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Sister city on the horizon

Ten visitors from Wirral, England, toured the Globe Of The Great Southwest Theatre during their six-day visit to Midland and Odessa — all part of the process of establishing a sister-city relationship. 1B

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countdown to 2000

Today: In 1941, Dan Hudson, formerly assistant manager of Fort Worth's Hotel Texas, was named manager of Hotel Scharbauer.



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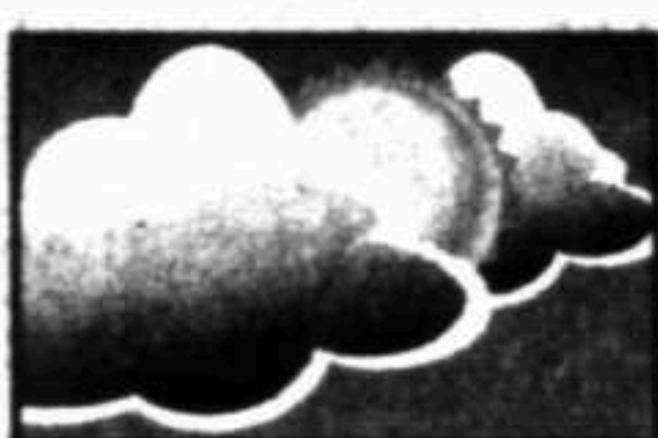
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TODAY
Partly cloudy
with high in
low to mid-70s.
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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The Lady Rebels, seen here in a match against MHS, will play El Paso Eastwood today.

Lady Rebs soccer

There was a business-like approach to the Lee Lady Rebels' practice Monday. Even though the Lee girls soccer program faces arguably the biggest game in its history at 4 p.m. today against El Paso Eastwood, it looked just like the Lady Rebels were getting ready for another district opponent.

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Kosovo failure

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Despite NATO threats, a U.S. envoy failed to persuade Yugoslavia's president to accept a Kosovo peace plan and said he would decide today whether to continue his mission. "I would be misleading you if I suggested that today's talks resulted in any substantial change in the situation," Richard Holbrooke told reporters after four hours of talks with President Slobodan Milosevic.

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Kevoorkian trial

PONTIAC, Mich. — Acting as his own lawyer, Dr. Jack Kevoorkian went on trial on murder charges for the first time Monday and told a jury that like an executioner, he was merely carrying out his professional duty in a videotaped suicide shown on "60 Minutes."

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Gary Ott

At least this time, I've heard of the Oscars' Best Picture of the year.

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City of Champions

Businessman becomes first to receive new Midland award

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Local businessman Mitch Clark has been selected as the first recipient of the new City of Champions Award.

The inaugural presentation of the award at Centennial Plaza Monday included honors for the state champion Lee High School Rebel football team and Midland High School basketball team.

Midland City Council member Don Washburn, who first suggested the City of Champions Award, praised members of both of the state championship teams.

"Our two state championship high school teams, who made City of Champions an appropriate name for Midland," Washburn said in introducing the players.

Washburn praised the MHS Bulldogs for their 37-1 1998 championship team and for their 31-4 effort this year that got the Bulldogs deep into the playoffs.

Washburn said he was as impressed with the valiantly fought and graciously accepted loss that ended this season as the championship that preceded it.

"I was never prouder to be a Midlander," Washburn said. "You young men showed more class in that loss than most teams show when they win," Washburn said.

The LHS football team was praised for its tremendous championship year, "crushing" one opponent after another down to the record-breaking 54-0 victory in the state finals.

"Coach, no pressure — but we could really get used to that," Washburn said.

The City of Champions Award.

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Above, local businessman and one of the founders of Tomcat USA, Inc., received Midland's first City of Champions Award, left, while his wife, Kathy Clark, and 7-year-old son, Ben, watched Monday. Other honorees at the ceremony were the LHS football team and MHS basketball team.

Photos by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Planning group looks for ways to protect area water resources

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

SAN ANGELO — Pecos County rancher D.A. Harral is on a water-conservation, water-hunt mission just like the other 21 members of the 32-county West Texas Region F Regional Water Planning Group of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

"Water is just like this ranch land that we have out here," Harral, 43, said on Monday. "If you don't take care of it, you will ruin it or lose it. And we've got to take care of it."

Harral, elected to the Region F Water Planning Group to represent part of Region F's western area, was among ranchers, farmers, water-district managers and others who attended the planning session at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center north of San Angelo.

Their water interest, propelled by the continuing drought and declining underground water and surface (lake) water, is also a statewide interest fueled by Senate Bill 1, which Texas Gov. George W. Bush signed into law in June 1997 to effect planning for Texas ground water and surface water heading into the 21st century.

Statewide, there is active competition for water. Region F Planning Group member Stephen Brown of the San Angelo area said he "doesn't want someone coming here" and buying Colorado River basin watershed water, which furnishes water to Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Big Spring, Snyder and other places by way of the Big Spring-based Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD).

Those South Central Texas cities that would seek the basin water include San Antonio.

Steve Hofer, a Midland lawyer who serves on the Region F Planning Group and as an ex-officio CRMWD member, noted that the CRMWD has had "real problems in previous years with interbasin transfers."

"If someone wants to take water out of the Colorado River basin and sell it to, for example, the city of San Antonio, that water right would be junior in priority to our (CRMWD) use" for Midland, Odessa and other cities using CRMWD water.

The water would be eligible for San Antonio's use "only after all of the prior needs were satisfied," Hofer said. "Now, they (San Antonio and other interests) are trying to repel that junior-priority language" in Texas law.

In the 32-county Region F, 17 percent of the water used is surface water only, while 83 percent of the water is all or some ground water. Hofer noted that "some" ground water would

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Student injured in pickup accident shows improvement

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Excel High School student Robert Riddle is slowly recovering from head injuries he suffered in a Thursday car accident, hospital officials said Monday.

Riddle's condition has been upgraded from critical to serious, according to a nursing supervisor at Midland Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. While the 18-year-old remains in the intensive care unit, his health is slowly improving, she said.

Riddle suffered massive head injuries during a playful-but-dangerous romp with his best friend, Dusty Ray Walker, 18. Family members say Riddle has undergone several surgeries since the accident, which occurred a block west of

Robert Riddle's condition has been upgraded from critical to serious, according to a nursing supervisor at Midland Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, who also said that while the 18-year-old remains in the intensive care unit, his health is slowly improving.

Midland High School.

Riddle, police said, was jumping onto the hood of Walker's slow-moving pickup when he slipped down and fell to the road.

Police suspect he was crushed by the pickup's tires or undercarriage. Witnesses told police Riddle had held onto Walker's pickup for about 200 feet before

he fell off.

Classmates said the two teens have been best friends since their childhood and are both part of their high school roping teams.

Authorities said they don't expect to file charges against Walker, a Coleman High School senior, unless witness statements change dramatically or the results of his

blood test show he was under the influence of an illegal substance.

The test results hadn't arrived as of Monday afternoon, said Al Schorre, Midland County district attorney. It could take several weeks before his office receives them.

"It doesn't look like he (Walker) was speeding or hot rodding," Schorre said. "Based on what police have so far, I do not see a criminal offense."

Schorre said it's unlikely the case will be presented to a grand jury if Riddle survives his injuries.

Riddle missed the fall 1998 semester of school after being involved in a one-vehicle rollover in south Midland County. He received head injuries from the Aug. 10 accident and underwent rehabilitation before returning to school last month. Friends of the Riddle family have said.

Big Spring bucks area trend, posts increase in March sales tax receipts

By T.E. Jenkins
Big Spring Correspondent

BIG SPRING — Despite the obvious problems facing agriculture and the oil industry, Big Spring leaders remain optimistic about the economic future of this Howard County community. And they point to the latest sales tax receipts as a reason.

The city's March sales tax rebates showed an increase — indicating the number of area residents putting their money on the counter is growing here — as Big Spring joined only a handful of West Texas cities to report a jump compared to 1998 figures.

The chamber's Executive Vice President Terri Newton said many West Texans, as well as many Big Spring area residents, underestimate the depth of the city's economy.

"We're a lot more diversified than people realize," Ms. Newton said. "The drop in oil and agricultural values has certainly hurt many of the people involved in those industries, but Big Spring has a lot more to offer than just those commodities."

"The city has a lot of income from sources other than ag and oil-related products. We have the prisons and prison systems here in Big Spring, and they bring a lot of money into the community."

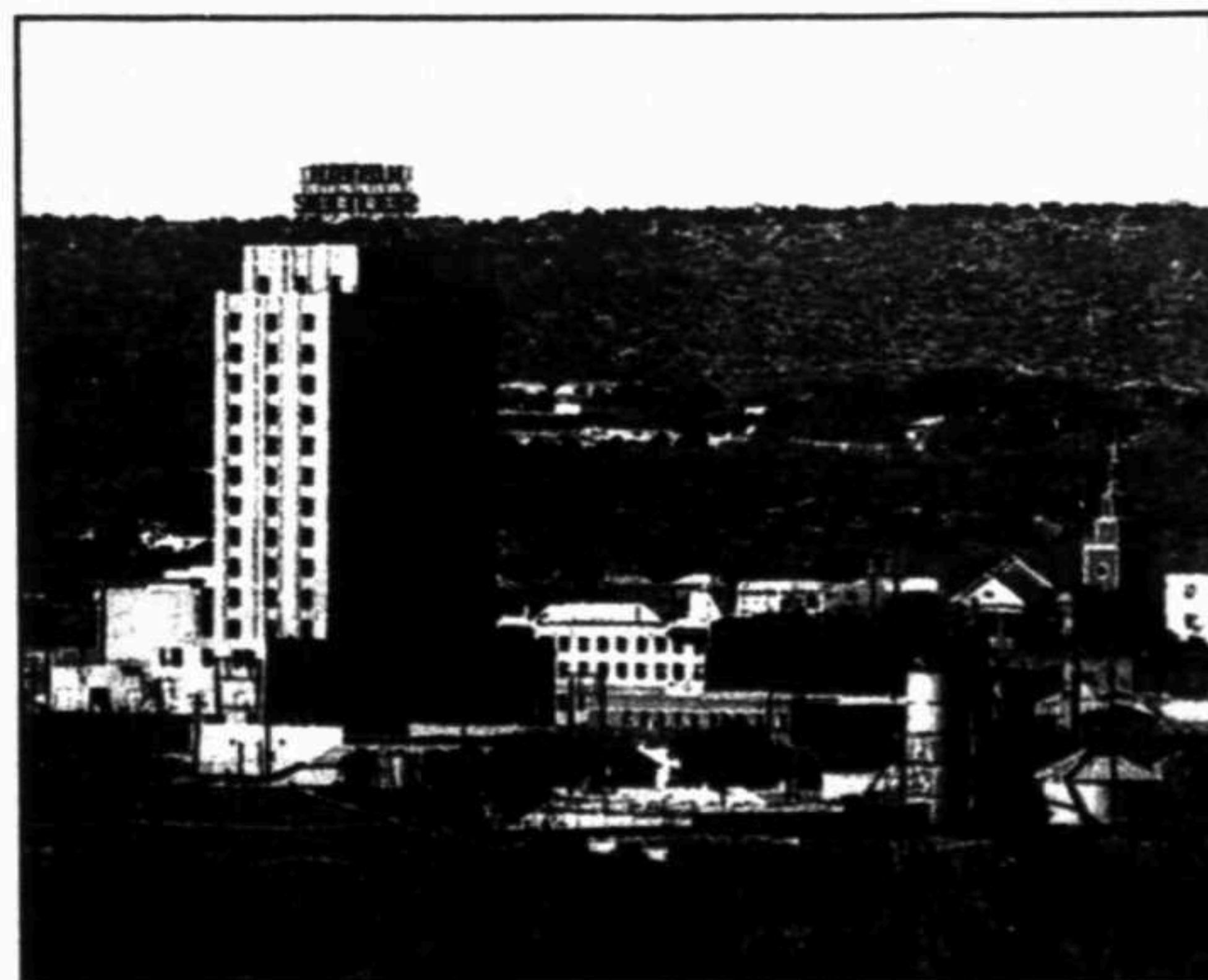
Ms. Newton said panic may be on the mind of many West Texans, but it isn't quite time to hit the button.

"Of course we should be concerned about the oil and ag industries, and how they are doing," she said. "We must pay close attention to our farmers and ranchers, as well as the Fina Refinery we have here in town. It is by no means time to panic, however."

March rebates from the State Comptroller's Office, based on January sales, increased 4.95 percent over last year's figures. The city of Big Spring posted a sales tax rebate for the month of March of \$250,706.96 compared to \$238,868.88 for March of 1998. It is the second month in a row the city has shown an increase over the same month last year.

Where is this new money coming from?

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Officials in Big Spring credit the city's diversified economy with allowing it to post increases in sales tax receipts over last year for two months in a row despite a slowdown in the oil and agriculture industry. "It is by no means time to panic ...," says the chamber's Executive Vice President Terri Newton.

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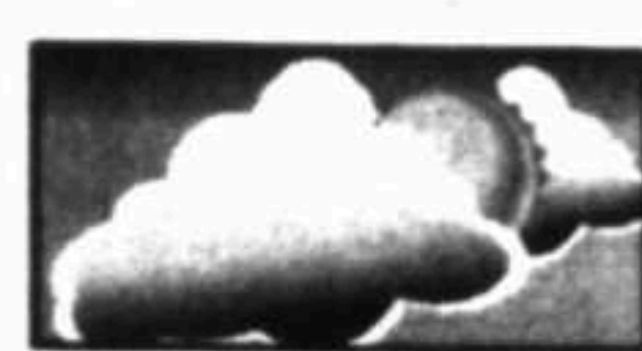
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 73
Low 47



Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 75
Low 46



Thursday
Partly cloudy
High 72
Low 45

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the low to mid-70s and north to northwesterly winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a low in the upper 40s.

Wednesday should show early morning cloudiness changing to partly cloudy by the afternoon with a high in the mid-70s.

After an overnight low of 54, Monday's high reached 88, compared to the record high for that date of 91 set in 1934. The record low of 22 was set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.60 in.
Total for year 0.93 in.
Normal total yr to date 1.36 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 88
Low 54
Normal high 73
Normal low 42

Pollen count

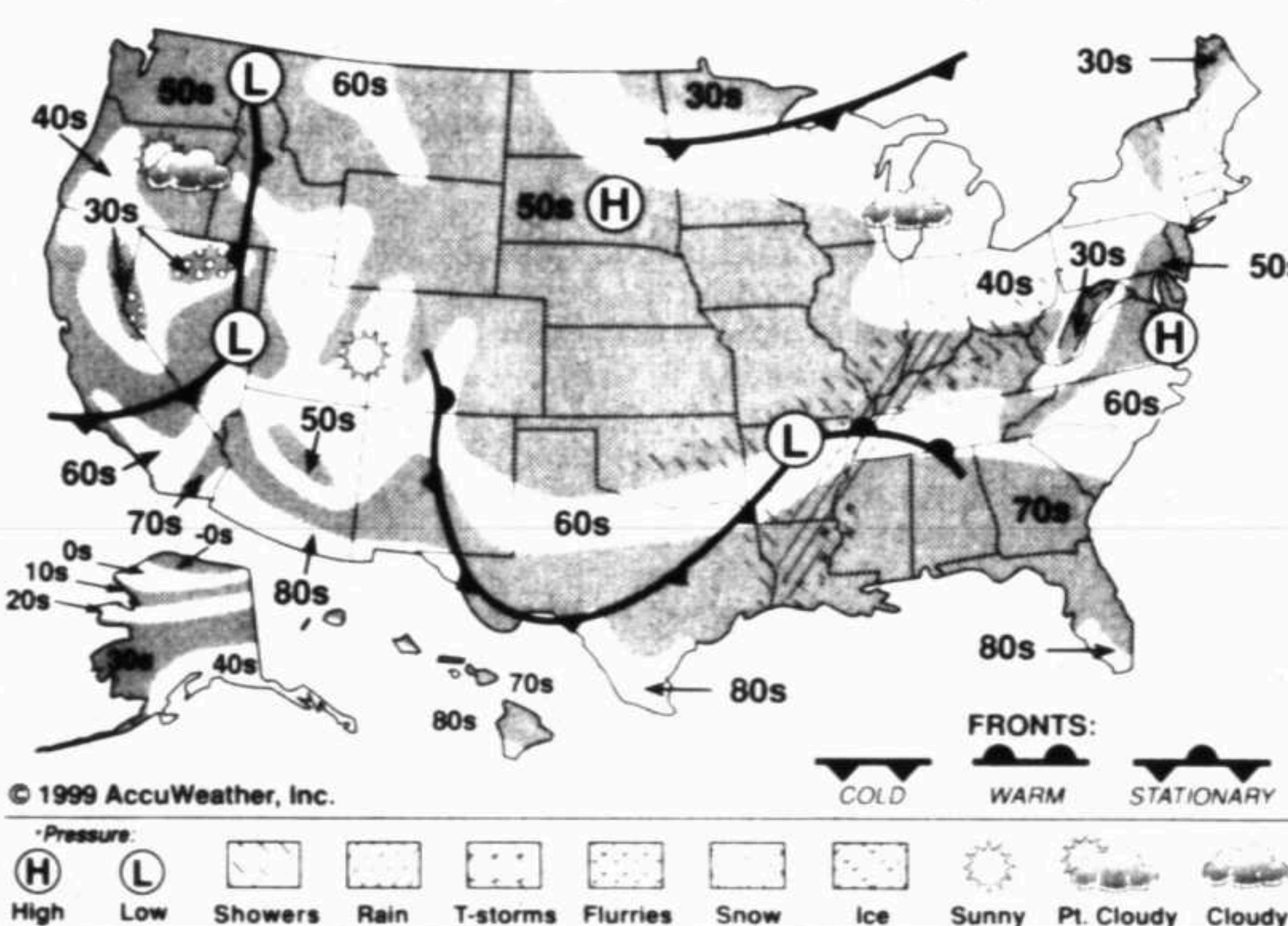
Trees: High Weeds: Absent
Grass: --- Molds: Low
Dust: Moderate
Courtesy: John D. Bray, MD.

Sunrise ... 6:49 a.m.
Sunset ... 7:02 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 23.

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



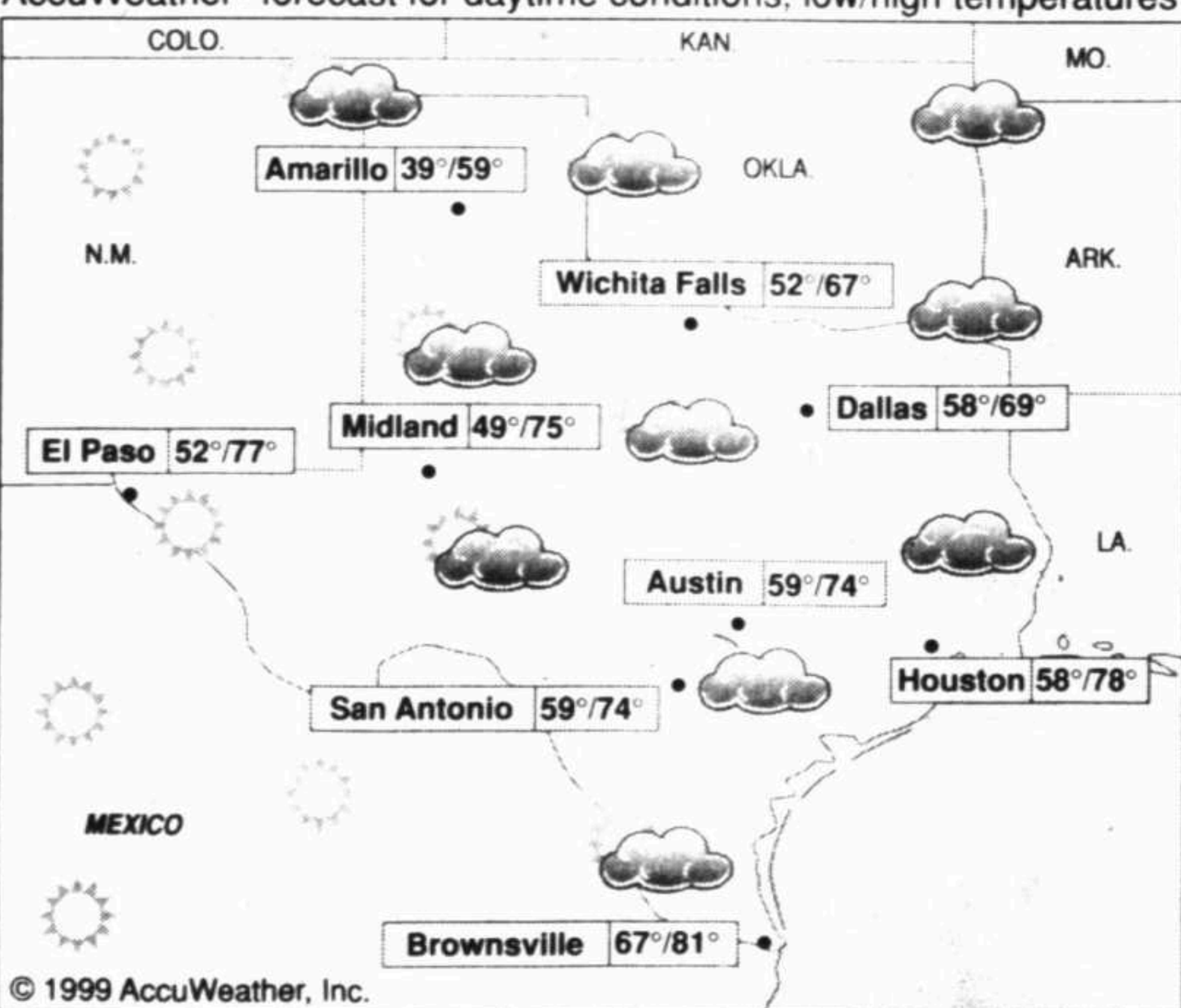
United States temperatures

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

City	High	Low	Prev	Out	City	High	Low	Prev	Out
Albany, N.Y.	42	37	16	cl	Kansas City	42	39	03	cl
Albuquerque	72	43	cl	cl	Las Vegas	74	47	03	cl
Anchorage	34	22	cl	cl	Little Rock	66	39	03	cl
Asheville	55	35	cl	cl	Louisville	63	50	03	cl
Atlanta	63	40	cl	cl	Memphis	67	38	cl	cl
Baltimore	50	37	51	cl	Miami Beach	79	59	cl	cl
Bellings	59	32	cl	cl	Midland/Odessa	88	55	cl	cl
Birmingham	65	34	cl	cl	Milwaukee	40	26	cl	cl
Bismarck	52	29	cl	cl	Minneapolis	47	21	cl	cl
Boston	60	35	cl	cl	Nashville	61	30	cl	cl
Buffalo	53	39	31	cl	New Orleans	71	50	cl	cl
Burlington, Vt.	51	31	cl	cl	New York City	46	40	cl	cl
Casper	54	29	cl	cl	Norfolk, Va.	57	43	cl	cl
Charleston, W. Va.	51	31	cl	cl	North Platte	38	34	01	cl
Charlotte, N.C.	47	23	cl	cl	Oklahoma City	77	48	cl	cl
Cheyenne	47	26	cl	cl	Omaha	38	38	11	cl
Cincinnati	47	23	cl	cl	Orlando	77	50	cl	cl
Cleveland	38	30	cl	cl	Philadelphia	48	36	99	cl
Columbus, Ohio	42	31	cl	cl	Phoenix	82	55	cl	cl
Concord, N.H.	51	34	cl	cl	Pittsburgh	36	29	cl	cl
Dayton	43	28	cl	cl	Portland, Maine	48	38	62	cl
Denver	58	31	cl	cl	Portland, Ore.	61	46	04	cl
Des Moines	47	29	cl	cl	Providence	52	43	55	cl
Detroit	41	22	cl	cl	Raleigh, Durham	58	40	11	cl
Duluth	41	12	cl	cl	Rapid City	49	35	14	cl
Evansville	50	26	cl	cl	Reno	64	27	cl	cl
Fairbanks	38	11	cl	cl	Richmond	55	38	cl	cl
Fargo	46	24	cl	cl	Sacramento	59	41	cl	cl
Flagstaff	61	25	cl	cl	St. Louis	48	31	cl	cl
Grand Rapids	39	28	cl	cl	Salt Lake City	56	41	09	cl
Great Falls	63	27	cl	cl	San Diego	64	56	cl	cl
Greensboro, N.C.	57	35	cl	cl	San Francisco	58	47	cl	cl
Hartford	52	41	140	cl	Santa Fe	67	33	cl	cl
Helena	57	33	cl	cl	Seattle	64	45	05	cl
Honolulu	81	70	cl	cl	Sioux Falls	67	33	cl	cl
Indianapolis	47	24	cl	cl	Spokane	58	34	06	cl
Jacksonville	72	42	cl	cl	Syracuse	37	32	84	cl
Juneau	48	35	02	cl	Tampa St. Petersburg	73	53	cl	cl
					Topeka	49	40	cl	cl
					Tucson	83	48	cl	cl
					Waco	77	40	cl	cl
					Washington D.C.	53	39	57	cl

State forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, low/high temperatures



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Texas temperatures

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

City	High	Low	Pcp.
Abilene	73	54	
Amarillo	70	48	
Arlington	72	48	
Austin	72	41	
Austin Bergstrom	73	48	
Beaumont	74	46	
Brownsville	75	55	
College Station	72	46	
Corpus Christi	74	44	
Corpus Christi	71	44	
Dallas	70	44	
Del Rio	71	51	
El Paso	81	57	
El Paso	82	54	
Fort Worth	72	46	
Galveston	71	53	

Harrison	77	53
Houston	74	49
Huntsville	72	46
Kingsville	70	44
Laredo	77	55
Lubbock	70	52
Marfa	81	57
McAllen	73	43
McKinney	76	45
Midland	73	43
Mineral Wells	75	49
New Braunfels	73	42
Paris	70	43
Rockport	70	43
San Antonio	75	47
Tyler	72	45
Victoria	70	47
Waco	73	47
Wichita Falls	71	50

WATER: Planning group meets, discusses conservation

(From 1A)

be at least 10 percent. Midland and Odessa "by far" are greater users of surface water than ground water.

Scott Holland, who is general manager of the Irion County Water Conservation District, was elected to the TWDB Region F Group as a water-district member. "My priority is mainly ground water," he said.

Counties in the region, which is one of 16 TWDB planning regions, are: Andrews, Borden, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Martin, Mason, McCulloch,

Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward and Winkler.

In the main, Hofer said, Texas surface water, including lake water, is owned by the state of Texas.

Ground water, on the other hand, is owned by the landowners or whoever "captures" the water.

"You own what you can pump out," said August Pope, who manages a water district in the Brownwood area.

Hofer likened ground water to wildlife: "When a deer jumps a fence, ownership of that deer passes from one ranch to the other."

TWDB Region F Planning Group member John W. Jones, a Brady rancher and banker, noted the dearth of water in Central and West Texas.

"We only have so much rainfall, and along with our planning, we need to concentrate on a lot of conservation issues," including bush-control work, for example, "to make inroads into ridding the water-guzzling mesquite to help get springs to flowing again; weather modification, as in seeding; and desalinization "because of the limited amount of water from rainfall."

"And as the population continues to grow, we definitely need to

look at a lot conservation and additional sources of water other than the regular surface and ground water that we are talking about," Jones said.

John Grant, chairman of the TWDB Region F Planning Group and CRMWD general manager, noted the mushrooming interest in water.

"The drought started back in 1992," Grant said. "That's certainly got everybody interested in terms of surface water and ground water." Heightening public interest in water, too, are Senate Bill 1 and the controversial ground water "rule of capture" that is being disputed.

CHAMPIONS: Businessman, teams become first honorees

(From 1A)

however, is not only geared to those who garner wide acclaim, but also for those who work diligently out of the limelight.

"Not because they seek glory, but because they do good things out of the goodness of their heart," Washburn said.

Citing a long list of achievements by Midlanders, ending with a presidency and two current governorships, Mayor Bobby Burns said "we, as a community, have a reason to be proud."

Burns presented the first-ever City of Champions Award to Clark and will present the award to others worthy of recognition at the second City Council meeting of each month.

"Many of those are unsung heroes working each day to make this a safe and a quality place to live," Burns said.

Clark first came to Midland in 1982 as the youngest civic center director in the nation at that time,

Burns said.

After helping provide an outdoor covered stage for the Charlie Daniels Band during the "Live Again Midland" festival in 1987, Clark began investigating the possibility of obtaining his own outdoor stage and starting his own business.

After a successful season of renting the equipment, Clark and his friends opened Tomcat USA, Inc., a Midland-based company that has "revolutionized the outdoor concert industry," Burns said.

Tomcat has supplied lighting, trussing and outdoor rooftops to clients such as Reba McEntire, Elton John, George Michael, The Rolling Stones, U2 and many more musical and Broadway performances.

From a 4,300-square-foot building in Midland, Tomcat has grown into more than 30,000 square feet locally with factories in the United Kingdom serving Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

"We welcomed Tomcat de Mexico to the family of Tomcat companies in December 1998 and last month successfully acquired UK-based Brilliant Stages," Burns said.

"I appreciate the community for recognizing not only me, but the company and our most precious resource — our employees," Clark said in accepting the award.

"This is an incredibly humbling experience," Clark said. "There are many more people in Midland more deserving than me. There's some great people in Midland and that's what makes it a great place to live," Clark said.

"It's an honor to share this stage with these champions," Clark said, turning to the high school champions being honored.

"You young folks are a role model to my son — and that's important to me," he said.

Also honored at the Monday meeting were outstanding scholastic and musical high school achievers from Midland.

They were: Brandi Burns, Katherine Case, Nick Whitley, Emily Wright-Timko and Kathryn Chandler of Trinity School; Jay Christian, Lindsay Martin, Clayton Vandergriff and Travis Vandergriff of MHS; Seth Denson, Tenille McDonald, Amanda Mitchell and Jared Lee of Midland Christian School; and Stephanie Mullins, Rex Richards, Maurion Strambler and Derrick Walker of LHS.

Each month, the winner of the City of Champions Award will receive a commemorative trophy with the city logo and thanks from Midland leaders.

City officials and local news media representatives will help judge each winner, and nominations will be accepted from the public, Burns said.

In addition to the city, the award is being sponsored by NewsWest-9 and the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

BIG SPRING: Sales tax receipts increase over last year

(From 1A)

The chamber's Andrea Earl, director of the local citizens and visitors bureau (CVB), said the addition of several new sources of income for the city's economy may help explain the rise in area spending.

"We have established several touring companies that now stop in Big Spring," Ms. Earl said. "We are working to bring in as much tourist trade as we can, and the addition of Big Spring to these tour-bus routes helps to bring more money into Big Spring."

"The average expenditure of a tourist who stays in Big Spring overnight is about \$50 per person. That means that every couple that stops in Big Spring for a three-day period spends more than \$300 while they are here. That makes a huge difference in a city's economy."

Ms. Earl said the extra income from tourism is a very safe and stable source of funds for the city, and in times when money is short, can help a city or county avoid

extreme economic troubles.

"It's important to remember just how important our agricultural and oil industries are to Big Spring," Ms. Earl said. "I really don't think this is the time to hit the panic button either."

Big Spring merchants have reported much of the same attitude in the last three months, saying although the economic hardships on the area's oil and agriculture industries have been felt, being able to weather the big storms is just as important as being successful.

"We've seen a very slight slowdown in the past three months," said Tim Brewer, manager of Harris Lumber in Big Spring. "We've been very fortunate, however, to have enjoyed such good business for so long. We don't see as many people from the ranches and oil fields as we used to, but when the weather is nice on the weekend, the people just cover us up."

Brewer said his company is by no means in panic mode in light of the suddenly "declining" economy

and added that the ability to make it through these times is what sets businesses apart.

"We aren't panicking by any means, or at any corporate level," he said. "Of course, things could always be better, but we've been in business for a lot of years, and we've seen some thick and thin times. You have to be able to persevere, and that's how you come out ahead."

While Harris Lumber hasn't seen too much of a drop in business, some merchants have seen an increase.

"The last two months have really been good for us," said Ellen Talbot, office manager for Dunlaps in Big Spring. "We're actually above our figures from last year at this time."

"We've been selling a lot of spring clothes these last two months. The nice weather has really helped out sales a lot. In fact we even brought out the spring selection early because of the spring-like weather."

Ms. Talbot said the store also sees a lot of out-of-town business,

and dollars from Abilene, San Angelo and Lamesa help keep her store moving at the increasing pace set by the first of the year.

Lynette Brooks, owner of Blum's Jewelers in the Big Spring Mall, said her business has maintained its pace as well, much to her surprise.

"We're actually a little ahead of the numbers from 1998," she said. "Business has really been steady for us."

Ms. Brooks said the pain currently being felt in the oil fields and the farms is certainly something to pay attention to, but diversified clientele is the key to any good business, or city for that matter.

"Those industries are very important to everyone in this area," Ms. Brooks said. "I don't think, however, that is the only thing our clientele is drawn to. We have a lot of other industries right here in Big Spring, such as the prisons, that bring a lot of money into the city."

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MAIL RATES — OTHER USA

Balloonists get a heroes' welcome home after trip around world

GENEVA (AP) — Cowbells clanged, crowds roared and a trumpet fanfare resounded Monday as this Swiss city gave a hero's welcome to balloonists Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones after their historic nonstop trip around the world.

"You took our dreams with you, and today you have returned them more beautiful than ever," Swiss Sports Minister Adolf Ogi said.

As an enthusiastic trumpeter played the Grand March from Aida, Jones and Piccard took a lap in an open convertible around the tarmac of Geneva's international airport, shaking hands with many well-wishers in the crowd of up to 3,000 people.

Piccard raced over to meteorologists Pierre Eckert and Luc Thullemans and threw his arms around the men who had guided his balloon in and out of jet streams with pinpoint precision. Their combined expertise allowed Piccard and Jones to complete their global circumnavigation Saturday with fuel to spare.

Jones said the success was possible because of their support staff. "It's not a team. It's a family — absolutely fantastic."

Piccard, a Swiss psychiatrist who had already been reunited



British entrepreneur Richard Branson, center, celebrates with balloonists Brian Jones, left, and Bertrand Piccard during a press conference at Geneva's airport Monday after the aviators sailed into history as the first to fly a hot-air balloon around the world nonstop.

with his wife, Michelle, and their three daughters in Egypt, stepped off a private jet to embrace his father, Jacques, and his brother and sister.

Jones, an English balloon instructor, kissed his wife, Joanna, for the first time in three weeks.

Mrs. Jones, who worked 14-hour days in the control center throughout the journey, presented him with a long-stem red rose, which he carried to the podium for the welcoming ceremony in an airport hangar.

British tycoon Richard Bran-

son, who had tried repeatedly to be the first to circle the world, was there too, and sprayed the pair with a magnum bottle of champagne.

Jones said as they left Puerto Rico he had anxiously calculated if there was enough fuel to reach Africa, and looked up at the instruments to see their speed rapidly increasing.

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Village rejoices in Benigni's Oscar triumph

VERGAIO, Italy (AP) — It was drizzly and chilly at 4 a.m., but the Tuscan village where Roberto Benigni was born was still wide awake when their hometown boy made good on Oscar night.

"Roberto! Roberto! Roberto!" the crowd watching at Vergaio's community center cried out when Benigni's Holocaust fable "Life is Beautiful" won the Academy Award for best foreign film.

Benigni, the son of a poor farmer who survived a German labor camp during World War II, was born 46 years ago in Vergaio, a village of 3,000 people about 15 miles northwest of Florence.

Almost everyone there stayed up at least part of the night to watch the Oscar broadcast.

And they weren't disappointed. The exuberant Benigni also bounded off with the coveted best actor award and his movie snagged a third Oscar for the musical score.

As Vergaio's band struck up a tune, corks popped and people jumped to their feet, dancing, kissing and hugging each other.

Already one of Italy's most popular comedians, Benigni's Hollywood success has turned him into a national hero. The movie has also raised hopes of a renaissance in Italian cinema, which has a distinguished history but has fallen into the doldrums.

Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema said Benigni's Oscars "honor Italian cinema and culture in addition to being a great personal success."

Italy has now won a dozen Oscars for best foreign film. But only three have come in the last quarter-century. "Life is Beautiful" became the most successful foreign film ever in the United States, with a box office take of \$35.8 million.

Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci, who won nine Oscars for his 1988 film "The Last Emperor," said Monday that each time a foreign film gets a major prize, it levels the Hollywood-dominated playing field a little.

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How do the pros do it? Ten tips for smart investing

Develop a good source of investment advice and information. Investing is not an art; it is a science born of considerable research and historical trends, analyzed over a long period of time. The firms that do their homework consistently typically have the best long-term performance records.

Determine your risk tolerance. Only when you identify how comfortable you are with taking investment risks can you make smart, informed decisions about your portfolio. A good financial consultant can help you with that process.

Diversify your holdings. By diversifying your assets among several types of investments, rather than just one or two, you'll also be reducing your risk. That's because not all investments, markets and industries perform in tandem with one another. Keep your portfolio balanced.

Set reasonable expectations for return on your investments. Earning 10 percent to 12 percent a year is not easy, but could be possible. But beware of promised returns of 20 percent or more on a long-term basis.

Invest in quality securities. Stay with solid companies that have stood the test of time. They generally do well during periods of market strength and recover more quickly after periods of market weakness.

Never let a low price per share be your only reason to buy



Daniel Watts

a particular stock. The one or two low-priced stocks that jumped 40 percent in a year are overwhelming exceptions.

Before investing, designate funds for short-term and long-term use. Don't invest money you need to keep liquid, otherwise you may be forced to sell out of an interim dip in the market. Remember, investing is a long-term process. Real money is made over years, not months.

Allow dividends to compound over time. The income you earn from stock dividends can add up to enormous profits over the years. Brokerage firms often offer free dividend reinvestment programs that use a company's dividends to purchase more shares of the underlying stock. Ask your financial consultant how you can participate.

Learn all you can about the companies in which you invest. Read the annual reports and earnings summaries you should receive as a stockholder. And ask your financial consultant about current company research. The better an understanding you have of a company's strategic focus and business direction, the less you'll be swayed by fluctuations in its stock price.

Live within your means. Americans are saving less and spending more. Keep your spending habits within the limits of your income, not your savings account. And invest wisely for the future by maximizing your retirement plan at work.

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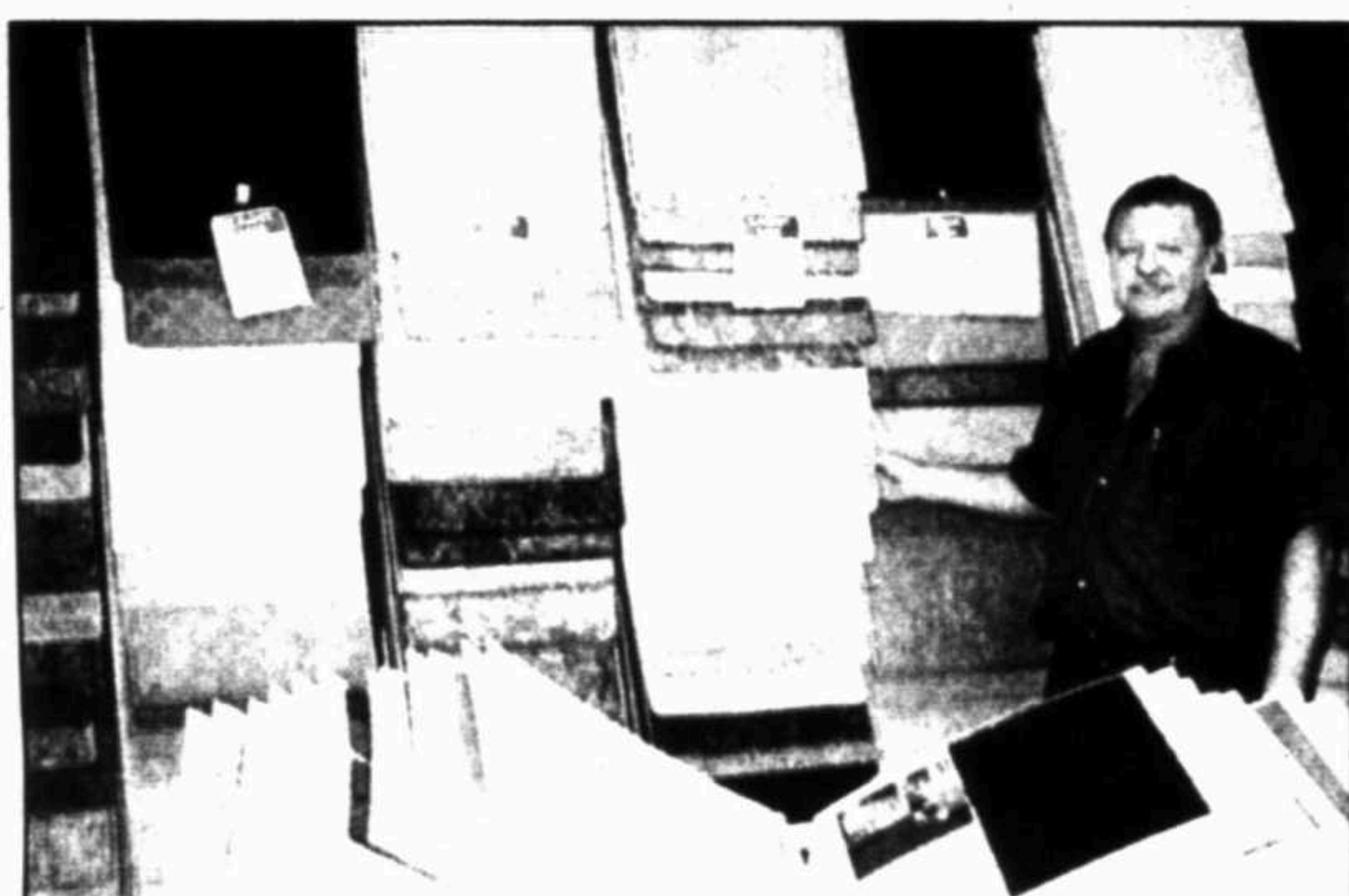
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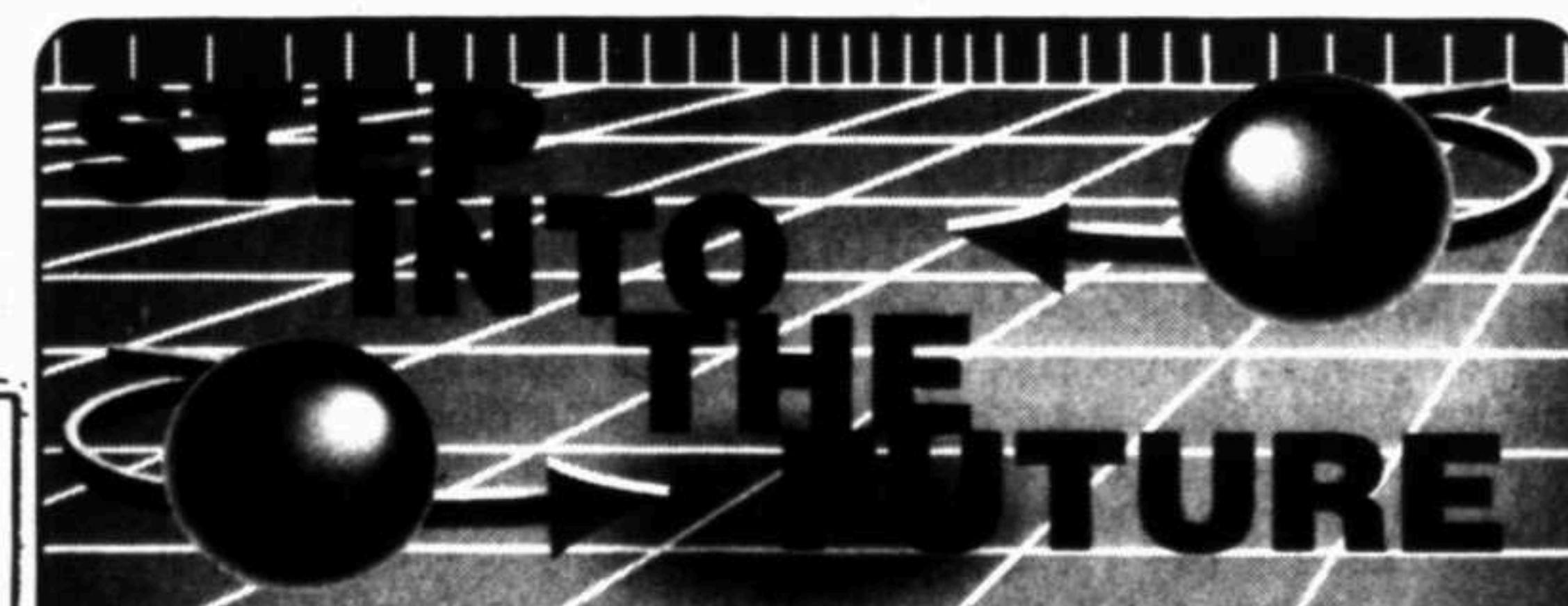
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U.S. envoy fails in last-ditch effort for Kosovo peace plan

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Despite NATO threats, a U.S. envoy failed to persuade Yugoslavia's president to accept a Kosovo peace plan and said he would decide today whether to continue his mission.

"I would be misleading you if I suggested that today's talks resulted in any substantial change in the situation," Richard Holbrooke told reporters after four hours of talks with President Slobodan Milosevic.

Holbrooke said the ongoing crackdown in Kosovo, where government forces are battling Kosovo Liberation Army rebels, "make it difficult to pursue peace."

After conferring by telephone with senior Clinton administration officials, Holbrooke said he would "reassess" later today whether to continue with his mission. Senior U.S. officials in Washington said more talks between the two were likely.

Holbrooke's comments indicate that in the absence of a dramatic reversal, diplomacy has run its course and the United States and its allies will face a difficult decision whether to carry through with threats to launch airstrikes.

In a statement on Serbian television, Milosevic called two rounds of peace talks in France a fraud because the United States and its European partners dictated the text of the agreement "before the start of the negotiations" and without consulting "the state whose interests are at stake," meaning Yugoslavia.

The statement said Milosevic told Holbrooke he was ready for serious talks to reach "a just and tenable solution" to the Kosovo crisis.

Holbrooke and the American envoy for Kosovo, Christopher



Refugee children from Trstenik walk down a road to Glogovac, in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo Monday after fleeing fighting between Serb and Kosovo Liberation Army forces.

Hill, then returned to the U.S. Embassy, diplomatic sources said, to report by telephone to Washington.

The White House said more talks were expected, but about three hours later, an exhausted Holbrooke left the embassy for his hotel about 3:15 a.m. and said his talks for the day were at an end.

In Washington, President Clinton said there is "strong unity" among the United States and NATO allies to launch punitive air raids unless the Serbs agree to a

settlement.

"We all agree we cannot allow President Milosevic to continue the aggression with impunity," Clinton said.

But in Moscow, Russia Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov again urged the United States and its allies not to unleash airstrikes against Yugoslavia.

"We are categorically against the use of force against Yugoslavia," Primakov told reporters a day before he was to head to Washington for meetings

with Clinton. "We believe that political levers to influence the situation are far from being exhausted yet."

In the troubled province itself, fighting raged Monday between government forces and the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army in the northern and central parts of the province. Several villages were ablaze, and there were unconfirmed reports of mass killings near the town of Srbica.

Ethnic Albanians make up 90 percent of the 2 million inhabitants

of Kosovo, a province of Serbia, Yugoslavia's main republic. Fighting broke out last year after Milosevic cracked down on ethnic Albanian separatists.

Since then, more than 2,000 people have been killed and hundreds of thousands have been fled their homes. At least 25,000 ethnic Albanians have fled since Saturday, U.N. officials said.

A second round of peace talks in France failed last week after Serbs refused to sign a U.S.-backed peace accord that gives the

ethnic Albanians substantial autonomy. The plan also calls for 28,000 NATO troops — including 4,000 Americans — to supervise the accord.

In a letter read on state television, Milosevic criticized the Americans and their allies for the NATO threats and their handling of the peace negotiations.

"Your people should be ashamed, because you are getting ready to use force against a small European nation because it protects its territory against separatism and its people against terrorism," Milosevic was quoted as saying in a letter to the French and British foreign ministers.

The Serbs have offered to accept a political agreement, but have insisted that peacekeepers should be a separate issue from other parts of the agreement, a position Washington rejects.

The North Atlantic Council, NATO's top policymaking body, authorized Secretary-General Javier Solana on Monday to order airstrikes on Yugoslavia if Holbrooke fails.

NATO officials declined to say what time frame Holbrooke was working under or what level of concession from Milosevic would be enough to halt airstrikes.

Clashes in Kosovo escalated last weekend after international monitors withdrew following the collapse of the second round of peace talks.

Two people were killed and four others seriously injured late Monday when bombs exploded at two ethnic Albanian-owned cafes in the provincial capital, Pristina.

Serb police were patrolling the streets of Pristina in armored personnel carriers Monday with turret-mounted machine guns, and tensions were running high.

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In Cairo, Mrs. Clinton talks about political future

CAIRO (AP) — In a most unlikely place to talk American politics — at an Egyptian health clinic — Hillary Rodham Clinton acknowledged an interest in running for the U.S. Senate.

She's been making "lots of calls" on the subject over the past month but hasn't made a decision, she said. The only thing she is certain of, she added, is that she wants to keep a public role after she and her husband leave the White House.

Monday was the second day of Mrs. Clinton's 12-day tour of Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia, and word of her possible candidacy for a Senate seat from New York got here before she did. At the Khan al-Khalili marketplace, Mona Abdel clapped her hands together and shook with excitement as Secret Service agents filed down the market's alleyway.

"She's applying for the Congress," said Abdel, 25. "I will nominate her for sure."

Mrs. Clinton told reporters that whatever happened in her political future, "I do know that I want to continue speaking out on behalf of the issues that I've spent more than 25 years working on. Any way I can continue to do that, I intend to. But the form that will take I really can't predict at this time."

The news conference Monday was her most expansive discussion of running for office. Mrs. Clinton took six questions.

In the lobby of Cairo's El Bassatine clinic for women and children, reporters noted that her husband had expressed his support if she decided to run for the Senate. An Egyptian journalist stepped forward to ask Mrs. Clinton about her "plans for the future."

The first lady momentarily played it coy. "Well, tomorrow I'm going to Luxor," she said to chuckles from the assembled doctors, nurses and Egyptian officials.

It took three more questions to draw her out on the topic.

"As you know, I've made lots of calls over the past month," she said. She has been sounding out friends, advisers and political consultants on her chances in a bid for the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York.

"I will continue that when I return home," she said.

But, she added before darting off to lunch with the wife of President Hosni Mubarak, "right now I want to focus on the issues that are really at the base of this very important partnership and friendship between the United

States and Egypt."

Interest in the first lady's political ambitions was evident in the marketplace.

"We are nominating her," Wahiba el-Sayed said through a translator. "She's a very strong woman, a very active woman."

The veiled, 50-year-old woman, a garment maker, insisted photographers snap a picture of her kissing the first lady's cheek.

She and Abdel nodded that they were aware of President Clinton's recent personal and legal troubles in the Monica Lewinsky affair, but the subject was not for them.

"That's a family thing," said Mrs. el-Sayed.

"I don't like to talk about it," agreed Abdel. Metalworker Sayed el-Said Mahmoud el-Sharaky had engraved two brass, copper and silver picture frames — one for Mrs. Clinton and one for daughter Chelsea, who set off sight-seeing on her own.

El-Sharaky said the allegations against Clinton were trumped up by jealous opponents. "If somebody asked me to nominate him again, I would."

And the president's wife?

"I will nominate her 10 times," el-Sharaky grinned.

Israelis forbid thousands from leaving 'security zone'

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli forces are barring 11,000 Lebanese residents of the town of Hasbaya and at least two nearby villages from leaving south Lebanon, security officials said Monday.

The move was the latest in a broad clampdown on Lebanese civilians in Israel's occupied "security zone" in south Lebanon since an Israeli commander was killed in a bomb blast on Feb. 28.

On Sunday, Israeli troops arrested a member of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army militia that helps police the enclave. Lebanese security officials said he was suspected of helping a high-ranking SLA officer defect to the Lebanese government.

The Israeli commander was killed in a bomb blast on Feb. 28. The move was the latest in a broad clampdown on Lebanese civilians in Israel's occupied territory in South Lebanon since an Israeli commander was killed in a bomb blast on Feb. 28.

Israel has not commented on the report. But Israel's Channel 2 TV said Monday that an SLA soldier was suspected of passing information to Syrian intelligence. The broadcast did not give his name.

Last Friday, the SLA detained seven civilians — one a former SLA member — on suspicion of aiding Hezbollah guerrillas in recent attacks.

The leftist Beirut newspaper As-Safir said as many as 40 Lebanese may have been picked up for questioning, with some later released.

The suspicion that some militiamen could be working with the guerrillas would undermine Israel's confidence in the SLA, which it finances and trains.

The Israeli moves apparently are in response to the death of Brig. Gen. Ezer Gerstein. The

commander of Israeli forces in Lebanon and three other Israelis were killed in a bomb blast Feb. 28 near the southern town of Hasbaya, 40 miles southeast of Beirut.

An Israeli newspaper, Yediot Ahronot, reported Monday that the Israeli military was investigating whether Hezbollah guerrillas were tipped off by SLA members about Gerstein's movements the day he was killed.

Also Monday, Israeli jets also raided suspected guerrilla hideouts for a second consecutive day in the mountains around Sojod, 12 miles southeast of the port city of Sidon, Lebanese security officials said.

Jets also struck in the Iqlim al-Tuffah, or Apple Province, south of the capital Beirut, and near the village of Abou Rashed in the eastern Bekaa Valley.

The Israeli army confirmed the strikes near Sojod. There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

Lebanese security officials said that Israeli troops and members of the SLA told residents of Hasbaya and the neighboring villages of Ain Qinya and Ibi Saqi that they cannot leave Israeli-controlled territory. The officials spoke on customary condition of anonymity.

Hasbaya has about 10,000 residents, and the neighboring villages about 500 each.

About 50 vehicles were stopped Monday from transiting an Israeli-controlled checkpoint into territory controlled by the Lebanese government.

Hezbollah has led the fight to oust Israel and its militia from the "security zone," which Israel set up in southern Lebanon in 1985 to protect against cross-border guerrilla attacks. The zone is patrolled by 1,500 Israeli troops and about 2,500 SLA militiamen.

Palestinian wounded



A Palestinian youth is helped after being hit by a rubber bullet during a clash with Israeli soldiers Monday at the West Bank village of Beit Dajan. Clashes erupted after the Israeli troops removed 170 olive tree saplings from a plot near the village which had been planted by Palestinians.

Prosecution scheduling several months for Maryland murder trial

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — An American teen-ager accused of killing an acquaintance in Maryland was indicted on a charge of first-degree murder Monday, a day after Israel's high court made a final ruling against his extradition.

The two-page indictment said 18-year-old Samuel Sheinbein and a friend, Aaron Needle, killed Alfredo Tello Jr. in Montgomery County, Maryland, in September 1997, dismembered the body and burned it.

Sheinbein fled to Israel three days after Tello's body was found, and will stand trial in Israel after successfully fighting extradition. Needle committed suicide in a U.S. jail before his trial.

Sheinbein sat at one side of the courtroom Monday, looking around impassively during the 15-minute hearing. The court did not provide a translator even though he understands only basic Hebrew. Judge Sara Sirota said a translator would be present in the future.

Prosecutor Hadassah Naor told The Associated Press that Sheinbein would be asked to enter a plea within a month and the trial itself would take from six to nine months.

The trial may conclude sooner, however, if the defense goes ahead with plans not to contest the facts of the case.

Defense attorney David Libai said during an extradition hearing in November that the defense would focus on Sheinbein's mental condition and there would be no need to run up the cost by bringing witnesses from the United States.

"We will admit to all the facts in the case," Libai said then. He declined to discuss the matter Monday.

Sirota ordered Sheinbein held for an extra 30 days while his defense lawyers go over the evidence.

Libai suggested that he would not seek to get his client free on bail during the trial, saying it was in the public interest that Sheinbein remain in custody.

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Forum generated high emotions on waste storage

A public forum conducted Saturday at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED) concerning the storage of radioactive waste elicited some heated remarks, but that development was not completely unexpected. In other areas, the reaction has been much the same on this topic.

On a subject that important and one that holds to potential to affect literally thousands of lives, high emotion is not out of the ordinary.

The most significant comment made at the forum was that State Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, chairman of the House Environmental Regulation Committee, will back his own plan for storage of radioactive waste above ground in large vaults rather than below ground as some other plans stipulated.

It is acknowledged that any plan for the storage of radioactive waste in Texas must have Chisum's approval or face a tough, uphill battle. And during Saturday's forum, Chisum noted that, "We've spent \$53 million in search of a magical site that everyone agrees upon. We haven't found it, and I don't think we're going to."

Chances are, he's right. While most of the questions from the approximate 100 people who attended the forum centered on safety issues surrounding the proposed storage site in Andrews County, there were other questions that indicated many of those in attendance did not favor storage of radioactive waste there.

A good example was the question, "If the waste is safe enough to dump on Texas, why is it not safe enough for them to keep?"

The storage of radioactive waste, as we've noted before, is one issue that brings out strong emotions in people — as it should. Fortunately, the forum sponsored by the Midland Chapter of the League of Women Voters was well attended and the issue was well discussed.

As Chisum moves forward with his plan to consider storage of the waste in vaults above ground, it will be interesting to see how the emotional reaction to the issue changes — if it does.

WILLIAM SAFIRE

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure this one out

WASHINGTON — Though dead for nearly two centuries, Joseph Louis Lagrange, the greatest French mathematician, is about to make news in the developing Chinese espionage scandal.

A book frequently checked out of the library at Los Alamos National Laboratory is a seminal 1970s work by David Pierre entitled "Mathematical Programming via Augmented Lagrangians: an Introduction to Computer Programs."

Reached in Montana, Pierre explained that Lagrange multipliers, weighted with algebraic constraint equations, form composite functions.

That didn't help, so I read off a question that investigators of China's penetration of our laboratories are now asking: "How can the Lagrangian codes be applied to the history of our nuclear tests to develop, with supercomputers, three-dimensional modeling that obviates the need for explosive tests?"

"You'd better check with a physicist," said Pierre, a mathematician unconnected with secrecy. "They can model dynamic systems — like airplanes or missiles — based on Lagrangian functions. If they have a big enough computer, and a good enough program — and the benchmarks of previous tests — they can mathematically simulate what you're after."



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In so checking, I was able to get an idea of the New Nuclear Espionage, a spy system combining open dual-use purchasing with clandestine collection, both protected by politico-diplomatic enticements. This is a far cry from the simple stealing of specs for the Soviets by the Rosenbergs.

Thanks to the lax, sell-em-anything decisions of the Clinton White House and Commerce Department, China bought advanced computers or their key components. That gave them the "big enough computer."

Then China's mathematicians and physicists were able to learn from their friendly associates in the U.S. what types of augmented Lagrangians were used in nuclear as well as missile programs, or "codes." That gave them the "good enough program."

Then into the Lagrangian-coded supercomputers went the "benchmarks" — the experience of our tests as well as their own — to give them the information on which to base their simulations. Feed the benchmarks into the codes on the supercomputer, and — presto! — the People's Liberation Army leaps a decade ahead in its race to nuclear-weapon parity.

That's my theory, based not on leaks but on common sense. When the thousand-page Cox Committee investigative report is finally cleared by a nervous National Security Council; when the CIA's belated jeremiad assesses the damage caused by the derelict guardians of our security; when Senate and House intelligence committees issue reports, and when Piffiab conducts its usual internal whitewash absolving the Clinton White House of creating a culture of permissiveness to China's political, trade and

scientific penetrations — we'll see if my theory holds heavy water.

In the meantime, we can expect the president to continue his familiar legal obfuscations, where "to the best of my knowledge" he says he cannot be "sure" of any espionage at all. National political-security adviser Samuel Berger will tell different stories in public and in secret.

Bill Richardson, the secretary of energy, will lock e-mail barn doors only after press pressure and will rely on misleading "lie detector" tests (that the spy Aldrich Ames showed lead to false security).

But little by little, the interrelated truth will out. Logic suggests that the theft of our W-88 MIRV-ed missile will be followed, as the night the day, by news of the loss of the secrets of our W-87 or W-89, whatever warhead technology that may be.

A word about the much-maligned media. A column here remembering the CIA mole Larry Wu-tai Chin on Jan. 2, 1997, was a howl in the night, but shoe-leather reporting by Jeff Gerth in The Times on May 15 and 17, 1998, of Lt. Col. Liu Chaoying's penetrations pushed the House into appointing the bipartisan Cox committee.

Cox's still-secret findings then energized the Reno-restrained FBI and the moribund DOE. Though The Washington Post is doing a fine job on local coverage, NBC's "Meet the Press" and ABC's "Nightline" — with The Times' Gerth, James Risen and editor Stephen Engelberg in the lead — have advanced this global story and help protect your safety. Vive Lagrange!

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CHARLEY REESE

Marx's manifesto adopted in U.S. today

I old Karl Marx, the embittered inventor of communism, could return from the grave, he'd no doubt be surprised to find that most of the 10 planks of his "Communist Manifesto," issued in 1848 in collaboration with Frederick Engels, have been happily adopted or are at least supported by Americans.

Let's look at the 10 planks:

1. "Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes." Well, we're working on this one. The federal government owns huge amounts of land and is acquiring more. Private property rights are being eroded deliberately in the name of protecting the environment.

2. "A heavy progressive or graduated income tax." Need I say more? Before Ronald Reagan's tax law changes, we had exactly that, and many Americans support the idea of taxing the rich more than the less-rich.

3. "Abolition of all rights of inheritance." We haven't gone all the way on that one, but heavy estate taxes are a step in that direction. Estate taxes are purely punitive since they are taxes levied on assets on which multiple taxes have already been paid many times.

4. "Confiscation of the property of emigrants and rebels." Well, our forefathers confiscated the property of those who supported the British during the Revolution, and under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act and other civil statutes, property is being confiscated right and left in the name of the war on drugs.

5. "Centralization of credit in the hands of the state." Pretty much done. See the Federal Reserve Act.

6. "Centralization of the means of communications and transport in the hands of the state." See a private road or bridge lately? Who licenses all radio and



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TV? Only the First Amendment saves the print press from federal licensing, but hate crime laws, which will surely be followed by hate speech laws, will erode that freedom.

7. "Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the state." Well, the government runs many businesses and regulates all.

8. "Equal obligation to work. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture." We've escaped this one, mainly in my opinion because the Second Amendment (right to own firearms) and mechanization.

9. "Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries; gradual abolition of distinction between town and country." Pretty much done, since big corporations dominate what's left of agriculture, and mass communications have more or less erased cultural differences.

10. "Free education of all children in public schools. Abolition of child factory labor in its present form. Combination of education with industrial production." Done.

Now, you must understand that what communism was driving toward was not economic nirvana for the people (that was the advertising) but total power in the hands of the state. Note, for example, the Manifesto does not advocate education for children per se but education in public schools where, of course, they can be under the control of and indoctrinated by the state.

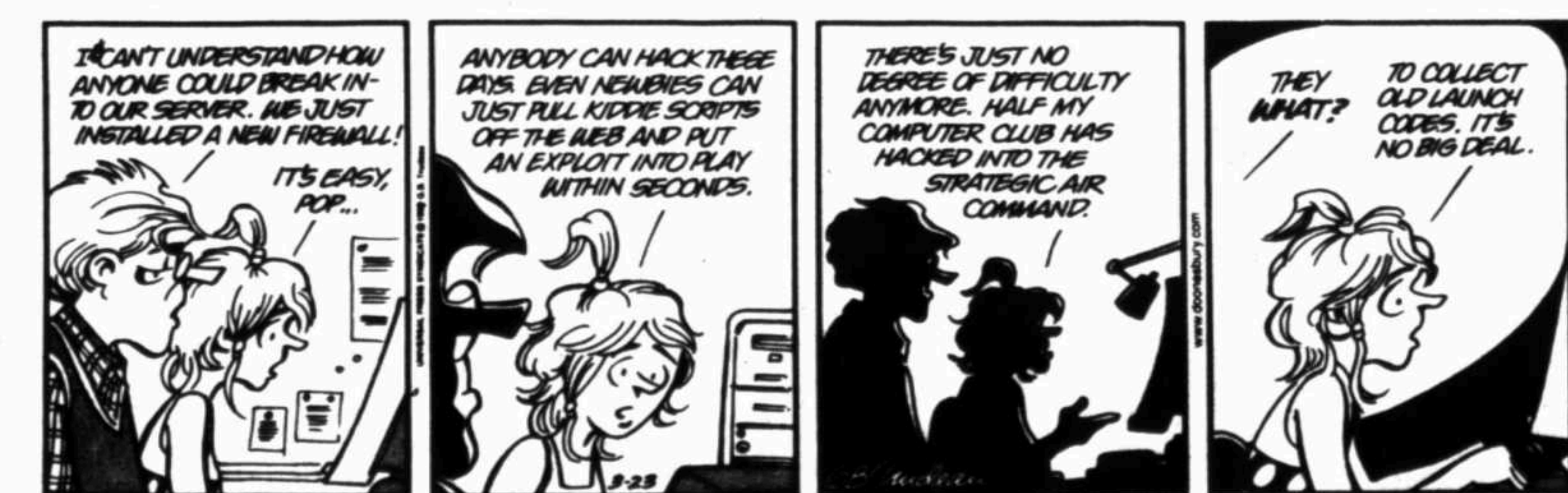
The hatred for property and for farmers was based on the knowledge that people who are economically independent of the state can assert their political freedom from state control. Communism is just another form of slavery where the slave is provided work housing, food, education, medical care and retirement — but at the price of freedom.

You can see Americans advocating the very same system today and most of them, because of their poor education in government schools, don't have the foggiest notion that they are advocating Marxist ideas.

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THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

Thailand begins to topple dominoes in the other direction

BANGKOK, Thailand — I last visited Thailand 15 months ago as the country's economy was in a tailspin, on its way into the history books as the first domino of the 1997-98 global economic crisis. After revisiting Thailand for a couple of days, all I can say is: What a difference a year makes!

Thailand is still not out of the woods financially, but the situation has stabilized and the country is on a growth path again. What is most striking, though, is the degree to which Thai political reformers, who were hit hard by the economic crisis, now view it as an enormously useful turning point for their country.

There is a notion floating around out there that countries such as Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia were all doing just fine until the ugly, greedy forces of globalization disrupted them. This is pure nonsense. They were all accidents waiting to happen.

Thais will freely tell you today that they had a corrupt, crony-capitalist system with no transparency, a plethora of insider dealings, a less than democratic regime and a public often living beyond its means. And what the global economic crisis did was expose the rot and force changes onto Thailand — democratizing changes — that the traditional elite families and power brokers were resisting.

"We do not see the IMF as the enemy," explained Kavi Chongkittavorn, executive editor of The Nation newspaper. "We see it as a baton forcing us to change our society in some very radical ways, which never could have been done within the traditional Thai framework, or at least could not have been done quickly. If you look at the political changes over the past 18 months, what has happened in Thailand is a miracle. In the 1860s Thailand was forced open by the British, who wanted to colonize us, and that external pressure was used to modernize Thailand. Today the external forces of globalization are being used to push democratization."

Since September 1997 Thailand has passed the most democratic constitution in the country's history — including a freedom of information act, which has lost loose the press hounds on every government department — as well as 11 economic reform bills, including last week's new laws for bankruptcy and corporate restructuring.

So many of the Asian Tigers never had real bankruptcy laws because everyone was just growing. They were like towns with only maternity wards and no funeral homes. But corporate funeral homes are critical to clean up a rotten economy, and now Thailand has them, as well as a whole new set of laws banning insider dealings and vote-buying by officials.

"The economic problem here was political in nature," said Kavi, "and it could not be solved without changing these bad politicians. Without this external pressure we could never have broken the hold of 50 families over the Thai economy, we could never have reformed the banking system so quickly. We underestimated globalization, we thought we were at the top of the world because we had escaped colonization. We had resisted the British, so who needs to worry about globalization? We were wrong, and now we are catching up."

The changes are messy and still accompanied by lots of political wrangling, but in the end they are being "built on a real political consensus," says a Thai investment banker, Teera Phutrakul.

Still, elements of the traditional bureaucracy and powerful families are fighting a rear-guard action that will gain momentum if the economy does not start growing faster. Growth in 1998 was negative 8 percent, but is expected to bounce back to a positive 1 percent in 1999. There is relatively little unemployment, because many people fell back on their villages or family networks and are sharing jobs to get by. But there has been a sharp drop in incomes.

You can bet the autocrats in China, Vietnam, Burma, Malaysia and Indonesia will all be watching. "If we can succeed economically, we can be like a reverse domino in the political sphere," said Kavi. "The lesson will be that Thailand survived the crisis the best because it adopted the best democratic reforms. If that happens, and I am Burma, I would be worried. If I am Malaysia, I would be worried. If I am China, I would be worried."

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GOP v Clinton

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GOP wants to outspend Clinton on K-12 education

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Congress today (Tuesday) begins its floor battle over next year's federal budget with Republicans proposing to spend more than President Clinton suggested on elementary and secondary schools.

"It is quite different from a couple of years ago when we were fighting for our lives," Secretary of Education Richard Riley marvelled Monday.

President Clinton proposes spending between \$20.8 billion and \$22.7 billion on elementary, secondary and vocational education in fiscal year 2000, which begins Oct. 1.

In votes last week within the budget committees, Senate Republicans proposed spending \$24.1 billion; House Republicans, \$22 billion.

"So we got a better number in the Senate, a not-so-good number in the House," Riley said. "Of course, at this stage, they don't say where the money will be spent or where the money will come from, or how it will be managed within the (budget's over-all) spending caps."

Rep. John Kasich (R-Ohio), chairman of the House Budget

Committee, said, "The Republican budget makes a strong commitment to education."

Senate and House leaders expect the GOP budget resolutions to be adopted with few changes, if any, before Saturday, when Congress begins its spring break.

The resolutions contain non-binding, but very influential, instructions to the appropriation committees that write annual spending bills.

The GOP resolutions also propose unspecified cuts within a large category of expenditures that includes higher education, Head Start and Labor Department training services.

Clinton proposed spending \$31.3 billion on those programs in the next fiscal year. The House and Senate Republican resolutions both call for spending \$28.1 billion — less than is being spent this year.

However, Ed Elmendorf of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities indicated he and other higher education lobbyists have not panicked yet.

Clinton says NATO unified on Kosovo airstrikes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said Monday that NATO is solidly behind airstrikes if Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic doesn't yield to a last-minute diplomatic plea. "Serbia's mounting aggression must be stopped," Clinton asserted.

But even as he spoke, the Senate took up legislation aimed at blocking funds for any military intervention in the Kosovo crisis unless the president first obtained congressional approval.

"Before we go bombing sovereign nations, we ought to have a plan," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, a sponsor of the restricting legislation. "There is no clear policy."

With Senate leaders seeking a compromise that would not undermine the administration's hard line in dealing with Milosevic, special U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke made another effort in Belgrade to pressure Milosevic to agree to an interim peace settlement.

"There is strong unity among the NATO allies," Clinton said. "We all agree that we cannot allow President Milosevic to continue the aggression with impunity."

Holbrooke and Milosevic met for four hours Monday and Holbrooke briefed Clinton's national security team, including Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Defense Secretary William Cohen and national security adviser Sandy Berger on Monday evening. White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said.

Lockhart declined to characterize the sessions, but he said further consultations between Holbrooke and Milosevic were expected later Monday night.

If the Serbian leader rejects Holbrooke's latest overture, "NATO's military plans must continue to move forward," the president said. Clinton said he had consulted with European

leaders over the weekend by telephone and had also sent a letter to Russian President Boris Yeltsin "about the urgency of the situation."

Moscow has opposed airstrikes. But Clinton said, "Our objective in Kosovo remains clear: to stop the killing and achieve a durable peace that restores Kosovars to self-government. ... We and our NATO allies and Russia all agree that this is the right goal."

Clinton spoke outside the White House after he returned from Camp David, Md.

He walked away from the microphones without answering a question about when the repeatedly delayed bombing deadline would finally expire and result in airstrikes.

The ethnic Albanian side in the dispute signed a peace plan last week in Paris for returning self-rule to Kosovo, but the Milosevic-led Serbian side has refused to sign, or to allow NATO peacekeepers to come into Kosovo, a province of Serbia.

Meanwhile, Clinton invited a bipartisan group of leading House and Senate members for a briefing on the crisis Tuesday at the White House. Aides to congressional leaders said they anticipated that efforts would be discussed at the session to find ways of avoiding a bitter Senate debate from continuing while airstrikes were imminent or Holbrooke still in Yugoslavia.

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters late Monday he believes a majority of senators would support airstrikes — if it could ever come to a straight yes-or-no vote.

Earlier Monday, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright portrayed Holbrooke's mission as Milosevic's last chance to avoid NATO bombardment of Serb targets.

"Time has run out and that is why Mr. Holbrooke's mission is so important," Albright

said at a brief news conference at the State Department. But she sounded pessimistic about the chance the Yugoslav leader would reverse course and accept the plan that would give self-rule to ethnic Albanians and enforce it with NATO peacekeeping troops.

"He is going to deliver the message that airstrikes are being prepared," Albright said, calling his a "stark choice" of accepting a six-nation plan for the Serbian province or being force to "bear the consequences."

"We have made this last effort because we believe it is important as we put Americans into a NATO force that we have gone the last mile," Albright said, referring to the role Americans would take in a bombing operation.

She said fighting in Kosovo had intensified while the toll of refugees fleeing their homes was on the rise. At the same time, Albright dismissed reports NATO would go on a ground offensive against the Serbs.

Meanwhile, the Senate debated legislation sponsored by Senate GOP leaders that would bar funds for any U.S. military action in Kosovo without prior congressional approval. But even Senate leaders seemed a little uncomfortable with the timing — with delicate negotiations going on in Belgrade and a key vote scheduled on the Kosovo bill for early afternoon on Tuesday.

"I accede that the timing is bad, but I don't know when it gets better," said Mrs. Hutchison, the prime sponsor of the legislation. "This doesn't prohibit the airstrikes. It just says that the president has to come to Congress first."

But Democrats urged a delay in Senate votes — even while agreeing that Clinton should consult more closely with Congress if U.S. forces are to be sent into a combat situation.

Despite orders to lower fat, schools still serving same old pizza, with veggies on the side

HANOVER, Pa. (AP) — During lunchtime at South Western High School, teen-agers rush to squeeze in a meal and chat time between final exams, loading up on the cafeteria's bestsellers: stuffed-crust pizza, meatball sandwiches and french fries.

It's not exactly the picture U.S. Agriculture Department officials had in mind when they issued orders to the nation's schools in 1995 to cut fat and salt in federally subsidized student meals.

Now in the first year of mandatory compliance with the rules, school lunchrooms are still dishing out plenty of chicken nuggets, burgers and — in increasing numbers — brand-name fast foods like Taco Bell and Pizza Hut, an Associated Press review has found.

In fact, a majority of school districts in several states, including Arizona, California, Delaware, Indiana, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, are still using meal plans based on 1940s-era ideas about nutrition, sometimes with modifications, according to interviews with state officials.

Other schools are dressing up fast-food entrees with a fruit or vegetable that can often wind up in the trash. Parents and consumer groups question whether most school meals are really any healthier than they were.

"It's scary," said Robert Jones of Los Angeles, who said that in one week his 7-year-old son was fed pepperoni pizza, chicken nuggets and pepperoni calzone for lunch at school. "There is widespread availability of good healthy food in places where it hadn't been available before. Why are schools mired in the past?"

Under the new rules, meals must average no more than 30 percent of calories from fat per week and less than 10 percent of calories from saturated fat. Diets high in fat and saturated fat have been

linked to childhood obesity and heart disease.

School and federal officials said that most federally subsidized lunches, even those centered around pizza, can meet the new guidelines with a few simple changes such as adding more servings of fruits, vegetables and grains and altering cooking methods and ingredients.

"Schools are moving towards meeting the guidelines," said Shirley Watkins, undersecretary at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the National School Lunch Program. "They are offering more fruits and vegetables and more variety."

The agency is conducting a survey, due next year, to determine whether schools are complying.

Meanwhile, school officials say it's not easy getting young people to eat healthfully.

At South Western High's cafeteria, low-fat items such as salads and plain baked potatoes are on the line, but attract few takers.

Sophomore Sean Logue, who chose the Red Baron-brand pizza and fries, said he wants to eat well to stay in shape for basketball. What about salads and vegetables? "I'm not really interested in that," he says.

The federal school lunch program feeds some 26 million children across the country, costing taxpayers \$4 billion a year. Schools are reimbursed for every meal they serve so they can sell lunches for as little as \$1.50 and provide free meals to the poorest students.

The new guidelines were created in 1994 and issued a year later amid worries that young people were getting too much grease — school lunches averaged 38 percent of calories from fat — while the government was urging all Americans to eat healthier.



Alana Ogata, a first-grader in Falls Church, Va., eats lunch in the school lunchroom Friday Jan. 29. Now in the first year of mandatory compliance with the Agriculture Department rules, school lunchrooms are still dishing out plenty of chicken nuggets, burgers and, in increasing numbers, more fast food.

The Agriculture Department originally wanted schools to revamp their menus using computer software to analyze the nutritional content of each meal. It provided schools with recipes for healthy dishes such as chickpea-and-lentil pilaf and bean salad with vinaigrette.

When schools complained about the cost of the software, Congress left it up to cafeteria managers to figure out how to meet the new guidelines.

Many believe that serving familiar meals, modified to lower the fat, is the best way.

An estimated 13 percent of public schools in the program offer

brand-name fast foods, according to a 1996 government report. That's up sharply from 2 percent in the 1990-91 school year.

Consumer advocates contend fast food in lunchrooms sends the wrong message.

"It's shameful," said Michael Jacobsen, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "They are contributing to brand loyalties and telling kids what foods they should eat."

But Frank Kelly, food service director for the Madison, Wis., public schools, said Pizza Hut lunches attract students who would otherwise leave school to eat at fast-food restaurants nearby.

Several Madison high schools offer pizza daily as one of four entree choices.

Federal reimbursements are tied to how many lunches are sold, so getting students to eat at school helps the bottom line. Kelly says Pizza Hut contributed to a 9 percent increase in lunches served in Madison schools this year.

"You are always fighting that battle between nutritional and financial" concerns, Kelly said.

The Pizza Hut slice is no dieters' delight. With extra cheese added for protein, each slice has 45 percent of its calories from fat. Students get vegetables and milk with the pizza.

Madison schools fit Pizza Hut into the nutritional guidelines by assuming students eat pizza once a week and averaging it together with other meals offered. Overall, Madison schools' meals come in just above the dietary guidelines, with 32 percent of calories from fat, Kelly said.

What if kids eat pizza more than once a week? "That would certainly mess it up," said Kelly, acknowledging that some students eat the same thing every day.

Other schools are trying to please young palates by adding variety.

■ South Western High's daily pasta bar, which offers a different noodles-and-sauce dish each day, is a hit.

■ Oregon schools have installed "variety bars," featuring eight to 10 fresh fruits and vegetables that students choose themselves.

■ T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va., created three in-restaurant "restaurants" serving Italian, Spanish and Asian food daily.

■ Cooks at Mount Diablo schools in Concord, Calif., make pizza from scratch with whole wheat crusts and less cheese and serve juice for dessert.

Despite such efforts, lots of vegetables end up in the garbage, according to a 1996 government survey of school cafeteria managers. It found that 42 percent of cooked vegetables served and 30 percent of raw vegetables were thrown in the trash.

Cafeteria managers say they can't make students clean their plates. They try to make food tasty, appealing and nourishing. The rest, they say, is up to students and their parents.

One parent, Sue Furman, whose daughter attends South Western, said, "Some kids eat junk food no matter what."

Volunteers probe Alaska slope for as many as eight missing snowmobile riders lost in avalanche

TURNAGAIN PASS, Alaska (AP) — Volunteers with 10-foot poles repeatedly poked the snow Monday in a search for the bodies of as many as eight people who may have been swept off their snowmobiles in an avalanche that killed two others.

The 30-foot wave of powdery snow roared down the mountain-side Sunday afternoon, while hundreds of snowmobilers enjoyed temperatures in the 40s and bright sunshine.

Two snowmobilers were found dead, and State Trooper 1st Sgt. Paul Burke said eight others were thought to be missing, based on phone calls from people reporting that friends, relatives and co-workers hadn't returned from snowmobiling trips to the area.

Burke asked the military for 200 people to help in the search.

"There's no tried-and-true way of doing this," Burke said. "The reality is we may not find anybody until spring. That's not a good way to do it, but that's where we're at."

The avalanche buried a grove of 10-foot-high spruce trees, and Burke said he fears some victims may be entangled in the uprooted trees.

Troopers also were analyzing a videotape taken by an eyewitness

to try to pinpoint where some victims may be buried. The video shows several snowmobilers trying to outrun a part of the slide. They disappear in smoky clouds and aren't seen again.

About 85 volunteers moved shoulder-to-shoulder with the poles Monday, probing for bodies in areas where witnesses had reported seeing snowmobilers disappear or where machines had been discovered. Dogs trained to sniff out buried bodies accompanied searchers, but no signs of additional victims had been found by Monday afternoon.

The avalanche extended nearly two miles across the face of a mountain high in Turnagain Pass,

a popular recreation area in the Chugach National Forest about 55 miles southeast of Anchorage.

It was the second of two slides that occurred about 20 minutes apart.

The avalanches may have been triggered by "highmarking," a contest in which snowmobilers drive straight uphill to see who can make the highest mark on the mountain, said Greg Wilkinson, a

spokesman for the Alaska State Troopers.

However, Dan Hourihan, chairman of the Alaska Mountain Rescue Group, said there were probably other causes, including the warm weather and eight feet of fresh snow that had fallen in the past week.

The National Weather Service and the U.S. Forest Service issued warnings last week that heavy

snow followed by high temperatures had raised the danger of snowslides.

The first slide, which broke loose

around 4 p.m., filled a ravine and scattered some of the hundreds of snowmobilers who were driving in the area.

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Microsoft hints willingness to discuss settlement in antitrust case

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Microsoft Corp. has signaled the U.S. Justice Department it is willing to discuss a settlement of the landmark antitrust suit, according to people familiar with the case.

Microsoft would be willing to consider relaxing restrictions it places on the Windows licenses it gives computer makers and the exclusive marketing contracts, the company said. Many of these concessions have already been implemented informally since the trial began and therefore would not be enough for the Justice Department, analysts said.

"The bar will be higher than when they talked in May" before the government sued, said William Whyman, an analyst with Legg Mason Inc.'s Precursor Group.

Both sides are far apart on what it would take to reach a settlement, said a company official. The company contends it has a strong legal case even though it has been buffeted with negative publicity about its business practices during the five-month-old trial, now in a lengthy recess likely to last into May.

"I am still skeptical this case is

going to be settled," said Robert Litan, a former Justice Department antitrust enforcer now at the Brookings Institution in Washington. "If you're Justice, you feel you've got the upper hand at the trial."

Even so investors welcomed the sign of a possible breakthrough. Shares of Microsoft, up as much as 3 1/16, rose 1 5/8 to close at 172 13/16.

"We have not received any settlement proposal from Microsoft," Justice Department antitrust chief Joel Klein said in a statement. "The Justice Department has always been and remains open to a settlement that fully protects consumers and assures that similar antitrust violations do not occur in the future." Attending a technology conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, he declined further comment.

No date has been set for talks since Microsoft told the government it was willing to have discussions, said the company official and another person familiar with the case. The Wall Street Journal reported today that Microsoft had signaled its willingness to hold settlement talks.

Before the trial adjourned last

month, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson urged lawyers to use the recess wisely. The comment was taken by both sides as a suggestion they try to work out a settlement of charges Microsoft illegally protects its Windows dominance of the operating software market. Windows runs about 90 percent of the world's personal computers.

Government officials have suggested that Microsoft used settlement talks last spring before it was sued to score public relations points rather than seek a real agreement.

Microsoft would have little to gain from such a "purely cynical ploy" because that would be viewed "as a pretty transparent" attempt to curry favor with the judge, Whyman said. Settlement discussions are "a low-cost way for them to explore alternative options even if they don't think much is going to come out of it."

The company official said today Microsoft will make a good-faith effort to compromise because it is in everyone's interest to avoid protracted litigation. Settlement could be all the more difficult now that the government has presented evidence it argues warrants

strong remedies.

Emboldened by the success of its case in court, the government has discussed a number of possible remedies—including breaking the software giant up into several parts or forcing it to license the Windows operating system to several competitors.

Microsoft would be willing to discuss ways of contract restrictions on computer makers and Internet service providers that the government alleges are designed to prevent the distribution of rival products, said the company official.

The company would also be willing to put in writing informal agreements it has with individual computer makers that relaxed licensing restrictions on what is displayed the first time computer users turn on their machines, the official said. The Justice Department would likely insist that Microsoft agree to disclose its prices and licensing terms to satisfy government concerns it uses its market power to reward some customers and punish others, experts said. Evidence presented at the trial shows Microsoft charges computer makers different prices for the Windows license.

Open pricing that would "provide some real transparency" would "change the incentive structure and balance" of power between Microsoft and its customers, Whyman said.

Kevorkian allowed to represent himself in Michigan murder trial

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Acting as his own lawyer, Dr. Jack Kevorkian went on trial on murder charges for the first time Monday and told a jury that like an executioner, he was merely carrying out his professional duty in a videotaped suicide shown on "60 Minutes."

Kevorkian was charged after he gave a lethal injection to a patient with Lou Gehrig's disease and dared prosecutors to do something about it.

Kevorkian said in his opening statement that he acted out of compassion for 52-year-old Thomas Youk and was no more culpable than an executioner.

"To have a crime, you need a vicious will and a vicious act," he said.

Prosecutor John Skrzynski objected, contending that Kevorkian was arguing law rather than summarizing his case. Judge Jessica Cooper agreed, and she briefly dismissed the jury to ask Kevorkian what he was trying to say.

"What I was trying to prove here is that I didn't have the intent to kill, just as the executioner doesn't," Kevorkian said. "His intent is to do his duty, because he may despise what he is doing. But he's forced to do it by his position."

Earlier, Kevorkian won the right to represent himself despite the misgivings of the judge, who asked him: "Do you understand you could spend the rest of your life in prison?"

"There's not much of it left," the 70-year-old Kevorkian said.

After the ruling, 12 jurors and two alternates quickly were selected out of a pool of 80 people. The judge asked candidates whether

they knew anyone who had suffered a terminal illness, and several people were dismissed after saying they had strong opinions about the case.

By his own count, Kevorkian has taken part in more than 130 suicides since 1990. He has been tried four times on assisted suicide charges, with three acquittals and one mistrial.

In Skrzynski's opening statement, the prosecutor said there was a key difference between those cases and this one.

"This is not an assisted suicide case," Skrzynski said. "Tom Youk did not kill himself with Jack Kevorkian's help. Jack Kevorkian killed Tom Youk by injecting him with drugs."

Kevorkian will be allowed to consult with lawyers David Gorosh and Lisa Dwyer during this trial but said that defending himself was "what I've planned all along."

"There are certain points I can bring out better than anyone else," Kevorkian said. "There are certain questions I can ask."

When Cooper asked Kevorkian whether he knew what the inside of a state prison looked like, Kevorkian replied that he had seen "The Shawshank Redemption" twice.

Cooper warned Kevorkian that what he says in court can be used against him in future proceedings. But he countered: "I plan to say nothing but the truth."

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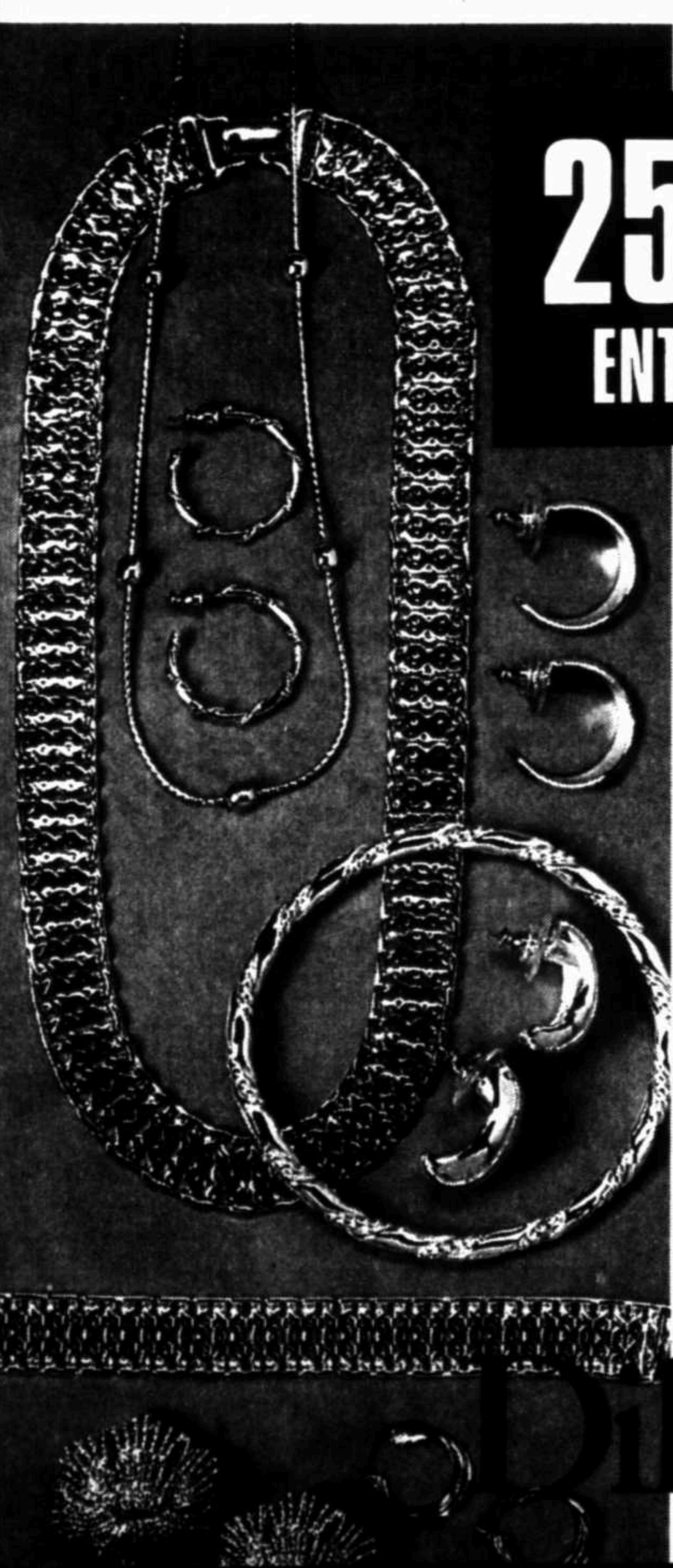
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Shooting death

As the investigation into the March 18 shooting death of William Stephen Nance in Odessa continues, officers with the Metro Homicide Unit have dropped Anthony Jackson, a.k.a. Anthony Freeman from the list of possible suspects.

Additional information obtained indicates that he was not involved with the shooting and the charges against him have been dismissed, according to officers.

The arrest warrant for Jackson was never served, and detectives have developed additional suspects in the ongoing investigation.

Midland Police Department Sunday

Burglary of a home: clothes and personal papers were taken from a home at 3001 N. Midland Dr. The incident was reported at 6:15 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: a stereo system was taken at 3001 N. Midland Dr. The incident was reported at 7 a.m.

Vandalism: a vehicle was reportedly scratched at 4415 Northcrest Dr. at approximately 1 a.m.

Vandalism: a window was broken in a vehicle at 2600 Mark Ln. The incident was reported at 10:30 a.m.

Theft: a pug dog was taken from a porch at 706 N. Ft. Worth Ave. It was reported at 6:40 p.m.

Vandalism: a door was kicked in at 1716 Elkins Dr. The incident was reported at 8 a.m.

Vandalism: tires were slashed at 421 Cedar Ave. It was reported at 7:45 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Sunday

Burglary of a home: a television was taken from 105 E. County Road 119, it was reported at 5:22 p.m.

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

OBITUARIES



John Dyess

John Douglas Dyess, a gentle and loving husband and father, died Sunday morning, March 21, 1999, at his home in Midland.

He was born in Champion, Texas, the 8th child of John P. and Nora M. Dyess on November 7, 1925. He resided on a farm in Champion and graduated from Highland High School in 1943. After graduation, he entered the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Theatre until his honorable dis-

charge in 1946. He moved to Midland and briefly attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. In 1948, he went to work with Union Oil Company of California as a log-plumber, and eventually was promoted to oil scout, a position he held until his retirement.

Mr. Dyess married Jeanene Traversie on July 30, 1950 and they established their home in Midland. In 1960, the family was transferred to Roswell, New Mexico, where they resided until 1974, before returning to Midland. Mr. Dyess retired in 1986.

Doug was a self-taught pianist and organist and delighted many friends and relatives with his talents.

Doug was an active member of the International Oil Scouts Association and served as president of the New Mexico Oil Scouts Association and Midland Oil Scouts Association at different times during his career.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Nora Dyess; father, John P. Dyess; his brothers, Noble Dyess, Randy Dyess, and Jake Dyess; his sisters, Tempest Pierce, Lucille Freeman, and Opal Jo Howell; and his daughter-in-

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

law, Christie Jo Dyess. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jeanene Dyess of Midland; a son, Terry Dyess and his wife, Judith, of Decatur, Texas; a daughter, Lisa Burnett and her husband Robert, Jr., of Midland; four grandchildren, John Smith and his wife, Stacy, Houston Smith, and Cary and Brianne Dyess; two great-grandchildren, Haley Graham and Jere Pate Smith; two sisters, Ledger Hart and Gloria Dyess; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive visitors at Ellis Funeral Home Tuesday,

March 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Ellis Funeral Home with Reverend Bob Porterfield officiating. Interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be David Devitt, Mike Williams, Jack Tyson, Ross Anderson, David Smith, and Doug Dees. Honorary pallbearers will be John Smith, Cary Dyess, Oil Scouts, Lindsey Freeman, Kenny Pierce, Edsel Bankhead, Jack Garrett, Clifford Lowrance, and Ramon Sanchez.

Howard County approves wage cuts to cope with tough times

By T.E. Jenkins

Big Spring Correspondent

BIG SPRING — Coming on the heels of an announcement that Big Spring sales tax receipts were up over March of last year — normally an indication that the local economy has strength — Howard County commissioners gave the go-ahead Monday to a five-year plan designed to help the county recover funds lost due to the area's failing oil economy.

The plan, which includes a two-and-a-half hour reduction in county employees' work week as well as a decrease in the amount the county pays for employee and employee family health benefits, has been the center of much controversy over the past few weeks.

County Judge Ben Lockhart, who made the initial announcement of the cuts to employees almost two weeks ago, was unable to be present for Monday morning's proceedings, having to attend an out-of-town meeting with the Permian Basin Planning Commission.

Lockhart's absence did not diminish the serious nature of the cuts proposed at the meeting. Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said regardless of what the public wants to believe, the cut in hours and decrease in health benefits was the last thing the commissioners wanted to see happen to its employees.

"I understand that this is going to stretch many of our employees very thin," Kilgore said following approval of the plan, which will go into effect April 1. "But if you look at the alternative, you can under-

stand why we decided to do this in the manner we have."

Kilgore defended the county's decision, asserting that it was the only way to avoid layoffs.

"If you look at the numbers, and compare the amount the county will save through the cuts approved today, we would have to lay off nearly 25 employees to make up the same funds," Kilgore said. "Twenty-five might not seem like a big number to some people, but when you only have a little over 100 employees, that's nearly a quarter of our entire work force."

"This way, we can make the cuts necessary to carry us into the next year, and at the same time keep everyone employed. These are tough times, and jobs are hard to come by."

Howard County Auditor Jackie Olson reported expenditures for the first six months of the plan will be reduced by a total of \$164,000. More than \$100,000 of the reductions will come from the reduced work week, Olson said.

Also included in the plan is a 10 percent reduction in the salary of the commissioner.

Commissioner Bill Crocker said there simply wasn't any way around the cuts.

"We've looked at the numbers over and over again, and this is the only way we could find to keep the county going over the next five years," said Crocker. "If the economy improves over the next couple of years, and these cuts become unnecessary, then we'll end them. Until then, there really isn't anything anyone can do to make this problem go away."

MISD: Candidates state their stand on educational issues that affect their district

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is, "Everyone can learn."

Ms. Marmolejo, a native Midlander, attended Midland public schools and graduated from Midland College. She was the first Hispanic woman elected to the school board, and she has served as board secretary (1991-92) and vice president (1993-94).

She said her two associate degrees from MC and continuing commitment to higher education — she has taken classes at Midland College in past semesters and plans to continue to do so in the future — sends a message to children.

"I'm committed to helping the community. I want to have our kids educated," she said. "I can be a role model by telling them, 'I'm a student at Midland College.'"

A single parent with a son

attending Creighton University, Ms. Marmolejo is employed with the Occupational and Physical Therapy outpatient center.

She is active on various committees, including the Community Justice Committee, Permian Basin School Board Association, Texas Bilingual Association and Neighborhood Housing Association.

Her honors include earning state and national PTA Life Memberships, being named Outstanding Volunteer for the Volunteer in Public Schools Program and winning the Outstanding Hispanic Involvement in the Community Award and the bilingual association "Hall of Fame" award.

District 4 candidates Padgett and Boring are self-proclaimed newcomers to the school district's board of trustees. Both have said they are running with the futures

of their own children in mind.

Boring, a native of Wheeler and a graduate of the University of Houston in 1994 with a degree in finance, has lived in Midland a little more than two years.

"Just being a parent, I'm very concerned with what type of education my kids are going to receive," said Boring, who has two children with his wife, Dedee: three-year-old Bryce and 18-month-old Blake.

Though he has never run for public office and refers to himself as "kind of a greenie," Boring expressed confidence that personal experience could guide him.

"If it looks good for my kid, hopefully it's good for everyone else's child, too," he said.

Boring said he supports further facilities improvement for MISD and is an advocate of implementing the latest technology in the

classroom.

Padgett, who filed on the last possible day last Wednesday, has lived four years in District 4. Currently a post-surgical nurse at Midland Memorial, he is readying for a transition into the surgical unit.

"I'm just an average, taxpaying citizen like everybody else," said Padgett. "I'd like to see some positive changes and some opportunities for children in the school district and in District 4."

Padgett, a native Midlander and alum of both Midland College and Odessa College, has an associate degree in nursing from OC in 1990 and a nursing certificate from MC in 1987. He is past PTA president and vice president for Lamar Elementary.

His 15-year-old son, Jerod, attends Midland Freshman High School and his 12-year-old son,

Jeremiah, attends Washington Elementary. He also has a six-month-old daughter named Lauren.

"I'm doing this for the present as well as the future," Padgett said. "I want to make a difference."

Padgett has never sought public office before, but he said he served on the advisory board for Ector County Independent School District when it was planning its career center and was an ambassador with the Odessa Chamber of Commerce.

He said he supported uniforms and wanted to look at possible adjustments in the current curriculum. Padgett also would like to have a hand in creating a career center for MISD, he said.

The two races represent the only elections in Midland County this year besides the Greenwood school board race, raising the possibility that an already histor-

ically poor voter turnout for school board elections could suffer even more.

While the areas covered by the two districts are substantial and encompass more than 14,000 of the registered voters in Midland, turnout in past school board races has been abysmal.

The last time districts 2 and 4 were up for election, in 1996, the two areas combined to attract only 1,923 to cast their ballots for MISD elections.

District 2 — which covers most of southern Midland and a portion of eastern Midland — had the lowest turnout at 12.4 percent of registered voters, or only 449 people, while District 4 — covering a long thin strip of central Midland that stretches from Big Spring St. to Midland Dr. — drew 1,474 people, or 19.2 percent of registered voters.

DEATH NOTICES

Anna Clark

BIG SPRING — Anna M. Atkinson Clark, 79, died Monday, March 22, at her residence.

Graveside services will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Robert Turner officiating, under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 8, 1919, in Bowie County.

She was a homemaker, active in RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), and a member of Oasis Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Horace Atkinson on Sept. 9, 1991; and two sons, Bobby L. Atkinson and David W. Atkinson.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse Clark, of Big Spring; two daughters, Carolyn Miller of Big Spring and Billie Sanchez of Den-

ton; a sister, Roxie Roberts, of Odessa; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P. O. Box 2121, Big Spring, TX 79721-2121.

Henry Crim

GIDDINGS — Former Midlander Henry Crim, 79, died Friday, March 19, at a local nursing home.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. today, March 23, at Forest Grove Christian Church in Forest Grove with the Revs. James Mantooth and Chuck Solman officiating. Burial is to follow at the Forest Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be 3-9 p.m. Monday at the Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

He was born June 18, 1919, in Forest Grove.

He lived in many locations,

including Midland, working for Shell Oil Company as drilling foreman, retiring in April of 1980. He was a member of Forest Grove Christian Church, and the Masonic Lodge in Midland.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jessie E. Lanmon Crim, on Feb. 1, 1994; two brothers, Charles B. Crim and John W. Crim, Jr.; and a sister, Mary Katherine Bow.

Survivors include his son, Craig A. Crim, of Victoria; a daughter, Bonnie S. Sansom, of Odessa; three brothers, Robert Crim of Hearn, James Crim of Caldwell and Jerry Crim of Elgin; four sisters, Louie Norman of Forest Grove, Jennie B. Duggan of Rockport, Myrtle R. Kyle of El Campo and Sue Whitley of Mount Pleasant; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Forest Grove Christian Church of Dallas Christian Church.

Richard Fuszek

AUSTIN — Former Midlander Richard Fuszek died Sunday, March 21.

Services are pending in Austin.

Soc Walker

GOLDTHWAITE — Soc Walker, 82, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 21, in Goldthwaite.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Sylvia Holguin

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Sylvia Ramirez Holguin, 29, died Sunday, March 21.

Funeral services are pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

BILL: Pay raise for Texas teachers under way in Senate

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teacher and full-time school librarian.

"That's a benefit to all of our employees without us spending any money," said Baressi. "To get a 6.4 percent raise guaranteed is unheard of."

Teachers' groups, however, remain unimpressed.

"This bill is nothing but smoke and mirrors," said Steve Buck, president of the Midland Federation of Teachers. "We are \$6,000 below the national average (in teacher salaries) and with this bill we're going to continue to be below the national average."

The pay raise would be unusual in another respect, however, that may appeal to teachers: a pay increase would not necessarily mean more work days. The bill keeps the minimum number of days a teacher must work at the current standard of 187 per year.

In the past, a pay increase at the state level has been accompanied by an increase in the number of work days.

Bivins' bill, of course, is not the only school finance legislation under the sun this session. District officials and teachers' groups are also watching a bill filed by Sen. Robert Duncan (R-District 28) that would equalize wealthy and

non-wealthy districts using the opposite approach: giving non-wealthy districts more rather than taking away from wealthy districts.

But Bivins' bill is drawing attention in Midland not only because he represents the county but because he is chair of the Senate education committee.

"I'm impressed with Sen. Bivins," said Baressi. "I think he's extremely knowledgeable and represents us well."

The bill would have to pass through Bivins' committee first and then would need to pass both the Senate and the House before being signed by Gov. Bush into law.

Other provisions of Bivins' bill would include:

■ a \$150 million increase in facilities allotment, which district officials say would help MISD pay off its renovation bond debt;

■ a 5 percent increase in teacher retirement benefits, substantially lower than the 12 percent school districts and teachers' groups had been seeking; and

■ a tax relief provision that Bivins said would result in an average 10-cent local property tax reduction statewide.

VISITORS: Economic diversification and community involvement are two aspects visitors want to take home

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gone well above the call of duty."

Lloyd said that like the Permian Basin, economic diversification is a major goal in Wirral, an area with about 340,000 residents that lies between the city of Liverpool and Wales. It is the eighth largest metropolitan area in Great Britain and its principal industry has been shipbuilding, ship repair and stevedoring, which began to decline in the 1980s as the Cold War came to an end and demand began to slow.

David Hunt, executive director of Wirral Direct, said his agency is responsible for bringing new industry to the area.

"We decided to look first in the United Kingdom, bringing in U.K. firms that were wanting to expand," he explained. "Then we looked overseas and chose America because there are already a number of U.S.-based businesses in the area. The U.K. is the biggest

"We decided to look first in the United Kingdom, bringing in U.K. firms that were wanting to expand. Then we looked overseas and chose America because there are already a number of U.S.-based businesses in the area. The U.K. is the biggest investor in the U.S. and the U.S. is the biggest investor in the U.K."

— David Hunt, executive director of Wirral Direct

investor in the U.S. and the U.S. is the biggest investor in the U.K."

As the Permian Basin encourages industries dependent on the energy industry to diversify and Wirral also looks for industries outside shipbuilding, as sister cities "there may be lessons we can learn from each other," Hunt said. "We can also bring businesses together and support each other. If a U.S. company wants a foothold in the U.K., we can help."

Both men said they have been

overwhelmed by the hospitality they have received since arriving Saturday evening.

"We have that traditional British reserve," smiled Lloyd, making his first visit to Texas. "A lot of people in Wirral are originally from Liverpool and a lot are from Wales. It's a very diverse area. The people are friendly, they're hard working. But when we ride the buses to work, we read the newspapers instead of talking."

They also are enjoying the good weather, he said.

"What has really impressed me is the civic pride," he said. "The Confederate Air Force, the Petroleum Museum, the number of people prepared to put their spare time, energy and resources to work helping others. If anything has stood out, it's that volunteer effort."

Wirral got its start at the end of the 12th century when the Birchen

Head Priory stood on a headland surrounded by the Mersey River. Benedictine Monks began operating the first Mersey ferry in 1330, granted a passage to Liverpool by

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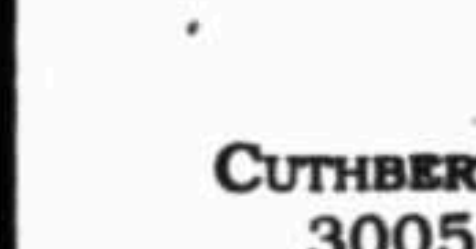
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United Way of Midland launches 1999 fund-raising campaign

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The United Way of Midland put the final touches on its 1998 fund-raising campaign Monday, the second largest in the agency's history, and looked toward 1999.

United Way volunteers, staff members and agency representatives also got a subtle lesson in perceptions from the keynote speaker, Marilyn Donnellan, president of the United Way of Texas.

Paying a brief visit during the agency's annual meeting and awards luncheon was what Ms. Donnellan described as a forlorn-looking woman in a housecoat and blue hat named Sophie Longhooper, actually a character she assumes on occasion when she makes speeches.

"I take Sophie with me to sophisticated gatherings such as this to make a point," she explained. "For most of us, perception is reality, and the perception was that Sophie didn't fit in. She has been thrown out of country clubs, churches and restaurants because she didn't fit in. I've learned more about discrimination and prejudice with Sophie. Even United Way workers, among the most caring and giving people in the state, are not comfortable with the Sophies of the world."

She said her masquerade made three points about perception:

First, "perceptions about the beneficiaries of your time, money and talent. They aren't who you think you are. United Way's beneficiaries are you and me; we benefit because together we build a safe and caring community."

Second, perceptions about environment. "The Permian Basin is going through tough times, with unemployment at 9.2 percent. That perception of the cup being half-empty is not accurate. When I began my United Way career in the 1980s, unemployment in my community was 26-30 percent, but the campaigns we had were the most successful because we didn't allow the perception that we were down and out. Charity should pinch, it should hurt a little. You should give more and dig a little deeper."

Third was the "perception of the



Nadine Hill, marketing director with United Way talks with Susie Hitchcock-Hall and Mike Hall before lunch Monday afternoon. During the business meeting, Hitchcock-Hall was named as a new board member.

impact. Sometimes you think the little bit you give doesn't matter. But the \$2.9 million you raised last year amounted to 14 cents per per-

son per day. If you add 4 cents to that, you could raise \$3.8 million. Just 4 cents more per day. If each of us digs a little deeper, commits

a little more time, then this community will top the \$3 million level again and reach for that \$4 million level. You have to set the bar for the stat, and it all started with one penny at a time."

She predicted the United Way of Midland would have a great campaign in 1999, a sentiment echoed by newly installed president K. Michael Conaway, a local CPA, who took over the office from Jim Henry, president of Henry Petroleum.

Conaway said the 1999 campaign, the last before the new millennium, would carry a number of challenges in the face of economic weakness caused by low energy prices. The resulting downturn, he said, would mean additional demand on the services provided by the 16 member agencies, but he expressed confidence that the agencies, their personnel and the volunteer spirit of Midland would meet the challenge.

Award winners at the luncheon were Arco Permian, receiving the Pioneer Spirit Award for company with the greatest number of leadership givers.

The Eagle Spirit Award went to Palmer Drug Abuse Program for the organization with the largest percentage of leadership givers. The Rising Star award for "most improved" campaign went to the city of Midland, and Maria Elena Duron was honored as Communicator of the Year for best promoting United Way goals. Susan Rutherford of the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council received the Excellence in Non-Profit Leadership Award.

Other officers installed Monday include Zahir Noormohamed, president-elect; LuAnn Morgan, William F. Dingus, Linda Foster, Deane H. Stoltz, Tommy Hudson, Keith Weiser and Ken Thoma, vice presidents; David Wedel, treasurer; Madeline Garcia, assistant treasurer; and Michelle Robinson, secretary. Dingus will serve as campaign chair for 1999, and Richard Langston and Siri Langston as campaign vice chairs.

New board members include Ken Burgess, Al Escamilla, Susie Hitchcock-Hall, Meta Minton, Barbara Yarbrough and Barry Winstead.

COMMISSIONERS: Carnival site and law enforcement revenues discussed

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minutes to see if the project was ever authorized by commissioners, but records don't reflect such a measure being taken.

Though commissioners did authorize shaving the mesquite, the crew needed to be stopped before it might have damaged a small hill on the site. Tearing through the hill might have changed the flow of the rain stream, which is a violation of federal and state conservation guidelines, Morrow said.

Carnival site approved

Commissioners also voted to allow the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to hold its Mex-Tex Menudo Cook-off celebration on the east-side courthouse lawn.

The event is one of the chamber's largest fund-raisers, said David Diaz, the chamber's executive director.

The cook-off also sponsors scholarships offered to local high school graduates and the Cinco De Mayo Soccer Tournament, which lured 3,000 Mexican soccer players to Midland last year and boosted the hotel, lodging and tourism

industry with \$750,000, Diaz said.

The county allowed the chamber to use the courthouse lawn and employee parking lot for five days. Three of those days, Diaz said, will be used to set up and dismantle a small carnival. The chamber also made an agreement with one concerned citizen to hire a guard to secure the historic Dorsey-Brown House on Weatherford Street.

Last year, some commissioners were uneasy with having the festivity hosted in the downtown area. Some feared vandalism or traffic congestion.

"You proved me wrong," Ms. Valencia told Diaz. "I had some reservations last time, but you proved me wrong."

Diaz said the event ran smoothly, despite a small decrease in attendance. A study from the Midland County Small Business Development Center showed that less Odessans attended the cook-off since it was moved from its previous site — the Twin Cities Speedway on Highway 80.

However, the study reflects that more people from Stanton and Andrews attended, Diaz said.

"This is one of the most fantastic projects ever created," Commissioner Henry Goulet told Diaz

and his assistant, Bo Zertuche.

"We do appreciate what you do," Morrow said.

Law enforcement revenues

Commissioner Randy Prude presented four items that could help generate more law enforcement revenues in a time when oil prices are sluggish.

His ideas include hiring a part-time secretary for the Department of Public Safety. A March 18 letter from DPS Sgt. Carey Matthews states that last year, troopers spent 1,785 hours doing clerical work in their office, which kept them from their patrol and investigative duties.

"Spending more time on the roadways would make Midland County safer by decreasing the number of fatalities, personal injuries and property damage," Matthews wrote. Less office work will also give troopers more time to set up speeding traps, Prude said.

Prude said he spoke with someone who is willing to work 18 hours a week for a \$6,000 annual salary. Commissioners voted to research the idea and study which budget might have money for this salary.

If the money is found, the secretary will be hired for a six-month probationary period. That would be sufficient time to measure the project's progress, they decided.

Prude also suggested that the county contact a company named Vertex to see if the county is eligible to receive reimbursement for housing illegal immigrants and juveniles at its detention centers.

Last year, the company obtained more than \$200,000 in fed-

eral reimbursements for Ector County, Prude said. Vertex only takes a 22-percent cut from that amount and does not charge any other fee, he said. Commissioners asked the County Attorney's Office to research the idea before they cast their votes.

The court said it would also look into the possibility of implementing a collection system for all courts. Prude said the county has about \$10 million in uncollected fines and penalties. Even collecting a small percentage of those

past-due payments might well provide the county with an additional source of revenue, he said.

Bush not concerned about criticism

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush, who is exploring a candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, said Monday he's not concerned about criticism of his stance on abortion.

"I don't expect to get everybody's vote should I decide to run for the presidency," Bush said.

Bush has been criticized by both abortion opponents and pro-choice groups for saying he opposes abortion with exceptions only to protect a mother's life or in cases of rape and incest. Asked whether the touchy subject is a no-win situation, the governor replied, "I don't view it in terms of winning or losing. I'm pro-life."

Although he says he would personally like to outlaw abortions, Bush recently also said Americans' "hearts are not right" on the issue and that Republican should work for

incremental changes, such as banning late-term abortions and requiring parental consent for minors.

Bush said he recognizes that there are strong feelings on all sides of the abortion issue.

"Some people are going to like my position and some people aren't," he said following a speech to the Texas

Daily Newspaper Association. "It's an important issue. It's not the only issue."

He told the group he is pleased with the progress of the legislative session thus far and said his potential presidential candidacy has not affected his dealing with lawmakers.

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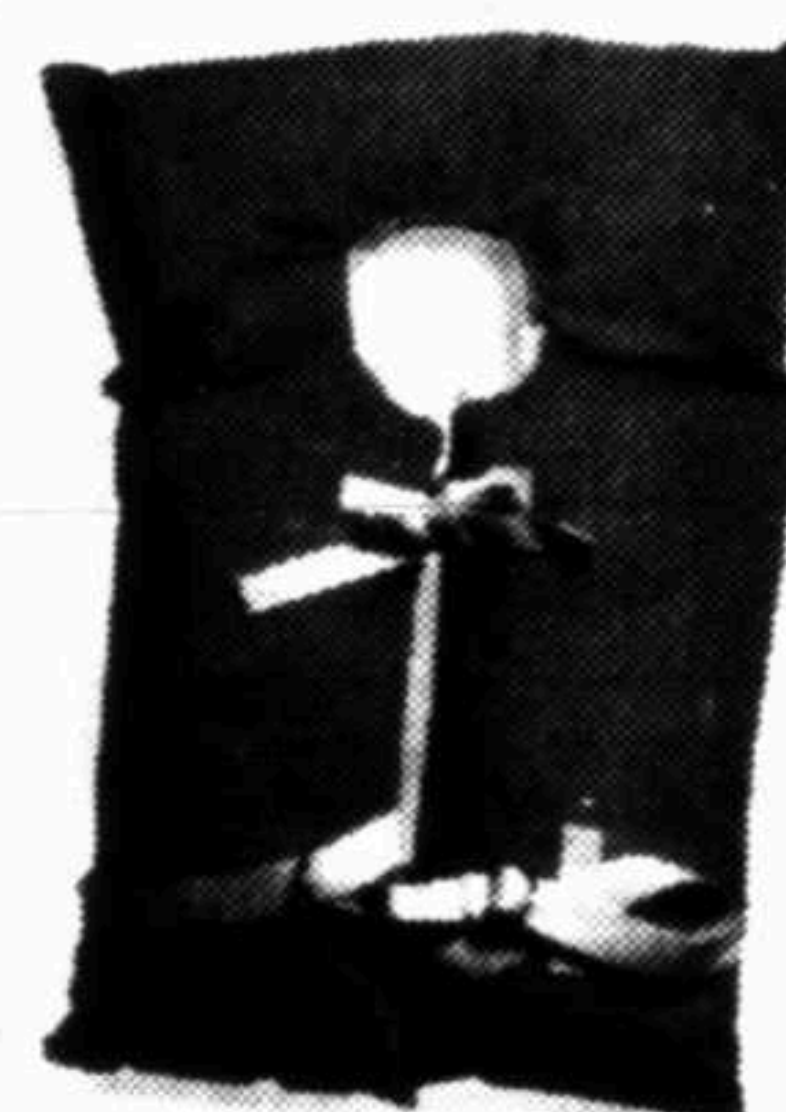
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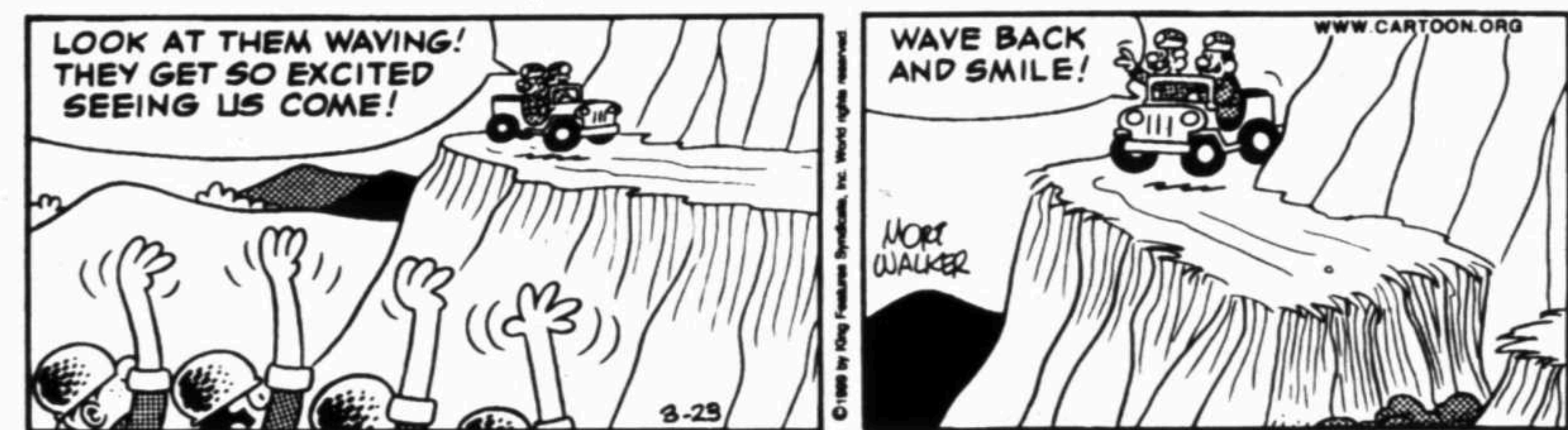
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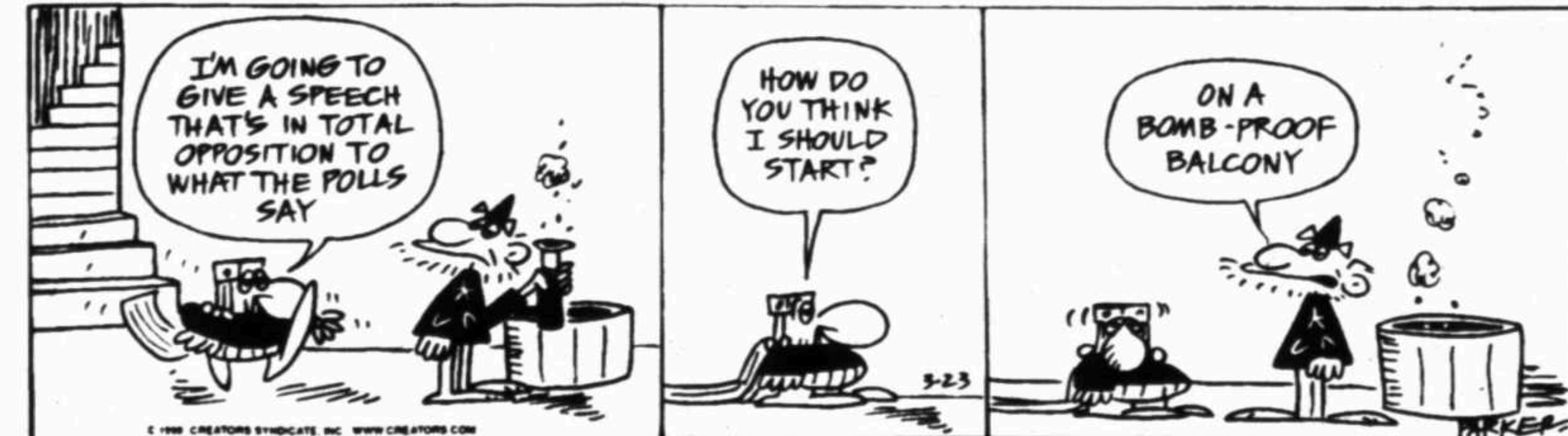
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You're ready for a talk with someone in your day-to-day life. This person may seem evasive or may "gloss over" the bottom line as you see it. The truth is that he understands but expresses himself differently. Read between the lines, and you will be on the same page. Tonight: Up late, tinkering around the house.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You are finally becoming comfortable with your intuition and are learning to follow it with more confidence. By doing so, you'll resolve a financial matter in a most satisfying way. Pay attention to what another isn't saying, as much as to what he is! Tonight: Catch up on correspondence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Were you aware you had so many friends? If not before, you will be. You'd have to live on a desert island to be alone, as others seek you out. Nevertheless, you might be ready to escape later in the day to work on a money deal that holds poten-

tial. Tonight: Visions of dollar signs dance in your head!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Don't race to the travel agent or school registration desk just yet. A plan could feel right, but may still be premature. A behind-the-scenes discovery sets you straight where a boss or professional matter is concerned. You can see where a friendship is going, for better or for worse. Tonight: Out late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Friends gather around you. You love being in the thick of things, but also recognize that you might sacrifice your freedom or privacy to have so many personalities near. You could actually become cranky and leave work early, or sneak off for some space! Tonight: To bed early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ The hyper pace could have your head swimming; from every direction, someone clamors for your input, advice or response. Pace yourself — tackle one thing at a time. On the plus side, a boss takes notice and applauds your ability to handle it all so gracefully! Tonight: Celebrate with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Despite your mental restlessness, you're made aware of responsibilities by a co-worker or boss who won't let an issue (or you) go. Take on what you can, and do your best. Someone in a position of power is taking notes. You'll cash in on this, eventually. Tonight: Work late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Money could come in quickly, thanks to another's resourcefulness. Don't worry that you didn't do your share. Sometimes your past good deeds come home to roost and reward you. This is definitely one of those times. Tonight: Study or do some

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

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ A partner is at his chattiest, even super-verbal — you might think he's using twice the amount of words necessary to make a point. He probably just needs to vent, so be patient. Later, you'll be more than willing to get up close and personal! Tonight: Could be steamy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Work, work, work! Others pour in with this request or that, and you're the only one (in their opinion) that can do the job. You don't have to take on everything! You're also sought out by a family member whose company you will find infinitely more pleasant. Tonight: Decorate at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Romance reigns supreme on this day of flirtation and laughter. It might be impossible to choose who you're having the most fun with, as a number of associates and admirers find you the life of the party. Still, you'll have to finish some work! Chances are you will, later. Tonight: Putting in overtime to catch up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Whatever you really want to accomplish, you will have better luck working from home. If you must make an appearance at the office, beg off until late afternoon. Your creativity soars then! A romantic introduction is a possibility. Tonight: Show your style.

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North checked for a four-card major in opener's hand with a Stayman two clubs. When the heart fit was located, North made a slightly aggressive raise to game rather than invite with three hearts. With a fifth trump, however, South would surely

have accepted.

West led the jack of diamonds won in the closed hand so that declarer could lead a trump to the king. When that fetched the ten from East, South realized that the contract was safe if trumps were 2-2, and so continued with a low heart from the table. West winning the queen as East discarded a diamond. West cleared the remaining trump winner and continued with a diamond, forcing the ace from dummy.

Now South tried cashing the ace and king of spades, then ruffed a diamond in dummy and a spade in hand, felling the queen. Unfortunately,

there was now no entry to the table to cash the jack of spades for a club discard from hand, so declarer had to lose two clubs for down one.

Correct technique is for declarer to abandon trumps once the king holds and test the spades. After cashing the ace and king of spades, declarer returns to dummy with the ace of diamonds and ruffs a spade. When that fetches the queen, declarer can now lead a second trump in an attempt to collect an overtrick. Whether or not West takes both high hearts, a diamond ruff serves as the entry to the table to discard a club on the jack of spades.

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PEOPLE TODAY

'Suddenly Susan' actor found dead

LAS VEGAS — Actor David Strickland, who played a music critic on the NBC sitcom "Suddenly Susan," was found dead Monday morning, hanging from a bed sheet that he had strung from a ceiling beam, police said.

Strickland, 28, was found by a worker at the Oasis Motel, police spokesman Steve Meriwether said. A chair was next to his body, and an empty box of beer also was seen in the room.

Strickland played Todd, a music critic on "Suddenly Susan," which stars Brooke Shields as a magazine writer. Strickland has been on the show for the last three seasons.

Strickland also appears in the new DreamWorks film "Forces of Nature," starring Sandra Bullock and Ben Affleck. Strickland played the ex-boyfriend of Affleck's fiancée.

Strickland was born in Glen Cove, N.Y., and moved to Pacific Palisades near Los Angeles while he was in high school. After graduation, he pursued an acting career with a theater company.

He worked on a number of student films and guest-starred in episodes of "Roseanne" and "Dave's World." He also had recurring roles on "Sister, Sister" and "Mad About You," playing Paul Reiser's coworker.

He also had a role in the 1998 independent film "Delivered."

NEW YORK — Mary Jo Buttafuoco and Amy Fisher have made up.

Mrs. Buttafuoco has forgiven the Long Island Lolita who had an affair with her husband and shot her in the head in 1992. Mrs. Buttafuoco and Ms. Fisher began writing to each other more than six months ago.

"At this stage, forgiveness is appropriate," Mrs. Buttafuoco told the New York Post from West Hills, Calif., where she lives with her husband, Joey.

Mrs. Buttafuoco also supports a deal that might hasten Ms. Fisher's release from prison, the Post and the Daily News reported this week.

Ms. Fisher, 24, is serving a five- to 15-year sentence for the shooting.

MADRID, Spain — Princess Cristina, daughter of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia, is expecting her first child in October, the royal palace said Monday.

The princess, a yachtswoman, married handball player Inaki Urdangarin in 1997 in Barcelona, where they live. They met during the Olympics in Atlanta in 1996. They were competing for Spain.

The king's eldest child, Princess Elena, gave birth to Juan Carlos' first grandchild in July — a boy named Felipe Juan Froilan de Todos los Santos.

MARAGONDON, Philippines — Under a scorching tropical sun, former President Carter laid cement blocks Monday to build new homes for the poor.

Carter is leading more than 2,000 volunteers with Habitat for Humanity in an effort to build 293 homes in one week around the Philippines.

Wearing a straw hat, Carter labored alongside his wife, Rosalynn, former Philippine President Fidel Ramos and his wife, Amelita.

Carter has worked as a volunteer for the nonprofit organization since 1984. It has built more than 70,000 homes for the poor worldwide.



Ex-President Jimmy Carter is helping to build homes in the Philippines.

LINCOLN, Neb. — Remember Nebraska, James Coburn? Gov. Mike Johanns hopes so.

The 70-year-old Coburn, who was born in Laurel, won an Oscar on Sunday as best supporting actor for his role in "Affliction."

"Maybe at some point we can convince him Nebraska is a great place to do movies," the governor said Monday. "It does bring dollars into the state."

Nebraska has been used for several movies, including "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar" and "Terms of Endearment."

HELSINKI, Finland — The moment Michelle Kwan began talking Monday, there was no doubt: She has a bad cold that may threaten her chances of winning a third world figure skating title.

"I'm coming down with something," she said Monday. If she stays reasonably healthy, Kwan seems unlikely to face much difficulty winning the title. During a practice Sunday, she hit her jumps consistently, while her main competitors were erratic.

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TENNIS — Lipton Championships, men's quarterfinal match 1, noon, ESPN.
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL — NIT Tournament, semifinal 1, California vs. Oregon, 6 p.m., ESPN.
NIT Tournament, semifinal 2, Clemson vs. Xavier, 8 p.m., ESPN.
NHL — Buffalo Sabres at New Jersey Nets, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2.
Dallas Stars at Phoenix Coyotes, 8 p.m., FSS.
NBA — Miami Heat at Utah Jazz, 7 p.m., TNT.

Texas Scores

NBA — Los Angeles Lakers 96, Dallas Mavericks 93.
Houston Rockets 110, Sacramento Kings 100.

Sports Today

PREP SOCCER — Boys, Region I Quarterfinals: Midland Lee at El Paso Del Valle, 2 p.m. (MST).
Girls, Region I Quarterfinals: El Paso Eastwood at Midland Lee, 4 p.m.
PREP BASEBALL — Abilene High at Midland Lee, 4 p.m.
Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 4 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL — Midland Lee at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m.
Midland High vs. Midland Christian, 6 p.m., Bill Williams Softball Complex.
JUCO GOLF — Women, Midland College at Fort Worth.
WPHL — Playoffs: Odessa Jackalopes at San Angelo Outlaws, 7 p.m. **RADIO**: KMCM (96.7 FM).

Unser Jr. surgery

INDIANAPOLIS — Al Unser Jr. underwent two hours of surgery Monday so surgeons could insert a metal plate into his injured right ankle.
Unser, who broke the ankle during a crash in the Marlboro Grand Prix of Miami on Sunday, was listed in good condition Monday night. He is expected to be released from Methodist Hospital on Wednesday.
"There were no surprises or problems during the surgery. ... He will be staying in Indianapolis for the remainder of the week and is expected to start therapy next week," said his surgeon, Dr. Terry Trammell.
The two-time Indy 500 winner could be back racing in four to six weeks, but won't be able to walk for eight to 12 weeks, Trammell said.
In Sunday's accident, Unser broke two bones in his ankle and also sustained a small break in his left knee and tore a ligament. Doctors have fitted his knee with a brace.
In Sunday's accident, Unser collided with rookie Naoki Hattori in the first turn of the first lap of the Florida race. Hattori suffered a broken leg in the crash.
Unser was trying to end a three-year winless streak while coping with his 12-year-old daughter's sudden paralysis as the result of a viral infection on the spinal cord.

Lady Vols shocked

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Duke needed a supreme effort and an off night from Tennessee star Chamique Holdscrow to win the NCAA East Regional title.
It got both Monday night. The Blue Devils (28-6) joined their men's team in the Final Four with a stunning 69-63 victory over the top-seeded and three-time defending national champion Lady Volunteers.
Holdscrow, the top women's player in the game, missed her first 10 shots and finished 2-for-18 from the field for eight points — matching her season low. She fouled out with 25.4 seconds left to end her stellar career, receiving a standing ovation.
Georgia Schweitzer matched her career high with 22 points as third-seeded Duke became the first program to place both its men's and women's basketball teams in the Final Four since Georgia did it in 1983. Duke, which lost to Tennessee by 14 points in December, will face Georgia in the national semifinals in San Jose, Calif.
The women did it in front of male counterparts Trajan Langdon, Chris Carrarwell and Shane Battier, who had driven an hour from the Duke campus to the Greensboro Coliseum to cheer the women on.
Semeka Randall led Tennessee (31-3) with 18 points.
Tennessee fans outnumbered the Duke contingent by thousands, but the Lady Volunteers came out uninspired and soon found themselves down by 13 in the first half.
The Lady Volunteers then made their first four shots of the second half, including the opening bucket of the period by Holdscrow, to close to 38-34.
But Duke withstood a 5 1/2-minute span without a basket as Tennessee got as close as 46-45 with 6:52 left.
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Jacks gear up for first playoff series

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The Western Professional Hockey League begins its playoff season tonight with a new name included in the festivities.
The Odessa Jackalopes have earned their first ever post-season WPHL berth and will travel to San Angelo to meet the Outlaws, their major rival, at 7 p.m. in the first of a three-game playoff. The series moves to Odessa at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Ector County Coliseum, for the first WPHL playoff game at the Jack Shack.
Tickets for Thursday's game went on sale at the Ector County Coliseum Monday morning, and ticket takers were greeted with long lines in anticipation of the historic event. Odessa, in its second season in the WPHL, failed to make the

playoffs last season, but posted a 7-2-1 record this month to earn one of the 12 playoff berths down the stretch run.

Tickets for the Thursday game will remain on sale today and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Ector County Coliseum and tickets will also be sold on Thursday at 8 a.m. until game time or a sellout, which is expected.

The Jacks are urging all season ticket holders who have already contracted for tickets to pick them up at the Ector County Coliseum as soon as possible. Tickets will not be delivered and there is no sale of tickets in Midland.
One couldn't ask for a first playoff

series to be any more exciting than Odessa facing San Angelo. Both are natural rivals and both love playing against each other.

The Outlaws own a 5-2 advantage over the Jacks in the season series, but four of the seven games were decided by only one goal. The two teams last played on Jan. 28, with the Jacks clubbing the Outlaws 7-0 at the Jack Shack.

The two times the Jacks posted a win over the Outlaws were home games, the first being on Nov. 17. That could be bad news since Odessa will have to play two of the three games in San Angelo, if needed.

The two teams will return to San Angelo on Friday for Game 3, if necessary. The good news is that Odessa currently owns a five-game road winning streak, a franchise record. The Jacks enter the playoffs having won five consecutive games, all on the road.

Odessa does appear to be ready for an offensive push, especially with the return of the high scoring Paul Vincent back with the team after a brief stint in the IHL.

Vincent has scored 29 points (18 goals, 11 assists) in only 15 games with the Jacks this season. His presence makes work much easier for the other three offensive threats of the Jacks.

Odessa has three players who have scored 51 or more points this year. Johan Hagman has scored 57 points (17 goals and 40 assists) in 52 games while Sam Laine has 54 points (31 goals and 23 assists) in 44 games. Both players missed a lot of regular season games with injuries, but both are now healthy. Jacques Rodrigue also has 51 points (12

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Rebel Region roadblocks: El Paso

■ Lee boys looking to avenge last year's playoff loss to El Paso Del Valle.

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

There will be something very familiar about Midland Lee's regional quarterfinal boys soccer game with El Paso Del Valle today, and there will be something very different.

Either way, this Rebel team will be chasing history. With a win at 2 p.m. (MST) at Del Valle High School, Lee can become the first District 4-5A team since Odessa Permian in 1995 to qualify for the Region I tournament.

"They know this is the game and the goal we set for ourselves at the beginning of the year," Lee coach John McCulloch said. "We are there right at the doorstep and need to concentrate on what we need to do. If we are going to reach our goals, we need to play the way we are capable of playing."

For two of the past three seasons, Rebel soccer teams have made it to the regional quarterfinals. Last year, Lee faced this same Del Valle program for the right to play in the Region I tournament. The Conquistadors won 1-0 in a shootout.

"There will be a little revenge factor," said McCulloch, whose teams are 7-3 in the playoffs. "If it comes down to that (a shootout), we will be prepared, but we are looking to win it in regulation time."

The Rebels have never won a regional quarterfinal, but they have been there before.

"We think about what no other Lee team has done," Lee senior midfielder A.J. Meadows said. "That is not the driving force, but it definitely will be an accomplishment."

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Renee Bonin (left) and the rest of the Midland Lee girls soccer team will attempt to get past El Paso Eastwood today at 4 p.m. at the Lee Soccer Field in the Region I quarterfinals. The Lee boys will head west to play El Paso Del Valle today at 2 p.m. MST.

■ Lady Rebels aren't going to take El Paso Eastwood for granted.

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

There was a business-like approach to the Lee Lady Rebels' practice Monday.

Even though the Lee girls soccer program faces arguably the biggest game in its history at 4 p.m. today against El Paso Eastwood, it looked just like the Lady Rebels were getting ready for another district opponent. Of course, thinking back to Lee's 12-0 record in district, that may not be such a bad thing.

The Lady Rebels (22-2 overall) face 17-3 Eastwood in the Region I-5A regional quarterfinals at the Lee Soccer Field in a much-anticipated contest for Mike Simpson's club. Last year, Lee fell to El Paso Franklin 5-3 in the same region quarterfinal round.

It was one step short of the region tournament, which has become the measuring stick, of sorts, for District 4-5A teams. Only Abilene Cooper (in 1997) has advanced to play in Bedford (site of the regional tournament).

"From a historical standpoint and experience-wise, we are at the point where it is time for us to move on," Lee coach Mike Simpson said. "We are poised to do that."

Lee has already become the third 4-5A team to record a 12-0 mark in district play. It is interesting to note that neither Cooper in 1995 and Midland High in 1997 got to the regional tournament.

"It is exciting. We have never been to the regional tournament and as a senior, that would be special to make it that far," said a Cassie Taylor, a three-year starter in the midfield. "That (being a

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WJCAC fetes dominating Lady Chaps

Staff Report

With the successful season the Midland College Lady Chaparral basketball team experienced, it should be no surprise that they dominated the All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference team and the All-Region V team as voted by the coaches.

Freshman Jhudy Gonzalez, freshman Fatime Ndiaye and sophomore Shelley Alderman were named to the first team, while sophomore Autumn Johnson was selected as an honorable mention choice for the Lady Chaps.

MC's fifth-year coach Ron Jones garnered his first WJCAC coach of the year honors. Jones has compiled a record of 134-31 in his five years at the school. This year the Lady Chaps finished with a record of 34-3 and third in the NJCAA National Tournament, held this past week in Salina, Kan.

The Lady Chaps' great season was also highlighted by their third consecutive WJCAC title, first outright and undefeated WJCAC title under the current 14-game format, first 30-win season, and first Region V championship.

Making the All-Region team were Gonzalez and Ndiaye, who used their strong inside game to help the Lady Chaps make the national tournament. Jones also received the Region V Coach of the Year award.

The WJCAC MVP was Howard's Karla Washington, who averaged 20 points per game this season for the Lady Hawks. LaTasha Moore joined Washington on the first team.

Odessa College's leading scorer Tasha Campbell also made the first team.

On the men's side, Midland College placed freshman guard Eugene Costello and sophomore post Mike Cummings on the All-WJCAC first team. The Chaparrals finished with a record of 17-14 and fourth in the conference.

Odessa College's Stan Blackmon was named the WJCAC Most Valuable Play-



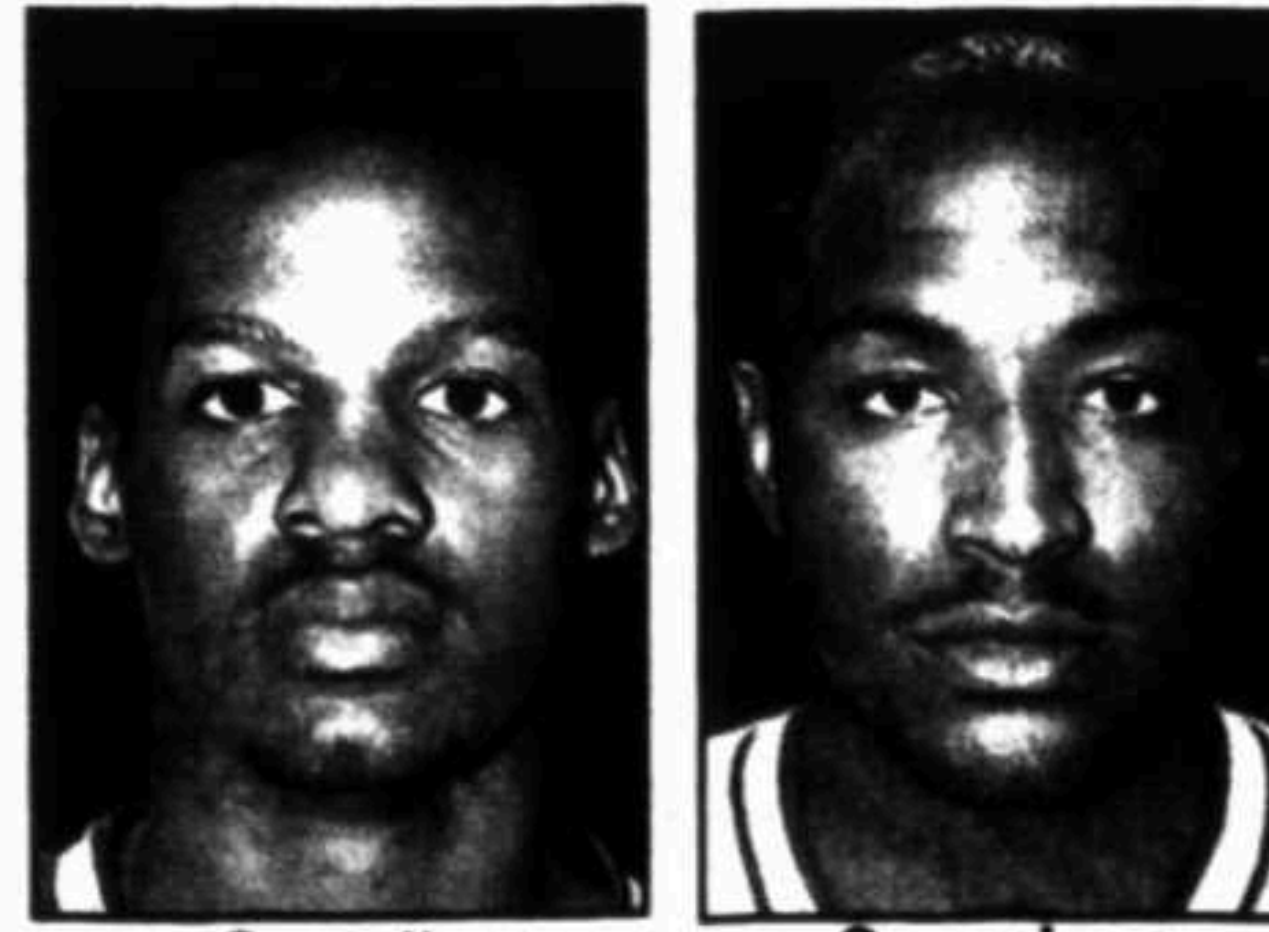
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er. Teammate Terry Odom joined Blackmon on the first team. South Plains led the way with three first team selections.

Howard's Tommy Collins was named WJCAC Coach of the Year after guiding the Hawks to an undefeated conference title.

Odom and Blackmon were also named to the All-Region V team. Both Odessa and Howard, with Greg Lewis and Larry Allaway, had two players each selected to All-Region.

Weatherford's coach Mark Osina was named Region V Coach of the Year. Os-

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MHS boys and girls earn Top 5 final poll rankings

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches does something that no other organization does — gives final rankings after state championships have been determined.

And if the TABC final poll is right, the state got the Final Four all wrong.

For instance, the Midland High girls ended up in the final TABC rankings as No. 4 in the state and were not in the top 10 at the end of regular season. MHS lost to Copperas Cove in the Region I-5A semifinals.

Copperas Cove ended up with the No. 2 ranking. Mansfield drew the No. 1 ranking and Amarillo High was third. That means TABC felt the top four teams in the state were from Region I, thus making Midland's Region I-5A tournament the "real" state championship.

The same held true in the boys side.

■ TABC Basketball

Duncanville, the state champion, was ranked No. 1 in the final poll, followed by Midland High. That isn't much of a stretch since the two teams played against each other in a torrid Region I-5A final, going to overtime before Duncanville came away with an 84-82 victory over the Bulldogs. The Panthers went on to cruise through the state tournament in Austin.

Also, Arlington Martin was ranked fourth in Class 5A boys by the TABC, meaning that three of the top four teams played in the Region I tournament in Midland, making that tournament close to the "true" final four.

Some other area teams also made a jump. The Class 2A Stanton boys went into the state playoffs out of the top 10 and

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Loss was a bitter pill for Lady Raiders to swallow

By Chris Newton
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — When Texas Tech's bid to reach the Final Four came crashing down, the fall was a big one.

The Lady Raiders' season ended a game short of the national semifinals with a disastrous 53-42 loss to Rutgers on Saturday night. Players had little to console themselves with after setting several NCAA tournament futility records including fewest points scored in a half (11) and in a Midwest regional game (42).

"We could make up reasons all day of why we didn't get the job done," said Angie Brazier, the Odessa Permian graduate who was held to a season-low six

points. "We took ourselves out of the game. That was NOT Texas Tech basketball. It's disappointing to that we let another team advance without giving them our best shot."

Any season-ending loss is a disappointment, but Tech has bowed out with especially painful losses two straight years. The Lady Raiders were eliminated in the second round last year 74-99 by Notre Dame.

Lady Raiders coach Marsha Sharp said the sting from the Rutgers game is likely to linger.

"I don't think I was so much upset that we lost, but how we lost," Sharp said. "If you lose, you want to play as well as you

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LOCAL BASEBALL TODAY

Midland Lee vs. Abilene High

When: 4 p.m.
Where: Lee's Ernie Johnson Field.
Records: Lee is 11-3 overall and 2-0 in District 4-5A. Abilene High is 6-4 and 0-1.

4-5A Significance: Plenty, even though it's still early in the district season. If Lee wins, not only will it stay perfect in district play, but the Rebels will put some distance between themselves and Abilene High, which has swept Lee over each of the last two regular seasons.

Notes: While pitching was touted as the strength of the Rebels coming into the season, it's been their bats which have carried them in their first two district games. Lee has scored 23 runs in beating Midland High and Permian, compensating for inconsistent starting pitching. Ryan Klatt, who was the winning pitcher in relief for the Rebels against Odessa Permian Saturday, has driven in five runs in the first two district games, and homered in the 11-8 win over Permian. Josh Ramos, who lasted only 2 2/3 innings in Lee's 12-10 district opening win over Midland High, pitched a scoreless inning of relief to close out the win over Permian, and could get the call to start today. Abilene High coming to town has been nightmarish for Lee the past two seasons. In each game, the Rebels squandered huge leads, blowing a seven-run cushion two years ago and letting a six-run lead slip away last season in losing both games by 13-2 counts. Abilene High is coming off a tough 7-6 district opening loss to crosstown rival Abilene Cooper last week.

Next: Lee will stay home and take a break from district as it will host San Angelo Lake View Friday at 4 p.m.

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Player	AB	R	H	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	OBP	SLG
C-Joe Cswaykus	5	3	2	.600	0	0	1	4	0	0		
Layne Nix	5	3	4	.800	0	0	2	5	1	0		
Aaron Hamblin	8	4	5	.500	0	1	0	3	0	0		
Blake Johnston	8	4	5	.500	1	1	1	5	0	0		
Jayson Nix	6	3	2	.500	1	0	0	2	0	0		
Matt Bose	5	2	1	.400	1	0	1	2	1	0		
Brent Winter	4	1	1	.250	0	0	0	1	0	0		
John Schaffer	6	2	0	.333	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Jeff Beard	4	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Aaron Pullin	2	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Matt Anderson	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Michael Glover	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Brian Smith	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0		

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Player	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	ERA	BB	K	OBP	SLG
Matt Bose	0	0	0	1.2	1	1	1	4.20	0	3		
Layne Nix	0	0	0	1.2	1	1	1	4.20	0	3		
Aaron Pullin	0	0	0	1.0	1	1	1	8.12	0	2		

Midland High at Abilene Cooper

When: 4 p.m.
Where: Cooper High.
Records: Midland High is 17-4 overall and 1-1 in District 4-5A. Cooper is 6-5-1 and 1-1.

4-5A Significance: Both teams are tied for third at this very early stage of the district race, but a win could possibly place each team in a tie for the district lead.

Notes: Midland High bounced back with a vengeance from its tough 12-10 district opening loss to crosstown rival Midland Lee to crush Odessa High 15-

0 in a five-inning run rule game Saturday. The Bulldogs exploded with eight runs in the bottom of the second against the Bronchos, keyed by a grand slam from C-Joe Cswaykus, his third slam of the season. Layne Nix also homered for MHS, his second roundtripper in two district games. Cooper opened district by surprising crosstown rival and potential district title contender Abilene High 7-6 but lost to San Angelo Central 6-3 Saturday to fall to 5-00 in district. When Cooper and MHS met last year in Midland, the Bulldogs won a wild 17-16 game which clinched a playoff spot, their first in seven years.

Next: Midland High will resume its district schedule when it hosts San Angelo Central Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Player	AB	R	H	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	OBP	SLG
Matt Winston	4	3	2	.750	1	0	0	3	1	0		
Eric Neathertlin	5	5	5	.625	0	0	1	2	0	0		
Ryan Klatt	7	3	1	.429	1	0	1	5	0	0		
Michael Burlison	8	3	1	.375	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Nate Brignon	9	3	3	.333	0	0	0	0	0	0		
James Bohannon	6	2	3	.333	2	0	0	1	1	1		
George Figueroa	3	1	4	.333	0	0	1	2	0	0		
Joe Lilley	4	1	3	.250	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Eric Clodfelter	5	1	1	.200	0	0	0	1	1	0		
Mark Matthews	7	1	0	.143	0	0	1	1	0	0		
Josh Haney	4	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0		

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Player	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	ERA	BB	K	OBP	SLG
Eric Clodfelter	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0.00	1	0		
Collin Gilliam	1	0	0	1.1	2	1	1	6.62	1	5		
Ryan Klatt	1	0	0	1.1	5	2	1	2.10	1	2		
Josh Ramos	0	0	1	3.2	10	8	5	8.12	2	1		
Eric Neathertlin	0	0	0	1.2	5	6	6	6.25	0	1		

Permian takes early lead in 4-5A boys golf

Staff Report

ABILENE — The favorite to win District 4-5A didn't disappoint in the first round of competition Monday at Fairway Oaks Country Club.

Odessa Permian boys shot a 321 to take a 14-stroke lead over rival Odessa High, which surprised many by shooting a 335 and placing second. Midland Lee shot a 337 to put itself in third place after the first round.

San Angelo Central is in fourth with a 338, while Midland High is fifth with a 341.

In the medalist standings, Permian's Phillip George leads with a 76, while Lee's Chance Finley and Permian's Austin Burk are tied for second with an 80 in the first

round. Micah Malouf led the Bulldogs with a first round 82 score.

The second round of District 4-5A golf is next Monday at Ranchland Hills Country Club in Midland.

Here are the first round results of District 4-5A golf competition played at Abilene's Fairway Oaks Country Club:

Team Totals — 1. Odessa Permian 321; 2. Odessa High 335; 3. Midland Lee 337; 4. San Angelo Central 338; 5. Midland High 341; 6. Abilene Cooper 343; 7. Odessa Permian II 347; 8. Midland Lee II 355; 9. Midland High II 363; 10. San Angelo Central II 368; 11. Abilene High II 371; 12. Abilene Cooper II 373; 13. Abilene High II 382; 14. Odessa High II 389.

Medalist Standings — 1. Phillip George, Permian, 76; 2. (tie) Chance Finley, Midland Lee, 80; and Austin Burk, Permian, 80.

Midland Lee I (337) — Chance Finley 80, Omar Sanchez 85, Daniel Pender 87, Dylan King 87, Justin Smith 90.

Midland Lee II (355) — Dallas Freeman 88, Daniel Blair 90, Tommy Forelli 86, Ray Reyes 91, Anthony Moreno 95.

Midland High (341) — Matt Gerhard 88, Jason Lindgren 83, Zack Cautman 88, Blain Braun 87, Micah Malouf 90.

Midland High II (363) — Justin Scott 85, Connor Ewing 89, C.W. Porter 85, Alan McCune 89, Coley Gevecker 94.

HONORS: Six from MC picked

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na guided the Coyotes the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference championship, the Region V title, and a third place finish in the NJCAA National Tournament held in Hutchinson, Kan., this past week.

1999 Women's All Conference Team
MVP — Karla Washington, Howard College.
All Conference — Greg Lewis, Howard College; Derossary Manuel, Frank Phillips, Rati Stevens, New Mexico; JC, Terry Odom, Odessa College; Larry Alway, Howard College; Neriya Puda, Weatherford; Tarrance Watkins, South Plains; Mike Cummings, Midland College; Cantis Tucker, South Plains; LaMarque Ward, South Plains; Nate Jones, Clarendon; Eugene Costello, Midland College.

Honorable Mention — Donald Caesar, Howard College; Jerome Brown, New Mexico; JC, Danny Arney, Clarendon; Chas Cras, New Mexico; JC, Kay Kennedy, New Mexico Military Institute; Williams Ames, New Mexico; JC, Nick Orr, Frank Phillips; Anthony Poulard, New Mexico Military Institute; Brian Russell, New Mexico; JC, Coach of the Year — Tommy Collins, Howard College.

1999 All Region V Team
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Women — Sheila Lambert, Grayson College; Dalu Unbrass, Weatherford; Kati Santavirta, Weatherford; Michelle Neely, Grayson College; Kendra Watson, McLennan; Monah Johnson, McLennan College; Karla Washington, Howard; Judy Gonzalez, Midland College; LaTasha Moore, Howard; Karla Neutline, Clarendon; Campell, Odessa College; Fatima Nidaye, Midland College; Coach of the Year — Ron Jones, Midland College.

1999 Men's All Conference Team

MC takes 10th men's season title

Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Led by medalist Ernie Rose, the Midland College Chaparral golfers won their 10th

title of the MC Golf

medalist honor in a row at the Quickland College Invitational.

Midland College finished seven strokes ahead of Tyler Junior College as the Chaps finished with a two-round total of 611.

For Rose, it was the second medalist win of the spring (the other at St. Mary's University tournament in San Antonio). Rose finished with a 150, a stroke ahead of Tyler's Paul Helms.

MC's Jon Lummus and Kevin Hoffer finished tied for fourth with a 153. MC coach Delnor Poss said the course proved to be extremely difficult with tough pin placements and high wind.

Lummus' 1-under-par 71 tied for the low round of the day.

"I'm very proud of the team's attitude and effort. It was a day when patience and endurance paid off," Poss said.

Here are the final results of the Quickland College Invitational played Monday in San Angelo.

Team Standings — 1. Midland College 299-312-611; 2. Tyler Junior College 304-314-618; 3. Odessa College 314-307-621; 4. New Mexico JC 311-316-627; 5. Loran Morris College 310-320-630; 6. Grayson College 322-321-643; 7. New Mexico Military Institute 326-322-648; 8. Western Texas 329-322-651; 9. Odessa College II 325-337-662; 10. Hill College 343-346-689.

Medalist Standings — 1. Ernie Rose, Midland College 75-75-150; 2. Paul Helms, Tyler, 71-80-151; 3. Lee Curry, NMJC, 75-77-152; 4. Jon Lummus, MC, 71-82-153; 5. Kevin Hoffer 76-77-153.

Midland College — Rose 75-75-150, Lummus 71-82-153, Hoffer 76-77-153, Graham Gordon 77-79-156, Ben Clark 79-81-160.

Lady Chaps lead Texas Women's Invitational Golf Championship

FORT WORTH — The Midland College women's golf team is in position to walk away with two team trophies at the 12th Annual Texas Women's Invitational Golf Championship held at Meadowbrook Golf Course.

The Lady Chaparrals lead the 36-hole invitational by one stroke over Hardin-Simmons as they shot a 332 first round.

Lady Chap Pam Mackay leads the medalist standings with a 79. Vanessa Cody and Rene Gonzalez stand in a tie for sixth with 84.

There was another tournament held within a tournament. That was the Official Myers Division Champion which is a 54-hole event and open only to those teams that want to participate. Midland College did and played an extra round which saw the Lady Chaps take a 13-stroke lead over Southwestern Oklahoma State. MC shot a 36-hole total of 659.

Mackay also leads in the medalist standings with a 156 total.

Here are the first day results of Texas Women's Invitational Golf Championship held at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Fort Worth.

Team Standings — 1. Midland College 332; 2. Hardin-Simmons 333; 3. Southwestern Oklahoma State 337; 4. Mary Hardin Baylor 341; 5. Chadron State (Nebr) 361; 6. Northwest 366; 7. McMurry 369; 8. Southwestern Texas 379; 9. Rhodes College (Tenn.) 394.

Midland College — Pam Mackay 79, Vanessa Cody 84, Rene Gonzalez 84, Lisa Bell 85, Crystal McHaffey 88.

Official Myers Division Championship Standings — 1. Midland College 332-327-659; 2. SW Oklahoma State 337-335-672; 3. Mary Hardin Baylor 354-352-706; 4. Northwest 366-356-722; 5. Rhodes 384-391-775.

Midland College — Mackay 79-77-156, Bell 85-91-166, Gonzalez 84-85-169, Cody 84-86-170, McHaffey 88-84-172.

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POLL: Seminole ranked No. 2

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ended up No. 7 by the TABC after gaining the Region I-2A finals before falling.

Grady, which was once ranked as high as No. 4 in Class A girls, ended up No. 23 after falling in the bi-district round. The Class 3A Seminole boys ended up No. 2 after being ranked No. 1 all season, but that held true to the season since Seminole fell in the state finals to Mexico. The Rankin boys finished No. 25 in Class A.

The following is a list of the final TABC Top 10.

Class 5A Boys: 1. Duncanville, 2. Midland High, 3. Dallas Kimball, 4. Arlington Martin, 5. San Antonio Jay, 6. Beaumont Central, 7. Houston Midway, 8. Killeen, 9. Fort Bend Elkins, 10. El Paso Montwood.

Class 4A Girls: 1. Dallas Lincoln, 2. Canyon, 3. Grandbury, 4. San Antonio Sam Houston, 5. Waxahachie, 6. Southlake Carroll, 7. Bay City, 8. Dallas Highland Park, 9. Carthage, 10. Plainview.

Class 3A Boys: 1. Mexia, 2. Seminole, 3. Clarksville, 4. LaVega, 5. Kountze, 6. Cleveland, 7. Childress, 8. Lufkin, 9. Glen Rose, 10. Gainesville.

Class 3A Girls: 1. Willsboro, 2. Lufkin Hudson, 3. Shallowater, 4. Dimmitt, 5. Rockdale, 6. Gladewater, 7. Crandall, 8. Denver City, 9. Seminole, 10. Bowie.

Class 2A Boys: 1. Pearsall, 2. Krum, 3. Wellington, 4. Grapeleaf, 5. Malakoff, 6. Godley, 7. Stanton, 8. Brookshire Royal, 9. Hubbard, 10. Italy.

Class 2A Girls: 1. Hughes Spring, 2. Crawford, 3. Hawkins, 4. Salado, 5. Farwell, 6. Hale Center, 7. Calmar, 8. Maypearl, 9. Honey Grove, 10. East Chambers.

Class A Boys: Moulton, 2. Brookeland, 3. Paducah, 4. Lufkin, 5. Itasca, 6. Tenaha, 7. Fort Elliott, 8. Goodrich, 9. Karnack, 10. Ponder.

Class A Girls: 1. Vega, 2. Valley View, 3. Sudan, 4. Moulton, 5. Borden County, 6. Zephyr, 7. Whiteface, 8. Alvord, 9. Brookseminole, 10. Henrietta Midway.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — New York Rangers center Wayne Gretzky's return from a neck injury came sooner than expected.

Gretzky was held scoreless without a shot in 15 shifts — totaling 11:15 — in the Rangers' 6-3 loss to the Tampa Bay Lightning Monday night. Gretzky said Sunday's injury to Ulf Samuelsson, who will be sidelined two to three weeks with a broken bone in his foot, prompted him to inform coach John Muckler on Sunday's flight to Tampa that he could play.

"It was one of those situations where probably if Sammy didn't get hurt, I probably would have waited until Wednesday (at Florida)," Gretzky said. "I felt all right."

After Sunday's game against Pittsburgh, Gretzky said he felt fine and hoped to get back into action either against the Philadelphia Flyers on Saturday or the New York Islanders on Monday.

Gretzky said he wasn't worried about what his role will be in Wednesday's contest against the Panthers.

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Lee's Phillip Grentz (right) dribbles away from a pack of El Paso Irvin players in Saturday's 3-2 shootout win at the Lee Soccer Field. Grentz and the Rebels will try to advance to the Region I Tournament today when they travel to El Paso to take on El Paso Del Valle at 2 p.m. MST.

BOYS: Rebels make first trip to El Paso

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ment to do what no other Lee team has done. We are trying to concentrate and trying to get through and keep it going."

What will be different is that for the first time in McCulloch

SPORTS SECTION

NHL Results

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	32	22	84	201	169
Pittsburgh	35	22	82	210	182
Philadelphia	32	23	77	181	202
N.Y. Rangers	29	32	68	196	199
N.Y. Islanders	20	42	49	162	209

Northwest Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	40	20	89	203	146
Philadelphia	34	24	82	175	167
Toronto	38	27	81	171	159
Buffalo	32	23	77	180	152
Boston	31	25	77	181	159
Montreal	28	32	66	164	179

Southeast Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	30	27	74	183	178
Florida	26	27	69	178	183
Nashville	29	25	64	179	184
Tampa Bay	17	47	39	151	249

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	34	30	74	208	182
St. Louis	30	29	71	202	185
Nashville	24	37	55	186	225
Chicago	20	39	52	164	219

Northwest Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	35	25	79	197	178
Calgary	27	31	65	187	196
Edmonton	26	31	63	184	193
Vancouver	20	39	51	167	216

Pacific Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	34	24	72	180	138
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Anaheim	31	27	73	184	172
San Jose	26	28	68	157	161
Los Angeles	27	38	59	157	186

Monday's Games

Late Game Not Included

St. Louis vs. Carolina, 7 p.m.

Calgary vs. Edmonton, 7 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Chicago at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.

Chicago at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.

Dallas at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

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16:00

Third Period—None

Overtime—None

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Edmonton 13-10-15-38

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Edmonton 1 of 7

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Housley 8:22 (32 shots, 43 saves)

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Boston	8	348	19 1/2
New Jersey	5	200	23 1/2

Central Division

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Indiana	18	720	—
Milwaukee	15	600	3
Atlanta	15	577	3 1/2
Detroit	12	540	7
Cleveland	12	522	8
Charlotte	11	458	12 1/2
Chicago	8	320	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	19	670	—
Houston	17	654	2 1/2
San Antonio	16	640	3 1/2
Minnesota	12	538	7 1/2
Dallas	9	333	11
Vancouver	8	284	15 1/2
San Jose	5	192	21 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	20	580	—
A.L. Lakers	19	567	1 1/2
Seattle	12	522	7
Phoenix	13	500	7 1/2
Golden State	10	400	11 1/2
Sacramento	10	400	11 1/2
L.A. Clippers	2	283	27 1/2

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Crude rises

NEW YORK (AP) — Crude oil futures extended their gains Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange as a group that controls two-thirds of the world's oil supply closed in on a new agreement to reduce output.

Heating oil, unleaded gasoline and natural gas futures also moved sharply higher. On other commodity markets, soybeans and corn rose sharply, as did copper.

Crude rose as the 11-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries were set to meet Tuesday in Vienna to formally ratify a plan that beginning in April would slash some 2 million barrels daily from world production in a bid to shore up prices. Crude until recently had been hovering at 12-year lows because of oversupply and a global economic crisis that sapped demand.

Russia, another major producer that is not a member of the group, also planned to cut 100,000 barrels from its production over the next three months.

Stocks down

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices fell Monday, forcing investors to contend with the possibility that the Dow Jones industrial average might not close above 10,000 any time soon.

Cable TV and Internet stocks provided some upward momentum to the technology sector. But personal computer shares sold off, leaving the Nasdaq composite down 25.33 at 2,395.94 and the Standard & Poor's 500 index off 2.28 at 1,297.01.

The Dow index crossed 10,000 several times last week in intraday trading. On Monday it failed even to do that, meandering throughout the session and ending 13.04 lower at 9,890.51. The Dow is still up more than 8 percent so far this year.

Edward M. Kerschner, stock market strategist at PaineWebber, said that unless interest rates move meaningfully lower or 1999 earnings growth is significantly higher than current forecasts of 5 percent to 8 percent, "expect — in the best case — to see the market stall around these levels for a good few months."

There was no economic news to influence trading today. Interest rates edged higher in the bond market, reversing an earlier decline. The yield on 30-year Treasury bonds closed at 5.57 percent, up from 5.55 percent late Friday.

Internet shares also continued to blaze higher, with America Online gaining 10 3/4 to 130 on the Big Board.

Personal computer stocks were weaker after Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette Securities analyst Kevin McCarthy lowered his earnings estimate on Dell Computer and said he expects the PC industry to grow only 8 percent in 1999. That is down from his previous estimate of 10 percent.

Dell Computer shares slipped 2 3/8 to 37 7/8.

Dollar up

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar slipped against the euro in quiet trading but rose against the yen Monday as traders speculated about how high Japanese officials want the U.S. currency to go against the yen.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 118.11 Japanese yen, up from 117.28. The euro was quoted at \$1.0908, up from \$1.0892.

Trading was also quiet in Asia, where Japanese markets were closed for a holiday.

Other markets failed to give the dollar a boost.

'Net firms push for removal of sales tax for Web access

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas entrepreneurs want the Legislature to dump the sales tax on Internet access.

The tax, which few other states collect, hinders development of a key sector of the state's booming high-tech industry, they say.

Gov. George W. Bush has endorsed the idea, and lawmakers are considering it.

Eben Miller says he loves the idea so much that if it doesn't happen he'll move part of his Internet company — collegestudent.com — out of Texas.

Miller's company sets up Internet sites featuring activities at about 260 universities and sells advertisements to companies wanting to reach those students.

Miller said he pays about \$2,000 a month in sales tax for access to Internet for his 45 employees and for the links used by the computers that hold the information for all of the campuses.

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— Eben Miller, of collegestudent.com

"I'm too proud to move out of Texas altogether, but I wouldn't hesitate to move our technology department out of Texas," Miller said.

That's what lawmakers say they hope to prevent.

At least 10 bills have been filed to exempt Internet access and equipment purchased for Internet use

from a sales tax that can go as high as 8.25 percent when a city's sales tax is added.

In 1987, the Legislature expanded the sales tax from mostly tangible goods to data processing and information services.

By the mid-1990s, as the public discovered the Internet, the state comptroller faced new questions about whether the tax applied. The state generally decided such services were taxable as "information."

The comptroller has estimated that eliminating the sales tax on Internet access would cost the state \$22.1 million next year and \$182.1 million by 2004.

"Frankly, I'll be a little surprised if that passes unscathed because it's a pretty large number," said Bill Allaway, president of the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association.

OPEC plan sends prices higher

By Bruce Stanley
Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — OPEC's plan to reduce the world's oil supply by 2.6 percent has already translated into a spike in prices at gasoline pumps in the United States and elsewhere. Formal approval of the production cuts Tuesday would push gasoline prices even higher, analysts say.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries is widely expected to approve cuts in oil output totaling 2.1 million barrels a day, in a unified effort with nonmembers to strengthen prices for crude that had languished at a 12-year low as recently as December.

OPEC oil ministers have said the organization plans to reduce daily output by its members to 1.72 million barrels. Non-OPEC producers like Mexico, Norway, Russia and Oman are expected to account for additional cuts totaling 388,000 barrels a day.

The agreement to curtail production was reached two weeks ago by the group's three biggest members — Saudi Arabia, Iran and Venezuela — together with Mexico and fellow OPEC member Algeria. Crude prices responded by jumping almost \$3 a barrel, and gasoline prices began to follow suit.

"After it became evident that OPEC was going to cut production, the price at the pump really began to move quickly," said George Gaspar, an analyst with Robert W. Baird and Co., a financial services firm based in Milwaukee.

The average price of all grades of gasoline at U.S. service stations surged nearly 8 1/2 cents per gallon over the past two weeks, according to the Lundberg Survey. It said that was the steepest and fastest increase since Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Prices shot up more than 9 percent at self-service pumps in the United States, where unleaded regular averaged nearly \$1.03 in the latest survey, compared with just over 94 cents two weeks ago, according to Lundberg.

Analysts say OPEC's program to reduce production accounted for at least half of the rise in gasoline prices. That's because refiners, who buy crude oil and process it into gasoline, were quick to pass their higher costs on to consumers.

Another factor behind the more expensive gasoline has been the approach of spring, when people usually begin spending more time in their cars. Gasoline inventories had been unusually large last fall and winter, said Fergus McLeod of the British firm BT AlexBrown. As inventories began to dwindle, gas prices began to rise.

A decision by OPEC to pump less oil will likely trigger a further rise in gasoline prices — by two to three cents a gallon for every additional dollar increase in the price for a barrel of oil, McLeod said.

Contracts for April delivery of light, sweet crude oil rose 26 cents Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange to close at \$15.50 a barrel. Crude traded as



Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Mines Ali Rodriguez-Araque, left, speaks to a journalist while arriving at a hotel in Vienna, Austria, Monday for a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Conference, which starts today.

low as \$10.72 a barrel on that exchange in December.

Gaspar foresees gasoline prices rising by as much as 10 cents a gallon from their current levels.

A possible glitch in the seemingly irresistible momentum toward OPEC production cuts has come in the form of a protest by Iraq.

Amer Mohammed Rasheed, Iraq's oil minister, said in a report published Monday that Iraq would insist that Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest producer, make additional cuts on its own. Iraq wants Saudi Arabia to reduce its output closer to the level it produced at prior to the Gulf War. The Saudis began pumping more oil after the war to make up for the market share Iraq lost when U.N. sanctions barred exports of Iraqi oil.

Saudi Arabia, which now produces more than 8 million barrels a day, has pledged to reduce output by 585,000 barrels a day — more than any other OPEC member. But Rasheed would insist that Saudi Arabia cut back by an additional 1.1 million barrels or more, he told the Middle East Economic Survey, a weekly oil review published in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Other OPEC oil ministers seemed to play down the potential for trouble at Tuesday's meeting.

"Agreement tomorrow is confirmed," said Venezuelan Oil Minister Ali Rodriguez.

Members of OPEC are Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela.

Cable industry deal: Comcast to buy MediaOne for \$49 billion

NEW YORK (AP) — In the cable industry's biggest merger ever, Comcast Corp. struck a deal to buy MediaOne Group Inc. for nearly \$49 billion Monday in an effort to hasten the day when cable companies offer TV, telephone service and high-speed Internet hookups.

The deal would combine the nation's third- and fourth-largest cable TV providers.

The new Comcast would serve 11 million cable customers. It would still rank behind Time Warner Inc. and AT&T Corp., which recently acquired Tele-Communications Inc.

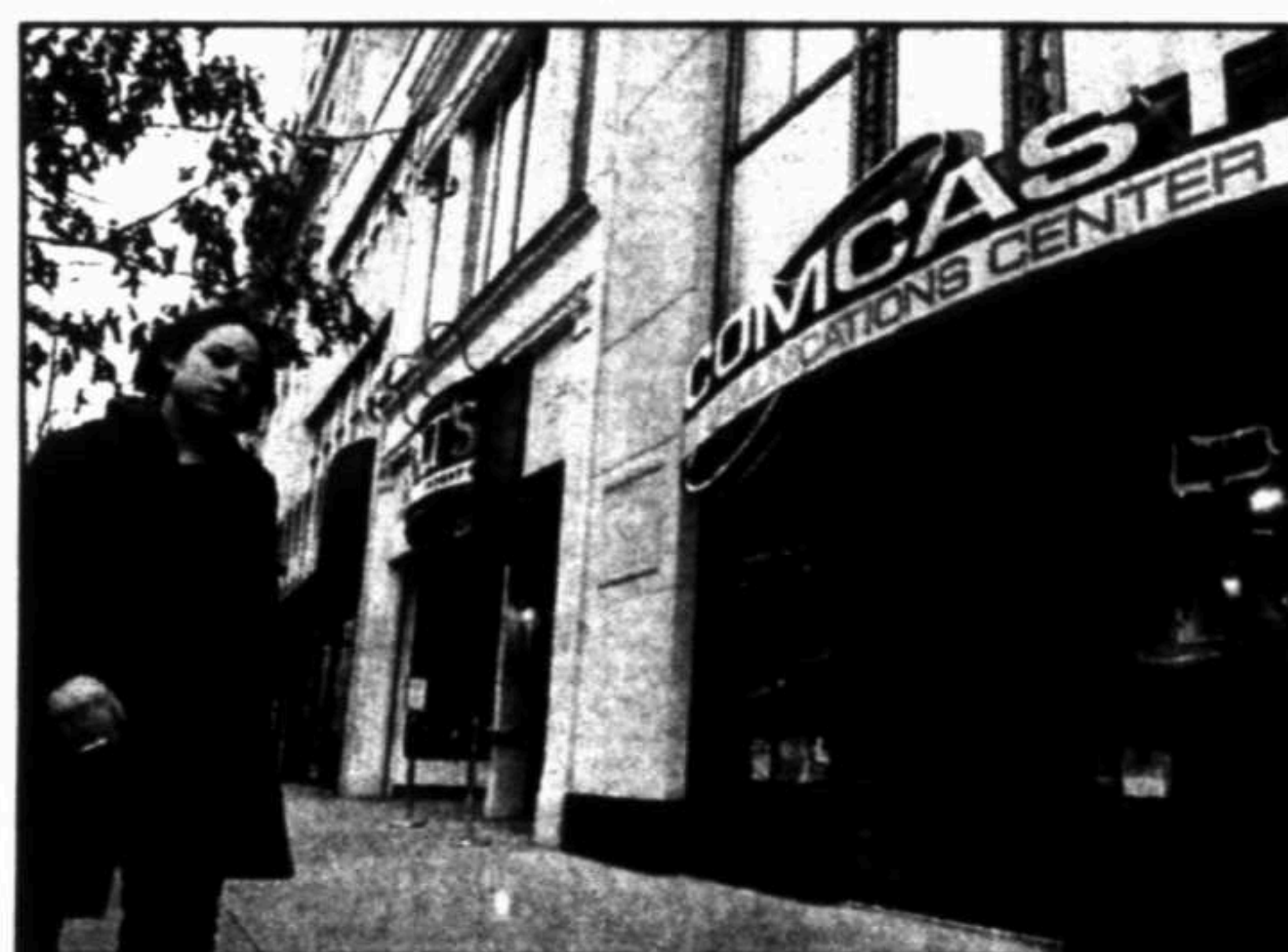
Cable companies are hoping demand will increase for high-speed Internet access and phone service over cable lines, which have much greater capacity than phone lines. Comcast hopes the deal will allow it to offer expanded all-in-one packages of TV, Internet and phone services.

MediaOne is a spinoff of the phone company U.S. West Inc., which in 1997 gave up on the idea that cable and phone providers could complement each other and split its cable business into a separate company.

The value of the Comcast deal eclipses AT&T's \$44 billion purchase of TCI, which was completed two weeks ago.

In addition to cable systems, Philadelphia-based Comcast's interests include a 57 percent stake in the home-shopping network QVC; hockey's Philadelphia Flyers; basketball's Philadelphia 76ers; and stakes in the E! and Golf Channel cable networks.

MediaOne, based in Englewood, Colo., also has interests in wireless communications businesses outside the United States serving more than 3 million customers.



Comcast Corporation, based in Philadelphia, is buying MediaOne Group Inc., of Englewood, Colo., for \$48.65 billion in stock. The deal would combine the nation's third- and fourth-largest cable television providers in the industry's richest merger ever.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Dealing with brokerage transfers can be frustrating

By Eric Tyson

Q: I am frustrated that it has been three weeks since an investment broker with whom I opened a new account has initiated an account transfer on my behalf with a brokerage firm I no longer wish to do business with. Shouldn't the transfer have been completed quicker? Do I have any recourse?

A: I know from my work as a financial counselor that while brokerage firms will open a new account in a snap, especially if you have lots of assets, they can be slower than molasses when it comes time to transfer your account to another broker. In extreme cases, I've seen some brokerage firms stall and be generally uncooperative and take upward of six months to complete an account transfer.

Such behavior is poor business. In some cases, I've seen customers move one account out of a brokerage firm and then decide to move the rest of the accounts due to the poor service. Even if a customer is moving all of his or her accounts out of a brokerage firm, it certainly doesn't leave the investor with good feelings about the firm if they do a poor job transferring the accounts out. Such shortsighted brokerages don't realize how much other business they lose through negative word-

of-mouth.

Brokerage firms can transfer your account through the ACATS (Automated Customer Account Transfer System), and according to the industry's uniform practice code, such transfers are to be completed within 10 business days. Since that has not been met in your case, you should complain unless there were extenuating circumstances that stood in the way.

You can complain to the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers. You might start by writing a complaint letter to the branch manager who oversees things at the brokerage office you're leaving. Document what has happened and what compensation you expect.

Q: Can you please explain how I make money with a mutual fund that invests in stocks?

A: When you invest in stock mutual funds, you can make money in three ways. First, most stocks pay dividends. Companies hopefully make some profits during the year. Some high-growth companies reinvest most or all of their profits right back into the business.

Many companies, however, pay out some of their profits to shareholders in dividends. As a mutual fund investor, you can choose to receive these dividends as cash or reinvest them yourself by purchasing more shares in the mutual fund.

Unless you need the income to live on (if, for example, you've already retired), reinvest your dividends into buying more shares in the fund. If you do this outside

a retirement account, keep a record of those reinvestments because those additional purchases should be factored into the tax calculations you make when you sell the shares.

The second way you make money with a stock fund is through capital gains distributions. When a fund manager sells stocks for more than he or she paid, the resulting profits, known as capital gains, must be netted against losses and paid out to the fund's shareholders. Just as with dividends, your capital gains distributions can be reinvested in the fund.

The final way you can make money with stock funds is via appreciation. The fund manager isn't going to sell all the stocks that have gone up in value. Thus, the price per share of the fund increases to reflect the gains in its stock holdings. For you, these profits are on paper until you sell the fund and lock them in. Of course, if a fund's stocks decline in value, the share price depreciates.

If you add together dividends, capital gains distributions and appreciation, you arrive at the total return of a fund.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

Most Active (\$1 on move)
AmOnline 302793 130 +104
US Filter 183713 304 -14
Comcast 183161 301 -14
MediaOne 131438 687 +74
AT&T 93873 774 -174

AMEX

Most Active (\$1 on move)
SPDR 48038129 130 +104
PC Quote 25968 734 -14
Nasdaq100 2512410114 -114
ForestLab 17870 31 +174
Nabors 17584 181 +114

NASDAQ

Most Active (\$1 on move)
DelCpr 551933 377 -274
ForeSyst 189104 181 +114
Nasdaq100 2512410114 -114
Intel 122935 1151 -374
Oracle 120142 2774 -374

GAINERS (\$2 on move)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Starline	24	+15	+517
Starline	47	+11	+439
Starline	34	+25	+250
Starline	74	+15	+221
Starline	24	+14	+215

GAINERS (\$1 on move)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AquaAlia	2	+9	+391
IPCInfo	217	+4	+274
Ridell	47	+3	+200
Enviro	217	+3	+186
AudobC	124	+17	+172

GAINERS (\$1 on move)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AutoCyle	71	+2	+270
FinetInfo	47	+1	+490
InterVu	47	+1	+490
Enviro	217	+3	+186
ImagOn	39	+2	+382

LOSERS (\$2 on move)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CHS Inc	31	-2	-6
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CHS Inc	31	-2	-6
CHS Inc	31	-2	-6
CHS Inc	31	-2	-6

LOSERS (\$1 on move)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Lasertech	2	-1	-50
Lasertech	2	-1	-50
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Lasertech	2	-1	-50

LOSERS (\$1 on move)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Compass	47	-1	-2
Compass	47	-1	-2
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DIARY

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Advanced	1,740	249	14.3
Declined	1,740	249	14.3
Unchanged	1,740	249	14.3
Total issues	1,740	249	14.3
Volume	619,707	983	0.16

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Advanced	1,740	249	14.3
Declined	1,740	249	14.3
Unchanged	1,740	249	14.3
Total issues	1,740	249	14.3
Volume	40,580	455	1.13

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Advanced	1,740	249	14.3
Declined	1,740	249	14.3
Unchanged	1,740	249	14.3
Total issues	1,740	249	14.3
Volume	874	947	0.87

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 825 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least \$5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional figures rotated through the week, as follows:

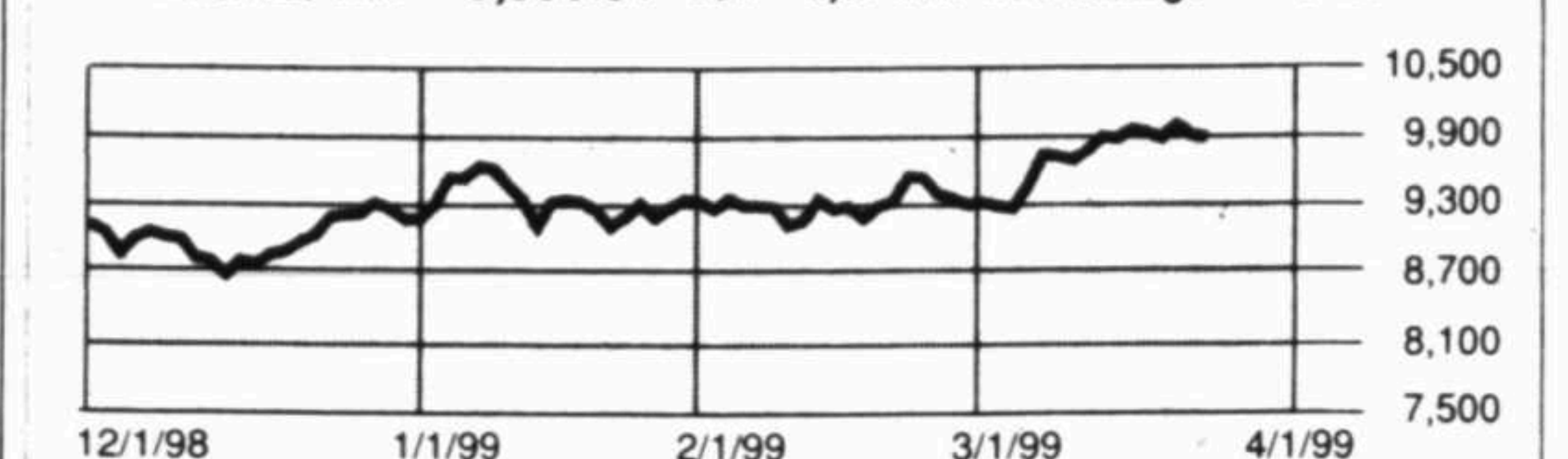
Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted.
Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...

Stock Footnotes: cc - PE greater than 99. dd - Loss in last 12 mos. d - New 52-wk low during trading day. g - Dividend in Canadian \$. Stock price in U.S. \$. n - New issue in past 52 weeks. p - Closed-end mutual fund. no PE - no PE calculated. o - bid or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. u - New 52-week high during trading day. v - Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. p - Preferred. pp - Holder owns installment(s) of purchase price. w - Rights on. Units. w - When distributed. w - When issued. w - Warrants. w - With warrants. w - Without warrants.
Dividend Footnotes: a - Also extra or extra. b - Annual rate plus stock dividend. c - Liquidating dividend. d - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos. f - Annual rate, increased on last declaration. f - Declared or paid after stock dividend or split. f - Paid this year, dividend omitted, deferred or no action taken at last meeting. k - Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears. n - Annual rate, reduced on last declaration. p - Initial dividend, annual rate unknown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. 1 - Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date. x - Ex-dividend or split. y - Ex-dividend and sales in full. z - Sales in full. y - In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Daily markets roundup

Dow Jones	Close	High	Low	Net change	% Chg
March 22, 1999	9,890.51	9,934.35	9,874.97	-13.04	-0.13



52-Week	High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% YTD	52-wk
10,065.31	7,400.00	Dow Jones Industrial	9,890.51	-13.04	-13	+72	+12.18
3,701.42	2,282.18	Dow Jones Transportation	3,275.68	-62.00	-1.80	+4.01	-6.50
321.21	269.09	Dow Jones Utilities	303.22	-72.24	-2.41	+9.51	+5.50
620.08	462.69	NYSE Composite	610.49	-19.03	-3.12	+2.46	+7.00
753.75	554.70	Amex Index	717.36	+54.99	+7.77	+4.12	-2.44
2,533.44	1,357.09	Nasdaq Composite	2,395.94	-25.33	-1.05	+9.27	+33.66
1,323.88	923.01	S&P 500	1,297.01	-2.28	-0.18	+5.51	+18.39
492.28	303.87	Russell 2000	392.20	-3.38	-0.85	+8.92	-17.04
11,932.09	8,620.80	Wishart 5000	11,761.64	-33.50	-0.28	+9.32	+12.83

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Div	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
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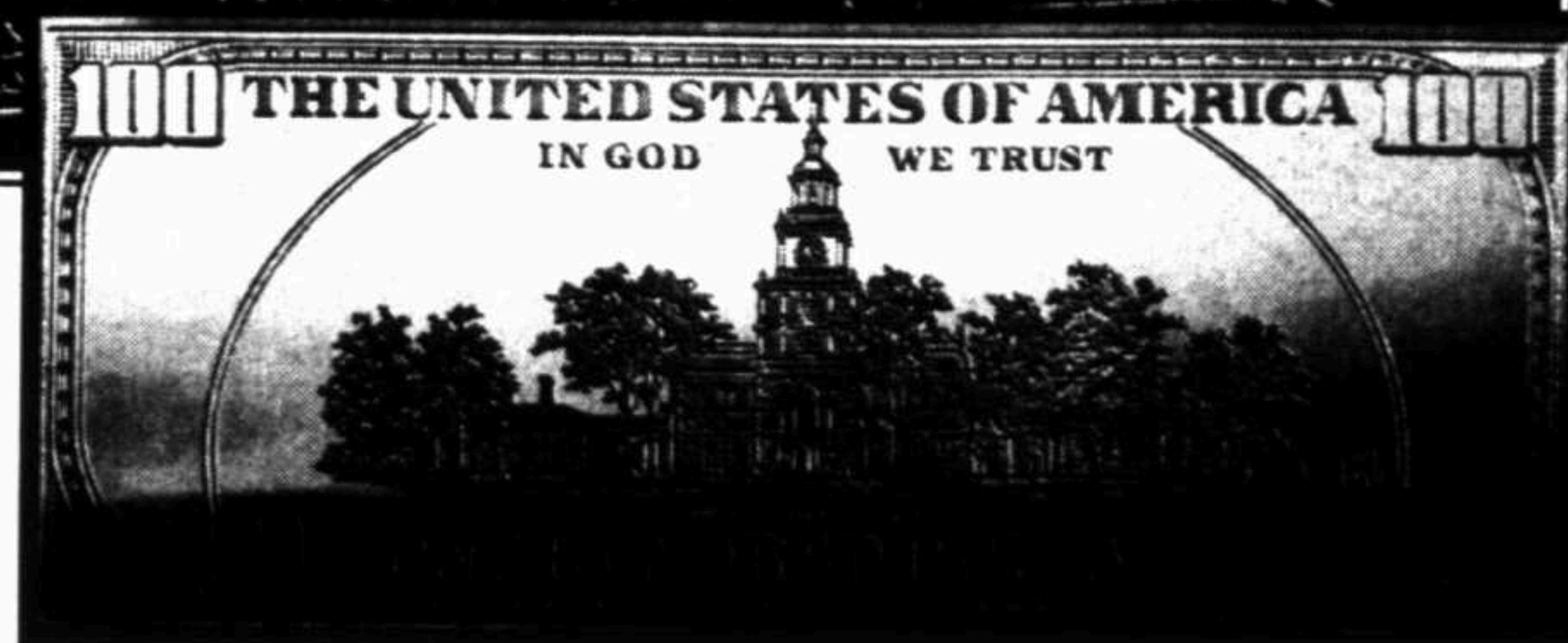
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Associated Press

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New Jersey looking to pick judges

■ Bill proposed requiring state officials to select boxing judges.

By John Curran
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A New Jersey lawmaker introduced a bill Monday that would require state officials — not promoters and sanctioning bodies — to appoint and pay boxing judges.

The bill by State Sen. Richard Codey comes in the wake of the disputed draw of the March 13 heavy-weight title fight between Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis. Codey says the three main boxing bodies — the WBC, WBA and IBF — appoint judges for boxing matches in New Jersey and the promoter pay their fees and expenses.

A spokeswoman for the state Athletic Control Board said the state chooses judges in all but the title fights, and even then has approval of the selections.

Critics contend the current system encourages judges to feel beholden toward the sanctioning bodies and the promoter because they choose the judges and pay for them. In the Holyfield-Lewis fight, IBF judge Eugenia Williams of Atlantic City was the only one of three judges to call Holyfield — who holds the IBF title — the winner.

Even though the fight was held in New York, Codey thinks New Jersey should examine its system.

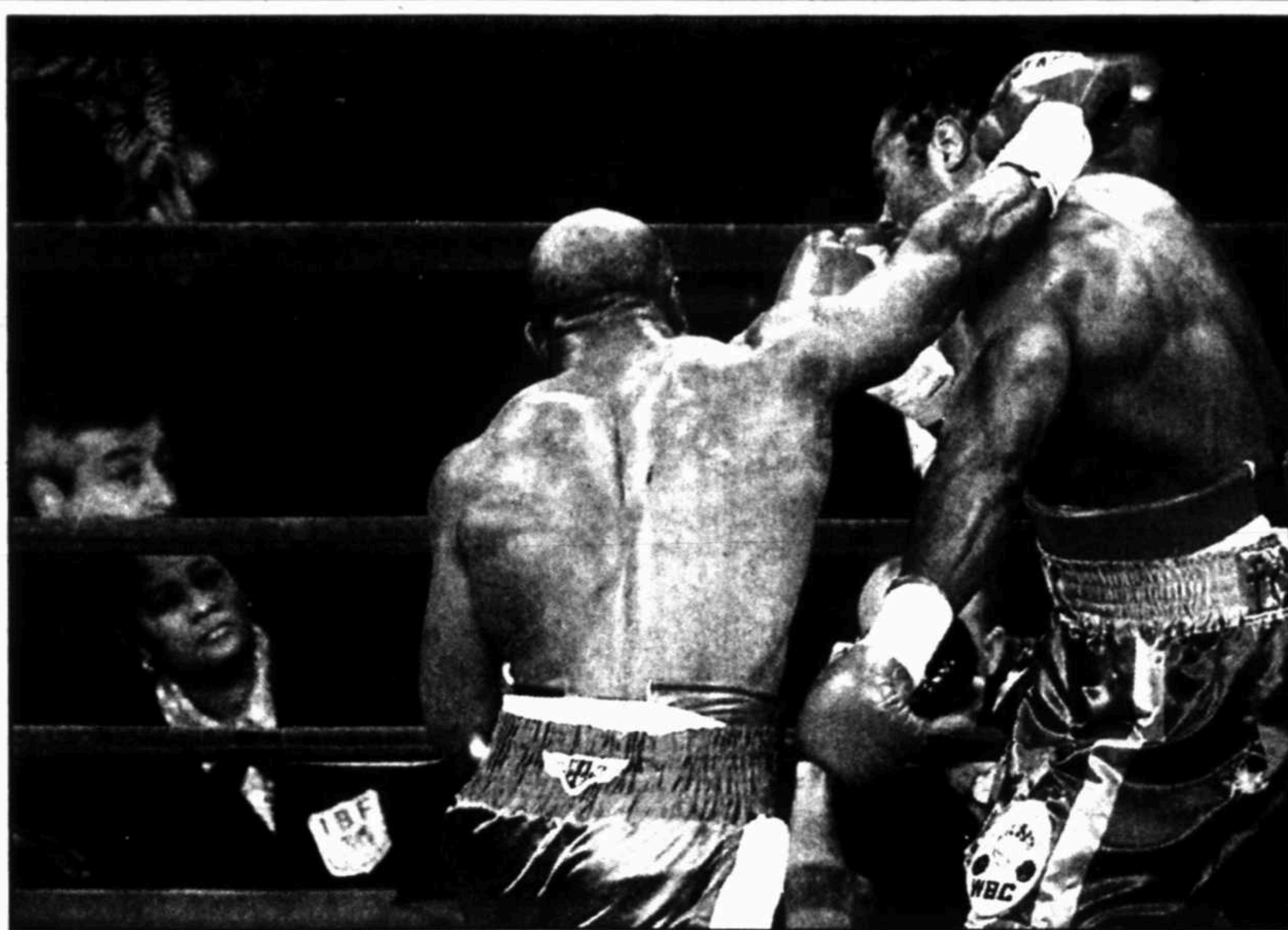
"Having promoters involved in paying the judges and apparently selecting them smells of fight-fixing, whether that occurs in reality or not," said Codey, the minority leader of the New Jersey Senate.

IBF president Bob Lee dismissed Codey's proposal as a "knee-jerk reaction."

"I don't think it's right for the public sector to take the authority away from a private company," he said. "If the title belongs to the IBF, then we ought to have something to say about the people who are officiating."

Rhonda Utley-Herring, executive assistant to state boxing commissioner Larry Hazzard, said the state already appoints the three judges and one referee for each match.

In non-title fights, the commission assigns all four officials, she said. In world title fights, the commission assigns two officials and the sanctioning body makes a recommendation on the other two, with the state empowered to either approve or reject the recommendations, she said.



IBF judge Eugenia Williams, lower left, watches Evander Holyfield, center, punch Lennox Lewis in their heavy-weight championship bout at Madison Square Garden in New York Saturday, March 13, 1999. Williams is the judge at the center of the dispute surrounding the Holyfield-Lewis draw, which has people screaming for reform.

Gaming board finds late surge of money dropped on Holyfield

By Tim Dahlberg
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS — A late flood of money — perhaps more than \$1 million — was bet on Evander Holyfield just before he stepped into the ring with Lennox Lewis, drawing the attention of investigators.

The Nevada Gaming Control Board confirmed Monday that it is looking into the bets made at a number of Las Vegas sports books in the hours before the March 13 fight at Madison Square Garden. Almost all of the money ended up being refunded to bettors when the fight was ruled a draw, even though Holyfield appeared to have lost.

The probe by gambling regulators comes on top of investigations by a Manhattan grand jury, a state Senate committee and the New York State Athletic Commission.

Nevada investigators are primarily concerned with whether the money was bet on behalf of one individual or group by so-called "messenger" bettors, which is against Nevada law. But a source close to the probe told The Associated Press that the agency was

also working with out-of-state agencies investigating the fight.

"We're looking at any betting patterns we can find," said Keith Copher, chief of enforcement for the agency that regulates Nevada casinos.

More than \$1 million may have been bet just before the fight in Las Vegas sports books and those run out of the Caribbean, causing the odds favoring Holyfield to jump. One longtime Las Vegas bettor said the betting pattern was so unusual that he suspected the money was bet with inside knowledge of what the outcome might be.

"This was a real scam, except it didn't work," said Lem Banker, one of a very few sports bettors who has made a living over the years wagering on sporting events and is well respected in the industry. "There was a lot of what I call 'unnatural money' wagered on Holyfield."

Holyfield had been a slight favorite in the week before the fight, but the bout was nearly a pick'em by Saturday, said Pete Korner of Las Vegas Sports Consultants, which sets the odds for most Las Vegas sports books. Then just before the fight began close to midnight EST, a rush of

money pushed odds to as much as 8-5 and 9-5 on Holyfield, he said.

"Obviously somebody or some group was playing Holyfield very late," Korner said. "They did their homework well waiting for the price to come down before they bet it."

Joe Lupo, sports book director at the Stardust hotel, said the late Holyfield money caused the line to move from minus 130 to minus 160 (8-5) just before the fight. But Lupo said he believes the bets were not out of the ordinary.

"I didn't see any unusual betting," Lupo said. "It was all small money, no real large wagers."

The Mirage, which has one of the largest casino sports books, had no comment, according to spokeswoman Jenn Michaels.

Among other things, investigators want to know whether the money was bet by "messenger" bettors who fanned out to various casinos to make bets at the direction of one bettor. Messenger betting is done primarily by big bettors to get bets down at various casinos without the odds being raised too quickly and to avoid the identification forms that must be filled out for any bet of \$10,000 or more.

Tyson won't receive early release from jail

By Ken Kusmer
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Mike Tyson won't be leaving a Maryland jail for at least another month.

Although a judge might reduce the former heavyweight champion's one-year sentence for assault in Maryland to time already served, Tyson then would have to begin serving 60 days for violating terms of his Indiana probation for a 1992 rape conviction.

The bottom line is, even if the Maryland sentence is modified, he will not be released from jail on Friday, spokeswoman Beverly Phillips of the Marion County prosecutor's office said.

Tyson has been jailed in Maryland since Feb.

5 on charges he assaulted two motorists after a minor traffic accident in August.

Tyson has requested that his assault sentence be reduced to eight months, and a hearing is set for Friday at Montgomery County (Md.) District Court. Robert Greenberg, one of Tyson's two lawyers in the Maryland case, had said last week that such a reduction could free his client from jail by Friday night.

Marion County prosecutor Scott Newman, Tyson lawyer James Voyles and Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford conferred Monday in Indianapolis and also talked to Maryland authorities. They agreed the boxer still must serve the extra time for his probation violation.

"If the judge modifies his sentence, at that

point his Indiana sentence will begin," Phillips said. "There's no retroactive in any of these calculations."

Once the Indiana sentence begins, Tyson could serve as little as 30 days, depending on time off for good behavior and other provisions, she said. That means Tyson could leave jail by April 26.

"The integrity of both the Indiana and the Maryland sentences will be honored," Voyles said. He declined to speculate on how the court hearing Friday will turn out or when Tyson may leave jail.

Earlier this month, Tyson struck a deal with Newman and Maryland authorities in which he agreed to serve his Indiana jail time in Maryland after he completes his assault sentence.

Baseball dream died, but paralyzed Carey serves as role model for several disabled

By Jimmy Bagent
The Daily Tribune (Bay City)

TEMPE, Ariz. — David Carey has found the silver lining inside a cloud filled with personal tragedy.

Last week the 29-year-old Bay City native was honored as one of four recipients of the Gene Autry Courage Award for 1999.

Thrilled with the news of the award, Carey says he doesn't really know why he was chosen for such a prestigious honor. But, those that know Carey and what he has endured over the past 10 years understand full well why he was selected from a nationwide list of candidates.

When Carey graduated from Bay City High School in 1988 he had a dream to play baseball at Arizona State University, but that dream came to end when a bullet pierced his spine and bound him to a wheelchair for the rest of his life. As a Black Cat, Carey participated in football, basketball and baseball and moved to Arizona after graduation to begin his collegiate career.

"On the evening of March 8, 1989, while resting at his apartment several of Carey's friends were playing with a gun that accidentally discharged.

"One of my baseball teammates and another friend of mine had been at my apartment earlier in the evening," says Carey. "They left and I went to lie down and rest. When they returned they had stolen a pistol and some other items and were looking at the gun in the living room."

"They took the clip out of the gun and thought it was unloaded, but

when one of them pulled the trigger it went off."

The stray bullet went through the door into the room in which Carey was sleeping, hit a nightstand and ricocheted into his back.

"At first I didn't know what happened," said Carey. "My friends didn't realize where the bullet had gone. I awoke, but didn't know I was shot — actually I thought I was having a stroke or something."

What Carey didn't know was that the bullet had entered his back and traveled up his spinal cord and into his jaw. When Carey's friends finally heard his calls for help they opened the door to his room and found him bleeding and asking them to call 911.

It wasn't long before Carey realized the stray bullet had made him a quadriplegic.

"I didn't know what to expect or what would happen when the doctors told me I was paralyzed," Carey said. "If I had known more about it I may have reacted differently, but all of the medication I was on and my lack of knowledge about paralysis kind of numbed everything."

Carey was a freshman at Scottsdale Community College when the accident occurred and he had no intentions on giving up on his education, wheelchair or no wheelchair. So, in the fall of 1989, he was back in class at Scottsdale and looking forward to transferring on to Arizona State University.

"I was taking things slowly because at first I could only take a few hours of classes each semester," says Carey. "Maybe you

could say I was on that 10-year plan."

In 1993 Carey fulfilled half of his dream — to attend ASU — but the events of the previous five years had put a damper on his dreams to play baseball for the Sun Devils.

"I always wanted to play baseball at ASU, but of course that was out of the question with everything that had happened to me," said Carey. "Knowing what I could and couldn't do I devoted my time to my studies."

That devotion paid off in December of 1997 when Carey was awarded a BS in physical science from ASU. After graduation Carey began work for the Department of Administration out of the Arizona office of Americans With Disabilities.

Even after graduation Carey still had his love of baseball, especially ASU baseball and one of the most personally fulfilling moments in his life was to be able to speak to the team about his ordeal.

"I had always dreamed of playing for ASU and to be able to have the team listen to my story was a great thrill," Carey said.

Carey says he has learned many things since the accident, and what he has been through can serve as a lesson to all people.

"You're never guaranteed tomorrow, so do what you can today because you may never have a chance to fulfill your dreams or accomplish your goals," said Carey.

"I enjoy the little things now and don't take so much for granted, like getting a glass of water from

the refrigerator, cooking, or mowing the grass. Those are all things that people don't think about, but now that I'll never be able to do them I realize how lucky we all are."

The most important thing Carey tells people is about the choices we all make in life.

This month marks the 10th anniversary of Carey's accident, but a lot has changed in the past 10 years since the shooting. Carey says he enjoys his job and intends on staying in the Phoenix area and working with issues that relate to the Americans With Disabilities Act.

"I would like to spend some more time speaking to people," says Carey. "Being honored with this Courage Award gave me an opportunity to see and meet a lot of people who I really admire."

Presenting the award to Carey was Mike Utley, who played for the Detroit Lions before an on-field spinal injury confined him to a wheelchair.

"It was great to be presented the award by Mike Utley, someone who has gone through what I have gone through and come back as an advocate for people with disabilities," Carey said. "Being in the presence of people like Utley and other top-name sports figures made me feel really good that I was chosen for such an award."

Carey's will and determination have lifted him far above his wheelchair. They have given those close to him as well as people he has touched over the past 10 years a new perspective on life.

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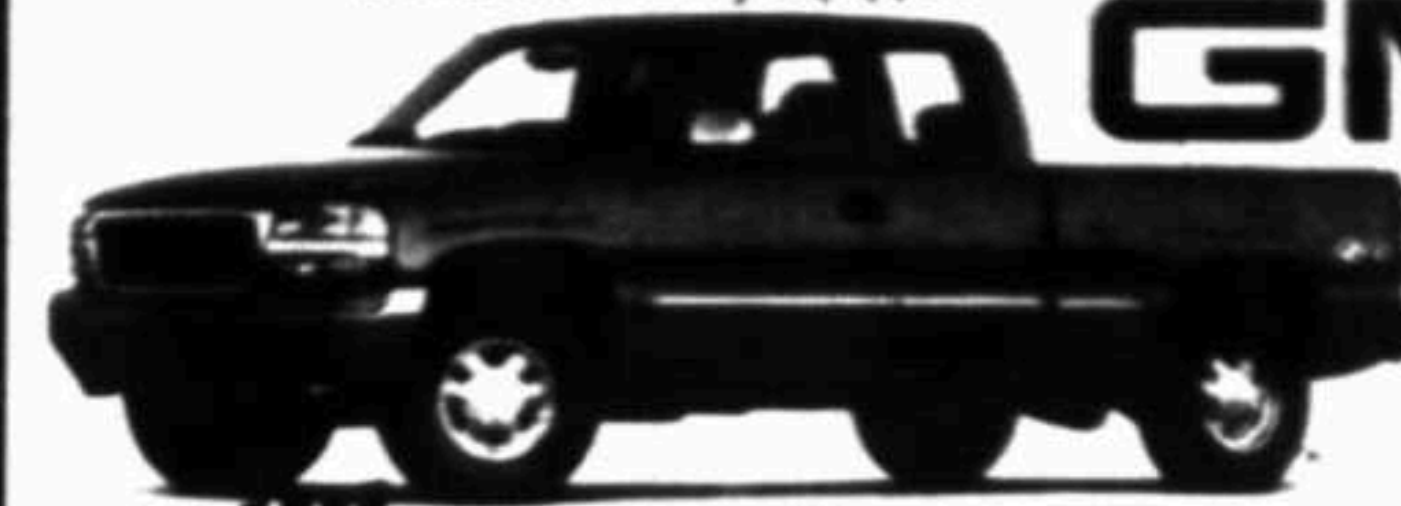
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DATED THIS 19th day of March, 1999.

ROBERT R. TRUITT, JR., P.O. Drawer 2670 Midland, Texas 79702 (915) 683-5252

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF MAGGIE INEZ WILSON

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of J. Brace Wigzell, Deceased, were issued on January 12, 1999, in Cause No. P-12-365, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Wanda H. Wigzell, Independent Executor.

The residence of the Independent Executor is as follows:

2601 Wyndwood Drive Midland, Texas 79707

All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in

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care of the representative at the address above set out.

DATED the 13th day of January, 1999.

COTTON, BLEDSOE, TIGHE & DAWSON, A Professional Corporation P.O. Box 2776 Midland, Texas 79702

By: Jerry D. Zant State Bar No. 22245460

ATTORNEYS OF R-INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 17.907 km of rehabilitation of existing roadway on SH 166 from 17.850 km West of Intersection SH 166 and SH 17 to the intersection of US 67/90 at SH 223 covered by STP 99(96)R in Jeff Davis and Brewster Counties, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., April 6, 1999, and then opened and read, the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the

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above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal Laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will ensure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Tom R. Mangrum, Area Engineer, Alpine, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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110 Lodge Notices

Midland Masonic Lodge #623 1600 W. Wall Regular stated meetings 2nd & 4th, Thursdays 7:30 pm. Bert Bloodworth, WM Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

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Midland Shrine Club 2019 Trade Dr. 689-7003 Reg. mtg. 3rd Thurs. each mo. Hosp. 6:30 pm. Bus. mtg. 8 pm. 3rd Sat. 8:30 am. Breakfast 7:30 Tom Burns, W/M (P.T.) Bob Elwood, Sec. 570-0328

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LOST MALE dog, white with black ears, name Poky, Rankin Hwy, County tags. Call 683-3874.

NEW TODAY

LOST: Black female Chihuahua by Birkhead Feed Store, corner of Terrell and Industrial. Please call 570-4553. My little girl won't stop crying. Reward \$100.

NEW TODAY

REWARD: Lost 3 year old female Golden Retriever with green collar. May have lost collar. "Sammy". Please call 570-1433. We have 4 sons and a Mom that will be so sad until she comes home.

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FOUND: Large Rabbit in my yard. Please call to identify. 694-4751.

FOUND

LOST LARGE black shaggy dog, during thunder storm. Fairmont Park. Paper XXX-XXXX. Reward.

FOUND

LOST female Australian Shepherd, one blue eye, one brown eye from A & Scharbauer area. Last seen at MISD warehouse on Moran St. 686-7568. Reward.

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LINCOLN 1995 Town Car, Loaded, leather, Clonon CD, 3 "wall phone, one owner, garage kept, excellent condition. \$4,500. 499-4700 pager.

CHEVROLET 1990 Geo Tracker, 4 wheel drive, red, CD, new top, custom seat covers, \$4,900 negotiable. 694-2013, 697-5054, beeper 499-2326.

PONTIAC 1991 Sunbird SE, Convertible, 87K, runs and looks great, all power, loaded. Asking \$4,000. Call 689-2429.

CHEVROLET 1995 LUMINA, Burgundy/ Gray, Power windows/locks, Tinted glass. Adult owned. Well maintained. Needs nothing! High miles. \$7,100. 697-5910.

LINCOLN 1992 Towncar, white with maroon interior, Executive series, 71K miles. Good condition \$8,000. Call 682-7553.

LINCOLN 1993 Towncar, black with black interior, Signature series, 101K miles. Good condition. \$9,000. Call 682-7753.

CHEVROLET 1994 Lumina, gray with red pinstripe, tinted windows, power windows-locks, Low miles. Excellent condition. \$7,100. 520-8850.

JAGUAR 1987 XJ6, 4 Door, Looks & runs good! \$6,500. Please call 683-0957 for more information.

PONTIAC 1998 Grand Prix GT-4 door, 15K miles, alloy wheels, tan, keyless, loaded, CD changer, leather, Fantastic! \$20,900. 699-5216.

EAGLE 1991 TALON TSI turbo, all wheel drive, 5 speed, loaded, drives great, low mileage, NADA \$6,500, asking \$4,200. 570-0207.

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CHEVROLET 1972 CAMARO SS 396, Original Drivetrain, automatic, air, one of 970. Restored! \$13,500. Serious inquiries only. 520-3153.

CHEVROLET 1955 VAN, 6 Cylinder, 235 cubic, 4 speed. New tires & clutch. Runs good. \$3,200 or best offer. 687-1520.

FORD 1973 Mustang Mach I, 351-W, 4 speed, power steering, brakes, air conditioning, new suspension. Restored! 6,000 miles. \$9,000 or best offer. Call 686-0449.

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NASH 1958 Metropolitan, Cute car, \$3,800 invested in restoration, needs paint and upholstery, \$3,000 or best offer. 697-6320, leave message.

CHEVROLET 1970 Short lead model Step Side, 350ci, 350 transmission, New interior, tires, wheels. \$6,500. 687-6406, 686-0734.

FORD 1966 Mustang coupe, automatic, 6 cylinder, maroon/black, good tires, new paint. See at 1501 Rankin Hwy. 620-0636.

OLDSMOBILE 1955 Delta 88, 4 Door, hard top, 26K original miles. Beautiful! Must see. \$7,000 o. b. 699-2493/686-6701.

THE EIGHTH Annual Jack Sherman Car and Truck Show will be April 17th. Free hot dogs and soft drinks. \$10, entry prepreregistration. Show. Call the West Texas Cruisers at 620-0536 for information.

FORD 1997 Explorer XLT, Preferred equipment package, 4.0 SOHC engine, 3.73 axle/towing package, luxury aluminum wheels. \$19,900. Call 697-2395.

FORD 1995 Explorer XL, 4 x 2, Excellent condition. \$11,000 or best offer. 687-6550 after 5:00 pm.

NISSAN 1994 Pathfinder LE, great condition, 4 wheel drive, fully loaded, warranty, 75.5K miles, \$17,250. Call 689-0945.

ISUZU 1992 Rodeo-Black with gray, sunroof, 12 disc CD changer, 80K, tint windows, cold air, new brakes, \$9,900. 699-7119.

FORD 1997 Expedition XLT, 5.4 V-8, 4 wheel ABS, rear air, CD, third seat, running boards, towing package, \$24,695. (915)528-6700.

TOYOTA 1995 Celica, 3 Door lift back, red, 31,000 miles, air, am fm cassette, cruise, ABS, dual air bags, all power, alarm system, non smoker. \$16,250. Great college car. 683-1958.

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CHEVROLET 1994 3/4 ton Silverado extended cab, 88K, fully loaded, \$11,500. See at 3210 N. Midkiff. 520-5400, 553-1071.

FORD 1996 F150 XL, Power steering, air cassette, 5 speed, 4.9 liter, 38K miles. Maroon & Gray \$10,800. 697-0842.

FORD 1996 F250 4 x 4 pickup, 130,000 highway miles, ma fm cassette, air conditioner, \$7,800 or best offer. 520-2283.

GMC 1996 Sierra Sport SL, Extended Cab 5 speed, 39K miles. Red, Rhino bedliner, Tinted. \$14,900. 686-7135.

CHEVROLET 1992 Pickup, V-6, regular cab, long bed, 120K miles, \$4,800. Please call 561-8150 after 11 am.

CHEVROLET 1994 1500 Extended cab, 5 speed, Indigo Blue, Sacrificing at \$11,500. 689-3517, 620-3045 pager.

CHEVROLET 1994 Silverado, extended cab, Nice condition, runs great, air, \$8,900. Call 520-7905, cell 553-3301.

NISSAN 1997 pickup, 5 speed, air, tool box, red, 26K miles, \$8,600. Very good condition, Please call 697-9921.

FORD 1993 RANGER XLT 5 Speed, 6 Cylinder, toolbox, all accessories! Custom wheels. Clean! 70K miles. \$5,500. 699-5985.

CHEVROLET 1981 350 V8, long bed truck, totally rebuilt. Everything new inside and out. \$4,000. 570-4706. Greenwood.

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CHEVROLET 1994 2500 Pickup, 3/4 Ton, Extended Cab, V8, 6.5 Turbo Diesel engine, 80K miles, custom bumper, grill guard, bedliner, oversized offroad tires. \$16,500. 688-3000.

FORD 1989 F150 XL, Extended cab, 8 cylinder, 5.0, 83K miles, air, cruise control, cassette, 126K. \$4,950. 697-6176.

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PETERBUILT 1989, 379 extended hood, 425 Cat, 15 over, 355 rear axle, stand up, 90% rubber, \$33,000. 915-520-4320, pager 915-495-3923.

MAZDA 1995 B 2300, low miles, very clean, must see. \$8,000. Please call 686-1857.

CHEVROLET 1999 Suburban, New! 6,000 miles, all amenities! Window listing \$37,928. Selling \$30,000 firm. After 6 pm 682-2074, weekends anytime.

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CHEVROLET 1989 Suburban, Signature edition, high mileage, looks and runs great. \$5,500. Please call 694-0738.

GMC 1993 Suburban, phone, ten disc CD changer, radar detector, security system, front brush guard, running boards, new tires, 64K miles, red exterior, gray interior, always garaged. Excellent condition, \$16,995. Call 689-0888 after 7 pm, beeper 499-1300.

FORD 1993 Aerostar XL 120K, Runs good, dependable, new tires, \$4,950. Please call 687-0419.

GMC 1989 Vandura 3/4 ton van, captains chairs, rear air, wood trim. Good condition. High mileage. \$4,000. Call 553-4046 or 683-1445 after 5 pm.

GMC 1990 Suburban, Clean, gray/silver, High mileage. \$4,300. Monday through Friday call 686-7779 between 8-5.

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FORD 1988 BRONCO II, Bargain! New tires. 94K miles. \$3,000. Call 699-3000, leave message.

CHEVROLET 1984 CAPRICE Classic, Good work school car! \$900 negotiable. Please call 686-7304 after 6:00 pm.

FORD 1986 Mustang, Great school or work car. \$2,000, please call 697-6723 after 3 pm.

GE0 1990 Prism hatchback sedan 5 door. Engine needs work. Great body. \$1,500. 2105 Western. 687-6113.

DODGE 1986 Charger, Automatic transmission, runs good, needs paint. \$1,200. Call 520-4602.

DODGE 1988 Shadow ES, four door, hatchback, good tires, runs good. \$1,675. Please call 684-5152.

HONDA 1984 Accord, Dependable, white, 4 door, Runs great! 145K plus miles. \$2,000. Please call 520-8454.

HONDA 1986 Accord, Gray, clean, 2 door, loaded. Runs good. \$2,300 or best offer. Please call 694-5875.

MERCURY 1985 Grand Marquis, midnight blue, 79K miles. \$2,200. 699-0489. Leave message.

MERCURY 1993 Topaz, 4 door, 91K, automatic transmission, loaded, gray car/red cloth. \$2,900. 520-0044.

PONTIAC 1981 Trans Am, 455, Buick engine, runs good, has T-Tops, 4 wheel disc brakes. \$1,350 o. b. 522-2417.

VOLKSWAGEN 1973 Super Beetle, teal green, black interior, runs great, nice car. \$3,000 or best offer. Call Doug. 697-6175.

FORD 1992 Taurus LX, All power and air. V6. Very dependable car. \$3,000. Digital beeper 495-6212.

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 LINCOLN 1988 Continental, Beautiful, low mileage, very good condition. Needs starter/rear shock. \$2,000 cash. Leave message. XXX-XXXX.

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 OLDSMOBILE 1986 Delta "88", red, loaded, one owner. Great condition. 118K miles. \$3,000. XXX-XXX, leave message.

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PONTIAC 1988 Grand Am, 2 Door, automatic, power and air. Very dependable. \$2,750. Keith-digital pager 495-6212.

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 FORD 1982 Crown Victoria, Needs minor work but runs! New battery, cold air. \$400. xxx-xxxx.

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 FORD 1986 15 Passenger van, 460 engine, dual fuel tanks, automatic, electric doors and windows. \$2,500. 4622 Cuthbert. Call 520-5700.

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GMC 1993 Suburban/Conversion (extended warranty). Leather, power, TV, VCR, custom paint, Nerf bars, grill guard. New Tires. \$20,000. 684-8596.

GMC 1994 Trailmaster, Elegant Suburban Package. Loaded, Captains chairs, TV, VCR, ear phones, high mileage. Many updates. \$15,500. 699-0092, 685-1940.

CHEVROLET 1993 Conversion Van, full size. Loaded, captain's seats, rear air, TV, VCR connections, 97,000 miles. Great condition. \$9,000. 689-7726.

CHEVROLET 1994 High Top Conversion Van, Rear air, TV, VCR, four captains chairs, fold down back benches. \$14,000 negotiable. 697-2135.

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The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

DON'T MISS OUT!
The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.
Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

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\$20.50 \$20.50 \$20.50 \$20.50
GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE \$20.50

* 7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
* 2 Days
* ★★ Stand Out Emblem
* ★★ Garage Sale Kit
(Includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints \$5 Value)
* ★★ Package of Flavored Drink Mix (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
* ★★ \$3 Off Classified Coupon
(Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get \$3 off!)

Or Get 3 Days for Only \$24.50!

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311 Medical Help Wanted

Manor Park
a great place to work
Accepting Applications for Certified Dedicated and Caring Healthcare Professionals
C.N.A.'s (Full Time and PRN) ALL SHIFTS
♦ Starting \$6.05/hour plus shift differential
♦ 13 days off with pay plus 7 holidays
♦ Prescription Drug Discount Program
♦ Career Ladder with 3% increase after each step completion
♦ Tuition Reimbursement for continuing education
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♦ Annual raises based on PERFORMANCE
♦ Life Insurance & Short Term Disability - FREE
♦ Credit Union Membership Available
♦ Beautiful, clean, well kept facility
♦ Experienced and Trained Supervisors who value employees
Be PROUD of your career and the place you work.
Come to Manor Park
Applications can be completed at 2308 N. Loop West, Midland, TX. No phone calls please. EOE

312 Professional Help Wanted

BOOKKEEPER/Office Manager. Full charge bookkeeper for one person accounting office, must have experience with accounting software, plus budgeting spreadsheets, etc. Full time position, wages based on experience and ability. Non-smoking office. Send resume to Box N-1100, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

EXECUTIVE CHEF. Seeking working chef with strong culinary arts and experience in volume cooking. Experience in ordering, budgeting and employee supervision a must. If you are a team player, looking for great benefits and a competitive wage, mail your resume to: Box N-4118, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702. EOE License #323

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TEACHER NEEDED. By child care center with 2 years experience under a degree director. High school diploma required, non smoking environment. Call 689-6309 or 1007 Austin, Midland.

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WE'RE FUN! We're New! We're the Rendezvous! We'd like you to come and join our crew! Call 520-0700, talk to Rhonda if you're a Stylist, Nail Tech or Massage Therapist.

WESTSIDE EXYON now accepting applications for Night Manager and part time evening help. Apply in person 4400 W. Illinois.

310 General Help Wanted

FOR RESUMES that get results call 689-1919. Professional, fast, courteous, affordable service.

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GLOBE AVIATION Services now hiring pre-board screeners. ♦ Midland International Airport, 9506 LaForce Blvd. Apply at security checkpoint. Must have high school diploma or G.E.D., 10 year background criminal check, drug test, phone calls. Time to apply Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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HAIRDRESSER STATION for lease. Heads First. Call 699-8869 or 683-7268. Ask for Sarah.

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HERO'S WATER PARK now hiring Lifeguards. Come to the water park for applications. Contact Gary or Jeff 563-1933.

FOOD SERVICE. Earn \$9-\$14/HOUR. Domino's Pizza opening additional locations soon! Immediate openings for all positions: Phones, Drivers & Management. Drivers earn \$9-\$14/hour, Managers \$21K-\$30K + insurance. Apply today at: 3302 W. Illinois, 2215 N. Midland Drive, 712 Scharbauer. Managers: Page Us! 499-9149.

KENT KWIK 24 Hour Job Hotline 520-4053 ext. 371

LIFEGUARDS Needed, full time, day shift. Central Y.M.C.A. 682-2551.

LITTLE CAESAR'S Pizza is now hiring part time delivery drivers. \$5.75 per hour, plus 50¢ per delivery, plus tips. Apply in person at either location.

MAINTENANCE/Personnel. Saddle Ridge Lodge a gracious retirement residence for active seniors is seeking a maintenance/transportation person. General maintenance experience should include air conditioning, minor plumbing, electrical and carpentry skills. Additionally, you will be responsible for transporting residents to requested destinations. Commercial driver's license (CDL) is a must. If you are reliable, qualified and enjoy working as a vital team member, please stop by to fill out an application or send or FAX your resume to: Viola Adams, Saddle Ridge Lodge Assisted Living, 1808 W. Loop 250 N., Midland, TX., 79705. FAX: 915-687-0355. EOE. License #323

NEEDED: OTR driver, one year experience. Clean record required. Excellent pay. 524-7026, ask for Joe.

REPRESENTATIVES Needed: sell Avon part time - full time. Great earnings. Call Vera 520-0119, Independent Rep.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

Great Opportunity For '99!
Fast expanding marketing company has 10 positions to be filled immediately. We represent Fortune 500 clients. Advancement to management likely for those with proper work ethic. Call Elena at 682-2335.

INDEPENDENT SALES Reps needed for Permian Basin, who are currently calling on plants, machine shops and/or production. Straight commission. Call 915/683-5181.

NEW TODAY

OPERATIONS MANAGER - Inside sales. Denver-based steel pipe distributor with operations in Odessa seeks lead inside sales person/operations manager. Successful candidate must have strong sales background with experience in industrial, oilfield or steel sales. Please provide resume with references to: Cullen King Resource Pipe Company, 4534 W. Highway 80, P.O. Box 1326, Odessa, TX 79760-1326, (915)385-7473.

RETAIL SALES. No Nights. No Sundays. Apply in person. Dunlups, 3303 W. Illinois.

EXPERIENCED

CLOSERS. Siding, windows & metal roof sales. West Texas area. 1-800-299-5599.

318 Management Help Wanted

RENT-N-OWN

Immediate Position for Full Time Collection Manager. Please apply in person ONLY.

Applicants Must Possess:
♦ High School Diploma or Equivalent
♦ Clean Driving Record & Be Drug Free
♦ Physically Able To Lift furniture & appliances

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Rent-N-Own
2209 N. Big Spring
Midland, TX

APARTMENT MANAGER for San Angelo Area. Computer skills required. Mail to FIMC, 2505 Lakeview, Amarillo 79109 or fax resume to (806)538-2170 or call (806)358-7152, ext. 201.

NEW TODAY

CORNELL CORRECTIONS Business Manager

Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Degree in Business Administration or related field or experience gained through extensive bookkeeping and accounting work. Proficiency in computer-based accounting systems is preferred.

Annual Salary: Minimum \$40,000 to \$44,000 Maximum.

Apply at 610 Main Street B No Phone Calls Please EOE M/F/V/D

MANAGEMENT Opportunities available at Fuddrucker's. Please call 689-0448, fax 689-0458.

PROPERTY MANAGER need for 120 unit property. Please call for interview 570-4321.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

PRODUCTION LOGGING Engineer. Independent wireline company is seeking a production logging engineer. Must have some production experience. Qualified person must have at least 5 years experience, also must be willing to relocate or do some traveling. Company also provides benefit package. Send resume and salary requirements to P.O. Box 5692, Midland, TX 79704-5692.

320 Skilled Trades

AUSTIN AREA cabinet shop. Is hiring experienced cabinet installers. Must have own tools and transportation. Top pay and benefits. Call 1-800-880-3295.

COMMERCIAL PLUMBING Company in Austin, Texas needs Experienced, Licensed Plumbers and Helpers. Benefits/Insurance/Vacation/401K Available. Call 1-800-392-6690.

EXPERIENCED Gas Pushers needed. Apply in person only, no phone calls accepted. TCO Field Service, 2605 Garden City Highway.

FENCE FOREMAN opening available at well established 25 year old company. 5 years experience as industrial fence foreman desired. Corpus Christi, TX 78407-0435.

NEW TODAY

HVAC TECHNICIAN Installer needed in Big Spring area. Call 915/263-8131 for more information.

NEW TODAY

LICENSED ELECTRICIAN (Midland license) and Helpers needed. Call 915/263-8131.

LOOKING FOR Experienced Journeyman Plumbers and HVAC/Refrigeration Technicians. Submit applications to: 1607 South Midkiff.

OPERATORS

for Central Texas street and underground utility construction company. Benefits.

1-800-282-5344

OPENING for Copier and Electronics Technician in San Angelo. Benefit package. Fax resume to 915-653-5086.

320 Skilled Trades

MECHANIC WANTED to work on various construction equipment ranging from pickups to backhoes, plows, rockers, and more. Must have a general knowledge of service and repair requirements and be able to weld. Job will involve travel and overtime. Many benefits included. Home office is Mineral Wells, TX. Call Jamie Lee at 800-222-3135 or (940)682-4213 between 8:00 and 5:00 for directions and/or application.

OPPORTUNITY with major bank equipment supplier for electronic technician trainee for West Texas area. Company vehicle, excellent employee benefit plan. Send brief resume to: Smith Banc. Equipment, 11023 Iota Drive, San Antonio, TX, 78217.

NEW TODAY

POSITIONS AVAILABLE for experienced Transmission Rebuilders and R & R people. Apply in person at 1503 Rankin Highway, Midland.

WANTED: EXPERIENCED Commercial Plumber to begin work immediately. Please call 686-0002 or 570-0232.

330 Situations Wanted

INDEPENDENT Accountant is willing to trade accounting work for office space. Call 687-2130.

WILL MAKE Deliveries Houston, Dallas, Oklahoma City, Long distance. Will deliver to 1,000 lbs. 915-699-5353/553-1400.

336 Adult Care Providers

NURSES UNLIMITED

is now offering home assistance services including housekeeping, personal care, meal preparation, assistance with bathing, dressing, shopping and more. Three levels of care developed by an RN. Criminal history checks, CPR, and training for all providers. 24 Hour on-call RN supervision. Family conference available. Call Dyane Fisher, RN, BSN or Natalie Lawson, RN at 800-0181.

CNA WILL care for your loved ones in your own home. References, Please call 697-3327.

INHOME CARE for all your in home health needs. Bathing, cooking, cleaning, running errands, etc. Give us a call for more information at 570-4175, ask for Tonya or Jackie.

NEW TODAY

LICENSED LVN. Will sit with, or care for your loved in your home. 30 years experience. Call 522-2126.

LOVING DEPENDABLE woman, 46, seeking position as caregiver/companion to senior lady or couple. Will provide general daily care, meal preparation, light housekeeping, errands, and of course friendship and companionship in a loving atmosphere. \$400/week. Please call Debbie @ 682-1569.

340 Child Care Needed

I NEED A caregiver for 2 children - ages two and one - during the day. 699-2462 after 2 pm.

341 Child Care Providers

LOVING MOM to watch newborn to small children in home, reasonable rates. 694-6109 5:30 am - 7:30 pm, 520-8308.

HEY MOMS! Registered home has opening for one playmate 18 months - also summer child care for school age. Call 520-6239.

350 Business Opportunities

Attention Readers

Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract or giving out your credit card or bank information.

LUCRATIVE BUSINESS for sale! Small investment, large return. Low overhead. Owner moving. \$6,000. Jeff, 638-1318.

DOWN YOUR business. \$245. Earn money. Part time/full time. Work from home. Call 800-642-3192.

WILLING TO INVEST Time and money to create a 100% guaranteed home based business. Call 570-6945, leave message. Serious inquiries only!

LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview. Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

Find It! Buy It! Sell It! 682-6222

400 Merchandise

NEW TODAY

MUST SELL Chromcraft Dining room table with 6 chairs, brass/glass table, fluted backed chairs. \$500 or best offer. 2- Ten speed bikes. Excellent condition \$25 each. 689-2728, leave message.

SOLD

NICE SOLID oak desk. \$50. Full size bed - \$100. Loveseat - \$75. Please call XXX-XXXX.

PECAN DINING table with four chairs - good condition - \$90. 694-7618.

TWIN WATERBED, bookcase headboard, sheets and mattress pad included - \$75. Two sleeper sofas - 3 years old - \$625. 689-3376.

PECAN and Burled wood bedroom set - queen size bed, 2 nightstands and bachelor's chest. \$500. Call XXX-XXXX or XXX-XXXX.

POSTURE BEAUTY, King size bedding. \$75 or best offer. Real good condition. 694-9675.

BEIGE FLORAL sofa and love set, 2 apricot velvet chairs, cherry coffee and end tables, two large speakers. 684-8805.

NEW TODAY

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, solid oak, custom built, fits 32" TV, \$1,000. White formica four drawer dresser and nightstand. Eureka vacuum cleaner. 689-2205.

72" TABLE: butcher block top white painted legs, six matching chairs. \$350. 686-9676, after 6.

335 Household Appliances

FREE REMOVAL of unwanted appliances. 567-5221. Appliance Sales and Service. 567-5221.

ONE ELECTRIC almost done, good working condition, \$100 or best offer. Please call 685-3069.

WESLO TREADMILL, like new \$75. Please call 694-2756 for more information.

BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airport Road. Friday nights, games start at 8, Food, Refreshments. 682-5511.

FINALLY HEALTH Insurance, at affordable rates, for the self employed and small business owner. 1-800-692-8299.

BIBLE TALK: What is Hell like? 520-0381. Free recorded message.

FISCHER POOL Table and accessories. Solid slate top, good condition, \$600. Please call 682-4518.

QUEEN BLACK Lacquer waterbed, \$100. Stackable glass shelves, \$40. 32" corner TV stand, \$50. Glass top dinette, \$60. 697-5131.

ONE FIRE legal four drawer safe, used, excellent condition. \$500. Please call 682-5251.

NEW 36 X 80 Wood door, polished brass hardware. Half cost \$275. 3 new Lifetime Delta Furniture, 1 kitchen \$160.00 for all. 689-4077.

WASHERS, refrigerators, stoves, wicker 10 piece dining, loungers, couches, antiques, Plymouth, miscellaneous. 570-4851.

FOUR CEMETERY spaces in "Whispering Pines Estates" in Resthaven. For information please call, 684-5269.

GREENTREE MEMBERSHIP For sale. \$350. Please call 697-4128.

SIX SETS, matching wood grain office furniture; desk, credenza, file cabinet, bookcase, chairs. Call 682-9251.

18" ROUND Above ground pool. Complete including installation. \$51 a month. 563-3108.

CULLIGAN WATER softener \$150. Large down draft air conditioner, \$150. 750-7929. 1607 Harvard.

NEW TODAY

EXPENSIVE KING size bed, no headboard - \$350 firm. Toro lawn mower (5 horsepower) \$200. 915-362-2746.

345 Misc. Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

320 Good Things To Eat

PECAN MEAT \$5/ lb. or 5 lb. \$20. Shell \$1/ lb. Please call 697-1416.

330 Household Goods

LIKE NEW, Oak/brass daybed - \$180. Nice Neel sewing machine - \$180. Please call 689-748

610 Apartments Unfurnished

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601 Hotel Rooms

TRAVEL INN Motel. Low daily, weekly and monthly rates. Call 682-9793.

605 Apartments Unfurnished

STUDIOS, 1 & 2 Bedrooms Available. All utilities paid, free cable. Deposit required. Kensington Motor Inn 1003 S. Midkiff, 697-3155.

AVAILABLE NOW - 1 or 2 bedrooms, pool, laundry, carpools, all utilities paid. Imperial Apartments, 405 Sunset, 694-9978.

ALL BILLS PAID, furnished, 1 & 2 bedroom, downtown, quiet complex. To see apartments call 682-3589.

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✓ ALL BILLS PAID. Large 1 & 2 Bedrooms. Excellent location. Abbey Court. 694-2549.

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DAY SLEEPER? Small, quiet apartments, single story, now available all sizes. Near hospital and doctor's offices. Manager on property. 3001 West Ohio. 694-6858.

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682-6222

625 Houses Unfurnished

DUPLEX FOR LEASE. 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, 2 car garage. \$650 monthly. 697-4306.

LARGE THREE bedroom, two bath duplex, fenced, double garage, fireplace, central heat and air conditioning, storage. Call 520-3505 or 1-877-625-0560.

NEW TODAY

3 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS, garage, central heat & air, fans, stove & refrigerator in secluded area north of Loop 250. Available now \$475 monthly, \$300 deposit. 682-0470.

FOR SALE or lease: Updated three bedroom, two bath home in West Midland, double garage, large yard with storage building. 321 Willowood. Contact Tammy Edwards, owner/agent. 520-7719.

REFURBISHED LARGE 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, new tiled floors, glassed in porch, courtyard, plenty of storage. 694-0498.

1505 WEST Washington, Grass, trees, one bedroom. Cute, no pets. \$300 monthly, \$200 deposit. 684-6909.

NEW TODAY

ONE, TWO AND Three bedroom houses for rent. Call 683-5574.

NICE, CLEAN 3 or 4 bedroom, central heat/air, large kitchen, Lee district. No pets! \$600 monthly + deposit. Available April 1st. 697-4960 or 638-2367.

FANTASTIC Location across from park. 4 Bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas, double garage. Storage building. 3406 Oakmont, \$1,200 monthly, 620-9222. No pets.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, single garage, brick home, fenced back yard, central air/heat, new paint inside & out, new carpet. West side, \$600 monthly/\$600 deposit. 520-0358.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom, one bath, one car garage, fenced in yard, central air and heat. \$450 monthly, \$450 deposit. Call 697-4362.

2413 'B' HAYNES: 2 Bedroom, 2 bath, double garage, fireplace, fenced yard. \$635 monthly, \$350 deposit. 684-6835.

NEW TODAY

AVAILABLE 04/01/99! 4007 Livingston, duplex/townhouse, two bedroom, two bath, fireplace, double car garage, washer/dryer hook-ups, refrigerator and stove included, fenced backyard. \$700 per month. Call Randy (402) 486-4734.

CEDAR ELM Apartments: two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Townhouses, stove and refrigerator furnished. All bills paid including basic cable. \$450 monthly. Efficiency apartments, all bills paid including basic cable, \$325 monthly. 570-4611.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath in Crestgate Addition. Neutral decor. Lots of amenities. Low maintenance yard. 559-5479 or 520-5096.

DELIGHTFUL: Two bedroom, two bath duplex with nice yard. Ready now. \$550 monthly. Call 699-6724.

3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, 2 car garage, fireplace, all appliances. 4509 Brookdale. \$675/Monthly. 570-7557.

911 COLLEGE: Duplex: Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, fenced yard, refrigerator, stove. \$285+ \$150 deposit. 699-7538.

NEW TODAY

SUTTON PLACE King size 2 bedroom apartment, 1,050 sq. ft., assigned covered parking. 682-2423.

SILVER CREEK Apartments. 2438 Whitmore. 687-0053. 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms. Washer-dryer included. Be sure to ask about our specials on our 1 and 2 bedrooms, 1st months rent free.

THORNWOOD APARTMENTS. Great prices, 1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms, Free Cable. Senior discounts. 682-5381.

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SUTTON PLACE King size, 2 bedroom, 2 bath Townhome, fireplace, front & back yard, 1,400 sq. ft., assigned covered parking. 682-2423.

LARGE STUDIO, 2 Bedroom, Upstairs/Downstairs, 1 3/4 bath, walk-in closets, covered parking. Quiet. 697-3510.

FREE One month rent! 1 & 2 bedrooms, some with washer and dryers, some with fireplace. Call 520-8737 or Pager 499-6218.

ST. PATTY'S Special \$50 off 1st month rent on our 1st month rent on our single story apartments. Call 682-3831 for more information.

BARCELONA & VILLA TRIESTE. Enjoy quiet living in a small complex. Call for appointment, 694-8591.

*\$100 OFF 1st mo. on \$200/mo. 1 bedroom. Student, City, Medical, & Senior Discounts available. Limited time only!

GRAB ME!
1 & 2 BEDROOM APARTMENTS
694-2466

2 BEDROOM with Hollywood bath near Midland College. Skylight, fireplace, all appliances. \$545/ Monthly. 570-7557.

625 Houses Unfurnished

LOVELY GARDEN home, 4 bedroom, 2 bath in country club area. Available now! \$1,500 monthly. Call Norma Pine at ReMax of Midland/Chaparral Realtors, 915-686-7000, ext. #223.

THREE BEDROOM, one bath, laundry room, \$350 monthly, \$250 deposit. 2502 West Kentucky. Call 684-8555.

DUPLEX 4013 B. W. Illinois. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Large living room with fireplace. \$595 monthly. American Realty, 520-7577.

4509 LANHAM. Patio home. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. 1,600+ sq. ft. fireplace. Excellent condition. \$750 deposit, \$800 monthly. Call 563-3010 or 684-4805.

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