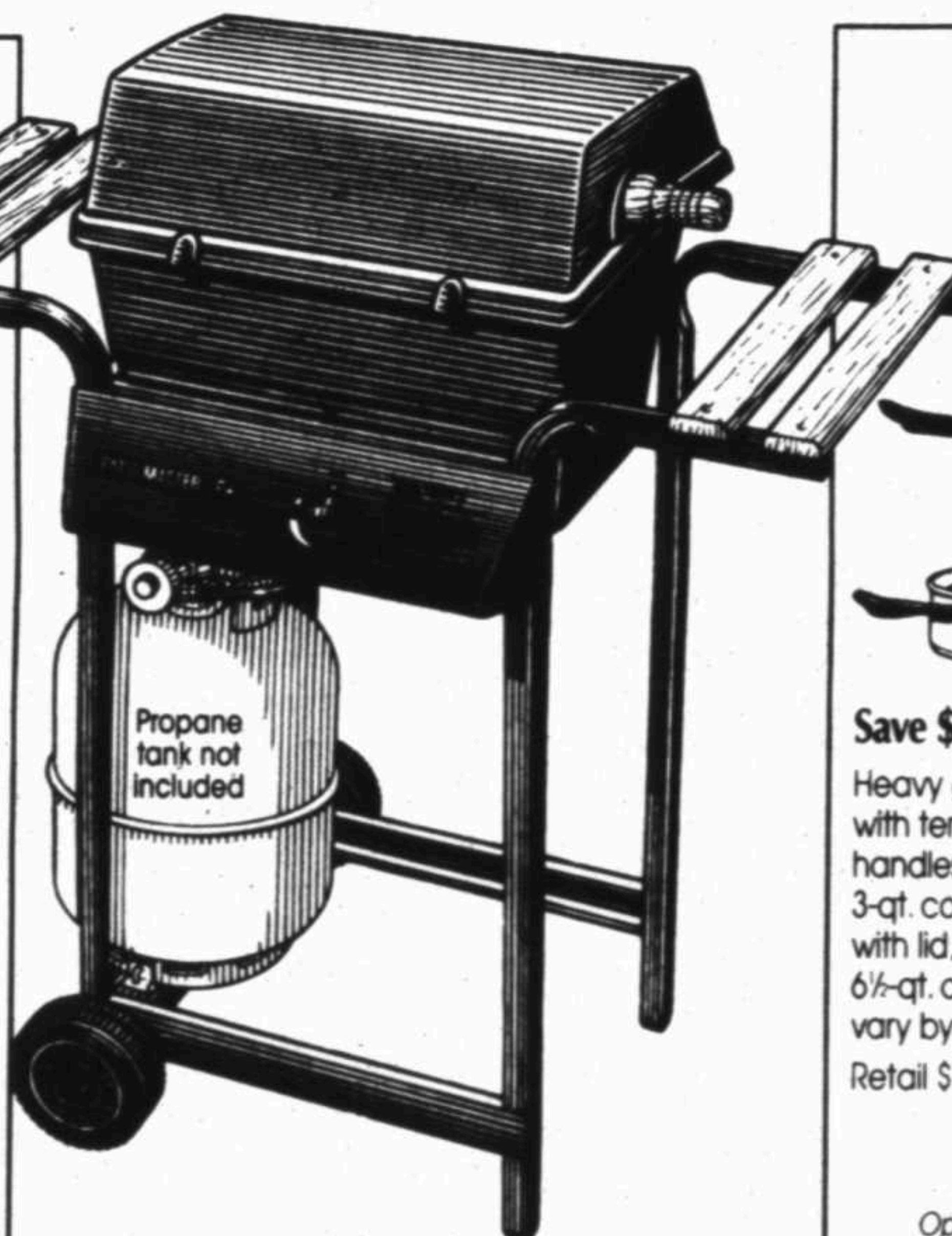
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Researchers find no placebo effect in dozens of studies

By Linda A. Johnson
Associated Press

One of the most strongly held beliefs in medicine — that dummy pills or other sham treatments greatly help many patients — has been called into question by Danish researchers who found little or no "placebo effect" in dozens of studies.

That led the researchers and other doctors to recommend that for ethical reasons, placebos, or inactive substances, no longer be given to patients outside of controlled medical experiments. "The shoe is on the other foot now. The people who claim there are placebo effects are going to have to show it," said Dr. John C. Bailar III, a just-retired professor of health studies at the University of Chicago who wrote an editorial accompanying the research in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, said: "I was shocked by this study. This just goes completely against the grain."

In many medical studies, patients in one group receive an experimental new treatment, while a comparison group gets a lookalike dummy pill or other placebo. Neither the patients nor the doctors know who is getting what. The goal is to see if medicines being tested do more good than people's will to get better.

Studies occasionally include a third group not getting a placebo. Those patients receive nothing, or just get the standard treatment for a condition if the study is testing whether combining a new treatment with the current one is better.

The Danish researchers combined the findings of 114 such studies from around the world, involving dozens of conditions ranging from colds and seasickness to Alzheimer's disease and schizophrenia, to see how the sham treatment stacked up to no treatment.

In most of the studies, the placebo group fared about the same as the group getting no treatment. The exceptions were studies of pain treatments and some others with subjective results, meaning patients reported how much symptoms bothered them, rather than having an objective measure such as blood pressure.

Placebo recipients in the pain studies averaged a 15 percent reduction in pain, and patients in the other subjective studies had even smaller improvements.

Many past studies and textbooks suggest that about one-third of patients given placebos in medical experiments get better, presumably because they believe they are getting an effective treatment. But the new research casts doubt on this long-held belief.

"The high levels of placebo effect which have been repeatedly reported in many articles,

in our mind are the result of flawed research methodology," said Dr. Asbjorn Hrobjartsson, a professor of medical philosophy and research methodology at University of Copenhagen who ran the study with colleagues at the Nordic Cochran Center there.

The researchers' and other experts said the improvements in subjective measures might be explained by "reporting bias," where patients, thinking they are getting a powerful treatment, incorrectly judge their condition or overstate any improvement to please their doctor.

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Dr. Stephen Schneider, a professor of medicine at University of Medicine and Dentistry of

New Jersey in New Brunswick, has worked on many trials where patients on placebo

improved. He said some of those patients would have gotten better with no treatment. In addition, he said, simply participating in a medical study induces patients to eat better, exercise more or otherwise pay more attention to their health.

Schneider and Caplan said many doctors still routinely prescribe placebos to reassure patients who want every possible treatment.

That includes giving antibiotics to people with colds, which cannot help, recommending heavy doses of Vitamin C for the flu, or prescribing a drug that is

unlikely to work but might give hope to a patient with a terminal illness.

Richard Gracely, a scientist specializing in pain research at the National Institutes of Health, noted that Hrobjartsson's report did not state how much the active treatment in the 114 studies helped patients.

Gracely said that might be important because the magnitude of the placebo effect in past studies generally was proportional to the active treatment's effect.

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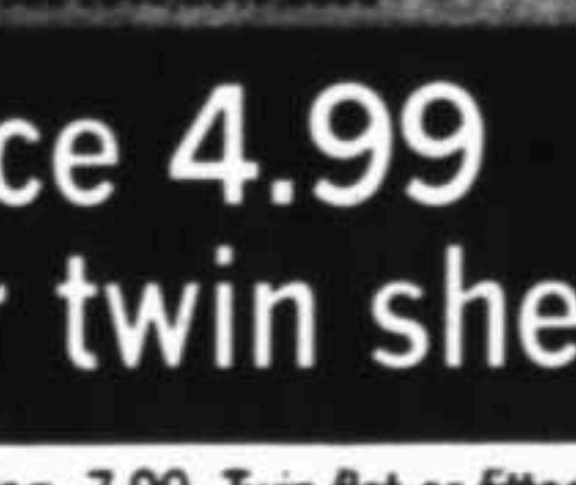


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Succession plans: Why family businesses need one

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Your company is your baby — you started it, nurtured it, turned it into the great success that it is today. But what will happen when you're no longer running it?

What to do with a family-owned company when the founding father or mother decides to retire, is incapacitated or dies is an issue that must be faced. Yet many business owners haven't put together what's known as a succession plan, and advisers say companies often suffer as a result.

Often, "business owners don't want to acknowledge their own mortality," and that prevents them from even starting a plan, said Thomas Geisel, a managing director at Key Business Services, part of the banking company Key-

Corp.

Other obstacles include an inability to make some hard decisions, Geisel said. Among them: Should the company be passed on to the owner's children? Who should actually run the firm? What if there's no one around who is really capable of doing it?

Business advisers say a plan is critical for a company's long-term survival. Geisel estimated that 70 percent of small businesses without a succession plan don't make it past the second generation.

A plan should be written to ensure that there are no questions later on. And it should do more than just pick who's going to run the firm — it should also deal with a variety of strategic, financial and emotional issues. It should consider the company's needs and the family's needs.

For example, Andrew J. Sher-

man, a Washington D.C. attorney and author of the book "Parting Company," says that, while many owners dream of handing the business to their children, that might not be the best option. The kids might not have the right personality or business know-how.

And, he said, some children end up "running the business out of guilt or emotional ties. ... If in their deepest hearts they don't want to be there, how effective is that company going to be? How is it going to grow?"

More considerations: If you have more than one child, how will ownership and management be divided? Is the disposition of the company likely to cause disagreements that will hurt the company or threaten its future or create a family rift? Do you plan to retain some role in the firm? You might decide it would be

better to sell the company or a part of it. In that case, your succession plan should provide for the terms of the sale and how the company should be structured. It's likely you'll need to draw up what's known as a "buy-sell agreement."

Gary Morris, a certified financial planner in Dallas, said a buy-sell agreement "puts in place the parameters of how the business will be sold at the time of retirement, termination, death or disability." It's a binding agreement.

There are also financial issues and tax considerations. For instance, if you're giving the business to your children, you can't just hand it all at once or you'll be hit with a huge gift tax bill. You need to think about giving stock to them in increments — you can give a person up to \$10,000 a year without paying gift

taxes.

Estate taxes might also need to be factored in. While the Bush administration supports the drive in Congress to repeal estate taxes, changes are likely to be phased in over a period of years.

Another consideration has to do with whether you expect to take money out of the business? Do you want it in a lump sum (and is it feasible to do so) or do you want to spread the payments over a period of years?

Sherman advises owners to begin working on a plan immediately because with procrastination, "the flexibility you may have to implement strategies may become lost." He also said that the IRS is likely to question any last-minute transactions.

While you're at it, you should be looking at your company as a whole, and determining if it's

ready to be passed on to someone else. One problem that endangers many companies is that the longtime owner is often the only person who really understands the firm and who has the closest relationship with customers and suppliers.

If that description fits you, then you need to be restructuring the business so it can survive without you. And, if necessary, start grooming your successor.

Often, said Morris, the Dallas financial planner, "the person that started the business doesn't think through the kind of skills needed. They don't develop the person who'll succeed them. Sometimes they don't even tell the person."

Federal investigation focuses on what causes tire failures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ford Motor Co. collected data on Firestone tire failures and determined it needed to replace them. It's not that easy for the government.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration must figure out what causes the tires to fail before deciding whether to order Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. to expand its recall.

NHTSA has spent more than a year reviewing dozens of boxes of documents and testing hundreds of tires in an investigation that is being closely scrutinized by Congress, the media and safety advocates.

"Obviously, given recent developments, we have asked NHTSA officials to expedite their inquiry," House Commerce Committee spokesman Ken Johnson said Wednesday. "If there's a serious problem, as Ford indicates, we want confirmation as quickly as possible."

More than 6,000 people have contacted the agency to complain about the tires, which were involved in traffic accidents that have caused at least 174 deaths and 700 injuries in the United States and more overseas.

"Our task is much more complex than determining merely which tires have a higher failure rate," NHTSA spokesman Rae Tyson said. "We have to understand why those tires failed before we can prescribe the remedy."

NHTSA also has to be prepared to defend its action against a lawsuit. If it orders an expanded recall, Bridgestone/Firestone could fight the order in court.

"Ford just says, 'There is a problem, we want to go forward with a recall,'" said Sean Kane of Strategic Safety, a firm researching the case for state attorneys general and lawyers representing victims of accidents involving Firestone tires. "The government has a different standard, not just because of political implications, but legal impli-

cations."

Bridgestone/Firestone voluntarily recalled 6.5 million Wilderness AT tires last August amid complaints some would suddenly fail. The tires are standard equipment on the Ford Explorer, the world's best-selling sport utility vehicle.

This week, Ford said its investigation found that other Wilderness AT tires not included in the recall failed at a rate three times greater than normal, prompting the company to recall 13 million of the tires.

Bridgestone/Firestone disputes Ford's findings and insists a broader recall is unnecessary.

Rep. Fred Upton, who sponsored sweeping changes to auto and tire safety laws after last summer's recall, said he is concerned the NHTSA investigation is taking too long. He said lawmakers would ask NHTSA for a status report during a hearing early next month.

"One of my questions is: Do they have the resources to come up with the decision, particularly as you come up on a hot summer?" he said, alluding to statistics showing many of the Firestone tire failures occurred in hot weather.

The agency is examining all sizes of Firestone ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires and hopes to release its findings by the end of the summer. Tyson said the investigation covers more than 55 million tires, although many of them are older and may no longer be on the road.

"We don't have any indication of what NHTSA might do," said Bridgestone/Firestone spokeswoman Jill Bratina. "We continue to have conversations with them and share information about our tires."

Bridgestone/Firestone's internal investigation said the tire failures were due to faulty design and manufacturing processes at its plant in Decatur, Ill. Only 15-inch Wilderness ATs from that plant were includ-

ed in the original recall. It also said the design of the Explorer and Ford's lower recommended tire pressure played a role.

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Associated Press

BERLIN — German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder announced Tuesday that he would free its half of a \$4 pension fund for and forced laborers last major hurdle for aging survivors.

A statement by the U.S. judge of a crucial lawsuit for protection from the German company demanded as their part in the decisive step in a two-year process.

Even before the statement, a spokesman for companies controlling government-industry gang Gibowski, said a decision by District Judge Wohl Kram made possible "that most paid to survivors."

And Chancellor Schröder's envoy Otto Lambsdorff, said German companies "legal peace" they ed for payments to estimated 1 million Nazi labor, mostly from Eastern Europe. "We have reached payments can begin," told a news conference rying back from a He again blamed

Inquiry a

KINSHASA, Congo on Wednesday the enemy side in war in the death of Laurent Kabila, charged that the assassination was part of an attempt.

The government commission, made up of allies in the war, proof that Rwanda Congolese rebels w Jan. 16 attack on Kinshasa.

But the accusation termed "outlandish" by Rwanda and allied Congolese Democracy rebel group, complicate a U.N. forward a peace plan Central African conflict.

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The panel, appointed by the 29-year-old son of Joseph, confirmed Laurent Kabila's Rashidi Mizele, was man. The bodyguard la three times, the panel said.

But the attack "was a coup attempt," Attorney General Luhong Kabinda said the inquiry, said.

The assassination a coup attempt, "planned out by a coalition of powers," Ngoy said.

The report singled out Onusumba, head of based rebels, and Bi a senior rebel leader those allegedly involved.

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German industry ready to free Nazi labor payments, but steps remain

By Tony Czuczka
Associated Press

BERLIN — German industry indicated Tuesday it is ready to free its half of a \$4.6 billion compensation fund for Nazi-era slave and forced laborers, clearing the last major hurdle for payments to aging survivors.

A statement by German industry said a U.S. judge's dismissal of a crucial lawsuit signaled the protection from legal action that German companies have demanded as their part of the deal, the decisive step in a painstaking two-year process.

Even before the announcement, a spokesman for German companies contributing to the government-industry fund, Wolfgang Gibowski, said Monday's decision by District Judge Shirley Wohl Kram made it "very well possible" that money would be paid to survivors by July.

And Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's envoy on slave labor, Otto Lambsdorff, said he believes German companies now had the "legal peace" they have demanded for payments to begin to an estimated 1 million survivors of Nazi labor, mostly non-Jews from Eastern Europe.

"We have reached our goal — payments can begin," Lambsdorff told a news conference after hurrying back from a visit to Israel. He again blamed Kram for the



AP Photo
Karl Brozik, former slave laborer and representative in Germany of the Jewish Claims Conference, right, smiles as he shakes hands with Manfred Gentz, chairman of the German Industry Foundation Initiative to compensate Nazi slave laborers, following a news conference at a Frankfurt, Germany, Tuesday.

delay. "We'd have finished six months earlier if Judge Kram hadn't delayed us. Unfortunately, in this time, many entitled claimants have died."

Schroeder issued a statement welcoming the industry announcement and voicing confidence that compensation would start quickly.

However, Czech chief negotiator Jiri Sitrler said he would only

be satisfied when German industry actually transfers the \$2.3 billion it has collected to the fund.

"Only at the moment this happens we can talk about a breakthrough," said Sitrler, who represents some 80,000 Czech forced laborers who have applied for payments. "That would really mean that German firms are finally ready to meet their obligations."

The head of Germany's Jewish community was even more skeptical.

"I've seen many breakthroughs, which have raised the hopes of old and ill claimants," Paul Spiegel told N-24 television. "I'll only believe it when the first money flows."

Under the fund rules, the German parliament has to declare itself satisfied that German companies are adequately protected from future lawsuits by victims of Nazi labor. Lawmakers said that decision could come as early as next week.

"I hope we can establish legal security at the very latest in June, perhaps even in the next week, and that the foundation will share this opinion," said Wolfgang Bosbach of the opposition Christian Democrats.

Gibowski noted that several other cases against German companies are pending in the United States, including what he called

a key case in California.

But the New York ruling was expected to speed dismissal of the suits, clearing the way for long-delayed pay outs after two years of negotiations on a settlement for the Holocaust survivors.

Tuesday's statement by German industry said the dismissal of the New York suit "has created the conditions under which the German parliament can declare adequate legal security."

Industry "has from the very beginning stressed that offering these funds is a humanitarian measure aimed at reconciliation and understanding," the statement

said.

"It thereby recognizes the historic and moral responsibility of German industry due to its integration into the Nazi regime."

Industry also defended its decision to hold out for full legal closure since last July's international agreement setting up the fund, saying protection from lawsuits was a critical part of the accord.

Judge Kram signed an order Monday dismissing Gutman vs. Deutsche Bank, saying, "It's my hope and expectation that the German Foundation will begin payments almost immediately."

The case involved plaintiffs who lost money deposited in Aus-

trian banks during the Holocaust. Kram wanted the Austrian plaintiffs to be eligible for payments from the German fund because, following Germany's 1938 annexation of Austria, Germany controlled that country's banks.

But she came under pressure from plaintiffs in the slave labor litigation to drop the case because German industry cited it as an obstacle.

A federal appeals court ruled Thursday that Kram exceeded her authority when she tried to impose conditions for dismissing the earlier consolidated claims.

Inquiry accuses enemies in killing of president

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Congo on Wednesday accused the enemy side in its 2 1/2-year war in the death of President Laurent Kabila, charging the assassination was part of a larger coup attempt.

The government-appointed commission, made up of Congo's allies in the war, offered no proof that Rwanda, Uganda and Congolese rebels were behind the Jan. 16 attack on Laurent Kabila.

But the accusation — quickly termed "outlandish and absurd" by Rwanda and the Rwanda-allied Congolese Rally for Democracy rebel group — could complicate a U.N. drive to push forward a peace plan to end the Central African nation's conflict.

Laurent Kabila was rumored to have been shot in the head by a young bodyguard, leaning in as if to whisper something into the presidential ear.

The panel, appointed by Kabila's 29-year-old son and successor, Joseph, confirmed that one of Laurent Kabila's bodyguards, Rashidi Mizele, was the triggerman. The bodyguard shot Kabila three times, the panel said.

But the attack "was not an isolated act," Attorney General Luhonge Kabinda Ngyo, head of the inquiry, said.

The assassination was part of a coup attempt, "planned and carried out by a coalition of foreign powers," Ngyo said.

The report singled out Adolphe Onusumba, head of the Goma-based rebels, and Bizima Karaha, a senior rebel leader, as among those allegedly involved.

The commission — of civilians and soldiers of Congo's war

allies — said a fourth group was involved but refused to identify it, saying it didn't want to jeopardize an ongoing investigation.

Rwanda and Uganda are backing Congo rebel groups in a war launched 2 1/2 years ago to topple Laurent Kabila. Troops from Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia are fighting in Congo's defense.

Authorities suggested agents of Congo's enemies had infiltrated Kabila's presidential guard to carry out the killing — but again, gave no details.

Rwanda immediately dismissed the accusation as "outlandish," noting Congo had given no evidence to back it up. "These are far-fetched allegations that should not be given any weight," said Seth Kamanzi, secretary-general of Rwanda's Foreign Affairs ministry.

"Total rubbish," said Karaha, security chief for the rebels.

"The investigation is a classic attempt at a cover-up where the suspect becomes the investigator," Karaha said by telephone from rebel headquarters.

"Kabila was killed because of the intense infighting within his regime. There is still a power struggle and the people in gov-

ernment in Kinshasa know who killed Kabila," he told the AP.

Investigators didn't address key questions about the killing — including even just when Kabila died. The government confirmed Kabila's death only Jan. 18, after two days of drama over his fate and the country's future.

When authorities dodged a question on the timing yet again at Wednesday's news conference, reporters burst into laughter.

Other questions left unanswered include the whereabouts of the gun used in the killing — missing and impossible to trace, the commission said.

Another mystery — the whereabouts of some of those arrested in the plot, including Laurent Kabila's cousin, presidential aide de camp Eddy Kapend.

Kapend is believed to have personally executed the young bodyguard shortly after the killing. He appeared on television within hours and appeared to be taking a leadership role in the country's government.

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President Bush, speaking at his alma mater, Yale University, earlier this week, joked that even "C" students can one day become president. The president readily admits that like so many of us, he didn't pay the proper amount of attention to his studies during his days as a student.

In his campaign and initial time as our nation's leader and previously serving as our governor, George W. Bush has made education a central theme.

While this weekend so many young people, teachers and parents will taste the fruits of their labor in graduation ceremonies, we know we are still not satisfied with our educational system.

We know we have many challenges that remain ahead.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 20 million children will reach high school age in four years, posing daunting challenges for school districts already coping with classroom crowding and teacher shortages.

Nationally, the number of children age 10 to 14 increased 20 percent the past decade to 20.5 million, according to the 2000 census. A 10-year-old in 2000 would be 14 in 2004, the age by which most students start high school. The number of children age 4 and under — those who will be able to start elementary school over the next four years — increased 4 percent to 19.2 million in 2000.

Here in Midland and across the nation we struggle with the ongoing challenges of not having enough teachers, lacking facilities and some children who don't enjoy supportive home environments. Our educational system is creaking at the seams and as a community and a nation, we often seem unwilling to do anything about it.

A new generation of young people is officially joining the "adult" world. Like their parents, they will want a better life for their own children.

Our schools need our energy and enthusiasm in the ongoing effort to turn out the best and the brightest.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, May 24, the 144th day of 2001. There are 221 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
 On May 24, 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message, "What hath God wrought!" from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line.

On this date:
 In 1819, Queen Victoria was born in London.
 In 1830, the first passenger railroad in the United States began service between Baltimore and Elliott's Mills, Md.

In 1881, some 200 people died when the Canadian ferry Princess Victoria sank near London, Ontario.
 In 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, was opened to traffic.

In 1941, the German battleship Bismarck sank the British dreadnought Hood in the North Atlantic.

In 1962, astronaut Scott Carpenter became the second American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Aurora 7.

In 1976, Britain and France opened transatlantic Concorde service to Washington.

In 1977, in a surprise move, the Kremlin ousted Soviet President Nikolai Podgorniy from the Communist Party's ruling Politburo.

In 1980, Iran rejected a call by the World Court in The Hague to release the American hostages.

In 1995, former British Prime Minister Harold Wilson died in London at age 79.

Ten years ago: Israel began airlifting 15,000 Ethiopian Jews to safety as Ethiopian rebels continued to advance on Addis Ababa. The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to deplore Israel's deportation of four Palestinians from the occupied territories. The remains of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, assassinated by a suicide bomber, were cremated.

GEORGE WILL

Why do journalists really praise finance reform?

WASHINGTON — Sen. Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat, supports, with almost erotic heat, the McCain-Feingold campaign regulation bill to intensify government restrictions on political speech and other activities. The bill devotes three pages to stern directives regarding enhanced prison terms for violations of campaign laws. If this bill had been law when Schumer ran in 1998, he might now be spending lots of time with a defense attorney who specializes in white-collar crime.

Auditors from the Federal Election Commission say Schumer took excessive contributions, totaling \$999,879, from individuals, partnerships and political committees. McCain-Feingold calls for "sentencing enhancement" for violations by "a candidate" when there are a "large number" of infractions, or infractions involve a "large aggregate amount."

Schumer's ardor for McCain-Feingold's additional restrictions and penalties may seem to tempt fate. However, similar clamors from The New York Times, The Washington Post and other media are understandable: Those entities would remain totally exempt from the regulations they advocate for all rival sources of political communications. But why should they be exempt?

The law restricting the expenditures that are necessary for political communication already says: "The term 'expenditure' does not include any news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication,

unless such facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate." And McCain-Feingold, pandering to its only real constituency, the media, says regulated communications do not include "communications appearing in a news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, unless such facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, political committee or candidate."

But, again, why? Why are journalistic operations that are owned by megacorporations exempt from restrictions that "reformers" promiscuously multiply for ordinary people who associate for the purpose of political advocacy?

FEC advisory opinions state that what is called "the media exemption" — actually, it is the journalists' exemption — does not exempt from government restrictions the spending on newsletters, magazines, other publications or broadcasts by non-journalistic organizations — e.g., Exxon, the National Abortion Rights Action League, the National Right to Life Committee. Why should political communications by those three corporations be rationed by government, but not identical political communications by Disney (owner of ABC)?

Why should Microsoft suddenly acquire special political privileges when, in a joint venture with NBC, which is owned by General Electric, it acquires a broadcasting property, MSNBC?

Is it the principle that journalistic organizations have a pure purpose that serves the public good — that they have different understandings of truth and justice, but they are all in the truth and justice business? Fine. Then surely the media/journalistic exemption from the campaign finance reformers' restrictions should not be bestowed indiscriminately.

It should be reserved for free-standing journalistic enterprises whose only income-producing busi-

ness is journalistic. So, the following should be written into law:

Any expenditure by a corporation for a news story, commentary, editorial or broadcast shall not qualify for the media/journalists exemption — for example, no journalism may (in McCain-Feingold language) "mention or depict" a candidate for federal office within 60 days of an election — if any of these conditions apply:

- the journalistic corporation is owned, operated or controlled by another entity;
- the journalistic corporation derives income from sources not directly related to journalism;
- the corporation receives funds directly or indirectly from government;
- the corporation makes expenditures on lobbying government.

Such provisions would cause campaign finance "reform" to limit — and at the peak of each political cycle, virtually to silence — more than just independent citizens groups, from the Sierra Club to the American Conservative Union. Those provisions would do the same to almost all major media entities — ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Time, Newsweek, National Public Radio and many more, including many supporters of McCain-Feingold who assume that its "reforms" would restrict only the behavior of others.

The First Amendment protects five freedoms — of religion, speech, press, assembly and petition. All are precious, but why is the political class so piously careful to exempt the press — the journalists who cover the political class — from restrictions the political class writes for others? The question answers itself.

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CHARLEY REESE

Education can be defined by content

Editor's Note: Charley Reese is on vacation. We are rerunning some of his more popular columns.

In all the hoopla and babble about education these days, the single most important point is being completely ignored.

That's content. Education is good or evil depending on the content. An educational system designed to graduate semiliterate, young socialists who are atheistic and hostile to their own country, to capitalism and to liberty is not a system sensible Americans would want their children involved in.

State-controlled education is a high priority of every totalitarian state now or in the past. V.I. Lenin said it plainly:

"Give me four years to teach the children, and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted." In fact, even democracies and liberal monarchies saw public schools as a means of indoctrinating and training citizens. The point is simply this: Government schools are by design established and run to serve government purposes. These purposes will change as the people who control the government change.

Though France set up the first central education system, the model most admired and adopted in America was the Prussian one. In 19th-century America, there were many bitter battles fought as government-education proponents sought to impose a system incorporating three points: tax-supported, government-controlled and the absence of all religious instruction.

As opponents of the government school system argued in the 1800s, if you remove Christianity from the schools, then inevitably it will be replaced by the state religion of secular humanism. History has proven them correct.

So it's important to remember that education is not a synonym for the government's educational system. There are many ways to educate children. The government-funded, government-controlled secular system is only one of them.

And whether you wish your children to be a part of that government system should depend on what it is teaching as well as its ability to provide a healthy and safe environment. Good luck trying to find out. Most educational bureaucrats take the position that they are the high priests and that peasant parents should not interfere or ask too many questions.

Based on my observation of the products of this government system, I think all who can should withdraw their children and their support from it. I recognize, of course, that with 15,000 separate school districts, there are some government schools that do a good job. Still, the trend is toward even more indoctrination rather than true education.

In 19th-century America, education was targeted, as it ought to be, to fit the needs of the people. There was no need for a young man who intended to be a blacksmith to learn Greek and Latin. He was apprenticed to a blacksmith and taught enough reading and arithmetic to run his business. One of the most successful and intellectually esteemed individuals in American history was a product of this system — Benjamin Franklin.

Franklin received no more than two years of formal schooling, but at an age when Americans today are graduating from high school, Franklin was already successful and well-established in his chosen field.

To pad their own jobs, the government bureaucrats have stretched the length of time required to earn education certificates. A young American today has already wasted nearly a third or more of his life sitting in government institutions before he can even begin his vocation.

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JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN

In education, get them while they're young

WASHINGTON — Now that education is taking center stage in the political arena, we need to investigate an often-overlooked aspect of learning: What is the best age to learn specific subjects?

For years, experts have told us that infants learn foreign languages more easily than any other age group.

One expert claims that foreign-language learning is optimized between the ages of 11 and 13, but this advice runs counter to the evidence. In fact, the best age to begin is 6 months.

We have said before that foreign language does not belong in a mandatory curriculum, and that making college-bound high-school students take two to three years of a foreign language makes no more sense than requiring them to take another two years of the language once they are in college. Discouragingly few of them ever become fluent, and those who do are generally students majoring in the language.

If we want our children to become bilingual, we need to start instruction early and immerse them in it. This is but one example of linking age to learning.

What is the best age to teach a child to use a computer? The answer, according to experts, is to begin familiarizing babies with computer basics. Because most infants are fascinated with computers, this early introduction increases their interest in the alphabet and word formulation.

What is the best age to teach a child to read? Plato said it was age 10, but no civilized nation agrees with him. Reading instruction begins at age 5 in the United Kingdom and many of its commonwealth

nations. It begins as early as age 4 in the United States, Japan and several other nations, and at seven elsewhere. In fact, many American families start reading instruction as early as age 3.

What is the best age to learn arithmetic? Experts disagree. Some want to begin teaching kids math while they are in preschool, while others want to wait until children are 6 or 7.

What is the best age to begin teaching a child music? Once again, the answer is preschool. Preschoolers as young as 3 can learn notes and how to use an instrument. For them, it is not a matter of learning or practice but of enjoyment and fun.

The experts agree that the preschool years are prime learning years, a fact that comes as no surprise to proactive parents. The key ingredients seem to be:

- Parents who are willing to devote sufficient time to teaching their preschool children;
- Parents who understand that learning occurs as long as the child views it as fun rather than work;
- An environment conducive to learning and free from strife.

The problem is that most parents are not qualified teachers, and many of them simply do not have enough time to teach. Further, many home environments are less than satisfactory. On the other hand, preschools can be perceived by children as intense, work-oriented places, rather than places of play.

Perhaps the best solution is yet to be found. It could include roving instructors who visit homes to teach parents how to teach. It could include the utilization of college interns, who could help preschool teachers break classes into small, manageable units in which there is less stress, less competition and more fun. Competition, which is so beneficial in later years, is not necessarily helpful when the objective is to make learning fun.

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Israel

By Mark Lavie
 Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon today for a "total" Palestinians, saying he would cease firing if Yasser Arafat agreed to a halt.

The Palestinian rejected Sharon's proposal was in response from an international commission that recommended nearly eight years of fighting.

"I call tonight in the area, and that if the Palestinian proposal to stop immediately, Sharon told a conference.

A senior Palestinian official, Ahmed Abdel Fattah, missed the proposal. Israel's aggressive everything Sharon said, "Abd aide to Palestinian told The Associated Press.

Sharon said a lead to the implementation of U.S.-backed peace talks. The U.S. backed plan, which ended Monday, led to a national commission. Sen. George Mitchell said a cease-fire, following a period.

Activist days in

SAN JUAN, P.R. — A federal judge today sentenced the activist to 90 days in prison for passing on U.S. National Security information to a protest group. The activist was arrested during a protest on the island of Vieques.

The New York activist was arrested 12 other protesters. Land. At least 18 arrested during April 27 to May 1.

"If Martin Luther King were alive, he would be a socialist," said Judge Jose A. Fernandez.

Because Sharp was arrested for civil disobedience in New York, he was a repeat offender, fined \$500.

Sharp was a federal prisoner in Guaynabo. His lawyer plan to file an appeal with the First Circuit Court in Boston.

Eleven other protesters were arrested with Sharp. Nine were sentenced to prison and \$500 fines. Included New York Cityman Adolfo Carrero.

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Israelis, Palestinians reject key components of Mitchell plan

By Mark Lavie
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called Tuesday for a "total truce" with the Palestinians, saying Israel would cease firing if Yasser Arafat also agreed to a halt.

The Palestinians immediately rejected Sharon's offer, which was in response to a report from an international commission that recommended ways to end nearly eight months of fighting.

"I call tonight for a total truce in the area, and I say again here that if the Palestinians accept this proposal to stop the fire, we will immediately stop the fire," Sharon told a televised news conference.

A senior Palestinian official, Ahmed Abdel Rahman, dismissed the proposal, calling Israel the aggressor. "We reject everything Sharon said about a cease-fire," Abdel Rahman, an aide to Palestinian leader Arafat, told The Associated Press.

Sharon said a cease-fire could lead to the implementation of a U.S.-backed plan for restarting peace talks. The proposal, published Monday by an international commission led by former Sen. George Mitchell, calls for a cease-fire, followed by a cooling-off period, confidence-



AP Photo
Palestinian youths watch a Palestinian woman aim a stone at Israeli soldiers during clashes in the West Bank town of Hebron Wednesday.

building measures and finally, peace negotiations.

In Washington, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer welcomed Sharon's call.

Fleischer said it is "vital" that "the parties in the region unequivocally speak out and call for a cessation of the violence." President Bush would "welcome a similar statement" from Arafat, he said.

The U.S. ambassador to Israel, Martin Indyk, met Monday evening with Sharon to discuss the report.

Sharon rejected a key recommendation of the commission — a total freeze on construction in Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Palestinians say the settlement freeze is a key to implementing the rest of the proposals.

Even as leaders sparred over the recommendations, the violence persisted Tuesday. Several exchanges of gunfire were reported in the West Bank. In the Gaza Strip, Palestinians fired three mortar shells at Israeli territory. The shells exploded harmlessly in open fields.

Israeli bulldozers entered Palestinian territory in Gaza and flattened farmland. The Israeli military said soldiers were searching for bombs. The Mitchell commission called on Israel to stop such moves because of the long-term economic damage to the Palestinians.

At the news conference, Sharon said the Palestinian Authority is acting like a terrorist organization. He said Israel "must relate to it as a terror group" until it stops planning and carrying out attacks against Israel.

Sharon said his government pledged not to build new settlements, but would accommodate natural population growth in the 144 settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Abdel Rahman said Israel's moves are designed to continue its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. "The Palestinian people's response to the continuing aggression is to move forward with the intifadeh (uprising)," he

said, "to defend themselves and to resist the occupation."

U.N. Middle East envoy Terje Roed-Larsen said after a meeting Tuesday with Arafat that a settlement freeze would "make it easier for him (Arafat) to cool down the situation."

The Mitchell report also called for renewed security cooperation, but Palestinians said this could not happen until an increasingly elusive peace agreement is signed. The coordination, aimed at stopping attacks against Israel, broke down after the current round of violence broke out on Sept. 28.

West Bank security chief Jibril Rajoub, whose house was shelled by an Israeli tank on Sunday, said that "as long as the Israelis are refusing to withdraw from our lands, to end their occupation, I think it's unfair to talk about any kind of security contacts."

Rajoub said the Palestinians accepted the Mitchell report as a way to end the conflict peacefully, but the first step must come from Israel. "The Israelis should stop their attacks, ... the Israelis should stop the settlements," he told reporters.

In the West Bank, Israeli peace activists demonstrating in favor of dismantling Jewish settlements scuffled briefly with settlers. Legislator Mossi Raz of

the dovish Meretz party said that while talking about natural growth, the Sharon government is actually allowing the settlers to create new outposts.

He said that since Sharon assumed office on March 7, 10 percent of all the country's housing starts have been in settlements, and 15 outposts have been set up next to existing settlements.

Even if Sharon were to drop his adamant refusal to stop construction in settlements, it would cost him politically. Infrastructure Minister Avigdor Lieberman of the ultra-nationalist Israel Beitenu party said that if a decision is taken to freeze settlement construction, "I don't see how we can continue to serve in the government."

Internal Security Minister Uzi Landau, from Sharon's Likud party, said the Israeli military should pound Palestinian areas daily.

"I want to see Arafat's people and the Palestinian Authority's people constantly without time to plan anything, looking for shelter, and paying the price," Landau told Israel radio.

The conflict that began in September has killed 471 on the Palestinian side and 84 on the Israeli side.

Activist Al Sharpton given 90 days in jail for Vieques protest

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A federal judge on Wednesday sentenced the Rev. Al Sharpton to 90 days in jail for trespassing on U.S. Navy land as part of a protest against military exercises on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques.

The New York civil rights activist was arrested May 1 with 12 other protesters on Navy land. At least 180 people were arrested during the exercises April 27 to May 1.

"If Martin Luther King were alive, he would have come to Vieques and raised these issues," Sharpton said, appearing before Judge Jose A. Fuste.

Because Sharpton had prior arrests for civil disobedience in New York, he was sentenced as a repeat offender. He also was fined \$500.

Sharpton was taken to the federal prison in suburban Guaynabo. His lawyers said they plan to file an appeal with the First Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston.

Eleven other activists who were arrested with Sharpton also appeared in court Wednesday. Nine were sentenced to 40 days in prison and \$500 fines. They included New York City Councilman Adolfo Carrion and New

York state legislators Jose Rivera and Roberto Ramirez.

Two defendants were put on probation because they are ill.

Other high-profile protesters arrested during the demonstrations included environmental lawyer Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Rep. Luis Guterrez of Illinois, actor Edward James Olmos and New York labor leader Dennis Rivera.

Earlier this month, Puerto Rican independence leader Ruben Berrios was sentenced to four months in jail, the stiffest sentence given to the anti-Navy protesters so far. Berrios had refused to recognize the jurisdiction of the U.S. court and did not mount a defense.

The Navy has used its range on Vieques, population 9,400, for six decades and says it is vital for national security. Critics say it poses a health threat, which the Navy denies.

Opposition to the exercises grew after a civilian guard was killed on the range in 1999 by two off-target bombs. The Navy has since stopped using live ammunition, and islanders will vote in November whether the Navy must leave in 2003 or can stay, resuming the use of live ammunition.

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Lepers jubilant after Japan decides not to challenge their court victory

By Joji Sakurai
Associated Press

TOKYO — Former leprosy patients wept with joy Wednesday after Japan's prime minister unexpectedly said his government will not appeal a court ruling ordering compensation for banishing them from society under a draconian law.

The government of Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi also expressed its regrets for suffering caused by a 1953 law that forced leprosy patients into colonies on small islands or remote mountains and broke apart families.

Koizumi's decision — which came after he met with plaintiffs in the compensation suit for longer than expected — was a surprise.

News reports throughout the day had said the government had all but decided to contest the May 11 verdict, with intense pressure reportedly on Koizumi, who gained power last month after promising widespread reforms, to appeal.

"From tomorrow I'll be able to stick my chest out with pride and live as a human being again," said Yuji Kodama, 79, a leader of the 127 plaintiffs, all former residents in the remote leper colonies. "The prime minister looked straight into our eyes and nodded as we talked. That's when I knew we'd win."

Former leprosy patients watching Koizumi's announcement on TV erupted in cheers of "Banzai!" and fell into each others' arms. Many broke down in tears.

The thousands of lepers suing the government in various lawsuits are all elderly. Many carry vivid marks of the disease that gnawed away at their muscle tissue, clawing hands, blotching skin and causing the lower lip to swell enormously.

Koizumi's decision lets stand a verdict by the Kumamoto District Court that said the government contravened the constitution and violated human rights by sending leprosy patients to colonies. The court ordered the government to pay \$15 million to the 127 plaintiffs.

Under the 1953 law, men were sterilized if they wanted to marry, and children with the disease were whisked away from their parents never to see them again.

Rather than dispel popular myths that leprosy causes body parts to drop off and the slightest contact can lead to infection, the government's isolation policy reinforced public fears about the disease.

The Health Ministry only repealed the law in 1996 — decades after it became common medical knowledge that leprosy was easily treatable and not highly contagious.

On Wednesday, Koizumi promised prompt recompense.

"We want a swift, comprehensive solution to the leprosy case," he told reporters.

Koizumi had reportedly been considering offering pensions to the plaintiffs in exchange for them dropping lawsuits. Officials hinted that accepting the ruling would pose diplomatic problems because Japan is fighting other human rights related lawsuits, notably by Asian women forced into sexual slavery during World War II.

But Yasuo Fukuda, the chief

Cabinet spokesman, said the government decided not to appeal because Japan's leprosy law had caused a "great deal of suffering for the former leprosy patients."

"The government deeply regrets what it has done," Fukuda said, adding that the Cabinet would begin exploring measures to aid the thousands of former leprosy patients.

Even after the government allowed leprosy patients to leave their colonies, many of them remained there far from normal communities because they had long been abandoned by family and had nowhere else to go.

This week, many lepers and their supporters held demonstrations outside the prime min-

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ister's official residence to demand that Koizumi hear their pleas and accept the court ruling.

The government's decision now draws attention to similar class-action lawsuits filed by nearly 1,000 former leprosy patients against the government in several courts around the country. The pressure also could increase the likelihood of the courts favoring the plaintiffs.

"I'm surprised the decision came so soon. We had only asked (Koizumi) to think over it for a few more days," one former patient told public broadcaster NHK. "I'm ecstatic!"



A former Leprosy patient Yuji Kodama in a wheelchair is protected by police after meeting, along with other former patients, with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi in Tokyo, Wednesday. Koizumi said after his meeting with the former patients, that his government will not appeal a landmark court ruling ordering compensation for more than 100 leprosy patients who were forced to live in isolation for decades.

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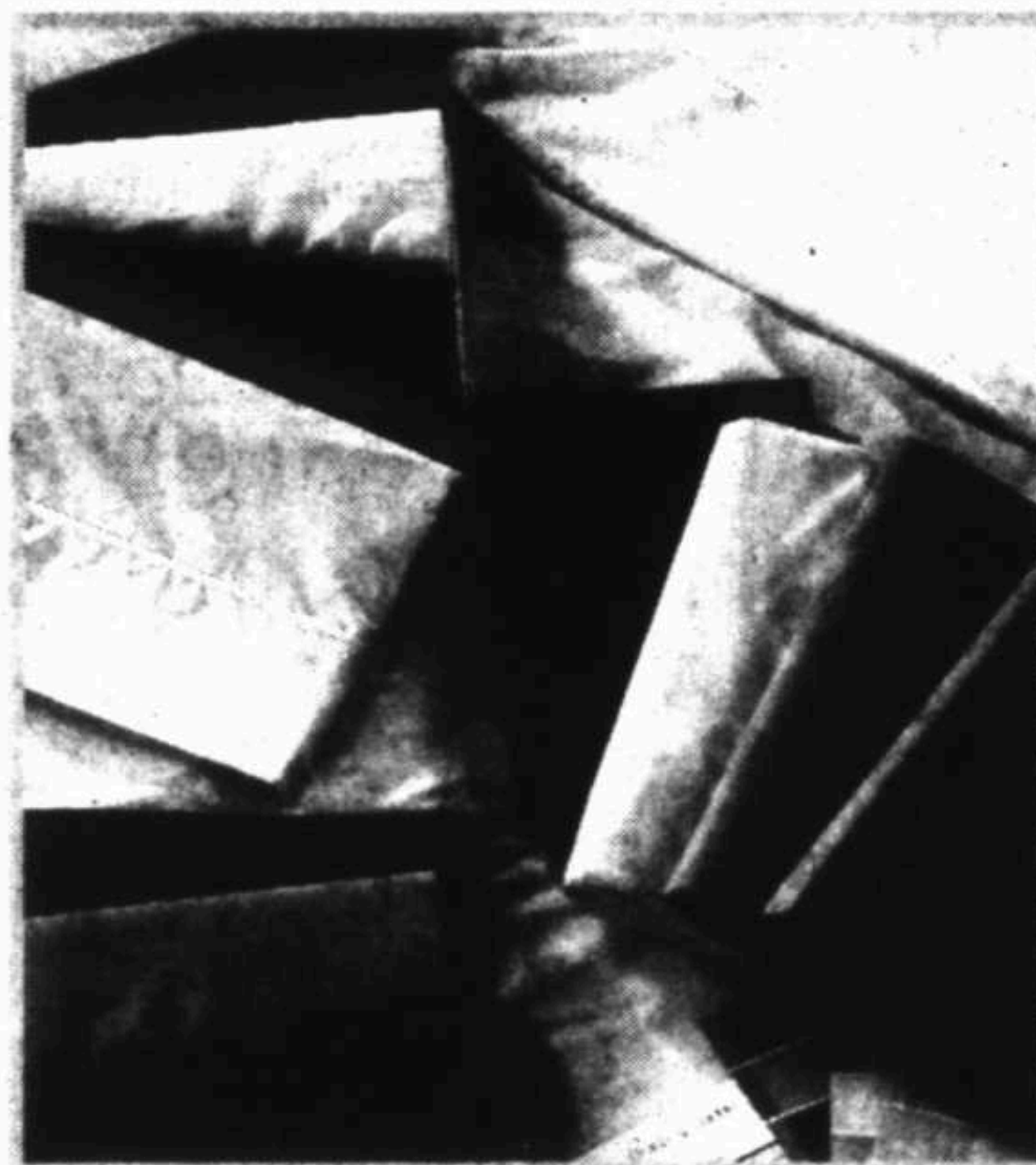
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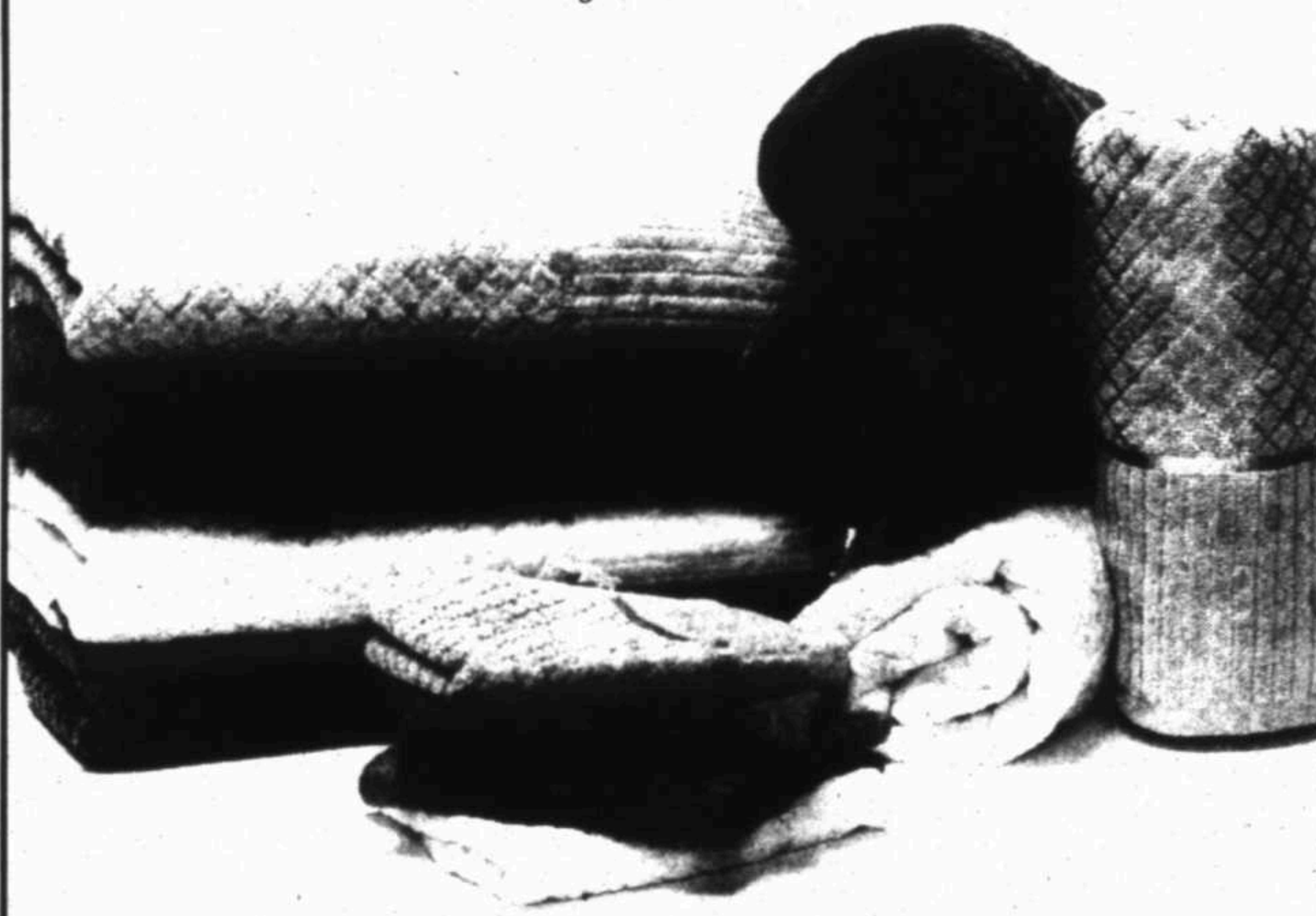
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Chambers help minority-owned businesses get off the ground

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

Every day, Patrick Cordero enters his office on Big Spring Street. Through his business, Strategic Abstract and Title Corporation, he provides title insurance and handles paperwork between real estate companies and home buyers.

Outside of the office, Cordero uses his influence to give back to his community, and celebrates his 4-year anniversary running his own business.

But it wasn't always this way.

Before Strategic Abstract and Title Corp. was started in March of 1997, Cordero was struggling for months to even obtain a loan to start his business as an employee at a law firm fresh out of Texas Tech University Law School.

His story is identical to the plights of many prospective small business owners, particularly minorities.

"I had experience and I practiced law for a law firm," Cordero said. "I thought it would be easier."

Now, there are support groups in place to help small business owners succeed in the marketplace. Due to the rise in the number of minority-owned businesses, particularly those with Hispanic entrepreneurs, organizations like the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs have been working hard to help minorities start their own businesses.

In addition to her full-time volunteer work as the founder and CEO of the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, Robbyne Hocker-Fuller owns Fuselmaj's Diaspora Art, Letters and Publishing, a small business run out of her home.

Fuller has been in the art business for over 16 years, first as a seller for a decorating company, Trans Designs, and an interior designer. When Trans Designs went out of business, she began selling artwork and managing artists' careers. Just over a year and a half ago, she added African-American figurines to her gallery of art for sale.

She believes running her business is an important part of helping others through the chamber.

"If you're going to talk to people about business, you need to have your own company," Ms. Fuller said. "We work very hard, and in the 15 years that the chamber has been in existence, there has been an increase in the number of businesses."

Through the chamber, Ms. Fuller promotes home-based businesses and says that her promotions encourage younger people to start their own businesses as well.

"Home-based businesses are a good idea for several reasons," she said. "It cuts down on the overhead costs and young parents can stay home

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U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram
Robbyne Hocker Fuller holds a figurine in the art gallery inside her Midland home. The collection is believed to be the largest collection of African-American art in Midland.

Program offers information to minority-business owners

By Luis Garcia
Staff Writer

Economic diversity can take many forms. The face of the business world is changing and minority business owners are gearing up to take advantage.

On Wednesday, small-business owners, corporate account representatives, and certification experts met for the fourth Corporate Diversity Initiative luncheon at the Midland Center.

The luncheons are sponsored by Midland College, the Midland Chamber of Commerce, the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Texaco corporation.

"We started the program about a year ago," said Texaco engineer Monte Duncan. The forums are a place where minorities business owners can share ideas and methods, Duncan said, "so they don't have to reinvent the wheel."

For this forum, speakers and panelists gave an introduction regarding corporate certification. Dinah Lovett, director of the Central and South Texas Minority Council — an organization that issues one of the certifications a business can have — was the main speaker.

"Certifications give corporations the confidence that they are dealing with authentic companies and not with fronts," she said.

Certification is a careful check the company's business practices and a verification that a business is owned and managed by minorities on a day to day basis.

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Patrick Cordero, owner of Strategic Abstract and Title Corporation, had to overcome many obstacles to get his business started.

Police carry Special Olympics torch

By Luis Garcia
Staff Writer

The Special Olympic torch stopped in Midland Wednesday while on its way to the summer games in Arlington.

Law enforcement officials from the area are moving the torch on the second-to-last leg of its journey to the games. More than 100 runners carried the torch from Midland to Abilene on Wednesday.

The torch run is only part of the law enforcement's commitment to the special Olympics.

The Midland Police Department has supported the Special Olympics program for 20 years, said Detective Richard Candelaria.

In the morning, the torch paused on the steps the Midland County Courthouse before continuing east. Candelaria, who has worked with the Special Olympics for the past 14

years, hosted a ceremony to present the Special athletes with funds for the games.

"The law enforcement gives the Special Olympics visibility," he said.

Representatives from the Midland Police Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Sheriff's Office and other fund-raisers from the Permian Basin presented the Special Olympics program the funds they raised. The special athletes cheered every donor as they gave the checks.

Combined, the donors raised nearly \$65,000 for the Special Olympics.

The special athletes were overjoyed, clapping and cheering when the grand total was announced.

"It's been a banner year," said James Finn, the area 18 director for the Special Olympics. "There were years where we'd barely get by."

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Midland police Sgt. K. G. Moten and Special Olympic athlete Reggie Eskridge lead off the torch carry from Midland Wednesday morning on their way to Abilene for this portion of the Texas Special Olympics torch run.

Private group gives gift of reading to area youngsters

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

A couple of months ago, Georgianne Hurt McConaughy had an idea. Her friend Judy Wooten teaches second grade at DeZavala Elementary School, and relayed a story about a young bilingual student who made a famous trip to the Barnes & Noble Booksellers store in Midland.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Elva Davila, third grade bilingual teacher at De Zavala, looks through one of the books her students picked out at Barnes & Noble Booksellers Wednesday morning.

cut 20 percent off of the books and gave free drinks to the visiting students.

Four weeks ago, Ms. McConaughy escorted her first group of students to the store, and eventually, she plans to do one full school, helping students from seven grades in three weeks.

"I have a vision where I can do the whole school system in 3 months," Mrs. McConaughy said. "I didn't have time to collect money, so I just

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Sheriff's Office makes arrest for sexual assault

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

Jimmy Ray Jones, 52, 6008 E. County Road 83, was arrested Wednesday for sexual assault of a child.

According to the Midland County Sheriff's Office, deputies attempted to serve a warrant on Jones Tuesday, but upon arrival, Jones had fled the scene and family members said Jones was possibly armed.

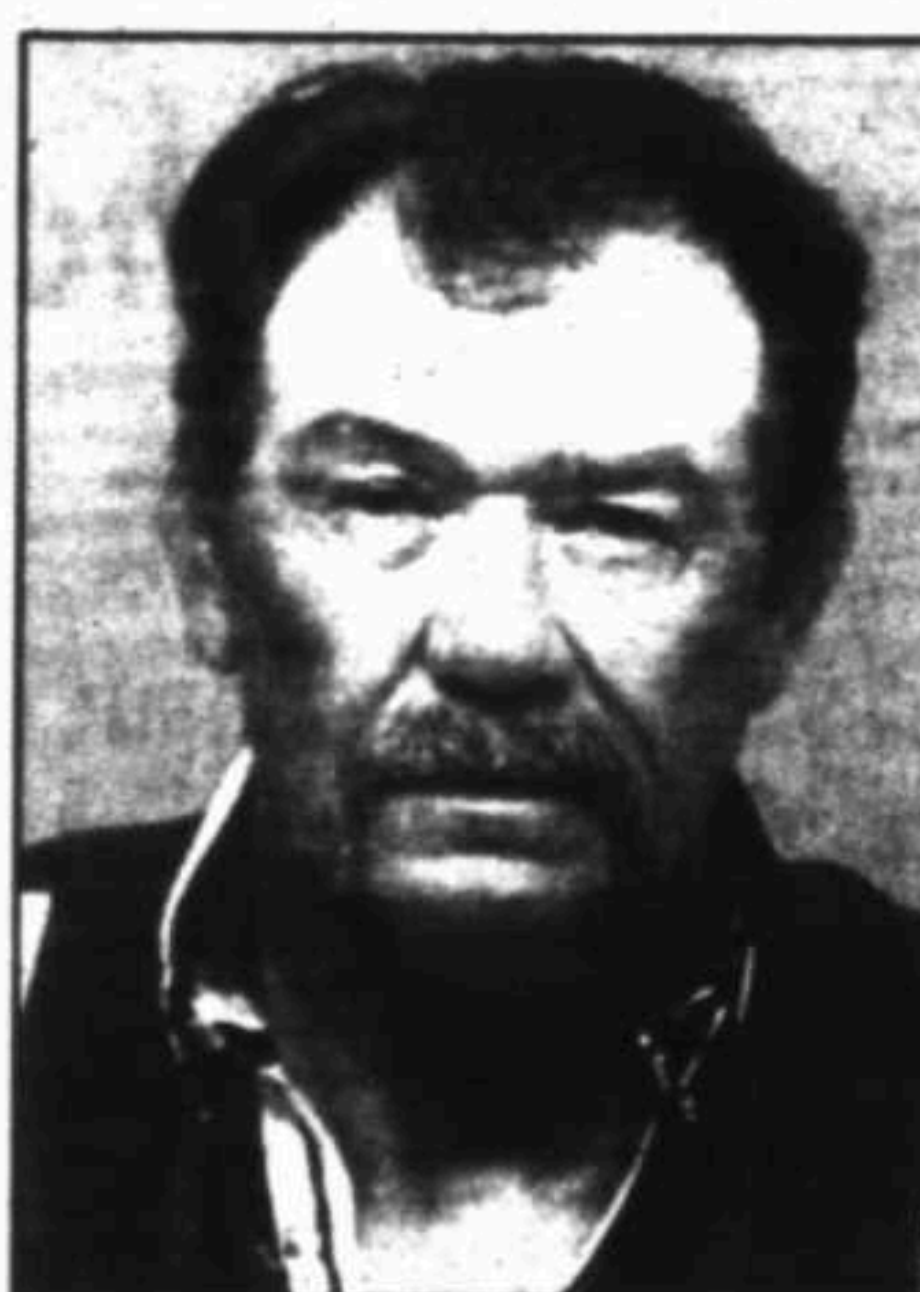
With the help of the Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team, deputies began a search for Jones that included the assistance of an airplane from the Texas Department of Public Safety. Deputies were unable to locate any sign of Jones until 2:20 a.m.

Wednesday when they found his unoccupied vehicle in a cotton field in Glasscock County, according to a statement released by the sheriff's office.

Wednesday afternoon, Jones's attorney contacted the sheriff's office and informed officials Jones was being treated for unknown medical conditions at Midland Memorial Hospital. Sheriff Gary Painter said deputies arrested Jones at 4:15 p.m. at the hospital without incident.

Painter said Jones has allegedly been sexually assaulting the victim over a three-year period. He could not comment on whether or not Jones previously knew the victim.

Justice of the Peace Michael Wallace set bond at \$25,550.



Jones

Ed Todd

Aiming to survive: Just working for a living

Let 'em be. That pretty much is how I look at those toilers and sojourners carrying on the Lord's work day by day.

There they are, those seemingly dainty ants crossing sidewalks and curbs and grassland and barren soil in their daily search for sustenance for their folks back home.

They keep the colonies supplied.

Just what lurks in the minds of these minute giants of industry?

Perhaps, from time to time, they are on an outing, exploring the scenery like a regiment of wanderers or just enjoying life at work and in play.



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But they don't seem so helter-skelter. Occasionally there will be a loner out there. But what the fellow is up to, who knows — exploring or lost and trying to find the path back home?

They have a life to live. Down into their abode, which I have never visited, except to witness their alert when upturned earth exposes their nest. They must be taking care of their home life, which, scientists say, is built around the caste system.

Who does what is pretty much regulated somehow by instinct or by their big book of life and methodology.

Among the thousands of species of ants are the honey ants, which seem to be on a regimented sentimental journey, and the fire ants which, by their aggressive actions, appear hell-bent on trouble like an invading army.

The ant that I have come to know and respect, from my childhood roaming the East Texas blacklands in Delta County to the West Texas

sandy loam soil, is the harvester ant.

The harvester ant, who brings in seed grain and other food stuff for the colony's common good, is a toiler, always on the move over the Earth's surface. There's a bunch of them, species and all, so say chroniclers of assorted knowledge.

Early on, the red ant got my attention. I was messing with an ant hill on the home-place cotton field, or it could have been in the pasture since, from time to time, one became the other. And, naturally, I got stung, which, as I reflect, was just from the ant's or ants' perspective. There was a piercing bit of pain and red swelling. But it all passed and all was well. After that, I pretty much left them alone at their wiles and toils.

Ants are industrious critters and stronger than an ox on a weight-to-load-bearing ratio, or so I hear and read and, to some extent witness.

Depending on the strength of the species, ants can lift from 10 times to 50 times the weight of

their mechanized bodies.

Like honeycomb-building honeybees and nest-building birds, dirt daubers and yellow jackets, they, indeed, are an engineering marvel.

They are grand builders of infrastructures that become their homes and warehouses, storehouses and, maybe, trading posts and marketplaces.

"Live and let live," goes the adage. It seems to serve earthly kingdoms until lives and livelihoods conflict. And there's the rub. One by one, the individuals, acting on their own to save their hides or in the grand scheme of preserving their homes and families and their kind, are apt to do whatever is necessary to survive.

That seems to be the way it is in life on various planes and among the obvious and so-obvious form of life on this wondrous planet called Earth.

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

Area briefs

Pearl Harbor

A special showing of "Pearl Harbor" is set for 12:30 p.m., Friday, at Tall City 10, 4915 W. Loop 250 North, to benefit Texas State Veterans Homes.

Special rates will apply to World War II veterans for this showing only.

"I urge everyone in Midland and Odessa to see this movie," said Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, who made the announcement of the showing earlier this week. "It reminds us of the debt we owe our brave veterans. We must always remember that the peace we enjoy today was made possible through their sacrifices."

Dewhurst, a U.S. Air Force veteran and chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board, said the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home in Big Spring has admitted 11 patients. Rooms are still available there and in similar homes in Temple, Floresville and Bonham. More information may be obtained by calling 800-252-VETS or through the Internet at www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb.

Another special showing of Touchstone Pictures' PG-13 rated film "Pearl Harbor" is planned in Midland on Friday by the Confederate Air Force, Hollywood Theatres of Midland and Southwest Coca-Cola

Bottling Company. This event, being held at Tall City 10, features a short program beginning around 6:15 p.m. that includes a CAF flyby, recognition of local Pearl Harbor survivors and patriotic singing by the Sun Country Gentlemen.

A total of five CAF pilots and five CAF Japanese replica airplanes, including three replica Kate Dive Bombers and two replica Vals, participated in the filming of the movie in May and June of 2000 at Pearl Harbor. The planes and several of the pilots will be at Friday's opening.

The tent opens at 6 p.m. The event also includes a light buffet, beer, wine. The movie begins at 8:15 p.m. Seating is reserved. Attire is casual. Admission is \$50. For more information or to make reservations call 563-1000 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Banquet

Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Annual Scholarship and Business Awards Banquet, today from noon-1:30 p.m. at the Petroleum Club, Wildcat Room. Tickets are \$15. Guest speaker is Dr. David Daniel, president of Midland College.

For more information, call 682-2960.

Today's Agenda

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

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men), 570-0467.

Parents Anonymous, 7 p.m., for location and other information, 570-1084.

Survivors of Homicide Support Group, 7:30 p.m., second-floor classroom at law-enforcement building, 400 S. Main St., 688-8909.

Northside Lions Club 7:30 a.m., Plaza Club at Clay-Desta, 694-5624.

Palmer Drug Abuse Program Parent Group, 7 p.m., second floor First Baptist Church, 685-3645.

TORCH: Opening ceremonies begin this Friday night

(From 1B)

But not this time. The support of the law enforcement agencies help keep the torch and the program going.

"Midland and Odessa have really gotten behind us," Finn said.

Alongside the financial support, the special athletes got a bit of moral support as well.

"Just run fast and run hard, and you'll be a winner no matter what place you take," said Mayor-elect Mike Cannon at the ceremony to a cheering crowd of special athletes.

The athletes are getting ready for the games. The 50 special athletes from Midland will play soccer and will run in track events, along side 30 special

athletes from Odessa.

Also, Fort Stockton will field a 10 person basketball team and Odessa will have one athlete on track. The Texas summer games will be held May 25 to 28. The opening ceremonies will begin Friday night.

Last year, more than 24,000 athletes participated in 100 special Olympics events across the state.

"The games make the athletes feel self-dependent," Candelaria said. "They can do what other people can do."

"They all compete, but they are all winners. They try hard and they get to the end, but they also get hugs and high fives. You have to see one to feel what it's about."

PROGRAM: Luncheon focuses on certification

(From 1B)

"It's a big pain to get certified," she said.

But the pay-offs are big.

"We represent the big boys," she said. "We get them in touch with the people that handle the accounts and make sales and sign the checks. You can't get a contract with Coca-Cola for example without certification."

Local business are getting into the program. Already, two minority owned business in Midland are preparing to get certified she said.

The emphasis on minority business is a result of the demographic changes across the country, Ms. Lovett said. For example, "87 percent of the new business in the US will be owned by minorities, women or immigrants," Ms. Lovett said.

"Historically, minority-owned businesses are better at getting orders in on time, they do better follow-ups and just go the extra mile to keep their customers," Ms. Lovett said.

And minorities "reward companies that are culturally sensitive with loyalty," she added. "Minority makes historical attachments that we need to recognize and cash in on."

At the same time, however,

Ms. Lovett cautioned "just because you're a minority owned business, don't expect that you have a right to anything. What you should expect is a level playing field."

Working with minority companies is a priority for many corporations that operate in the Permian Basin.

"It makes good business sense," said Garland Bledsoe, the small business coordinator at Chevron.

The company contracts with minority-owned business for a variety of services. "Trucking, well services, supplies out in the oil field, and materials, all contracts of various sizes," Bledsoe said.

"It goes beyond affirmative action," said Texaco diversity team member Greg Maes. "It reflects the demographics of our area."

The next luncheon is set for September. For more information regarding the luncheon contact Monte Duncan at 688-4423. For more information on certification contact Ms. Lovett 512-386-8766.

DEATH NOTICES

David Kelly

FORT STOCKTON — David Kelly of Fort Stockton died Monday, May 21 at a hospital in Odessa.

There will be a visitation 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today at Memorial Funeral Home in Fort Stockton. A service will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 25, at Memorial Funeral Home.

He was born March 23, 1943 in Gorman. He served in the United States Army and was a sales representative.

He was preceded in death by his father, Olen Kelly.

Survivors include his mother, Louise Kelly; two sons, David Wayne Kelly and Michael Shane Kelly of Guilderton, Western Australia; and two sisters, Phyllis Redman and Pam

Hayes Yarbrough, both of Midland.

Dolly Mack

Dolly Faye Mack died in a local nursing home on Tuesday, May 22.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 10 a.m., today, May 24, in Resthaven Memorial Park with Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 7, 1917 in Joshua to Robert A. and Dollie Lightfoot. She worked many years in the church nurseries at Crestview Baptist Church, Belview Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Midland. She had lived in Midland since 1929. Mrs. Mack was preceded in

death by her husband, Sam "Chief" Mack in 1974; her parents and two brothers, O.S. "Bill" Lightfoot and R.A. "June" Lightfoot Jr.

She is survived by her son, Jim Diller of Kermit; her sister, Jerry Wright of Midland; three grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Tull Louder

STANTON — Tull Ray Louder, 82, of Stanton, died Monday, May 21, in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today, May 24, at First Baptist Church with Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

He was born on Aug. 22, 1918 in Rockwall County. He moved

to Stanton in time to start first grade. He attended Texas A&M. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He married Helen Ruth Range on Dec. 22, 1945. He then farmed in Talpa until 1951. He returned to Stanton and owned and operated Stanton Electric for thirty years.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Ruth Louder of Stanton; three sons, Ray Louder of Odessa, and Jim Louder and Gene Louder, both of Stanton; and two sisters, Margie Griffin of Stanton and Mildred Adams of Milwaukee, Ore.; five grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

The family suggests memorials to American EX-P.O.W. Permian Basin Chapter, 3419 Baumann, Midland, Texas 79703.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

BOOKS: Students taken to Barnes & Noble

(From 1B)

asked people to adopt a grade with me... I found willing people, and now everybody's volunteering to help me."

Two groups of DeZavala students went on the trip Wednesday, marking the last in the school. Now, every student at DeZavala has had the opportunity to go to Barnes & Noble and get their very own book.

The first group Wednesday was a group of about 50 third grade students, many of whom had never been in the store before.

Nine-year-old Michael Ponce's eyes were wide as he looked around at the colorful displays of children's literature.

"I've been in other stores, in other cities," he explained. "But I've never seen anything like this." Michael had chosen a book about Atlantis, and said he was going to ask his mom to take him back after school.

"I want to get more of these books," he said.

This is the response the organizers were hoping for, Ms. Wooten said.

"We've got all of these programs that teach our students how to read, and then we test their reading, but this really makes them learn to love to read."

Merisa Moralez is in the third grade at DeZavala, and picked *The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh*.

"I know it's not as hard to read, and we're supposed to pick books that are at our level," she said, looking around and hoping her teacher didn't overhear. "But I just love Pooh!"

William McNutt is the manager of the Midland Barnes & Noble branch and said Ms. Moralez's, and Ms. McConaughy's, enthusiasm about the project is contagious.

"Georgianne has taken it on as a pet project, and it's good because there are a lot of kids who don't have a book ... and this puts one in their hands," he said. "It's not like a school giving a child a book to read and use, they actually get to pick out a book, take it to the register, and buy it."

The kids have that ownership."

The school's administration also looks favorably on the project. DeZavala Principal Dalia Benavides said Ms. McConaughy's program gives the children a gift the school is not able to afford.

"We, as a staff, try to let the students have experiences they wouldn't normally have, so when this opportunity came up, we jumped on it," she said. "This lets them buy books to benefit their individual reading levels, which increases their fluency. Then, with fluency comes wanting to read more."

Hillcrest caters to students with special needs

By Kasey Kelly

MRT Correspondent

It's one of Midland's best kept secrets. But teachers, parents and students want the word to get out that Hillcrest school is available for students with special needs.

Patterned after the Shelton School in Dallas, Executive Director Betty Starns has made a commitment to students suffering from ADHD and dyslexia.

"These are great kids," Ms. Starns said. "But they've had minimal success in other schools."

Hillcrest is a small, private school that tailors to the needs of students with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and those impaired by Dyslexia.

Hillcrest is fully accredited through SAC and welcomes all students, first through 12th grade. Currently, there are approximately 50 students enrolled in the school.

Because Hillcrest is a private school, students are required to pay tuition fees of \$6,200 per year.

But Ms. Starns does not want this cost to

discourage families that are in need of special schooling. There are a limited number of scholarships available and funds are being raised for additional scholarships.

The school's annual fundraiser, the Beach Ball Blast, will be held at Greentree Country Club on June 1.

Since 1993, when the school was founded, the school has logged over 1000 calls from concerned parents; however, due to the financial costs associated with the school they have only served 181.

Parents and teachers alike believe the education a child receives at Hillcrest is well worth the cost.

Math and science teacher Angie Lough appreciates the freedom and flexibility of her job.

"We are not pinned down to following a certain curriculum," she said. "We can concentrate on the things that our students need."

In general parents are satisfied with the attention their children receive at the school. Donna Smith, mother of 7-year-old Slade, who endures speech and language delays, said her son receives the individual attention he

requires.

"What I like is the love," Ms. Smith said. "The teachers can't say enough good things about the kids."

For the first time in Hillcrest history, three students graduated.

Katrina Oglesby, Danielle Builta and Kristi McLennan graduated May 18.

Ms. Oglesby has been attending Hillcrest for six years. She said the public schools did not do anything for students with special needs.

"Public school teachers would see that I didn't do as well as other students and would say I was lazy or stupid," Ms. Oglesby said. "It was unfair."

Christine Oglesby, proud mother of Katrina believes her daughter would not have made it this far if they had not discovered Hillcrest.

In celebration of making it through another year the students and staff of Hillcrest celebrated their last day, Wednesday, with a party.

"These kids have worked hard all year and need some recognition of their hard work," said Ms. Smith, who hosted the party.

BUSINESS: Cordero uses experiences to help others

(From 1B)

with their children while they work."

Although both business owners say starting their businesses weren't easy, Cordero and Ms. Fuller do not believe their obstacles were racially-motivated. Cordero also said he uses his experiences to help the people in his community.

"I look above it and past it, because it's just a business," he

said. "You have to provide your services in the best and most efficient way possible."

"It also gives me a unique market niche ... a market, that in my opinion, is under-served," Cordero continued. "Hispanics are very colloquial — they like to do business with other Hispanics. It's the familiarity that they feel."

That familiarity has also contributed to the success of Cordero's business, which has

enabled him to return his success to the Hispanic community in Midland. He is active in the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Community Children's Clinic, the Midland Community Development Corporation and Casa de Amigos.

Fuller says the obstacles she faced as an entrepreneur were about money, which she believes are encountered by small business owners of any race. She maintains that as the owner of

any business, an entrepreneur must be self-motivated and willing to work longer and harder hours.

"You have to be willing to work more than you would at a regular 8-to-5 job," she said.

"And you have to be able to provide a good service. If you can't provide a good service, you don't need to be in business."

DEAR ABBY

Lesbian who felt lost found peace in gay church

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Hurting in Houston," the gay man whose parents

told him he and his partner were no longer welcome in their home, I felt the need to speak to him from my heart.

Abby, I would be honored if you would print my message to him:

Dear Hurting: I am a lesbian. I want you to know that you are not alone. I sympathize with how you feel. My father is homophobic. Need I say more? What people like your parents and my father don't realize is that the gay community is much larger than they think. Chances are, most people in this country have some connection to someone who is gay.

Is there a PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) near your parents? That would be a good place for them to express their concerns among people from their side of the fence.

There is nothing "horrible" about being gay. God didn't

"goof" when he made us. He wanted us this way, and no matter what other people might tell you, God loves us just the same as he loves anyone else. I don't know how you feel about God, but I know that I would not be alive today if he were not walking through life right beside me.

You wrote that you're having trouble sleeping at night. I've been there, too. My advice to you is to find somewhere you and your partner feel comfortable to worship God. There are gay and gay-friendly churches in this country. I know going has helped me. A month ago, I wasn't sleeping well, and I didn't feel like eating as much as I normally do. I was depressed, and I knew it; but I didn't know what to do about it. Then I heard about a gay church near where I live. I went one day. By experiencing God's unconditional love, I feel that life is better. I'm sleeping at night now, and my appetite has returned.

If God can give me peace, he can do the same for you. I'll be praying for you. — HOPEFUL IN HESPERIA, CALIF.

DEAR HOPEFUL: I'm sure your words of encouragement will bolster the spirits of more hurting individuals than the young man who wrote. Not all families reject or fear their gay relatives. And your message that while some churches teach

homophobic doctrine, others are gay-friendly is an important one. Some of them even have membership that is primarily gay and lesbian. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are dismayed over "Hurting in Houston's" problem with his parents.

We have lots of love to give and would like "Hurting" to know that we would be happy to be his parents. Whether it be a legal adoption or a spiritual one, we would like to be his family.

He will get a mom and dad who will love him, worry about him, respect him and accept that he is gay. He will gain two brothers who have been taught to love and treat others with kindness. He and his partner can openly come to our home and all family functions. We will brag about him, call him often, and bore him

with our stories. In short, we will make him and his partner feel very much a part of a REAL family.

We are serious, Abby. Please pass this letter on to him. — FROM LONG BEACH, WITH LOVE

DEAR FROM LONG BEACH: If I hear from him, I will. And that's a promise.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, and daughter Jeanne Phillips. Their column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



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House

By Connie Ma
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature approved a \$113.5 million budget Wednesday, but not before members asked about the state's fiscal health.

The 2002-2003 budget, which is \$11.8 billion, is the current budget. House compromise boosts to higher levels, state employment services, including increase to Medicaid.

"The 900-pound budget is Medicaid Appropriations

House

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature for the third time this session has approved prohibiting the signing of same-sex marriage bills.

The latest amendment by Rep. Dianne Price, caused heated debate in the chamber Wednesday. The amendment was taken relating to the Retirement System.

"It's important to define civil union," she said. "And it's important to us in this House. Marriage is between a man and a woman."

Texas

N.Y. Times News

Two Texas-based Lone Star hero local extras will day when Disney war movie, "Pearl Harbor," is shown.

The hero is Miller, an African native of Willow. He began his Navy career in the kitchen. But on a blinding day, he quickly found his commanding ty and then man gun against attacking aircraft.

The Texas-based movie are the USS Lexington and the USS Intrepid.

Gov. Rick Perry hand in Austin or Miller. Miller veterans from an will take part in the Capitol steps.

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House approves \$114 billion spending plan

By Connie Mabin
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas House approved a \$113.8 billion two-year budget Wednesday on a 141-3 vote, but not before some members asked tough questions about the state's economic future.

The 2002-2003 spending plan, which is \$11.8 billion more than the current budget, is a Senate-House compromise. It contains boosts to higher education, teachers, state employees and social services, including a \$5.1 billion increase to Medicaid.

"The 900-pound gorilla in this budget is Medicaid," said House Appropriations Chairman Rob

Junell, D-San Angelo. "It will continue to be a 900-pound gorilla until we are willing to take on some things to hold it in check."

"I'm not suggesting that we do less for people on Medicaid, but we've got to have some flexibility," Junell said.

Rep. Arlene Wohlgenuth said she worried the state could not afford Medicaid-related legislation passed this session, including a bill that makes it easier for children to enroll in Medicaid.

"Any downturn in the economy naturally expands the social services demand and therefore the demand on our budget," said Wohlgenuth, R-Burleson.

Proponents say the reforms

will save the state money in the long run.

"I'm going to vote no on the budget because I see warning signs," said Rep. John Shields, R-San Antonio. He said he worried the budget will end up overspending the state's available money. "We're getting very close to the line."

Junell told the House that the budget is balanced, with the increase covered by fees and additional federal funding.

"It's a reasonable budget. It's a tight economy. We did a responsible job of balancing our books," said Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

Rep. Domingo Garcia, D-Dallas, complained that the budget did not do enough to solve Texas' transportation gridlock.

Junell said the plan increased funding by \$1.3 billion to the Texas Department of Transportation.

When Garcia asked Junell if he thought next session would require tax increases, Junell tersely responded, "No. Next question."

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander slashed the amount of revenue available for spending by \$18 million this week, echoing session-long warnings of a cooling economy.

But despite the chill, lawmakers

managed to fund most of the session's top priorities.

Budget writers were mindful of the tough times that may lie ahead.

The bill contains several contingency cuts and appropriations, or items that may see funding slashed or increased depending on how much money the state actually collects during the next two years.

Those include possible cuts to new higher education programs, bonds for colleges and universities and additional state employee pay raises.

The bill included \$1.24 billion for the teachers insurance program, another top issue.

The budget also included \$961 million in increases for roads and other transportation projects and \$542 million for caseload growth and prescription drug increases in Medicaid.

The growth in the state's spending plan, though, still leaves Texas 49th in the country in per-capita spending, according to Eva DeLuna Castro of the Center for Public Policy Priorities.

"They can spend billions of dollars more but it doesn't make a difference. We go from last to next-to-last," she said.

The Senate was set to act on the bill Thursday before sending the budget to Gov. Rick Perry, who has line-item veto authority.

House engages in debate over same-sex civil unions

AUSTIN (AP) — For the third time this session, the Texas House has approved a provision prohibiting the state from recognizing same-sex civil unions.

The latest amendment offered by Rep. Dianne Delisi, R-Temple, caused heated debate in the chamber Wednesday. The provision was tacked onto a bill relating to the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

"It's important for this state to define civil union," Delisi said. "And it's important for those of us in this House to say that marriage is between a man and a woman."

Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston, said among other problems, the provision was poorly worded, because it used the term "any relationship."

"It's hateful. It's also ineffective," Danburg said. Children who care for sick or elderly parents could be unintentionally hurt by the provision, for example, she said, adding that the amendment likely will spark lawsuits.

"I hope Ms. Delisi feels really good about her gay bashing," Danburg said. "It's going to cause a lot of problems in this state."

Rep. Suzanna Hupp, R-Lampas, said she was offended by Danburg's comments, calling them "a personal attack" against Delisi.

"This amendment is going to be acceptable to me because I happen to agree with the basic tenant in the Defense of Marriage Act," said bill sponsor Rep. Barry Telford, D-De Kalb. "I happen to agree that a marriage should be between a man and a woman."

The bill and the amendment passed on a voice vote.

Rep. Glen Maxey, who is openly gay, has repeatedly asked

that the civil union votes this session be nonrecord, to prevent the divisive issue from being used against members in elections.

Earlier this week, the House Calendars Committee blocked the proposed Senate Defense of Marriage Act from the House floor.

Sponsor Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, and supporters said the bill would have protected the traditional definition of marriage by prohibiting the state from recognizing same-sex civil unions, such as those created in Vermont.

Because Texas doesn't recognize gay marriages, the amendments this session were nothing more than political statements by Defense of Marriage supporters who are frustrated by the bill's failure, said Dianne Hardy-Garcia, executive director of the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas.

"It's ridiculous to spend this much energy on it," Hardy-Garcia said.

The Free Market Foundation, which describes itself as a group dedicated to strengthening families, criticized House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, say-

ing he worked to keep the bill from a House vote.

But calendars Chairman Telford said again Wednesday that Laney did not interfere in his committee's business.

Earlier this session, two other amendments were attached to approved Medicaid and property-related bills by Reps. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, and Will Hartnett, R-Irving, respectively.

"The speaker has sat in that chair three times while this body" approved civil union amendments, said Telford, who said he supports the amendments.

Texas plays large part in 'Pearl Harbor'

N.Y. Times News Services

Two Texas-based ships, a Lone Star hero and hundreds of local extras will be featured Friday when Disney unveils its epic war movie, "Pearl Harbor."

The hero is Doris "Dorie" Miller, an African-American native of Willow Grove, Texas. He began his Navy career working in the ship's mess, or kitchen. But on Dec. 7, 1941, he quickly found himself atop a blazing deck, where he pulled his commanding officer to safety and then manned a machine gun against attacking Japanese aircraft.

The Texas-based ships in the movie are the battleship Texas and the USS Lexington.

Gov. Rick Perry will be on hand in Austin on Friday to honor Miller. Miller's family, and veterans from around the state, will take part in a ceremony on the Capitol steps.

Miller was born Oct. 12, 1919, and attended elementary school in Willow Grove, then moved to W.L. Moore High School in Waco, where he was a hard-nosed football player, according to the "New Handbook of Texas." During the Depression, he worked as a cook in a small Waco restaurant.

Less than a month before his

20th birthday, Miller went to Dallas to enlist in the Navy. He trained at Norfolk, Va., and was assigned to the USS West Virginia as a messman.

On December 7, 1941, Miller was collecting laundry when the first bombs slammed into his ship at Pearl Harbor. He ran to the main deck, where he helped move the mortally wounded captain.

"He then raced to an unattended deck gun and fired at the attacking planes until forced to abandon ship," naval records

show. "It was Miller's first experience firing such a weapon because black sailors serving in the segregated steward's branch of the Navy were not given the gunnery training received by white sailors."

Some accounts credit Miller with shooting down several

Japanese planes, but those accounts were never substantiated.

Miller was killed Nov. 24, 1943, when his ship was torpedoed and sunk in the Pacific Ocean.

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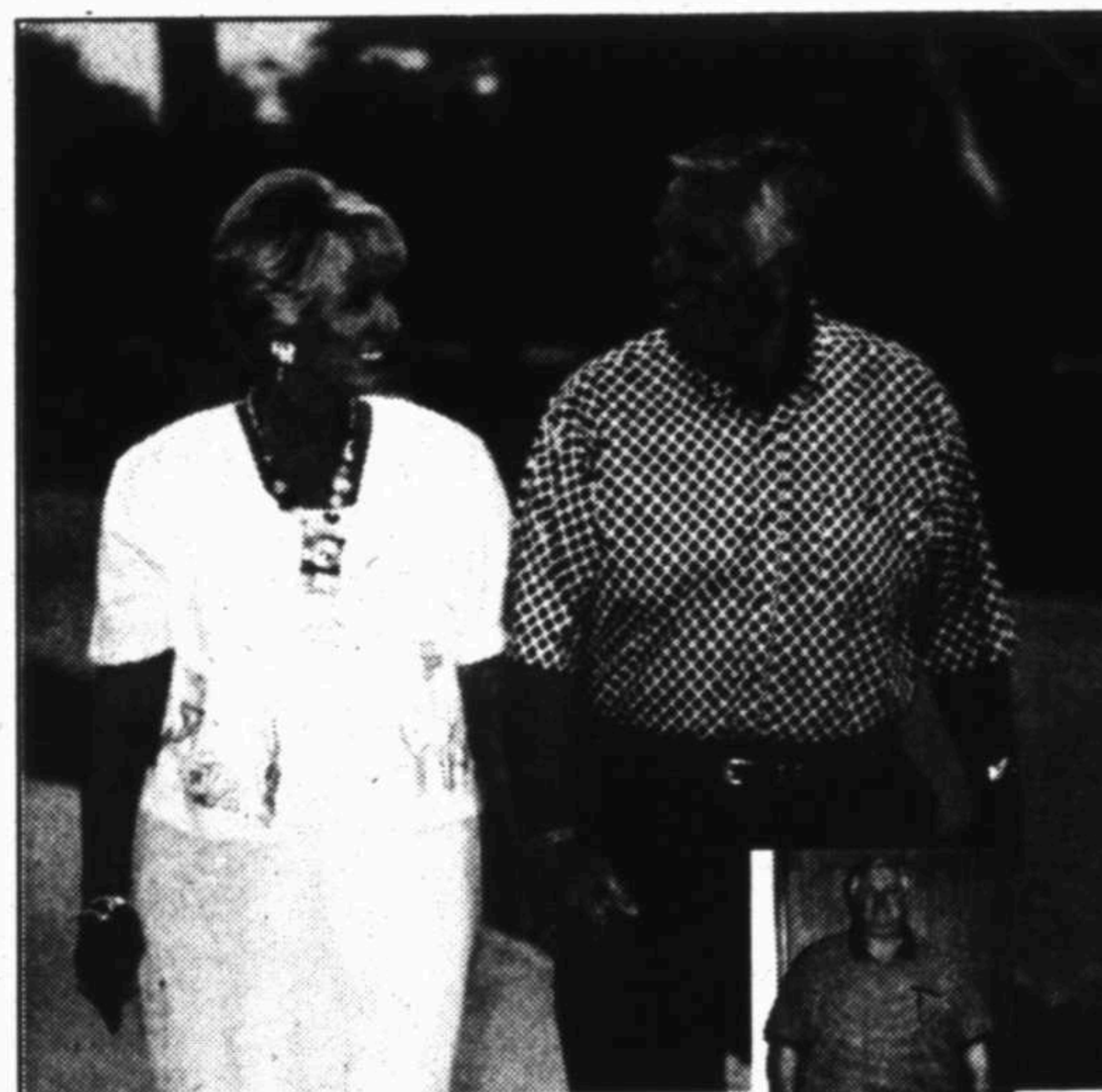
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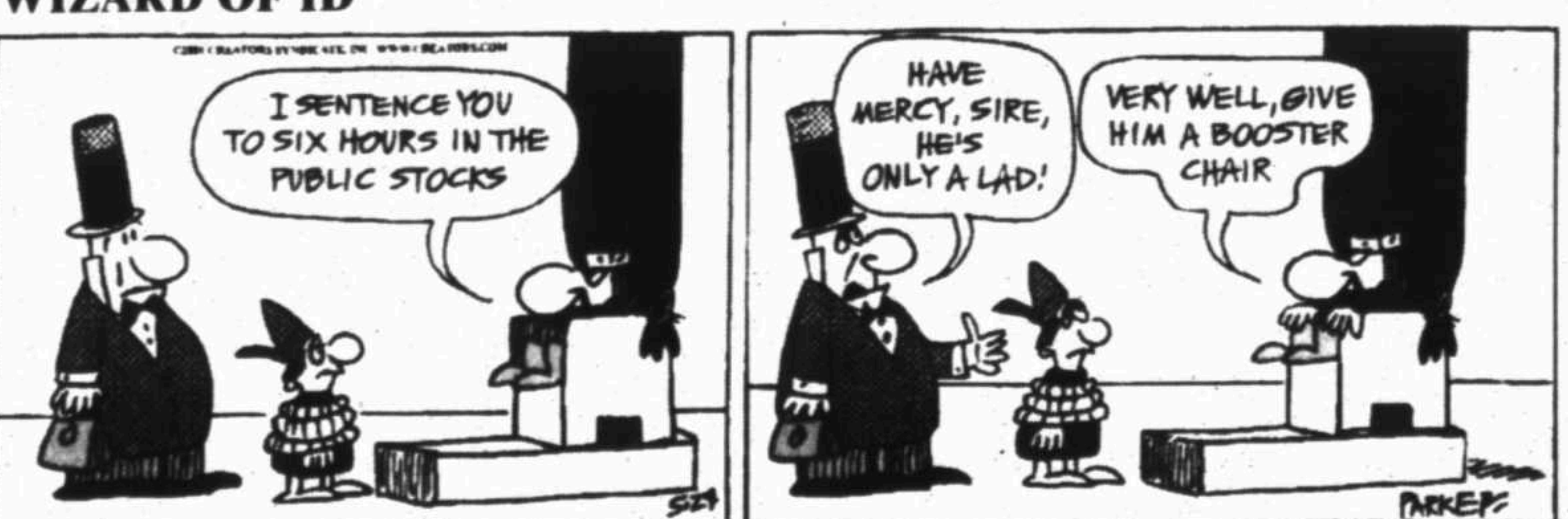
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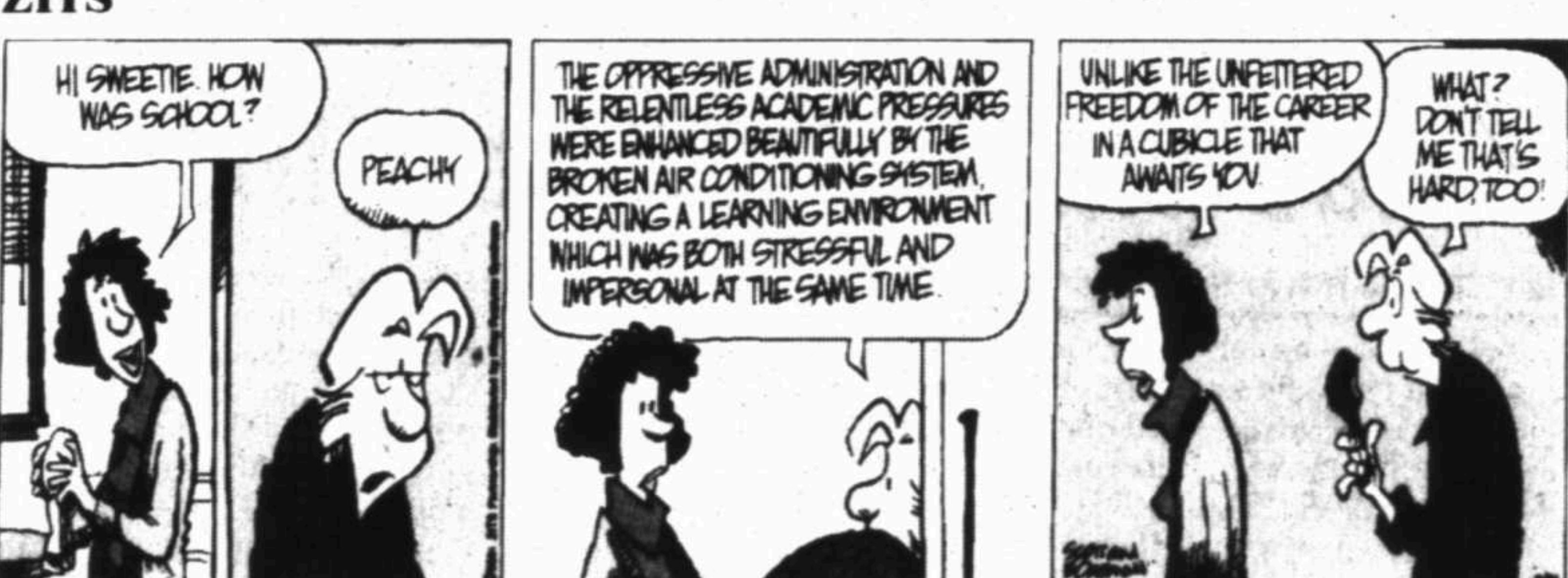
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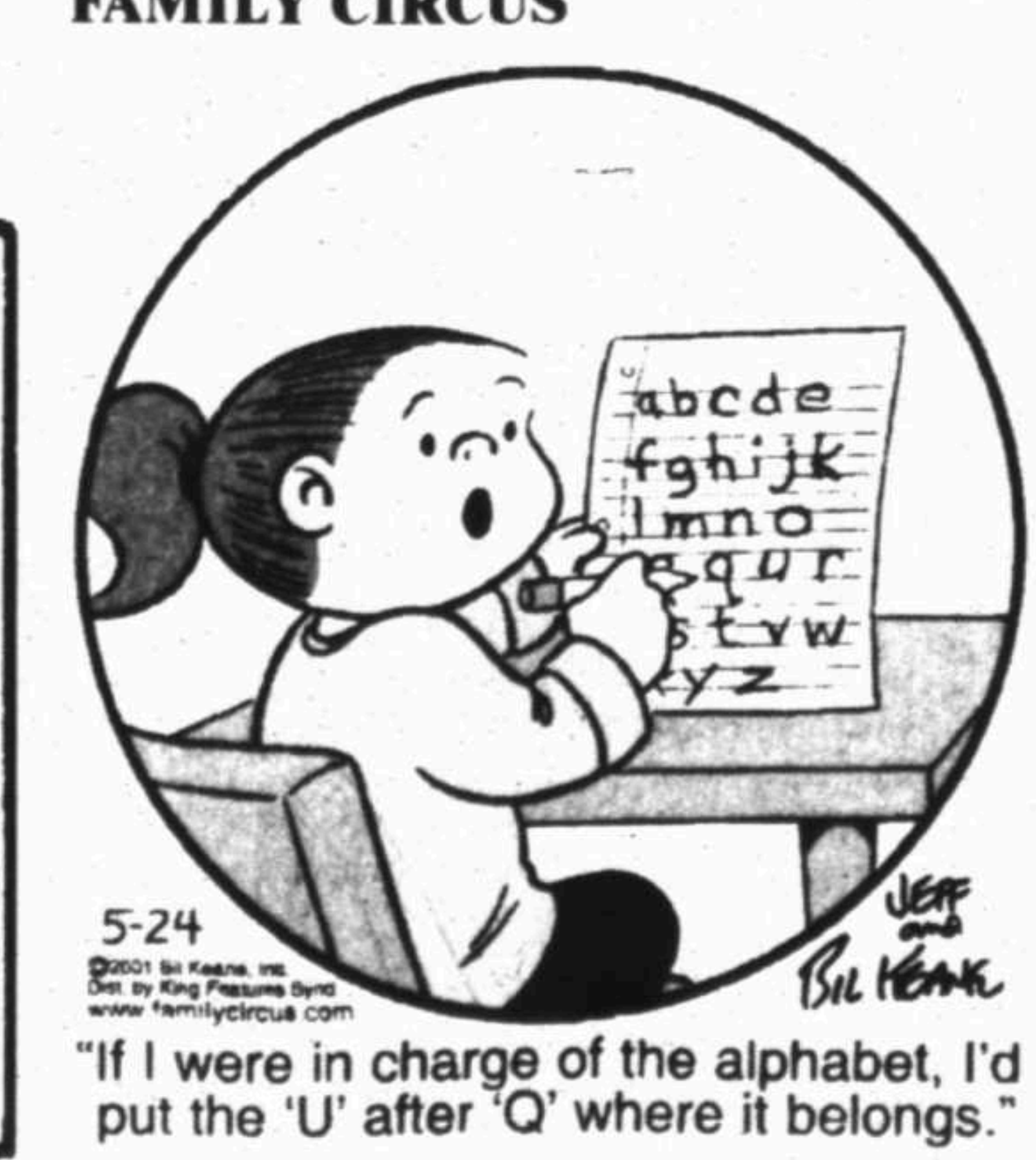
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Playboy's Hugh Hefner gains rights to own Web site domain

GENEVA — Playboy has been awarded the rights to the Internet domain name hughhefner.com in a U.N. panel ruling released Wednesday.

The adult entertainment empire brought the case against the Good Samaritan Program of Owings Mills, Md., which had registered the name.

The U.N. World Intellectual Property Organization ruled that Good Samaritan had no right to the name of Playboy founder Hugh Hefner and ordered it transferred to the company.

Playboy contended that the Hefner name is an integral part of the corporation. Hefner, 75, has been editor in chief of Playboy magazine since 1953 and was president of the Playboy Club from 1959-86.

The company said he remains "the living embodiment of the lifestyle his magazine celebrated," and is "one of the most popular media and entertainment figures in the world."

Playboy said its name was used simply to attract Internet traffic to Good Samaritan's sites.

Good Samaritan failed to respond to Playboy's complaint, and presented no evidence to the U.N. panel.

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — The city council took the first step toward approving a tougher noise ordinance, but not before the city's most famous noisemaker spoke his peace.

Former basketball star Dennis Rodman, who has received more than 50 police visits and been fined more than \$8,500 for violations of the current ordinance over the past year, told council members on Tuesday that authorities are unfairly targeting him.

"My complaint is that I get harassed every day," Rodman said. "I throw a lot of parties — yes I do — but at all my parties there aren't any kids in danger ... everything's controlled, I have security guards all over the perimeter."

City officials have said Rodman could face misdemeanor disturbing the peace charges from his 40th birthday party on May 12, which they said featured an illegal helicopter landing, a rock concert without a permit and hundreds of invited and uninvited guests.

NEW YORK — David Hasselhoff is fully aware of the international cult status "Baywatch" enjoys.

"Baywatch" is more like a brand name that will probably constantly be made fun of for the rest of the millennium," Hasselhoff said, laughing. "Somebody once said all the other countries in the world look at America like the biggest life guard in the world. ... America will stop Saddam Hussein. America will stop terrorism."

The 48-year-old actor says the syndicated lifeguard drama fell apart after he left last year. Hasselhoff starred as Mitch Buchanan from the show's start in 1989 and appeared in the mid-'90s detective spinoff "Baywatch Nights."

"Baywatch" really was me, not just because I was in it, but I was really instrumental in trying to keep the stories focused," he said. "We watch the reruns and they're excellent, and I mean, we all took a lot of heat but they're really great family entertainment."

NEW YORK — Ben Affleck knows he must give up certain aspects of normal life for his celebrity.

"I'm absolutely OK with it. I have to be — it's sort of a Faustian bargain, and I recognize it, there are a lot of sacrifices," Affleck said during an interview Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America" while promoting his new film, "Pearl Harbor," which opens Friday.

Being famous makes dating difficult, for example. The 28-year-old actor had a much-publicized romance a couple of years with Gwyneth Paltrow, with whom he co-starred last year in the romantic drama "Bounce."

"You know, most people don't have normal romantic lives. ... For one thing, normal being a relative term," Affleck said. "I don't have a girlfriend right now. I've certainly decided it may be that way for a while and that's OK."

NEW YORK — John Leguizamo as the artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec?

"One's mind immediately doesn't go to an actor from Jackson Heights to play the 19th-century Parisian painter," admitted "Moulin Rouge" director Baz Luhrmann in W magazine's June issue. "But

John is such a relentless character actor that he'll do whatever it takes. ... To prove he could play Lautrec."

Leguizamo, whose family moved from Bogota to New York when he was 4, found his inspiration in Sister Wendy, the British nun whose televised lectures on art had become a cult hit.

"I happened to be watching a lot of Sister Wendy right before filming, and I thought, 'She has a lisp like he did, and she appreciates art like he did.' So she was my way into the character. And all through the shoot, Baz kept saying, 'John, more Sister Wendy!'"

Find her effervescence!"

The 36-year-old actor, who grew up in Jackson Heights, Queens, studied theater at New York University and the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute.

"Moulin Rouge" also stars Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor. It is in limited release in New York and Los Angeles, and will open in theaters nationwide on June 1.

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Compromise would ban execution of mentally retarded murderers

By Natalie Gott
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas would be banned from executing capital murderers found to be mentally retarded under a compromise reached by a joint House and Senate committee Wednesday.

"It is inhumane to execute people who are mentally retarded who do not know the difference between right and wrong," House sponsor Rep. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, said.

"It doesn't mean you are going to get out free. You are going to be locked up for life," he said.

The compromise bill will now have to be approved by both

chambers before it is sent to Gov. Rick Perry, who has indicated he might veto it.

"I think we need to wait until the Supreme Court gives us some guidance on the issue," before Texas makes a law, Perry said Wednesday, adding that he hasn't decided whether he supports the compromise plan.

Under the compromise bill, the jury would determine during the punishment phase of the trial whether the defendant is mentally retarded. If it determines the person is mentally retarded, the sentence would be life in prison.

If jurors find the defendant is not mentally retarded, a defense

attorney could petition the judge to consider the issue. Two experts would be assigned to make a determination.

If the evidence shows the person is mentally retarded, the judge would be required to issue a sentence of life in prison.

"You cannot fake mental retardation," Hinojosa said. "It is something you are born with. It is an illness you do not recover from."

The Senate had been pushing for a bill that would allow the judge to determine before the trial began whether a person was mentally retarded. But senators compromised in the end after learning that Florida Gov. Jeb

Bush recently signed into a law a bill similar to the compromise bill, Senate sponsor Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said.

Ellis said that since the death penalty was reinstated six people who are mentally retarded have been executed. Seven mentally retarded inmates are on death row, Hinojosa said.

Texas, the country's No. 1 death penalty state, has executed seven people this year.

"With this bill, we can prove that you can be tough on crime and still have compassionate justice, even in the Wild Wild West," Ellis said.

Fifteen states and the federal government have passed laws

prohibiting the execution of mentally retarded people, Ellis said.

Bills to ban the execution of the mentally retarded have been criticized by the family of Pamela Moseley Carpenter, who was raped and fatally beaten and stabbed in her East Texas home in 1979.

Johnny Paul Penry, who has been classified as mentally retarded and having the mind of a 7-year-old, was convicted of the crime and sentenced to death. His case is under review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"If this process would have been in place in the Penry case, Penry would have been executed by now," Hinojosa said. "Of

everything that I've read, and all the evidence that I have seen, Penry is not mentally retarded."

Others have been critical of the legislation because they say it is retroactive, even though Ellis said it is not, and claims that it could delay current and future death row cases.

"People who want to kill the bill want to say that, but there is no basis for that," Hinojosa said.

When he was Texas governor, President Bush said he believed the state's execution system was fair. A bill that would have spared mentally retarded killers passed the state Senate in the 1999 legislative session but was not approved by the House.

Police charge man with shooting two officers

HOUSTON (AP) — A 19-year-old man was charged with capital murder Wednesday for fatally shooting a Houston police officer who was working off duty providing security at an apartment complex.

Albert Vasquez, 32, became the second law enforcement officer in Harris County to be killed in less than 16 hours. A sheriff's deputy was gunned down Tuesday morning.

Alex Adams, charged with Vasquez's death, also was charged with attempted capital murder for wounding a second officer in the apartment shootout Tuesday night.

Vasquez, a Houston police officer for seven years, was shot in the head. Enrique Duharte-Tur, 34, also a seven-year veteran, was shot twice in the chest. He was in critical but stable condition Wednesday after surgery at Ben Taub General Hospital.

Police spokesman Robert Hurst said Adams opened fire as the officers attempted to arrest him and four other individuals on drug charges about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Natchez House Apartment Homes in southwest Houston.

The four others were in custody but no charges were filed immediately.

Vasquez and Duharte-Tur were leading three of the drug suspects to the apartment complex's leasing office while two other officers followed behind with Adams and another individual when Adams pulled out a handgun and fired, authorities said.

"One officer was lying on the ground, a pool of blood was around his head," Romeo Reece, 30, who lives in the complex, said. "Another officer was holding his chest with both his hands, yelling for somebody to call an ambulance. He then collapsed up against the side of the leasing office and slid down."

Both injured officers were in uniform but neither was wearing a bulletproof vest.

Vasquez was married and had two young sons. Duharte-Tur is married and his wife is expecting their first child.

Adams, originally from Midway in Madison County about 90 miles north of Houston, was shot in the right leg and also treated at Ben Taub Hospital. He later was released into police custody and was awaiting a court appearance. A handgun believed used in the attack was recovered at the apartment complex, Hurst said.

Doctors were "cautiously optimistic" Duharte-Tur would survive, Hurst said.

Houston Police Chief Clarence Bradford and Mayor Lee Brown visited the wounded officer at the hospital and although he couldn't talk, he gave them a thumbs-up sign.

"I'm very, very thankful he is still with us. But I'm devastated by the loss of Officer Vasquez," Bradford said. "That's heavy on my heart."

Investigators were trying to determine how the two officers were shot.

"I'm not sure when the officers

searched the suspects," police spokesman Martin DeLeon said. Investigators also were trying to determine which officer returned fire and wounded Adams.

Bradford said the officers may have been on their first night working security at the apartment complex. Although they were off duty working a second job, they were had authority as Houston police officers. It's not uncommon for Houston officers in uniform to take off-hours security jobs.

Dozens of police officers held an overnight vigil at the hospital's emergency room and intensive care unit for Duharte-Tur as he underwent surgery.

Local law enforcement has had "a tough last few days," Bradford said, referring to the shooting of the Harris County sheriff's deputy earlier Tuesday and the death last week of another Houston officer.

Deputy Joseph Dennis, 35, was shot to death by an 18-year-old man he was trying to arrest. A suspect in that shooting was arrested about nine hours later after an intense manhunt.

Last Friday, Carlton Jones, a 17-year Houston police officer, was killed when his squad car veered off Interstate 10 and crashed just east of downtown.

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Falun Gong sect worries Hong Kong will soon outlaw it

By Dirk Beveridge
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's chief executive warned Wednesday that the Falun Gong is a cult that has harmed mainland China and "may do damage here," fueling concerns the territory is about to outlaw the meditation sect.

Critics have warned that any clampdown on Falun Gong could threaten mainstream religions guaranteed the right to worship under Western-style laws left in place after Britain returned Hong Kong to China in 1997.

But Hong Kong Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa told reporters that was not a concern.

"Religious freedom is guaranteed here," Tung said. "It is not the issue. The issue is a social issue. ... It is the issue of a cult which has done damage on the mainland of China, to the population. They may do damage here in Hong Kong in the future."

Tung vowed to "study all the options that are available to us" but stopped short of taking any immediate action.

Earlier, Secretary for Security



AP Photo
About 20 followers of the spiritual sect Falun Gong stage a petition during their meditation exercises outside Hong Kong's Legislative Chamber Wednesday. The sect followers and opposition lawmakers accused the government Wednesday of bowing to pressure from Beijing at the expense of Hong Kong's freedoms as Hong Kong government officials have acknowledged recently they are studying anti-cult measures in other countries.

Regina Ip told lawmakers that "evil cults" are a global threat and Hong Kong must ensure its citizens and social order are protected.

But Ip disputed suggestions that Hong Kong plans any laws

against Falun Gong, which is already banned and subjected to a harsh crackdown in mainland China.

"The government has never said it will enact legislation," Ip told lawmakers. "We will only

say we are keeping a close watch on evil cults because we need to maintain public order and safety."

The comments by Tung and Ip were the strongest yet against Falun Gong, and sect members and opposition legislators say evidence is mounting that the government intends action against the group, which is a legally registered organization in Hong Kong.

Falun Gong delivered a petition to the government Wednesday accusing it of "bowing to the pressure of a few leaders on the mainland and following their totalitarian order against the best interests of Hong Kong."

Falun Gong is outraged that Tung has referred several times to an incident in Beijing in which five people — described by mainland authorities as Falun Gong followers — set themselves afire and said he doesn't want anything like that happening here.

Falun Gong says the people who set themselves ablaze in Beijing's Tiananmen Square could not have been true believers, because it preaches nonviolence. Two of the people died.

Tung has vowed he won't let anybody "abuse Hong Kong's

freedoms and tolerance," and recent statements from several government officials have convinced Falun Gong it will be targeted.

Falun Gong accuses Hong Kong of mimicking Beijing's propaganda line without any facts.

"From Hong Kong's tradition as a free and open society, it's not right to jump to a conclusion before any supporting evidence is found," sect spokeswoman Sharon Xu said.

"If it's outlawed, does that mean individuals don't have the right to practice what they believe in?" Xu asked.

Hong Kong government officials acknowledge they are studying anti-cult measures in other countries. The convener of Hong Kong's Executive Council, Leung Chun-ying, sought this week to quell fears any action against Falun Gong could escalate

into an assault on mainstream religions, but critics worry Hong Kong is building a case for going after Falun Gong.

Falun Gong "is not part of any religion and therefore there is no association between what may or may not happen with Falun Gong in Hong Kong or any other part of the world and with religious freedom," Leung said.

Opposition lawmaker Emily Lau said Wednesday she was disturbed by Tung's contention that Falun Gong was "abusing" its freedoms here. Since returning to China, Hong Kong has been governed locally under an arrangement dubbed "one country, two systems."

"The essence of one country, two systems is that we are allowed to do things here you cannot do in mainland China," Lau said by telephone. "It's their freedoms — what do you mean 'abusing' them?"

Poland's Jewish community accepts exhumation of massacre casualties

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's Jewish community has accepted a government decision to exhume the remains of hundreds of Jews massacred by their Polish neighbors and buried in a mass grave in the town of Jedwabne in 1941, Warsaw's rabbi said Wednesday.

Rabbi Michael Schudrich and other Jewish representatives agreed to the exhumations, as long as they are carried out with the participation of rabbis, so that officials investigating the massacre can determine how many people died, the Justice Ministry said in a statement.

The government "showed utmost understanding for the fact what Jewish law requires from us," Schudrich said. "We understand their responsibility under Polish law."

"There is no conflict here," Schudrich insisted. He noted that Jewish law prohibits exhumations, "but I understand and respect the minister's decision."

Justice Minister Lech Kaczynski had suspended permission for the exhumation Sunday after Jews objected on religious grounds.

The Institute of National Remembrance, which is in charge of the investigation, also wants to see if there are other mass graves in the area.

The institute's investigation, launched amid revelations that the massacre was carried out by Polish neighbors, not by the Nazis, will also determine whether anyone can be charged in the killings.

After revelations about Polish involvement in the massacre, authorities in March removed a stone monument that falsely blamed Nazi and Gestapo soldiers for killing some 1,600 Jews.

A new memorial listing the names of the victims will be erected ahead of the 60th anniversary of the pogrom July 10. Officials have yet to decide how far a new inscription will go in acknowledging the role of Poles in the deaths.

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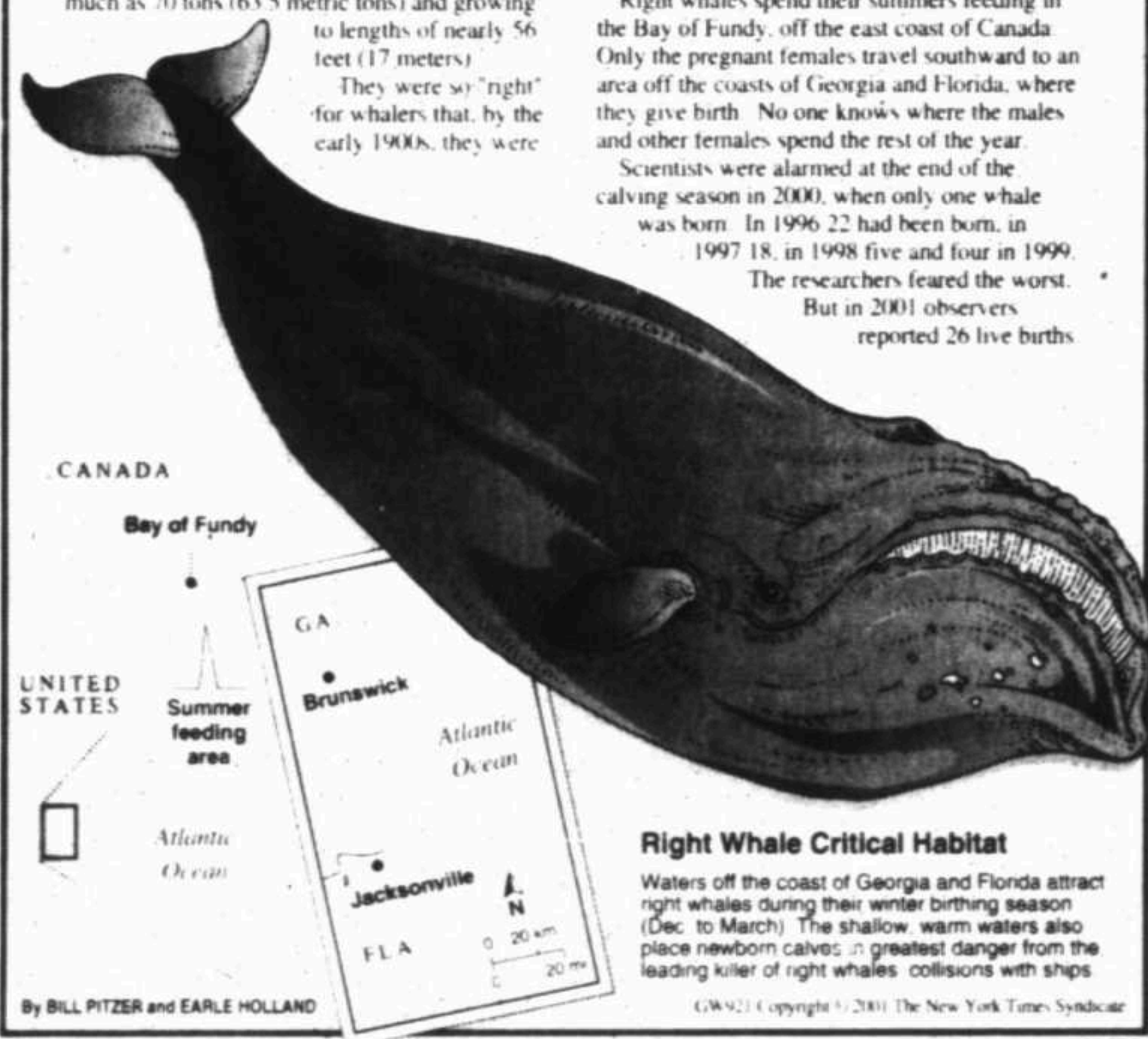
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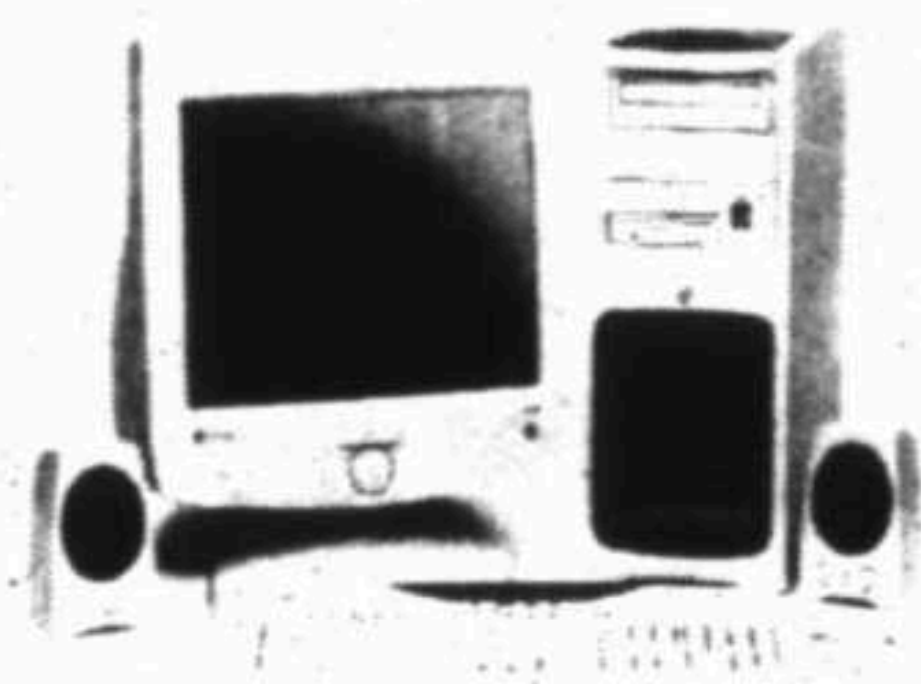
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A year after Lebanon pullout, Israelis ask: Did it backfire?

By Dan Perry
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A year after Israeli troops pulled out of Lebanon, Israelis still debate whether it was a good idea.

The withdrawal ended an entanglement that cost thousands of Israeli and Arab lives, and Katyusha rockets have not landed in northern Israel since last May. However, Hezbollah guerrillas backed by an increasingly hostile Syria now control the Lebanese side of the border and threaten to renew attacks.

The hasty retreat on May 24, 2000, also hardened Palestinian positions during peace talks that broke off in January.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat told Israeli negotiators at the time that the pullout put him in a difficult position, said former Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami, who headed the Israel team.

"Arafat told me, 'Hezbollah were our pupils and look, 400 of them kicked you out of Lebanon,'" Ben-Ami said in an interview Wednesday. "It had a tremendous effect."

Despite such misgivings, the Yediot Ahronot daily wrote in an editorial Wednesday that former Prime Minister Ehud Barak was correct to order the pullout.

"A year later ... it seems to have been a brave and wise decision to pull out," Yediot wrote. "The hardest question is: Why didn't they decide on a pullout sooner?"

However, others said it was too early to draw conclusions.

Gerald Steinberg, director of the BESA center for strategic studies at Bar-Ilan University, said the situation remains volatile: "There's a pretty high level of alert along the border and the pullout did not end the threat from Lebanon."

Israel had hoped the Lebanese army would take the 440-square-mile zone it evacuated and guard the border. Israel also expected Hezbollah to be disarmed and — with Israel no longer an occupier — cease trying to fight it.

Instead, the border area is controlled by Hezbollah, and its leader frequently proclaims his group's continued dedication to battling Israel.

Clashes continue at one disputed point along the border — a hill known as Chebaa Farms. Three Israeli soldiers were kidnapped there last fall, and they remain missing.

Also, Hezbollah is trying to



AP Photo
An Israeli soldier mans an army outpost near Manara on the border with Lebanon, Wednesday. A year after Israeli troops pulled out of Lebanon ending a two-decade entanglement that cost thousands of Israeli and Arab lives, Israelis still debate whether it was a good idea. Hezbollah guerrillas backed by an increasingly hostile Syria now control the Lebanese side of the border and threaten to renew attacks.

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— editorial in the Yediot Ahronot daily newspaper

help the Palestinians in their renewed struggle with Israel — attempting to send in weapons, train Palestinian fighters and even claiming a few attacks itself.

What Israel hoped would be seen as a gesture "was interpreted by the Arabs as weakness," said military analyst Zeev Schiff. "The Arab side is convinced now that there is no need to reach accords with Israel, that only strength will achieve their ends. That's why the Palestinians abandoned agreements in favor of a low-intensity conflict and terror."

In the negotiations, Israel had offered the Palestinians a state on 97 percent of the West Bank and Gaza, land compensating for the remaining 3 percent in Israel proper, the dismantling of most Jewish settlements and a share of Jerusalem.

Talks broke off days before Barak lost an election. The main sticking points at the time were

the fate of Palestinian refugees and control over a disputed Jerusalem shrine.

Many Palestinians say they are inspired by Hezbollah.

"Only the Hezbollah strategy is the way," said Ali Saleh, a shop owner in the West Bank town of Ramallah. "Israel is not interested in having an independent Palestinian state beside her which might have its army and power."

Still, the circumstances are different: Israel had no territorial claim in Lebanon, whereas for many Jews the West Bank is their biblical birthright. Some 200,000 Jewish settlers live in the West Bank, whereas there were none in Lebanon, and the West Bank abuts Jerusalem and is just a few miles from Tel Aviv.

Yet polls show growing numbers of Israelis — perhaps a majority — now favor a unilateral pullout from much of the West Bank and Gaza.

Israel's Lebanon imbroglio began after 1970, when Jordan expelled thousands of Palestinian guerrillas to Lebanon, where they helped spark civil war in 1975. Palestinian guerrillas turned south Lebanon into a staging ground for infiltrations and rocket attacks.

This prompted two Israeli invasions, in 1978 and 1982, that succeeded in expelling Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization. Israel continued to occupy half of Lebanon after the Palestinians left, then found itself fighting Hezbollah and other Shiite Muslim groups.

It relinquished most of the territory in 1985, keeping only the border strip. But casualties — almost 1,000 Israeli soldiers killed from 1982 until the pullout — brought public pressure to withdraw.

Israeli newspapers this week republished a photo that has become a symbol of the pullout, showing soldiers waving an Israeli flag atop an armored vehicle returning to Israel. Dominating the photo is Sgt. Sharon Shitubi, his features locked in a smile of satisfaction and relief.

Six months later, while guarding a Jewish settlement in Gaza, Shitubi was shot and killed by a Palestinian gunman.

Afghan Hindus saddened by requirement of identity labels

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan Hindus expressed dismay and sadness Wednesday at new requirements from the Taliban leadership that they wear a yellow piece of cloth on their shirt pockets to set them apart from Muslims.

"Who knows who is close to God?" asked Gandar, a 32-year-old Hindu pharmacy owner in the Afghan capital Kabul. "We feel part of the same body, the same house, the same room, like a family ... Why should we have a mark?"

The Taliban, who control 95 percent of this drought-stricken, war-torn nation of 21 million people, defended their ruling Wednesday. They insisted it was meant to protect Hindus from religious police who patrol the streets enforcing the Taliban's version of Islamic law.

"This is not any kind of discrimination," said Mohammed Suhail Shaheen, deputy head of the Afghan Embassy in Pakistan. "They (the Hindus) can carry out their rituals as before ... They will enjoy full rights."

Muslim men — required by the Taliban to keep their beards — sometimes claim they're Hindu if arrested for shaving, Shaheen said. Conversely, clean-shaven Hindus are sometimes arrested erroneously, he added.

The new order also requires Hindu women for the first time to cover themselves head-to-toe in a garment called a burqa, just as Muslim women have been forced to do in Afghanistan.

The plan — reminiscent of a Nazi policy in the 1930s and 40s that required European Jews to wear yellow Stars of David — has been criticized internationally as a human rights violation. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan appealed to the Taliban to reject the decision, his spokesman said.

Hindus in Afghanistan have not been the target of persecution and have generally been allowed to practice their religion freely. However, over decades of war, the number of Hindus has dwindled from a high of about 50,000 during the 1970s to 500 in the capital and small pockets elsewhere.

The new restrictions make many Hindus feel dangerously singled out.

"We don't feel safe with this," said Balbir, a Hindu spice dealer in Kabul. He said the mark could cause "security problems" for him when he travels to the countryside.

"This is discrimination. We are Afghans. I was born in Afghanistan. We gave our sons to the army to fight. We prayed for the dead together with our Muslim brothers," said Balbir, who like many Afghans goes by one name.

Moon Singh, 18-year-old Sikh shopowner, supported the new measure. "Sometimes the religious police beat them (the Hindus) and say 'Why aren't you in the mosque praying' because they look like Muslims," he said.

Afghanistan's Sikhs and Hindus are closely linked, sharing temples in the capital. Sikh men are not subject to the new ruling because their style of turbans and beards makes them easily distinguishable from Muslims.

The ruling was initially approved by Afghanistan's senior council of Islamic scholars, or ulama.

The Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, which runs the religious police, then specified that the label should be a yellow cloth, said Abdul Annan Himat, head of the Taliban's Bakhtar news agency.

The head of the religious police, Mohammed Wali, told the AP on Tuesday that the plan would be implemented soon.

The decision outraged Hindu-dominated India. "We believe such edicts have no place in civilized society," Raminder Jassal, an Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman, said Wednesday.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said the requirement would be a "grave violation of human rights and recall some of the most deplorable acts of discrimination in history."

U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher called the requirement "the latest in a long list of outrageous oppressions" by the Taliban. And Russia's Foreign Ministry said the ruling is "contrary to recognized universal, including Islamic, values."

Most of the Islamic world has differed with the Taliban's narrow interpretation of Islam and say the militia is tarnishing Islam's image.

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Bulldogs have few more tests to face

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

This may be the last week of school, but for the Midland High baseball team, things don't look like they're quite over with yet.

If you're talking in terms of tests, the Bulldogs have aced everything thrown at them over their last four games of the first two rounds of the playoffs. After having won their last three playoff games by a combined total of 38-7, the Bulldogs face what might be their toughest exam to date when they face Carrollton Newman-Smith in the Region I-5A semifinals.

The first game of the best-of-three series will be today at 4 p.m. at Abilene's McMurry University. Game 2 will be Friday at noon at the same place, with a third game if necessary to follow 30 minutes later.

Midland High has won four straight playoff games after losing Game 1 of the area round playoffs to El Paso Eastwood, and last Saturday's 18-6 rout of Amarillo High, which completed a sweep of the region-

al quarterfinals, set a season record for wins in a season, improving Midland High's record to 28-6. There's no question that the Bulldogs are carrying momentum into the series.

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Certainly, the Bulldogs earned excellent grades for their performances in all the major areas against Amarillo High. They exploded offensively with 18 runs on 29 hits in two games; had three pitchers hold the Sandies bats in check; and played stellar defense, especially the middle infield, which turned four double plays and a triple play.

Russell has made it a point to cut down practices since the end of

the regular season, a move which appears to have kept his team sharp. With school now out, that should make it easier for the players to focus on baseball, but it could also be a mixed blessing.

"The big thing is that school's out and we want to keep (the players) as fresh as possible mentally and physically," said Russell. "You do want to stay in a routine. That could be difficult without school."

There's no doubt that the Bulldogs will have to maintain their high level when they take on Newman-Smith, a team which sports a 21-4 mark and has had a season which mirrors that of Midland High. The Trojans won District 6-5A with a 12-0 mark, lost the first game of their area round series to L.D. Bell, and haven't lost a game since.

In terms of hitting, Newman-Smith's lineup could present the Bulldogs with a challenge that's as stout as any they've faced all season. "I've talked to some people who've seen (the Trojans) and they said their 3-4-5 hitters are very potent," said Russell.

Yet, Newman-Smith's main strength might be on the mound. Please see MHS/2C

NJCAA NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Central Alabama moves up

■ Trojans take lead at halfway point of nationals — their program's last-ever tournament.

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Central Alabama wants to go out on top this week at the NJCAA National Men's Golf Tournament being held at Green Tree Country Club.

After the season is over, Central Alabama school officials will scrap the men's golf program because of a budget crunch that has gripped the entire state of Alabama. The Trojans want to make sure they go out fighting at the tournament and took over first place with a 283 second round on Wednesday at Green Tree Country Club. The Trojans now have a 567 total, one shot ahead of Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College.

Odesa College made up the most ground in the tournament after shooting a scorching 281 team total on Wednesday, the best round of the tournament, to place the Wranglers just three shots back of the Trojans. Tuesday's co-round leader New Mexico Military Institute dropped back to fourth place with a 291—573.

Midland College stayed in the middle of the pack in ninth place with a 293—585 total, 18 shots back. The Chaparrals were led Wednesday by Steven Fraser's 1-under 71, while J.R. Reyes and Lee Rhind each added a 73.

"I think we did reasonable," said Fraser, a sophomore from Scotland. "We kept ourselves in the game. We've still got a lot of work to do in the next couple of days to get where we want to be. I'm confident that over the next couple of days we're going to make a move. We need everybody to get their heads together and put the scores together and we'll be fine."

"I think we'll come back," Reyes said. "There are still two more days left and anything can happen. If we keep ourselves within striking distance we'll be fine. Everybody seems to be playing well enough to stay within reach."

Fraser showed the most improvement on the team, improving by five strokes from his first-round Please see GOLF/5C



Derek Scullard of Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College hits out of the sand during Wednesday's second round of the NJCAA National Golf Tournament, which is being held at Green Tree Country Club. Scottsdale led after the first round but now trails Central Alabama by one shot.

Lady Chaps take control of tourney

Staff Report

SHAWNEE, Okla. — The Midland College Lady Chaparrals spent the first two rounds of the NJCAA Women's National Golf Tournament looking up at McLennan Community College. They aren't looking up any longer.

Midland College produced a 313 team round for the second consecutive day on Wednesday to take over the lead and is now threatening to bury the entire field.

MC's three-day team total is 951, a full 13 strokes over McLennan. MC entered Wednesday's 18 holes one stroke behind the Lady Highlanders. What a difference a round makes.

McLennan will have to play some heavy duty golf to catch the Lady Chaps today. And if MC holds on, Midland College will own its third consecutive national women's golf championship.

McLennan is the only team with any realistic chance of catching MC. Third place Tyler Junior College is a whopping 63 strokes behind the Lady Chaps.

Midland College's Angela Finlay of Scotland continues to dominate in the individual medalist race also. Finlay recorded a 75 on Wednesday for a 223 tournament score and is seven strokes ahead of Beatriz Conti of Mesa Community College.

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The Lady Chaps have an excellent chance of sweeping the top two medalist positions. MC's Pamela Feggans is just one stroke behind Conti's 230. Feggans had a 76 on Wednesday.

In fact, Midland College has been so dominant over the past two days of the tournament, that all the Lady Chaps reside in the top 20.

Stephanie Smith had her best tournament round on Wednesday with a 77 for a 244 total. That's good for sixth place. Mandy Chappell isn't having her best tournament outing this week. She shot an 85 on Wednesday for a 254. That's still good for 14th place. The top 15 earn All-America status.

MC's Abby Lasater fell to 19th place with an 88 for a 258 total. She's still only two strokes away from being in the top 15.

The Lady Chaps started the tournament with a team round of 325, which is 12 strokes off the pace they produced each of the last two days at 313.

The team is playing under some hard circumstances since their golf coach, Joe Williams, was dismissed from that position recently. Scott Raines, MC's assistant men's basketball coach, is serving as the team's coach this week.

Fisher's presence sparks LA

By Bob Baum
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Lakers are 24-5 since Derek Fisher returned to the team after missing the first 62 games with a stress fracture in his right foot.

They carry a 17-game winning streak into Game 3 of the Western Conference finals against San Antonio on Friday night. The possibility they could be the first NBA team to sweep through the playoffs doesn't seem far-fetched.

Kobe Bryant is spectacular. Shaquille O'Neal is a monster in the middle. Fisher is the defensive energizer. Against the Spurs, he's also been the long-range sniper — 7-for-8 on 3-pointers in two games.

"Derek plays all out every minute that he's on the floor," Bryant said. "He gets up in guys, he gets in the passing lanes, he's very physical. Having me and him in the backcourt allows us to apply more pressure than we did earlier in the season."

Fisher said he almost decided to write off the entire season.

"I was close," he said. "Toward the end of the process, I was getting really frustrated with not being able to get back as soon as I wanted to. I was one day away from deciding just to sit out the rest of the season."

But when he found out he would get to play at least 20 games, he decided that was long enough to warrant a comeback. With the Lakers 9-0 in the playoffs, Fisher has averaged 13.9 points and has Please see NBA/4C

Denver's past faces Denver's present for Cup

By Aaron J. Lopez
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Chris Drury was a history major at Boston University, so the question seemed appropriate.

Hey, Chris, do you remember the Colorado Rockies?

"The baseball team? Sure," he said with a smile. Drury was a newborn when hockey's Colorado Rockies opened their inaugural 1976-77 NHL season, and he was nearing his sixth birthday when the founding team was sold and moved to New Jersey in 1982.

Nineteen years later, Denver's forgettable hockey past will collide with its vibrant hockey present as the New Jersey Devils face the Colorado Avalanche in the Stanley Cup finals. Game 1 is Saturday at the Pepsi Center.

"It's kind of fitting that it would be that way, considering the war we're about to participate in," Colorado rookie Dan Hinote said Wednesday.

Like Drury, Hinote was too young to remember "Rocky Hockey." They are among the lucky ones. After moving from Kansas City to Denver in Please see NHL/4C

Fisher goes from oddity to contender

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — A year ago, Sarah Fisher was an oddity at Indianapolis, a woman in a man's world. The only thing that's changed this year is her status: She's a legitimate contender now.

The difference is confidence and experience, according to the 20-year-old Fisher.

"In one year, I've matured from 19 years old to 35," she said, sneaking a peek at car owner Derrick Walker, sitting by her side and nodding in assent.

Fisher, who last May became only the third woman to race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, will start Sunday's race 15th in the 34-car field — ahead of

such luminaries as former Indy 500 winners Al Unser Jr. and Eddie Cheever and visiting CART star Michael Andretti.

"Unbelievable," she said. "When you step back and look at it, it's kind of neat. I'm starting in front of Michael. But that goes away. I can't drive up next to him and say hi."

At 20, Fisher is still full of youthful exuberance, her animated answers filled with "awesome" and punctuated with giggles. On the track, though, the Ohio native is well on her way to proving that a woman can be a star in open-wheel racing.

A third-place finish last summer in an Indy Racing League event in Kentucky gave her a huge shot of confidence. Her second-place finish last month in Hontle-

stead, Fla., was her best showing in 13 IRL races and just another step on her climb to success.

"That filled me with confidence," she said of the Florida race, in which she was outrun only by 21-year-old Sam Hornish Jr., the IRL's other budding star and a longtime competitor of his fellow Ohioan in go-karts.

A year ago at Indianapolis, the amazing thing wasn't that Fisher raced but that she was here at all after Walker plucked her from the sprint car and midget ranks.

"I think about that every day or every other day," Fisher said. "Derrick took a chance of me when there was not a lot of reason to do it. Where I'm at now, I'm a very, very, very lucky kid."

When she got to Indy last May, Fisher had driven in four IRL events. Her arrival at the world's most prestigious race caused an uproar.

"It was like being thrown to the wolves. Last year was completely because of my gender," Fisher said with a shrug. "I don't think it had anything to do with my racing talent at all. I was an oddity."

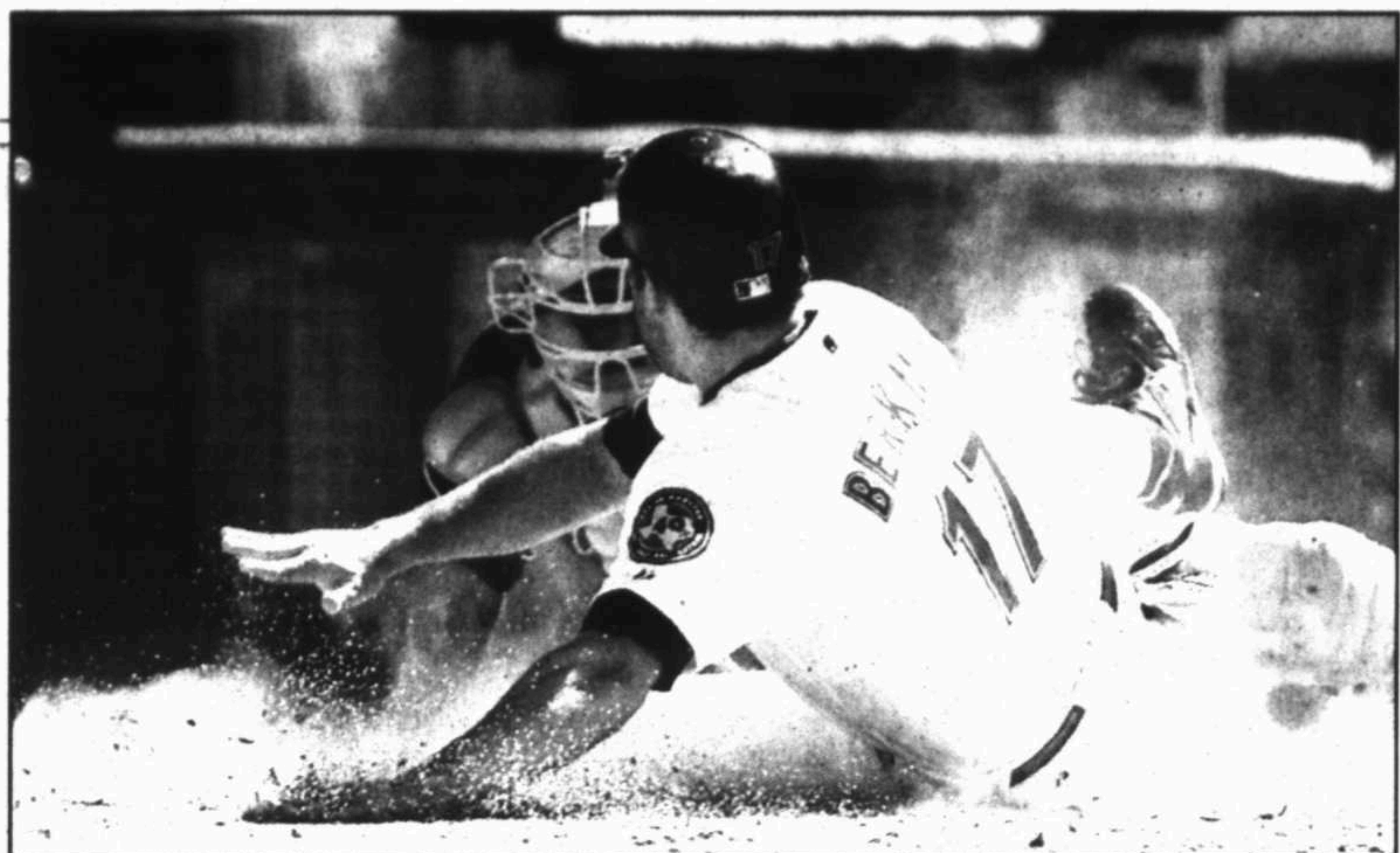
"Last year, I didn't really know what to expect," she added. "I had driven in three or four IRL races and I came here blank. It was a steep learning curve. It's still steep today, but not the same."

Her newfound comfort level also is allowing Fisher to enjoy the whole Please see INDY/11C



In last year's Indianapolis 500, Sarah Fisher was a 19-year-old oddity. This year, she's a contender.

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Houston's Lance Berkman (17) scores from first base on Moises Alou's double as San Diego catcher Wiki Gonzalez loses the ball Wednesday in Houston. The Padres won, though, 7-6.

Kotsay takes on Klesko's burden

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Mark Kotsay decided Ryan Klesko had carried the San Diego Padres long enough.

Kotsay went 4-for-5 and hit an RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning as the San Diego Padres beat the Houston Astros 7-6 Wednesday for their fifth straight victory.

Kotsay, who homered earlier, helped San Diego complete a three-game sweep. San Diego is 6-0 at Enron Field since its opening last season. His go-ahead hit came off Billy Wagner (3-2).

"I think I faced him maybe two times," Kotsay said of Wagner. "It's never fun for a left-handed hitter to face him. I was just trying to stay in. He left a slider out. I'm sure it's a pitch he'd want back."

Houston scored twice in the eighth to make it 6-5, setting the stage for the Padres. Prior to Kotsay's big hit in the ninth, pinch-runner Adam Riggs was thrown out at the plate trying to score on Ben Davis' double.

"He's (Kotsay) been playing well, we're a different team when he's in the lineup," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "He does a great job for us all the way around."

Klesko, who hit .463 in the series, went 2-for-5 and extended his hitting streak to 10 games.

"This is a team effort, we're all pulling this thing," Klesko said. "Awhile back, I was having a rough time and Phil (Nevin) and some of the other guys were pulling us through."

Jay Witasick (3-2), who got his first career save Tuesday night, pitched the eighth for the victory. The Padres have won seven of eight.

Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for San Diego, picking up his ninth save in 10 chances. He struck out Richard Hidalgo with runners on first and third to end the game.

The Padres won for the seventh time in eight games and Wagner gave the offense plenty of credit. "I was impressed with two guys, Klesko and Kotsay, they killed us in this series," Wagner said.

Rays rally past Rangers

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Texas Rangers scored twice in the first inning, twice in the second and one more time in the third. The light-hitting Tampa Bay Devil Rays didn't flinch.

"For some reason we felt from the start that we were going to win, that we were going to score," manager Hal McRae said after the team with the worst record in the majors rallied for a 10-6 victory Wednesday night.

"I can't explain it, but there was a lot of energy in the dugout ... more than I can remember us having when things were not going well. To a man, we felt like we were going to do something good."

Gerald Williams doubled and scored the go-ahead run when rookie Juan Moreno balked twice.

Meanwhile, Andy Sheets drove in three runs with a pair of singles and a sacrifice fly. Damion Rolls hit his first major league homer for the Devil Rays,

who won for just the third time in 13 games.

"It was an encouraging night, a very encouraging night," McRae said. "We haven't come back very often ... But one game doesn't mean you got some momentum. One game doesn't mean you are out of the woods."

Williams led off the sixth with a double against Tim Lincecum (0-3). Williams moved to third on Moreno's balk and scored one out later for a 7-6 lead when the Rangers reliever was charged with another balk.

Tampa Bay added three runs in the seventh on right fielder Ruben Sierra's two-base error, Sheets' sacrifice fly and Rolls' home run off Jeff Brantley.

"I don't think I've ever seen back-to-back balks. I'm sure it happens. I've just never seen it," Texas manager Jerry Narron said, attributing the mistakes to Moreno's inexperience.

The rookie has appeared in four games since joining the Rangers on May 16.

LOCAL SPORTS

Alvarado inks pro contract

Midland native Christian Alvarado has signed a two-year contract to play professional soccer for Stanislaus United Cruisers of Modesto, Calif.

The Cruisers, an official affiliate of Major League Soccer's San Jose Earthquakes, contracted the 19-year-old, 175 pound forward after a two-week tryout.

Alvarado moved to Guadalajara, Mexico, as a junior in high school to train with Atlas, a Mexican first division club, for eight months.

At the age of 17, Alvarado signed his first professional contract and played for the F.C. Soles de Ciudad Juarez of the third division Mexican Professional Futbol League, becoming the first and only United States citizen to play for the club.

The Cruisers have four wins and a loss so far this season and expect Alvarado to add firepower to their front line.

Stanislaus United is awaiting international clearance for Alvarado from both the United States Soccer Federation and Mexican Soccer Federation before allowing him to participate in league play.

While living in Midland, Alvarado played for the Blast '81 and Black Magic '82 soccer clubs.

Lee grads make UTPB team

ODESSA — Three Midland Lee graduates have been named as members of the 2001-2002 women's soccer team at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Two of the players played for the Lady Rebels this spring.

They are Thana Dick, a midfielder/striker, and team captain Kylie Yonts, a midfielder. Jamie Calhoun, who didn't play high school soccer, has also made the team.

The UTPB Lady Falcons open the season on Sept. 1 with a 2 p.m. game in Dallas against Bellhaven College. Their first home game will be on Sept. 10 at 5 p.m. against Angelo State University.

Evans makes historic ace

Terry Evans made a little golf history on Tuesday at the Nueva Vista Golf Club.

Evans produced the first hole-in-one ever on Nueva Vista's No. 11 hole, which was playing 184 yards. He used a 4-iron.

Evans was playing with Rick Ingle, Walt Stamm, Tracy Baugh and Sam Branco.

MHS: Carrollton has hard thrower

(From 1C)

Righthander Mike McGowan, the only senior on the team, has reportedly been clocked in the low 90s and has been dominant with a 13-2 record and 0.72 ERA to go with 100 strikeouts in 77 2/3 innings. As the team's cleanup hitter, McGowan is hitting .450 with eight home runs and 29 RBIs while Ty Wallace has hit five homers.

McGowan looks likely to start in today's game, while lefthander Gilbert Bustillos (7-1, 2.63) is an off-speed specialist in stark contrast to McGowan.

"With the hard-throwing righthander and the lefty finding his spots, that's going to be a challenge for our hitters," said Russell.

MHS will go with senior righthander Matt Bose in the first game. Bose, 9-1 on the season, defeated Amarillo High 10-1 in the first game of last week's series.

On Friday, Russell hasn't made a firm commitment on who he'll throw, but he said it's possible that sophomore righthander Casey Zachry, who won two playoff games last season but hasn't pitched since the first half of District 4-5A play this year, may be available for relief duty.

"We're about as solid as we could be, pitching-wise," said Russell.

The same could be said for the

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Region I-5A Semifinals
Midland High (28-6)
vs. Carrollton
Newman-Smith (21-4)

Game 1: 4 p.m., Thursday, McMurry University, Abilene.
Game 2: Noon, Friday, McMurry University, Abilene.

Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes after conclusion of Game 2.

El Paso Franklin (27-7) vs. Coppell (23-9)

Game 1: 5 p.m., Friday, El Paso Franklin.

Game 2: Noon, Saturday, El Paso Franklin.

Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes after conclusion of Game 2.

Bulldogs defensively, particularly with shortstop Jayson Nix and second baseman Jason South. That duo continually snuffed out potential Amarillo High uprisings with outstanding defensive plays and at least one of them was responsible for being involved on all the double plays and the triple play.

Such prodigious performance with the gloves is probably the difference between this Midland High team and the three previous Bulldog squads which went to the

playoffs but couldn't advance past the regional quarterfinals.

"This group of kids enjoys the game of baseball and they realize that they've got to play defense if they're going to play at the next level," said Russell.

Nix is the one Bulldog who has most definitely shown that he can play at the next level, as he's accepted a scholarship to Texas A&M. In the playoffs, he's hit .471 with three home runs and seven RBIs.

When Robert Friday, who has spent most of the season on junior varsity, came on in relief in the second game against Amarillo High, South snagged a line drive on Friday's first pitch which started a triple play, with Nix covering at second then throwing to first for the third out.

"It's real important to let a young guy like that know that he can put the ball in the strike zone and we can make the play behind him," said Nix.

The Bulldogs might need to make similar plays behind whoever throws in the series if they are to have a chance against Newman-Smith.

"I don't think you have to do a big selling job on how good they are," said Russell of Newman-Smith. "The thing is if we don't beat ourselves we've got a real good chance. We've got to get our pitchers to get ahead in the count."

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Anderson has can-do attitude out of necessity

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Derek Anderson's dad was long gone when his mom took off for two days without leaving any word, or food. The 12-year-old future NBA star marched to the candy store, asked for work and bought himself a big meal of fried chicken.

Fourteen years later, after his best season yet, after making it to the second round of the playoffs for the first time, the San Antonio Spurs guard was knocked to the floor while soaring for a dunk. Separated shoulder. Three-to-six weeks, he was told. Could mean missing the rest of the playoffs.

But Anderson taught himself long ago that when you are hungry, there is no time to sulk, to dwell on what cannot be changed.

He dedicated those precious hours to intensive physical therapy and to icing his sore shoulder. Now Anderson is steaming toward an early comeback. He is making no promises, but expects to play in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals against the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday, a day before the 3-week mark.

"He jumped right on it," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He's been the most positive guy, saying, 'I'll be back. I'll be back. I'll be back,' every day."

"I just know not to worry," Anderson says, "because things will get better."

It's not a moment too soon for San Antonio. With their second-best scorer sitting on the bench, the Spurs lost the first two games of the best-of-seven series, both at home. Now they must win at least one of the next two in Los Angeles against a team on a 17-game winning streak.

"We know Derek Anderson is waiting in the wings, and they will be a different team with him," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "This series is long from over."

The Spurs certainly have missed their 6-foot-5 shooting guard flying through the air and dunking over much taller opponents. They have missed the extra possessions that have come with his steals. They have missed the

quickness he brought to the team when he signed as a free agent last summer and then played all 82 regular-season games.

"We miss his 3-point shooting, his consistency," All-Star center David Robinson said. "He can penetrate, and he can make good stuff happen."

"I think him coming back is going to add a lot of athleticism," said Kobe Bryant, who has taken advantage of Anderson's absence with 45 points in Game 1 and 28 in Game 2. "It's going to add a defensive presence to them."

Perhaps just as much, Anderson's return could evoke passionate play from the Spurs.

They have missed his ever-present smile and the all-out attitude of a man who, after staying straight in a drug-infested housing project and staying sane while bouncing from couch to couch in high school, is keenly aware of his own power in determining his destiny.

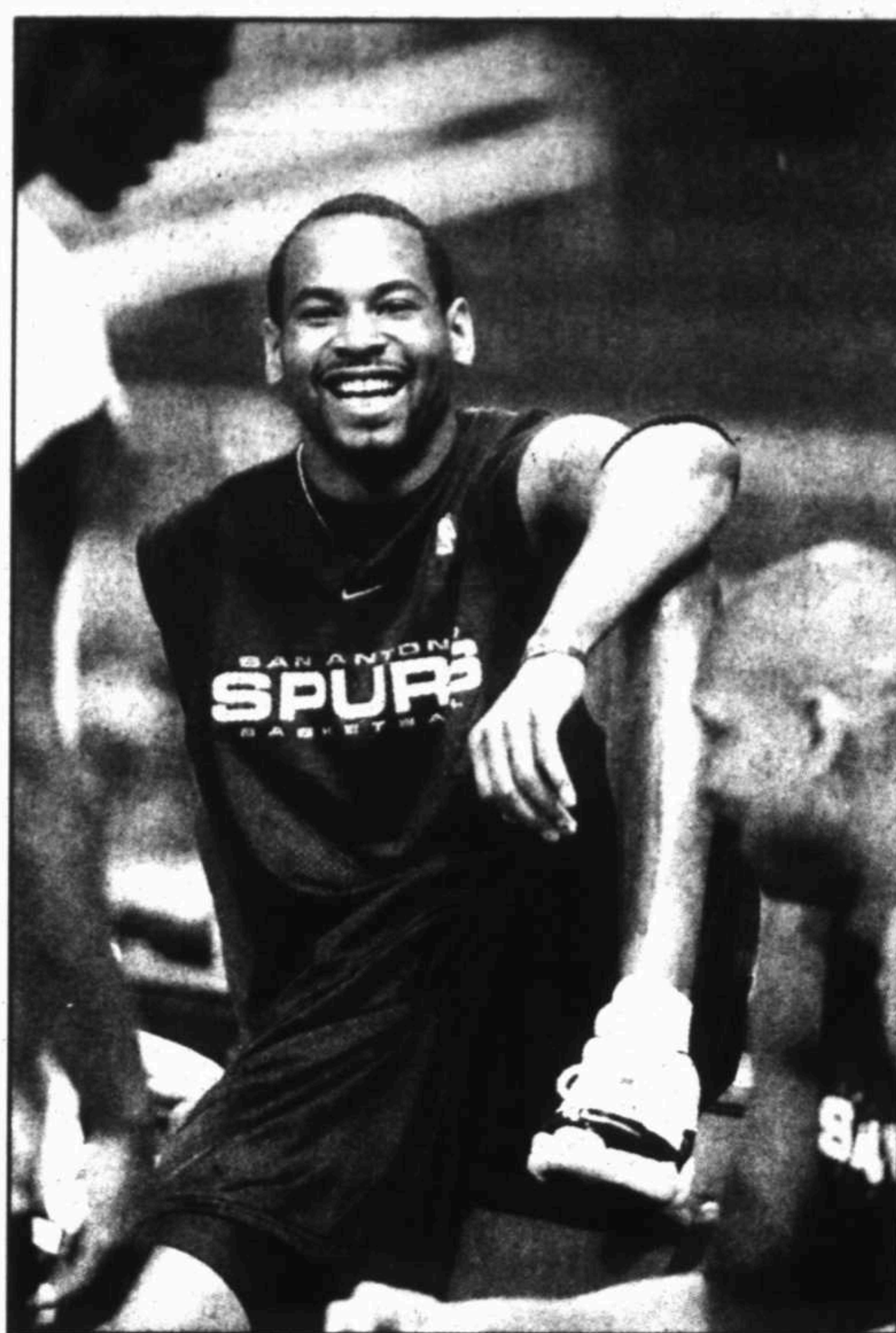
"He's a pretty special individual to have gained the self-confidence and the perspective on life that he has," Popovich said. "A lot of people would be bitter, paranoid, thinking the world owes them something, feel sorry for themselves. This guy has figured out how to take adversity and use it to make him stronger."

Maybe that is why the Spurs' hearts seemed to ache as much as Anderson's shoulder after a flagrant foul by Juwan Howard left him wincing on the floor in Game 1 of the semifinals against Dallas.

Tim Duncan and Antonio Daniels returned to the Alamodome for Game 2 wearing Anderson's sweatbands, marked with his initials and his No. 1. As fans waved posters reading, "Do it for DA," and loudly booed Howard, Duncan poured in 25 points and grabbed 22 rebounds for a 100-86 victory. The Spurs won the series 4-1.

"That energy and that smile, we really miss that," Daniels said. "That stuff is big. You don't realize how important it is 'til it's not there anymore."

"I can't wait to get him back." The city has rallied around Anderson, too, with huge get-well messages painted on bookstore



AP Photo

Spurs guard Derek Anderson jokes with teammates during a recent practice in San Antonio. Anderson, who suffered a separated shoulder during the second round of the playoffs against the Dallas Mavericks, plans to return early and play in Friday's game against the Lakers.

windows. Hundreds of fans signed a giant banner that was presented to the fourth-year guard, who will become a free agent when the season ends.

No matter how it ends — or when — Anderson said he doesn't resent Howard.

His willingness to quickly forgive isn't surprising to those who know Anderson. He did it for his parents.

One day last year, out of the blue, Anderson's mom called his business office in his hometown of Louisville, Ky. The two had not seen each other in years. Anderson went and found her on the street with her one bag, bruised arms and a swollen face. He put her in detox, arranged an apartment for her and brought her to San Antonio to see him play for the first time.

"He would do anything," childhood friend Terence Stewart said. "to help someone."

Despite his father's absence throughout his childhood, Anderson sought him out last June and took him out for Father's Day. "They made a mistake,"

Anderson says. "Why talk about something they know they've done? That doesn't help it."

His statements, like his efforts to help teens from his old neighborhood through a mentoring program and homework hotline, reflect his philosophy on life.

He calls it "L.O.Y.A.L.T.Y." — "Living On Yesterday Always Leads To Yesterday."

The word "loyalty" is tattooed on his chest and his back. Around his wrist, he wears custom-made rubberbands printed with the word. Diamonds spell out "loyal" on a 3-inch silver medallion around his neck.

"If you had a great day today, you know how to continue it," he said. "If you had a bad day today, you'll know how to get better, since you've already had that day."

The Spurs likely will need to take that attitude — and Anderson — onto the court if they hope to beat the Lakers.

Milwaukee coach Karl rips Philly's fouling defense

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — George Karl made it clear he isn't concerned about Dikembe Mutombo. The Milwaukee Bucks coach isn't impressed by the Philadelphia 76ers' defense either.

One day after the Sixers beat Milwaukee 93-85 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals, Karl wasn't about to give Philadelphia any credit.

"Philly has an amazing ability to foul a lot and never get called for it," Karl said Wednesday. "They are the best slashing and ripping team in the league. They have a great defensive reputation, but I wish they would have to earn it."

"Without (injured forward George) Lynch, they're not as great defensively as they were and I still think the referees think they're a great defensive team. They're not great defensively and they foul a lot."

Sixers guard Eric Snow simply brushed aside the comments the day before Game 2 of the best-of-seven series.

"Get used to it," Snow said after Wednesday's practice. "He's going to say off-the-wall stuff the whole series. You just have to know him. You can't read into it or buy it. The main thing is he respects us."

Mutombo isn't so sure about the respect part. Before the series, Karl said the 7-foot-2 center wouldn't impact his team and called him "irrelevant."

After Mutombo scored 15 points, grabbed 18 rebounds and blocked four shots Tuesday night, Karl didn't change his opinion.

"Mutombo's influence is more on the offensive boards than on the defensive and our problem wasn't Mutombo, it was our shot selection," Karl said. "I have tremendous respect for Mutombo. We don't go down there (inside) very much. So he is as much a concern to us as he is to Shaq (O'Neal) or (Tim) Duncan? No."

Mutombo said he's used to tak-

ing shots from Karl, who coached against him in Seattle when he played for Denver.

"I have to go find the clips in the house," Mutombo joked. "I think he likes to play a psychological game. I think he understands the game is as much mental as it is physical. For a guy who has been in the league as long as I have, I don't get caught up in what people say. I don't care about somebody who tries to criticize me for no reason."

Karl already managed to get into Allen Iverson's head during the season. Before the Sixers played in Milwaukee on Feb. 13, Iverson said Karl came up to him, congratulated him for winning the MVP award in the All-Star game then said he thought Mutombo deserved to get it.

"After hearing what he thinks of Dikembe, I was confused. What does he think of me?" Iverson said. "When you start getting into verbal battles, it takes away from the game."

Nobody expects the Bucks to shoot as poorly as they did in the opener. Milwaukee, which relies on its jump shooting, missed several open shots early, fell behind by 16 points at halftime and never recovered.

Ray Allen scored 31 points and Sam Cassell added 20, but the rest of the Bucks shot 30 percent and combined for 34 points. Glenn "Big Dog" Robinson missed nine of his first 10 shots and finished with 15 points.

"I don't think it matters who scores for us," Allen said. "We have to set aside agendas and just go out and play basketball."

Iverson, who was slowed by a bruised right hip and buttocks, managed to score 34 points on 13-of-35 shooting. He promised to get a lot more if Milwaukee gives him the same looks in Game 2.

"I don't think I'll miss the easy shots I missed," he said. "They probably think they played good defense against me because I missed a lot of shots."

NBA: O'Neal's fireman cousin dies

(From 1C)

17-for-37 from 3-point range.

Most of that damage has been done in the conference finals. He was 4-for-4 on 3-pointers in Monday night's 88-81 victory in San Antonio after going 3-for-4 in Game 1.

"He gives us another threat, another outside scoring threat that we desperately needed," Bryant said.

Fisher said he just tries to play hard.

"Possessions are really important in playoff basketball," Fisher said, "and anytime a ball is loose or available to be picked up, I'm trying to be there. If I have to lay my body out on the floor to get it, that's what I'm going to do."

After Wednesday's workout at the Lakers practice facility in El Segundo, much of the talk was about another Derek — Derek Anderson, who is expected to return for the Spurs after being sidelined for nearly three weeks with a separated shoulder.

Anderson was hurt on a flagrant foul by Juwan Howard in Game 1 of the second-round series against Dallas.

Fisher suspects that Lakers coach Phil Jackson will switch Bryant onto Anderson, and have Fisher guard the Spurs' point guard. Bryant has guarded point guards Terry Porter and Avery

Johnson most of the first two games, while Fisher has gone against Antonio Daniels.

Fisher said Anderson's return should be an emotional boost to the Spurs.

"They might feel a little better about themselves in terms of having their lineup back intact," Fisher said. "We're a perfect example of when you get key players back in your lineup, it can really help your team."

Bryant said Anderson does pose new problems.

"You have to be very careful with the ball around him because he has great hands," Bryant said. "He has quick feet. He does a good job of keeping me in front of him. But for the most part I'm not too concerned with that matchup. All we do is do what we do, play the triangle offense and try to win the game."

It's a philosophy that has worked to perfection. The Lakers' playoff start is second only to the 11-0 one Los Angeles had in 1989. That year, the Lakers were swept by Detroit in the finals after Magic Johnson and Byron Scott went down with injuries.

The Lakers are shrugging off any talk of going undefeated throughout the playoffs.

"It is out there but it's not a distraction," forward Rick Fox said. "It is a goal to tack on to the goal

of being the last one standing."

Added forward Horace Grant, "We let other people talk about it. That's one thing we've told each other is we're not going to focus on that. We're going to focus on that old cliché 'one game at a time.'"

The Spurs worked out a final time Wednesday in San Antonio. They will practice at the Staples Center in Los Angeles on Thursday.

"We know what kind of team we are," center David Robinson said. "It's a chance to dig down and show it to everybody."

O'Neal, in a serious mood throughout the conference finals, was more somber than ever Wednesday. His cousin Lawrence Webb, a Newark, N.J., firefighter, died of an apparent heart attack while fighting a fire on Tuesday.

"My cousin was a heroic fireman that died on the job last night," O'Neal said. "Ever since we were little boys, he always wanted to be a fireman. ... He saved a couple of people, went back in and just had a heart attack."

O'Neal said he didn't know if he would be able to attend the memorial service.

"I'm just going to continue to play the way I've been playing," he said. "Hopefully I can hit some shots, and hopefully we can get a win."

NHL: Bourque remembers Rockies

(From 1C)

in a season, and struggled financially because of lagging attendance and an unfavorable lease at McNichols Sports Arena.

A group led by John McMullen bought the Rockies in May 1982, and moved them to New Jersey's Meadowlands. The Devils have won two Stanley Cup titles since, including one last season. They will have to win at least one game in the town they abandoned to defend their title.

"I could be wrong, but I don't think fans are making a big deal out of this," Colorado defenseman Adam Foote said. "If they do, that's entirely up to them, but as players, we don't even think twice about it. I didn't even think about it today until someone told me about it."

Foote and the Avalanche became knights in padded armor in 1995 when hockey returned to

Denver, leaving Quebec. Not only did they end a 13-year NHL absence in Colorado, the A's have succeeded where the Rockies failed.

Since the move south, Colorado has advanced to the Western Conference finals in five of six seasons, winning the Stanley Cup in 1996. Many believe the success ratio should be even better because of the team's perennial All-Star lineup.

"There's been some disappointing times," Colorado defenseman Jon Klemm said. "Getting to the conference finals five out of the six years and only being out to the finals once, that's tough to swallow at times. But we were able to get back to it again this year and hopefully we can make the best of it."

Of the Avalanche players, only Ray Bourque has come full circle with Colorado hockey history. The

40-year-old defenseman played against the Rockies for the first time as a Bruins rookie in 1979.

"We kind of had a brawl here one game," he said. "Things kind of broke out. I think we beat them here but they beat us in Boston. But it's been a few years, so I don't remember everything about it."

There is no record of that game or any other Rockies game in the New Jersey media guide. In fact, the 276-page guide hardly acknowledges Colorado as part of the team's history, citing only McMullen's purchase and listing the team's yearly season records.

All team and individual records begin in 1982.

Just another sign that Rocky Hockey wasn't all that memorable. "I didn't even know that Jersey had left here to go to Jersey," the 30-year-old Klemm said. "I didn't know that."

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NJCA

Here are second round results of the NJCA at Men's Golf Tournament held at the par-7 Tree Country Club Wednesday:

Team Standings:
1. Central Alabama Community College 283;
2. Scottsdale (Ariz.) College 286-568;
3. College 281-570;
4. Mexico Military Institute 573;
5. Brevard (Fla.) Community College 291;
6. Faulkner State (Ala.) Community College 288-56;
7. Paris Junior College 582;
8. San Jacinto 292-582;
9. College 293-585;
10. State (Ala.) College 294-586;
11. College 291-587;
12. Butler County (Kan.) Community College 289-590;
13. Navarro College 292-591;
14. Pima (Ariz.) College 299-594;
15. College 299-594;
16. College 299-595;
17. Nebraska 302-595;
18. Dodge City (Kan.) College 310-609;
19. County (Kan.) Community College 299-614;
20. College 299-614;
21. College 299-614;
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Medalist Standings (Top 15):

1. Calle Burger, Alabama, 64-134;
2. Scullard, Scottsdale, 64-134;
3. John Wine, Ocala, 64-134;
4. Kevin Messer, into, 71-140;
5. Dean, San Jacinto, 71-140;
6. Chris Noll, Faulkner, 70-141;
7. Aaron Blum, Mexico Military Institute, 141;
8. Oscar Frausto, Brevard, 142;
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tally of 76.

"I hit the ball a little better," he said. "I felt opportunities to putts for par. But I'm confident that I'm the next couple of holes hoping to get help the team."

The Chaps reported that they can't win contention but in final two rounds of the tournament on Thursday, teams would be thick of the title to make ground.

Central Alabama national champion, led by sophomore Cal, carded a 8-under total. Burger, who is going to play at U.S. year, now has a 13 in the medalist. Scottsdale's Den has a 71-138.

"That was the in our round, Alabama coach Burger's play," all year and just a national year. He's named wins and solid player."

The Trojans' sentimental favorite, ment since this round in NJCA.

"With the trophy school has, I just shame that we're able to do this," said. "We know want to play with the school the best. Our governor's trouble, and our state schools are it. And we're sure mate of losing it, that's really sad."

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NJCA WOM TOUR

Results from the National Golf Tournament four rounds:

Team Standings:
1. Midland College 325-313;
2. Baylor University 325-313;
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6. Baylor University 325-313;
7. Baylor University 325-313;
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NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNEY

Here are second round results of the NJCAA National Women's Golf Tournament held at the par-72 Green Tree Country Club on Wednesday:

Team Standings	
1. Central Alabama Community College 283-567; 2. Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College 286-568; 3. Odessa College 281-570; 4. New Mexico Military Institute 291-573; 5. Brevard (Fla.) Community College 291-574; 6. Faulkner State (N.C.) Community College 288-581; 7. (tie) Paris Junior College 294-582; and San Jacinto College 292-582; 9. (tie) Midland College 293-585; and Wallace State (Ala.) Community College 294-585; 11. Davis (Utah) Community College 291-587; 12. Butler County (Kan.) Community College 289-591; 13. Navarro College 295-592; 14. Pima (Ariz.) Community College 299-594; 15. Glendale (Ariz.) Community College 299-595; 16. Northeast Nebraska 302-598; 17. Dodge City (Kan.) Community College 310-609; 18. Johnson County (Kan.) Community College 299-614; 19. Lamar (Colo.) Community College 299-614; 20. Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College 299-614.	

Medalist Standings	
Top 15	
1. Callie Burger, Central Alabama, 64-134; 2. Derek Scullard, Scottsdale, 71-138; 3. John Wine, Odessa, 67-139; 4. Kevin Messer, San Jacinto, 71-140; 5. (tie) Jeremy Dean, San Jacinto, 69-141; Chris Noll, Faulkner State, 70-141; Aaron Black, New Mexico Military Institute, 71-141; and Jamie McLeary, Odessa, 73-141; 9. (tie) Oscar Frausto, Brevard, 70-142; Landon Allen, Navarro, 71-142; Lee Rhind, Midland, 73-142; Adam Neville, Odessa, 69-142; and Will Salthouse, Scottsdale, 73-142; 14. (tie) David James, New Mexico Military Institute, 72-143; Thomas Baker, Paris, 73-143; Jeremy Buckels, Central Alabama, 73-143; Jorge Romano, New Mexico Military Institute, 73-143.	

GOLF: Chaps trail leader by 18 shots

(From 1C)

tally of 76.

"I hit the ball really well," Fraser said. "I felt I missed some opportunities to hit some short putts for par. But I'm really confident that I'm going to play well the next couple of days. I'm really hoping to get a low score to help the team."

The Chaps remain confident that they can battle back into contention but going into the final two rounds of the tournament on Thursday and Friday, teams would rather be in the thick of the title race than trying to make up significant ground.

Central Alabama, the 2000 national champion, was propelled by an outstanding round by sophomore Callie Burger, who carded a 8-under par 64 for a 134 total. Burger, who will be heading to play at U.T. Arlington next year, now has a four-stroke lead in the medalist standings over Scottsdale's Derek Scullard, who has a 71-138 total.

"That was the difference today in our round," said Central Alabama coach John Sadie about Burger's play. "He's been No. 1 all year and just has had an exceptional year. He's had five tournament wins and he's just a good solid player."

The Trojans might be the sentimental favorites in this tournament since this is their last go-round in NJCAA play.

"With the tradition that our school has, I just think it's a shame that we're not going to be able to do this anymore," Sadie said. "We know that and the guys want to play well and represent the school the best way they can. Our governor got us into some trouble, and unfortunately, the state schools are suffering from it. And we're suffering the ultimate of losing our program, and that's really sad."

Central Alabama, ranked 10th in the final NJCAA Division I golf poll, wasn't even considered to be one of the teams to watch coming into the tournament. But if the past was any indication, the Trojans always come to play in

the national tournament.

"We've been working extremely hard, especially the last few weeks trying to prepare for this because we know there are a lot of great teams out here," Sadie said. "We knew coming out west was going to be a tough chore."

"The course is a little more difficult than what I was told. It's not that it's a difficult golf course but I was told that it was an easy golf course. There are some excellent golf holes out here, and with a little bit of wind out here, it presents a challenge."

The Wranglers had no problems with the golf course on Wednesday as John Wine led the way with a 5-under par 67. Adam Neville had a 69, Paul Heaton carded a 72 and Jamie McLeary had a 73. After the Wranglers threw out Tim Sanchez's score of 76, OC had an outstanding 7-under par round for the day.

"The guys really stepped it up," said OC coach Paul Chavez. "The guys knew what they had to shoot. We weren't out of it but we definitely wanted to be in the top three going into Thursday's round. I'm proud of the way they played. It's the lowest round of the tournament and it came at the right time."

"Our goal is to win it all and we're certainly going to shoot for it. These guys are hungry to win the title and we've got some momentum coming our way and that's what you want. You don't want to peak too early in the tournament and then kind of fizzle."

The tournament resumes today at 7:30 a.m. with the tournament leaders teeing off at the No. 10 North hole and Midland College teeing off at the No. 1 East.

Quigley fits Kemper Open profile

Associated Press

POTOMAC, Md. — If history is any indication, this is the week the golf world will learn everything there is to know about Brett Quigley.

Or someone like him. Quigley is the prototype player to watch as play begins Thursday in the Kemper Insurance Open, a tournament known for producing first-time PGA Tour winners.

"I was thinking about that driving in this morning, for sure," said Quigley, who could qualify as due for a victory after his two top-five finishes in the last month.

Sure, Phil Mickelson is here. So is Joe Durant, but they are the only two players in the top 10 on the tour's money list, making for the type of watered-down field that breeds new faces in the winner's circle.

The Kemper has produced nine first-time tour winners since moving to the Washington area in 1979, including two in a row and

three in the last five years. The breakthrough stories never end the same: Fred Couples (1983) went on to become of the game's greats, while Rich Beem (1999) got caught up in the glory and is only just starting to emerge from a horrendous slump.

That's something else Quigley, 31, has thought about this week, especially after his father told him not to relax too much if he should win.

"I think that happens to a lot of guys," Quigley said. "The first win is such a relief, then they relax for six months. You go from having nothing to having everything."

A win would allow Quigley to play virtually every tour event for the next two years, whereas now he is limited because of his 150th place finish on the money list last year. He's played only four events this year, missing the cut twice, finishing tied for second in Greensboro and tied for fifth last week at the Colonial.

"It'd be nice to be on a steady

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schedule," Quigley said. "I only get to play when they let me play."

Quigley was the first person Mark O'Meara mentioned when asked to name a possible first-time winner for the week. But there are others ripe for a victory, including Steve Flesch (24 career top-10 finishes) and two-time Australian Open champion Aaron Baddeley.

"I think you have to look at who is playing well," O'Meara said. "Brett Quigley is playing well. He was in the final group last week. Maybe this is his week."

The same, though, could be said of Mickelson, who is looking to rediscover the killer instinct after five top-three finishes in his last seven tournaments — without a victory to show for it.

"When I've been in those positions, I have not been taking

advantage of it the way I used to when I would only be in contention two or three times a year," Mickelson said. "I think I haven't been quite as focused, quite as intense on Sunday. I've been a little bit lackadaisical. Heading into this week, I'm going to try to give myself another opportunity on Sunday, and see if I can change the outcome."

The TPC at Avenel course is soggy after four days of sometimes torrential rains, making the rough thicker and the fairways less apt to produce a nice roll.

"I can't remember playing here where the ball didn't release in the fairways," 1997 champion Justin Leonard said after Wednesday's pro-am. "A lot of these holes may be 440, 460, but the ball was rolling out. Today it's not and I don't think it's going to the rest of the week. This golf course is playing very long right now."

Pierce pulls out of French Open

Associated Press

PARIS — A 6-by-9-foot poster of Mary Pierce is the only way fans will get to see the reigning French Open champion at Roland Garros this year.

Citing a back injury, Pierce withdrew from the Grand Slam tournament Wednesday, less than a week before it starts. She lost in the first round of the Strasbourg Open on Tuesday.

"It's very sad for Mary, and it's a pity for the French public, because she is French," French Open director Gilles Jourdan said.

Last year, Pierce became the first Frenchwoman to win at Roland Garros since 1967.

The 26-year-old Pierce has "a chronic inflammation of the lumbar spine," according to a WTA statement.

"After much thought, deliberation and lengthy consultation with the medical staff, I have come to the very difficult decision to withdraw from the French Open," said Pierce, the world's 17th-ranked player. "I am deeply disappointed and sad to be unable to defend my title."

The French Open starts Monday. Pierce has been plagued by injuries this season. She withdrew from the Bausch & Lomb tournament in Amelia Island, Fla., last month after tweaking her back throwing a medicine ball.

She has won only six of 14 matches this season.

Earlier this month, eighth-ranked Anna Kournikova withdrew from the French Open because of a foot injury that has prevented her from playing in a tournament since February. Chanda Rubin, who twice reached the French Open quarterfinals, pulled out of the event on Tuesday because of a knee injury.

Born in Canada, living in the United States, and a French citizen by virtue of her mother's origins, Pierce struggled to win the support of French fans until last year's triumph in Paris.

"My feelings go out to my fans," Pierce said. "I have great memories from last year and I was looking forward to reliving them. I am deeply disappointed and sad to be unable to defend my title."

French fans disappointed by

Tennis Briefs

Pierce's absence can take heart. Countrywoman Amelie Mauresmo, who will be seeded fifth, has been one of the top players on the circuit in 2001 and is among the favorites for the title.

"Maybe (Pierce's withdrawal) will focus attention on Amelie," Jourdan said. "I think it will be more interesting, perhaps more difficult for her, but I think she is capable of a lot of things."

Among the other players who figure to challenge for the title are three stars who have never won the lone Grand Slam tournament played on clay: Martina Hingis, Venus Williams and Lindsay Davenport, the top women's seeds.

Hingis, ranked No. 1 in the

world, heads the women's draw as she seeks to win the only Grand Slam singles title that's eluded her. Williams lost to Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in the French Open quarterfinals a year ago, then didn't lose again until after she had captured Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

Hewitt beats Norman, says he can win French Open DUESSELDORF, Germany — Lleyton Hewitt showed Wednesday why he likes his chances at the French Open.

The 20-year-old Australian overpowered Sweden's Magnus Norman 6-1, 6-2 at the clay-court World Team Cup, needing just 72 minutes to beat last year's runner-up at Roland Garros.

"I definitely give myself an outside chance at the French," said

Hewitt, who reached the fourth round there a year ago.

Pat Rafter topped Thomas Enqvist 6-3, 6-3 as Australia swept its best-of-three encounter with Sweden at the \$2.1 million event. Wayne Atchurs and Scott Draper beat Enqvist and Nicklas Kulti 7-5, 7-5 in doubles.

Spain also won 3-0, beating Germany, as Alex Corretja defeated Tommy Haas 6-3, 6-3. Juan Barcella beat Nicolas Kiefer 6-4, 6-2, and Haas teamed with David Prinosil to beat the Spanish doubles pair of Balcells and Alex Lopez Moron 6-3, 6-2.

Norman helped Hewitt with a series of errors, including a forehand that sailed wide by a yard to end the match. After winning a tour-leading 10 titles the last two years, Norman has not won a tournament in 2001.

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Individuals (Top 10)

1. Angela Finley, Midland College, 75-223; 2. Beatriz Corti, Mesa, 74-230; 3. Pamela Feggans, Midland College, 76-231; 4. Kelli McKindless, McLennan, 80-235; 5. Ashlie Simmons, McLennan, 79-241; 6. Stephanie Smith, Midland College, 77-244; 7. Cecilia Bergkvist, McLennan, 90-249; 8. Lindsay Roble, Tyler, 86-250; 9. Rachel Maruno, Iowa Lakes CC, 82-251; 10. Sarah Brooks, Tyler, 81-251.

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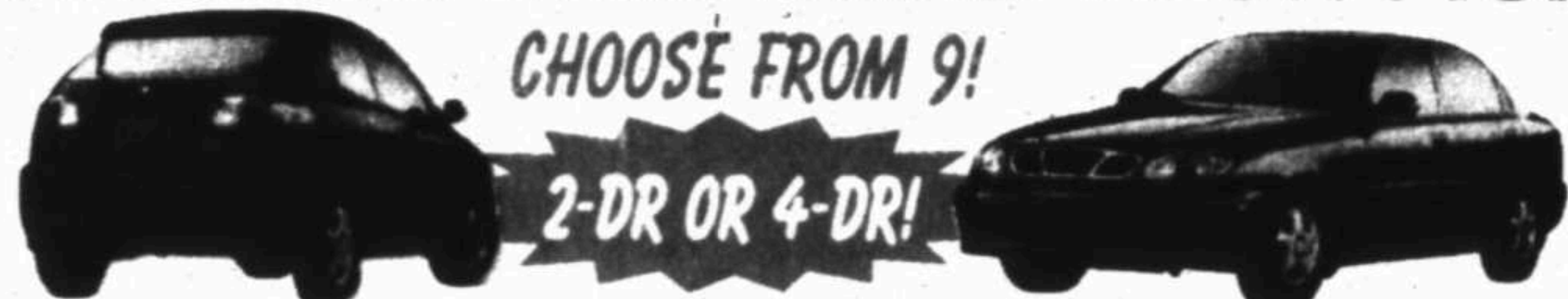
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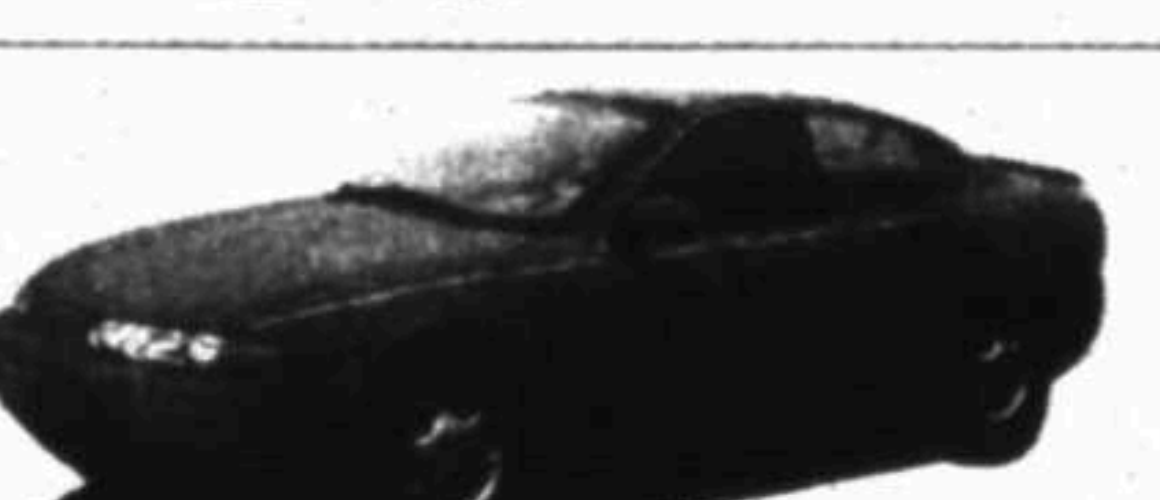
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Near record highs

NEW YORK — Gasoline futures vaulted to near record highs at the New York Mercantile Exchange Wednesday, as inventory reports showed declines in key cleaner-burning summertime gasoline, analysts said.

A drop in reformulated gasoline stockpiles just ahead of summer driving season heightened concerns of a supply crunch and was the trigger for the rally Wednesday.

The sudden jump in gasoline, from 95.50 cents a gallon May 16 to \$1.16 a gallon Wednesday, has traders rethinking when prices will peak. Many are now saying the all-time could be challenged Friday, just ahead of Memorial Day, which is the traditional start of the summer driving season.

The result is motorists may have to wait longer for relief at the pump.

Cleaner-burning reformulated gasoline is required in one-third of the country in heavily polluted urban areas.

Stocks of reformulated gasoline fell 1.4 million barrels to 39.9 million barrels in the week ended May 18, the Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration reported Wednesday. That substantiated a report Tuesday by the American Petroleum Institute.

The reports dropped another bullish element into a market that is preoccupied with refinery problems, tight gasoline supplies in some regions, and high crude prices.

The July crude contract closed 42 cents down at \$29.58 a barrel. June heating oil fell .64 cent to 81.53 cents a gallon.

Natural gas futures on the New York Mercantile Exchange settled at \$4.113 per 1,000 cubic feet, down 1 cent.

Stocks fall

NEW YORK — Stocks fell Wednesday as investors, wary even in the midst of their resurgent optimism, decided to cash in profits from a market that has been rallying hard since early April.

The pullback, which had been anticipated, ended the Nasdaq composite index's six-session advance, its longest winning streak since February 2000.

The Nasdaq closed the session down 70.37 at 2,243.48. The Dow Jones industrial average stumbled 151.73 to 11,105.51.

The market's broadest measure, the Standard & Poor's 500, declined 20.33 to 1,289.05.

The losses were predictable given the market's recent advance. The Nasdaq gained 231.93 in the previous six sessions while the Dow advanced 384.27 during the past five trading days.

Dollar rises

LONDON — The U.S. dollar rose to its highest level in nearly six months against the euro but fell to two-month low against the Japanese yen on Wednesday in European trading.

The euro was quoted at 86.06 cents in late European trading, down from 86.75 cents Tuesday. The euro traded as low as 85.67 cents which Lee Ferridge, chief currency strategist at Rabobank in London, said was its lowest since Nov. 30 when the euro traded at 85.64 cents.

Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at 85.97 cents.

Gold rises

Gold closed in London at \$284.15 per troy ounce, up from \$283.00 on Tuesday. In Zurich the bid price was \$283.00, up from \$282.85. Gold fell 87.5 cents in Hong Kong to \$282.875.

ED officials continue efforts

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland may have landed Cingular Wireless as its newest corporate citizen with the 750 to 1,000 jobs and annual payroll of well over \$20 million, but economic development officials are not resting on their laurels.

Ken Burgess, vice chair for economic development, reported the chamber's economic development division had submitted six proposals to two in-state and four out-of-state prospects in April. The department also fulfilled 21 requests for information to 13 local, four in-state and four out-of-state businesses.

Burgess went on to point out that the Midland-Odessa economy continues to grow and is narrowing the gap with its peak seen in July 1998 and is now just 3.6 percent below that peak.

"The main news is our labor force," which fell sharply during the oil-fueled downturn of 1998-1999 "is flat, falling just 39 in March while employment is up," he said.

Of concern is the continued decline in enplanements, which fell to 39,904 in March from 42,067 in March 2000, he said, adding that the issue needs to be addressed to avoid a continued reduction in flights out

of Midland International Airport.

The Midland Chamber of Commerce Board will have its annual retreat on successive Fridays, June 8 and June 15, in the Scharbauer Student Center at Midland College, with economic development a major focus.

Bobby Norman, chairman-elect of the board, said the retreat will focus on the board's priorities for the coming year while also establishing how to implement the Midland Assessment and Action Plan study performed by AngelouEconomics of Austin.

The second session of the retreat especially, Norman said, will deal with economic development, tourism and marketing and branding Midland.

"There will be key issues addressed in the next 30 days," he said.

Mike Conaway, current chairman of the chamber board, agreed, saying "there will be some meaty decisions made on June 15."

Tourism is expected to be a significant contributor to Midland's economy and Jane Phares, executive director of the Petroleum Museum and vice chair for the chamber's Convention and Visitors Bureau, said excellent progress has been made on the CVB's application to the Texas Department of Transportation for a grant to build a visitor center on Interstate 20.

She said a center is in the design stages while work

continues on selecting a location, possibly the southeast corner of the Petroleum Museum and adjoining property.

Chamber volunteers worked with the Midland Independent School District over the weekend, hosting a reception at the Museum of the Southwest for eight teacher recruits visiting Midland and taking the recruits on a tour of the city with transportation provided by Polo Park Estates.

Marvin Wynn, president and chief executive officer of the chamber, said that while the chamber and MISD officials expected more recruits, the event was a good learning experience and he expects more recruits will attend next year.

In other news: Cindy Benson, executive director of the United Way of Midland, urged households who receive a Speak Up Midland survey to fill it out and return it as it will help determine the city's human services needs.

Susie Hitchcock-Hall urged businesses to "test drive" a listing on the chamber's Web site.

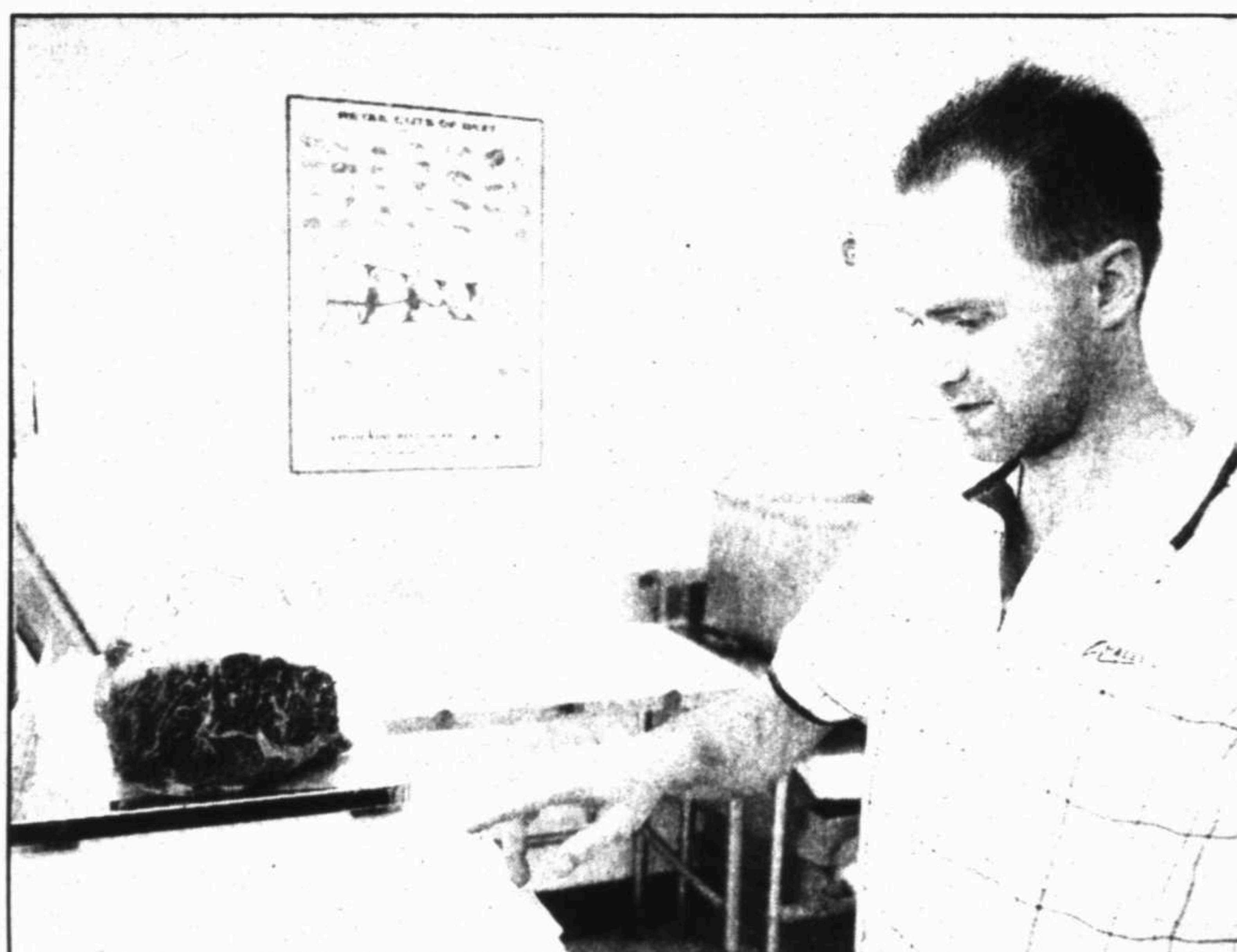
"We're getting a lot of hits, a lot of traffic on the site" because of President Bush, she explained, adding having a link on the chamber's Web site is a good way to bring Internet traffic to the business.

BEEF DEMAND

Jayson Smith, owner of Wally's Quality Meats in Westminster, Colo., prices a piece of boneless prime rib roast, Wednesday at the shop in Westminster.

Despite Europe's problems with foot-and-mouth disease, demand for the tasty meat was up 2 percent in the first three months of the year, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association said Wednesday.

AP Photo



NAME DROPPING

BIG SPRING — JEAROD TAYLOR has been named retail manager of the Big Spring location of Wells Fargo. He has more than 16 years financial service experience, most recently as a personal banker with Wells Fargo in Midland.



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KEVIN BLONKVIST, senior vice president and investment officer, has been named branch manager of Dain Rauscher's Midland office.

He has more than 20 years experience in the securities industry and was a senior vice president at E.F. Hutton in Midland for 11 years before joining Dain Rauscher in 1995.



Blonkvist

LUBBOCK — Members of the Great Plains Region team of Alamosa PCS, the Sprint PCS affiliate that serves Midland, Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo, Abilene and San Angelo, received several achievement awards during the annual "Champions Club" ceremonies.

SONJA CHAVEZ, Lubbock market manager, received the Top Market award for her team.

SEAN RICH, Great Plains regional inventory coordinator, was named Champion at Large.

STEVE BARRON, San Angelo market manager, accepted the Top Retail Store award for his store.

GREG SPROCK, indirect sales manager, received the award for Top Indirect Channel.

LANCE MAY, field technician in Lubbock, was named Top Operations Tech.

DENNIS MENDIOLA of San Angelo was named top retail sales representa-

tive and second highest salesperson in the nation for Alamosa PCS.

BRENT YORK of Amarillo was named best business sales representative. The Great Plains region was named Region of the Year.

PAUL BOWERS, son of Midlanders Dr. and Mrs. Charles Simmons, has been named national sales leader for Rick Case Honda in Cleveland, Ohio. He has been previously recognized as a national sales leader and was a team leader at both Apple Dodge and Covert Buick in Austin during the 1980s.

DALLAS — McCarthy Building Companies has named MICHAEL J. McWAY Texas Division president. He will be responsible for directing the growth of McCarthy's construction activities throughout Texas.

THE ECONOMIST

Slower growth expected in Lone Star economy

By M. Ray Perryman

The economy of the Lone Star State has been one of the healthiest in the United States over the past several years.

Now the second most populous state in the nation, Texas is expected to sustain its economic expansion over the long-term forecast horizon (2000-2025), but at a slightly slower rate of growth than most recently experienced.

The state has enjoyed steady employment gains over the past several years as well as a shifting demographic composition. Business diversity has been, and will continue to be, a benchmark of prosperity for the future. The demands for energy are projected to remain high, and international trade will continue to bolster the state's economic prosperity.

Texas became the second most populous state in 2000 with the number of residents reaching 20.8 million. Hispanics now represent about 32 percent of the total population. During the decade of the 1990s, non-Hispanic whites decreased from 61 percent to 52 percent of the population, while the percentage of African-Americans dropped from 11.6 percent to 11.3 percent. Asian residents increased from 1.8 percent to 2.7 percent over this ten-year period. By 2025, the population



Perryman

of the state is expected to top 29.78 million, with the majority of the growth occurring along Mexico's border and the I-35 Corridor, the major conduit for NAFTA trade and commerce.

Employment will likely reach about 15.33 million, with the services sector being the major employer. The Dallas-Fort Worth metro led the nation in job growth last year, adding 102,700 new workers. The Houston metropolitan area, which increased the number of new jobs by 61,200, ranked sixth in total employment gains for 2000. The state's urban centers continue to raise the bar for cultural and industrial achievements that are recognized around the world.

An issue in the spotlight on a national and statewide basis is the ongoing wave of deregulating utilities—especially electric power. As California unsuccessfully tries to stave off further electricity disruptions, the Lone Star State confidently moves ahead with its approved deregulation plan. The landmark Texas Electric Choice Act of 1999 will open the retail market for electric power to the forces of competition for most Texans in January 2002. This new policy is designed to offer electric consumers multiple benefits of competition including lower prices, greater efficiency, more consumer choices, and innovative strategies for retail competition. The Act mandates emissions levels for older facilities grandfathered from some prior Clean Air standards, ensures that large segments of new capacity will be clean

and "green," and sets goals and incentives for renewable energy.

The broadly supported measure should enable all customer categories to experience some cost savings. Anticipated retail competition has stimulated investments in new capacity and a significant number of construction projects are currently under way. The movement to a well-conceived competitive retail electric market will allow Texas to offer a more competitive economic development environment for site selection and expansions over the long-term forecast horizon.

Although the current slowdown in the U.S. economy and the hard tumble of late by some tech stocks has dampened the short-term economic outlook, technological improvements are forecast to continue at a rapid pace over the next 25 years — in Texas and all industrialized economies. The result will be enhanced productivity and efficiency of business operations accompanied by a substantially enriched quality-of-life for people at all social and economic levels.

The Internet is predicted to exceed the size of the global telephone network in a few years. Thus, over the long term, electronic mechanisms will play an increasingly important role in the exchange of information. Although some layoffs have occurred in the technology sector in Texas and other states, the fastest growing job-producing sector in the state's economy over the next several years is projected to be electronic

pagination systems operators with a 95 percent increase. Systems analysts and electronic data processors follow with an 89 percent growth rate.

When it comes to international business exchanges, Texas is the nation's second largest exporting state after California and is the leading exporter to Mexico; the state ranks sixth in exports to Canada. Other key trading partners with the Lone Star State include the United Kingdom, Japan, Taiwan, and numerous South American countries. As global markets replace neighborhood operations, Texas will continue to have an important role to play in international trade.

The Lone Star State will become increasingly more diverse in its population and business operations. Particularly strong growth is forecast in high-tech manufacturing, computer-related activities, healthcare industries, and tourism. The state's relationship to the global economy can only strengthen over the forecast horizon, thereby bolstering the overall Texas economy. The future for Texas appears bright as the state moves ahead of the nation, and a large portion of the world, in economic progress.

Dr. M. Ray Perryman is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Perryman Group (www.perrymangroup.com). He also serves as Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies.

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Mex-Tex Cook-Off to feature national, local music talent

By Isela Agundis
Lifestyle Writer

The 14th annual Mex-Tex Menudo Cook-Off is coming June 1 and 2 and promises to provide entertainment for the entire family.

The Miss Permian Basin Teen Latina/Miss Permian Basin Latina Pageant will kick off at 4:30 p.m.

June 1 at the Midland Center. The winners of the pageant will represent the Permian Basin at the national Miss Latina/Teen Latina Pageant in San Antonio. Pageant tickets are \$2, which will entitle those attending entrance to other events at Centennial Plaza.

Then get ready for the Texas Street Jam, planned for 6 p.m. to midnight at Centennial Plaza. There will be food, children's activities and a street concert and dance with special guests "Gypsy Rumbas" from Bolivia. The concert is to begin at 8 p.m.

"They provided entertainment for the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at a convention they had," said David Diaz, executive director of the Midland Hispanic chamber. "I happened to be there and thought their type of music was very appropriate — flamenco, classical Spanish guitar music."

The funk/jazz group, "WAR," will follow. A couple of the group's most popular albums were "Deliver the Word" and "The World is a Ghetto" and songs like "Low Rider" and "Why Can't We Be Friends?"

"Last year they had a very good draw and what we liked was that the crowd was very diversified," said Diaz, who brought them again because of requests from people who didn't see them last year. "When they played, it was almost a canceled concert because of rain and a lot of people didn't come because they thought the concert was canceled."

The cost for Friday night's street concert is \$15.

The schedule for June 2 will be packed with a variety of things to see and do.

"Starting at 9 a.m. you'll be able to start enjoying some great food — a great variety of different foods include everything from gorditas to barbecue and everything in between," said Diaz. "There will be food ven-

dors, some exhibitors will be offering products and services and there's also arts and crafts exhibitors."

The Mex-Tex Camino Memorial Walk (5k and 10 k walk/run) will start at 8 a.m. and benefits the American Diabetes Association. The organizers of the memorial walk, Lorenzo and Linda Ramirez, who are co-chairs of the event, came up with the idea of

a memorial walk for those who had passed away because of diabetes and as a way to disseminate and educate the Hispanic community on the disease.

"We're real excited because this is the first time that we have done this in conjunction with the Mex-Tex Cook-Off," said Sandy Torres, chairman of the Camino walk and the ADA national walk.

"Because of the success of the cook-off, we feel this is something we want to

build on and have every year."

Persons interested in the walk can sign up until the day of the event online at www.midlandhcc.com, at Torres & Torres Attorneys at Law, 1900 W. Illinois Ave. or at MHCC, 1410 N. Lamesa Road. Registration tables will also be set up by 7:30 a.m. the day of the event on the east side of Midland Center. The fee is \$20 and participants get a free T-shirt. Proceeds from the walk will benefit ADA.

The men's and women's softball tournament (class B-E) will be starting at 8 a.m. also.

"Last year we had 45 teams and 39 were from outside the Midland area," said Diaz. "It draws quite a number of people from out of town."

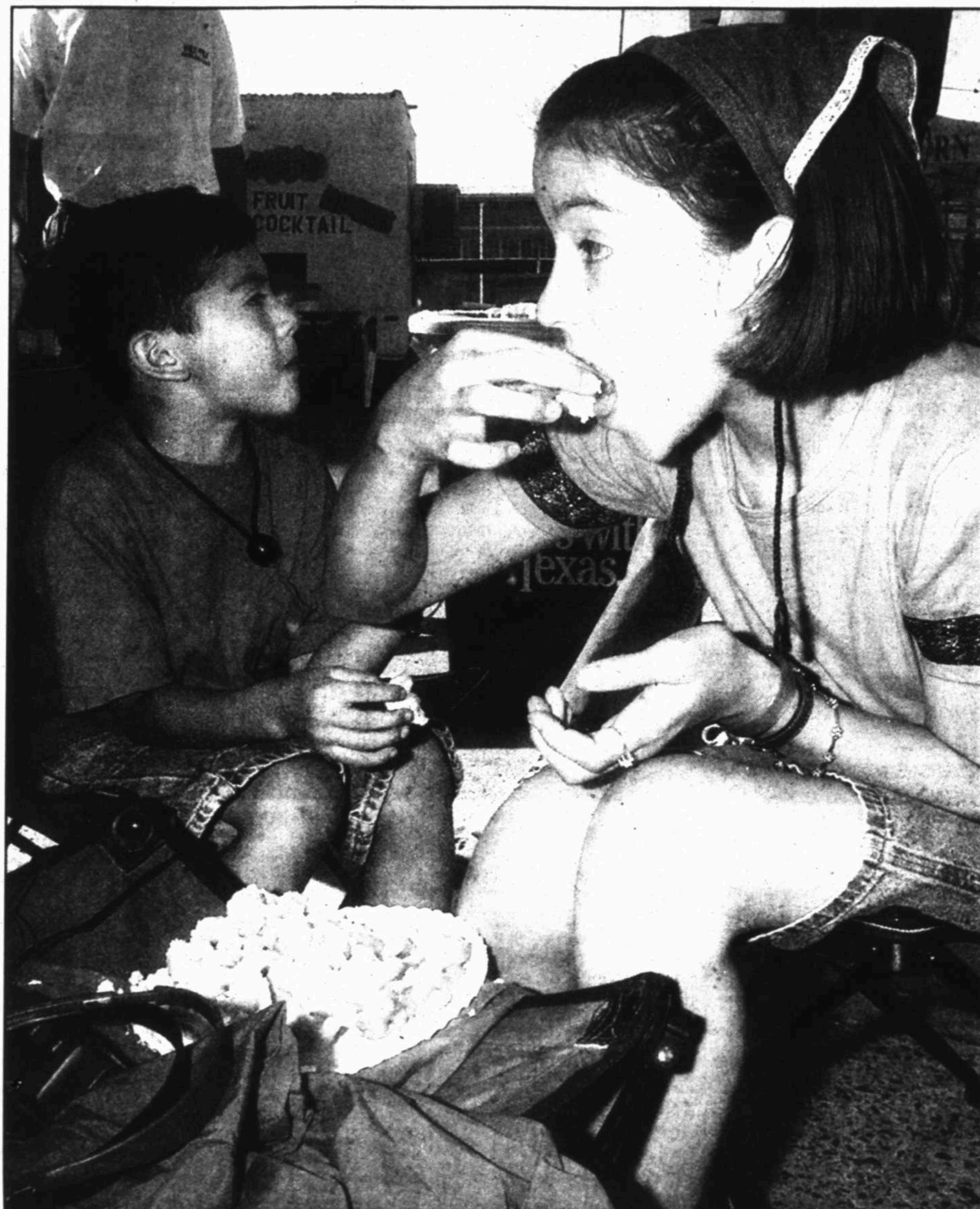
A new event will be the Midland Police Department Fire Truck Pull scheduled for 10 a.m. The goal of 12-person teams will be to pull a 50,000-pound fire truck for 25 feet. Judging will be based on time and distance. The truck pull will take place on Texas street in front of Centennial Plaza.

"This is something new for the community," said Detective Richard Candelaria, coordinator of this activity. "Not only that, it's going to be benefiting Special Olympics Area 18 Permian Basin and Big Bend."

Several persons have called and shown an interest in the event, said Candelaria, but so far no one has registered. Participants will receive a free



MRT file photo
A cook fries triptitas during last year's celebration



Reporter-Telegram file photos
ABOVE: Children enjoy funnel cake at last year's Mex-Tex Menudo Cook-Off. ABOVE LEFT: Ricky Puga of Midland, left, tries on some sunglasses at a booth in Centennial Park, while salesperson Stephanie Herrera looks on.

truck pull T-shirt and first-, second- and third-place finishers will receive trophies. Registration is a donation of \$200 per team. For information call Candelaria at 685-7178.

There will be plenty to keep the children entertained from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A children's area will have basketball, softball, ring and sponge tosses, a hole-in-one contest, football throw, temporary tattoos, cookie decorating and hat-making and a clown handing out balloons.

"In the children's area you can pay with cash or tickets and all money in this area will be donated to the March of Dimes," said Ginger Stallings, coordinator of the children's area. "There's going to be more children involved this year and more activities to pull more families in there."

Wal-Mart's Children's Summer Safety Awareness program will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Different programs will give advice on keeping children safe at home since many of them are alone in the summer, said Diaz.

A gospel concert will be held from noon to 3 p.m. in the Midland Center.

"A variety of singers and praises from around the city will perform," said Carla Smith, coordinator for this event. "They're from different churches and denominations — choirs, solos and some small groups."

Slated to perform are Cersle Kenan, Robert Dorn, Kindell Carter, Truelite Christian Fellowship Choir and others.

The cost of the concert is \$2.

Other entertainment will include a mariachi festival from noon to 5 p.m., and break dancing, graffiti art contest and a DJ exhibition from noon to 2 p.m. Texaco's Talent contest and a washer tournament, to be held 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., will provide venues to those eager to show off their accomplishments.

The talent contest will consist of five age categories and judging will be based on originality, performance and dress. Entry deadline for the talent contest is Friday and the fees are \$10 for singles, \$15 for couples and \$20 for groups.

Those interested in competing in the washer tournament have until the day of the event to enter and entry fee is \$20 for two-person teams.

The menudo, chili and fajita cook-off will take place 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone who can eat 15 jalapeños faster than other contestants will win \$100. Adventurous souls wanting to participate in the jalapeño eating contest can do so around 7 p.m. There is no entry fee.

For information about these three contests call Dora Zepeda at 683-1760 or 570-6868 or Roger Robles, contest co-chairman, at 682-0470.

"All three (contests) have been well received in the past," said Robles. "There'll be a lot to do for those that want to participate in one thing or another."

The day's events continue with the

Tejano Showcase from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Texas Latino will start the entertainment, followed by a Midland band, Eddie Ray y Los Hermanos Barela, then Grupo Solido.

Next will be Tejano music's "most wanted man" — Ram Herrera, who has more than 20 albums to his credit and was named "entertainer of the year" at the Tejano Music awards in the past. Ruben, "El Gato Negro," and Alfonso Ramos will finish out the day. Ruben, who has been inducted into the Tejano Music Awards Hall of Fame, won best male vocalist and video of the year for 1999.

He also won a Grammy that same year for the CD "Los Super Seven" done with David Hidalgo, Cesar Rosas, Joe Ely, Freddy Fender, Flaco Jimenez and Rick Treviño. Ruben was a part of the Alfonso Ramos Orchestra during the 1950s and '60s until Ruben formed his own band called the Mexican Revolution.

The Mex-Tex Menudo Cook-Off is one of the MHCC's largest fund-raisers. Last year 28 percent of the people in attendance were from outside the Midland-Odessa area, said Diaz. The Hispanic chamber spends considerable resources promoting the event in the surrounding cities. "We would be very happy to be able to duplicate what we did last year," said Diaz.

Admission on June 2 to the cook-off will be \$2 until 3:30 p.m. with the price going to \$12 a person afterward.

Midland Hispanic Chamber will announce business awards at luncheon

By Isela Agundis
Lifestyle Writer

Winners of this year's Hispanic business awards will be presented during the annual Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce business awards luncheon to be held at noon today at the Petroleum Club.

"This is our 16th year to do this," said David Diaz, chamber executive director. "It's our way of recognizing those individuals in business that really stand out in our community."

Elena Corrales, owner of Corrales Decor, was named Hispanic business woman of the year. When she got the call from the Hispanic chamber, Ms. Corrales said she thought maybe they needed her help with something and instead found out they wanted to give her the good news.

"I didn't know what to say," said Ms. Corrales. "It's a good feeling to be appreciated with this award. Life is good."

Clientele has increased even without advertising, said Ms. Corrales, who has used word of mouth and business cards only. She works out



Elena Corrales



Patrick Cordero

of her home and her sports utility vehicle, which she said does a great job carrying everything.

"I want to bring to a woman and her husband pride in their home. They can say 'Aah! This is what I'm working for,'" said Ms. Corrales. "Your home should be your castle."

Her range of decorating assignments goes from businesses to doing a home or room and from weddings to special events such as the Telemundo gala.

Although family and friends commented that

she ought to start a decorating business since she had a knack for it, the time never seemed to be right. When her mother died in 1998 of cancer, Ms. Corrales felt she should do something she had always wanted to do. "I made a decision and I've been doing it. It just set my soul free."

The Hispanic business man of the year award went to Patrick Cordero, owner of Strategic Abstract and Title Corp.

"I'm definitely honored and humbled because I don't feel like I should be in that category. I've been involved with the chamber for a really long time, and it's nice to be recognized after all the work you put in and for the work you do for the community," said Cordero. "More than anything, I'm glad to be a part of an organization which is striving to create more small business in the community."

Cordero, who also has law offices here and in Pecos County, started his title company four years ago.

While trying to start the company, he discovered how difficult it was to get the money to become an entrepreneur. Since then, he has been working with the Hispanic chamber to

create programs like the loan and the incubation programs, which are aimed at helping small businesses get off the ground and flourish, said Cordero.

The Hilton Hotel was chosen as Corporation of the Year.

"I'm excited about that. I'm glad that this is a corporation that works well with our community, specifically with supply and demand," said James Thackston, general manager. "We work with the Hispanic chamber and support them in helping with Cinco de Mayo and the Mex-Tex Cook-off by supplying rooms at discounted rates for the events, and we're a sponsor for the menudo cook-off."

The award for member/volunteer of the year is a secret and will be announced at the luncheon, said Diaz.

In addition to announcing the business winners — who are chosen from entries submitted by chamber members — the chamber will be awarding \$11,000 in scholarships to 31 local high school students.

The luncheon is open to the public. Tickets are \$12 per person. Reservations, due by 10 a.m., may be made by calling 682-2960.

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Ganassi has backup plan for Stewart's two-race day

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Chip Ganassi hopes he won't need a backup plan Sunday at the Indianapolis 500.

If he does, Richie Hearn may wind up replacing Tony Stewart in the driver's seat.

Stewart, who drives full time for Joe Gibbs' NASCAR team, plans to race in both the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 on Sunday — just as he did in 1999.

Gibbs allowed Stewart to start at Indianapolis on one condition — Stewart be in Charlotte, N.C., for the start of the NASCAR race at 5:45 p.m. EDT. The Indianapolis 500 begins at noon EDT and the flight to Charlotte will take a little more than one hour.

Confusing matters, Indianapolis stays on Eastern Standard Time all year and is, therefore, an hour earlier than Charlotte.

If there's a rain delay or even a slow race, Stewart might have to leave early — even if he's leading the race.

Ganassi's team has prepared a list of relief drivers, just in case.

"We're pretty close to having one," team manager Mike Hull said Wednesday.

"We submitted a list of four drivers and the track officials said that any one of those guys would be fine," added Hull, who would not reveal the names.

Hearn is the leading candidate, according to a source close to the team, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The deadline for notifying track officials of Stewart's backup is Thursday night.

"We wanted someone who had some experience, someone who's been there this month," Hull said. "I think if you look at who's available, you probably could figure it out."

Racing Briefs

Indy Racing League rules require relief drivers to have practiced at Indianapolis this month and to be licensed by the IRL.

Earnhardt's widow wants judge to see photos
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt's widow wants a Volusia County judge to look at autopsy photos so he will understand their "gruesome, personal and offensive nature."

Teresa Earnhardt made the request this week in preparation for a June 11 hearing to decide whether the student-run Independent Florida Alligator and DeLand-based Website owner Michael Uribe can have access to the photos.

Circuit Judge Joseph Will also is being asked to rule on the constitutionality of a new state law that permanently seals all autopsy photos from public view.

Earnhardt Jr. to race in Busch event
CONCORD, N.C. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. will race in the Carquest 300 on Saturday, his first Busch Series event since he won the championship in 1999.

Earnhardt, who also won the 1998 Busch Grand National title, will drive the No. 87 Chevrolet owned by Joe Nemechek, who was injured in a test session accident last week.

INDY: Fisher handles adversity well

(From 1C)

Indianapolis experience this month.

"I'm a lot more excited about Indy this year," she said. "Last year there was such a tremendous amount of fan and media excitement around me I didn't have time to appreciate it, but I'm still only 20 years old and racing this awesome race."

Her first Indy race wasn't much fun, though.

On the 72nd of 200 laps, Fisher and Lyn St. James, the only other woman in the race, came together and smashed into the wall.

"The only regret involved in last year's race was that (St. James) got out of the car and immediately blamed the whole thing on me," Fisher said. "It wasn't close to being my fault."

Walker said the aftermath of that crash showed him that his

new driver had what it takes to handle adversity.

"When the accident happened, I told her, 'Go back to the garage, we'll talk about it there.' When I got there, she was very upset, and there were about 50 journalists waiting outside to hear her version of what happened."

Walker, who also owns a team in the rival CART series, told Fisher to go out and talk to the media and focus on the positives of the month — making the race at 19 and having a great month of May.

"She went from crying to a total pro just like that," Walker said. "She went out and told them what a great month of May she had. Her rebound capability, that ability to switch the focus to what's important, is very good."

Although there have been a few comments from competitors and retired drivers about women not belonging in racing, Fisher said

most of the response has been positive.

"Even Eliseo Salazar respects me now," she joked, referring to the driver who blasted her after a crash last year in Las Vegas. "I have a lot of respect from the drivers. At least that's the way I feel."

Longtime racing star and 1969 Indy winner Mario Andretti, who has been critical of female drivers in the past, gave Fisher a thrill at a post-qualifying event.

"He came over to me and said, 'Hey racer, you really did a good job yesterday, we're really proud of you.' I about fell flat on my face. It made me feel awesome. It made me feel like I was really part of the deal."

What others think about her isn't the motivating factor for Fisher, though.

"I'm very competitive," she said. "The biggest thing is to win races. That's the only thing that drives me."

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SPRING, SUITE
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ORDINANCE NO. 8020

An Ordinance changing the Zoning Classification of certain property described in Section One hereof, which is presently zoned C-1, Central Area District, by permitting said property to be used under a Specific Use Permit with term for the Sale of all Alcoholic Beverages in a Nightclub for On-Premises Consumption, making said permit subject to certain Conditions and Restrictions contained herein, providing for a maximum penalty or fine of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for violating Ordinance Number 7993, and ordering publication.

City of Midland
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City Secretary

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1800 W. Wall

Reg. meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat 8:30 am Breakfast 7:30 am Wayne Reddin, W.M., Bob Ellwood, Sec.

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1000 Upland

Stated Communication, 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. Keith Hughes, W.M. Al Talbot, Sec.

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)
YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission (PBRPC) is soliciting Requests for Proposal from potential providers for the provision of services offered to Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth.

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Donna Harrison, Workforce Development Director at (915) 563-1061

Four copies of the proposer's RFP response must be submitted to the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission by 4:30 p.m. on June 15, 2001. To request a RFP Packet contact the following:

Workforce Development Division
Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
WIA Youth Proposal
P.O. Box 60660
Midland, Texas 79711-0660
ATTN: Donna Harrison

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Dr. 689-7003

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3rd Thurs

Hosp 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm. Bus. meeting 8 pm

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Tues.

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NEW TODAY

MISSING BLACK and white Husky with blue eyes, wearing red collar. Please call 520-4828.

NEW TODAY

REWARD: STOLEN large aluminum sun face, from Dartmouth Street, multi colored. 697-6447, 689-0550

FOUND LARGE Gray male cat, declawed, neutered, white around mouth. Loop & A. 686-9627, 661-5985

FOUND bull dog, on Delano 689-9618.

FOUND Young male white Pitt Bull. Please call Lone Star SPCA. 682-5032 and describe.

REWARD OFFERED for the return of Deer statue taken from 4805 Thomason. 697-8613

FOUND SMALL long haired dog, Pomeranian (?) apricot, male. Vicinity McDonald & Shell. 687-2583

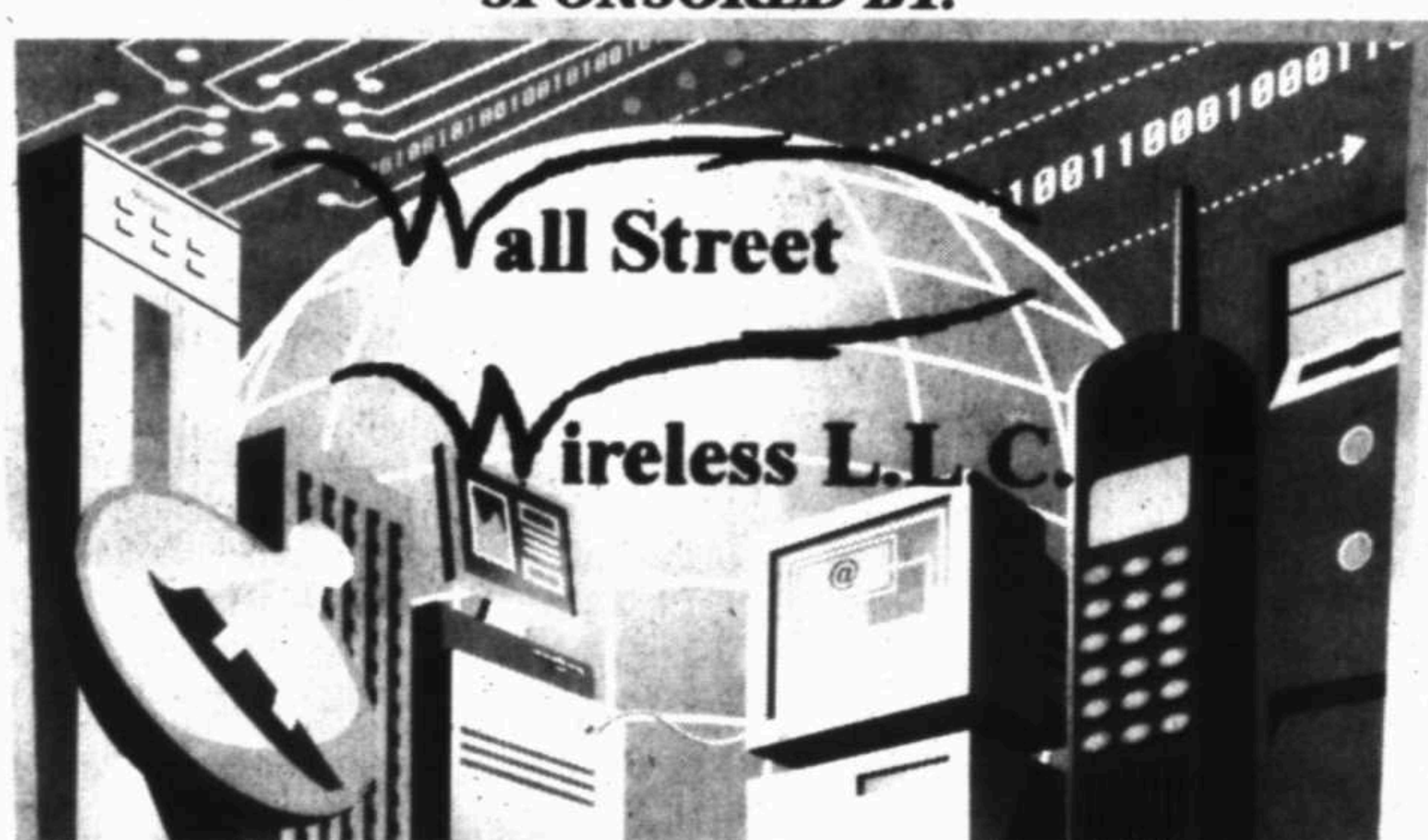
FOUND SIAMESE mix (?), 6 months, declawed, female, vicinity of Wadley & Midland Drive. 520-3334

FOUND OLDER Chihuahua. Black/ white, no collar, nails not clipped. Illinois & Midland Drive. 694-8557

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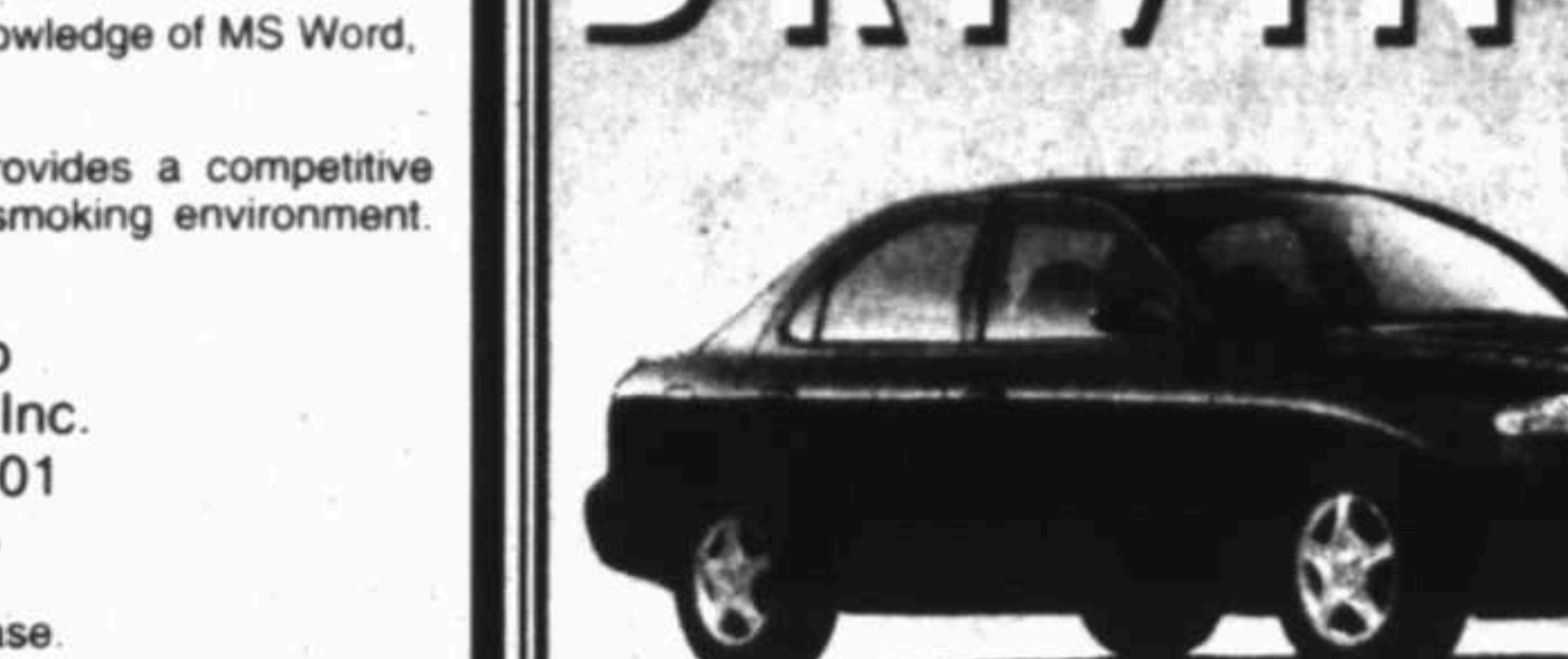
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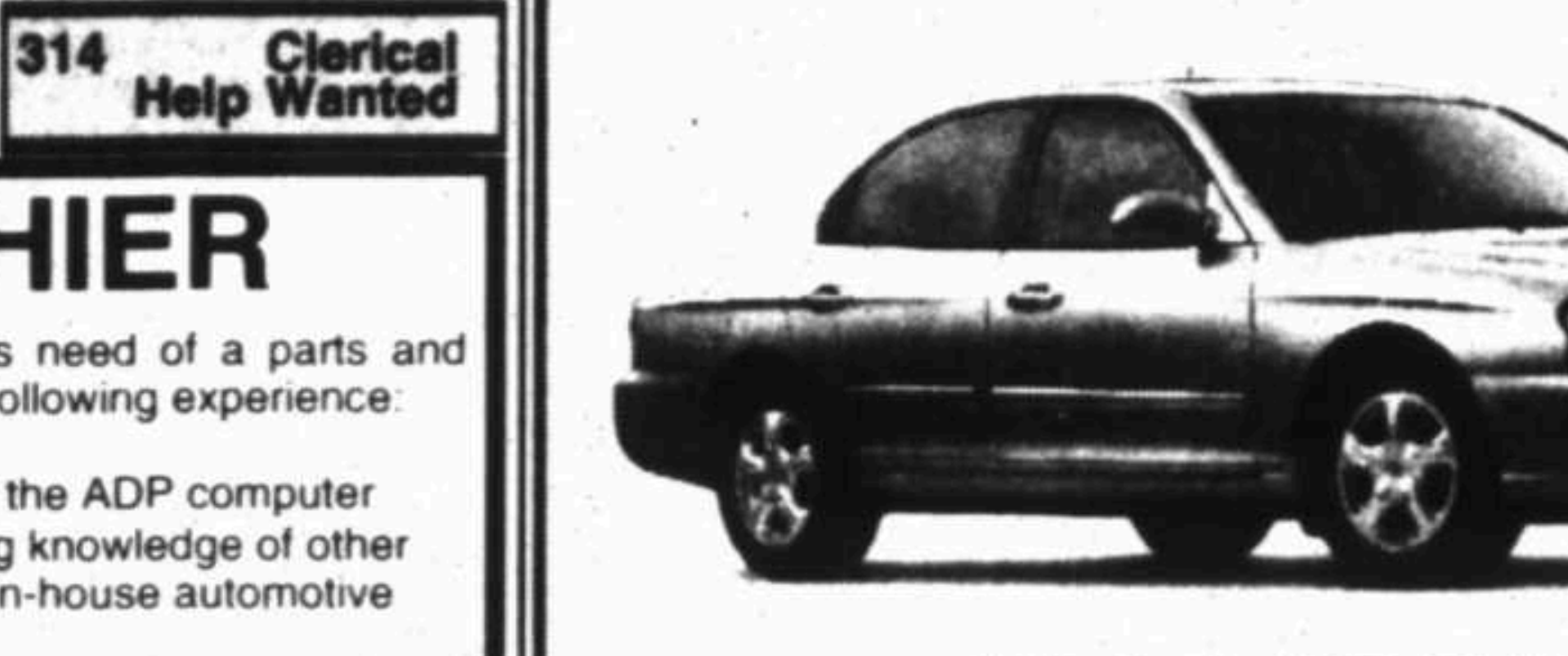
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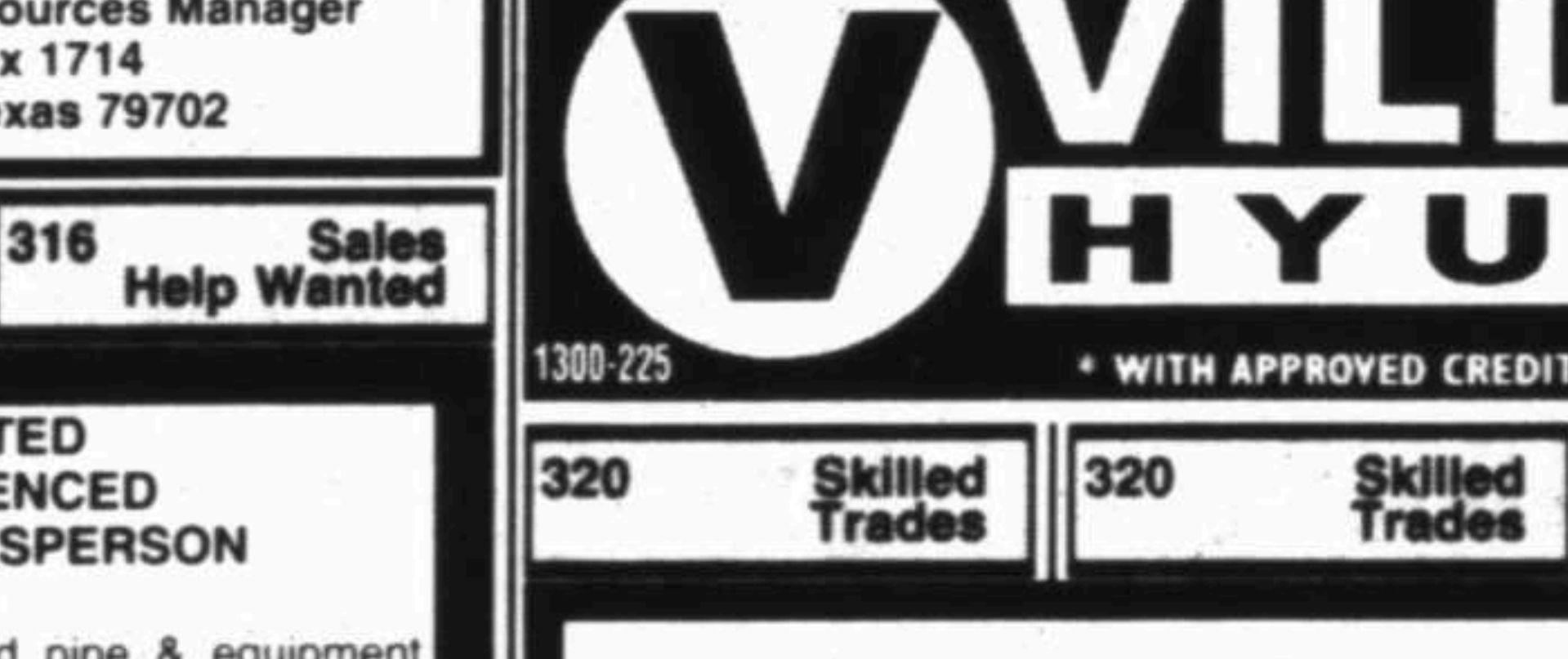
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Humorous, laid-back SWF 22, 5'6", 125lbs, with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys writing, travel, and clubbing, seeks an honest SWM 21-35, for a possible LTR. Ad# 1462

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Humorous SBF 33, 155lbs, dark brown hair, enjoys cooking, cleaning, walks in the park, romantic dinners. ISO SWM 35-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. Ad# 1308

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SWF 18, 5'6", 125lbs, with green eyes, outgoing, enjoys movies, dating, shopping, hanging out. Looking for a SWM 18-21, who's nice. Ad# 1367

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LET'S TALK

SWF 29, 5'11", dark blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys outdoors, movies, music, dancing, dining out and family times. Seeking a fun-loving SWM 29-42, with similar interests. Ad# 1315

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