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SPORTS

Harry Caray dies

Harry Caray, who took millions out to the ballgame in a broadcasting career that spanned 60 years, died Wednesday. He was believed to be 77. **1C**

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B-1B crashes; crew survives

Bomber out of Dyess in Abilene explodes in rural section of Kentucky

■ Four crew members parachuted to safety; the bomber was not being dispatched to the Persian Gulf and was not carrying munitions.

Associated Press

MARION, Ky. — An Air Force B-1B bomber, flying unmanned after its crew ejected safely minutes earlier, plowed into a muddy cow pasture and exploded Wednesday in rural western Kentucky.

The plane barely missed a farmhouse, crashing just four miles from this farming community of 3,300 people. No one was hurt on the ground.

The unmanned, unarmed bomber flew roughly 12 miles after its crew bailed out.

Two crew members walking along the road were

picked by a passerby in a car, while another was found walking in a field nearby. The fourth's parachute caught in a tree and he suffered head and neck injuries.

Randy Rushing, a volunteer firefighter responding to the crash call, said he picked up the co-pilot after he found him in the field.

"He mainly said that something went haywire," Rushing said.

Rushing said the co-pilot, identified as Capt. Jeffrey Sabella, told him the crew was aborting the mission to fly back to their base when there was smoke and they lost control. The co-pilot told Rushing: "We bailed."

The Air Force said the instructor pilot and instructor weapons officer were both in good condition in a military hospital at Fort Campbell, Ky. The co-pilot and another weapons system officer were reported stable at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville,

Tenn.

The B-1B bomber was flying out of Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene, Texas, when it went down near Mattoon, a rural area five miles northeast of Marion near the Ohio River, said First Lt. Eric Elliott of Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

The bomber was not being dispatched to the Persian Gulf and was not carrying munitions, Air Force officials said.

Military police from Fort Campbell, Ky., were securing the scene. There was no immediate word as to a cause. State police said the plane went down around 1:15 p.m.

The Air Force identified the crew as Lt. Col. Daniel Charchian, the instructor pilot; Sabella, the co-pilot; Capt. Kevin Schields, the instructor weapons officer;

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President's team struggles to make case against Iraq in 'town meeting'

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Struggling to be heard over angry critics, President Clinton's foreign policy team defended the administration's threat to bomb Iraq into compliance with U.N. weapons edicts. "There are some things worth fighting for," National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said.

Sent to the Midwest to press Clinton's case for an attack, Berger, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen ran into persistent jeers Wednesday at a town meeting on the campus of Ohio State University.

They asserted their preference for diplomacy to pry open Iraq's suspect arms sites and to hold Saddam Hussein to the promises he made at the conclusion of the 1991 Gulf War to expose all his prohibited weapons and allow the United Nations to destroy them.

"It must be a true, not a phony, solution," Albright said. And she and the other officials offered assurances there would not be "significant losses" among the 30,000 American troops in the Persian Gulf in the event of an attack.

Many in the half-filled sports arena appeared unswayed by the comments. Dozens shouted out: "One, two, three, four, we don't want your racist war." Others held up antiwar banners and frequently interrupted the speakers.

Albright insisted Saddam "doesn't care a fig about his own people," but one protester, Rick Theis, said near the end of the 90-minute forum televised on CNN: "We the people of Columbus and central Ohio don't want to send a message with the blood of Iraqi women and children."

But many others in the crowd applauded the administration officials.

When Albright was taunted by one questioner about how she could sleep at night, she responded, "What we are doing is so all of you can sleep at night."

She continued, "We are the greatest country in the world and what we are doing is serving the role of the indispensable nation to see what we can do to make the world safer for our children and grandchildren and for those people around the world who follow the rules."

The audience cheered. "We need your support," Albright implored toward the end of the "town meeting" arranged by CNN with the

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Students walk to buses Wednesday afternoon at DeZavala Elementary School. Midland Independent School District board members on Tuesday will decide whether to privatize the district's bus system.

Midland Independent School District board members next week will decide who will control the bus system that transports thousands of students each day.

Their decision on Tuesday on whether to privatize transportation will not be reached without criticism. Some opponents have said if MISD chooses one of the three vendors, then current transportation employees and children will be adversely affected.

Others inside and outside of MISD support privatization as a way to boost efficiency and save taxpayer money. MISD transportation has a \$3.78 million budget and 157 buses.

Wilson Heidelberg, MISD's executive director for auxiliary services, said on Wednesday that the district has not made up its mind on the issue. It has sealed bids from vendors Laidlaw Transit Inc., Durham Transportation and Southwest Student Transportation

Opponents of privatizing bus system fear for student safety, employee security

that won't be opened until Tuesday.

The executive director said the district will listen to the critics at the board meeting. He said safety, retention of current employees and local control will be key issues addressed in the company's bids.

"Staying like we are is still on the table. We've been having an extended conference with all the vendors. We haven't decided to privatize, and we're trying to make a business decision. Unless you seek a business proposal and have a complete process you can't really tell."

Shirley Howard, an MISD bus driver and vice president of Midland Educators Association, is not convinced that the vendors can do a safe and quality job. Ms. Howard is among those who plan to speak at the board meeting in opposition to privatization.

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Story by Richard Enos

Photo by Curt Wilcott

Officials estimate city's population will reach 100,000 by year 2000

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

It's going to be close, but the population of the city of Midland likely will be 100,000 by the year 2000, according to estimates from the city's Department of Engineering and Development.

City staff have estimated Midland's current population at 98,045, using the U.S. Census Bureau's 1996 figure of 97,162 as a base, according to Marcus Johnston, director of the Department of Engineering and Development.

Total dwelling units, including houses, apartments, etc., are estimated at 40,202, up from the July 1996 estimated figure of 39,892.

City staff used building permit data during this 18-month period to generate the new figures, Johnston said. During this time period, 353 new housing units were

constructed and 65 were demolished. In addition, there are now 22 more mobile homes in the city.

Of the total dwelling units, the estimated occupancy is 35,584, leaving a 9 percent vacancy rate, according to Johnston.

Figures collected by the Midland Chamber of Commerce show the average family income in Midland as \$46,582, compared to \$31,739 for Odessa.

The local unemployment rate was calculated at 3.8 percent in August 1997, according to Chamber of Commerce reports.

The average household size has not been revisited since the 1990 census figures of 2.68 people per housing unit.

During the 18-month period between July 1996 and December 1997, the population growth is only estimated at 1 percent, making the annual rate about 0.75 of 1

percent. "That's not a whole lot of growth," Johnston said.

Still, indicators are that the city is growing. "We may break the 100,000 mark for the year 2000 — it's going to be close," Johnston said.

In addition to the housing information, there has been an increase in other population and economic stability indicators in the past year, he said.

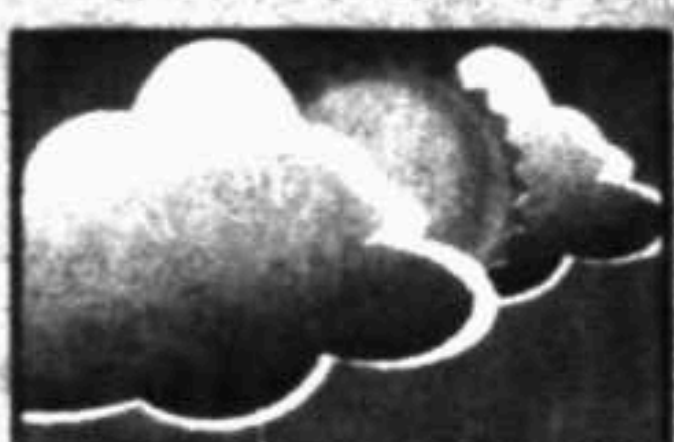
City utility connections have increased 1.3 percent over figures of one year ago. The Midland Independent School District reports increases in school enrollment and there were 916 more births than deaths in Midland County over the past year, he said.

There were a minimum of 960 new households in the city during 1997 and city officials believe these indicators show stability and growth in the city's population.

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AP Photo
American Tara Lipinski reacts after completing her short program at White Ring Arena Wednesday, in Nagano, Japan. The 1-2 punch of Michelle Kwan and Lipinski virtually guaranteed one of them will win the gold, the other the silver in the best showing by the United States in 42 years.

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Oprah trial

AMARILLO — Oprah Winfrey's staff had no reason to doubt the truth of her talk show about "dangerous foods" and didn't set out to harm Texas cattlemen, the program's executive producer testified Wednesday. The testimony by Diane Hudson and evidence that included pictures showing animal parts headed for processing into animal food came a day after the federal judge in the trial tossed out the part of the case that Texas cattlemen had filed under the state's "veggie libel" law.

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One winner

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$4 million. The ticket was sold in: Seadrift.

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Bosnian town symbolic of thorny problem

DRVAR, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The American four-star general hopped out of his armored personnel carrier and strolled up to an astonished Bosnian Croat busy with yard work. Who burned the house next door, the one owned by the Bosnian Serb?

A shrug. A search for words.

"I don't know anything about it," the nervous Croat, a refugee from central Bosnia, said. "There are always some extremists around."

Gen. Wesley Clark, the supreme allied commander in Europe and overall chief of the 34,000-member NATO-led operation in Bosnia, persisted: "Who do you think did it?"

Another shrug.

An angry woman shouted from the window: "Would you conduct such an investigation if it was a Croat house that burned?"

"This is not an investigation, it's just a discussion," said the smiling gray-haired general, soft-cap pulled down over his eyes. "I just want to meet the people."

Drvar, a town of 17,000 before the war and home to 8,000 today, is symbolic of what is perhaps the thorniest problem facing NATO leaders preparing to extend their military mission: how to bring the refugees home, especially during an arson wave aimed at intimidating them.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees has declared 1998 the year of the refugee in Bosnia. The commissioner, Sadako Ogata, says she hopes 225,000 displaced people can return to their homes by year's end. The refugee issue, she says, must be a top priority of military planners.

On Wednesday, a day after the general's visit, U.N. officials arrived in this western Bosnian town to investigate an arson wave involving Bosnian Serb houses, a campaign clearly intended to frighten Serbs into staying away from their pre-war homes.

More than a dozen houses have been torched in the past two weeks, said Alexander Ivanko, a spokesman for U.N. police monitors.

Before the war, this town embedded in a beautiful mountain valley was 97 percent Serb. Now, though a Serb mayor was elected recently thanks to absentee voting, the town is run by a Croat municipal council. The Croatian flag flies over the town hall.

Bosnian Croat soldiers seized the town at the end of the war in 1995. About 2,500 of them remain ensconced in an apartment complex, an intimidating presence.

Six hundred Serbs returned to Drvar last year, according to the commander of the Canadian forces based in this area. But 900 Croats also came in from

other areas, mostly central Bosnia.

"Would it bother you if a Serb family moved in there?" Clark asked the Croat man, gesturing toward the neighboring house, its caved-in roof burned and its scorched window frames making sad eyes in once-white walls.

"No," he replied slowly. "But not a Muslim," his wife shouted from the window, bringing up another twist in the complex religious and ethnic divides here. "The very same thing that happened to that house happened to us with the Muslims."

"You're going to have to work through it because there is no other way," the general advised her calmly. "There is no other future for this country."

Pointing to a friend next to her, the woman replied: "He and his Muslim neighbor were shooting at each other. What are we supposed to do?"

What has to happen, the United Nations and NATO agree, is that the Croats here must return to their original homes, and Serbs driven from Drvar must come back. How to simultaneously do this is the question. Meanwhile, they want the pressure and intimidation to cease.

The convoy of eight-wheeled Bison armored personnel carriers stopped again, this time for an impromptu visit to the town hall where Mayor Mile Marceta has a tenuous hold on local affairs.

"I have not had much of an influence," the mayor admitted. "I am not going to continue to do this job if I don't have influence."

What can be done to return Drvar to a more normal state? Clark asked.

"We have to get rid of the soldiers," the mayor replied. "There is no need for them."

Asked about the Croatian flag flying over the door to the town hall, then mayor said: "I'm flying that flag because I don't want to inflame the situation."

Ivan Juredic, the town's grim-faced Croat police chief, looked on. Clark wanted to know if he took his orders from the mayor.

"No," he said, refusing to meet the general's gaze. The police are supposed to be helping the people, how can he help the people if he doesn't take instructions from the mayor?

"I am a professional policeman and I am just trying to do my job," said Juredic, glaring at the table. Burning houses is a crime, the general prods.

"We have increased our patrols," the police chief says.

Said the general: "I'll be back."

Sinn Fein last party standing at stalemated talks

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — The IRA's political ally clung to its place in Northern Ireland peace negotiations Wednesday, resisting attempts all week by the British and Irish governments to exploit it for recent killings blamed on the Irish Republican Army.

The other six participating parties gave up and went home after three days of talks in Dublin Castle — without a single word of real negotiations being uttered.

Sinn Fein blocked a joint government verdict on its expulsion by pursuing its own injunction from the Irish High Court.

The court action prevented negotiators from discussing the intended topic of new governmental structures between the British-ruled north and independent Irish Republic, a key part of any peace settlement.

"I'd just like to express the sense of disappointment I'm sure we all feel that the last three days spent in Dublin have been overwhelmed by discussions on the position of Sinn Fein within the

talks," said Mo Mowlam, Britain's minister responsible for governing Northern Ireland.

Mowlam, who on Monday accused Sinn Fein of violating the principles of nonviolence that govern the talks, said that had been "necessary in order to preserve the integrity of the process."

She refused to answer questions, noting that Sinn Fein's continuing legal action made it "potentially unwise to answer anything off the cuff."

In Dublin's central courthouse, Sinn Fein's lawyer, Adrian Hardiman, argued that the governments were denying the party its right to a fair hearing by providing no proof that the IRA killed two men last week in Belfast or that, even if that were true, Sinn Fein could be held responsible for those actions.

After two hours, Judge Frederick Morris adjourned the hearing until Thursday.

"I can't see the governments

acting until this case is settled, but the British should never have brought the indictment against Sinn Fein in the first place," said Sinn Fein's chairman, Mitchell McLaughlin.

Sinn Fein named the talks chairman, former Sen. George Mitchell, his Canadian and Finnish deputies, and Mowlam as co-defendants. Their legal teams got no opportunity to present arguments Wednesday.

Both British and Irish officials said they remained confident Morris would rule Thursday that the negotiations are a self-governing, international political process over which courts have no power to adjudicate.

But they said they didn't want to prejudice the court action by expelling Sinn Fein in advance.

The talks, which began in June 1996, resume Monday in Belfast, where an Irish Republic's court decision would carry little legal weight.



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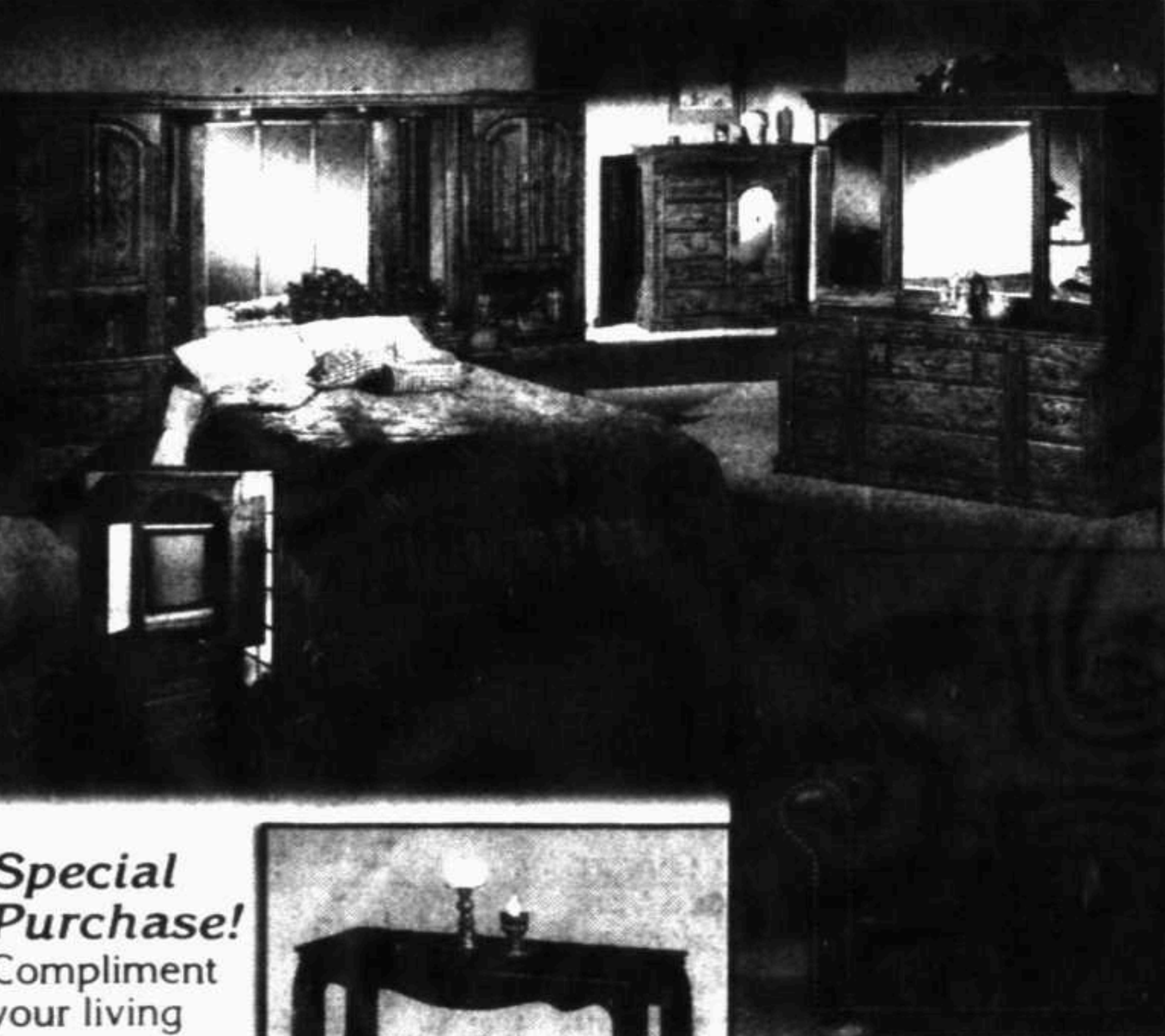
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U.N. reduces staff in Iraq in anticipation of possible attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The United Nations chief won the Security Council's blessing Wednesday to visit the Iraqi capital in a last-ditch diplomatic effort to avert a U.S. attack, and the world body prepared to evacuate its workers from Baghdad in case he failed.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in New York he was leaving with a "reasonable chance of success" and would meet with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Washington, meanwhile, seemed to inch closer toward airstrikes, sending its foreign policy team to America's heartland to lobby for military action and saying there was little hope for a diplomatic solution.

The United States and Britain are threatening to attack Iraq to force it to give complete access to U.N. inspectors monitoring the elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Saddam's government has blocked inspectors from eight presidential compounds, calling them symbols of Iraqi sovereignty.

The U.N. humanitarian office in Baghdad, which was designed to ease the impact of sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion

of Kuwait, is reducing staff as a precaution against attack. It will send 29 employees to Jordan on Thursday and two to northern Iraq.

"We can take some reasonable precautions without damaging the program too much," Denis Halliday, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Iraq, told Associated Press Television. "Ideally all these people will come back within a week if we get a breakthrough."

The United Nations has expressed fear that an American attack may disrupt humanitarian supplies reaching the country under a program that allows Baghdad to sell \$2 billion in oil every six months for food, medicine and other humanitarian goods.

The decision came as a three-person team of U.N. experts mapped the last of eight Iraqi presidential compounds. Mapping the compounds will allow U.N. officials to identify buildings to be examined by the arms inspectors.

Also Wednesday, Iraq gave reporters a rare glimpse inside a weapons factory on a three-stop government tour meant to show it is complying with U.N. rules on

weapons manufacturing. The carefully monitored tour did not include visits to the presidential compounds.

The other sites — an animal vaccine lab and a biological research lab — were what U.N. officials call "dual use" facilities, which the United Nations says could be used to make chemical or biological agents.

Annan was to leave New York on Thursday for Paris, and arrive in Baghdad on Friday.

"It is a difficult mission coming at a very critical juncture," he told reporters after meeting the Security Council. "I wouldn't be leaving if I had a deal. I would have saved the organization some money."

The word from Washington was more pessimistic.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the United States was "not going to willingly accept whatever results from this mission. We want to be able to look at it and make sure that it fulfills" U.S. demands.

"There's been no indication from the government of Iraq that would lead anyone to be optimistic. There's only been obstina-

cy, concealment, deliberate lies about past practices," he said.

Also Wednesday:

■ Military buildup in the Persian Gulf continued. An elite New Zealand commando squad and two Orion planes prepared to leave for Kuwait to join U.S., British and Australian forces already there. Belgium decided to contribute a warship.

■ Demonstrators in Jordan, Egypt and the West Bank protested against a U.S. attack. Some burned U.S. and Israeli flags, but no violence was reported.

■ The leader of one of Iraq's biggest opposition groups said it is ready to send its forces into Iraq if a U.S.-led attack leads to a revolt against Saddam, Al-Hayat, a London-based Arabic newspaper reported. The Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq is believed to have up to 12,000 fighters and tanks at its camps in neighboring Iran.

■ British Defense Secretary George Robertson told BBC Radio that Britain and the United States would not be deterred if Saddam tried to use his own people as "human shields" to protect sensitive sites.

Papua New Guinea recovering after worst drought in a century

KAMULAI, Papua New Guinea (AP) — Daniel Odei points to a withered pandanus palm and tells how he and others in his village lived for months on its bitter nuts and the leaves from other bushes.

Then he smiles, baring teeth and lips stained red by the betel nut chewed like tobacco by many Papua New Guineans. "We are eating now. We were hungry for a long time."

The harshest days of Papua New Guinea's more than yearlong drought, the worst in a century, appear to be over.

Rain is falling again along the country's jagged mountainous spine, the Owen Stanley Range, refilling rivers, softening hard farmland and bringing the jungle back to life.

The state of emergency that existed to cope with the threat of mass starvation is easing. Now the country, the eastern half of the Pacific island of New Guinea north of Australia, is coming to terms with huge health and economic problems resulting from the drought.

At its height in late 1997, one-quarter of the country's 4 million people were believed at risk of starvation. Thousands were relying on emergency food aid and hundreds of thousands more were living on "famine foods" scrounged from the jungle.

An international relief effort is continuing: a joint Australia-Papua New Guinea military operation is flying food donated by former colonial power Australia, the United States, France, Germany and elsewhere to 52,000 people who might die without it.

Private agencies, such as the international Red Cross, are helping hundreds of thousands more in marginally less urgent danger.

"We are here to avert a major disaster," said Annmarie O'Keefe, the Australian head of the government's relief program.

They appear to have succeeded. With the rain, air force sorties that have carried food soon will carry seed for the vegetable gardens on which up to 80 percent of the population depend. Replanting has begun, but staples like kaukau — sweet potato — will not be



Men and boys from Kamulai village in the Central Province of Papua New Guinea watch as food supplies are unloaded from an Australian army helicopter, Wednesday. The harshest days of Papua New Guinea's more than year-long drought, the worst in a century, appear to be over. The state of emergency that existed to cope with the threat of mass starvation is easing.

ready for four months to a year. Malaria, dysentery and typhoid are more prevalent than usual because of the drought, aid workers say.

The news magazine Pacific Islands Monthly reported in its February edition that at least 500 people have died, mostly from disease. The extent is, however, still being assessed, and army medical teams are flying in to remote areas.

In Onange, in Central Province, 6-year-old Suzanne Heg lies in a tin-shed medical center, weakened by anemia brought on by a lack of iron or flea bites, local

nurse Sabina Palesar said. Suzanne's father, Alfonse, carried her for two days through the mountains to get treatment. He said she became sick because there was not enough to eat.

"We lived on just some green leaves until the (emergency food) supplies came," Alfonse Heg said.

Palesar said 40 deaths were reported in the region in December and January. There were more in

smaller hamlets that dot the countryside, but she said they were not reported because villagers were too weak to bring in the bodies.

In Yapsiei, on the other side of the mountains, some children have swollen bellies and scaly, flaking skin. Efforts to map the state of people's health in rural provinces are being hampered by rough terrain and the migration of people looking for food.

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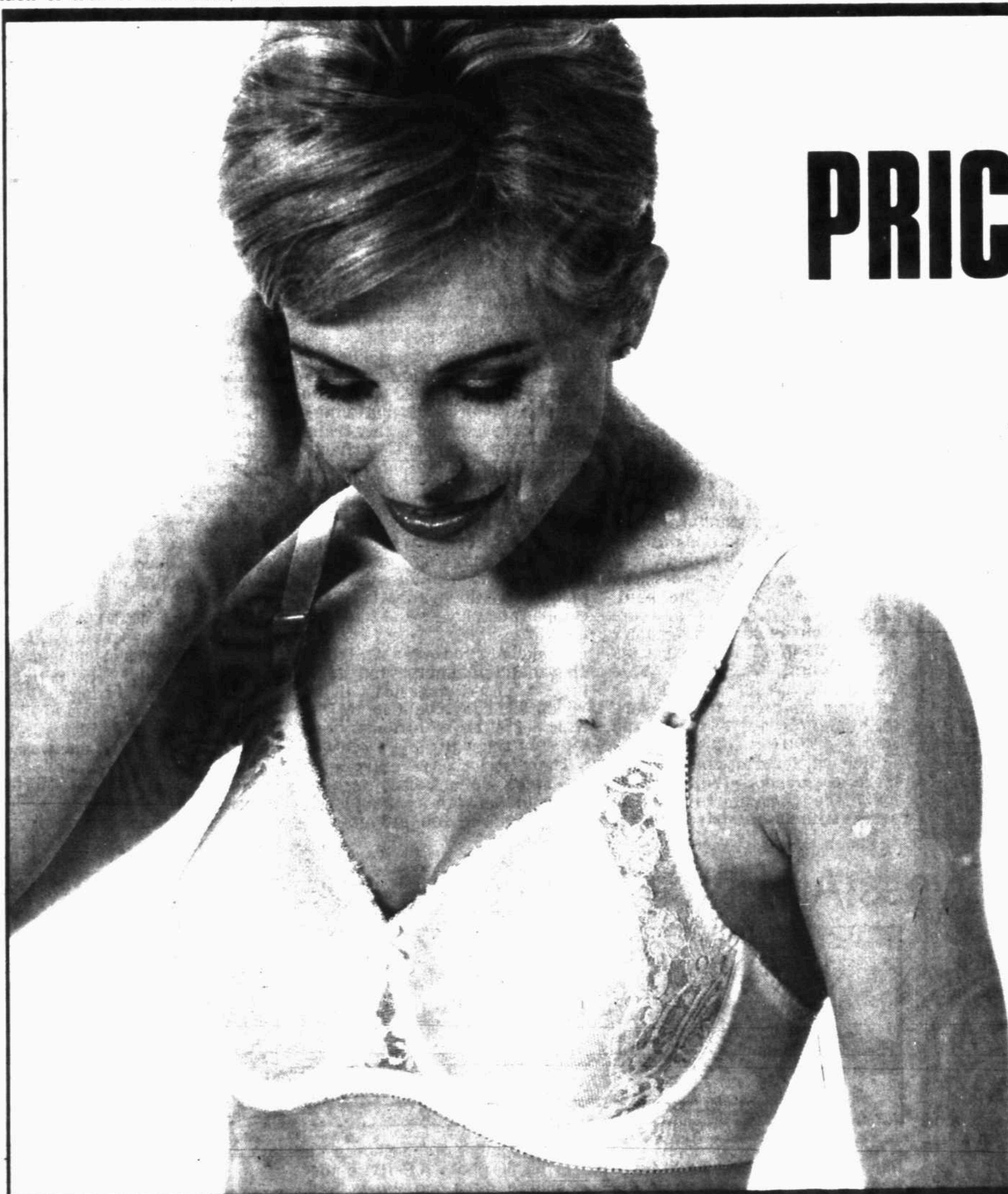
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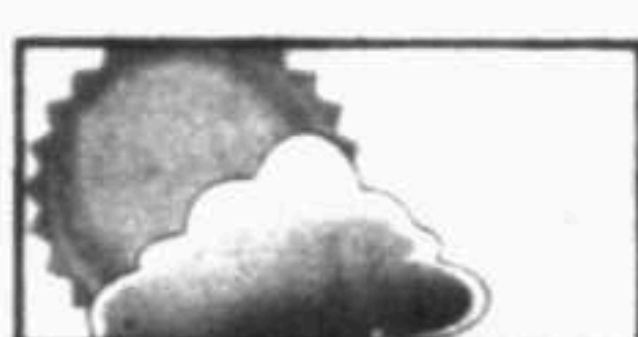
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 60
Low 32



Friday
Partly cloudy
High 63
Low 29



Saturday
Cloudy
High 67
Low 39

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high near 60. Winds will be from the north to northwest at 5 to 15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies and a low between 30 and 35. Friday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high between 60 and 65.

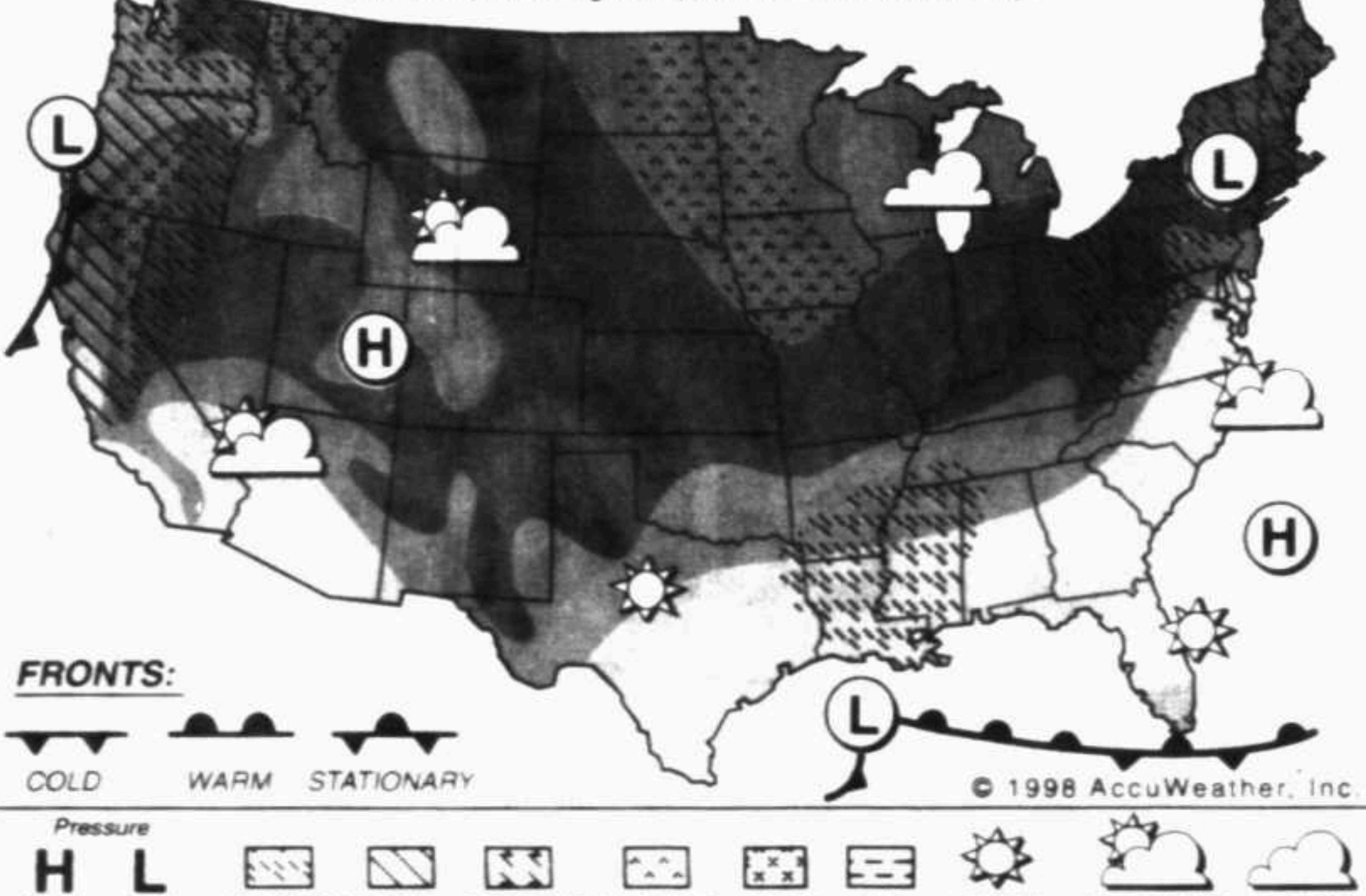
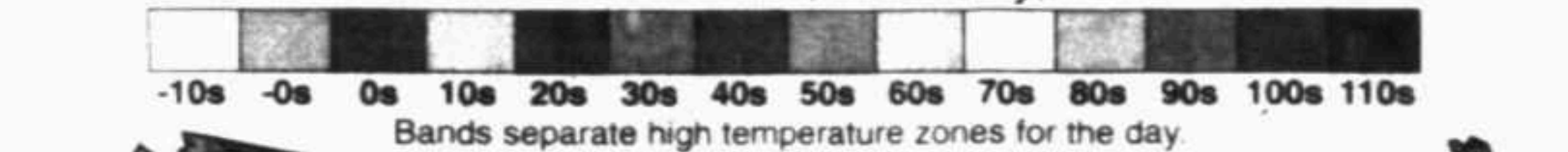
After an overnight low of 37, Wednesday's high was 62, compared to the record high for that date of 87 set in 1996. The record low was 12 set in 1942.

Yesterday's precipitation	Yesterday's temperatures
Rainfall Tuesday .00 in.	High 62
Rainfall Wednesday .00 in.	Low 37
Total for month .48 in.	Normal high . . . 62
Total for year 42 in.	Normal low . . . 33

Pollen Count: Trees: low
Weeds: absent
Grass: absent
Molds: low
Dust: moderate
Sunrise: 7:27 a.m.
Sunset: 6:38 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Feb. 19.

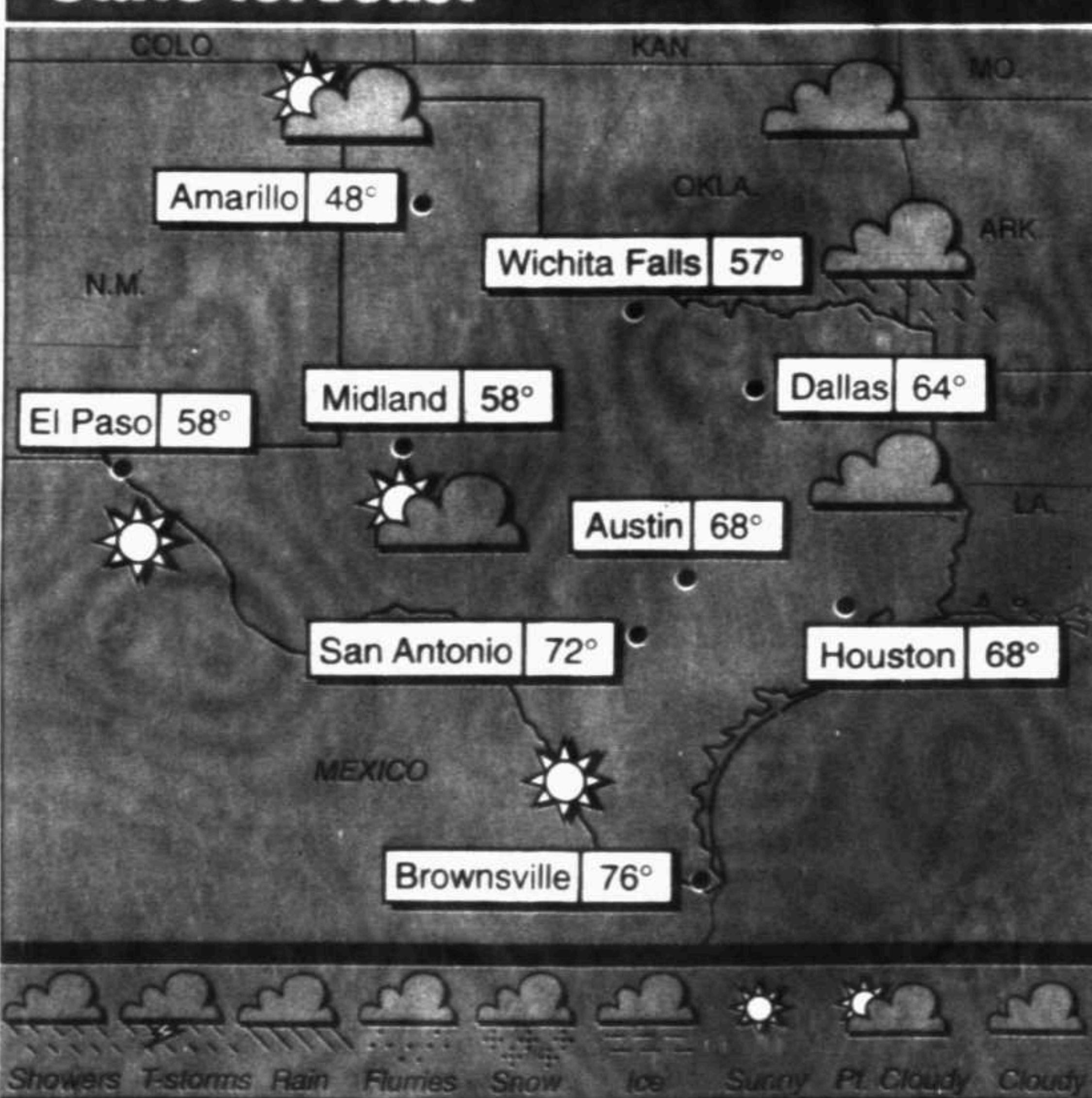


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:30 p.m. EST.

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Obs	City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Obs
Albany, N.Y.	45	32	02	m	Jackson, Miss.	64	42	m	
Albuquerque	51	34	02	cl	Jacksonville	74	55	cl	m
Anchorage	37	24	00	cl	Juneau	46	29	m	
Asheville	54	40	05	cl	Kansas City	42	39	01	m
Atlanta	50	45	01	cl	Las Vegas	58	38	01	cl
Atlanta City	52	47	07	cl	Little Rock	63	38	m	
Baltimore	61	47	39	cl	Los Angeles	66	48	cl	cl
Bilings	49	28	00	cl	Memphis	51	43	02	cl
Birmingham	60	44	m		Miami Beach	81	64	1.16	cl
Bismarck	34	32	26	sn	Milwaukee	38	36	04	cl
Boston	49	30	01	m	Minneapolis	36	36	04	cl
Butte	42	34	02	m	Nashville	39	36	04	cl
Burlington, Vt.	46	35	17	m	New Orleans	66	45	cl	cl
Casper	46	30	20	m	New York City	47	39	1.17	cl
Charleston, S.C.	67	53	07	cl	Norfolk, Va.	68	51	cl	cl
Charlotte, N.C.	49	48	22	cl	North Platte	48	22	cl	cl
Cheyanne	60	47	16	cl	Oakland	58	32	cl	cl
Chicago	37	19	01	cl	Omaha	40	35	06	cl
Cincinnati	47	45	25	cl	Orlando	79	58	cl	cl
Cleveland	49	43	09	cl	Philadelphia	53	47	78	cl
Columbia, S.C.	57	44	04	cl	Phoenix	57	45	27	cl
Columbus, Ohio	47	46	65	cl	Pittsburgh	48	41	53	cl
Concord, N.H.	38	31	92	m	Portland, Me.	37	32	2.23	m
Dayton	45	45	45	cl	Portland, Ore.	49	43	23	m
Denver	42	31	07	cl	Providence	45	35	2.12	cl
Des Moines	40	35	08	m	Raleigh-Durham	61	48	cl	cl
Detroit	44	39	52	cl	Rapid City	41	33	06	cl
Duluth	34	32	04	m	Reno	49	23	sn	cl
Evansville	42	43	04	m	Richmond	63	47	45	cl
Fairbanks	2	-9	cl	m	Sacramento	61	40	m	
Flagstaff	37	21	01	cl	St. Louis	45	41	11	cl
Grand Rapids	38	35	04	m	San Francisco	57	46	m	
Great Falls	50	20	cl	m	San Juan P.R.	93	74	cl	cl
Honolulu	80	67	cl	m	Santa Fe	46	25	cl	m
Indianapolis	42	42	09	m	Seattle	51	42	22	cl
					Tucson	51	42	42	cl
					Tulsa	58	32	cl	cl
					Washington, D.C.	57	45	39	cl

State forecast



CRASH: Bomber out of Dyess Air Force Base goes down in Kentucky

(From 1A)

and 1st Lt. Bert Winslow, the weapons system officer, Pischner said.

Mark Williams, who lives about a quarter mile away, said he was picking up his mail when he heard an explosion, looked up and saw a mushroom-shaped cloud. The blast shook his pickup truck.

Williams drove to the crash site and said the biggest piece of wreckage could fit in the bed of his pickup, while the rest was reduced to pieces slightly larger than a dinner plate.

Jamie Riley saw the plane pass over the town of Mexico, about 14 miles from the crash site, and told the weekly Crittenton Press that

the bomber was about 200 feet above the treetops.

"I don't see how it was high enough for anybody to bail out," Riley said.

Beverly Herrin told the newspaper the engines quit near Marion.

"I heard it roaring and looked toward Marion," he said. "By the time it came into sight, everything was quiet. It was gliding at about a 20-degree angle."

The B-1B "Lancer" bomber, one of three long-range heavy bombers in the Air Force arsenal, has adjustable, swept-back wings and can fly intercontinental bombing missions without refueling.

Designed in the 1970s as a nuclear bomb-dropper, the plane has been converted since then for

Clinton team gets noisy democracy lesson at town meeting

By Tom Räum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The administration expected a lively, but civil, discussion of its Iraq policy at a town hall meeting on the campus of Ohio State University. What it got was tough questions, even from supporters, while boisterous demonstrators jeered and howled antiwar slogans.

It all underscored an American public divided over military strikes against Iraq — and showed President Clinton has his work cut out for him.

The noisy 90-minute meeting also may have demonstrated that methods and sites that worked for him on domestic policies aren't necessarily good forums for trying to build support for military action.

The televised session made officials back in Washington groan privately and wonder how such a site could have been selected.

Critics suggested that if the idea was to show U.S. determination to Saddam Hussein — known to watch CNN — the play backfired.

The three U.S. officials who participated tried to put the best face on the commotion, calling it a product of democracy. "Part of what we fight for as a country is the freedom to argue," said National Security Adviser Sandy Berger.

The chaotic meeting came as opinion polls showed a public sharply divided on the idea of military strikes against Iraq.

From the beginning, Wednesday's session was contentious. Antiwar protesters resisted most attempts to quiet them down. Several times, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had to stop speaking while CNN co-hosts Judy

News analysis

Woodruff and Bernard Shaw alternately scolded and pleaded with the audience. Panelists Berger and Secretary of Defense William Cohen also were buffeted.

One questioner demanded, What gives the United States "the moral right" to attack Iraq?

Another asked how the administration could respond so strongly to Iraq when the United States itself sells arms to political allies with deplorable human rights records.

The loudest, most disruptive protests came from relatively few hecklers, but there was also applause from throughout the audience for those posing pointed questions or making anti-bombing statements.

At the same time, there was even louder applause at times in support of the administration.

In Columbus, James P. Rubin, the State Department spokesman, said, "Any time you go to a large group to discuss an issue like war and peace you fully expect loud voices."

"The protesters are noisy, but the conversation is good," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry back in Washington. "I think the people want answers to questions and these are very good questions."

But Clinton's critics portrayed the session as a public relations nightmare.

"If the Clinton administration's goal was to send a message to Saddam via CNN, this was an unmitigated disaster," said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, the chairman of the House GOP conference. Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., said it let world



Rick Teis gestures as he asks a question after returning to the floor of the basketball arena at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday. Teis was escorted from the building after interrupting a town meeting with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Defense Secretary William Cohen and National Security Adviser Sandy Berger.

allies and adversaries alike see U.S. divisions firsthand. "In the past, presidents have gone directly to the American people, explained the reasons for taking military action, and then acted."

The White House picked the site but turned over the production, including selection of the audience, to CNN.

White House officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity said that some degree of heckling had been expected but they did not anticipate the degree or the inten-

sity. "In a White House known for its shrewdness about spin, this was remarkably stupid," said Larry Sabato, a political scientist at the University of Virginia.

Pollster Andrew Kohut, of the Pew Research Center, sought to explain recent poll figures by saying that "the public will always gravitate toward a non-military solution if it's in play." However, he said this could turn into strong support for the administration if military action is actually begun.

MEETING: Albright to take case to other campuses

(From 1A)

cooperation of the Clinton administration. "You don't have it," a demonstrator shouted back.

Berger sought to frame the debate in broad, strategic terms, saying the long-term security interests of the United States and its allies are at stake.

"Once the United States says that it is intimidated by someone who has the brutality of killing his own people to protect his own misdeeds, then we've rendered ourselves absolutely helpless as a nation," Berger said.

Albright planned to take the case for a tough approach to Iraq today to Nashville, Tenn., and

to Columbia, S.C., for appearances at Tennessee State and the University of South Carolina.

Appraising the imminent diplomatic mission to Baghdad of U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, the administration threesome stressed that Clinton wants to ensure that the weapons inspection plan is not weakened.

"Saddam has delayed, he has duped, he has deceived the inspectors from the very first day on the job," Cohen said from a red carpeted platform at the center of the arena.

Cohen held up a photograph that he said depicted an Iraqi mother and child killed by Iraqi nerve gas. He called it "Madonna and child, Saddam Hussein-style."

As the crowd filed out into the rain, Marlene Renick, 54, of Columbus, said she came to support Clinton. The mother of a 28-year-old son serving on a warship in the Persian Gulf, she said of Clinton, "He is the first president that has this much patience to wait to take out a leader like Saddam Hussein."

A caller from Oklahoma asked "how many times do we have to go through this" with Saddam and his obstruction of U.N. inspectors "before we take care of this right way?"

Cohen assured the caller that if an initial military strike at Iraq did not settle the matter, "we are prepared to go back if necessary."

MISD: Board to decide privatization issue Tuesday

(From 1A)

"I don't see money being saved," she said. "They give this (low) up-front figure, then after awhile there's something else that was not in the cost."

Dally Willis, president of the Permian Basin Central Labor Union, sees this as a labor issue and one that could jeopardize local control and students' safety.

Willis uses Corpus Christi's school board as an example. The district opted out of a private transportation contract after five years because board members determined the company had not saved money.

"It's a bad idea, and it's not in the interest of the kids," Willis said of privatization. "Our main concern is that the school system has had local control. They have had a caring, concerned and a safe system that operated in the interest of the children."

That would change for the worse if MISD awarded a contract to a corporation, he added.

"I don't think (the vendor will) be concerned about safety, they'll be concerned about making money."

Ms. Howard said the private companies don't have rigorous hiring and safety standards.

"Even talking and (looking up) information, I have found problems with these contractors who hire just anybody," she said. "These people don't have any concern for our children. We don't just put them off at any spot, as local drivers."

MISD drivers go the extra mile for their children, making sure they safely arrive at home, she said.

Richard Bowdon, chairman of the local watchdog group, Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, disagrees with the bus drivers on the

safety issue. His group generally supports privatization as a way to promote efficiency and cost savings.

"Some people tell us that MISD-employed bus drivers are motivated by compassion and love for children, whereas privately employed drivers would be hard-hearted mercenaries," Bowdon said. "That's just silly. MISD's focus should be on the classroom, and everything else it does distracts from that."

Heidelberg said safety training and control depend on the quality of the company considered. It's not something MISD will take lightly. The loss of control is real to some degree, though.

"I think that there has to be some loss of control of the day-to-day operations when you privatize the services," he said. "I think there are parameters on which the services you pay for are (included) in the contract."

As for the safety of the children, he said, state law requires bus drivers — whether public or private employees — to undertake a minimum of 20 hours of safety training and have a special driver's license before they can drive a school bus. Some transportation offices and vendors require more training.

The contract between the district and a company would stipulate what responsibilities the company would have to MISD, the company employees and students, he said.

Heidelberg and other MISD officials maintain that the "burden of proof" of cost savings lies with the vendors. They believe MISD transportation is already very efficient and lean.

The district pays entry-level bus drivers about \$8.20 an hour and some as high as \$9 an hour. The part-time job amounts to

about \$5,000 to \$7,000 a year, he said. MISD bus drivers also take part in the generous Texas State Teacher Retirement System.

Ms. Howard said she fears a private vendor would offer a poor alternative to that, or even lay off current employees. She doesn't buy arguments to the contrary.

"The contractor is a threat to the employees who have been loyal to the district for years. Retirement would definitely be (taken away)," she said.

Even if the vendor tried to retain current employees, she said, its offer might not include comprehensive benefits.

Heidelberg is of a different opinion. He said it's unlikely the board would choose a bid that would hand out decreased pay and benefits.

"I don't see how a private company can pay more than we do," Heidelberg said. "I've seen private companies who have better benefits than us. Others are worse. That will be part of the board's consideration."

Heidelberg said the companies will have to prove their case.

"My statement remains the same," he said. "I think we have an efficient in-house operation. We did this proposal process two years ago and the private companies couldn't save us money then. I just think that the private companies are going to have a tough time."

Willis hopes MISD stays public.

"If you give it to a corporation, their main interest is in the profit motive," he said. "It's really a very first step in the loss of local control in our school system."

The matter probably will be resolved on Tuesday, one way or another. Heidelberg has two sets of bids from each vendor. The bid information will remain sealed and confidential until Tuesday.

all four people aboard.

The Air Force reported in December that the pilot of the \$200 million plane was making a sharp right turn during a Sept. 19 training mission on the Montana prairie when the plane neared stall speed and crashed. The technique is uncommon, but not forbidden.

That crash was the sixth military air disaster in a seven-day period, and it prompted an unprecedented 24-hour grounding of military planes for safety training.

However, at 1.37 crashes per 100,000 flying hours in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, the Air Force reported it had its fourth safest year ever.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 1-2-10-20-31-44. Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$4 million.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-0-6.

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Dark side of Deng legacy deepens in year after his death

BEIJING (AP) — Spotting the green-uniformed police, two dozen scruffy-looking men fled their daily chore of seeking work.

"Finding a job is really hard," one breathless fugitive, a farmer named Cui, said before hurrying over the side of an overpass and scurrying down a bank to seek cover under the bridge.

Job-seeking migrants such as Cui are among the most common byproducts of China's reforms. Crowding into already clogged cities by the tens of millions, they form the darker side of a legacy that has raised skyscrapers and incomes across what was one of the world's poorest countries.

In the year since the Feb. 19, 1997, death of reformist patriarch Deng Xiaoping, the unintended effects of his two-decade effort have worsened. Corruption remains rampant, gaps between the newly rich and bedrock poor are widening, unemployment is soaring, and social ills such as prostitution and drug abuse are spreading.

"Deng Xiaoping was the architect, but he solved only the problems of the first period of reform. He left behind a lot of other ones for his successors to solve," said Wang Shan, an author and political commentator.

A man of Deng's revolutionary credentials and achievements commands influence even in

death, and his political heirs in the ruling Communist Party are not letting today's anniversary of his passing go quietly.

In ways solemn and kitsch, China is celebrating the man and the statesman. Stamps, video compact discs and books bearing his likeness and words are being produced. Symposiums on his policies are being held. Even an exhibition of portraits done in needlepoint embroidery has been staged.

"We stand on the great man's shoulders. The great man's shoulders carry the hopes of one people," intoned the party's flagship newspaper, People's Daily, in a front-page homage Wednesday.

The thrust behind the memorials, syrupy, sentimental ones included, is the same. Deng's heirs are seeking legitimacy in his mantle and pushing ahead with more pragmatic economic reforms.

People's Daily ticked off the new leadership's successes in the post-Deng year: the smooth recovery of Hong Kong, President Jiang Zemin's red-carpet welcome at the White House, a landmark party congress that launched an ambitious program to revitalize state industries.

By bringing capitalist reforms to state enterprises, relics of the era of central planning that employ two-thirds of the urban labor force, Jiang and his colleagues are taking risks Deng contemplated but

never dared.

Unemployment, already as high as 15 million in the cities, could double in the next two years, a once unthinkable event in a society that promised lifetime jobs. At the same time, 130 million peasants, freed from land-bound toil by Deng's end to collective farming, are looking for work, many of them in the cities.

In Deng's day, "all levels of society benefited from the reforms. Society held really peaceful and stable. After Deng, that phenomenon of all levels benefiting in lock step has ended," said Wang, the author.

"The reforms have created many social differences. After Deng, solving social problems has become a headache," he added.

The migrants who gather at an unofficial labor market on the Yongding Gate overpass in Beijing are near the bottom of the new social ladder. Peasants all, they come from farms too small — often no more than three-quarters of an acre — to support their families.

About the best that Cui said he can hope for is to earn about \$12 a month by finding a day or two of carpentry work a week.

"Even college graduates can't get jobs these days," said Cui, who came to Beijing from a small farm on the dusty northern Shandong plain, 150 miles to the south-

east.

Chinese leaders have responded with programs to improve social welfare, campaigns to promote communist thrift and a police crackdown on migrants without work.

Cui and other migrants believe the situation will worsen before improving. But they seem resigned to the hardships as another phase in China's 20-year reform effort.

A recognition of the necessity of reform, even by those who feel left behind, may be the best guarantee of future success, Deng thought so.

His daughter, Deng Lin, said in an essay published Wednesday in Beijing newspapers that her father remained unshaken when some called for his ouster during the "crazy winds and evil waves" of 1989 — a reference to the Tiananmen Square democracy protests and the crackdown Deng ordered.

"Father said they may be shouting the slogan 'down with Deng Xiaoping' but they are not shouting 'down with reform and openness,'" Deng Lin wrote.

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Calls mount for Taiwan to pull out of airline

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Citing poor management, officials and lawmakers pressed the government Wednesday to dump its majority share in the airline whose jet was involved in Taiwan's worst plane crash.

Relatives of many of the 203 people killed in Monday's accident complained at a morgue that it is taking too long to identify the victims, many of them badly burned and dismembered.

"I don't want Daddy to sleep here like this," one woman cried over bodies wrapped in yellow funeral shrouds awaiting identification. Buddhist monks chanted funeral prayers nearby.

All 196 people aboard China Airlines Flight CL676 and seven people on the ground were killed when the twin-engine Airbus 300 crashed in flames near the runway of Taipei's airport.

The government-controlled China Airlines Foundation owns 71.5 percent of China Airlines, although shares are also traded on the Taiwan Stock Exchange.

"None of the share owners really feel it's their company," the

chairman of the foundation, Hsu Li-teh, said Wednesday. "Management of China Airlines under such conditions is extremely difficult."

He called for the government to unload its stake.

Opposition and even some governing Nationalist Party legislators went further, calling for the foundation to be dissolved.

The foundation's board of directors has no governmental oversight and enjoys immunity from lawsuits, which has led to lax corporate culture and slack safety standards, said Chen Chi-mai, a member of the legislature's transportation committee.

China Airlines' chairman, Chiang Hung-yi, already has offered his resignation over the crash. The company's stock prices have fallen about 10 percent since Monday.

So far, the bodies of 103 passengers have been identified. None was being released to family members pending identification of all the victims — which angered many victims' families.

The dead were believed to

include four Americans. In Boston, two were identified as 28-year-old fitness trainer Chris Cory and 35-year-old Kenneth Cowan, an associate producer at WGBH-TV.

China Airlines has grounded the remaining nine Airbus 300s in its fleet, at the request of the Taiwanese government.

The airline, Taiwan's flagship carrier, has been trying to rebuild its reputation since a string of accidents in the early 1990s. A 1994 crash, blamed on pilot error, killed 264 people.

The jet that crashed Monday was delivered by Airbus to China Airlines in December 1990. It had accumulated 20,070 flight hours.

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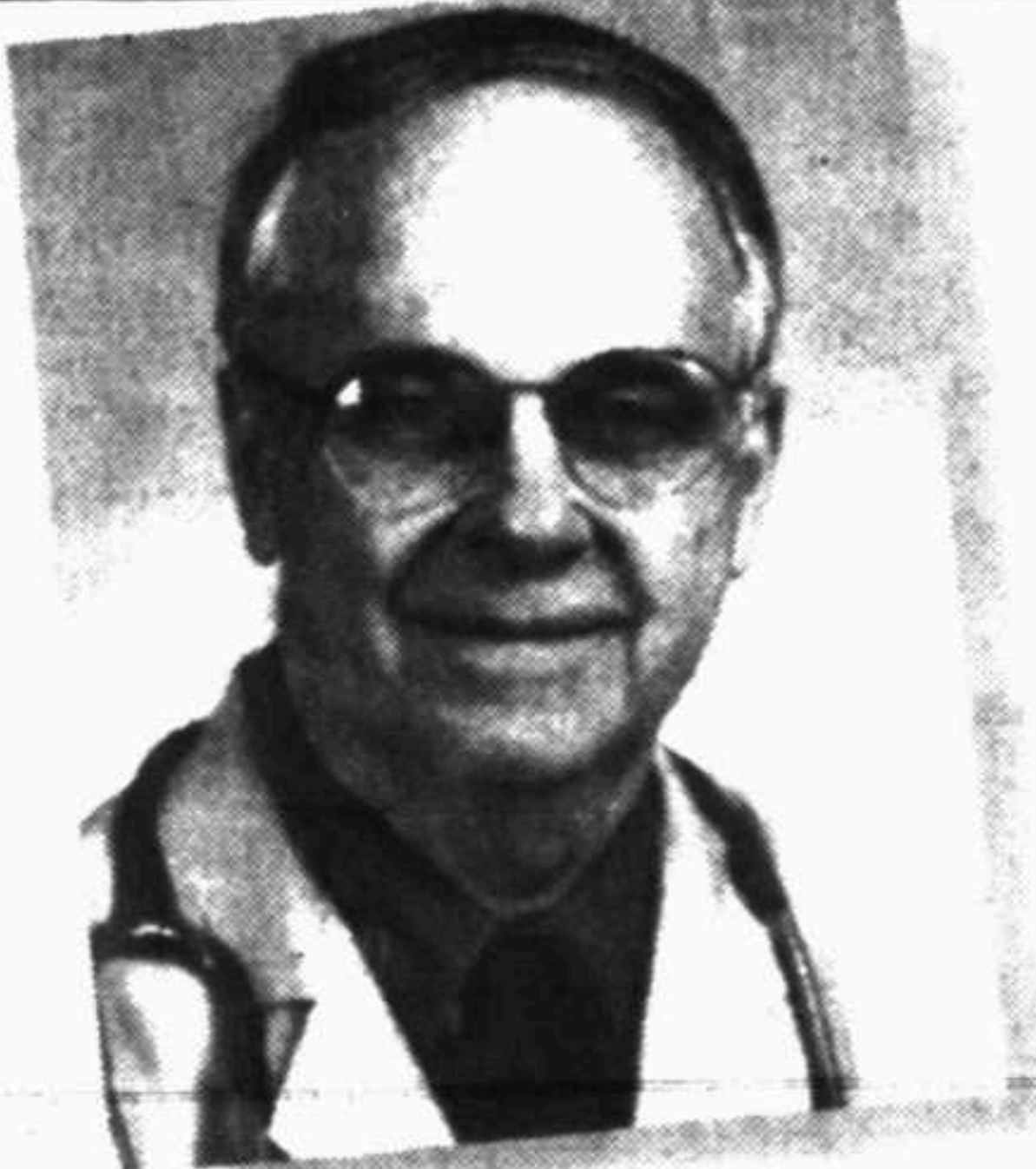
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Clinton should seek approval before acting

President Clinton minced no words Tuesday when he called on Saddam Hussein to let U.N. weapons inspectors "complete their mission" or face military strikes.

In almost the same breath, Clinton called on U.S. military personnel to be ready and for the American people to "be ready as well."

It is quite clear that Clinton has determined to challenge Hussein once and for all, but resolve in both the world community and among Americans in general is not as solid as it was when President George Bush approved air strikes against Iraq in 1991 at the start of the Persian Gulf War.

During that crisis, Bush was able to pull together a coalition of 39 countries to face down Hussein for Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. War was the result, but the coalition held firm and support for Operation Desert Storm was outstanding.

This time, however, such widespread support for Clinton's challenge to Iraq's Hussein has not been forthcoming, and unlike President Bush who sought authorization from the Congress to launch air strikes against Iraq, Clinton has not taken that important but legally unnecessary step.

That failure could be misconstrued by Hussein to indicate a lack of American resolve in this crisis. Hussein no doubt already assumes that he has the support of neighboring countries in opposing American military action.

So it is critical that Clinton immediately seek authorization by the Congress to launch air strikes against Iraq if that is his intention. Without that authorization, Hussein may incorrectly assume that Americans are more divided over military action against Iraq than they are.

If Hussein's refusal to let U.N. weapons inspectors do their job is worth confronting Iraq once more — and we believe it is — then it is worth Clinton getting the approval of Congress in advance.

ANOTHER VIEW

Chemical castration is worth scrutinizing

A Swedish pharmaceutical company has manufactured a drug that, in the early stages of testing, appears to help child molesters resist their criminal urges.

The drug, which is called triptorelin, was tested in Israel and was reportedly 100 percent successful in curbing pedophiles' behavior and sexual fantasies. However, the test group consisted of only 24 men who took the drug for more than a year. And the test did not include a control group.

Triptorelin blocks testosterone, the male sex hormone, so that it effectively chemically castrates the user.

Chemical castration is not a new concept. It has been tried in the United States with another testosterone-blocking drug, but researchers involved in the testing believe that triptorelin is more effective and has fewer side effects.

Although much more testing would have to be done before we would consider it to be successful, the early report on triptorelin raises an interesting question about how it could be used to treat American pedophiles.

All chemical castration so far has been done on volunteers. If a law were passed that required pedophiles to undergo such treatment, it would be unlikely to pass constitutional muster.

However, if a truly effective drug were developed, we wonder if a law would provide convicted pedophiles with a choice — either a prison term or regular visits to a court-approved doctor for testosterone-blocking treatment.

We are far from convinced that chemical castration could be successful in removing sex offenders as a danger to society.

But child molesters are a great danger to society, and they cause great damage to the youngsters they prey upon. If a testosterone-blocking drug could help to protect potential victims, it is worth medical scrutiny.

— Labbock Avalanche-Journal

CAL THOMAS

Watergate still can teach us about government

One of Watergate's convicted co-conspirators tells me that the Nixon team had a plan in 1973 for dealing with independent counsel Archibald Cox, which he thinks is relevant to Bill Clinton's battle with Kenneth Starr. This person, who requests his name not be used because he doesn't want to attract media attention (again), says the plan was to say and do nothing about Cox unless it appeared he had gathered sufficient evidence to force Nixon from office. Then they were to attack Cox, hoping to shift public attention from the president to the independent counsel and his "unfair" tactics in the midst of a "world crisis."

Sound familiar? It does to this former Nixon man who concludes from the criticism of Starr that "he must have the goods on Clinton, otherwise there is nothing to be gained by attacking him."

Twenty-five years ago this October, Cox was ordered fired by Nixon in what came to be known as the Saturday Night Massacre. Attorney General Elliott Richardson and his deputy, William French Smith, quit in protest rather than dismiss Cox. Solicitor General Robert Bork was left to do the deed.

The parallels between Watergate and the current tangle of affairs are striking. Cox and his successor,

Leon Jaworski, were empowered not only to investigate the "third-rate burglary" of Democratic headquarters, but also a number of abuses unrelated to Watergate. It is the same with Starr, who began with Whitewater and now is authorized to look into allegations of lying and suborning perjury. That's how these things go. A character flaw in one area often leads to immoral and illegal behavior in others, which is a prime argument against the notion that one can separate one's private morals from public ones.

It is fascinating to return to the Watergate era and consider what those caught up in the scandal think about it with the advantage of hindsight. Gerald and Deborah Hart Strober interviewed each of the living players for a book, "Nixon: An Oral History of His Presidency" (HarperCollins, 1994). While the Clinton people seek to shift attention away from the current president and onto opinion polls about how the public feels Starr has treated Monica Lewinsky's mother, Cox reminds us of a higher principle: "...the real question (between himself and Nixon) was a struggle for the rule of law — by this I mean the ancient rule, going back before the Magna Carta, that the highest officials — including the King of Britain — are subject to the law."

Coincidentally, audiotapes were at the heart of Watergate as they are in the Lewinsky affair. In Watergate, Nixon recorded his own conversations. In the Lewinsky matter, her friend, Linda Tripp, was wired by the FBI to record her statements about the alleged affair with Clinton. Lewinsky is also said to be in possession of telephone answering machine tapes that may provide additional evidence the two

were carrying on a sexual relationship, which he has denied under oath. As then-House Judiciary Committee member, Rep. Charles Wiggins observed: "As a matter of objective fact, without the tapes, the evidence against Nixon was slender." No wonder the Clinton people want to discredit, or suppress, the Lewinsky-Tripp tapes.

Ruckelshaus never thought Nixon would fire Cox. He recalls a conversation with Richardson in which the attorney general said of the Nixon people: "They seemed determined to try to stop Cox and have him discharged." Ruckelshaus said, "My reaction was, 'Don't worry about that; once they face the reality of it, they'll never do it.' That shows how little I knew."

Nixon's press secretary, Ronald Ziegler, speaks words that sound as if they could be coming from the Clinton team: "Cox deserved to be fired. That doesn't mean that the cover-up should have succeeded; it simply means that Archibald Cox should have been fired because he was a partisan extremist in the pursuit of Richard Nixon. He was not conducting a balanced inquiry into the process; he was conducting a politically biased inquiry into the presidency of the United States."

Virtually the same words are now being uttered by Clinton's staunchest defenders. Will history repeat itself with Bill Clinton, Ken Starr and the tapes? Or will this president — whose cover-up skills seem far greater than Richard Nixon's — survive? We should know soon.

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E.J. MONTONI

Toughest sheriff is hard on crime, soft on Fife Symington

PHOENIX — Sheriff Joe Arpaio believes in feeding criminals bologna sandwiches, forcing them to live in tents and making them work on chain gangs. He's the "toughest sheriff in America." Just ask him — he wrote the book.

He's tough on car thieves and pot smokers, burglars and bad-check writers. He's tough on every size, shape and variety of thief, hoodlum, goon, crook, con man and swindler. Except for one:

Ex-governors. When it comes to J. Fife Symington III — a two-term governor and six-count felon — Sheriff Joe goes soft.

Before Symington's sentencing this week, Arpaio wrote a long letter to Judge Roger Strand, concluding, "I respectfully urge you to be lenient."

For days, ordinary Joes have complained about Symington's relatively light, 30-month prison sentence. They shake their heads over the possibility that he'll remain a free man during his appeal.

Symington's trial and sentence reminded them that justice is tougher for an ordinary Joe than a well-heeled Fife.

And now, the most ordinary Joe of all is siding with the blue blood.

"I don't apologize,"

"Hey, I know this is not politically correct," Arpaio told me. "The toughest sheriff asking the judge to be lenient on the governor... But I don't have to apologize. I don't apologize to anybody. I think the public will understand what a great job the governor did in the criminal-justice system, and that's all I talked about in the letter. I don't give a crap if other people would be afraid. I just did what I had to do and let the chips fall where they may." The sheriff makes a convincing argument. His letter is so persuasive, in fact, you have to wonder why Judge Strand sentenced Symington to "any" prison time. Had the judge followed Arpaio's logic, he'd have ordered the former governor dragged immediately out, side — and shot.

Joe wrote, "Governor Symington proposed and fought for tough truth-in-sentencing reforms, including abolishing parole as we once knew it."

"Governor Symington also supported and oversaw a large increase in prison beds."

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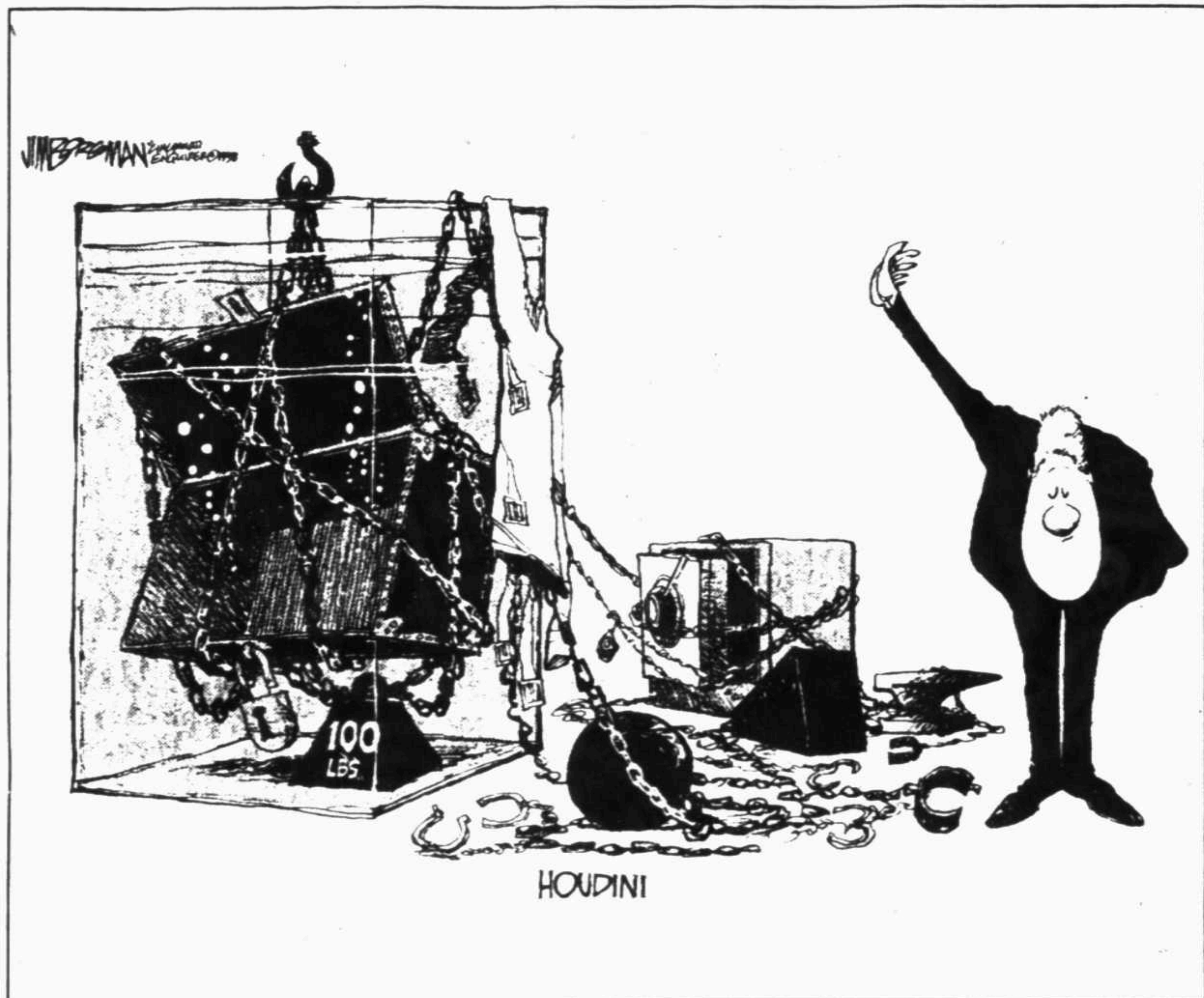
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ART BUCHWALD

A solution: Individual prosecutors

"How," I am constantly asked, "can we prevent something unreal like what is going on in Washington from happening again?"

A simple solution. Every time a person is selected for a high government position, he must be sworn in with his own special prosecutor. The special prosecutor will remain at his side the entire time the person serves, becoming part of the family.

The special prosecutor will have the right to subpoena witnesses, tap phones and investigate the sex life of anyone acquainted with the appointee or his family.

Let's say Willington is sworn in as the president's advisor on baldness. His special prosecutor will immediately call a grand jury to hear witnesses testify against him.

The way he will do this is to offer immunity to anyone who has anything bad to say about the president's advisor. The feather in the prosecutor's hat will be if his investigation leads to misconduct in the Oval Office.

Let's say the special prosecutor digs up informa-

tion taped by a disgruntled administration employee concerning Willington's offer to invite a White House intern to accept a plane ride and lodging from the Nissan Motor Company for the Winter Olympics. This leads the prosecutor to discover Willington once had a one-night stand in Sun Valley with a figure skater from the Women's Olympic team.

The prosecutor subpoenas the skater to testify about the affair and produce gifts exchanged with the official.

The prosecutor offers the skater a pardon if she declines to take the Fifth. Her lawyer says no unless she gets a job in Paris.

That is just a hypothetical situation. Many special prosecutors who hang out with appointees will still be unable to dig up anything that would send someone to jail. It isn't necessary for an SP to produce a conviction when assigned to prosecute someone — but if he comes up with nothing, his chances of an interview with Barbara Walters are nil.

One special prosecutor who got nothing recently could be seen standing in front of the White House handing subpoenas to anyone who walked out of the gate.

He knew he was playing a long shot, but that is what special prosecuting is all about.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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ment was formally installed in Austin.

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In 1881, Kansas became the first state to prohibit all alcoholic beverages.

DOONESBURY

By Pete Yost
Associated Press

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Clinton confidant testifies before grand jury

By Pete Yost
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Long-time Clinton confidant Bruce Lindsey testified before a grand jury in the Monica Lewinsky investigation Wednesday amid indications the adviser may have urged a key potential witness last summer to contact President Clinton's private lawyer.

Lindsey, who has been with Clinton since the early days of Clinton's political career in Arkansas, spoke at least twice last summer with former White House staffer Linda Tripp, according to individuals familiar with Tripp's account of the matter. It was Tripp who brought the allegations of a presidential affair and cover-up to light after secretly taping her conversations with Ms. Lewinsky.

In one conversation, these individuals said, Lindsey tried to persuade Tripp to go see Robert Bennett, the lawyer Clinton hired to represent him in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case. These sources, discussing the case only on grounds of anonymity, said Tripp's lawyer advised her not to do so and she didn't.

The information surfaced as Lindsey appeared before the federal grand jury for questioning. The White House adviser's testimony was interrupted for about 45 min-

utes as he and his attorney, Deputy White House counsel Cheryl Mills, appeared before U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson. The nature of the conference was not immediately known.

One White House official said earlier that Lindsey had not refused, through midday Wednesday, to answer any questions on account of jeopardizing executive privilege. It could not be immediately learned whether his appearance before the judge presiding over the grand jury investigation involved that issue.

"I'm not going to talk about my testimony," Lindsey told reporters as he left the courthouse after a more than 5-hour visit. He indicated he would return Thursday.

In the conversations that sources said he had with Tripp, Lindsey was speaking about an episode in which a woman named Kathleen Willey confided to Tripp that Clinton kissed and fondled her in the Oval Office. This happened well before Tripp turned over the audio tapes that prompted the Lewinsky investigation.

Tripp contacted Lindsey after learning that Newsweek magazine was planning a story about the alleged encounter between Willey and Clinton, the sources said.

Tripp has said she saw Willey emerge from the Oval Office, her lipstick smeared and clothing

askew. Tripp has said Willey was "happy and joyful" about the encounter with Clinton.

During the first conversation with Tripp, Lindsey questioned whether there was possibly an alternative explanation in which the encounter could be interpreted innocently, said the individuals. Tripp said she was certain of what she had seen and heard and that there was no innocent explanation, they said.

At the time of Lindsey's contact with Tripp, the Willey matter was becoming part of the Mrs. Jones lawsuit against Clinton.

Lindsey's conversations with Tripp are important because of the emergence in the probe by independent counsel Kenneth Starr of a key document — a three-page list of "talking points" which Ms. Lewinsky allegedly gave to Tripp last month.

In it, the document urges Tripp to do the same thing that Lindsey allegedly advised her to do last summer — to go see Bennett.

The "talking points" document suggests that Tripp file an affidavit in the Jones case saying that it is "plausible" that Willey made up her story of an encounter with the president.

Willey also is expected to be a grand jury witness in the investigation, but her lawyer, Daniel Gecker, declined to comment.

Lindsey first met Clinton when

they worked on the 1968 re-election campaign of Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark. He is the president's closest adviser. He serves as a troubleshooter for Clinton, having worked in the past to deflect nettlesome questions about other women such as Gennifer Flowers.

While Lindsey was questioned behind closed doors, the lawyer for Lewinsky's mother obtained a postponement of further testimony. Attorney Billy Martin said that nearly two days of grand jury testimony had left Marcia Lewis "emotionally overwhelmed and distraught."

"Her physical and emotional condition has not changed" since she left the grand jury last week, said Martin. "Part of what distresses her is that she feels she's in this situation solely because she took a moment to listen to her daughter, who asked her to talk to her as a mother."

"Marcia Lewis has done nothing more than be a mother to her daughter," Martin said after a half-hour appearance before the judge who supervises the grand jury.

Martin said Lewis was excused from testifying Wednesday but remained under subpoena. He did not say when her testimony would resume.

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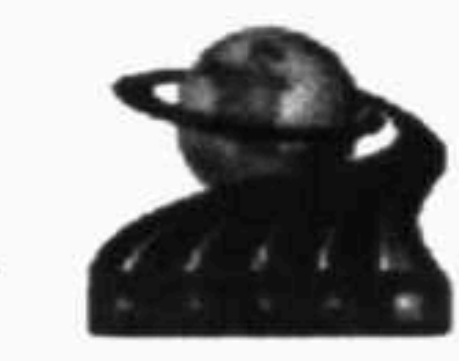
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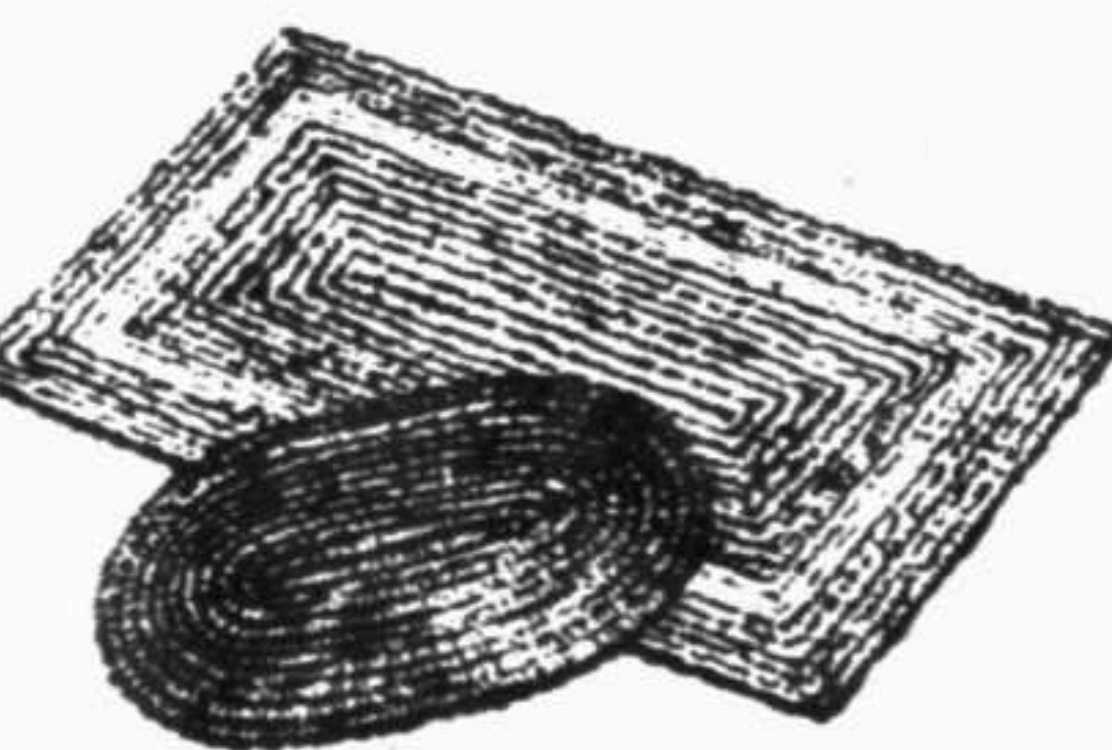
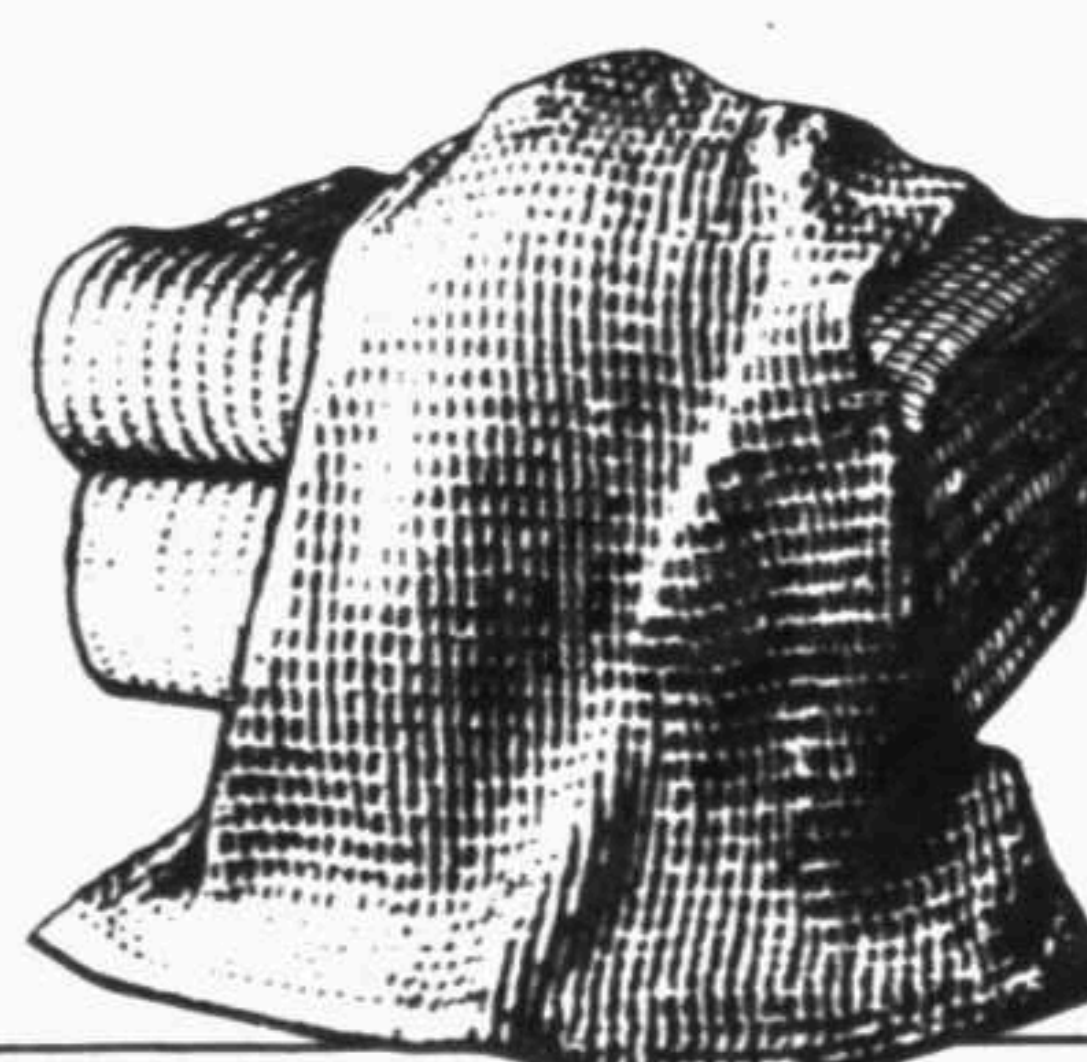
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HMOs appeal to hostile public perception

By Laura Meckler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ads are popping up around the country that remind people why they hate HMOs: doctors with their hands tied, bean counters making medical decisions, patients having difficulty seeing a specialist.

But the ads are not the product of fed-up doctors or some outside critic. They're produced by HMOs themselves — trying to appeal to an increasingly hostile public. The strategy is to tackle consumer fears head-on by explaining how the advertising HMO differs from others.

"It's a diagnosis, not a business decision," proclaim advertisements for the George Washington University Health Plan in Washington that feature doctors examining a little boy or examining an X-ray. In smaller print, they say, "We don't put unreasonable restrictions on our doctors. We don't tell them they can't send you to a specialist."

In Chicago, HMO Illinois ads promised: "We want to be your health plan, not your doctor."

And in Baltimore, the Preferred Health Network explained, "At your average health plan, cost controls are regulated by administrators. At PHN, doctors are responsible for controlling costs." The approach isn't surprising

given the bad publicity managed care has seen in recent years, said Donald E.L. Johnson, editor of Health Care Advertising Review and www.HealthCareNewsService.com.

"It's the beginning of a trend," Johnson said. "You're going to see more of this as the health plans figure out they have a real problem."

News analysis

Indeed, managed care has taken a beating from all quarters, although it has succeeded in stemming rising health-care costs and dominating the market, covering 85 percent of people who get insurance from an employer. Lately, HMO troubles have extended to Wall Street as several companies have been losing value as profits stagnate or drop.

HMOs contract with a collection of doctors to pay them lower fees but provide a pool of patients. Patients have to choose from the list or, in some cases, may go elsewhere by paying extra.

The system also tries to prevent illness by matching every patient with a primary care doctor, who is also responsible for assuring patients see specialists only when necessary.

But complaints and tales of mistreatment abound from Amer-

icans accustomed to more control and more choice in health care. Their worry stems from a basic fear that someday they will be sick and won't get what they need because it costs too much.

In response, state legislatures have passed laws mandating benefits and guaranteeing patient access to emergency rooms, specialists and outside appeals. Sweeping bills are now being considered in Congress.

And movie audiences cheer when actress Helen Hunt lets loose expletives at her son's HMO in "As Good As It Gets."

In this atmosphere, how can an HMO sell itself?

"We like to start with the point of reality for consumers," said Tracy Carlson of KSK Communications, the advertising firm that produced the George Washington campaign. "Basically, people hate managed care."

The campaign, launched last fall, promises "freedom" and no "unreasonable restrictions" on doctors. "Decisions about your health should be made in the examination room, not the boardroom," trumpets one. "Doctors can't have the healing touch if their hands are tied," says another.

Most managed-care ads still focus on preventive care and staying healthy, but both small and large HMOs have tried this more

aggressive approach.

Preferred Health Network, a small HMO in Baltimore, took on larger competitors with the slogan: "Where the doctors make the decisions."

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Barnes & Noble charged with alleged child pornography

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — An Alabama grand jury indicted the nation's largest bookseller, Barnes & Noble, on child pornography charges involving the sale of books by noted photographers whose work includes pictures of nude children.

State Attorney General Bill Pryor said Wednesday he started the grand jury investigation after receiving complaints about two books being sold at Barnes & Noble stores in Alabama: "The Age of Innocence" by French photographer David Hamilton and "Radiant Identities" by San Francisco photographer Jock Sturges.

The indictment accuses the New York-based company of disseminating "obscene material containing visual reproduction of persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene acts."

Barnes & Noble vice president Lisa Herling said officials had not yet seen the indictment and could not comment.

The indictment was returned by the grand jury Feb. 6 but not made public until Wednesday. It involves 15 counts over the sale of "The Age of Innocence" and 17 counts over the sale of "Radiant Identities." If Barnes & Noble is convicted, the company could be fined up to \$10,000 on each of the 32 counts.

A Tennessee grand jury returned an indictment against the bookstore chain over the same books in November. The charge of distributing obscene material harmful to minors has not yet gone to trial.

Sturges, reached at his studio, said Pryor will waste a lot of taxpayers' money on the prosecution because the photographs "are not done flirtatiously" and have been displayed in major museums worldwide, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Sturges said "Radiant Identities" has sold more than 60,000 copies in nearly 10 years on the market.

Pryor contends the work is pornography rather than art because the photographs are "designed to elicit a sexual response."

"We must protect children from those who would exploit their innocence for financial gain under the guise of so-called 'art,'" he said.

N.Y. official's plane slides off runway

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. (AP) — A small plane carrying New York Lt. Gov. Betsy McCaughey Ross went off the runway Wednesday before skidding into a grassy field.

No injuries were reported. McCaughey Ross was in the private plane with three other passengers and the pilot when it lost power and went out of control moments after takeoff about 3:15 p.m., Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority spokesman Harry Spector said.

"It was not quite a crash," Spector said. "We're calling it an incident."

The six-seat, twin-engine Beechcraft was attempting to take off in the rain for Rochester. McCaughey Ross was in Buffalo after releasing a report documenting the state's economic shortcomings.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Midland is to host a reception for candidates in the March 10 primary at 7-9 p.m. today at the Scharbauer Student Center at Midland College. The public is invited to attend to meet the candidates. For more information call 688-8707.

Free concert

Russian concert pianist, Vladimir Svoysky, is to give a free concert 3 p.m. today at Manor Park atrium area. Svoysky immigrated to the United States in 1979 and received his master's of music degrees in piano and conducting from the Peabody Conservatory of Music. For more information call 689-9898.

Chili supper

A chili supper for the benefit of Midland Independent School District is set for 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday in the Lee High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 a person (refills are \$1 a bowl). Bands and orchestras from the district's schools will play throughout the day. Also, the LHS band is planning a garage sale Feb. 28 to help fund their April trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City. For more information call 520-7637.

USO show

The American Airpower Heritage Museum at Confederate Air Force headquarters is to present a re-enactment of a World War II USO show at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the CAF hangar. Admission is free. The event will include a brief introduction by CAF Col. Alice Coombes and performances by the Cherry Jones Dancers of Midland. Mrs. Coombes worked at the Hollywood Canteen, a splinter group of the USO, in 1944. Founded in 1941, the USO (United Service Organization) provided "home away from home" aid and entertainment for members of the U.S. armed forces. For additional information, contact Tami O'Bannon at 563-1000.

Suicide watch

FORT WORTH — The former Naval Academy midshipman sentenced to life in prison for the murder of a romantic rival was placed under a 24-hour suicide watch Wednesday after wounding himself with a razor blade. Diane Zamora, convicted and sentenced on Tuesday, cut herself on the upper left arm sometime before Wednesday morning, said Tarrant County Jail commander James Skidmore.

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Coahoma teacher

BIG SPRING — A West Texas gym teacher has been reassigned pending an investigation into whether he hurt an 11-year-old boy in his class. Robert Pherigo, who teaches physical education at Coahoma Elementary School, was reassigned Tuesday night to an unspecified job within the district that does not involve contact with children.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, category 7100.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Bldg., 15 Smith Rd. 11:30-12:30 p.m., 987-7286.

Share Success-Basics of Goal Setting, Mr. Gatti's (party room 1), 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave, noon, 570-4533.

Survivors Group for Sexual Abuse, Rape Incest Victims, 6 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 South FM 1788, 563-1200.

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

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Texas troops head for Persian Gulf

By Kelley Shannon
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Huge C-5 cargo planes flown by a reservist unit at Kelly Air Force Base are joining U.S. military operations in the Persian Gulf region as tensions heighten with Iraq.

The reservists are part of a growing group of Texas military personnel involved in the Middle East stand-off.

Two critical care air transport teams from Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio have been sent to Germany in case of a confrontation with Iraq. About 1,000 air-defense soldiers from Fort Bliss in El Paso have been deployed to the Persian Gulf.

Iraq's refusal to permit unrestricted U.N. inspections of its weapons arsenal is at the heart of the dispute. President Clinton has warned it could result in military action.

The 433rd Airlift Wing at Kelly has been sending C-5A Galaxy cargo aircraft to Europe and the Middle East

for about a week, wing spokesman Lt. Col. Meade Warthen said Wednesday.

"The last few days we've been flying missions in support of the Persian Gulf operation," Warthen said. "I cannot go into specifics as far as the cargo."

Warthen would not say how many flights have been made. The airlift missions are flown by reservists who have voluntarily taken time off from their civilian jobs, Warthen said.

The 433rd Airlift Wing flies 16 of the giant C-5A Galaxy aircraft, the largest planes in the Air Force. The wing consists of 3,500 reservists, about 600 of whom work full-time at the base.

The 433rd often has been called upon to take part in major military operations, including the Persian Gulf war in 1991 and peace-keeping missions in Bosnia and Somalia.

"We always stand ready to fly during any contingency, whether during peace time or during operations of this kind. We are ready to fly at a moment's notice," Warthen said.

The two Wilford Hall Medical Center teams from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio were sent last Thursday to Germany, said hospital spokesman Lt. Stephen Thompson.

Each three-person team has a doctor, a respiratory technician and a nurse and can care for patients inside an aircraft as though it were a hospital intensive care unit. The team is designed to treat patients more severely injured than those transported by other air evacuation personnel.

In El Paso, the Army said about 1,000 air-defense soldiers from Fort Bliss have been sent to the Persian Gulf. Army officials have said Patriot missiles are deployed in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain.

More Patriot troops likely will be sent to the region in the coming days, said Fort Bliss spokeswoman Jean Offutt.

Some 5,000 air-defense troops and 5,000 armored cavalry troops from Fort Bliss went to the Persian Gulf war in 1991.

PRESERVING their HERITAGE



Yolanda Beliza works with the dancers of the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland. The troupe rehearsed Tuesday at Casa de Amigos.

Center seeks to teach Hispanic culture through the arts

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

It was a dream that began with lively dance steps and the whirl of colorful Mexican skirts. That vision has become the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland — a new non-profit organization where children can learn about their Hispanic heritage through the fine arts.

The idea for the HCCM was conceived in late 1996, as a group of 25 children practiced dances for the Mass of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. After the successful performance, the mothers of the children began to question "why can't we do this type of dancing all the time?"

"The mothers were very adamant," said Norma Chavez, vice president of the HCCM. "The kids liked it a lot and it is very important for the culture," she said.

The center's mission is to preserve the Hispanic culture through education and the fine arts, said Mozella Garcia,

president of the HCCM. "Since the Hispanic culture itself is so diverse — Spaniard, Latino, Cubano, Puerto Ricans — it was agreed the title was appropriate," Ms. Garcia said. The group hopes to build a child's positive attitude through discipline, self-esteem and pride in a multi-cultural group.

"The Mexican culture has a lot of homey feelings — it is very family-oriented and very religion-oriented," Ms. Chavez said. "I want to pass that on to my kids."

Several years ago there was a cultural group in Midland called Ballet Folklorico. The HCCM decided to go with a new name to show the broader scope of the center. "The emphasis of Ballet Folklorico was only on dances of Mexican descent," Ms. Garcia said. "We did not want to emphasize or leave out any part of our history."

Though the current dance troupe performs the traditional folk dances of Mexico, Ms. Garcia said the program would

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Oprah producer: No false claims made on show

By Mark Babineck
Associated Press

AMARILLO — Oprah Winfrey's staff had no reason to doubt the truth of her talk show about "dangerous foods" and didn't set out to harm Texas cattlemen, the program's executive producer testified Wednesday.

The testimony by Diane Hudson and evidence that included pictures showing animal parts headed for processing into animal food came a day after the federal judge in the trial tossed out the part of the case that Texas cattlemen had filed under the state's "veggie libel" law.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson did not rule the law unconstitutional, nor did she throw the whole case out, as the defense had requested.

Instead, jurors returned from a four-day break Wednesday to hear the lawsuit as a common-law business disparagement case, which forces the cattlemen to prove not only that Winfrey's show was false but that she meant to hurt the beef industry.

The cattlemen are suing Ms. Winfrey, her production company and a vegetarian activist who was a guest on the show for \$12 million, claiming the show caused cattle prices to plummet.

The show's executive producer, Dianne Hudson, flatly denied in testimony Wednesday that the staff intended to hurt the cattlemen or that there was anything false about the April 16, 1996, episode that discussed whether U.S. cattle herds were at risk for mad cow disease.

"I'd never heard of those people or those companies and they were never referred to in the broadcast," said Ms. Hudson, referring to the cattlemen.

Ms. Hudson also said the mad cow segment didn't even address the beef industry as a whole, only those sectors that were allowing processed cattle to be included in cattle feed, a practice blamed for spreading the disease in Great Britain.

"The mad cow segment of the show focused on a feeding practice done in portions of the beef industry, as we understood it, not all of the beef industry," Ms. Hudson said.

That feeding custom was voluntarily banned in the United States shortly

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Wood to seek second council term

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Lee F. Wood Jr. announced his intention to seek a second term as District 3 representative on the Midland City Council on Wednesday, vowing to continue ongoing development and beautification efforts if re-elected.

"Two years ago when I ran for City Council, I knew I wanted to serve Midland, but I wasn't sure what a term on the council would entail. After almost completing my first term, I can say it has been a truly enjoyable experience," Wood said at a noon gathering at the playground area at Grafa Park, where a number of improvements have been made during Wood's time on

the council.

"It has been my pleasure to be a part of one of the most exciting times in the history of Midland," Wood added.

Wood, 35, points to increased development along Loop 250 and Interstate 20, as well as the new airport terminal project and the city's overall retail boom, as success stories from his first term on the council.

"In District 3, I'm most proud of the continued revitalization of Grafa Park. I was able to experience firsthand what can happen when a neighborhood comes together to achieve a common goal," Wood said.

"Over the next three years, I want to

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TU Electric Midland District Manager LuAnn Morgan has been selected 1998 Distinguished Human Sciences Alumni of Texas Tech. She has worked for the utility since 1977.

Midlander to be honored by alma mater Texas Tech

From Staff Reports

LuAnn Morgan of Midland has been selected as the 1998 Distinguished Human Sciences Alumni of Texas Tech University. The honor is to be presented at the annual Alumni Awards luncheon March 2 in Lubbock.

Ms. Morgan is the Midland district manager of Texas Utilities Electric Co. Her responsibilities include electric service operations within a 10-county area.

Upon graduation from Texas Tech, Ms. Morgan, a native of Sherman, joined Texas Electric Service Co. in January 1977 as a file clerk. She advanced through the ranks of the company as cashier, telephone representative, auditor, customer service representative, engineer representative and supervisor, until 1992 when she assumed her current duties

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Ed TODD

Moment of kindness stands out as State Fair memory

Much of the grandiosity of the State Fair of Texas of old has sort of settled into the dust of memory. Many of the things, then new and innovative in the post-war 1940s, were impressive, I'm sure. But they already have blended into textbook knowledge or have evolved into the realm of the ordinary, such as futuristic automobiles and time-saving conveniences, appliances and all, that stole work from country chores and city living.

But what wasn't so monumental was an unforgettable act of kindness that was as commonplace as a drink of water. And that was it. I remember, we, the Todd family, were meandering around in the midway on an early evening, just after dusk, after having toured many of the ingenious exhibits and the fancy new cars and war-



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inspired technology.

In the twinkling glitter, haywire noise, and excitable barking of the midway was the array of carnival sideshows. It was a ghetto world, busy and greasy and unkempt, jaded but colorful, it seemed, and was quite unlike the natural light and the take-your-time pace of rural living up near the Red River in the old blackland and bottom land of Northeast Texas.

Even today, I don't remember much about the State Fair in Dallas, outside of the Ferris wheels, the carousels, the so-called or may-so freak shows, the motorcycle rides in a huge tank and the mini-car rides on hardwood floors, and the coin-tossing, baseball-throwing, and rifle-firing stands.

But what is all so clear and memorable today was that water-filled tin cup which a carnival fellow kindly handed to a desperately thirsty and belly-sick country boy.

Less than a cup, the container perhaps was just an old beat-up tin can, probably a bean can, with the top cut out and the label long since peeled off. In fact or not,

my imagination envisioned that the cup had made the carnival circuit, had touched untold lips both pure and soiled but mostly the latter, and probably got its only washing from dips into the bucket to get another cup of drinking water.

What I remember most poignantly was the ready hospitality and the gentlemanly nature of the old carnie, who was soiled with a day's work.

And the cool, tinny taste of that water went beyond refreshing. It was a panacea, not just virtually, but quite so. I felt good and clean inside, and world about me seemed not so bad and not so grimy but somehow endowed with a kindly purpose. There was a goodness in a world that initially seemed sinister and suspect to a naive lad. It was sweet: the gift of water, in an old tin cup, from worldly old sort to a thirsty young soul in Big D.

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

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Cadet testifies his roommate planned attack at Marine Academy

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A suspended military school student testified Wednesday that his roommate enlisted his help in attacking another student to "get even."

But Christopher Lee Boze said what began as a typical hazing ritual at the Marine Military Academy almost turned deadly when Jeremiah George Jensen cut the student's throat.

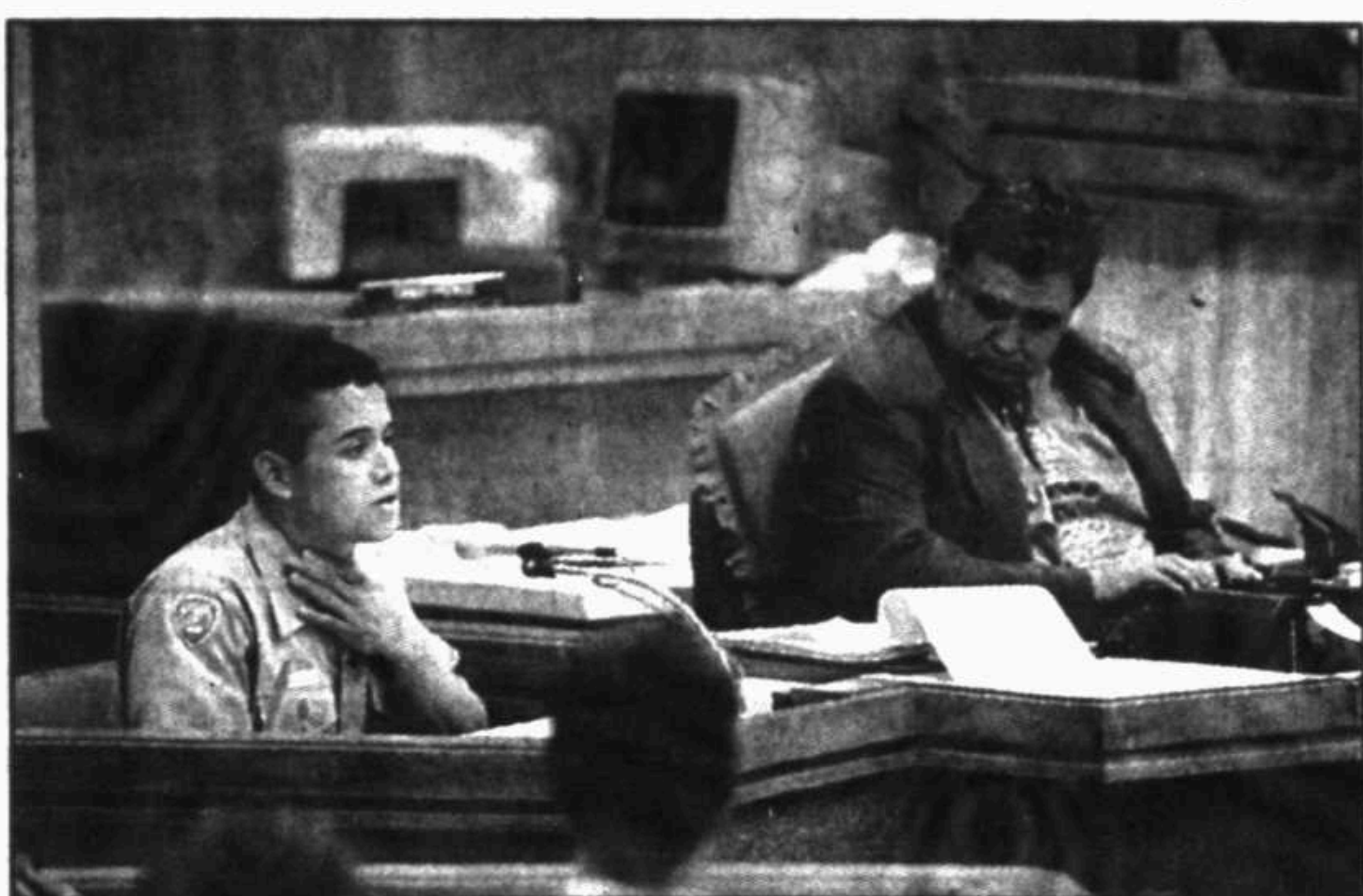
"Did you know you were going up there for a killing that night?" Assistant District Attorney John Blaylock asked Boze.

"No, sir. I did not," he responded.

Jensen and Boze, both 17, are charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault in the Oct. 6, 1997, attack of Gabriel Cortez, 18, in the barracks of the Harlingen boarding school.

However, Boze agreed to plead guilty to a charge of deadly conduct in exchange for testifying against his former buddy. Defense attorneys contend he is lying and that Jensen was asleep during the pre-dawn attack.

Boze told jurors that the evening before the attack, Jensen asked



AP Photo
Marine Military Cadet Gabriel Cortez, 18, of Laguna Hills, Calif., testifies Wednesday in Brownsville, about the night that his throat was allegedly cut by fellow Cadets Christopher Lee Boze, 17, of Rancho Viejo, and Jeremiah George Jensen, of Vancouver, Wash., at the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen.

him if he would "help him get even with Cortez." Boze acknowledged that both he and Jensen disliked the other cadet.

Boze said he agreed to help,

believing they were going to "throw a blanket party," a hazing ritual in which a cadet is covered with a blanket and beaten with socks filled with either soap or pad-

locks.

Blanket parties are "fairly common" at MMA, he testified.

At 3 a.m. the next day, Boze testified, Jensen woke him and the two snuck down the hall and up the stairs of the Bravo Company barracks to Cortez's room.

As Boze stood watch, Jensen jumped the sleeping cadet, he testified. The roommates then ran back to their quarters as Cortez began screaming.

It wasn't until later, Boze testified, that he realized the extent of the attack. He said Jensen told him the following afternoon that he had gone to visit Cortez in the sick bay and was "surprised Cortez wasn't hurt worse because he'd applied a lot of pressure."

"I took it to mean he had cut Cortez's throat and was shocked he was still alive," Boze said.

Cortez, of Laguna Hills, Calif., received 28 stitches to his throat.

Boze said that when he expressed his concern about getting caught to Jensen, that his roommate "assured me that there were no witnesses and no evidence."

But Boze said he knew there was a witness: another cadet who saw him running down the stairs just moments after the attack.

That cadet, 15-year-old Erik Bukofsky, testified earlier that he was awakened by screams and ran out into the hall just in time to see Boze and another person running down the stairs.

The boy said he could not identify the second person.

However, he said he ran into Boze and Jensen the next day and heard Jensen tell Boze, "I can't believe we did that."

When the younger cadet warned them that they would get caught, he said Boze threatened that he would be next if he said anything.

Bukofsky said he didn't tell the police what he knew until the two cadets were jailed, because he feared for his life.

If convicted, Jensen, of Vancouver, Wash., could receive probation or up to 20 years in prison on each charge.

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DPS warns of possible criminal charges with eight-liners

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety is warning owners and players of so-called eight-liner machines they could face criminal charges if found using or operating the gambling devices.

Attorney General Dan Morales last month ruled unconstitutional the state's "Fuzzy Animal Act," which operators argued legalized their machines. The law allows amusement games that offer non-cash prizes, like stuffed animals, worth no more than \$5.

Cindy Rugeley, a spokeswoman for Amusement and Music Operators of Texas, said if the law is unconstitutional — a point the group challenges — then all fuzzy animal machines are illegal.

Ms. Rugeley said targeting owners and players of eight-liners is unfair, selective enforcement of Morales' opinion. AMOT is challenging the opinion in court.

"They have struck down the so-called Fuzzy Animal exemption

and turned all redemption amusement machines in Texas into gambling devices," she said.

Opinions from the attorney general carry the weight of law unless overturned by a court or the Legislature.

There are approximately 20,000 eight-liners in Texas. The machines, which resemble casino slot machines, offer eight ways a player can win. Prizes often include paper certificates that can be traded for valuable prizes, like trips and merchandise.

DPS Commander Marshall Caskey, head of Special Crimes Services, acknowledged the department is engaging in selective enforcement.

"We always go after the most flagrant operators first," he said. "It is selective enforcement against the worst offenders."

Caskey and officials from Morales' office say the opinion targeted eight-liners and other games that predominantly involve luck.

That is the key difference between eight-liners and so-called crane machines and other amusement games in which prizes are determined primarily by some skill.

"The eight liners are a lottery machine with no degree of skill whatsoever," Caskey said. "You couldn't beat it with any amount of skill. Win a prize simply by chance."

Sonya Sanchez, a spokeswoman for Morales, said eight-liner operators are trying to gain sympathy by scaring parents.

"If the machine predominantly involves skill, as opposed to chance, it is not a gamble device under Texas law," Ms. Sanchez said. "To say that the opinion outlaws all children games, such as those found at pizza parlors, is misleading."

Caskey and Ms. Sanchez said it would be up to local prosecutors to determine whether other amusement games involve luck. Both added that eight-liners clearly are

based solely on luck and clearly are illegal.

"We're going after the eight-liners in that they should never have availed themselves to the Fuzzy Animal Act," Caskey said.

In its warning to owners and players, the DPS said those using or maintaining the machines could face Class C misdemeanor charges, punishable by up to a \$500 fine.

"People should know by now that these machines are illegal," Caskey said.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the Texas Lottery Commission also have warned licensees that they could lose the right to sell alcoholic beverages and lottery tickets if they maintain eight-liner machines.

Ms. Rugeley said AMOT wants to work with lawmakers to rewrite the Fuzzy Animal Act to prevent illegal uses of the eight-liner machines.

Zamora placed under suicide watch after self-mutilation

FORT WORTH (AP) — The former Naval Academy midshipman sentenced to life in prison for the murder of a romantic rival was placed under a 24-hour suicide watch Wednesday after wounding herself with a razor blade.

Diane Zamora, convicted and sentenced on Tuesday, cut herself on the upper left arm sometime before Wednesday morning, said Tarrant County Jail commander James Skidmore.

The wound, which Skidmore

called "superficial," stopped bleeding and Ms. Zamora concealed it from guards. It was noticed by a psychologist examining her Wednesday afternoon.

Although the cut was not life-threatening and Ms. Zamora told officials she was not trying to kill herself, officials placed her under 24-hour supervision.

"To be on the precautionary side, she has been classified as potentially suicidal," he said. "She will remain under that classifica-

tion until she goes to state prison."

Skidmore said it wasn't clear how long Ms. Zamora would remain in the county lockup before her transfer to Huntsville. Ms. Zamora won't be eligible for parole until 2038.

The prosecutors who secured her conviction, meanwhile, are setting their sights on her boyfriend and alleged accomplice.

"We're only half done," lead prosecutor Mike Parrish said. Robert Swofford, David Gra-

ham's attorney, said he won't accept a plea bargain offer by the state that would give his client a 30-year sentence for allegedly killing a 16-year-old girl.

"That's out of the question," Swofford said. "We will go to trial with this case and you will see a very different trial than Diane Zamora's."

Coahoma teacher investigated after 11-year-old injured

BIG SPRING (AP) — A West Texas gym teacher has been reassigned pending an investigation into whether he hurt an 11-year-old boy in his class.

Robert Pherigo, who teaches physical education at Coahoma Elementary School, was reassigned Tuesday night to an unspecified job within the district that does not involve contact with children.

Superintendent Michael Hartman had suspended Pherigo with pay Feb. 10, the day he was accused of approaching the boy from behind, grabbing him by the neck and abruptly swinging him around.

The boy was treated at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room and released the same day.

But Jay Brim of Austin, Pherigo's attorney, denied that the teacher grabbed the child by the neck.

"Mr. Pherigo did not grab ... (the) child by the neck," Brim told the Big Spring Herald. "But yes, he did have physical contact."

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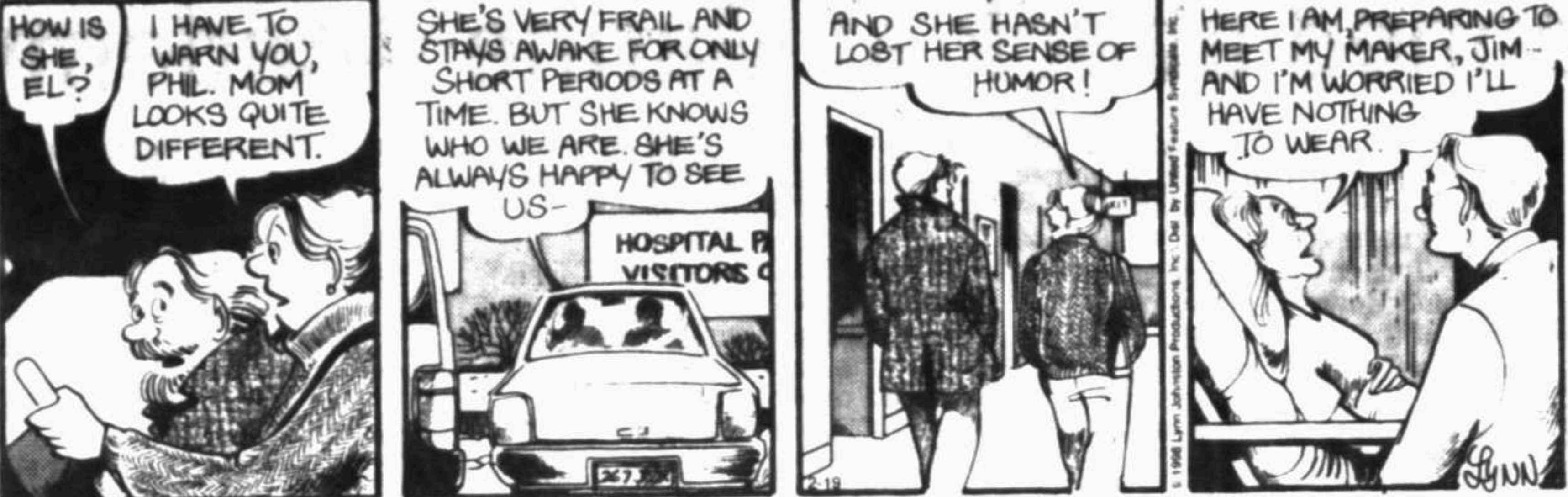
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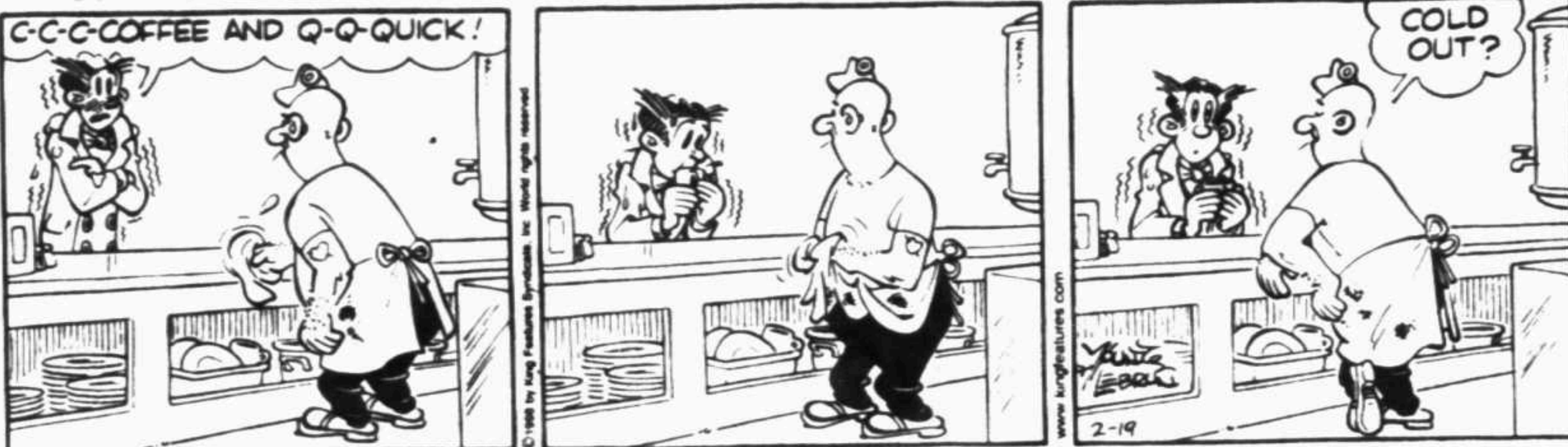
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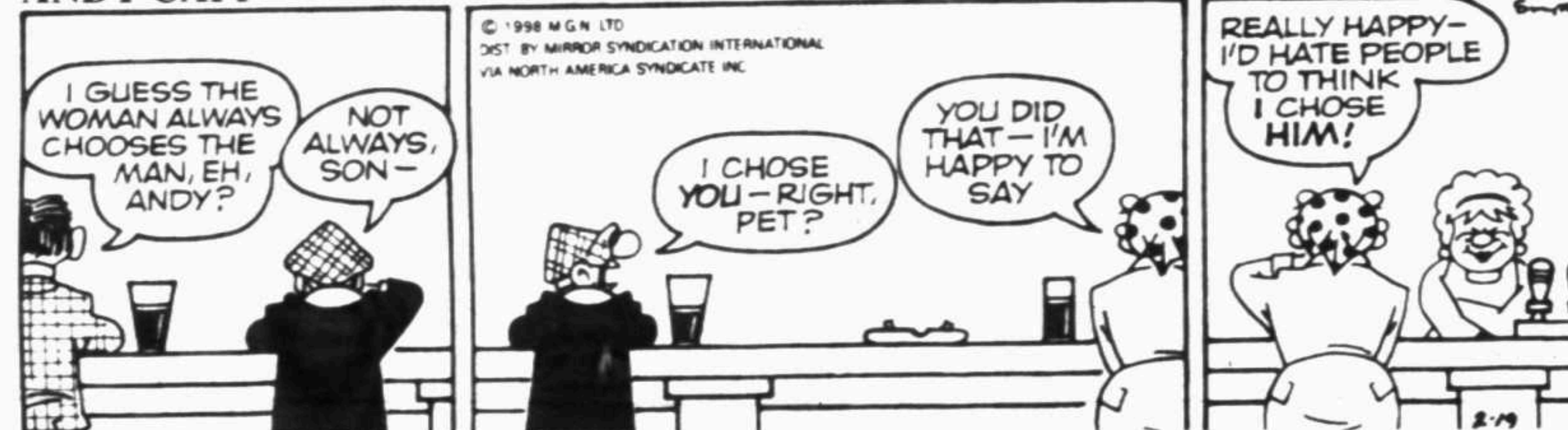
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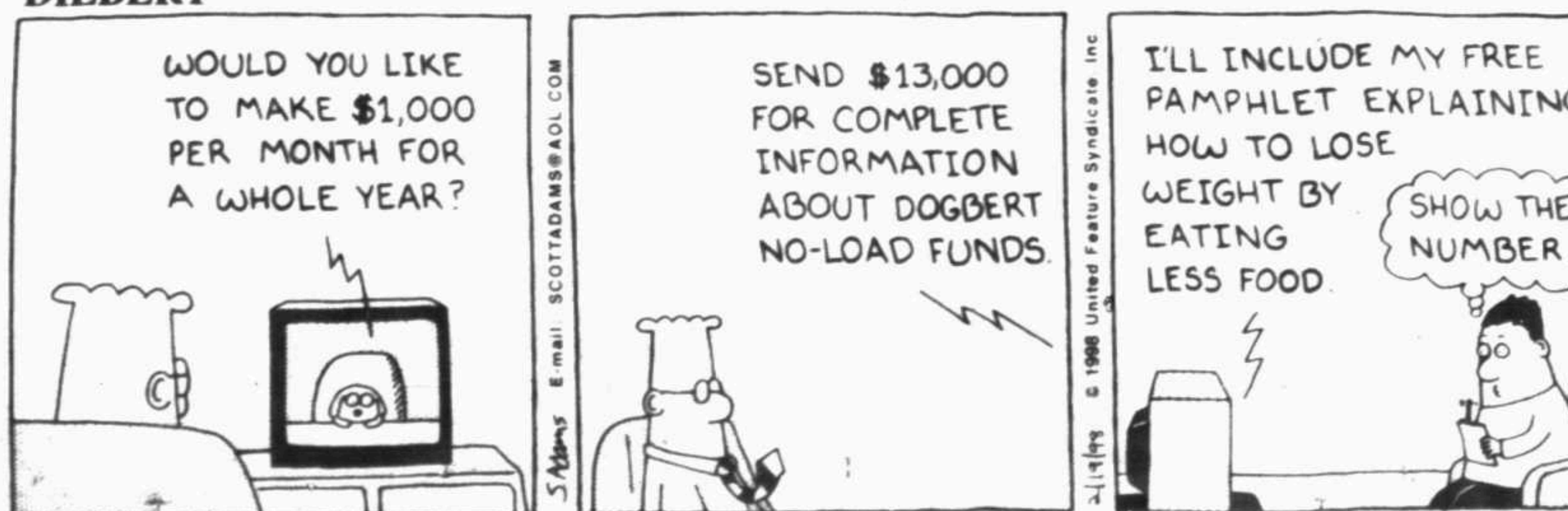
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998: Expect changes this year, especially involving your work. They come largely through an expanded perspective and new views. At times, you might be more difficult than you realize. You have many opportunities this year; as a result, you could become callous. If you are single, romance is a strong possibility. In fact, sorting through your various suitors could be your biggest problem. If attached, romance builds. The two of you enjoy more closeness than in many years. Certainly, you find the embers of love hot. **SAGITTARIUS** challenges you.

BORN TODAY Prince Andrew (1960), musician Falco (1957), singer William "Smokey" Robinson (1940)

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Pressure is intense, but you are full of dynamic ideas. You get what you want because you zero in on different approaches. You are inspired, and others respond accordingly. Opportunity knocks; home in on it with your instincts. Tonight: Make weekend plans. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) **** One-to-one relating brings solutions to difficult challenges. A friend doesn't show his true colors. Think before you leap; evaluate. You want to get the big picture. Recognize that not everyone is as dependable as you. Consider what you want. Tonight: Go for togetherness. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) **** Others seek you out! The problem with this celebratory atti-

tude is that you hardly get any work done. You see life with renewed interest, and tend to be impulsive. Make long-distance calls, and reach out for others. Tonight: Toast the weekend a little early. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) **** Plug into work. You need to screen calls, to get your work done. Your mind could have a tendency to wander; use this for ideas about work. Considering a class or seminar might also occupy your mind. Be careful with joint assets. Tonight: Soak away stress. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) **** You feel empowered, that affects you financially. Another inspires your creative process. You think through ideas, come up with more and delight yourself and others. Add some of this magical touch to your relationships. Tonight: The party starts now! **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** You are pulled in several directions. Everyone wants a part of you. Making decisions is hard; detach yourself from a reactive stand. A co-worker shares ideas about how to work your way through the pressure. Take a walk to clear your head. Tonight: Happily head home. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Reach out for others. Focus on what you do well, not what you think you should do. Socialize, and let others inspire you. Creativity enriches your life. A child needs to evaluate an idea; play devil's advocate. A money opportunity drops on you. Tonight: Good times. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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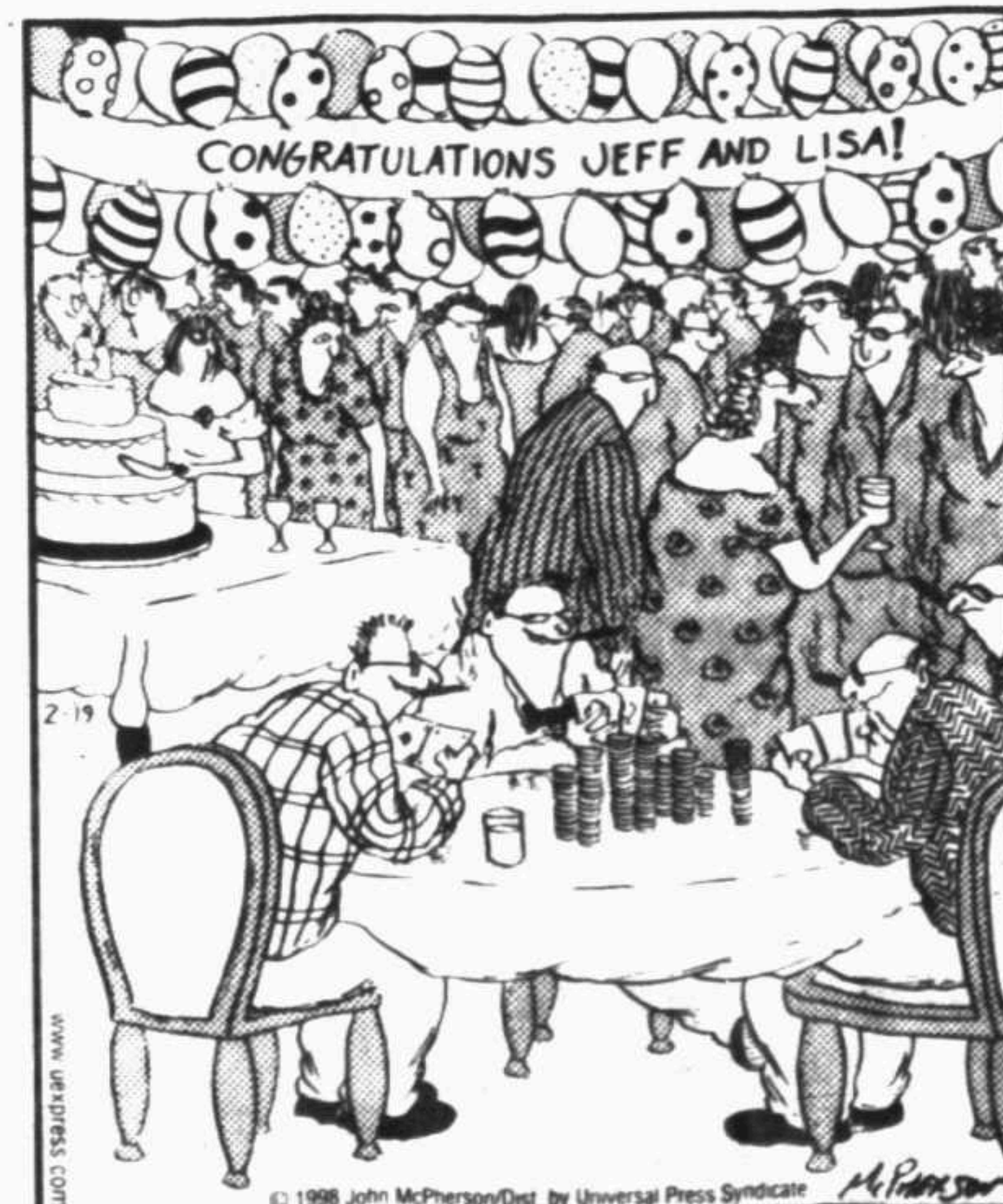
with two trump and North was value for the raise to game. West led a low spade and declarer won in hand with the eight. Declarer had eight fast tricks available. The obvious chance for a ninth was the heart finesse. Was there another line? Declarer crossed to dummy with a low diamond to the queen at trick two, then led a low heart from the table. East rose with the king and declarer claimed nine tricks.

Now there are those who will insist that, in this situation, no good player would rise with the king from K x. We would be more inclined to

agree had we not seen all too many experts do exactly that, or tip their holding by thinking before playing low. Then there is also the chance that East was dealt a singleton king. In any event, it costs declarer nothing to try. If nothing favorable happens on the crafty lead of a low heart from dummy, South can finesse the heart queen next.

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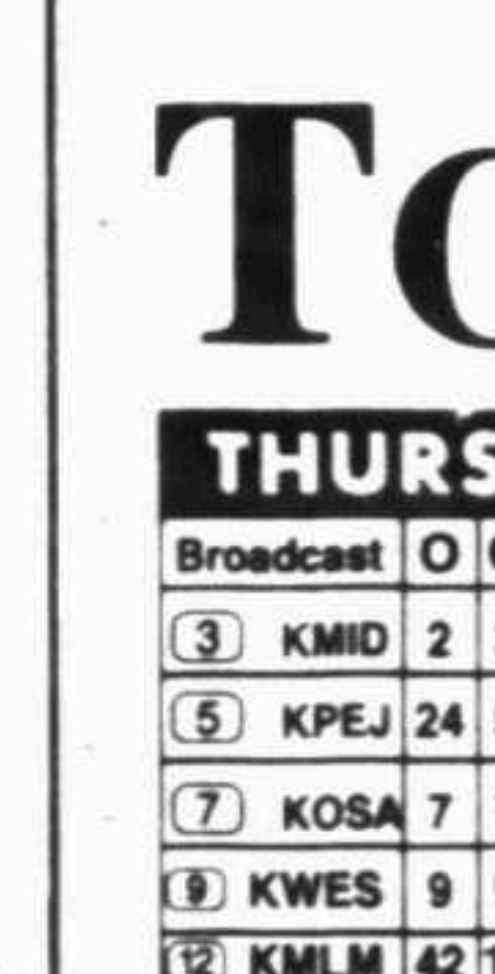
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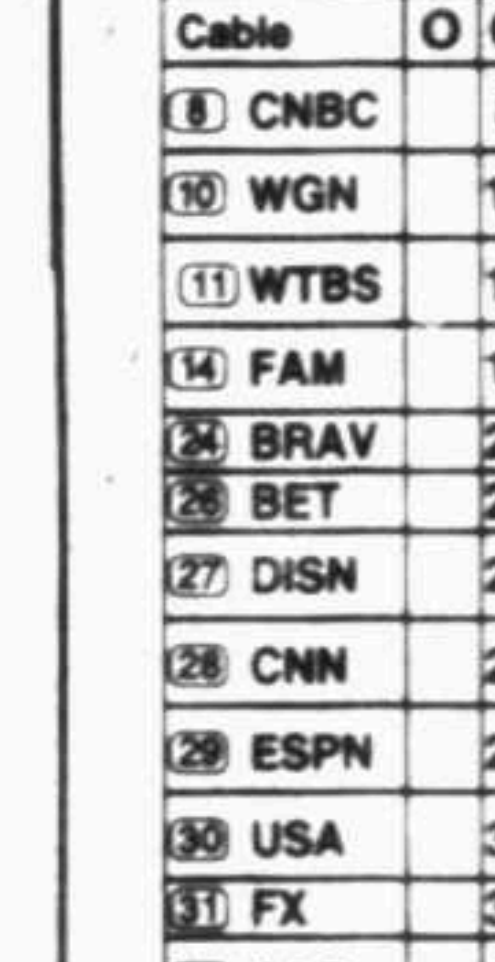
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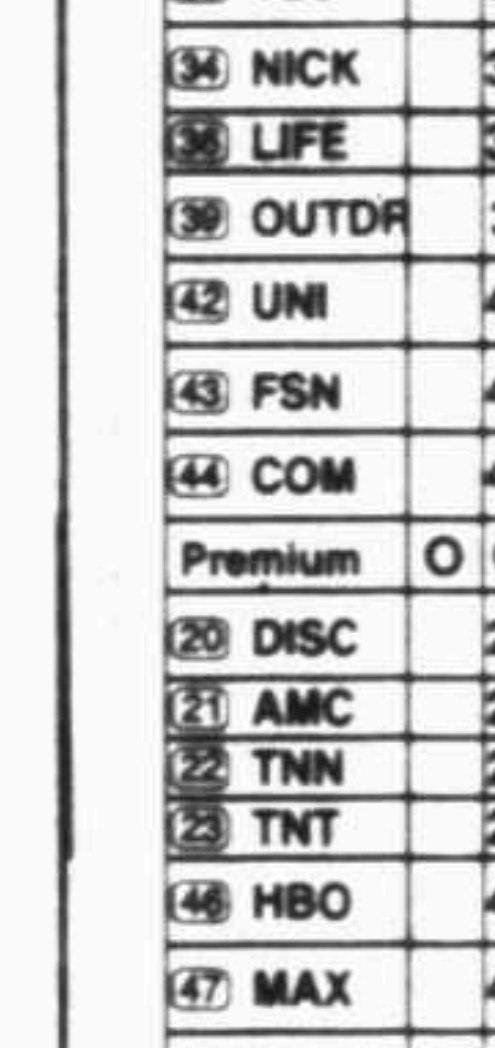
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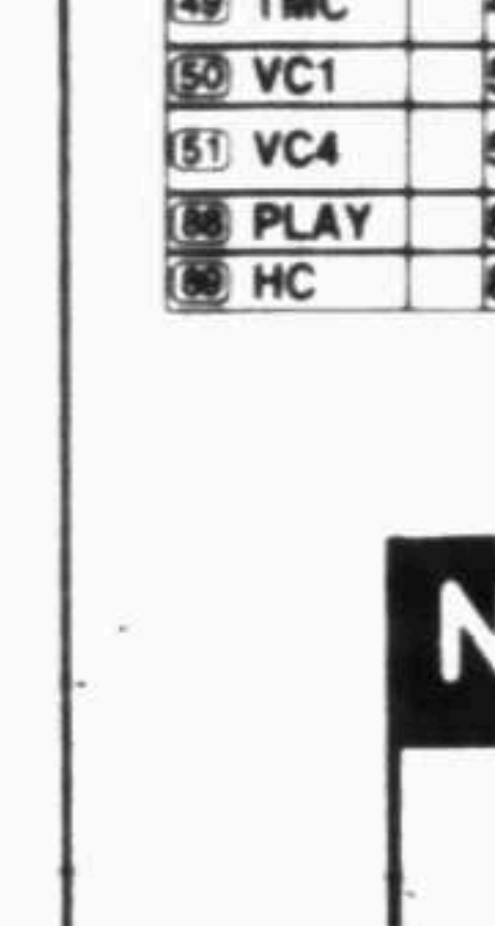
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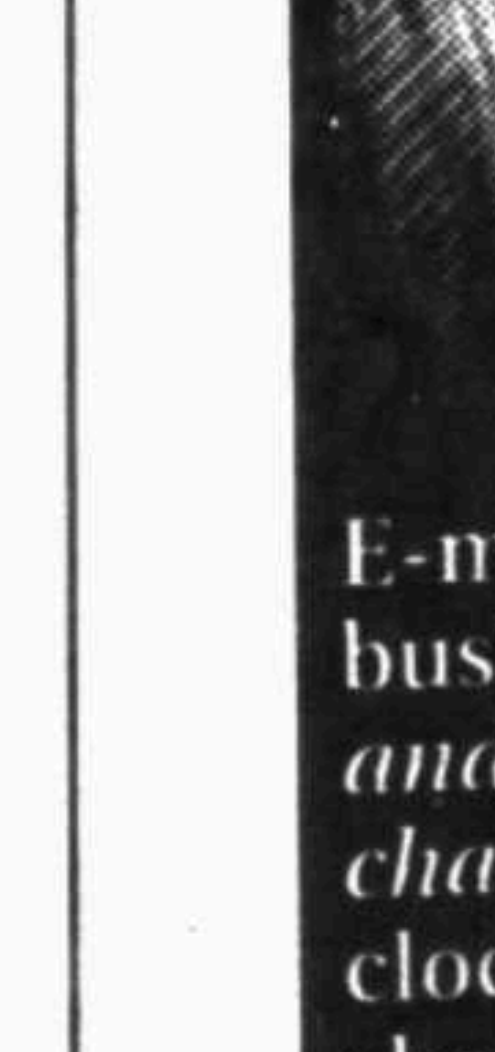
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Tom Cruise calls police from his cell phone to report 3 cars following him

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Tom Cruise called police to report three cars he believed to be paparazzi were following him.

"He felt they were paparazzi and called on his cell phone. They drove by when he stopped his car," police Lt. Gary Gallinot said of the Tuesday incident.

Cruise was picking up his son at school, Gallinot said. A traffic report was filed.

"There was really no crime. They didn't run him off the road, they didn't try to keep him from going to his destination," Gallinot said.

Cruise publicist Pat Kingsley had no comment Wednesday. "It's a police matter," he said.

Two paparazzi were recently convicted of misdemeanor false imprisonment for chasing Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver as they drove their son to another Santa Monica school.

Coincidentally, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, announced proposed legislation Tuesday to outlaw some tactics used by paparazzi.



Tom Cruise reported three cars following him.

watched television with about 100 other inmates. Officials were trying to determine the source of the contraband.

BERLIN — The Berlin film festival awarded Catherine Deneuve an honorary Golden Bear for her life's work Wednesday, but she wondered if it wasn't too soon.

"I'm still an actress who's hard at work," said Deneuve, 54. "I'm not afraid of time. I'm afraid of a lack of time."

The 48th annual festival is featuring a retrospective of Deneuve films, including a screening of "Repulsion," the Roman Polanski thriller.

Deneuve, who is shooting a French film with Guillaume Depardieu, the son of Gerard Depardieu, said she's too busy to watch her old movies or take stock of her career.

"I don't want to judge my work," she said. "I'm someone who is easily frightened, so perhaps I would stop right away."

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The docket reads Eagles vs. eagles.

The rock band Eagles contend the Pigeon Forge-based National Foundation to Protect America's Eagles infringed on its name and image in selling music and videos.

The lawsuit filed Friday also objects to the foundation's Internet address "eagles.org" and its telephone number, 800-2-EAGLES.

Eagles Ltd. and Eagles Recording Co., two companies formed by the band, worry the foundation's enterprises will be confused with the band's.

"They apparently feel threatened in some way," foundation founder Al Cecere said. "We're defending our mark. ... We're not going to let them bully us around."

The non-profit foundation saves injured and orphaned eagles and releases them into the wild. Eagles lead singer Don Henley has donated to the foundation and adopted one of its birds a few years ago.

TULSA, Okla. — The Hanson boys keep City Hall telephone operators hopping.

The operators regularly field calls from people in search of news about the Tulsa brothers who hit it big in the pop world with "MMMBop."

"Most of them want a home address, which we don't give," said a spokesman, Louis VanLandingham. "I don't even know that we know their home address, but if we did we wouldn't give it out."

Still, VanLandingham said Hanson calls don't come close to the most common inquiry.

"Right now, this time of year, potholes kind of hold the popularity," he said.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.



Robert Downey Jr. was escorted from jail to Paramount Studios.

LOS ANGELES — Robert Downey Jr. was escorted from jail to Paramount Studios for a recording session — at his own expense, the sheriff's department said.

The trip Tuesday was court-ordered, said Deputy Steve Sciacca, who offered no further explanation.

After a series of drug arrests and second chances, the actor was led off to jail Dec. 8 for six months for violating probation by failing to stay clean and sober.

On Friday, Downey's nose was cut in a fight with another inmate in a common area and he was placed in a cell away from the general population.

Also, deputies found drug paraphernalia in another area where Downey ate and

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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5	KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Water Act 2: Back in the Habit (PG, 10) ** (Whoopi Goldberg)	Team Knight Rider 6187	Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 86074			
7	KOSA	7	7	News 9258	Grace Under Fire	XVIII Winter Olympics: Alpine Skiing, Nordic Combined, Short Track Speed Skating, Speed Skating 47507	News 8710813	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)					
9	KWES	9	9	News 4722	Friends 5074	3rd Rock From Sun 5838	Veronica's Closet	News 865513	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)				
12	KMLM	42	12	Jewish	J. Hagee	The Light of the Southwest 8284	Eve News	Richard Roberts 7822	Israel Tour	C. Lyons			
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24	BET	24	Bravo Profiles 426155	Planet Groove: The Musical Messenger 784161	Hit List 785890	College Basketball: Indiana at Ohio State 778600	College Basketball: Louisville at Marquette 403884	SportsCenter 454258	SportsCenter 454258				
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28	CNN	28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today	Larry King Live 857285	The World Today	Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz		
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31	FX	31	Miami Vice 8430364	The X-Files 103772	NYPD Blue 191642	In Color	The X-Files 103772	In Color	The X-Files 103772				
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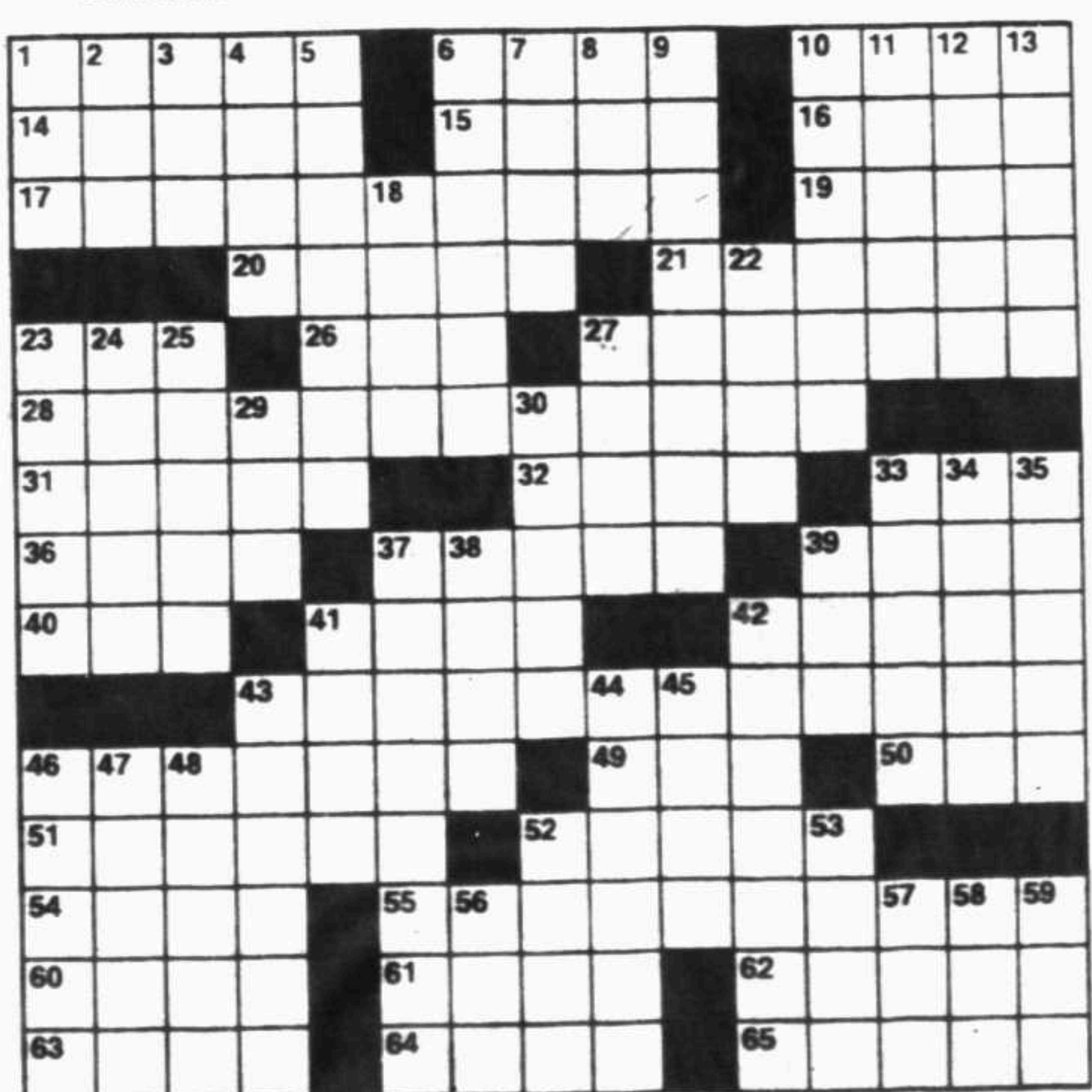
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NATION IN BRIEF

Farmers worry over crop damage

FRESNO, Calif. — If El Nino-fed storms keep pounding California, farmers won't be able to plant vegetables on time and bees won't pollinate fruit and nut blossoms properly.

So far, the February storms have caused only minor damage to the state's \$24.5 billion agribusiness industry. But growers worry about a National Weather Service prediction that rain will keep falling off and on all spring in a state where the sun usually shines pretty steadily after March.

"If this keeps up and keeps growers from planting vegetable crops or corn for dairies, it could have a ripple effect through the entire agriculture economy," nurseryman Bob Driver of Modesto said Wednesday.

The most immediate concern is for almonds, a \$1 billion crop. Trees blooming right now are ready for bees to pollinate, but when it rains the bees huddle in their hives.

The sky was clear Wednesday. "We need two more weeks like this to pollinate all varieties," Driver said.

However, there was a threat of rain Thursday and more storms were lined up across the Pacific.

AARP offers anti-telemarketer ideas

WASHINGTON — A new anti-fraud campaign aims to help older Americans do something that seems simple but often isn't: Hang up the phone.

Often, senior citizens hesitate to hang up on telemarketers out to defraud them, said the American Association of Retired Persons, which launched a new phase of its fraud fighting campaign Wednesday.

The AARP plans to train people how to hang up on telemarketers making suspicious offers and has a new set of public service announcements ready to run nationwide.

The group, which lobbies on behalf of senior citizens, urges people to get off the phone quickly.

Some ideas: "I'm just the housekeeper," "They don't live here anymore," and "Thank you, I'm not interested."

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Study: Bone drug adds mass, slows onset of osteoporosis

A new study adds to evidence that an osteoporosis drug works nearly as well as estrogen in strengthening the bones of postmenopausal women.

A small dose of alendronate, sold under the brand name Fosamax, increased bone mineral density in the spines and hips of women ages 45 to 59, the age group in which bone loss is most rapid, the study by European and American researchers found.

Alendronate was the first non-hormonal drug shown to combat osteoporosis, a crippling disease that affects about 25 million Americans, mostly older women. It was approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration in late 1995.

Osteoporosis makes the bones fragile, greatly increasing the risk of broken hips and the small spinal fractures that cause painful, hunched backs in many elderly women. Broken hips are one of the leading causes of hospitalization and death in elderly women.

Previous studies have shown that alendronate slows bone loss and helps prevent broken bones in women who already suffer from osteoporosis.

This study, which was supported by the maker of Fosamax, is the first to show that alendronate also can prevent the disease, said Dr. Beth Dawson-Hughes, an osteoporosis researcher at Tufts University who was not involved in the study.

"Estrogen in my view would be the first line (treatment), not only because it prevents bone loss, but it prevents the progression of heart disease ... and alleviates menopausal symptoms," Dawson-Hughes said.

However, many women will not take estrogen because of its side effects and a modest increase in the risk of breast cancer, making alendronate a good alternative, she said.

Another promising alternative is the recently approved drug raloxifene, sold by Eli Lilly & Co. as Evista, a so-called designer estrogen that protects bones but does not increase the risk of breast cancer. Like alendronate, it does not prevent heart disease, but researchers hope to develop a designer estrogen that will, Dawson-Hughes said.

The study, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, was designed to find the lowest dose of alendronate that would maintain or increase bone density in the majority of postmenopausal women.

It found that women taking 5 milligrams daily could benefit while suffering no more side effects than those taking a dummy pill. The usual dose for people already suffering from osteoporosis is 10 milligrams, but that can lead to side effects including abdominal pain, acid indigestion and nausea.

Fund-raiser indicted over Buddhist contributions

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal grand jury charged Democratic fund-raiser Maria Hsia on Wednesday with disguising illegal campaign contributions by a California Buddhist temple to the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign and other politicians between 1993 and 1996.

The second indictment brought by the Justice Department's campaign finance task force was hailed by Attorney General Janet Reno as "yet another step forward" in her investigation of finance abuses during the 1996 election. Reno has been under Republican fire for refusing to hand the case to an independent counsel.

The Hsi Lai Temple, located in the Los Angeles suburb of Hacienda Heights, Calif., was named as an undisclosed co-conspirator. Formally incorporated as the International Buddhist Progress Society, the temple is a tax-exempt religious organization barred from participating in any political campaign. Political contributions from corporations also are illegal.

The long-anticipated Hsia indictment has been cited by political observers as a potential problem for Vice President Al Gore and his ambition to seek the presidency in 2000. Gore was not charged in the case, but the indictment mentioned three fund-raisers that he attended and two that Clinton

attended for which the grand jury charged Hsia raised disguised contributions.

Three temple nuns told a Senate committee last fall the temple illegally reimbursed donors after an April 1996 fund-raiser that Gore attended there. The nuns testified the temple destroyed or altered records to avoid embarrassment. Gore has said he did not know it

in the future to taint the vice president would be "cynical efforts to exploit the issue for a cheap political gain."

Clinton's 1996 opponent, Bob Dole, and Presidents Bush and Reagan all had political supporters and personal friends convicted of crimes, but the public did not blame those politicians, said this Gore aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The six-count indictment alleges that Hsia, a 47-year-old immigration consultant, conspired to defraud the United States and caused false statements about the contributions' source to be filed by campaign committees with the Federal Election Commission.

Hsia's attorney, Nancy Luque, has denied that her client, a Taiwan-born U.S. citizen and California resident, violated the law and has said she will fight any charges.

Hsia was expected to surrender here Thursday for arraignment.

Specifically, the grand jury charged that corporate money belonging to the temple was used to make disguised and illegal campaign contributions to federal, state and local candidates.

The grand jury charged that temple monks and nuns, temple volunteers, Hsia's clients and Hsia herself posed as the donors of contributions but were reimbursed with money from the temple.

The straw contributions were

given to the Democratic National Committee; Clinton-Gore '96; the 1994 re-election campaign of Sen. Kennedy, D-Mass.; the 1996 re-election campaign of Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I.; Democrat March Fong Eu's 1994 campaign for re-election as California secretary of state; and Republican Don Knabe's 1996 campaign for Los Angeles County supervisor.

The conspiracy count specifically mentions the temple fund-raiser attended by Gore and \$55,000 in contributions it says Hsia solicited a day later from 11 individuals associated with the temple. It adds that contributions totaling \$10,000 that Hsia arranged before the event also were reimbursed.

The indictment mentions \$8,000 in contributions to Sen. Kennedy; \$5,000 in contributions to his son, Rep. Patrick Kennedy; \$90,000 in misreported contributions to the Democratic National Committee; \$14,000 in misreported contributions to Clinton-Gore '96; \$1,500 in contributions to Knabe; and \$500 to March Fong Eu.

On Jan. 29, the campaign finance task force indicted Charlie Trie, a former Little Rock, Ark., restaurateur and longtime Clinton friend, and his associate, Antonio Pan, on fund-raising charges. Trie returned from abroad earlier this month and pleaded innocent.

AAA starts new anti-'road rage' announcements

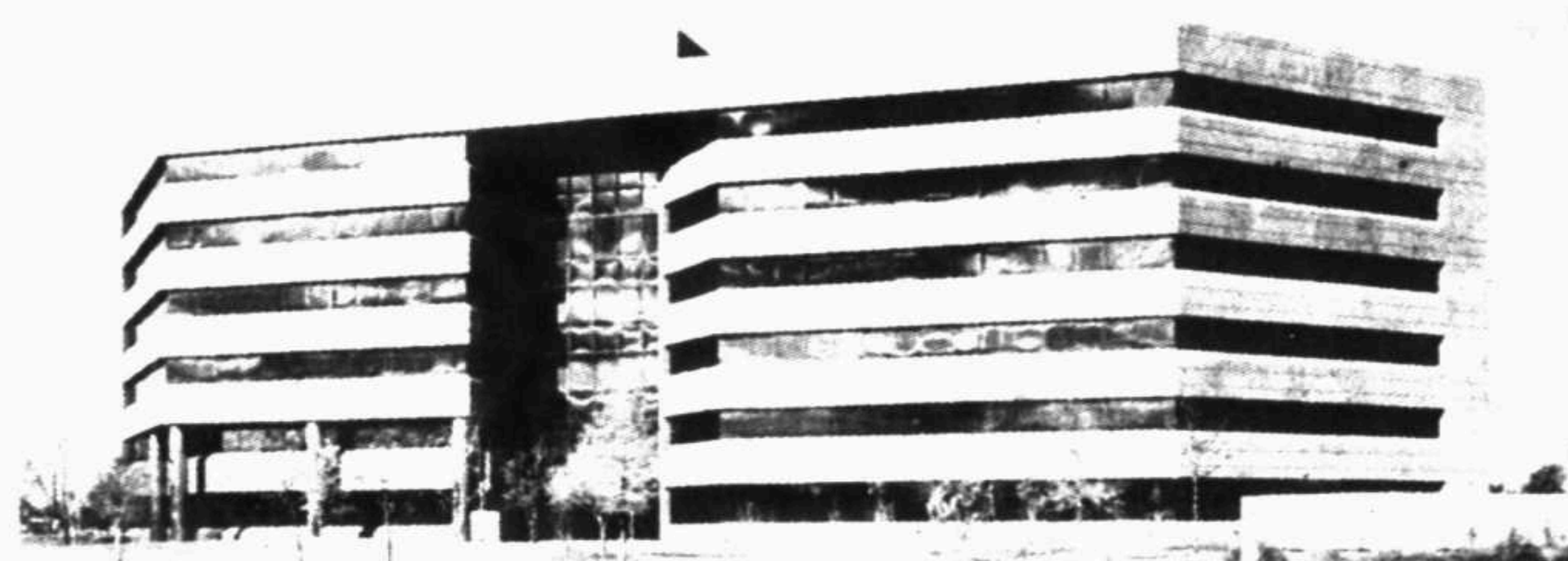
WASHINGTON (AP) — Tailgating, running red lights, giving other drivers dirty looks — the American Automobile Association says it's time for a change in attitude behind the wheel.

The AAA announced a campaign Wednesday aimed at quelling the anger of aggressive drivers, who often provoke or commit violence on the road. According to the association, the number of accidents and deaths resulting from "road rage" is on the rise, and drivers need to take a deep breath and relax before hitting the streets.

"If we can convince millions of calm, mature motorists not to get sucked into encounters with angry drivers, many lives can be saved and injuries reduced," said David Willis who heads the AAA's Foundation for Traffic Safety.

The association will begin airing public service announcements to encourage drivers to obey not only the rules of the road but also the rules of common courtesy.

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Evergreens brighten up winter

By Deborah A. Bengé Frost

In winter, landscapes tend to be dull. Landscapes should be designed with winter color and interest in mind. Because this area has mild winters, spending time outside is not unusual, so having something green to enjoy during the colder months would be nice.

Evergreen plants are an excellent source of green in winter gardens. Deciduous plants (drop their leaves in winter) are wonderful and interesting, but a few evergreens will live up the winterscape.

Evergreen vines can easily be incorporated into the winter garden. Here are three such vines that do well locally:

■ Carolina yellow jessamine, *Gelsemium sempervirens*, is one of the earliest blooming vines. It displays a fabulous show of bright yellow, bell-shaped, fragrant blooms as early as February. Flowers are about an inch long and 1 to 1-1/2 inches wide and are highlighted by a background of dark green, glossy, finely textured leaves. The foliage color is a perfect foil for these brilliant blooms. A smaller repeat bloom comes out in late summer or early fall.

Carolina yellow jessamine is a twining vine that may need a little assistance to begin within a climbing structure, but as soon as it gets started, no more assistance is needed.

Vines can sometimes defoliate if temperatures dip to below 10 degrees, but this rarely kills the stems and the plant regains quickly in the spring. Even when it is not in bloom, its attractive glossy leaves are a true asset to the garden.

■ Cross-vine, *Bignonia capreolata*, is another great evergreen vine that is seldom used in local landscapes, but it is well adapted to this area. Dark green glossy leaves with a medium texture characterize this vine. In late

spring through early summer, it blooms with red-orange trumpet-shaped flowers that have a yellow throat. The flowers are 2 to 3 inches long and 1 inch wide, and hang in clusters of three to five flowers. The vine needs assistance in training to a structure so it isn't too crowded — that will give it better flower bud formation and show. Cross-vine is related to trumpet creeper vine, but don't worry — cross-vine is well behaved. Cross-vine climbs by a slender tendril and flattened disk, and seems to grow fast while young.

An improved selection of cross-vine is called 'Tangerine Beauty,' which produces an orange flower with a yellow throat. A 'Tangerine Beauty' cross-vine was planted in the variety trails at the Confederate Air Force Museum, and it grew quite vigorously with good repeat blooming.

■ Another outstanding, semi-evergreen vine is Lady Banksia rose, *Rosa banksiae* 'Lutea.' This plant actually is a rose that acts like a vine. It has no means of climbing, so some assistance is required at first, but after that this vigorous plant will grow! Lady Banksia has fine-textured foliage on somewhat slender, thornless stems. In spring this pseudo-vine is covered in soft yellow, double baby roses for a three to four week period. The color is clearly yellow, but not a harsh one, that blends nicely with other colors and plants.

Plant in full sunlight and in well-drained soils. Once established, Lady Banksia requires very little care, has good drought tolerance and can get by on a lean soil. It needs pruning each year or two to keep it from getting too big.

■ A good white blooming rose that acts like an evergreen vine is 'Fortuniana,' *Rosa X fortuniana*, an antique rose with larger and more substantial foliage than the Banksia. It too is tough, and climbs and blooms about the same time as the Banksias. It is much more difficult to find than Banksia, but it is well worth the look.

Deborah A. Bengé Frost is the extension horticulture agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Ector Counties.



Kathy Potter from Hockessin, Del., checks out an antique wooden chest, top, and a 20th Century reproduction, bottom chest, at an exhibit that warns antique buyers about purchasing fakes. Painted Early American furniture is back in vogue. No longer are collectors stripping the pieces

down to their natural wood. Instead, painted pieces are all the rage. Early American homes were actually colorful and not as sparse as previously depicted. Furniture collectors want painted furniture — a return to authenticity.

Painted furniture new darlings of antique world

By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

For much of this century, people have been stripping all the old furniture they could get their hands on.

No more. Painted country pieces are the darlings of the antiques show circuit, and city pieces — neoclassical chairs in the Hepplewhite vein, for example — also are enjoying great popularity.

Along with the vogue for painted furniture has come the realization that early American homes were full of color. Not only was much of the furniture painted, but walls, too, were often covered in bright colors.

As colorful finishes on furniture and walls dulled through wear or dirt, the myth developed that 18th- and 19th-century homes were drab. Modernism also contributed to the dulling-down of American decorative-arts history by emphasizing white walls and natural wood finishes.

HISTORIANS AND ANTIQUES authorities have been slowly stripping away the erroneous ideas about the past for decades. "American Painted Furniture" (Clarkson Potter, \$65), by Cynthia W. V. Schaffner and Susan Klein, is part of the debunking.

In their new book, Schaffner and Klein tell the story of handcrafted American painted furniture from the 1790s to the 1880s, a period they refer to as the heyday of this spectacular art form.

The authors, versed in American folk art and collectors of painted furniture, consider the pieces illustrated in the book as significant as early American paintings.

"There weren't any real art schools and not all that many fine artists in the early 19th century," Schaffner said. "Many talented individuals became commercial painters and worked with special skill on furniture, signs and other useful objects."

WHILE SOME of the most remarkable examples of American painted furniture are already in museums, it is still feasible to collect it and use it at home.

"This past weekend, I went to five antiques shows and found pieces starting at \$300 for a simple painted Windsor chair dating from the 1820s-40s," Schaffner said. "There is also a lot of simple, inex-

pensive painted furniture from the 1920s to 1950s to be found at house sales and country auctions."

Schaffner recently bought a 1950s-era kitchen chair for \$30 and a kitchen table with turned legs for \$120.

Those who do find a painted piece are advised to keep the original surface, dirt and all.

"Cleaning is fine and so is stabilizing paint that is flaking so it won't fall off," Schaffner said. "But don't strip it and don't repaint it. The pattern of wear is part of the aesthetic."

These days, thanks to the popularity of painted furniture in antiques stores and the American penchant for moving, a piece from one section of the country may turn up in another. Originally, there were stylistic variations from one section to another.

In the early 19th century, for example, French gilders settled in Philadelphia, where they turned out French-style pieces ornamented with gilding, Klein said.

Later, from the 1870s on, Mennonites from Poland, Russia and Prussia settled in the Dakotas and Nebraska, bringing their tradition of grain painting on light wood with them. The Mennonites decorated large wardrobes, dowry chests, tables and sofas with these patterns, and also embellished furniture with small floral motifs from the old country.

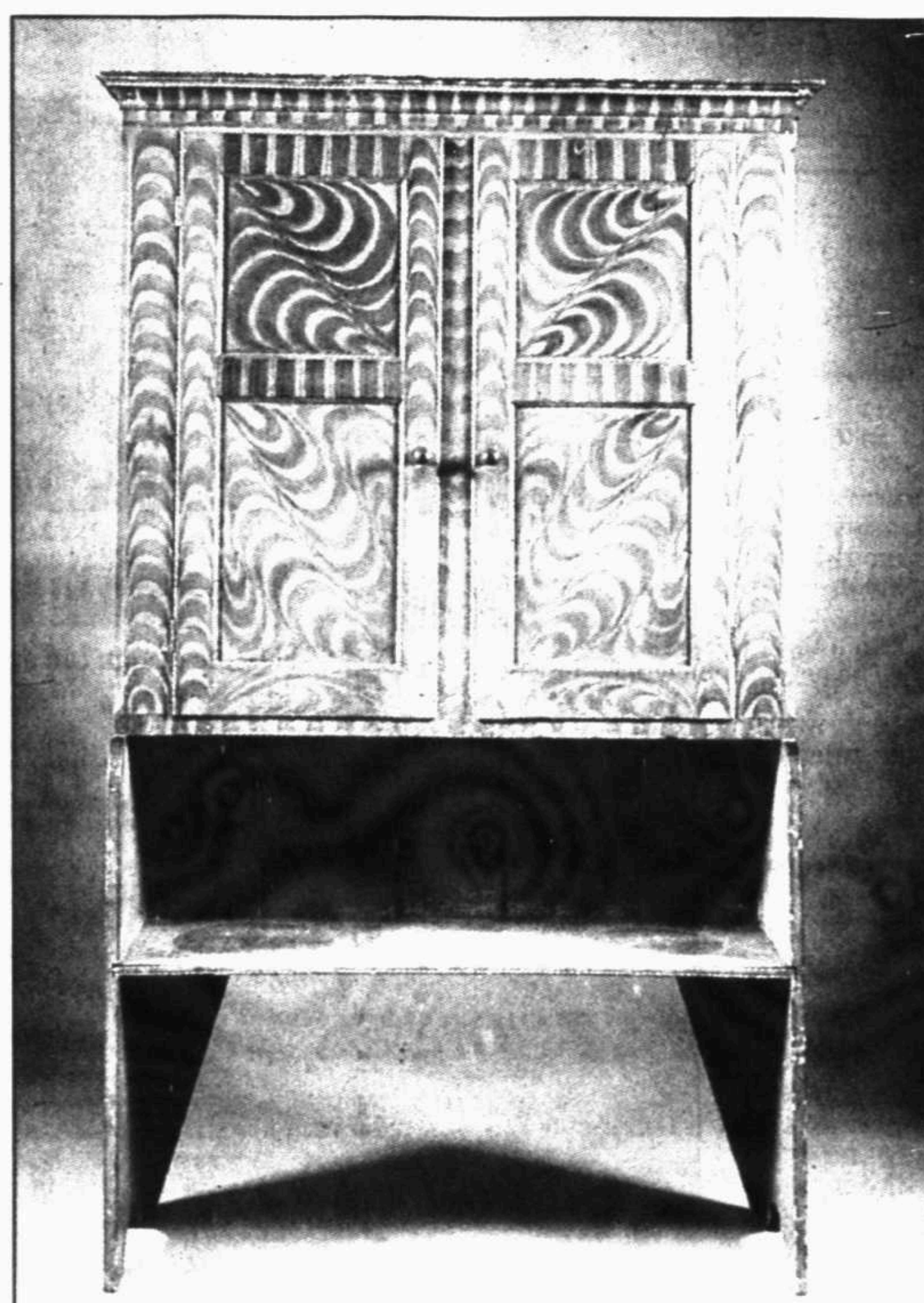
There are early instances of the American melting pot at work, too. Fancy neoclassical furniture died out on the East Coast around 1820, but was still made in other sections, as cabinetmakers and their clients migrated and took their style preferences along with them.

ENGLISH CABINETMAKERS who settled in many parts of the country helped spread the style for painted Windsor chairs and painted English neoclassical chairs based on the designs of George Hepplewhite and Thomas Sheraton.

Encouraged by magazine articles and books explaining the techniques, many homemakers today paint their own furniture.

But the do-it-yourself idea, too, started early in the 19th century when young girls were taught at seminaries how to paint furniture and wooden boxes with watercolors.

The decorated pieces were varnished by cabinetmakers and then proudly displayed at home.



A striking painted pattern of black on salmon covers this bucket bench cupboard made of maple and pine around 1820 in Pennsylvania.



This worktable, belonging to Barbara Streisand, was made in Boston around 1800-1818 of bird's eye maple and pine. The pouch below the table was intended to hold sewing materials.

DEAR ABBY

Handicapped placard needs easier solution for hanging

By Abigail Van Buren

CHARLES, ROSEMEAD, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I have a handicapped placard. I have noticed that a lot of people have a hard time getting the card to hook over the rearview mirror (and also removing it). I, too, was struggling and came up with the following idea:

I asked my husband for a three-quarter-inch metal washer. He tied a string on the washer, and then tied the string to the mirror — letting the washer hang down about two inches. I bought a small, sticky-backed magnet at the hardware store, which I attached to the back of my handicapped sign. All I have to do is touch the magnet to the metal ring, and the sign is visible and easy to hang or remove.

I hope this idea will help all those who have struggled trying to hang their handicapped placards. Just touch the magnet to the metal and be on your way! — JUNE PETERSON, REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.

DEAR JUNE: How kind of you to share your inspiration. I'm sure that many readers will find your idea helpful. Thank you for sharing it.

DEAR ABBY: I am 9 years old and I have a problem. Every time I get money from my parents or my aunts and uncles or my grandparents, I spend it on gum, chips, chocolate and sodas. Then, whenever I want to buy something like a jacket, I don't have the money.

My dad says I should buy a piggy bank, but I got one last Christmas and that didn't work. How can I save my money? — MIKE

DEAR MIKE: To save money, you have to stop spending it. The only way your piggy bank will work is if you put money in it and don't take money out of it. Each time someone gives you money, immediately put half of it in your piggy bank, and before you know it, you will have saved enough to buy something special.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Living a Nightmare" could have been written by me almost eight years ago. I didn't think I could ever escape, but I did.

When I could stand it no longer, I had my husband put in jail for his abuse. Shortly thereafter, I was notified by his parents that he was being released on bail. They were having a party and wanted me to come. I knew what that meant, so I quickly packed my bags and left.

I went to the nearest shelter for abused women, where arrangements were made for me to transfer to another shelter — in another state. In order to survive, I had to change my name and get a new Social Security number. It was hard, but living is important to me.

I am now happily married and live an abuse-free life. I wish "Living a Nightmare" all the luck in the world and my prayers are with her.

Abby, for obvious reasons, please do not print my name. Sign me — THE GIRL WHO GOT AWAY

DEAR GIRL: Congratulations on ending the abuse and redefining your life. I'm printing your letter as a beacon of hope to other victims of abuse, to let them know that although it may be difficult, a happy outcome is possible.

Abigail Van Buren is columnist for Universal Press Syndicate.

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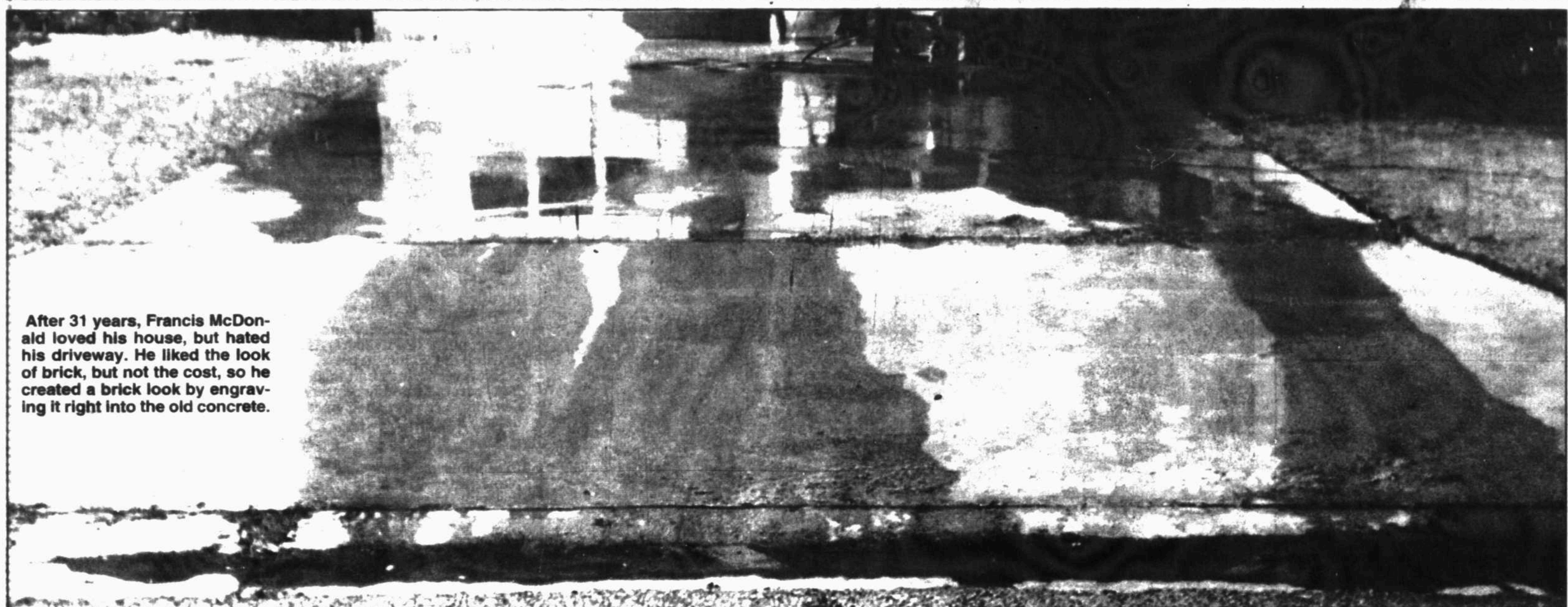


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After 31 years, Francis McDonald loved his house, but hated his driveway. He liked the look of brick, but not the cost, so he created a brick look by engraving it right into the old concrete.

AMAZING ENGRAVING

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Lifestyle Editor

Curb appeal. Francis J. McDonald wanted it. After living in a 35-year-old house in the 2800 block of Fannin for 31 years, McDonald had a new roof and new red shutters installed.

His house had a fresh new look. But something was wrong. When he stood at the curb and looked at his house, it was marred by a chipped, cracked, dirty, faded concrete driveway. Even the sidewalk leading to his front door was deteriorated with age.

The recently retired McDonald decided it was time for a major project — to refurbish the concrete fronting his house.

After working in management for Tenneco, an oil company, for many years, McDonald said the company closed its doors. But after spending so many years in Midland, and putting down roots, McDonald was reluctant to leave the Tall City. So he diversified and operated an automotive business for awhile, selling it 18 months ago.

"I liked being retired, but I didn't have much to do. I didn't want to sit around and do nothing and I didn't want to play golf as much as I thought I did," the retiree said.

That's when he decided to take on "the project" and explore ways to spruce up concrete. He liked the look of brick but not the labor and costs involved in installing it.

McDonald found a dealer in Florida who sold equipment that engraves grooves into cement. The process would allow him to keep the original concrete intact.

"First, I power-washed the concrete with high pressure water to clean it," he said. "Then I repaired some cracks, but left some to have an early American, antique feel."

Next, McDonald put down an acidizer to "open the pores" of the concrete to increase its ability to absorb a stain. With various concrete stains to choose from, McDonald settled on a shade of deep red to match his new shutters.

Later, the handyman used a machine with a concrete-cutting blade to cut grooves. The grooves were cut below the level of the stain, exposing the original gray concrete. "The result is that the original concrete looks like mortar between bricks," McDonald noted.

Last of all, a clear coat was added to protect the concrete and to "bring out the color."

The resulting transformation stopped traffic. "People not only stopped, some came to the door," McDonald said.

Encouraged with his success in rejuvenating his own concrete, McDonald decided to do make his hobby a business. He stained a driveway and sidewalk red (without the grooves) in the 2800 block of Dengar, then went on to do more engraving for sidewalks and patios of various Midlanders.

Now the handyman has hung out his shingle as Concrete Engravers of West Texas. "Doing the engraving costs about the same as laying new concrete in the same area," he said. "But it would be just plain old, gray concrete. This looks much nicer."

After putting the finishing touches on one client's concrete, McDonald noticed their nearby picket fence looked shabby. "I used the power washer to clean it down to the original cedar," he said. "Maybe that will be a side venture for me."

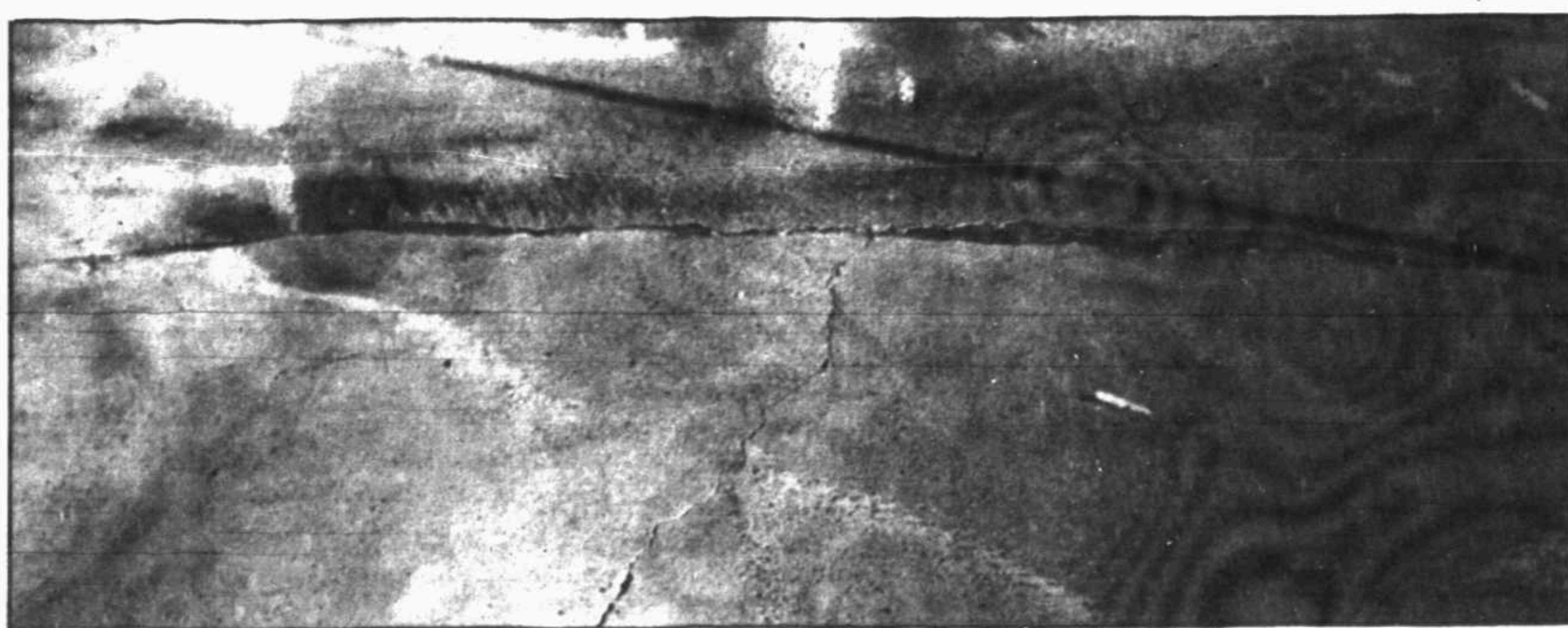
Now when McDonald stands at his curb, he admires what he sees — perfect concentric rings of "bricks" (cut with the aid of a swivel device on his equipment). His house has more than curb appeal, it has curbs that appeal. And McDonald can say: "I did it myself."

During the course of the project, he discovered a knack for design work. "I enjoy doing this. It's very satisfying," McDonald said, allowing that he may be his own best customer. "I like to look at this (his handiwork). It's satisfying to do something artistic. That was different for me — and it turned out beautifully."

Eying driveways in the neighborhood (potential projects), the handyman said, "There are plenty of cracked and aged driveways around. Now, I've found something that you can do with an old driveway."



Francis J. McDonald's driveway on Fannin was faded and cracked, top and bottom photos, before he began his project. His house, located in the 2800 block of Fannin, is about 35 years old, and McDonald has lived in it 31 years. Retired from the oil business, McDonald said he needed some new projects to stay busy. He purchased some concrete engraving equipment and went to work. Larger cracks were filled in, while others were left to give the driveway an aged look, complementing the house. McDonald, above, poses on his final product, a brick look driveway.



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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

OLYMPICS — Biathlon (women's 4x7.5K relay) (same-day tape), noon, TNT.
Alpine skiing (women's slalom), speed skating (women's 1,000m), short track (women's 500m, qualifier/final), short track (men's 500m, qualifier), short track (men's 5,000m, relay/qualifier), nordic combined (team ski jumping, normal hill) (same-day tape), 7 p.m., CBS.
Men's ice hockey (semifinals) 11:35 p.m., CBS.
GOLF — PGA Tucson Classic, first round, 3 p.m., ESPN.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Indiana at Ohio State, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.
Louisville at Marquette, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.
Washington at Stanford, 9:30 p.m. (joined in progress), FSN.
NBA — Dallas Mavericks at San Antonio Spurs, 7:30 p.m., FSN.

Texas Scores

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Oklahoma State 83, Texas Tech 81, OT.
Oklahoma 75, Baylor 63.
Texas 87, Texas A&M 74.
PREP SOCCER — Midland Lee 2, Midland High 1.

Sports Today

WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes at Amarillo Rattlers, 7:30 p.m. RADIO: KMCM (96.9 FM).
WJAC BASKETBALL — Midland College women at Frank Phillips, 6 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).
Midland College men at Frank Phillips, 8 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

District 7 Soccer

	Season		District	
	W	L	W	L
Midland Lee	12	4	6	1
Abilene High	9	3	5	1
San Angelo	10	3	5	1
Odessa Permian	11	6	3	4
Midland High	6	7	2	6
Odessa High	7	9	1	6
Abilene Cooper	2	9	1	6

Tuesday's Results
Abilene High 5, Midland High 2; Odessa High 1 (SO 3-2), Central is open.
Wednesday's Results
Midland Lee 2, Midland High 1.
Saturday's Games
Midland Lee at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at Midland High; Abilene High at San Angelo. Cooper is open.

Playoff Pairings

The Abilene Cooper and Abilene High boys basketball teams will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday at McMurry University to decide District 4-5A's third seed.
Cooper and AHS tied for third with 7-5 records. Midland High (11-1) and Permian have already clinched the first and second seeds.
The Rankin boys basketball team will open the Region II-A playoffs Tuesday at 7 p.m. against Bal-morhea at Buena Vista High School in Imperial.
Garden City will play its Region II-A area game against Wink at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Crane.

MHS tennis ranking

Midland High junior Toffee Wilson is ranked eighth in Region I-5A girls singles by the Texas Tennis Coaches Association.
Wilson is behind one 4-5A competitor, San Angelo Central's Courtney Choate, who is ranked third.
The MHS duo of Martin Gelb and Justin Brammer are ranked sixth in boys doubles.
Other ranked 4-5A players include Cooper's Lacy Johnson and Andi Wildner (No. 1 girls doubles), Permian's Beverly Dawson and Tisha Corcoran (No. 3 girls doubles), Central's Todd Petty (No. 4 boys singles); AHS' Mitch Aston and Cody Chapman (No. 1 boys doubles), Cooper's Chris Caceres and Jeremy Dansby (No. 3 boys doubles) and Permian's Clayton Morgan and Tobia Heller (No. 4 boys doubles).

Clement scores 77

GRINNELL, Iowa — Grinnell guard Jeff Clement set an NCAA Division III scoring record with 77 points Wednesday night as Grinnell beat Illinois College 149-144.
Clement made 26 of 68 field goal attempts, including 19 of 52 three-point attempts, which broke his Division III record of 17 three-pointers in a game set in December.



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Legendary Cubs broadcaster Caray passes away after four days in coma

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Harry Caray, who took millions of fans out to the ball game on radio and television, died Wednesday four days after collapsing at a Valentine's Day dinner. He was believed to be 77.
In a career spanning almost 60 years, the often offbeat Hall of Fame broadcaster covered baseball's greats from Musial to Mays to Maddux. Holy Cow! as he would say.
"We're going to miss old Harry," Hall of Famer Stan Musial said. "He was always the life of the party, the life of baseball."
Caray had a heart attack Saturday at a nightclub-restaurant while with his wife, Dutchie, near their winter home. He died of brain damage caused by the attack, said Harlan Corenman,

Winter Olympic Coverage/3C, 4C

Eisenhower Medical Center spokesman.
A broadcaster since 1941, Caray became a household name through his Chicago Cubs' games for WGN-TV, carried nationally by many cable systems. He was immediately recognizable for his thick, oversized glasses and raspy, sing-along rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" over the public address system during the seventh-inning stretch.
Caray was a broadcaster for the St. Louis Cardinals for 25 years and for the Chicago White Sox for 11 years before moving across town to Wrigley Field in 1982.
During his 15 years with the hapless Cubs, he was fond of spelling names backward and mentioning fans, including his favorite bartenders, who were visiting the ballpark.
"Happy Birthday to So-and-So... Happy Anniversary to So-and-So. That's always been my way of acknowledging the fans," he wrote in his 1989 autobiography, "Holy Cow."

Please see CARAY/2C

Rebels pull out victory vs. MHS

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Having been outshot 8-1 and on the doorstep of defeat for 37 minutes of the second half, it was hard to think that the Midland Lee soccer team's bag of tricks Wednesday included a regulation win over cross-town rival Midland High.
However, in what is becoming a trademark move, Lee found a way to win as Josh Pressler scored with just more than two minutes to play to give Lee a 2-1 win.
"This year we have capitalized on opportunities, and that has allowed us to get on top," Pressler said.
Winning close games is something the Rebels should be used to. Of their six district wins, five have been by one goal. This win moves the Rebels, 12-4 overall, into a tie for first with Abilene High at 6-1 in district.
"I was getting ready for a shootout," Lee coach John McCulloch said. "To get a goal with two minutes when we were really struggling is really great. It feels good."

For MHS, it was another chapter in what has been a season of close games which didn't go their way. The Bulldogs, two seasons removed from their three-straight district titles, fall to 6-7 and 2-5. Barring a miracle, the Bulldogs will miss the postseason for the second-straight year.
"Everything has gone this way (this season)," MHS coach Tom Esikhati said. "We have had many close calls. This is one of them."
In the 38th minute of the second half (78th minute of the 80-minute game), Pressler took a thrown ball in MHS' territory. The senior midfielder, unmarked

on the field's left side, raced towards the goal. He maneuvered through the MHS defense and launched a shot. Lee's second of the half. The shot flew across the goal face and pierced the goal's right side.
"There were two minutes left and me and the last defender," Pressler said of events leading to the shot. "I just had to make a move and put it in the net. I did. Again."
Pressler scored the first — and what turned out to be the game-winning goal — in a 2-0 Lee win over MHS in the district opener between the two teams.
Lee's first goal this time came when the Rebels solved MHS' offside trap and tied the game as Kyle King lobbed a perfect lead pass over MHS' defensive wall to Troy Henry, who made his break just in time. Henry took the pass and then blistered a shot into the right corner. For the game, Lee took just six shots but capitalized on two. The last goal came on Lee's only good opportunity of the second half.
"You can shoot the ball all you want," Pressler said, "but if you can't finish, that isn't good."
Wednesday, MHS couldn't finish and it was no more apparent than in the second half. Armed with a 30 mph wind at their back, the Bulldogs kept the ball on Lee's side of the field and sent shot after shot at the Lee net. However, none of them — not the direct kicks from just outside the penalty box, not the point blank rebounds, and not the shots which looked more like bullets — busted through and tickled the twine.
"It looked like we were panicking," McCulloch said. "We were lucky they didn't score."
Please see SOCCER/2C



Midland High's Greg Hunter gets past Midland Lee's Kris Crawford (21) to score the game's first goal Wednesday at Lee Soccer Field. The Rebels came back with two goals to win, 2-1.

Midland tennis pro receives state-wide honor from USPTA

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

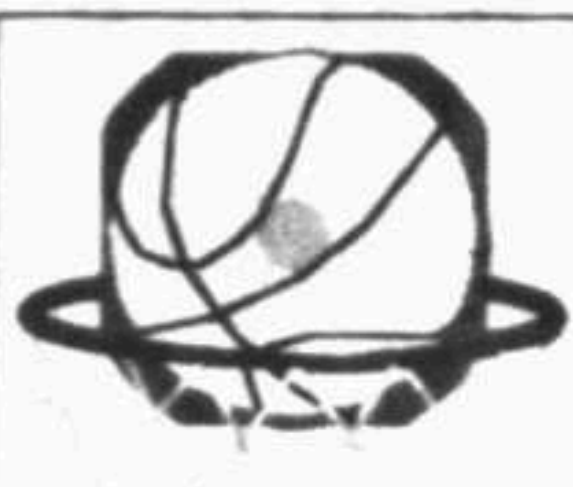
If you want to find the top tennis pro in the state of Texas, you need to look no further than right here in Midland.
Scott Stewart, the head pro at the Racquet Club, was voted the 1997 player of the year for the Texas Division of the United States Professional Tennis Association. He was presented his award last weekend at a banquet in Dallas.
It seemed natural that Stewart would be voted the top player in the state since he was easily the most dominant player on the USPTA circuit. He was ranked No. 1 in the men's open division and finished the season with a 28-0 record and the championship of

Local Basketball today

Men

Midland College at Frank Phillips College

When: 8 p.m. Thursday
Where: Burger Civic Center
Records: Midland College is 22-3 overall, 8-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference, ranked No. 16 in latest JUCO poll. Frank Phillips is 11-15 overall and 4-7 in conference.



Coaches: Midland College — Pat Rafferty, Frank Phillips — Blake Brown.
Last action: Midland College defeated Clarendon 98-62 at home on Monday, while Frank Phillips lost 78-76 to New Mexico Military.

Notes, quotes: The Chaps are on a three-game winning streak and in first place. They hope to stay there after Thursday night when they head to Frank Phillips. "I told the guys that it's really a hard place to play," Rafferty said. "I have respect for some of their talent. Even though we were in control here (a 94-77 win on Jan. 26) we never separated from them. We're three games away and we need to take them one at a time. We have played ourselves into position where every game becomes the next biggest game. Frank becomes the new biggest game of the season." The three-way tie for first place in the WJAC with MC, Howard and South Plains should clear up after Thursday with Howard playing at SPC.

Next Game: Chaps host Odessa College on Monday in the final home game of season.

STATISTICS									
Midland College Men									
Player	G	FG	FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.
Harold Arceux	22	154	87	53	373	17.0			
Dajuan Daniel	25	108	101	66	289	11.6			
Al Williams	22	91	73	49	232	10.5			
Edward Kirk	24	72	91	67	221	9.2			
Kalith Leslie	23	70	40	24	184	8.0			
James Ware	25	57	50	37	180	7.2			
Jevon Banks	24	42	58	41	142	5.9			
Doug Wade	25	42	46	34	124	4.9			
Walter Newsome	22	39	40	21	102	4.6			
Calvin Williams	25	37	15	9	101	4.0			
Brandon Surry	23	29	23	79	34	3.4			
Lance Robinson	11	8	14	13	32	2.9			
Dennis Ondring	16	12	8	3	27	1.7			
Leander Johnson	8	2	4	3	7	1.2			
Randall Williams	8	4	0	0	8	1.0			
Aaron Hennig	3	1	0	0	2	0.6			
Totals	25	761	655	453	2,100	84.0			

3-Point Goals (121): Ware 29, Leslie 21, Williams 19, Banks 17, Surry 10, Daniel 7, Kirk 7, Wade 6, Robinson 3, Arceux 2, A. Williams 1.
Notes: Midland College is 20-7 overall, 9-2 in WJAC play. Frank Phillips is 7-14 overall, 3-8 in conference.
Coaches: Midland College — Ron Jones, Frank Phillips — Randy Meyer.
Last action: Lady Chaps defeated Clarendon 76-54 at home on Monday, while Frank Phillips beat Western

Notes, quotes: With a regional berth already wrapped up, Jones and his Lady Chaps turn their focus to getting ready for the playoffs. They first must take care of business with the Lady Plainsmen coming up. The last time these two teams met, MC ran away with a 109-32 romp at Chaparral Center on Jan. 26. The Lady Chaps now take a five-hour road trip to "Singer in what should amount to another win. The biggest obstacle for the Lady Chaps at this point of the season is getting motivated. "Especially since we're not in first place right now. I think if we were in first place it would be easier to get motivated," Jones said. "But we have a lot to play for and we just have to concentrate on basketball and get better. Frank Phillips is a team we beat easily the last time and I'm just going to challenge my team to get ready to play."
Next Game: Lady Chaps host Odessa College in the final regular season home game on Monday.

STATISTICS									
Midland College Women									
Player	G	FG	FTA	FT%	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.
Janice Thomas	27	133	77	35	301	11.1			
Arne Kane	27	102	65	45	258	9.5			
Brooke Bowman	27	77	47	40	235	8.7			
Tagita Hunter	27	100	70	31	231	8.5			
Shelley Alderman	14	38	43	22	107	7.6			
Jill Davis	27	60	83	47	192	7.1			
Candy Mitchell	24	53	85	53	162	6.8			
Jody Finley	27	67	44	30	183	7.1			
Erica Levy	14	35	56	24	92	6.6			
Autumn Johnson	26	61	72	32	158	6.1			
Marnie Noddy	27	56	36	22	134	5.0			
Fatimah Holiday	23	32	46	28	97	4.2			
Holly Turnbough	27	25	29	19	70	2.6			
x-Betty Mouras	6	1	0	0	2	0.3			
Totals	27	842	753	430	2,236	82.8			

x-no longer with team
3-Point Field Goals (122): Bowman 41, Finley 29, Davis 25, Kane 9, Alderman 9, Holiday 5, Mitchell 3, Turnbough 3.

Giants give Armstead new contract after 1st Pro Bowl appearance

Associated Press

Pro Bowl linebacker Jessie Armstead of the New York Giants was among a handful of players striking new deals Wednesday in the NFL.

Cornerbacks Jeff Burris of Buffalo and Doug Evans of Green Bay, meanwhile, came to terms with new teams, joining the ranks of the highest-paid defensive backs in the league. Burris signed with Indianapolis and Evans with Carolina.

In other re-signings, defensive end Jeff Lageman struck a new deal with the Jacksonville Jaguars while nose tackle Joel Steed agreed to new terms with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Also, the San Diego Chargers signed former Steelers' left tackle John Jackson, the Detroit Lions signed defensive tackle Dan Owens from the Atlanta Falcons, and the Arizona Cardinals signed Chicago offensive tackle Jon Clark.

The Cardinals also resigned defensive lineman Brent Burnstein and fullback Cedric Smith.

Armstead, who had four years left on his contract following his first Pro Bowl season, was awarded a new five-year deal. Terms were not released, but the contract is believed to be worth about \$15 million, which would make him one of the NFL's highest-paid linebackers and among the top three wage earners on the Giants.

"It's a one-of-a-kind thing," said Drew Rosenhaus, Armstead's agent. "I can't recall another team tearing up a contract with four years left on it to reward a player for a Pro Bowl year. But he just outperformed his old contract."

Evans' five-year, \$22.5 million contract includes a signing bonus of \$7.5 million, which will put him among the NFL's highest-paid cornerbacks. Dallas' Deion

NFL Signings

Sanders earns \$5 million annually and Atlanta's Ray Buchanan earns a comparable amount.

Burris, a 1994 first-round draft pick by Buffalo who earned \$647,500 last year, reportedly agreed to a \$20 million, five-year contract with the Colts that included a \$5 million signing bonus.

The Steelers, who have made a habit of losing players to free agency, re-signed Steed, the key to their defense, to a four-year, \$17 million deal, fulfilling their top priority in free agency.

The Steelers, who lost more free agents than most teams the past few seasons while remaining competitive, lost two-time Pro Bowler Jackson to San Diego, which made several moves Wednesday.

Jackson's six-year contract is reportedly worth \$26 million, including a \$5 million signing bonus.

The Chargers also extended a three-year contract offer to Chicago Bears quarterback Erik Kramer, and revealed they have offered a three-year contract to Jacksonville Jaguars running back Natrone Means.

"We're really happy to have a day like this at the Chargers," said San Diego GM Bobby Beathard.

Lageman was one of eight Jaguars to become unrestricted free agents last week. Of those, tight end Rich Griffith has re-signed with the team, while fullback Ty Hallock has signed with the Chicago Bears.

Terms of Owens' contract with Detroit were not disclosed. His signing comes a week after the Lions signed free agent linebacker Allen Aldridge of Denver and re-signed wide receiver Johnnie Morton and offensive tackle Ray Roberts.

De La Hoya-Charpentier fight gets postponed for 2nd time

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A left wrist injury has forced a second postponement of Oscar De La Hoya's mandatory WBC welterweight championship fight against Patrick Charpentier of France.

A new date was not announced for the fight, which had been rescheduled to March 14 in the Trump Taj Mahal at Atlantic City, N.J. It originally was postponed from Feb. 28 because of the injury De La Hoya sustained while sparring.

Promoter Bob Arum said Wednesday the De La Hoya fight would be replaced by Vince Phillips' IBF junior middleweight title bout against Alfonso Sanchez of Mexico. Keith Mullings' WBC

super welterweight title defense against Davide Ciarlante of Italy will remain on the Taj Mahal show.

Arum said De La Hoya's injury, first thought to be a sprain, was diagnosed as a cartilage tear in the wrist.

"I want to fight, but the doctor shot me down," De La Hoya said in a statement. "I went back to the gym on Monday to shadow box. I intend to keep training hard until I get medical clearance to fight again."

The Phillips-Sanchez fight originally was scheduled for April 18 in the Mohegan Sun Casino at Uncasville, Conn.

Florida fires assistant coach

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Barry Wilson, Florida's special teams coach, was fired Wednesday as an assistant coach in a move that came as a painful shock to him.

Wilson acknowledged he was "terribly disappointed" with the decision by coach Steve Spurrier. Wilson worked for Spurrier for eight years, including two at Florida.

"I had no idea that this was in his thoughts," Wilson said. "Though I respect his right to do as he chooses with the football operation, I have been totally shocked and hurt by this decision and with the timing of it."

The Gators beat Penn State 21-6 in the Citrus Bowl and finished the season 10-2, ranked sixth behind cross-state rival Florida State at No. 4.

White Sox' Belle promises better season

Associated Press

Albert Belle could not wait to get going.

Even though position players for the Chicago White Sox are not scheduled to report to spring training until Thursday, Belle is already at work.

"As soon as last season ended, I forgot about it," Belle said Wednesday. "I started thinking about this season right away."

Belle packed up his belongings in Chicago on Dec. 1 and moved to Tucson, Ariz., the White Sox's new

spring training home.

To get an even earlier jump on the upcoming season, the left fielder began taking batting practice.

"I'm in much better shape this year than I was last year," Belle said. "Last year, I reported at 240 pounds and this year I'm at 226. I feel lighter and stronger."

Belle batted .274 with 30 homers and 116 RBIs last season, but said he was "embarrassed" by those numbers.

When asked about Chicago's 80-81 finish in 1997, Belle was even more blunt.

"We had a terrible year," he said.

Belle seems genuinely excited about the prospects of playing for new manager Jerry Manuel.

"He is ready to do his thing and so am I," said Belle, who is entering the second season of a five-year, \$55 million contract.

"I'm not concerned about individual statistics. I'm concerned about team victories," he said. "He (Manuel) feels the same way and that's how we all have to look at it."

Also in Tucson, where the Colorado Rockies are training, NL MVP Larry Walker tested his sur-

gically repaired right elbow by throwing and hitting, and was encouraged by the results.

When he arrived at spring training on Sunday, Walker predicted he wouldn't begin throwing for a week to 10 days and wouldn't swing a bat until some time after that. He accelerated the timetable by doing both on Wednesday. He played catch, making short tosses for about 10 minutes with trainer Dave Cilladi observing closely. Then, he took 38 swings, some of them rather forceful, off underhand pitches from a coach in the batting cage.

CARAY: Son replaces father for Cubs games

(From 1C)

Another favorite Caray exclamation was "It might be, it could be, it is — a home run!" and he'd shout "Cubs win! Cubs win! Cubs win!" after each Chicago home victory. He said he developed his trademark phrases during a semipro baseball tourney at Battle Creek, Mich.

"Nobody could sing 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' like he could," said first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, a lifelong Cubs fan. "And I hope he's doing a seventh-inning rendition in heaven."

Jack Buck, also a member of the announcer's wing of the Hall of Fame, remembered auditioning for the job he got with the Cardinals in 1953.

"They sent me a tape of him and said, 'We want you to be like him,'" Buck said. "But there was no way I could do that. There's only one guy who could broadcast like him."

Added longtime Dodgers announcer Vin Scully: "He could be critical, contentious and bombastic, or he could be lovable and full of praise. ... People in the bleachers, as well as the man in the box seat, knew they shared their love of baseball with a true fan."

In Chicago, few sports figures were as loved as Caray. Fond of beer, he was known around town as the "Mayor of Rush Street," a pop-

ular nightclub district, and his downtown restaurant has remained popular since its 1987 opening.

In later years as Caray's health began to fail, his broadcasts were full of scrambled names and other mistakes. He often complained that criticism of his broadcasting skills began only after he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1989.

Caray had recently reduced his broadcasting on WGN. He cut out road trips in 1997, saying they were "a grind for ballplayers, and they can be pretty tough on announcers, too."

And in December, it was announced that his grandson, Chip Caray, would join him and analyst sidekick Steve Stone in broadcasting Cubs home games. At the time, the veteran broadcaster said he had no plans to leave the booth anytime soon, but he admitted the station probably had a successor in mind when it hired his grandson.

This wasn't Caray's first bout with health problems.

He had a stroke in February 1987 while playing cards with friends at the Canyon Country Club in Palm Springs, Calif., where he and his third wife, Dutchie, lived in the off-season.

It was the first opening day in the broadcast booth Caray had missed since World War II. During his

absence, he was replaced as WGN-TV play-by-play man by Stone and a throng of pinch-hitters, including comedian Bill Murray and columnist George Will.

Caray returned to the booth May 19 of that same year, and President Reagan telephoned Wrigley Field to welcome him back.

Caray was born Harry Christopher Carabina in St. Louis. His precise age was unclear; he brushed aside questions about it. The Cubs media guide said he was born March 1, 1920, but other accounts had him as much as five years older. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch said it had a copy of his birth certificate that listed his birth date as March 1, 1914, which would have made him 83.

Caray began his major league broadcasting career in 1945 with the Cardinals and stayed with the team until 1969. He spent the 1970 season with the Oakland A's, and did play-by-play for the White Sox from 1971 to 1981.

While with the White Sox, the bespectacled Caray began singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the seventh-inning stretch, an idea suggested by team owner Bill Veeck. When Caray moved to the Cubs, he took the routine with him.

Caray was the patriarch of a

three-generation broadcast family. In addition to grandson Chip, there is Caray's son, Skip, who announces Atlanta Braves games.

Caray won the Ford C. Frick Award in 1989 to put him in the broadcast wing of the baseball Hall of Fame, and he was elected to the National Sports Writers and Sports Writers Hall of Fame in 1988. Growing up in the St. Louis area, Caray played baseball for Webster Groves High School, turned down an athletic scholarship at the University of Alabama and had a try-out with the Cardinals.

He held various odd jobs until he landed his first radio job at WCLS in Joliet, Ill., in 1941. He moved on to WKZO in Kalamazoo, Mich., where he worked with commentator Paul Harvey, then the station's news director.

Returning to St. Louis, he did a sports show on KXOK and broadcast hockey games over WIL, where he got his first baseball-announcing job. He did Cardinals and Browns games — actually recreations from the Western Union ticker — for Griesedieck Brothers Brewery in 1945. The next year he became the voice of the Cardinals.

Caray once said Cardinals star Musial was the best baseball player he had ever seen, although he said a case could be made for Willie Mays, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Hank Aaron and others of their era. In addition to his wife, Caray is survived by five children, five stepchildren, 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

SOCCKER: Lee gets 2nd win over MHS

(From 1C)

n't put one, two or three goals in. They had plenty of opportunities."

"We dominated most of the game and made a lot of shots. There are just some things you can't control," Esikhati said. "We had good shots which were barely saved by their wonderful keeper (Shane Fisher). He kept them in the game."

Fisher was on his game. The senior had nine saves, including one on a first-half penalty kick by Jermie Piette. In the second half, Fisher had seven. Two came on back-to-back shots as he stopped Greg Hunter's direct kick from 18

yards out and then sacrificed his body to stop a close-in rebound shot by Piette.

"You don't have time to think," Fisher said. "It is shot, and with the sun in your eyes, it comes out of nowhere."

Another shot by Hunter got past Fisher, but was cleared away in the nick of time by Kyle King.

"Our defense holds tough and we win, that is all that matters," Fisher said. "There were a lot of shots, but the defense stayed tough and we got one in the end."

LEE-MHS NOTES: The win gives Lee its first season sweep of the Bulldogs. It should be noted that the Lee boys and girls swept

MHS in games played between the four teams. The combined score of the four games were 5-0. MHS forced Lee into nine offside calls.

IN JV ACTION: Eric Mora scored on a penalty kick to give Lee a 1-0 win over Midland High. Lee improves to 6-1 for the season.

Midland Lee 2, Midland High 1		
Midland High	1	0
Midland Lee	1	0

First Half: 1 MHS, Greg Hunter (Ross Brunner), 28th minute; 2 Lee, Troy Henry (Kyle King), 29th minute. Second Half: 1 Lee, Josh Pressler (unassisted), 78th minute. Shots: MHS 14, Lee 6. Corners: MHS 8, Lee 1. Saves: MHS 2 (Justin Booth), Lee 9 (Justin Booth). Fouls: MHS 15, Lee 9. Offsides: MHS 2, Lee 11. Penalty Kicks: MHS Jermie Piette, 24th minute. Cards: Yellow — MHS, Matt Lackey (unsporting conduct), 20th minute; Greg Richardson (conduct), 24th. Lee, Aurelio Munoz (dissent), 45th. Colter Marcum (conduct), 59th.

STEWART: Local pro dominates tour

(From 1C)

of his competitive professional tennis career.

"I'd say 1994 was probably the best year I ever had when I was ranked No. 581 in the world," Stewart said. "I think from playing at such a high level it makes it easier to play all the other tournaments."

Stewart had been an assistant pro at River Oaks in Houston before coming to Midland at the beginning of 1997. He had come to town late in the summer of 1996 for the Pro Showdown, and impressed with the hospitality, decided to accept the opening for the head pro's spot at the Racquet Club.

Upon arriving in Midland, Stewart settled in as an instructor and worked with several junior players, something which he is currently placing emphasis on. He didn't start playing on the USPTA circuit until after it had started.

"I started out last year without playing too many tournaments," Stewart said. "I reached the semifinals in Corpus Christi in my first tournament and I had a tough three-set match. I was kind of worried. I felt I needed to be a little more prepared."

Stewart didn't look back after that first tournament, and proved to be unbeatable after that. He played in eight tournaments last season, and plans to participate in that many this year.

His success in Texas over the past few years has earned him a statewide reputation, which can help and hurt on the court.

"It's a great feeling knowing that you're one of the top playing pros in the country," Stewart said. "Everyone always is out to beat you but I like that challenge."

At 28, Stewart is still relatively young for a club pro, yet is at the age when a competitive player's skills can start to wane. This past year showed that Stewart can obviously still cut it against his fellow pros, and he plans on playing competitively for at least a couple of more years.

However, it's when he's teaching that Stewart can notice some subtle changes in the way he can play.

"I'm still quick on the court, but I can tell I've lost some quickness and anticipation sometimes when I'm teaching," Stewart said.

Stewart played at the University of Texas and was the team captain in 1991. Last year, he was tournament coordinator for the second annual Pro Showdown, and he invited several former Longhorn teammates to the tournament, as well as some players he knew from his ATP days.

While being awarded in Dallas, Stewart also witnessed two former UT players, Steve Denton and Carl Kamrath, be inducted into the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame.

"It was a pretty big night with two guys getting inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame, and the fact we were all Longhorns made it really special," Stewart said.

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Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L
Miami	34	10
New Jersey	31	22
New York	29	22
Washington	27	27
Orlando	26	27
Boston	24	29
Philadelphia	16	33
Central Division		
Chicago	39	11
Indiana	36	11
Charlotte	30	22
Atlanta	31	23
Cleveland	28	24
Milwaukee	26	26
Detroit	23	29

NBA Results

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
1	1	1.000	0
2	1	.667	1
3	2	.333	2
4	3	.000	3

Charlotte	31	22	.583	1 1/2
New York	29	24	.543	2 1/2
Washington	27	27	.500	3 1/2
Orlando	26	28	.479	4 1/2
Boston	24	29	.450	5 1/2
Philadelphia	18	35	.341	11 1/2

Central Division

1	1	1.000	0
2	1	.667	1
3	2	.333	2
4	3	.000	3

Indiana	36	15	.706	1 1/2
Charlotte	30	22	.577	2 1/2
Atlanta	31	23	.571	2 1/2
Cleveland	28	26	.519	3 1/2
Milwaukee	26	28	.481	4 1/2
Detroit	23	28	.450	5 1/2
Toronto	11	37	.297	11 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
1	1	1.000	0
2	1	.667	1
3	2	.333	2
4	3	.000	3

Utah	36	15	.706	1 1/2
San Antonio	35	16	.686	1 1/2
Minnesota	28	23	.548	2 1/2
Houston	26	25	.510	3 1/2
Denver	14	38	.262	11 1/2
Dallas	10	42	.192	15 1/2
San Jose	5	47	.094	19 1/2

Pacific Division

1	1	1.000	0
2	1	.667	1
3	2	.333	2
4	3	.000	3

Seattle	40	12	.769	1 1/2
LA Lakers	35	17	.673	2 1/2
Phoenix	35	16	.686	2 1/2
Portland	31	21	.596	3 1/2
Sacramento	24	29	.450	5 1/2
LA Clippers	11	41	.268	11 1/2
Golden State	10	41	.244	12 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee 108, Washington 95
Orlando 115, Minnesota 102
Atlanta 114, New Jersey 104
Phoenix 110, LA Lakers 103
Boston 101, Portland 95
Golden State 107, Seattle 97

Thursday's Games

Chicago at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at LA Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 9:30 p.m.
Denver at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Hawks 114, Nets 104

NEW JERSEY (41): Gil 6-13-0-0, 0-13, Van Horn 9-23-2-22, Williams 18-21-2-3, Kyles 7-16-4-5-20, Cassell 10-21-4-24, Benoit 3-0-0-0, Gattling 5-12-1-3-11, Douglas 0-0-0-0, Cage 0-0-0-0, Harris 0-1-3-2-0, Totals 104-114.
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Atlanta 113, Hornets 97

ATLANTA (31): Corbin 7-13-1-17, Henderson 9-16-11-26, Motomura 3-5-7-12, Smith 8-17-2-15, Baylock 4-14-14-10, Larry 5-5-10-10, Baylock 1-0-0-2, Brown 2-2-2-6, Totals 113-97.

New Jersey 23, Bulls 104

NEW JERSEY (23): Gil 6-13-0-0, 0-13, Van Horn 9-23-2-22, Williams 18-21-2-3, Kyles 7-16-4-5-20, Cassell 10-21-4-24, Benoit 3-0-0-0, Gattling 5-12-1-3-11, Douglas 0-0-0-0, Cage 0-0-0-0, Harris 0-1-3-2-0, Totals 23-104.

Atlanta 25, Bulls 114

ATLANTA (25): Corbin 7-13-1-17, Henderson 9-16-11-26, Motomura 3-5-7-12, Smith 8-17-2-15, Baylock 4-14-14-10, Larry 5-5-10-10, Baylock 1-0-0-2, Brown 2-2-2-6, Totals 25-114.

Bucks 108, Wizards 98

MILWAUKEE (108): Robinson 9-16-22-21, Hill 5-11-13, Johnson 3-3-2-2, Allen 10-19-4-5-25, Perry 7-11-6-18, Gilliam 4-7-1-19, Lang 0-0-0-0, Curry 4-9-3-11, Green 0-0-0-0, Totals 108-98.

Washington 89, Bulls 88

WASHINGTON (89): Murray 8-18-34-20, Wallace 14-0-22-18, Davis 7-8-11-14, Chaney 5-11-10, Johnson 3-3-2-2, Allen 10-19-4-5-25, Perry 7-11-6-18, Gilliam 4-7-1-19, Lang 0-0-0-0, Curry 4-9-3-11, Green 0-0-0-0, Totals 89-88.

Milwaukee 24, Bulls 108

MILWAUKEE (24): Robinson 9-16-22-21, Hill 5-11-13, Johnson 3-3-2-2, Allen 10-19-4-5-25, Perry 7-11-6-18, Gilliam 4-7-1-19, Lang 0-0-0-0, Curry 4-9-3-11, Green 0-0-0-0, Totals 24-108.
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PBA Bowling

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Standings

Wednesday's third round of the PBA's National Championship at Duca's Imperial Lanes, with home-towns and 24-game pinfall totals:

Mike Autby, Indianapolis, 5,446

2. Tim Cern, Bel Air, Md., 5,407 (3 tie)

3. Chris Warren, Rockville, Texas, and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5,345 (5 tie)

4. Mike Durb, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, 5,263

5. John Mazza, Shelby Township, Mich., 5,258 (8 tie)

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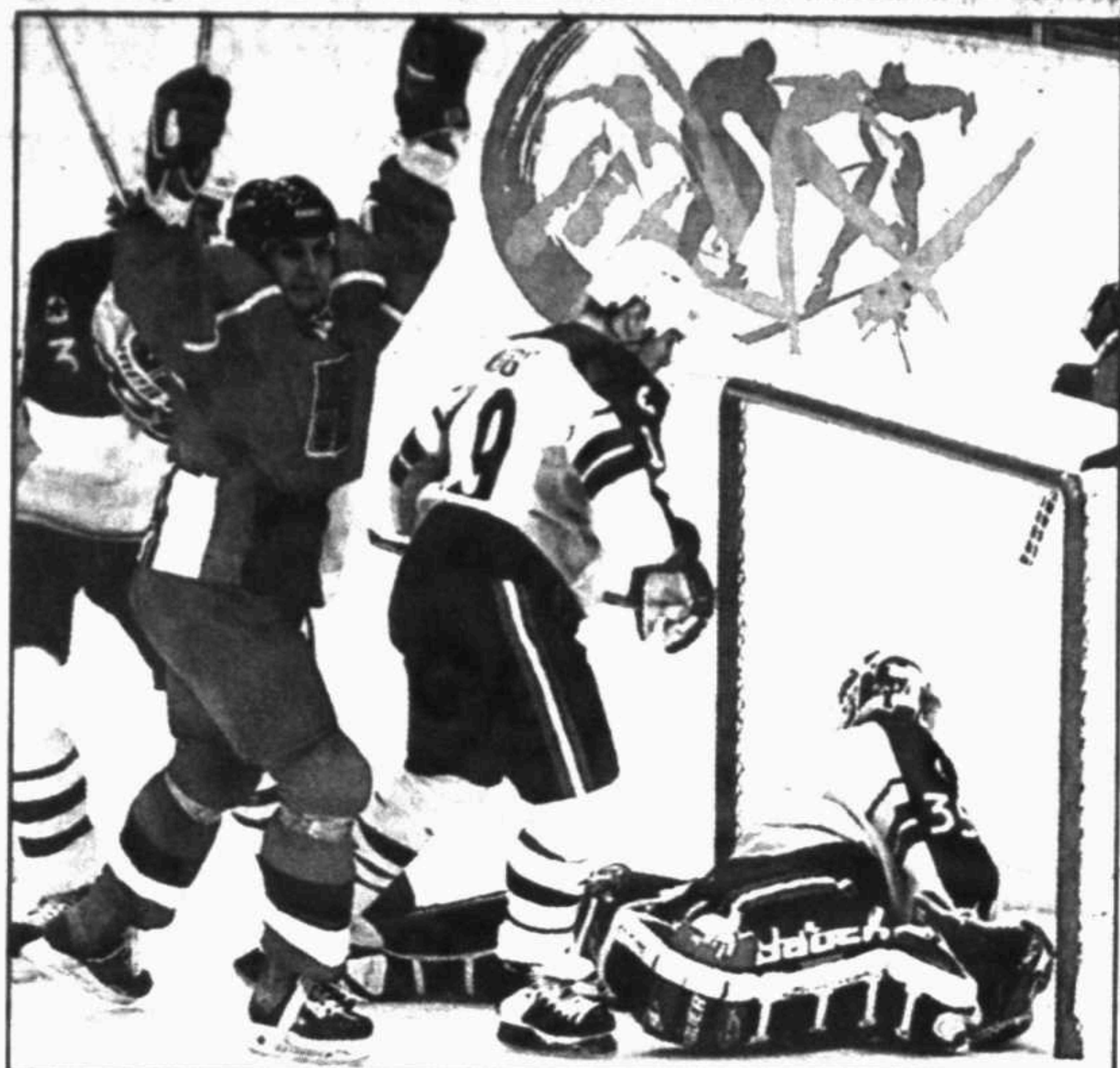
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The Czech Republic's Martin Rucinsky celebrates after scoring against United States goaltender Mike Richter as Doug Weight, center, and Derian Hatcher (3) look on. The Czechs knocked the U.S. team out of the Olympic medal tournament in the first round Wednesday in Nagano.

Nightmare Team: U.S. hockey squad leaves Nagano without medal

By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Stunned and embarrassed, angry and beaten, one by one the NHL millionaires peeled off their Team USA jerseys and packed for home.

"I'm sure I'm going to be apologizing for a long time. I'm sure we're going to hear about it for a long time," Mike Modano said. "That part is going to be tough to deal with. But what's done is done."

What's done is the U.S. Olympic hockey team, the dream team of dream teams, the team that beat Canada in the 1996 World Cup. A team that couldn't miss, but did.

Six 50-goal scorers and 17 other NHL stars weren't enough to stop the Czech Republic and were beaten 4-1 Wednesday in the quarterfinals of the first Olympic tournament featuring NHL players.

There was no way to excuse it and no one tried.

John LeClair, the NHL's second-leading goal-scorer who was shut out in four Olympic games, said the team just didn't play hard enough.

"I don't see how anybody can go home," he said, "and say we gave it our best shot."

Said Brett Hull: "The pressure was there, no question. But we should thrive on that; we're professional athletes."

Not just professional athletes, the best.

The same Team USA that was expected to emerge with a gold medal — or at least silver — instead heads home in sixth place.

"It was the biggest waste of time — ever," U.S. alternate captain Keith Tkachuk said.

"We deserve to be out of it. We didn't play well from the start. ... This is awful, it's devastating. From the opening shot, we weren't (good) enough to do anything. We were just a big disappointment."

The United States finished 1-3 and was outscored 12-4 by the only three good teams it faced. Now, the record medal-less run extends to five Olympics. The U.S. team hasn't won so much as a bronze since the 1980 Miracle on Ice gang captured gold in Lake Placid.

The Americans took 39 shots at Czech goalie Dominik Hasek, but only Modano could score. They made defensive mistakes that led to three goals. And they didn't get enough clutch saves by Mike Richter to give themselves a chance to defeat Hasek.

Like an octopus in a goalie's mask, Hasek seemingly had eight padded limbs. Flopping and scrambling, jumping and lunging, he was almost impossible to beat from any angle.

"Our big guns couldn't find a way to score," U.S. coach Ron Wilson said. "When you outshoot teams, it's a matter of finishing your opportunities. We didn't and you live with it. We feel we let a lot of people down."

The loss came one day after the U.S. women's hockey team won the sport's first Olympic gold medal by beating Canada 3-1. Many of the women were in the stands to watch the men play, and like most of the pro-American crowd at Big Hat Arena, they filed out in stunned silence at game's end.

"Everybody's shocked and disappointed," Modano said. "A lot of guys are frustrated, thinking it was a waste of time ... to come over here at all."

When it was over, Tony Amonte broke his stick over the boards and flipped it onto the ice. Heads bowed, the Americans shook their opponents' hands and dejectedly left the ice.

"We came here with expectations of gold," Wilson said. "It's something that will always be in the back of your mind: What if?"

What if the team had tried just a little harder to win the round-robin games that established the quarterfinal matchups? One more victory ... and they would have avoided Hasek.

"We had to play better in the preliminary round" to get a higher quarterfinal seed, U.S. captain Chris Chelios said. "We put ourselves in position to play against the best goaltender in the world. If we had finished higher and peppered Finland with (39) shots, I don't think we would have lost."

Said Wilson: "I kept saying the first three games didn't matter. Now I look back and we should have done things differently."

Few picked the Czech Republic as a serious gold medal contender, but it is 3-1, a lone loss coming 2-1 to Russia in round-robin play.

Hasek, MVP in the NHL last season, has won three Vezina trophies as the league's top goalie. Using his unique, scrambling style, he has allowed only five goals in the Olympics.

Seeking its first medal since the split of Czechoslovakia after the 1992 Olympics, the Czech Republic will meet either Canada or Kazakhstan in Friday's semifinals. Czechoslovakia won three silvers and three bronzes but never a gold.

So instead of parlaying some of the world's best talent into the international hockey world's biggest prize, the U.S. players walked out of the Big Hat for the last time with sadness in their eyes and sorrow in their voices.

"Some people took it for granted that things were going to be easier," Modano said. "Now it seems like it's over before we ever got started."

NAGANO, Japan — Her medal was gone with her first jump. Her pride was gone with her second.

Nicole Bobek was already in tears when she skated off the ice Wednesday night during the women's short program. Her shoulders heaved as she awaited her marks, and she never looked up when they flashed.

No need to. The old magic that reappeared at last month's U.S. championships had vanished again. And so had any hope of a medals sweep by U.S. women in Olympic figure skating.

A 1-2-3 finish suddenly became 1-2 when Michelle Kwan and Tara Lipinski finished first and second, and Bobek finished 17th.

"Obviously, she was nervous. OK?" her coach, Christa Fassi, said afterward. "More nervous than she ever has been, for sure."

"She's very upset, and she does not want to speak to anyone."

Bobek rushed out of the kiss-and-cry area — more cry than kiss this time — and shook her head, indicating no interviews.

John LeFevre, the assistant U.S. team leader, put his arm around her shoulder and led her into a dressing room.

How bad was it? She fell on her very first jump, a triple lutz, 20 seconds into her routine.

She picked herself up and did a double toe loop to complete what was supposed to have been a combination jump, but the look on her face said, "I'm done."

Then she cut a jump from a triple to a double.

Then she stepped out of a double axel, her free leg flying wide instead of being wrapped tightly.

In short, she made mistakes on every jump she did.

Her layback spin, usually so beautiful as she drops her head back and extends her arms high above her head, was slow and flat.

With music from "Zorba the Greek" beginning to quicken, the crowd started clapping, as if trying to push her along.

As soon as she finished with a combination spin, she bowed, dropped her head and began a long, slow skate off the ice.

Fassi tried to comfort her, hugging her shoulders and kissing her cheek, but Bobek was inconsolable.

Bobek's bobbles spoil possibility of sweep by U.S. women figure skaters

By Steve Wlstein
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Gold, silver, black and blue.

Michelle was nearly perfect. Tara, too. But, oh, Nicole, what happened to you?

So went the wild dream of an Olympic sweep by U.S. women figure skaters.

Michelle Kwan imagined herself in heaven and skated like an angel in the short program Wednesday night. Tara Lipinski summoned the vision of a cartoon princess, soaring gaily in her own ice palace.

Nicole Bobek? She didn't know what to think when her first triple lutz wrecked any hope of a sweep. It was a bomb of a show that left her sobbing, stunned and speechless.

The 1-2 punch of Kwan and Lipinski virtually guaranteed one of them will win the gold, the other the silver in the best showing by the United States in 42 years.

It wasn't so much their position in the standings that separated Kwan and Lipinski from No. 3 Maria Butyrskaya of Russia, No. 4 Lu Chen of China, No. 5 Irina Slutskaya of Russia or No. 6 Surya Bonaly of France.

It was the way Kwan and Lipinski, the past two world champions, blended their artistry and athletic leaps so much more fluidly than everyone else.

Kwan, silky in a red and pink sequin dress, melded her skating in perfect sync with piano concertos by Rachmaninoff as if the composer had written them just for her.

"Before I started," the 17-year-old Kwan said, "I heard people cheering and I thought, 'I'm in heaven.' People clapping, billions of people watching on TV and I'm skating. It's just me and the ice. When I'm on the ice, I don't think anybody can stop me."

She had "butterflies" in the warmup, but she put them to rest by thinking, "I've done this so many times, I can do it now. I've done everything possible. I've trained hard. I kind of knocked some sense into myself."

She breezed through the eight required elements flawlessly, from her first combination — a triple lutz-double toe loop — to her final spiral. Her fine, quick footwork, her strong, graceful lines put her in a class by herself.

The judges rewarded Kwan with a solid string of 5.9s for artistry, and 5.7s and 5.8s for technical merit.

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"I did," she said, her eyes wide with happiness. "I just felt great. After the double axel I was thinking, 'I wish this was a 4-minute program.' I just wanted to keep going."

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Bobek's medal hopes last 20 seconds

By Nancy Armour
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Her medal was gone with her first jump. Her pride was gone with her second.

Nicole Bobek was already in tears when she skated off the ice Wednesday night during the women's short program. Her shoulders heaved as she awaited her marks, and she never looked up when they flashed.

No need to. The old magic that reappeared at last month's U.S. championships had vanished again. And so had any hope of a medals sweep by U.S. women in Olympic figure skating.

A 1-2-3 finish suddenly became 1-2 when Michelle Kwan and Tara Lipinski finished first and second, and Bobek finished 17th.

"Obviously, she was nervous. OK?" her coach, Christa Fassi, said afterward. "More nervous than she ever has been, for sure."

"She's very upset, and she does not want to speak to anyone."

Bobek rushed out of the kiss-and-cry area — more cry than kiss this time — and shook her head, indicating no interviews.

John LeFevre, the assistant U.S. team leader, put his arm around her shoulder and led her into a dressing room.

How bad was it? She fell on her very first jump, a triple lutz, 20 seconds into her routine.

She picked herself up and did a double toe loop to complete what was supposed to have been a combination jump, but the look on her face said, "I'm done."

Then she cut a jump from a triple to a double.

Then she stepped out of a double axel, her free leg flying wide instead of being wrapped tightly.

In short, she made mistakes on every jump she did.

Her layback spin, usually so beautiful as she drops her head back and extends her arms high above her head, was slow and flat.

With music from "Zorba the Greek" beginning to quicken, the crowd started clapping, as if trying to push her along.

As soon as she finished with a combination spin, she bowed, dropped her head and began a long, slow skate off the ice.

Fassi tried to comfort her, hugging her shoulders and kissing her cheek, but Bobek was inconsolable.

"It's hard to see a skater who works really hard at home come here and have a disappointment," said Michelle Kwan, who trains at the same Lake Arrowhead, Calif., facility as Bobek. "I know she will be strong enough to make it to the free skate and skate well."

No matter what she does, it won't be enough. Bobek's marks ranged only from 4.2s to 4.7s for required elements and 5.0s to 5.5s for artistry. Even if she skates perfectly and the top women come unglued in Friday's free skate, she has no chance at a medal. Top 10 might not even be realistic.

herself last year when she returned to Fassi, a coach and a father figure.

Regaining the form of 1995, when she won the U.S. title and a bronze the world championships, Bobek was third at the 1997 nationals. But during the world championships last March, Fassi died of a heart attack. Devastated, Bobek finished 13th.

She stayed with Fassi's wife, and rededicated herself to her Olympic goal in Fassi's memory.

Bobek was magnificent at last month's national championships — so good she would have won in many other years — but Kwan and Lipinski were even better in the free skate.

When she took the ice Wednesday night, she looked stunning in a blue and white dress, her hair pulled back in an elegant braid.

But she looked nervous, too.

She arrived only last Friday and her practices had not gone well. She said she cut it close to stay home as long as possible so she could recuperate from bronchitis and a hip injury.

Asked if Bobek will skate in Friday's finale, Fassi snapped: "Of course she will skate in the next round. We are not poor losers."



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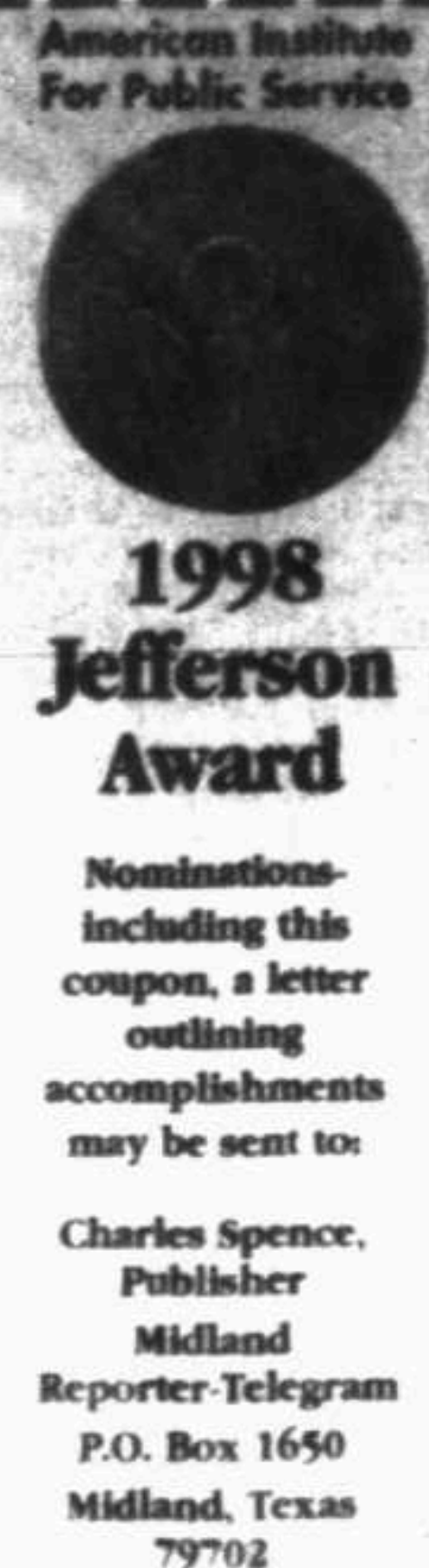
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OSU's Robisch hits clutch free throws to defeat Red Raiders

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Oklahoma State's Brett Robisch likes to be the go-to man when the game's on the line. He got his chance Wednesday against Texas Tech.

Robisch scored 33 points, including two free throws with 3.5 seconds left in overtime Wednesday night that lifted Oklahoma State to an 83-81 victory.

Adrian Peterson added 23 points and Desmond Mason chipped in 14 for the Cowboys (19-4, 9-4 Big 12), who remained three games behind league-leader Kansas.

Cory Carr, who led the Raiders (12-11, 6-7) with 33 points, hit his fourth 3-point shot of the game as time ran out in regulation to send the game into overtime at 74-74.

He then scored Tech's first 7 points in overtime to put the Raiders up 81-78 with 1:41 left.

But Robisch converted a three-point play with 1:22 remaining and iced the game with his clutch free throws. Carr sent Robisch to the free-throw line with his fifth foul as they battled for a rebound.

"I'm glad the official stepped up and made the call because you don't always get those on the road," Robisch said. "When you go to the line in that situation you have to knock them down."

"I am happy I had the chance to go to the line and win it."

Peterson said he knew things would go the Cowboys' way in overtime.

"I knew their luck would run out sooner or later because Carr made some shots in the end to go to overtime, so they shouldn't have been in overtime."

The Raiders scored the first 14 points of the second half to take a 46-39 lead five minutes in. But the Cowboys regained the lead at 70-66 with 1:42 left before Carr took over.

Robisch dominated the early going and led OSU to a 39-32 half-time lead. Tech stayed close thanks to Bonewitz, who finished with 18 points, including four 3-pointers.

"That was a difficult loss to swallow," said Tech coach James Dickey. "Cory played super, he had big-money shots. The biggest

Texas Men's Hoops

difference in the ball game was offensive rebounds. They didn't get as many but they got the key ones."

Texas 87, Texas A&M 74

AUSTIN — If there was any strife between Texas coach Tom Penders and 7-foot freshman center Chris Mihm, it appears over now.

Mihm had 25 points, 15 rebounds and five blocked shots while providing dominating inside play as hot-shooting Texas rolled to an victory over Texas A&M.

"He's my candidate for freshman of the year in the Big 12," Penders said. "With him being 7-feet tall, the impact he can have on a game is incredible. He's becoming a total player. He'll be a go-to guy for the next four years."

Mihm has averaged 20 points and 14 rebounds in three straight games since questioning Penders about why he played only 25 seconds in the final 13:25 of an 81-74 loss to Oklahoma on Feb. 8.

Penders said Mihm sat because he had four fouls. The freshman, who quashed rumors that he was considering transferring, has been getting the ball more frequently since the meeting and has been making the most of it.

"I think all the pieces of the puzzle are finally coming together," Mihm said. "We are playing well as a team, really looking for each other."

The Longhorns (12-13, 6-7 Big 12), who shot 57 percent from the field, won their 10th straight against A&M (6-17, 0-13) and 11th in a row over the Aggies in Austin.

The Aggies, who shot 41 percent while playing just six players, trailed only 41-37 at intermission. But they had no answer in the second half for Mihm, who scored six straight points in a decisive 9-0 run that put Texas up 59-43 with 16:10 left to play.

"He's gonna be a pro," said Texas A&M coach Tony Barone, who will step down as coach at the end of the season. "We got it to four at halftime, and I thought we would come out with more enthusiasm. But we were lethargic and



Texas Chris Mihm, left, tries to pull in a rebound in front of Texas A&M's Aaron Jack (21) during the Longhorns' 87-74 victory Wednesday in Austin.

Mihm just killed us inside."

Mihm, the leading freshman rebounder (7.7 per game) and shot blocker (2.5 per game) in the Big 12, swatted and altered shots and helped Texas get easy transition baskets with heads-up outlet passes while connecting on 12-of-14 shots from the field.

Texas A&M, which never got closer than 12 the rest of the way, was led by Shanne Jones with 23 points and 11 rebounds and Michael Schmidt with 21 points. Larry Thompson added 13 points and 14 rebounds for the Aggies.

The Longhorns got 17 points from Kris Clack and 16 from Gabe Muoneke.

Penders said he would miss Barone, who had only one winning record in seven seasons at A&M.

"I know Texas and A&M are big rivals, but Tony is a friend, and it was sad knowing this was his last trip to Austin as coach of the Aggies," Penders said.

Oklahoma 75, Baylor 63
NORMAN, Okla. — Corey Brewer scored 11 points in the first 3:06 of the second half and 23 overall to lead Oklahoma to a victory over

Baylor.

Brewer, leading the Sooners in scoring for the 14th straight game, keyed a 16-2 spurt that wiped out Baylor's 36-35 halftime lead. Brewer made three 3-pointers during the run.

Oklahoma (18-8, 9-4 Big 12) remained tied with Oklahoma State atop the Big 12 South Division.

The Sooners also got 13 points from Robert Allison and 11 each from Michael Johnson and Ryan Humphrey.

Baylor (11-12, 6-7) got 16 points from Brian Skinner and a career high 15 from Gabe Ramirez.

Ramirez scored 12 points in the first half. He and Patrick Hunter hit 3-pointers in the final 1:11 to give the Bears the lead.

But Brewer's 3-pointer to open the second half ignited the Sooners, who scored on their first six possessions after halftime.

Baylor got back within 54-47, but Oklahoma's Eduardo Najera made two straight baskets, the first a 3-pointer, to stop the rally. The Bears never got closer than 10 points in the final eight minutes.

More Sports/1D

Seikaly fails to report; Boston gets Anderson

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NBA Trades

NEW YORK — The Rony Seikaly trade was voided, another Kenny Anderson trade was made and a Brent Barry-Isaac Austin deal was among several being discussed around the NBA on Wednesday as the 5 p.m. Thursday deadline neared.

Seikaly, traded from Orlando to Utah on Monday, had his trade nullified when he failed to report to the Jazz. His agent was trying to get Utah to guarantee the final two years of his contract.

Anderson was dealt from Toronto to Boston in a seven-player deal, and the Los Angeles Clippers were receiving calls as teams tried to acquire Barry, the son of Hall of Famer Rick Barry.

Several sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was a 50-50 chance Barry would be dealt to Miami for Austin and Keith Askins.

A trade of Barry to Vancouver also was possible, although the Grizzlies made two other deals — Otis Thorpe and Chris Robinson to Sacramento for Bobby Hurley and Michael Smith; and Anthony Peeler to Minnesota for Doug West.

One rumored deal that apparently fell through had the Toronto Raptors sending Dee Brown to the Minnesota Timberwolves for Chris Carr and Micheal Williams.

There also was a three- or four-team trade discussed that would have sent Phoenix guard Steve Nash to Dallas. It fell through when one of the teams pulled out.

Brown was sent to the Raptors on Wednesday in a seven-player trade that brought Anderson to the Celtics. The Raptors also sent center Zan Tabak and forward Popeye Jones to Boston for guards Chauncey Billups and forwards John Thomas and Roy Rogers.

Anderson was traded for the second time in a week. Last Friday, he was sent from Portland to Toronto in the six-player Damon Stoudamire deal.

Many of the deals that have been rumored for the longest amount of time — Stoudamire, Joe Smith, Anderson, Billups, Seikaly — were completed in the days leading up to Thursday's deadline.

An upcoming trade of Barry appeared to be the last certainty, with the Grizzlies, discussing an offer of Antonio Daniels, and the New York Knicks, offering Chris Childs, among the bidders.

Barry has informed the Clippers that he has no intention of re-signing with them when he becomes a free agent next summer.

A trade of Austin was being considered by Miami because the Heat fear losing him as a free agent after this season. Because of salary cap rules, the Heat can offer him no more than the average NBA salary — about \$2.8 million. Austin will be commanding about twice that amount when he becomes a free agent.

Many people around the league are speculating that Austin will sign with Utah over the summer. But in order to have enough cap room, the Jazz would have had to waive Seikaly, who has two non-guaranteed years remaining on his contract.

Aware of that possibility, Seikaly refused to report to the Jazz.

Utah then voided the deal, getting back Chris Morris, Greg Foster and a No. 1 pick from Orlando.

"It's frustrating because Rony's saying all the right things, that he wants to come, he wants to play for a championship, but his agent is saying, flat-out, that he's not coming," Jazz owner Larry Miller said. "It's a huge disappointment for us. We'll just have to figure out what play 'B' is and go on from there."

No. 2 Duke hangs on to defeat Clemson

Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — No. 2 Duke blew a large lead to Clemson for the second time this season before Trajan Langdon's three-point play lifted the Blue Devils to a 70-66 victory Wednesday night.

Duke lost a 15-point lead down the stretch and trailed 64-63 with 1:30 to go. But Langdon, who scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half, converted a free throw after his driving layup with 23 seconds remaining, and Chris Carrawell hit his foul shot to keep Duke (24-2, 13-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) ahead.

Iowa 88, No. 5 Purdue 69
IOWA CITY, Iowa — Kent McCausland scored 16 points and Ricky Davis and Ryan Bowen each had 14 as Iowa (18-8 overall, 7-6 Big Ten) used torrid shooting to defeat No. 5 Pur-

due, snapping the Boilermakers' seven-game winning streak.

Kyle Galloway, making his second straight start, scored 12 points for Iowa, which defeated Purdue for the fourth straight time.

No. 8 Kentucky 79, Florida 54
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Nazr Mohammed scored 19 points and Jeff Sheppard added 18 as eighth-ranked Kentucky avenged an earlier loss to Florida.

Kentucky (23-4, 11-2 Southeastern Conference) rebounded from a nine-point loss at home to Mississippi and won for the 11th time in its last 12 meetings with Florida (13-10, 6-7), which played without suspended star guard Jason Williams.

No. 15 Mississippi 83, LSU 57
BATON ROUGE, La. — Keith Carter scored 24 points, hitting 4 of 7 from 3-point range, and No. 15 Mississippi won its fourth straight game.

Mississippi (18-5, 9-4 Southeastern Conference) hit 53 percent from 3-point range (9 of 17) and 54.5 percent from the field overall. The winner also had nine blocked shots, six by Johnnie Rogers, while Ansu Sesay had 14 points and six rebounds before fouling out with 4:47 left.

No. 16 Arkansas 96, No. 13 South Carolina 88
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Pat Bradley scored a career-high 33 points and Kareem Reid keyed a late surge as No. 16 Arkansas held off No. 13 South Carolina.

South Carolina played without its third leading scorer, LeRon Williams.

College Roundup

Mavs send Scott to Suns for Ceballos

DALLAS (AP) — Dennis Scott's disappointing stint in Dallas ended Wednesday night, when the Mavericks traded him to the Phoenix Suns for Cedric Ceballos.

The Mavericks announced the trade after the Suns' 110-103 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night. Ceballos didn't play in the game.

Dallas sent Derek Harper and Ed O'Bannon to the Orlando Magic last Sept. 24 for Scott, a 6-foot-8 small forward in his eighth NBA season, with hopes he would provide some outside scoring punch. But that never materialized.

Scott has averaged only 39-percent shooting and 13.6 points in 52 games this season.

Mavericks coach and general manager Don Nelson said his trade for Scott wasn't a mistake.

"We traded him for Derek Harper and there was a lot of difference in age," Nelson said. "That was a consideration."

He added that, because of the Mavericks' poor inside play, Scott was constantly double-teamed in Dallas.

"He didn't get the open looks," Nelson said. "He's not going to have that problem in Dallas."

Nelson said he expected Ceballos to help boost the Dallas frontcourt.

"He's a different type of player," Nelson said. "Dennis' forte is the outside shot and Ceballos really is rebounding and driving."

Ceballos, an eight-year pro, is shooting 50 percent this season in 35 games. He's averaging 9.5 points and 4.3 rebounds in just under 18 minutes.

Ceballos came off the injured list on Feb. 12 after spending 13 games there due to a torn right calf. He scored 4 points in the Suns' 95-77 victory over Dallas on Tuesday.

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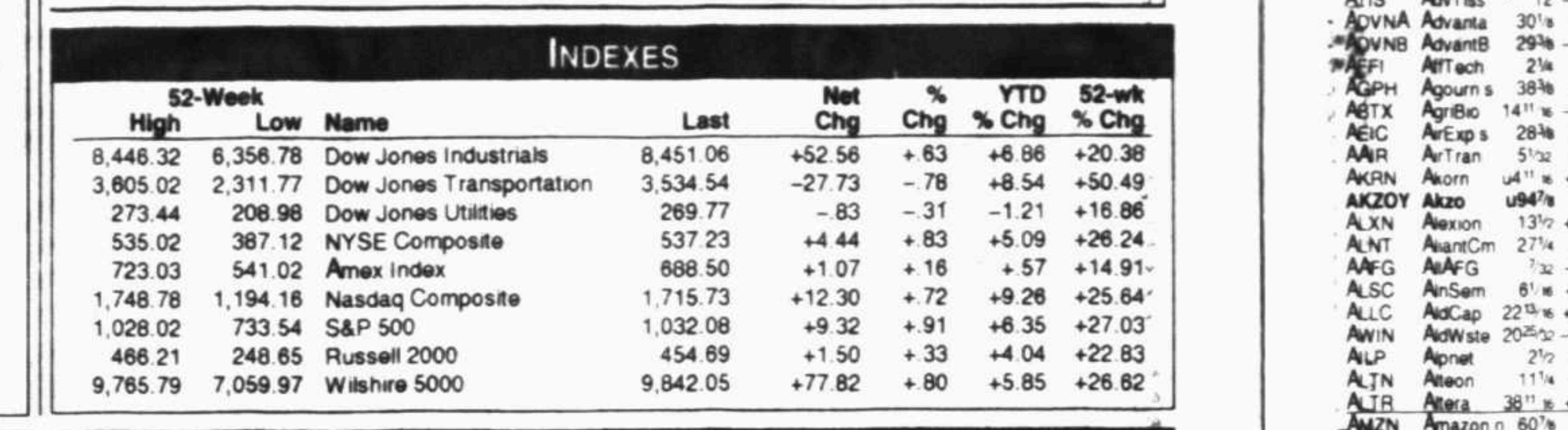
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OSG	Onco 25/1% +	RXL	RexalT 39/1% +	STK	StoneC 12/9% +	WRO	USXMar 33/4% +	ANCR	AncoCor 8%
OW	Owens 35/1% +	RXP	RexPac 23/1% +	SRA	Stark 48/1% +	UNB	USN 34/1% +	ANGW	Angen 27%
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PA	Pimco 433% +ve	+1.3%		TIN	Temple 55% +ve			GrubHub 109% +ve	Q	Qorvo 104% +ve
PB	PB 1070% +ve	CH	Schroeder 45% +ve	TPX	Temple 189% +ve	WMT	Walmart 45% +ve	GrubHub 109% +ve	Q	Qorvo 104% +ve
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PZB	PB 38% +ve	OK	Sector 55% +ve	GIM	Temple 7% +ve	WON	Walmart 24% +ve	GrubHub 109% +ve	Q	Qorvo 104% +ve
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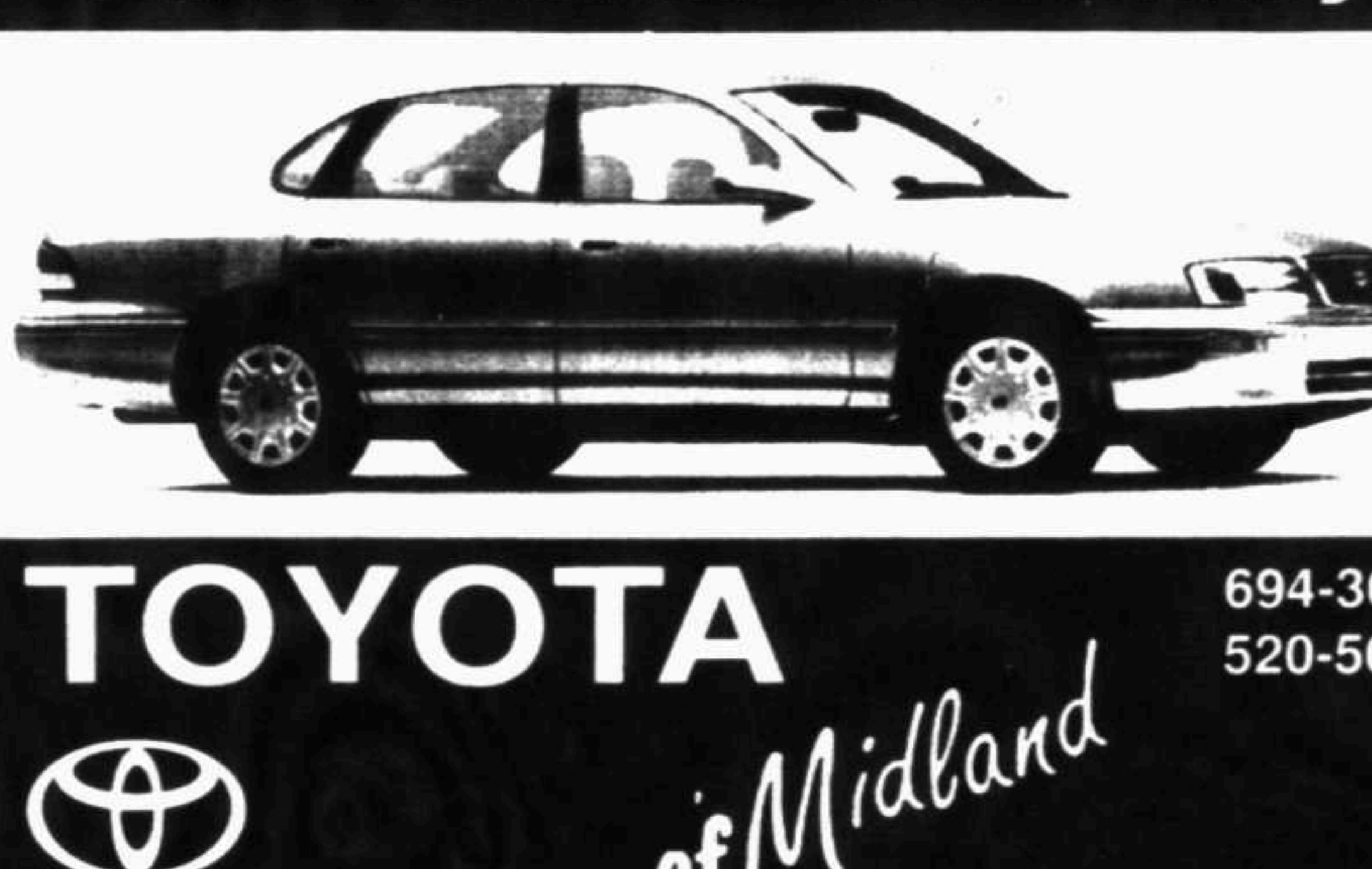
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Disabled golfer in Houston area feels empathy for Martin's plight

By Jayne Custred
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — JaRo Jones doesn't know Casey Martin personally, but he's lived his life. Like Martin, Jones has loved the game of golf for many years. Like Martin, Jones has hopes of making a career for himself on the professional touring circuit.

And like Martin, Jones must play the game with the help of a cart.

For the nearly two weeks of Martin's trial, Jones, a 51-year-old from Baytown, agonized over every bit of testimony and prayed that the court ruling would go in Martin's favor. And no one was happier when Martin was given the nod to use a golf cart in Nike and PGA Tour events.

"The judge made the right decision," Jones said. "I can understand the tour's side. But as to the unfair advantage issue... I can't speak for Casey Martin and how he feels, but take the worst day of any Senior PGA Tour player or any regular tour player and how he feels muscle-wise, multiply it by four, and that's how I feel every day. All that cart does is allow me to be able to compete."

It wasn't supposed to be like this for Jones. He was only 4 when he beat the odds, when he was stricken with polio, but recovered.

"I don't remember much," Jones said. "I remember being in a large hospital ward with a lot of kids around me. And I remember the kid next to me was in an iron lung. I never did find out what happened to him."

But Jones got better. He regained his strength, his stamina, and he took to the game of golf with drive and determination. Growing up in Baytown, Jones spent much of his spare time on the golf course. He became a PGA professional in 1969 and began a string of head professional jobs at different courses across the country. For years, Jones was a happy man.

It wasn't until 1993 that Jones almost lost the game he loved. Jones began getting fatigued and suddenly found himself tired 24 hours a day. The muscles in his legs and shoulders felt like 1,000 tiny needles were sticking in them, and the pain was intense. The golf game was the first thing to suffer, and Jones had trouble finding anyone who could pinpoint just what the problem was.

"I went to four doctors before I was finally diagnosed," said Jones.

The news he finally received was devastating. The polio virus that had afflicted Jones as a 4-year-old was rearing its ugly head once again, this time in the form of post-polio syndrome and neuro-muscular atrophy.

"I've since learned that it's normal for all the symptoms of polio to come back 40 to 45 years after you've had the disease," Jones said. "I



JaRo Jones, of Baytown, suffers from a form of post-polio syndrome and is hoping to get an exemption from the PGA Senior Tour to ride his cart up to the spot of his ball.

felt fine until 1993, but I had never really gotten over it. The polio virus had killed millions of motor neurons over the years, and the motor neurons that were left were tired of working so hard to compensate. They simply started shutting down."

Doctors told Jones his golfing days were over. His muscles simply couldn't take the stress of swinging the golf club. But Jones had other ideas.

"I took a year and modified my existing golf swing," Jones said. "I just reworked the lower part of my golf swing, so now I have an abbreviated swing. The doctors approved the new swing, and I could play again." And along with the new golf swing came a new vision for Jones. He decided he wanted to help others with physical limitations enjoy the game and help teachers of the game learn more about working with the disabled.

"In 1995, I wrote an educational program for disabled golfers and submitted it to the LPGA and the PGA of America, as well as state boards of examiners for physical and recreational therapists," Jones said. "The program was approved by all the governing bodies so that PGA professionals and therapists could take my seminar and receive continuing education credit."

Thus, Golf Rx was born. Jones, and his wife Susan spend their days traveling around the country bringing members of the physically challenged community together with golf professionals and therapists in special clinics. The sessions can run from one to three days, and cover all aspects of teaching and working with the handicapped golfer.

What Jones has discovered through his travels is that many golf pros and therapists are as wary of working with the physically disabled as those with limitations are afraid of picking up a golf club to begin with.

"We run into it everywhere we go," Jones said. "There are pros who are afraid to work with the physically challenged because they are afraid they will hurt them or they will do something wrong and be sued. But in our clinics we address all of those issues. We work on bringing everyone together in an environment where they can learn."

So far, Jones has found nothing but acceptance wherever he's gone. Last year, Golf Rx spent three months at Clemson University completing a program that ended with a large, all-inclusive tournament that featured therapists, pros and the physically challenged playing side-by-side. He held 21 seminars in all in 1997, and hopes to do even more this year.

But that's not where Jones' goals and dreams end. In addition to helping others with physical handicaps play golf, Jones would like to take his game to another level.

"I've really started playing a lot better in the last year, putting in more practice time, and I've got enough confidence in my game that I'm going to try and qualify for some PGA Senior Tour events," Jones said.

But while the Martin ruling should make Jones' road a little easier, he may still face some battles of his own. While carts are allowed on the Senior Tour, they are restricted to cart paths. For Jones, that won't be quite good enough.

"I simply can't walk and play golf," he said. "The muscles in my lower body can't stand all that stress. Right now, I use a single-rider golf cart with a swivel seat that can turn 360 degrees. I need to get as close to the ball as possible. And by the 12th hole, sometimes I'm so tired that I actually sit down and hit the ball."

Whether or not that would be acceptable on the Senior Tour is something Jones is still looking into.

"I don't know how it will all come out, but I intend to try," Jones said. "Golf, to me, is a game of a lifetime. Everyone can play golf. Golf is not strictly for the able-bodied anymore."

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Graf wins first singles match in 8 1/2 months

By Roy Kammerer
Associated Press Writer

HANOVER, Germany — Showing no signs of the knee injury that threatened to end her career, Steffi Graf made a successful singles comeback Wednesday.

"I'm not happy with everything today, but I clearly have the feeling I can make it," said Graf, whose injuries forced her to delay her comeback five times and led to speculation she would never return.

Graf, who held the world's top ranking a record 374 weeks, had tested the knee in a doubles victory Monday, her first match since a June 3 loss to Amanda Coetzer of South Africa at the French Open.

In her first singles match in 8 1/2 months, Graf defeated German compatriot Andrea Glass 6-4, 6-2 in the second round of the \$450,000 Faber Grand Prix.

She struggled with her backhand at times and piled up numerous unforced errors against Glass, ranked 95th in the world. At the start of the second set, Graf threw her racket in frustration.

"I know I can play better — I made a lot more errors than in practice," Graf said.

But she still won in 64 minutes as 4,000 spectators stomped their feet and cheered wildly after match point.

Graf will face a tougher opponent in the quarterfinals — Sabine Appelmans of Belgium, ranked 24th.

"I don't care who I play," Graf said. "I'm just happy to be back. I've worked hard for this."

The seven-time Wimbledon champion had her left leg surgically repaired for torn cartilage and a ruptured patellar shortly after losing to Coetzer, then underwent intensive therapy. Until two months ago, Graf said she wasn't sure her knee would allow a comeback.

"The knee is in very good shape after the operation, but it will never be perfect," Graf said.

In Graf's absence, a new generation of players led by top-ranked Martina Hingis of Switzerland, have taken over the game. But Graf, winner of 21 Grand Slam titles, said she still burns with the ambition that helped make her the world's top player.

"If I didn't have that ambition, I shouldn't have come back," she said.

Despite letting a 5-2 lead nearly slip away in the first set, as her backhand errors mounted, Graf moved easily around the court and flashed the powerful forehand that once dominated women's tennis.

Korda in quarterfinals, Henman falls in EEC first round
ANTWERP, Belgium — Petr Korda continued his winning ways Wednesday, defeating Spain's Albert Portas and moving into the quarterfinals of \$1 million European Community Championship. In his first tournament since winning the Australian Open final

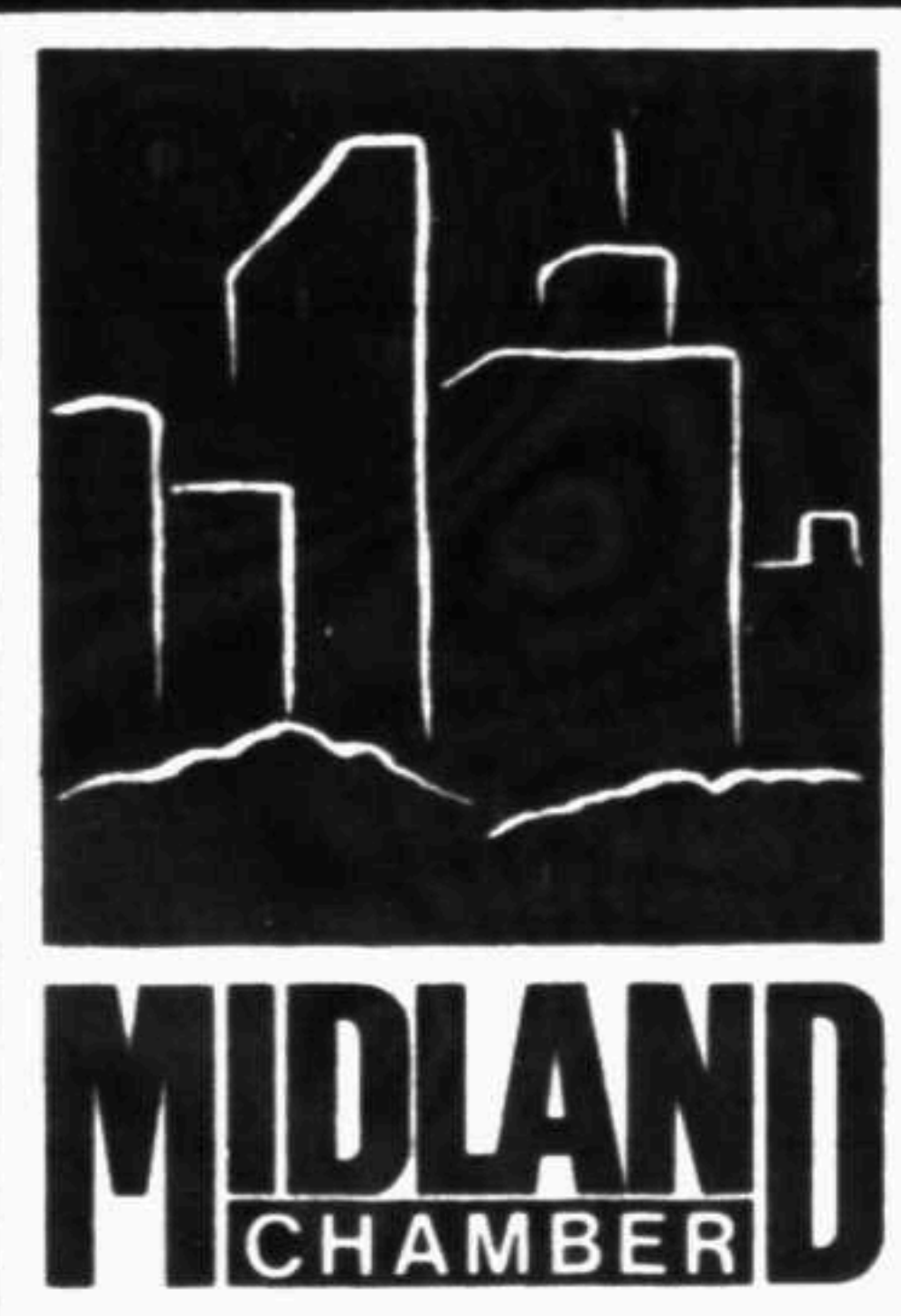
on Feb. 1, the resurgent Korda dismissed Portas 7-5, 6-2. Also advancing to the final eight

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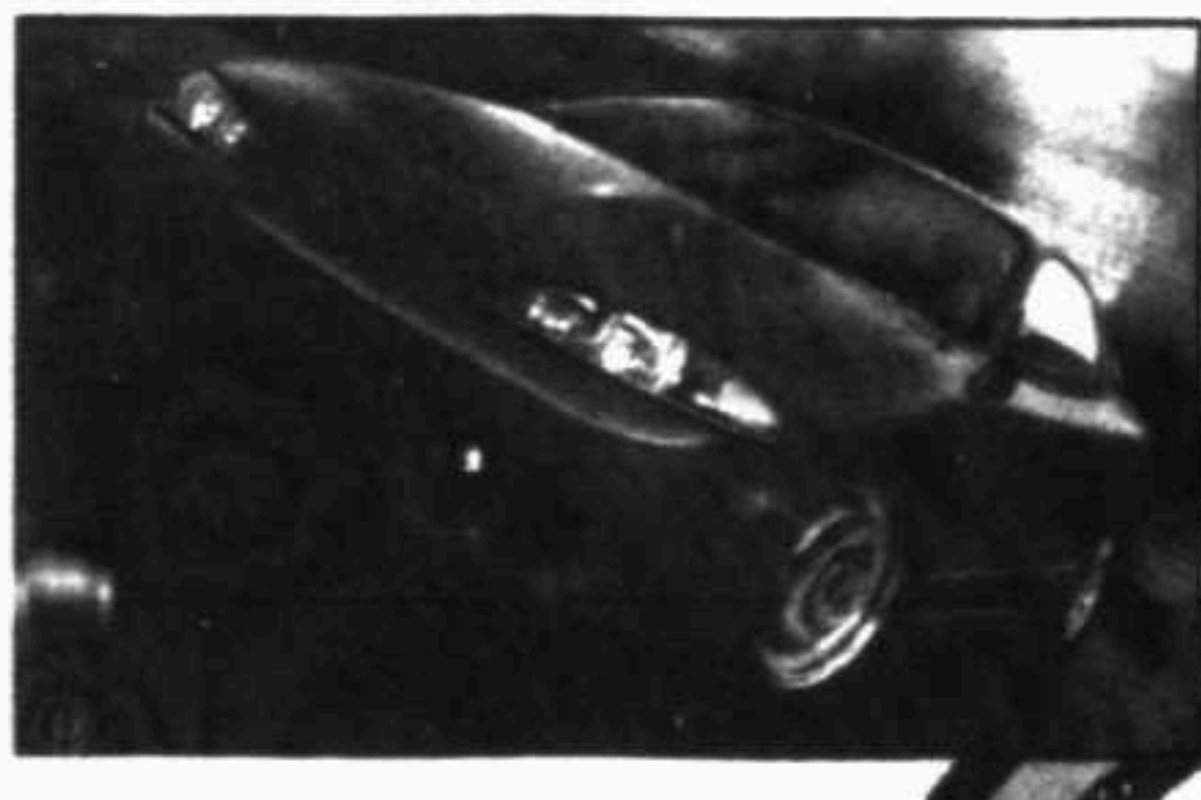


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311 Medical Help Wanted

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Midland, Texas 79705

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

OIL FIELD. Growing oil field chemical company seeking delivery service rep. Must have clean driving record with minimum Class B CDL with Hazard endorsement. Good salary, quick raises for good person. Benefits include insurance. 401K. Applicant must be honest, dependable, drug free and have transportation to and from work. Send resume to Box T-05087, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

TREATER FOR Microbial services. Offered experience preferred. Could require relocation. Please send resume to Box PJ-3014, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

WANTED Experienced Slickline operator, must be willing to relocate to Snyder area. 915-573-0220.

PET GROOMING Shop for sale. Good location, established clientele. All equipment & stock included. Located at 2509 W. Ohio. \$7,500 or best offer. Call Cathy. 686-0945.

ARE YOU TIRED of the same old hum-drum job, workplace, boss and income? Then we have a great opportunity for you! Low start up, no overhead, work your own schedule. If you are looking for something like this come to Days Inn-Odessa, February 21, 1998, Saturday, 2:00 pm, large meeting room. Come early, limited seating available.

REALTORS, INSURANCE Agents, CPAs, Financial Consultants and Entrepreneurs needed to... Become Certified Mortgage Consultants with Baydison Mortgage Consultants. Call toll free 1-888-707-4680 for information!

IS YOUR HOME Health Agency being affected by the BBA of 1997? Are you considering closing or selling? If so, please give United House Calls of Texas a call at 800-750-3851. We are dedicated to the people in this area and want to continue to provide them the care they need.

EARN \$500 PER WEEK with your computer, not gambling. For free information pack call 1-888-284-8644.

REFRIGERATION/ HVAC Technician. Minimum 2 years experience in low temp. Refrigerant certification required. Clean driving record. Call M&M Mechanical 520-4568.

RESIDENTIAL CARPENTERS and Carpenter Helpers. Must be experienced. Call 684-3843 for appointment/interview.

MR. ROOPER plumbing now hiring licensed plumbers. Benefits and good pay. 570-7473.

SALES POSITION. inside sales at busy office supply store. Apply in person, at 315 N. Colorado.

316 Sales Help Wanted

320 Skilled Trades

FIELD WELDER. must be capable of all types of production and field work. Honest, dependable, drug screening required. See Terry, 1403 Garden City Highway.

AUTO TECHNICIAN Needed. 5 Years Experience and Pro Tools Required. No Beginners. Apply Ron's Engines, 600 N. Weatherford.

LICENSED PLUMBER with residential repair/ service experience needed. HVAC experience beneficial. Not required. Call 687-1011 for interview appointment.

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SHOP HANDS, entry level positions, full benefits available. Pay DOE. Must pass drug screen. Apply in person, 4306 S. County Rd. 1290, Odessa, 563-1173.

SKILLED. **GOODSON SERVICE COMPANY** is expanding their service department and looking for a few experienced people.

Retail Petroleum Pump Technician. Must be familiar with Veritone Ruby Systems, Gilbarco, and Schlumberger equipment.

Experienced Maintenance Technician. For restaurant and convenience store equipment.

Fax resume or work history to: 520-2814

336 Adult Care Providers

ADULT PRIVATE HOME CARE. Now has openings for your elderly loved one. We have 24 hour service and exceptional care for daily activity needs. Permanently, weekly or daily. Must see to appreciate. For appointments 367-8199.

INHOME CARE. your locally owned sister service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tamara or Jackie. (Low Rates)

24 HOUR HOME CARE. have 24 hours available. Please call Gina or leave message 699-3230.

WILL DO private duty in your home. Experienced, reasonable rates, excellent references. 697-2624 or 520-4736.

COOK STOVES. Heaters, Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers 3/4 wood bed complete dining furniture. 670-4851.

COUCH. blue velvet with pink floral. \$125. Bedspread: king, earth tones. \$30. Call 683-7896.

PICNIC TABLES. Great for outdoor fun! Well made. \$159.95. Call 560-4150 pager.

HEADSTORM. Swing set, swings, slide, lawn swing, glider, trapeze, instructions. \$100. Delivered, not assembled. 689-3102.

ZENITH 19" TV. vertical hold problem. \$50 or best offer. Please call 697-8376 anytime.

WELDING TABLE. all steel, card table size, with casters and eye. \$100. 682-1164.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS for trailer & Motorhome. Too much to list. Call 682-9809.

MOTOROLA 250 Cellular phone. Never been used, priced right at \$50. Call 520-4602.

LIQUIDATING 8 Beautiful Biblical dolls in boxes, with story books plus 30 costumes in 10 boxes \$350 value. All \$200. Also Flex plus video (\$60 on DVD). \$25. Sears quality man's jumpsuit 46 tall. \$20. All items are brand new! 687-6790.

GRACO PAK N PLAY \$50. crib bedding \$15. Sky Glider exerciser \$60. Excellent condition. 520-2622.

SEAR CRAFTSMAN. 17 inch chain saw. runs. \$50. 570-8737 after 6pm.

TY BEANIE Babies. selling collection of 300 + Current, retired and new releases. Cash only! Friday 2 to 6, Saturday 10 to 4. 1905 S.C.R. 1138, Greenwood. Fairgrounds to Cleveland (Highway 307) east 4 1/2 miles.

BIBLE TALK. "What is the Nature of the Church?" Part 2. 520-0381. Free recorded message.

TORRO 11 hp riding lawnmower with rear bagger and mulching kit. Body in very good condition, engine runs, but needs overhaul. 697-1123.

HERBALIFE & Natural ex Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB1.

ALPINE DECK. 2-12" Bose gates, 400 watt amp. \$350. 684-9763.

SEARS "LIFESTYLER" System 50 ERS cost trainer, cost \$350, now \$150. Satellite dish, General Instruments, cost \$3,800, asking \$1,800. 520-9363. After 5:30 or leave message.

LADIES' CLOWAY clubs, bag and bag boy, pull-cart, kitchen island, customized Dell computer with printer, lots of extras, classical CDs, G. Harvey prints. 697-8547.

FOUR NEW interior door units 30x80, \$32 each. One new closet door unit, 48x80, \$37. Call 694-3582.

JENN. AIR counter top grill \$25.00. 520-3476.

WANTED STERLING Silver flatware. Rosepoint by Wallace. Call 697-1164.

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420 Good Things To Eat

SUGAR FREE Candles at Anna Marie's Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring, 570-7591. Also homemade candles available.

COFFEE LOVERS. 20 flavors available at Anna Marie's Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring, 570-7591. If we don't have your flavor, ask us and we will get it.

432 Household Furniture

OFF WHITE. dark brown couch and 2 oak and tables good condition. \$150. Call 520-2713.

BEAUTIFUL light green couch, excellent condition. \$150. Call 570-6928.

DUNCAN PHYFE Cherrywood dining room suit, table and 6 chairs. Call 580-3706 or 697-8226.

DIXIE Dining suite/ 6 chairs/ serving table. Excellent. \$600. Sleeper sofa- light tan/ apricot/ light brown/ brown accents. Excellent. \$200. 683-1432.

PRICE REDUCED. 1996 display model hot tub/ spa, multi level low seats, delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

LANE BIG man size recliner. Dark plum, very nice. \$95. 684-6142.

SOFA AND 2 set chairs and assorted furniture. Available to see at 2205 N. Big Spring Street. Call 699-1265.

MATCHING MEDIUM Oak baby furniture, baby bed, 4 drawer chest, changing table, excellent condition. \$450. 520-9421.

KINGSIZE WATERBED with bookshelf headboard. Complete with heater & mattress \$75. 570-1145.

SOLID OAK antique wardrobe. Excellent condition. Must see to appreciate. 699-1903 or 563-2111.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards - Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall. 699-1224.

SECTIONAL WITH Sleeper and end recliner, good condition, color is blue/gray mix. \$275. 520-4429.

SECTIONAL SOFA with sleeper (mauve, blue, teal) - clean, good condition. \$400. Fairfax Vacuum Cleaner \$100. 520-6718 or 333-8796.

MOVING SALE. King size custom made headboard and matching linens. \$150. Two custom made headboard and matching linens. \$75. Washer and dryer. \$200. Refrigerator. \$350. 683-3135. Leave message.

FLEXSTEEL sofa, loveseat, excellent condition. Also king waterbed suite, pedestal, dresser, hutch, nightstand, like new condition. 697-1123.

435 Household Appliances

ALMOND KENMORE 30" gas stove, top burners work, non working oven. \$45. 683-9478.

ADMIRAL REFRIGERATOR 16.5 cu ft. white. 3 years old. \$250. 683-8265.

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

REFRIGERATOR. 2 door 21 cubic foot, and dish washer, both in good condition. Call 520-2283.

440 Firewood

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-915-453-2151, Fax 1-915-453-4322.

FIREWOOD. SEASONED Oak, \$165 cord and \$85 half cord. Mesquite also available. Delivered and stacked. Call 520-5660, leave message or call after 4:30 pm.

450 Sporting Goods

NORDIC TRACK Health Rider. Brand new. \$150. Call 682-1346.

7 DEER FEEDERS with timers. Approximately 2 years old. 3 1/2" trops, 1 box ground stand, 1 poly 14 box stand. \$1,950 or make offer. Contact John, 684-4233.

460 Antiques & Arts

JUST ARRIVED.... **Waterford Crystal "Sheila" Pattern.** Judy Jackson. Consignment Collection. 3211 Wadley, #6. 689-3536.

DUNCAN PHYFE Cherrywood dining room suit, table and 6 chairs. Call 580-3706 or 697-8226.

ESTATE SALES by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040. 687-2868. 694-5034.

SMALL OAK pie safe, 4 punched trns, sits up off floor-long legs. \$350. 683-2072.

470 Musical Instruments

1959 CHICKERING console piano. Appraised \$1,000 as of. Contact Tiffany daytime at 687-2000, evenings 697-8433.

490 Computers/Access.

INTERNET ACCESS. Call 687-9014 for details.

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RESOLUTION NO. 98-052
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY OF MIDLAND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5, AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 98-051, adopted February 10, 1998, the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, made certain findings of fact in accordance with Texas Local Government Code §372.010, with respect to the establishment of City of Midland Public Improvement District #5 ("the District"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas finds it to be in the public interest to authorize the establishment of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE. In accordance with the findings of fact made pursuant to Resolution No. 98-051, adopted February 10, 1998, and Texas Local Government Code §372.010, the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, hereby authorizes the establishment of City of Midland Public Improvement District #5.

SECTION TWO. That the boundaries of Midland Public Improvement District #5 are as shown on Exhibits "A" and "A1", attached to this resolution and made a part hereof for all legal purposes.

SECTION THREE. The City Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to publish a copy of this resolution in the City's official newspaper as soon as practical after the adoption of this resolution.

On motion of Council member Cuevas, seconded by Council member Brooks, the above and foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Midland at a regular meeting on the 10th day of February, A.D., 1998, by the following vote:

Council members voting "AYE": Cuevas, Brooks, Wood, Brown, Burns, Schneider and Simpson
 Council members voting "NAY": None

ATTEST:
 Lyn Miller for Kaylah J. McCord, City Secretary

Robert E. Burns, Mayor

RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED:
 Mike McGregor, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
 Keith Stretcher, City Attorney

Exhibit "A-1" January 15, 1998

Legal Description of Proposed Public Improvement District No. 5, Consisting of Tracts 1 thru 12 North Estates Addition to the City of Midland as recorded in Cabinet B-102 Plat Records of Midland County, Texas, being those tracts adjoining Carol Lane, between Hollyberry Lane to Pine Needle Lane, located in the South Half of Section 2, Block "X", H. P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Tract 12, said North Estates;

Thence in a southerly direction with the West line of Hollyberry Lane to the Southeast corner of Tract 1 of said subdivision;

Thence in a westerly direction with the South lines of Tracts 1 thru 6, said addition to the Southwest corner of said tract 6;

Thence in a northerly direction with the East line of Pine Needle Lane to the Northwest corner of Tract 7 of said subdivision;

Thence in an easterly direction with the North lines of Tract 7 thru 12 of said addition to the Place of Beginning.

Note: This description encloses 20 parcels with a cumulative area of 15.653 acres, under 18 owners.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice: Thursday, February 5, 1998 in the Midland Reporter-Telegram

1. Notice is given that the West Texas Weather Modification Association, 8696 Hangar Road, San Angelo, TX 76904, has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below. The Executive Director will issue this permit unless a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after the first newspaper publication of this notice.

2. The West Texas Weather Modification Association submitted an application for a Texas Weather Modification License on January 15, 1998.

3. The purpose of the weather modification operation is to increase rainfall. The period of the permit is April 1, 1998 through March 31, 2002.

4. The proposed weather modification operation is to be conducted for and on behalf of the West Texas Weather Modification Association, 8696 Hangar Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904.

5. The proposed weather modification operation is to be carried out in both an "operational area" and a "target area." The cause of the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area is that area including Coke, Crockett, Glasscock, Iron, Midland, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green and Upton Counties, which is the target area; and those portions of the following counties within 30 miles of the outer boundary of the target area: Andrews, Concho, Crane, Ector, Edwards, Howard, Kimble, Martin, Menard, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Runnels, Taylor, Terrell, and Val Verde.

6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area described as Coke, Crockett, Glasscock, Iron, Midland, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green and Upton Counties.

7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein: A licensed meteorologist will select cumulonimbus clouds or other appropriate clouds for cloud seeding using a weather radar display, standard meteorological analyses, forecasting techniques, surface weather observations, and pilot reports to initiate the release of the seeding particles, such as silver iodine crystals, from airplanes equipped with flare racks and/or generators.

8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact the applicant or George Bonar, MC 158, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512)239-0770.

9. Requests for hearing on this application must be submitted in writing during the 30-day notice period to the Chief Clerk's Office, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512)239-3300. The petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting the hearing; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides, or owns, property in the operational area; and (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the commission within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the commission will hold a public hearing on the application prior to issuance of the permit. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512)239-6363.

560 Machinery/Tools
 15x72 CINCINNATI LATHE 6'x14" 10 hp Johnson Radial Drill Mill. Excellent condition, call 684-6820.

560 Legal Notices
 Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 3:00 P.M., March 4, 1998, to be opened at 3:00 P.M. in the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, Midland, Texas for the following bid(s):

Bid #035-98 to purchase: 1. Mechanically driven sweeper for the Garage Division.

Information for Bidders: Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division City of Midland, Texas

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies
 133' OF 4-1/2" Intergral joint tubing, P-105, 1550' \$4 per ft. 381-1800.

Sell it in 10 or we'll run it again!
 Classified 682-6222
 *Anything on wheels, \$5 per line, 3 lines minimum.
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Senior Citizens - City/County a Resident Discount
 No Deposit For Senior Citizens

1902 N. Midland Dr. 699-5168

595 Public Notices
 MIDLAND CENTER is accepting bid applications for the lease of concession and alcoholic beverage service rights. Requests for bid applications should be obtained at Midland Center, 105 N. Main, Midland, TX 79701. All bid applications must be received in the Midland Center office no later than March 12, 1998, at 5:00 p.m.

600 Rooms for Rent
 FURNISHED BEDROOM in quiet home, kitchen privileges. Off Midland Drive \$200 per month. 694-3972.

605 Apartments Furnished
 LARGE 1 Bedroom. Like new carpet, walk-in closet, central air, quiet, covered parking. 697-3510

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH
 upstairs, covered parking, washer/dryer connections, West Illinois. \$295 monthly. 682-9420

STUDIOS 1 & 2 Bedrooms
 Available. All utilities paid, free cable. Deposit required. Lexington Hotel, 1003 S. Midkiff, 697-3155.

610 Apartments Unfurnished
TRELLIS APTS.
 1 Bdrms. Start at \$190
 2 Bdrms. Start at \$320
 Senior Citizen Discount
 3212 W Wadley 697-0177

ONE ONLY
 Efficiency 1 bdr, 2 bdr.
 Basic Cable, Covered Parking
THE ARCHES
 694-2466

GARAGES, 2 bedroom, 2 baths
 \$449. Leisure Estates, call 682-5622

1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH
 furnished apartment. \$225 monthly. \$100 deposit, water is paid. 1008 W. Indiana #2. 682-2939

\$150 OFF 1st Full Month's Rent!
 Garden Court Apartments. One & two bedrooms. Very spacious! Monday-Friday, 12-5:30. Call 683-9270.

ASHTON WAY APARTMENTS
 Don't go bust paying your first month's rent. Get your savings at 2613 N. Midland Drive, 1, 2, & 3 bedrooms. \$227 - \$469. Mon.-Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-2. (915)694-1646

1 BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath
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AVAILABLE NOW - 1 or 2 bedrooms, pool, laundry, carpets, all utilities paid
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Hunter's Ridge Apartments
 \$195 - 1 Bedroom
 4201 Andrews Highway 520-0023

Villa Chateau Apartments
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615 Apartments Furn./Unfurn.
 QUIET, downtown complex, 1 or 2 bedroom. Furnished or unfurnished. Bills paid. Laundry room. Contact Rose 500 W. Tennessee, Apt. 6 682-3589

625 Houses Unfurnished
 2 BEDROOM DUPLEXES. Some appliances. Water paid. \$425 to \$550/month plus deposit. Williams & Assoc. 694-9663

FOR LEASE: 4000 Crestridge
 1,300. Contact Dene Kelly Realtors at 687-0595

QUIET LIVING, remodeled, large 2 bedroom, extras no pets
 \$400 deposit. \$525/month. references. 520-6610/ 567-7956

3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, fireplace, double garage, large fence yard
 West Midland. \$650 monthly. 697-3137

412-B ALTA 2 Bedroom, 1 bath duplex. All appliances
 Central heat/ air. Small yard. No pets. \$350. Month plus deposit. 699-6258

4409 ST. ANDREWS
 exceptionally nice, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. \$900 monthly. 694-9853

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 2 car
 Great location. 1406 Morgst. \$1,050 monthly. 682-8321/ 682-9606. Bill

1206 W. MISSOURI
 1 bedroom newly redecorated units. Appliances. All bills paid. \$325/month. Williams & Assoc. 694-9663

ATTRACTIVE HOME: 4503 Versailles
 \$575 per month, \$350 deposit. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, large living with fireplace. Contact Realty Unlimited 550-5609

3122 DURANT, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, 2 living areas, 2 garage
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 4509 Brookdale, \$675 monthly. 570-9005

ODESSA - Luxury Property
 less than 4 years old, University Gardens Addition. 3 bedroom, plus large bonus room. 3 bath, 2 car garage. 4623 Lemonwood. \$1,495 per month. \$600 deposit. Contact Cindy Brown, Broker/ Owner Agent with Realty Unlimited, 550-5609

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RUIDOSO Cabins, Houses, Condos
 nightly, weekly. Some with hot tubs. Don Harmon. Four Seasons Real Estate. 800-822-7654

685 Hunting Leases
 DEER LEASE. S. W. Ozona, TX. For company/ large group, house/ utilities and excellent hunting. 830-792-3280.

690 Oil/Gas Leases
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 Used 3 bedrooms with wood siding, shingle roof only 10% down, 178 monthly, 180 months. 12.5% A.P.R.
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KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrms. Bedroom
 Bath Bathroom
 Kit Kitchen
 Dbl Double
 A/C Air conditioning
 Mst Bdrm Master Bdrm
 Gar. Garage
 Bldg Building
 Cond Condition
 N-QA Non-Qualifying Assumable
 QA Qualifying Assumable
 Ac Acre
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