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Secretary of State Colin Powell meets reporters outside the State Department in Washington Wednesday. Earlier Wednesday Powell expressed regret of the loss of the life of the Chinese pilot in the U.S.-Chinese plane collision. AP Photo



China: U.S. must apologize for loss of jet

By Elisabeth Rosenthal
N.Y. Times News Service

BEIJING — China on Wednesday hardened its position on Sunday's midair collision between a U.S. spy plane and a Chinese jet, with President Jiang Zemin insisting that China receive an official apology and the country's foreign minister accusing the United States of being wrongheaded and "arrogant."

As President Jiang left on a previously scheduled trip to Latin America, he said that "the United States should apologize to the Chinese for the incident and bear all responsibilities for the consequences of the incident," according to the official Xinhua news agency.

Later in the day, Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan summoned the U.S. ambassador to Beijing, Joseph Prueher, to his office for an official dressing down. According to the news

'I feel choked with anger. Our government should have shot down the plane. If Grandpa Mao were still alive, the Americans would not dare to bully us.'

— Shi Qi,
shop assistant in Beijing

agency's account of the meeting, Tang said the United States "has displayed an arrogant air, used lame arguments, confounded right and wrong and made groundless accusations against China."

Initially, China's leaders seemed eager to avoid an overly hostile confrontation because

the incident had come while the country was preparing to enter the World Trade Organization and was competing to play host to the 2008 Olympics.

But that restrained approach seemed to vanish with Wednesday's escalating war of words, which seemed at least partly prompted by the widespread feeling here that President Bush had been dismissive of China's concerns in his comments since the collision.

Even with Wednesday's heated atmosphere, it appeared that both governments were hoping to minimize the long-term fallout of the event and avoid the type of public outcry that occurred when NATO planes bombed the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade in May 1999 during the alliance's war against Yugoslavia.

On Wednesday the U.S. Embassy here only

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Frustration Zone



Orange cones and construction workers will become a regular sight up and down Andrews Highway as they prepare to resurface the entire road from Midland Drive to Wall Street. Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

DRIVERS BEWARE: You are now entering The Andrews Highway Construction Zone

By Timothy V. Kreitz
Staff Writer

Roughly 26,000 cars per day head down Andrews Highway. But for the next five months, Andrews Highway will be decorated with orange traffic cones, carry the aroma of hot asphalt and groove to the rhythm of the jackhammer.

Drivers beware: You are now entering the Andrews Highway Construction Zone.

Many frustrated drivers are veering off at their first opportunity. Others tighten their grip on the wheel and make their way through the obstacle course that changes almost daily.

Businesses along Andrews Highway are beginning to feel the effects of the five-month road resurfacing project that is now under way in Midland.

The sounds of jackhammers and heavy machinery filled the air along the stretch of Andrews Highway between Midkiff and Louisiana streets

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Phases of construction on Andrews Highway

April 2001 through
November 2001

Phase I: Midland Drive to Midkiff - South Lanes
Phase II: Midkiff to Wall Street - South Lanes
Phase III: Wall Street to Midkiff - North Lanes
Phase IV: Midkiff to Midland Drive - North Lanes
Phase V: Final Resurfacing

■ Phases I through IV will be completed during nighttime hours, though officials are not listing time frames for each phase.

■ Construction will be completed one lane at a time, so no alternate routes are being suggested.

■ 26,000 cars travel Andrews Highway every day.

Source: Texas Department of Transportation



U. Frank Williams Jr. Reporter-Telegram
Construction worker Ellen Finnegan digs a ditch to remove conduit for the sensors at the intersection of Andrews Hwy. and Illinois Wednesday.

Jury indicts Brooks in hit-and-run

By Dan Bell
Staff Writer

Following two sessions of testimony, a Midland County grand jury handed down an indictment late Wednesday afternoon against former Midland City Councilman Julius Brooks in connection with an alleged hit-and-run accident that occurred late last year.

Brooks, 60, the owner of Brooks Bar-B-Que and an eight-year city councilman, was "true billed" (indicted) by at least nine members of the 12-member grand jury at about 5 p.m. after obtaining information regarding the alleged offenses, hearing witnesses and viewing evidence, a spokesman for the Midland County District Attorney's Office said.

If fewer than nine members of the jury had "no billed" the case, the matter would have concluded with no further action.

The ex-city councilman was originally charged Oct. 3 with unlawful possession of a weapon, a misdemeanor, and felony failure to stop and render aid following a hit-and-run accident at the intersection of Tyler Street and Parker Avenue.

A 1989 Cadillac, owned by Brooks, hit a bicycle ridden by Midland resident Larry Atchison, the report indicated. Atchison, 39, was taken by ambulance to Midland Memorial Hospital and treated for elbow and shoulder injuries resulting from the collision.

The Midland police report concluded the charges should be filed against Brooks due to the fact the driver "failed to stay at the scene and get aid for the victim."

Atchison has since filed a civil suit against Brooks. Brooks has retained Midland attorney Dick Holland to argue the civil case on his behalf.

A police spokesman said the handgun, found in Brooks' vehicle, had nothing to do with the failure-to-stop-and-render-aid charge.

A spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety's Concealed Handgun Licensing Section said Brooks did not have the proper registration to carry a firearm.

After the accident, Brooks and Woody Leverett, his criminal-defense attorney, arranged for Brooks to voluntarily surrender at the Midland County Detention Center.

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Brooks

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Off the wire

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Tax rates focus for District 3 candidate

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

Midland's property tax rate is not the only reason Scott Dufford is running for the District 3 City Council seat. But it is the main one.

According to the city, the tax rate in Midland in 2000 was 65.1 cents per hundred dollar valuation.

That means Midland's property owners were charged 65.10 cents for every \$100 appraised property value.

Versus Odessa (65.99), Midland compares favorably. Versus the rest of the state, the outlook is not as good.

The tax rate in Abilene was 58.09 cents per hundred dollar valuation.

The tax rate in Amarillo for 2000 went much lower, 28.7. In Tyler, the property tax rate hovers around 27.0.

The difference is day and night. In Midland, an owner of a \$30,000 house would pay nearly \$200. In Amarillo, the same person would pay \$86.

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District 3 Profile Series, Part 1: Scott Dufford



Dufford

Dufford's platform: Cutting property taxes

Property tax rates for the City of Midland
over the last five years and in 1990:

2000	— 65.10	1995	— 67.40
1990	— 65.20	1985	— 64.82
1980	— 66.40		

Property tax rates from cities around West Texas:

Amarillo	28.7
Abilene	58.07
Midland	65.10
Odessa	65.99

District 3 Boundaries:

District 3 is located in central Midland. The boundaries for its voters include Big Spring Street to the east and Wadley Avenue to the North. From there, the boundary line continues at the intersection of Big Spring Street and Front Street moves west before turning north at Garfield Street; west on Illinois; north on Midkiff Road; west on Golf Course Road; north on Midland Drive to the intersection with Wadley Avenue.

House committee criticizes possible end to Saturday mail delivery

By David Ho
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers came down hard on the U.S. Postal Service's plan to explore eliminating Saturday mail delivery, with one House member calling it a "fatal mistake" that could destroy the agency.

"This is one of the most self-defeating proposals I've heard in my life," Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., said Wednesday. "If there's one thing the Postal Service could do that would guarantee its demise, it's eliminate service on Saturday."

Facing \$2 billion to \$3 billion in projected losses this year, the Postal Service has announced numerous cutbacks over the past months. On Tuesday, agency officials said they would investigate the possibility of ending virtually all Saturday mail delivery and closing some post offices and facilities. The changes would require congressional approval.

Postmaster General William J. Henderson told the House Government Reform Committee on Wednesday that the poor economy and declining mail volume had hit the agency hard.

He urged changes in the law to give the post office more flexibility in setting rates and services to contend with rising costs. It now takes almost a year to change rates. Postal managers are preparing to apply this summer to postal overseers for a rate increase, to take effect in 2002; in January, the price of first class mail went up a penny, to 34 cents.

"If we take the necessary steps now to fix the problems, maybe we can avoid a full-blown crisis in the next few years," said the committee chairman, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind. "More cost containment options must be examined. Nothing should be off the table. Another rate increase should be the last option, not the first."

While most committee members agreed that overhauling the Postal Service was long overdue, several criticized the idea of ending Saturday delivery.

"Reducing the number of delivery days will have a devastating impact on our economy," said Rep. Constance Morella, R-Md.

Henderson, who is leaving the Postal Service next month, said his agency was just conducting an internal study to determine possible savings from a five-day delivery schedule.

"A decision to curtail Saturday delivery has not been made," he said. "We have a problem that our customers are saying, 'Don't raise rates. Don't raise rates.' And we have to look at every possible alternative."

Barr said even the study was a bad idea.

"I think you're making a serious mistake even suggesting that you're going to open that can of



AP Photo
Postmaster General William Henderson testifies before the House Government Reform Committee hearing on the U.S. Postal Service's uncertain financial outlook.

worms," he said. "You would be fundamentally altering what the Postal Service means to American citizens if you do that and I think that would be a fatal mistake."

Agency critics and groups representing postal workers also condemned the study.

Sam Parmelee, a vice president of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association, said reduced service could cause other problems.

"The day you don't deliver mail it stacks up," said Parmelee, whose group represents about 100,000 rural and suburban carriers. "Then you've got this huge volume of mail that some carriers won't be able to fit in their vehicles when they go out on Monday."

The American Postal Workers Union, which has 366,000 members nationwide, also said it would oppose such changes.

Robert McLean, director of the Virginia-based Mailers Council, a coalition of mailing businesses, said the agency must "find ways of managing within its current

legislative framework to reduce expenses."

The Postal Service receives no taxpayer money for its operations. It remains a government agency and operates under laws set by Congress.

At the hearing, the General Accounting Office said it had added the Postal Service's restructuring plans to its "high-risk" list of troubled government programs. A separate statement submitted by the Postal Service's inspector general said hundreds of millions of dollars had been lost over the past four years because of waste, mismanagement and fraud.

Among the problems cited by the Postal Service are wage increases higher than the rate of inflation, rising fuel costs, greater

competition and increasing use of electronic alternatives like the Internet.

On the Net:

U.S. Postal Service:
<http://www.usps.com>
House Government Reform Committee:
<http://www.house.gov/reform/>

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19-year-old accused of infant death

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — A 19-year-old college freshman was charged with murder after an infant believed to be her newborn girl was found dead in her dorm room, authorities said.

Murray State University student Angelita Turner apparently gave birth in her dorm room last week, police said. Turner was arrested Thursday on a tampering with evidence charge and was being held on \$50,000 cash bond.

Police "received information she'd had a child but refused to acknowledge she'd had one," said prosecutor Randy Hutchens. He would not comment on the results of an autopsy.

Turner was released from the hospital Thursday and social service officials contacted the university to alert them of her condition.

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By Curt And
Associated Pr

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House passes estate tax repeal, caps quick work on Bush tax cuts

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House vote Wednesday to repeal the estate tax over a decade capped a legislative blitz in which Republican leaders pushed through the major components of President Bush's \$1.6 trillion tax cut just 75 days into his term.

"It has been a good start," said Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma, the fourth-ranking House Republican. "We hope the Senate will follow suit."

By a 274-154 vote, the House passed a measure that would gradually reduce and then repeal the tax in 2011 at a cost of \$185.5 billion. Fifty-eight Democrats joined nearly all House Republicans in favor of the legislation that was similar to a repeal then-President Clinton vetoed last year.

At the White House, Bush issued a written statement that called the vote a "victory for fairness and a vote for economic growth."

"Today's vote is an important step toward restoring fairness in the tax code by eliminating the double and triple taxation that results from the death tax," the president said. "I look forward to continuing to work with members of Congress from both parties to enact real and meaningful tax relief for the American people."

Things were moving in the opposite direction in the Senate, which voted tentatively to divert \$450 billion from the president's tax cut to education spending and debt reduction. And Republican Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont, a leading moderate, said he may oppose the tax cut.

Bush's tax cuts have met little resistance in the House. In March, the House passed Bush's across-the-board income tax cut, estimated at \$958 billion, and voted for a \$399 billion bill to ease the tax marriage penalty and double the child tax credit.

That brings the total of House-passed tax cuts to slightly more than \$1.5 trillion, just under Bush's often-repeated \$1.6 trillion limit.

The Senate, divided evenly between 50 Democrats and 50 Republicans, has yet to take up any of the bills amid efforts to reduce the total price. But Rep. Bill Thomas, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said the House's swift passage provides momentum, during later negotiations with the Senate, for Bush's biggest domestic priority.

"I don't think anybody expected, in the time frame we have, for us to move through the vast bulk of the president's package," said Thomas, R-Calif. "The administration will be supportive of what we've done."

Although each House bill attracted Democratic votes, most Democrats contend that as a whole, the tax relief package jeopardizes national priorities such as education and health care spending and debt reduction, does nothing to guarantee the solvency of Social Security and Medicare, and threatens a return to deficits if projected budget surpluses do not materialize.

"You can break the tax cut into parts, but you cannot break its effect," said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo. "This is a mistake that we will pay for years to come."

To meet Bush's \$1.6 trillion figure, Republicans had to perform a juggling act. The estate tax repeal, for example, reduces tax rates modestly during the first eight years, with most of the cost coming with the full repeal in 2011 — later than Bush initially wanted.

"They did it by saying, 'If you want to protect your estate, don't die for 10 years,'" said Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, senior Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee. "When you're 70 years old, those 10 years are a long way away."

The tax affects estates of only about 2 percent of people who die each year, mainly because of a \$675,000 exemption that will rise to \$1 million in 2006. But avoiding the tax, which tops out at 55 percent, requires costly insurance and estate planning, and it causes particular problems for many farmers and small businesses owners often forced to sell land or assets.

An intense lobbying campaign to eliminate the tax has been waged by groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, National Federation of

Independent Business and National Restaurant Association.

Democrats say the gradual phaseout hides the true cost, which they contend would actually exceed \$662 billion if the repeal came immediately. They offered an \$39 billion alternative that would raise the individual exemption to \$2 million right away and eventually to \$2.5 million, which they said would ease the tax burden for all but the wealthiest estates.

"We can do something real for 99.9 percent of the taxpayers," said Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md.

But the House defeated the Democratic alternative on a 227-201 vote.

"Without full repeal, any death tax measure is a placebo," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas. "You've got to kill it by ending it once and for all."

The House-passed bill would make a change in capital gains taxes after the estate tax is repealed. This would alter the way assets are valued for capital gains purposes, in effect increasing that tax when heirs sell the assets. The first \$1.3 million in gain would be exempt, \$4.3 million if the heir is a surviving spouse.

Information on the bill, H.R.

'Today's vote is an important step toward restoring fairness in the tax code by eliminating the double and triple taxation that results from the death tax. I look forward to continuing to work with members of Congress from both parties to enact real and meaningful tax relief for the American people.'

— President Bush

8, can be found at <http://thomas.loc.gov>

Boy saves own life after train severs leg

ABBEVILLE, S.C. (AP) — A boy whose leg was severed by a train used his belt as a tourniquet to save himself from bleeding to death.

Alex Compton, 10, was crossing the tracks near his home Monday when his foot got caught on some rocks.

After the accident, he removed his belt and tightened it around his thigh to stem the bleeding, rescue workers said. He learned the technique from his mother, Lisa Compton, who had studied first aid at nursing school.

The boy's great aunt, Mary Revels, said Alex told his mother he wouldn't have lost so much blood if he had put the belt around his leg sooner. "And then he apologized to her for going

by the tracks," Revels said.

A neighbor found Alex along the tracks. His leg also was found but doctors couldn't reattach it, Revels said.

He was listed in fair condition Tuesday.

Abbeville County Coroner Ronnie Ashley said he never knew anyone to survive such an

accident.

"Alex is a very, very brave child," Ashley said. "He's something special. His mother said... that he keeps wanting to know how he's going to ride his bicycle and how is he going to run and play with other kids."

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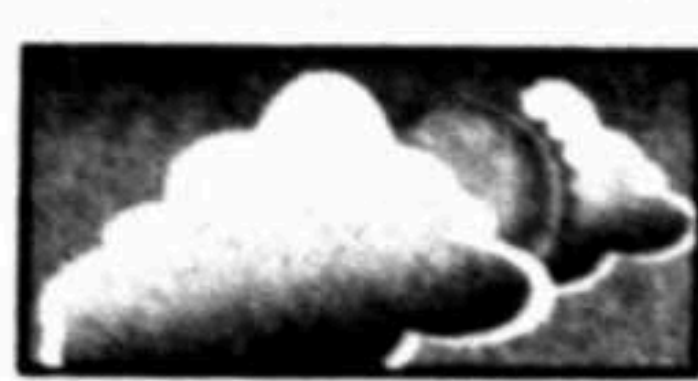
3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 88
Low 61



Friday
Cloudy
High 82
Low 56



Saturday
Partly cloudy
High 84
Low 58

The forecast for today calls for partly cloudy skies with a high reaching the upper 80s. Breezy, 10 mph winds are expected by early afternoon.

Look for overcast skies this evening with a low in the lower 60s. Friday, partly cloudy skies and a high in the lower 80s are expected. Evening skies should be overcast with a low in the mid 50s.

Saturday, expect mostly cloudy skies and a high in the mid 80s. The high on Wednesday was 87 and the low was 59.

The record high for April 4 was 93, set in 1939 and the record low was 28, set in 1945.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall 0.00 in.
Rainfall 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.00 in.
Total for year 2.71 in.
Normal total
(year to date) 1.65 in.

Yesterday's temperatures
High 87
Low 59
Normal high 75
Normal low 45
Sunrise ... 7:35 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:12 p.m.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: **3-8-1**

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: **38-49-43-37-41-9**

BROOKS: Attorneys for former councilman issued no comment

(From 1A)

In 1992, Brooks was appointed to the Midland City Council and subsequently won election to office. Brooks remained a city councilman until 2000 when he retired to run for Precinct 3 Midland County Commissioner. Brooks, a Democrat, lost the primary election by one vote to Josie

Ramirez in a runoff election. When a date is arranged on the court docket, Brooks will face a judge in a Texas judicial district court for Midland County.

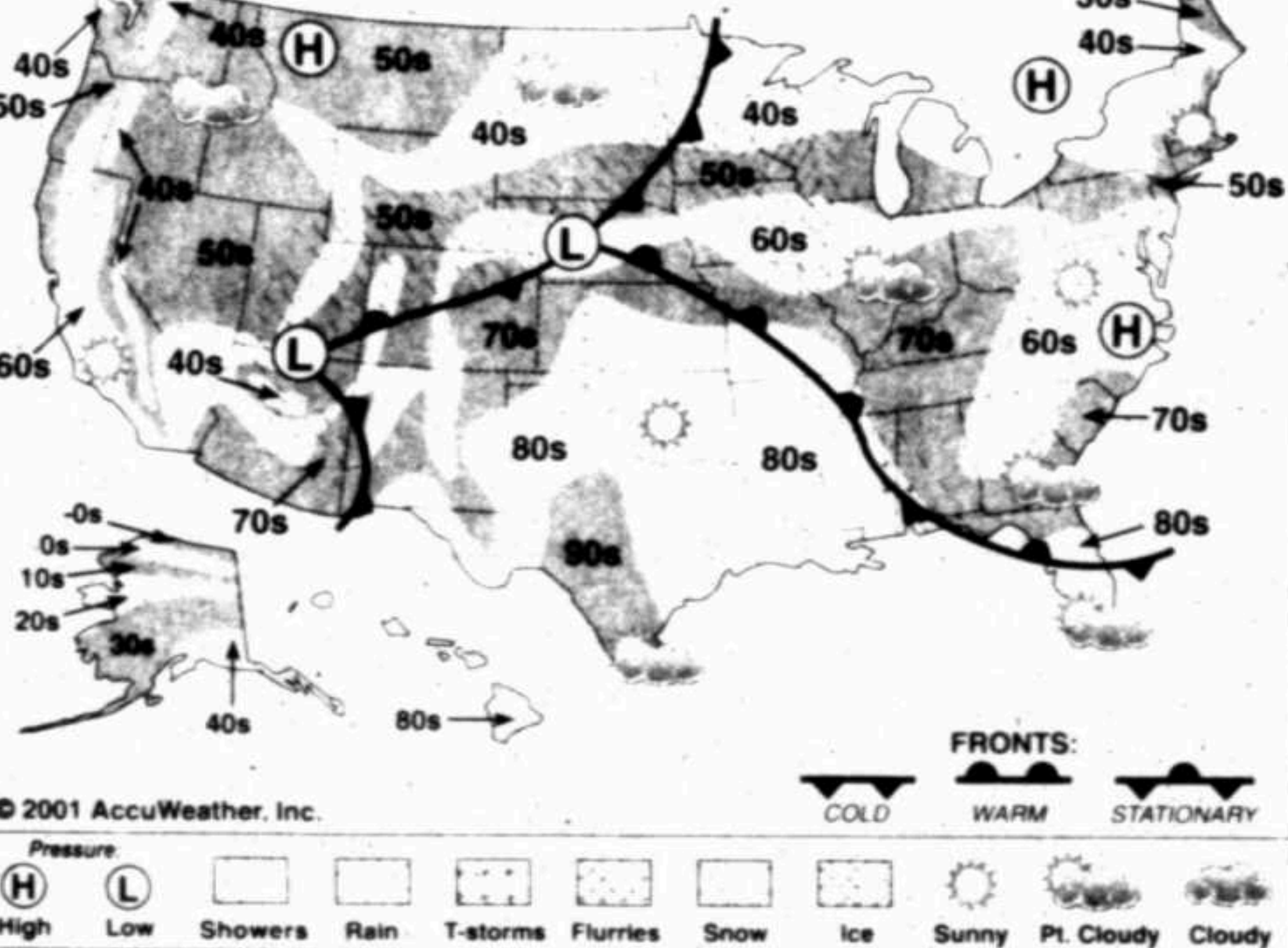
Repeated attempts to contact Brooks later Wednesday were unsuccessful. His attorneys, Levett or Holland, both indicated earlier in the day that they would have no comment.

National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, April 5.

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Wednesday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otk		Hi	Lo	Prc	Otk
Akron, Ohio	56	26	cdy		Philadelphia	58	43	cdy	
Albany, N.Y.	53	25	cdy		Phoenix	81	62	cdy	
Albuquerque	73	49	cdy		Pittsburgh	57	31	cdy	
Atlanta	69	56	88	cdy	Reno	49	31	cdy	
Baltimore	60	44	cdy		Richmond	59	44	cdy	
Baton Rouge	86	70	cdy		Sacramento	63	38	cdy	
Boston	47	34	cdy		St. Louis	66	48	71	cdy
Charleston, S.C.	70	57	08	cdy	Salt Lake City	50	37	m	
Chicago	52	31	cdy		San Diego	60	54	m	
Cincinnati	63	38	06	cdy	San Francisco	60	44	cdy	
Cleveland	51	25	cdy		San Jose	62	38	cdy	
Daytona Beach	80	63	01	cdy	Santa Fe	67	34	cdy	
Denver	57	43	cdy		Savannah	70	54	07	cdy
Detroit	55	32	04	cdy	Seattle	46	34	cdy	
Fargo	42	34	10	m	Shreveport	78	71	cdy	
Flagstaff	57	40	cdy		South Bend	58	34	cdy	
Green Bay	52	26	cdy		Spokane	47	27	cdy	
Honolulu	84	73	cdy		Springfield, Ill.	69	41	13	m
Juneau	46	34	39	m	Syracuse	54	27	cdy	
Kansas City	61	48	57	m	Tallahassee	77	65	105	cdy
Las Vegas	67	53	cdy		Tampa-St. Petersburg	80	64	cdy	
Los Angeles	62	53	cdy		Toledo	53	30	cdy	
Macon	71	56	73	cdy	Topeka	59	49	25	cdy
Memphis	79	67	03	cdy	Tucson	81	56	m	
Miami Beach	82	69	cdy		Tulsa	69	62	cdy	
Mobile	81	71	cdy		Tupelo	69	62	cdy	
Nashville	72	57	01	cdy	Washington, D.C.	60	45	cdy	
New Orleans	85	71	cdy		W Palm Beach	82	62	cdy	
New York City	54	39	cdy		Wichita	68	51	01	cdy
Oklahoma City	83	60	cdy		Wilkes-Barre	54	26	cdy	
Orlando	84	61	cdy		Wilmington, Del.	58	44	cdy	
					Yakima	54	35	21	cdy
					Youngstown	56	27	05	cdy
					Yuma	72	58	cdy	

POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Probation violation Theft

Christopher Brown, 29, of Midland was arrested by a Midland County Sheriff's deputy at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday in the 400 block of Air Park on a charge of probation violation. No bond.

Probation violation

Ronnie L. Carnes, 45, of Odessa was arrested by a sheriff's deputy at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday in the Midland County Probation Office on charges of probation violation and driving without a license. No bond.

Theft

Joe C. Farrington, 20, of Midland was arrested by a sheriff's deputy at 12:18 a.m. Tuesday in the 3000 block of North Wall St. on charges of theft and third offense driving while intoxicated. Bond: \$2,575.

Loretta J. Gilkey, 31, of Odessa was arrested by a sheriff's deputy at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday in the Woodman Unit of Gatesville Prison on a charge of theft. Bond: \$3,000.

Probation violation

Mitchell L. McDonald, 45, of Midland was arrested by a Midland Police officer at 5:52 p.m. Tuesday in the 4700 block of Boulder on a charge of probation violation. No bond.

Assault of child

Melvin D. McKinney, 53, of Rankin was arrested by a sheriff's deputy at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Upton County Jail on a charge of sexual assault on a child. No bond.

CHINA: Citizens outraged at Bush

(From 1A)

confirmed that Prucher had met with the foreign minister, but would not comment further. And in Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell issued a statement of regret over the Chinese pilot who was missing and presumed dead after the collision over the South China Sea.

Otherwise, the United States has continued to insist it will not apologize for the incident. Bush and other U.S. officials they have demanded that the 24 Americans who were on board the Navy plane be returned promptly. They have also said that the plane, which they regard as "U.S. sovereign territory," should not be boarded, even though U.S. officials admit that Chinese officials have probably already done so.

On Sunday, the Chinese jet spiraled into the ocean and the U.S. reconnaissance aircraft, an EP-3E Aries II filled with sensitive surveillance equipment, made an emergency landing at the nearest airfield, on Hainan Island in southern China. The plane and its crew were immediately taken into Chinese custody.

For the first two days, Chinese officials and state media made only a few subdued statements about the event — although they have said from the start that the U.S. plane caused the accident by making a sudden turn. U.S. military leaders have insisted that Chinese planes were following the American craft at an unsafe distance. The collision took place in international airspace about 65 miles off Chinese territorial waters.

The Chinese government's apparently hardening position seemed to reflect a growing sense of concern, even outrage, among many citizens here.

"I feel choked with anger," said Shi Qi, a shop assistant in Beijing, reflecting an extreme but recurrent theme among youths here. "Our government should have shot down the plane. Jiang Zemin is too weak. If Grandpa Mao were still alive, the Americans would not dare to bully us."

Although Americans tend to view Jiang as just another communist leader, many Chi-

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— Kang Xin, retired editor

nese — both in the military and out — view him as too westernized and conciliatory toward the United States.

The public outrage probably results partly from the fact that Chinese media have not yet fully published the U.S. version of the events surrounding the collision, including complaints that the Chinese fighter was far too close and that it was the responsibility of the fast and nimble Chinese jet to move out of the way rather than the lumbering spy plane.

Many people here are not aware that the U.S. plane also sustained serious damage and that its landing on Hainan Island was a desperate emergency measure. The Chinese press has criticized the U.S. plane for landing without permission and violating China's airspace and "sovereignty" as it came down.

But even those who were fully aware of the U.S. position, which is widely available on Internet news sites and chat rooms, said they were feeling that Bush had let them down.

"How could Bush junior just stand up like that and demand that China return the plane and the crew?" said Kang Xin, a retired editor, who said he believed that the initial collision was just an accident.

"Even though the U.S. is the only superpower in the world, Bush junior should not talk to China in such a way. At least he should show concern for the missing pilot. And now I don't think the Chinese government can back off unless the U.S. softens its stance, as the Chinese leaders have

to take public opinion into account.

"He is not like his father, who knew how to deal with Deng Xiaoping, even after the Tiananmen Square incident," Kang said, referring to the Chinese military's suppression of pro-democracy student protesters in 1989. At the time, former President George Bush was highly critical of the crackdown. But he soon sent emissaries to Beijing and is now regarded here as a "friend of China," returning repeatedly to lecture in the country where he once was a U.S. ambassador.

There were signs Wednesday that the Chinese hoped to keep the outrage over the incident under control.

Jiang's departure for a two-week trip to Latin America bolstered confidence among U.S. officials that the incident would pass, but it also raised fears that it might be difficult to gain the release of the crew in his absence.

News coverage has been carefully parsed, with all state newspapers relying heavily on coverage from the Xinhua news agency. As the tension escalated Wednesday, stories about the incident moved from inside the newspapers to the front pages and were occasionally accompanied by pictures of the downed plane, with headlines like "Evidence of Their Bullying."

But none of the coverage reached the sensationalism of those that followed the 1999 bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, when China's newspapers went on a free-for-all, printing gory pictures and editorials of outrage.

On Wednesday, some Chinese dismissed the angry rhetoric on both sides as normal behavior in international politics. "Neither side is behaving honorably, but both sides are behaving just like you'd expect great powers to act," said a Chinese editor. "Each side is trying to push the other and not lose face — but also not to go too far."

ZONE: Not all residents frustrated with work

(From 1A)

Wednesday morning, accompanied by a plethora of orange pylons, redirecting traffic away from the heaviest construction zones.

"We had our water shut off twice by the construction crews this week," explained Paula Dublin, manager of All Seasons Cleaners. "We have a boiler system, which made losing our water pretty inconvenient."

Ms. Dublin said the noise produced by the work crews has also been an annoyance, but it hasn't really affected her business. "The jackhammers are very loud, but we haven't had any complaints from our customers."

Amigos Convenience Store manager Patti Estep said that surprisingly, she has noticed an increase in her business since the construction began. "It seems like the construction is bringing more people this way," she said. "Maybe people just want to see what's going on."

Ms. Estep said the noise hadn't been much of a bother to her or her customers.

Other establishments, however, say the construction is definitely having a negative effect on their business. Grandy's manager Sandra McMullin said

the construction already is causing a slowdown for her restaurant.

"They had to shut down my drive-thru for two days," she explained. "Now, they are tearing up all the cement near the entrances, which makes it harder for people to get into the parking lot." Ms. McMullin also feels all the pylons and equipment placed in front of Grandy's by the work crews may be giving people the impression that there is no access to the restaurant at all.

Doug Eichorst, Midland area engineer with the Texas Department of Transportation, said he realizes the effects of the construction project on Andrews Highway businesses, and that TxDOT is committed to finishing the project on time.

"We had a series of public meetings to help determine what would be the best manner in which to complete the work," he explained. "Most of the business owners wanted to make sure that the construction would be done by the beginning of the Christmas season. As of right now, we are ahead of schedule."

The rebuilding of Andrews Highway is a necessity, according to Eichorst, because it is one of the busiest in-town highways

in this part of Texas and needs the renovation to make it stronger and more durable.

"We found that there was constantly a lot of need for maintenance on Andrews Highway because of the material it is made of, which has saturated an excessive amount of water over a long period of time," he said. "The new 'hot-mix' material we are replacing the old surface with will be much more resistant to water absorption, which will make the road last longer and require less repair."

Eichorst said much of the current traffic and access problems have to do with old conduit under the roadway that must be replaced before the resurfacing can begin. "The conduit replacement should be finished in the next few days," he explained. "After that, traffic should be able to move more efficiently."

Despite the months of construction and inconvenience ahead, many of the people who own and operate businesses along Andrews Highway seem to be largely in good cheer about their circumstances.

"We've had a few people cutting across our parking lot to avoid the construction," said Andrews Highway Exxon manager Kim Miranda. "But so far,

the construction itself isn't affecting our business."

Ms. Miranda also said even though her station may end up losing a minor amount of pass-by business because of the roadwork, she believes her regular patronage will continue to trade with her as usual. "We have a good group of loyal customers and I'm sure we won't lose any of them," she explained. "This is just something we'll have to put up with for a while."

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Milk

By Phillip Bras Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The industry's "Got Milk?" campaign may have found more into teen-age school vending machine colorful chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla flavored milk.

School officials come under fire for pus soda sales and gets, say they are the initial response.

"The taste is real," Jonathan Angelo Granada Hills, a suburban Los Angeles teacher than school milk.

Besides South machines have been middle and high Austin; Boston; and Miami. After spring, the industry results will persuade schools nationwide to use flavored milk.

Flavored milk is as much as milk also has a calcium and vitamin 16-ounce bottle of chocolate milk, more than a typical cola, but supply of calcium.

Susan Ruland, for the "Got Milk" with its hip celebrities. "You've got to where people are packaging."

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We honor those who are leaders in energy industry

Tonight, the 2001 Midland Reporter-Telegram/Hearst Energy Awards will be saluting individuals and companies which have made significant contributions in five categories.

The 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Raymond Plank, founder and chairman of Apache Corp. It's been under Plank's remarkable leadership that the company has steadily grown from a company of six employees to the \$5.5 billion company it is today. Apache is recognized throughout the industry as one of the leading exploration companies in the United States with a proven track record for adding value to assets in mature producing areas, including the Permian Basin, where Apache owns extensive reserves. Plank has been an outstanding leader in the oil and gas industry and is truly deserving of this high honor.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp., which has offices and extensive holdings here in the Permian Basin, will be honored with the 2001 Midland Reporter-Telegram/Hearst Energy Award for Company Performance.

The company is one of the world's largest independent exploration and production companies with 1.94 billion energy equivalent barrels of reserves. The company has demonstrated phenomenal performance by replacing reserves every year since 1981, at a finding cost below industry averages.

The 2001 Midland Reporter-Telegram/Hearst Energy Award Technology Award will be presented to CMS Oil & Gas, a company that has helped make significant progress in horizontal drilling in the Permian Basin. Lessons learned through the hard work and experimentation of CMS Oil & Gas have been with fellow operators who then have applied the horizontal drilling techniques to other areas and other formations.

The 2001 Midland Reporter-Telegram/Hearst Energy Award for Public Service will be awarded to Denise Bode, commissioner of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Commissioner Bode is being recognized for her dedicated efforts on behalf of the petroleum industry for almost 20 years.

Finally, the 2001 Midland College/Bruno Hanson Award for Environmental Excellence will be given to Chevron U.S.A. for its plugging procedures.

Oil and gas production continues to be the dominant economic force here in the Permian Basin.

We are privileged to honor the individuals and companies who make us proud of our industry.

We ask the entire community to join us in applauding these individuals who have had such a profound impact on the energy business and our region.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, April 5, the 95th day of 2001. There are 270 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On April 5, 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death following their conviction in New York on charges of conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union; co-defendant Morton Sobell was sentenced to 30 years in prison (he was released in 1969).

On this date:

In 1614, American Indian princess Pocahontas married English colonist John Rolfe in Virginia.

In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, Mass., on a return trip to England.

In 1649, Elihu Yale, the English philanthropist for whom Yale University is named, was born.

In 1792, George Washington cast the first presidential veto, rejecting a congressional measure for apportioning representatives among the states.

In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde lost his criminal libel case against the Marquess of Queensberry, who'd accused the writer of homosexual practices.

In 1964, Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur died in Washington at age 84.

In 1975, nationalist Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek died at age 87.

In 1976, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes died in Houston at age 72.

In 1988, a 15-day hijacking ordeal began as gunmen forced a Kuwait Airways jumbo jet to land in Iran.

In 1997, Allen Ginsberg, the counterculture guru who'd shattered conventions as poet laureate of the Beat Generation, died in New York City at age 70.

Ten years ago: The space shuttle "Atlantis" blasted off on a mission that included the deploying of the second of "NASA's" Great Observatories. The government reported the nation's jobless rate surged to 6.8 percent in March. Former Texas Sen. John Tower, his daughter and 21 other people were killed in a commuter plane crash near Brunswick, Ga.

GEORGE WILL

Not every presidential 'test' is a national 'crisis'

WASHINGTON — When the spat with China concerning the U.S. intelligence-gathering plane began, it was commonly called the first foreign policy "crisis" to "test" President Bush. Actually, it is testing his ability to see that not everything that roils relations between nations is a crisis. And it is testing his ability to discern that not every trouble is a "test" of his fiber or the nation's stamina.

As this is written (Wednesday noon), one thing is clear, and one thing is not. Clearly the plane was using technology that enables it, operating in international airspace, lawfully to perform the routine but important function of gathering intelligence that enables U.S. policy-makers to understand the evolving strategic environment. It is unclear whether China's government knew what was going on in the increasingly aggressive reaction of Chinese aircraft to U.S. intelligence flights.

If this affair is the result of an accident — a Chinese cowboy-pilot crossing a line of prudence, and losing his life — then the episode can be quickly tidied up. If the affair is the result of a Chinese military decision not sanctioned by Beijing's civilians, that is disquieting evidence of command-and-control problems as China approaches a leadership transition.

China's government probably did not consciously provoke this dust-up. However, it has deliberately, and recklessly, prolonged it at a

moment when (to cite just two matters) the U.S. Congress is considering Taiwan's request for new military equipment, including defenses against missiles, and the International Olympic Committee is considering China's application to host the 2008 games. Is this smart? Does not Beijing already have a plate heaped high with problems?

On a recent visit to Beijing, Henry Kissinger was struck by proliferation of "Internet cafes." Those small businesses are huge portents.

Totalitarianism, which aspires to nationalize the public's consciousness, depends on intellectual autarky, which depends on a government monopoly of information. Totalitarianism is rendered impossible, and perhaps even tyranny is rendered difficult, by technologies that make nations porous to information. China already was becoming porous in 1989 when students there learned about the Tiananmen Square massacres by e-mails from Ann Arbor and other American campuses where they had studied and made friends.

During his recent visit, Kissinger was told by a Chinese official that 100 million Chinese — think of the U.S. population west of the Mississippi — are currently on the move, either from country to city in a migration-of-modernization, or away from employment in sclerotic state-run industries, into the private economy. And this instability may be just a minor prologue.

The 19th century — in Germany, Italy, the United States, even in France, and elsewhere — was a century of nation consolidations. (Some immigrants from France arriving at Ellis Island identified their home "country" as a region of France, e.g. Auvergne or Brittany, and historian Eugen Weber notes, "In sundry parts of France at the fin de siècle many people still spoke no French or spoke it only with difficulty.") But the 20th cen-

tury — from the dissolution of the Ottoman and the Austro-Hungarian empires as a result of the First World War, to the unraveling of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, and even the weakening of the ties that bind the United Kingdom — was a disintegrative century.

So ask yourself, as China's leaders must be asking themselves: How likely is it that — and what will be required in the way of repressions or concessions to guarantee that — 50 years from now one-fifth of the human race will still live in one country called China?

U.S. policy-makers should not see U.S.-China relations as analogous to U.S.-Soviet relations during the Cold War. Then it was sensible for the United States to try to impede the growth of the power of an implacably hostile Soviet Union. But China's power is going to grow as China's economy grows. And hostility need not grow, indeed should wane, as China becomes immersed in the culture of commerce — contracts, lawfulness, transparency, promise-keeping.

However, as during the Cold War, there is in America an appeasement caucus. During the Cold War it was eager to explain, and by explaining to justify, Soviet misbehavior as the "understandable" result of historic Russian "insecurity" about "encirclement." Today the caucus reflexively rationalizes Chinese misbehavior as the "understandable" result of historic "humiliations" at the hands of the West.

Such reasoning always is a recipe for turning U.S. foreign policy into psychotherapy for victim nations. It is time for the caucus, and China, to grow up.

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ART BUCHWALD

Keeping down with the Joneses

When things were good, the Havenots always tried to keep up with the Joneses. They, of course, couldn't, as the Joneses were the big spenders on the block.

Now it's an entirely different story. Jerry Havenot told me about it. "The Joneses are acting queer," he said. "I stopped over to their house, and instead of a new Lexus in the driveway there was a 1983 Toyota. He said that he got tired of the Lexus and the Toyota was much more comfortable because it only had 123,000 miles on it."

"Two days later I was invited for dinner at the Joneses home. There were several empty spots on the wall where Jones used to hang signed Picasso, Chagall and da Vinci prints. Brennan Jones said he was getting tired of the prints and thought the house was more attractive without paintings. Usually the Joneses serve a French dinner consisting of foie gras, Dover sole, rack of lamb, a salad and baked Alaska, complimented by a Chateau Haut-Brion. This time we had spaghetti with tomato sauce and a rotgut table wine from the wrong part of Italy."

"The table conversation then turned to clothes. Marion Jones said she was no longer going to Christian Dior because everything she wanted she could find at K-mart. Brennan said he stopped buying clothes

at Calvin Klein as he could get the same type of clothes at Syms for one-tenth the price."

"This made my wife, Hilda, feel better because she had a problem keeping up with Marion's wardrobe, particularly at country club luncheon functions."

"From there we went on to schools. The Joneses said they were pulling their son out of Princeton and enrolling him at Staten Island Community College, where Brennan said he could get the same education for practically nothing."

"That night when we got home I said to my wife, 'Is it just my imagination or is there something going on with the Joneses that we don't know about?'"

"She said, 'Well, they are easier to keep up with than ever before. They always talked about how great their stocks were doing. Tonight there wasn't a peep out of them.'"

"I said, 'Did you notice after dinner she was darn-ing his socks?'"

"She replied, 'The tip-off for me was when Brennan said they had decided to stay home this summer and rent out their house on Martha's Vineyard. Has it ever occurred to you the Joneses may have to live up to us rather than vice versa?'"

"I told Marion, 'I never thought I'd see the day when he'd be driving a Toyota and I would be driving a new Pontiac.'"

"Marion asked me, 'Is our boy still dating one of the Jones girls?'"

"I told her, 'Over my dead body.'"

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WHOM TO WRITE

Following is a list of the names and addresses of various state and federal officials Midlanders may wish to contact from time-to-time:

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CAL THOMAS

None would dare call it censorship

Although the Founders specifically prohibited Congress from making any law that would limit press freedom, court decisions have expanded that right to include virtually any kind of expression — except one.

The etymological evolution of the word sodomy to homosexuality to the simple term "gay" has brought with it the very intolerance and bigotry that gay people deride when it's directed at them. Gay rights groups seek to intimidate anyone who voices opposition to their beliefs and agenda. If occasionally a person, such as current radio and soon-to-be former TV talk show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger, expresses her religious views and is willing to have her opinions discussed and debated, she is censored with a fervor our book burning ancestors would have admired.

Last week, Paramount Television announced that it was canceling Schlessinger's syndicated TV program due to poor ratings and lack of sponsors. Schlessinger charges gay groups, specifically the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), with dishonesty and censorship. She tells me that GLAAD asked Paramount management to allow an opposing point of view should the subject of homosexuality ever be discussed on her TV show. That was a reasonable request and Paramount and Schlessinger agreed.

On 130 shows, homosexuality was never discussed, but even before the TV show debuted last fall, GLAAD lobbied sponsors and created a Web-based assault (www.stopdrlaura.com). Because Schlessinger had said on her radio show that homosexual behavior was deviant (a position the medical community held before they were similarly intimidated into political correctness), she had to be made an example. Schlessinger subsequently apologized for any hurt she might have caused but that wasn't enough for GLAAD.

Sponsors canceled. The TV show was moved to the wee hours of the morning in all major markets, which insured low ratings.

Why does she think she was a target and the gay rights groups mostly ignore rap upstarts like Eminem, who spew hateful anti-gay lyrics? "Because I favor the Defense of Marriage Act (which gives states the right to restrict state-sanctioned weddings to male/female couples) and Eminem doesn't speak about it," Schlessinger says.

Where are the groups that have supported free expression in broadcasting and the arts against all sorts of challenges? On television, the gay lifestyle is celebrated and gay characters abound. When some groups protest explicitly sexual content on TV, they are told to turn it off, or change the channel. Why wasn't the same said to people who don't like Dr. Laura Schlessinger?

On CNN's "Larry King Live" Monday, April 2, Schlessinger said her TV show addressed many issues. "(GLAAD) was trying to pigeonhole me, as though my whole life were surrounded by what their whole life is surrounded with. (Each show I would say we had about 10 different subjects; multiply that out. There are a lot of issues to talk about that impact families."

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Israel

By Elena Beca
 Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The first high-level talks between Prime Minister Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, which were supposed to be a way to halt the violence in the Gaza Strip, ended in a stalemate on Tuesday.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian leaders, including Arafat's deputy Saeb Erekat, met in Amman, Jordan, to discuss the violence. The talks were supposed to be a way to renew peace talks, which have been stalled for months during the fighting.

"We are now trying to find an extremely difficult way to end the violence," Peres said after the talks. A Greek Foreign Minister, Papandreou, also attended.

In Israel, security forces were on high alert Tuesday night, with two hours of curfew in Gaza. The violence was not disclosed. The Israeli security chief, Ehud Barak, said the situation was "difficult," and that the security forces were achieving their goals.

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Israelis, Palestinians hold talks in bid to reduce violence

By Elena Becatoros
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — In their first high-level talks since Ariel Sharon took office as Israel's prime minister, Palestinians and Israelis searched Wednesday for a way to halt the latest surge in Mideast violence. But back home, the two sides traded mortar fire in the Gaza Strip.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and two senior Palestinian leaders, Nabil Shaath and Saeb Erekat, said the sides would renew security talks, which have repeatedly broken down during the more than six months of fighting.

"We are now trying to get out of an extremely difficult period," Peres said after a meeting with Greek Foreign Minister George Papandreu.

In Israel, security officials met late Wednesday for about two hours, said Mohammed Dahlan, a Palestinian security chief in Gaza. The exact location was undisclosed. A representative of the CIA took part, he said. Israeli security chiefs and military commanders were present.

Dahlan said the meeting was "difficult," and no agreements were achieved. He said the Palestinians demanded that Israel remove its restrictions on the Palestinians, withdraw tanks and stop the practice of targeted killing of Palestinian activists.

It was the first high-level security meeting in months. Israel believes that security coordination is essential to stop attacks by Palestinian extremists.

Dahlan said his convoy later came under fire from Israeli soldiers as it entered Gaza, and one of his bodyguards was wounded. The Israeli military said Pales-

tinians in three cars opened fire, and Israeli soldiers shot back. The military spokesman's office said Israel was unaware that Dahlan was involved.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the U.S. helped arrange the security session. "We're quite happy to be involved in this way to help facilitate their meeting," he said.

Wednesday's political contacts — the most active since Sharon came to power a month ago — focused on the immediate problem of halting the bloodshed, and not on the collapsed peace talks. Sharon has insisted he will not open any peace negotiations until the violence ends, and in the current hostile atmosphere, a strong majority of Israelis appear to support his hard-line stance.

There appeared little hope of reviving the peace talks in the short term. Both sides have warned the fighting, which has intensified in the past week, could spiral out of control.

Shaath said the aim was to "move toward a just peace with not one Palestinian child, not one Israeli child hurt in the process." But the Palestinians cautioned that no breakthroughs appeared imminent.

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— Saeb Erekat,
senior Palestinian leader

we see things on the ground," Erekat said.

In renewed violence Wednesday, Palestinians fired four mortar shells on the Jewish settlement of Netzarim in central Gaza, but no one was hurt, Israel's army said. Israeli forces answered the fire with several mortar rounds that targeted a nearby Palestinian security base.

In another attempt to reduce tensions, three Israeli lawmakers met Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank city of Ramallah and agreed a way to defuse the crisis had to be found.

"It is very important to have a solution under the political

umbrella to achieve a reduction in the violence," said Naomi Chazan, a member of Israel's dovish Meretz party, which is not affiliated to Sharon's ruling coalition.

With peace talks broken down, President Bush's administration has said it will not mediate as actively as did former President Clinton, and will rely on the Israelis and Palestinians to take the lead in direct talks. But the bloodshed is likely to pressure the Americans to take a more active role.

"The American role is not enough and not acceptable. We need American intervention

now," Mahmoud Abbas, a senior Palestinian leader said in Ramallah.

In Washington, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush "reiterates his call for the violence to end and for the two parties to begin talking, continue talking, so that they can forge a peace agreement."

In Gaza, meanwhile, dozens of settlers from the Gush Katif settlement bloc protested Wednesday, a day after mortars landed inside one of the settlements, spraying shrapnel that seriously injured a 1-year-old Israeli boy, Ariel Yered.

Following surgery, he was in improved condition, the Israeli media reported. His mother, Leah, suffered a broken arm and

shrapnel wounds to the stomach. Following the Palestinian mortar attack Tuesday, Israel retaliated by firing dozens of rockets at five areas in Gaza. Shaath said the attacks left many injured and accused Israel of "escalation, hitting everywhere in Palestine, without any limitations."

Also, Israeli security forces on Wednesday tore down at least seven Palestinian homes, including five in the Hebron area, citing the lack of proper building permits, witnesses said.

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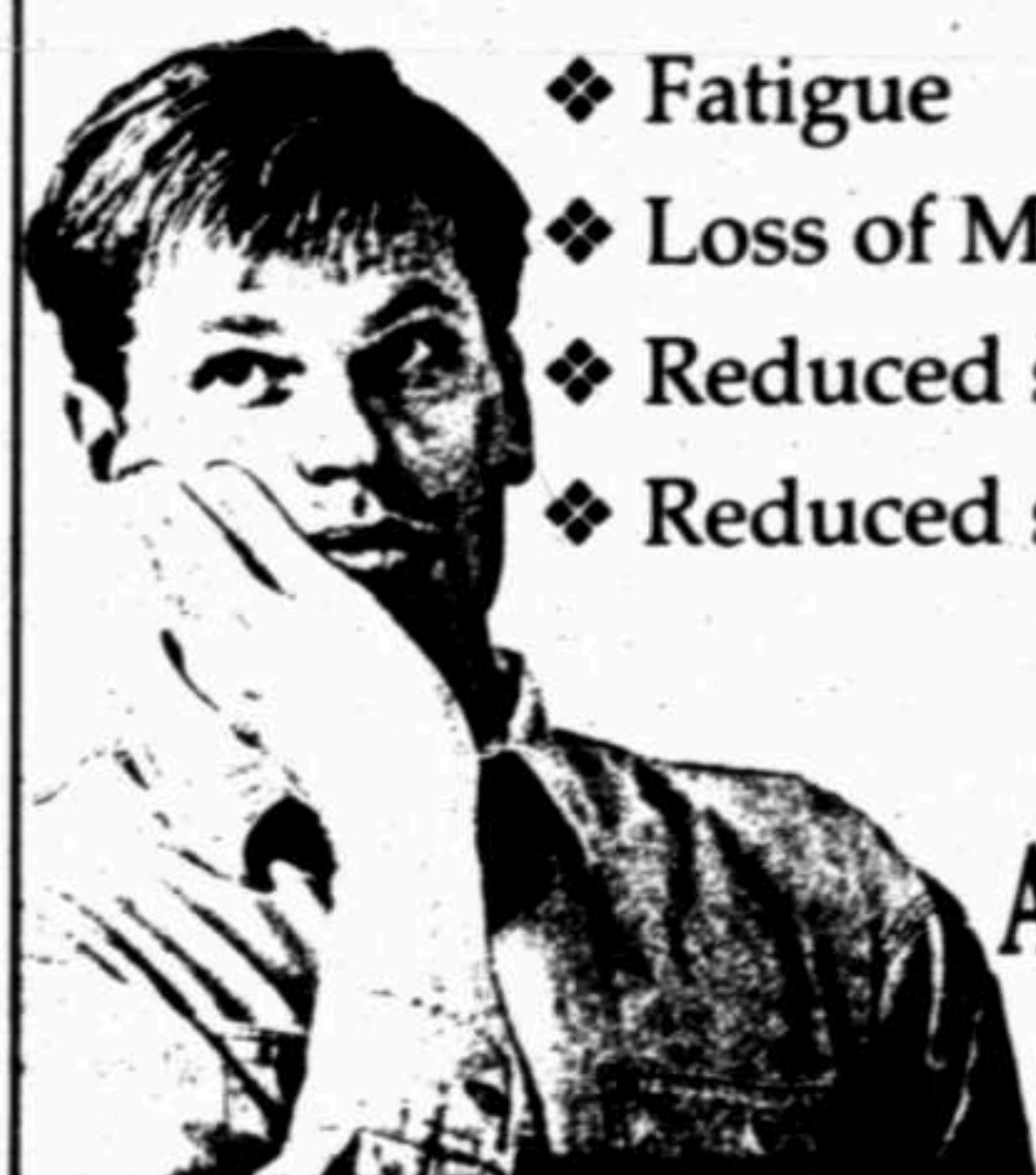
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U.N. demands immediate transfer of Milosevic

By George Jahn
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — The U.N. war crimes tribunal hardened its position Wednesday on Slobodan Milosevic, demanding the former Yugoslav president be immediately surrendered for trial — even as the European Union signaled he can first be prosecuted at home as long as he ultimately answers to the U.N. court.

The senior political adviser to the tribunal, Jean-Jacques Joris, said Yugoslavia "must comply and must transfer Mr. Milosevic."

"It must occur immediately," he told reporters at tribunal headquarters in The Hague, Netherlands.

A senior court official, Hans Holthuis, left for Belgrade on Wednesday to meet with Yugoslav authorities "to clarify the steps that have to be taken to fulfill their legal obligations," the tribunal said in a statement.

In New York, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said Holthuis would hand Yugoslav authorities the tribunal's arrest warrant "to ensure that it is served on the accused."

Milosevic surrendered to police on Sunday and was imprisoned in Belgrade to face charges of corruption and abuse of power during his 13 years in power. He was also charged with inciting his bodyguards to shoot at police during a 26-hour standoff before his arrest.

Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic of Serbia, the dominant Yugoslav republic, said war crimes charges might be added to charges Milosevic already faces in Yugoslavia.

President Vojislav Kostunica has refused to extradite Milosevic, citing a constitutional ban and insisting that his predecessor must face charges before his own people for ruining the country.

Although the United States and its allies insist Milosevic must eventually answer the war crimes charges, the EU appears willing to wait while the Yugoslavs pursue their case against the deposed president.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, the first senior Western official to visit Belgrade since the arrest, said such proceedings would allow Yugoslavs "to hear in full the crimes committed by Milosevic against his people."

Still, ultimately, "he must be handed over to The Hague tribunal to stand justice for his crimes against other people in the region," Cook told reporters. Cook linked further Western aid to compliance with U.N. tribunal, saying "there is a limit" to Western support if Belgrade does not comply.

Despite Western insistence on Milosevic's extradition, the United States and its European allies want to shore up the new democratic government in Yugoslavia.

They appear to be trying to balance their interest in promoting Balkan stability with a desire to see Milosevic brought to justice. With Yugoslavia impoverished after 13 years of economic mismanagement and ruinous wars, the government badly needs Western aid. If it allows poverty to grow, public support of the post-Milosevic authorities might fade, benefiting the Milosevic camp.

The United States agreed after the former president's arrest to release \$50 million in aid.

Following his meeting with Cook, Serbian Justice Minister Vladan Batic said the British official made "no ultimatums" concerning Milosevic's extradition.

Still, the link made by Cook between EU aid and the extradition of Milosevic made clear that pressure remained on Belgrade authorities.

Milosevic, a Serb who presided over nearly a decade of Balkan wars, was indicted in May 1999 for alleged atrocities against Kosovo Albanians. The chief U.N. war crimes prosecutor, Carla Del Ponte, is preparing more indictments, including genocide, for offenses allegedly committed in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia in the early 1990s.

Yugoslav authorities have promised to pass a law permitting the extradition of Yugoslav citizens for trial abroad as early as mid-May.

Yugoslavia will cooperate "in all modalities, including surrender of the suspects to the tribunal," said federal Justice Minister Momcilo Grubac.

The extradition of Yugoslav citizens to the tribunal is now banned by the constitution. Grubac said the new law also envisages various other ways of cooperation, including allowing U.N. investigators to work in Yugoslavia or to take over a war crimes case from Yugoslav courts.



AP Photo

Serbian police unload weapons seized from the mansion of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic after he was arrested, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia Monday. Police displayed a major arsenal, including two armored personnel carriers, 30 automatic weapons, three heavy machine guns, an anti-tank grenade launcher, 23 pistols of varying calibers, 30 rifle grenades, two cases of hand grenades and several cases of machine-gun clips and other ammunition.

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Motran delegation taking efforts to Mexico

By Johnnye Montgomery
MRT Correspondent

In an effort to further promote the establishment of La Entrada al Pacifico, a trade corridor running from Lubbock through Mexico, to Topolobampo, a 16-member delegation of Motran Alliance, Inc. leaves early Friday morning for Los Mochis, in the state of Sinaloa.

Following an 8 a.m. meeting with Juan Millan Lizarraga, governor of Sinaloa, and representatives of Sinaloa's economic development department, the group will hold a brief meeting and press conference at the airport, followed by tours of a food

processing plant, a Delphi factory which produces components for GMC and Los Mochis' industrial park.

Next on the agenda is a lunchtime presentation and question and answer session by Motran's chair, Buddy Sipes, followed by a boat tour of Topolobampo, visits to a granary, and to Mexico's nationalized cement plant, as well as some Pemex facilities and a look at the operations of transportation companies.

Although the delegation will fly into Los Mochis for the initial meetings, the return will be at a more leisurely pace, when they travel inland to Chihuahua City by way of the Sierra Tarahumara, a spec-

tacular route that winds through and around the Barranca de Cobre, or Copper Canyon.

Sipes said he hopes the trip will encourage further dialogue between business entities on both sides of the border as they explore possibilities for warehousing and distribution of goods and services between the two countries.

"This is the railroad that operates south into Mexico, so they will have a seamless railroad corridor for the rail traffic, and the tie with the air terminal in addition to the highway, will offer lots of choices, and will also open the door for tourism going both ways," Sipes said.

Motran (Midland Odessa Transportation Alliance) has been working with Mexican business and government officials for more than 10 years on the joint project, particularly with representatives of the city of Chihuahua, a city of approximately 500,000, which is the capital of Chihuahua, Mexico's largest state. Chihuahua and the Permian Basin are similar in their commercial interests, with Chihuahua serving as commercial hub for ranching and mining, and as the point of embarkation for tours of the Barranca de Cobre.

Sipes and his wife, Dolores, are the only Midlanders in the Motran delegation.

"We've never been in (this part of Mex-

ico) before, but I understand that Copper Canyon is deeper than the Grand Canyon, so I'm looking forward to the trip," Sipes said.

"I think Midland needs to have an appreciation of how far the Mexicans have come in embracing this venture, and how much money they've put into the groundwork for this project.

"They were behind us when we started, and now it looks as if they're going to be ahead of us."

The project Sipes was referring to is the construction of a four-lane divided highway that will connect the northern part of the state of Sinaloa with Texas.

UTPB welcomes new president at convocation

By Timothy V. Kreitz
Staff Writer

ODESSA — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin welcomed its new president-elect, Dr. W. David Watts, during its 25th honors convocation in the UTPB student lounge on Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Watts, who was guest speaker at the event, expressed excitement and enthusiasm at the position he will assume later in the year during a speech to the students and faculty who were being honored.

"I look forward to getting to know the people of this institution and of this community," Watts said. "I am excited and humbled by the possibilities that becoming president of this university will provide."

Watts spoke highly of the university and its faculty, saying everyone associated with the institution — both students and staff — should make it a point to tell those

around them about UTPB's commitment to excellence. "Tell everyone you know that the professors here ... are better than most of the ones at larger institutions," he said. "This is a great time in the history of UTPB."

Among Watts' other speaking points was his belief in the importance of a college education. "College graduates earn an average of \$1.2 million more over the course of their lifetime than a person with (only) a high school diploma," he remarked. "The advantages of a college education provide a golden ring within (a person's) reach."

Other issues addressed by Watts included his desire to make UTPB a driving force in helping to diversify the Permian Basin's oil-driven economy, as well as his belief in the importance of attracting minorities to higher education in the near future.

Watts has been the vice president for academic and student affairs at Jacksonville State University in Alabama since 1996. A native Texan, Watts earned a

bachelor's degree in sociology and English from U.T. Austin, and went on to a master's and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of New York in Buffalo.

Outgoing UTPB president Dr. Charles A. Sorber was presented with an award at the convocation ceremony, recognizing him for various outstanding achievements. The award was presented by faculty senate president Sophia Andres-Barnett, who expressed her personal appreciation for all Sorber had done for the university during his time as president. "We thank you for your hard work and dedication to this university," she said as she presented Sorber with the award.

According to UTPB public information officer Myra Salcedo, some of the achievements during Sorber's eight-year presidency included the development of two academic buildings, the expansion of freshman and sophomore programs, as well as the incorporation of advanced technologies and online instruction programs.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
W. David Watts, UTPB's new president-elect, reacts at Wednesday's honors convocation.

Stabbing suspects returning to Midland

By Dan Bell
Staff Writer

Joe "JJ" Storey and Bill Sadler stood before an Arkansas judge and waived extradition for their alleged role in the March 28 attack on Cecil Carter.

"A contract transport company will return the pair (to Midland) as soon as scheduling can be arranged," said Tina Jauz, Midland's public relations officer.

John Rehavern, public information officer for the North Little Rock, Ark. police department, said Sadler and Storey, both 24, are currently incarcerated in the Pulaski County Jail. Rehavern said both men are held without bond by North Little Rock authorities.

Sadler and Storey face Midland charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, the result of the their alleged early morning invasion of the Griffin St. residence owned by Storey's estranged wife, Stefani Storey. Carter, Mrs. Storey's boyfriend and a guest in the home, suffered multiple stab wounds during the incident. He was rushed to

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Area charities found with food violations

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Four area charitable agencies that distribute food will have to wait until April 10 to receive additional food stock.

Three Midland agencies and one Odessa agency were both found to have several violations regarding the care and delivery of their food, according to officials.

Executive director of the Odessa Food Bank Dolly Neff said the incidents were minor yet they were still in violation of some of the guidelines set by the bank and its food donors.

"I don't want anybody to think that these agencies are not top of the line agencies," Ms. Neff said. "It's gotten blown out of proportion. These agencies are fine agencies and they do wonderful work. Praise God that we have people helping people."

Due the violations, additional food delivery to the agencies in question will stop until April 10 when the agencies in question as well as all other Food Bank affiliated agencies in the area will attend

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ABOVE: New Brighton's Fort Perch Rock faces the Irish Sea. The seaside community is one of the cities organized into the Wirral. AT RIGHT: Melanie Daniel puts on make-up before a performance of 'Big Blondes' at the Pacific Road Theatre in the Wirral, Great Britain.

Story by Linda
Thorsen Bond
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Sister Cities ... great siblings for Midland

Editor's note: A group of Midlanders recently returned from a visit to The Wirral, England, Midland's Sister City. Midland community leader Linda Thorsen Bond was among the local delegation. This is her account of the visit.

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Midland has forged Sister City links with four cities: The Wirral, England; New Amsterdam, Guyana; Dongying, China and Chihuahua, Mexico. Sister Cities are generally established as economic development tools, but often begin with a cultural exchange.

That's where I come in. I love the stuff we call cultural — art, and the people who make it, theatre, film, museums, architecture, history, people singing.

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Local retirees uphappy at prospect of postal service cuts

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

Midlanders may be seeing less and less of their mail and mail services if the latest budget cuts lead to big changes in the U.S. Postal Service.

In a study released Wednesday, the loss of Saturday mail service, a reduction in staff and the closing of postal offices were just some of the suggestions top Postal Services officials were studying on Wednesday in an effort to end their budget problems.

"A seriously weakening postal system would find it more and more difficult to carry the full load of universal service,"

said Postmaster General William Henderson as he addressed the House Government Reform Committee. "Can we reasonably expect at this point that the Postal Service will regain the steady progress it has made in the 1990s without a major modernizing reform? I doubt it."

Last year was the first time in 5 years that the post office was in the red. The postal system had a \$199 million loss last year. Officials are predicting darker days ahead if immediate action is not taken.

With rising costs due to wage rate increases larger than the rate of inflation, rising fuel prices, greater competition and increasing use of electronic alternatives like

the Internet, the Post Office is finding itself falling behind and, potentially, falling into more debt. Postal Officials say they face a loss of \$2 billion to \$3 billion this fiscal year despite the recent postage rate increase.

The prospect of losing Saturday service left a bad taste in many Midlanders' mouths. Area retirees who often do not use modern outlets such as electronic mail to communicate and rely on the postal service for their information were left feeling frustrated about the prospect of seeing their mail services reduced.

"I think it's a disservice to the American people," said Lucille Puckett of Mid-

land, who was with her mail walkers group on Wednesday at Midland Park Mall. "I think everyday is important. I live alone and I look forward to the mail."

Ms. Puckett's fellow walkers — also retirees — agreed that a loss in Saturday mail service as well as the potential to loss of other services would upset them. Midlander Ann Euston said she just couldn't understand how the postal service was losing so much money and why cutting Sat-

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Ed TODD

It's so easy to be a fatso: The trials of shaping up

Change the gender and I could sing this fun, old 1947 song, "Too Fat Polka," to myself while standing on the scales and lamenting the pounds:

I don't want her. You can have her. She's too fat for me.

Arthur Godfrey and the Andrews Sisters sang that 1940s song long before "politically correct" became vogue and almost comical, though, in instances, quite proper.

The popular old song, which I'm sure I heard over the old vacuum-tube radio many a time, was catchy and entertaining like a lot of songs boys sang back then and, maybe, today along with the girls.

One hundred bottles of beer on the wall, a hundred bottles of beer. Take one down, pass it around. Ninety-nine bottles of beer on the wall.



Todd

That tune probably didn't make the charts. But the "too-fat-for-me" lyrics came to mind after half a century of not hearing any rendition of the song mainly because I'm getting that way — fat.

Now, based on a formula I picked up from the aerobics physician, Dr. Kenneth Cooper, I'm right at 15 percent overweight. That's not too good. It's plainly too fat to my notion but not yet into the fatso level.

In a practical and stylistic sense, which is hardly my forte, I have noticed that my pants, including trousers and blue jeans, which used to be too roomy at the waist are now stretching beyond their limits. Waist latches are tearing from their mooring, the waist buttons in instances are not to be buttoned, and most of my pants for now are unquestionably unwearable. And I just had them dry-cleaned and/or washed, starched, and ironed. There is virtually no zipping or buttoning possible. And I often find that I wear sweaters or vests that covers up the waist line and reveals not the unbuttoned waist eyelets.

Now, according to guidelines set up by the National Institutes of Health, my weight based on a height at 5-foot-8 places my poundage way out of the top end of the "healthy" ranged by more than 10 pounds but almost 30 pounds from the obesity threshold.

Well, I suspect the wardrobe issue will take care of itself, especially if I do that which I ought to do and that which I have done before over and over for years.

And that, simply but not always too easily, is to eat right — properly, sensibly, healthily, and all that — and, yes, to exercise and exercise more and more.

From my vantage, plain-and-natural and untampered-with unrefined foods, perhaps spiced up with herbs, would be best. Here's an old-time winner: brown rice and beans — pinto, red or black — or lentils flavored with tomatoes, perhaps, and a side-order of colorful stuff from the garden and orchard.

What got my attention most recently was a box of puffed whole grains and seed: oats, rice, rye, wheat, triticale, buckwheat, barley, and sesame.

On back of the carton were testimonials from folks who had lost a bunch of weight by "maintaining an active, healthy lifestyle." By comparison, my excess 20-plus pounds seemed so trivial.

But it's not, not really. Now, for a fellow who, from time to time, has sought the vegetarian lifestyle, I can tell you a sure-fire formula for putting on weight and doing all sorts of unhealthy things to the body inside and out: take in a generous supply of sugared soft drinks, fat hamburgers, fat-fried French-fried potatoes, rich ice cream, and dark chocolate.

Fat, fat, fat. And, just as sure, for me I know how to bring that weight down to healthy levels and to get fit and trim and all that: greatly heightening those running and bicycling miles and eating and drinking wholesome foods.

It's pretty plain and simple if only something — action as opposed to doing nothing — is done about it.

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

OBITUARIES

Clem H. Roberts

Clem H. Roberts, 74, passed away March 30, 2001 in Tyler. Funeral services were 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2001 at the Cathedral Immaculate Conception. Father Arturo Pestin will officiate. Burial will be 4 p.m. Thursday, April 5, 2001 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home.

He was born July 7, 1926 in Tyler to Grace Simpson Roberts and Joseph J. Roberts. Mr. Roberts was a graduate of Tyler High School and a 1948 graduate of the University of Texas-Austin. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland, TX, the Knights of Columbus, and several professional organizations. He was a veteran of the Air Force in WWII and a geologist.

Mr. Roberts was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Bass Roberts, in 1967; and his second wife, Patricia Ann Roberts, in 1998; and by his parents, Grace Simpson Roberts and Joseph J. Roberts, Sr.; his sister, Catherine Shelton; and his brother, Walton Roberts.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary E. "Liz" Roberts of Farmers Branch, TX, Rebecca R. Powell and her husband, Bert, of Tyler, Jennifer R. Broome and her husband, Jerry, of Tyler; one son, Clem H. Roberts of Irving, TX; two grandchildren, James Broome of Tyler and Jacob Broome of Tyler; one brother, Joseph J. Roberts Jr. of Tyler; one stepson, Michael Towers and wife, Joyce, of Pipe Creek, TX; and three stepgrandchildren, Katy, Jill and Jordan Towers of Pipe Creek, TX.

Honorarys are James McClain, Lorenzo Taylor, Rex Reitz, John Caldwell, Tom Caldwell, Jimmy Reynolds, and Wade Ridley.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to either Hospice of Tyler, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 or Humane Society of Smith County 1823 Rd. 386,

Tyler, TX 75701 or to the charity of your choice.



Antonia Gomez Quiroz

Antonia Gomez Quiroz was born January 17, 1946 in El Mulato, Chihuahua, Mexico to Bonifacio and Julia Quiroz. Antonia and her husband, Alfonso Gomez, had lived in Andrews for the past 30 years. She was a member of Filadelfia Assembly of God Church in Andrews.

She died at a local hospital on April 1, 2001.

She is survived by her husband, Alfonso Gomez of Andrews; her son, Amanda Gomez of Andrews; her daughters, Sally Mancha and her husband, Ray of San Antonio, Sonia Garcia and her husband, Hector, of Midland, Karla Gomez of Midland, and Karol Mendoza and her husband, Adam of Andrews; her mother, Julia Quiroz of Midland; her brothers, Eulogio Quiroz and Ignacio Quiroz, both of Midland; her sisters, Elpidia Lopez, Macaria Ramirez, and Martina Rivera, all of Midland; 7 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Tuesday, April 3, at 2:00 PM at Ellis Funeral Home and on Wednesday, April 4, at 5:00 PM at Templo Jerusalem Assembly of God

Church, at 1205 S. Belmont. Funeral services will be on Thursday at 10:00 AM at Templo Jerusalem Assembly of God Church with Reverend Samuel Emiliano and Evangelist Fernando De Luna officiating. Interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Armando Gomez, Saul Levario, David Ortiz, Arturo Pando, Jr., Steven Hernandez, and Daniel Lopez.



Billye R. Stewart

Following cremation, there will be a brief memorial service 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 6, 2001, at Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel for Ms. Billye R. Stewart. Reverend Bob Porterfield will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

Ms. Stewart was born June 14, 1925 in Wichita Falls, Texas to T.W. "Buddy" Rudder and Dell Creamer Rudder. She owned and operated night clubs in Midland and Odessa since the 1940's.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, T.W. Rudder Jr.; one sister, Lois Rudder and Dell Creamer Rudder; her first husband, Delbert Booth and J.W. "Bubba" Stewart.

She is survived by one daughter, Sandye Booth Pierce; two

grandsons, Vernon Pierce of Clarksville, Tennessee and Victor Pierce of Midland; four great-grandchildren, Patrick Pierce of Tennessee, Robert Pierce and Christopher Pierce of Oklahoma, and Angelique Pierce of Midland; one great-granddaughter, Ariel Pierce of Tennessee.

Ms. Stewart died at her residence, peacefully in her sleep, she was a Christian with a strong faith.

Honorary pallbearers will be Neal Eppinger, Don Brookshire, Jerry Lee Bradley, Larry White, Lynn Hedges, Ben Weirich, Les King, and Jimmy Hopper.

The family urges that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Hospice of Midland.

Visitation will follow service at "The Place".

Jamie Beth Jackson Clifton

Jamie Beth Jackson Clifton died Monday, April 2, 2001 at a local medical hospital. She had suffered from colon cancer for nearly two years.

A memorial service has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 6, 2001 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with Reverend Stockton Williams officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Jamie Jackson Clifton was born September 17, 1953 in Ft. Worth, Texas to James Robert and Betty Ruth Jackson. She was reared and educated in Midland, Texas and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1971. On May 7, 1983, she married Bill Clifton in Norse, Bosque County, Texas.

Jamie was preceded in death by her mother, Betty Jackson. She is survived by her husband, Bill Clifton; 4 sons, David Clifton, John Clifton, Lyle Clifton and George William Clifton, all of Midland; her stepson, Jacob Clifton of Houston, Texas; her father, James Robert Jackson, of Midland; a brother, Dr. George R. Jackson of Los Angeles, California; and her sister, Julie Underiner of Qatar.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

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

Hulda Case

PARDEEVILLE — Hulda E. Case, age 98 of Pardeeville passed away on Tuesday, April 3, 2001 at the St. Mary's hospital in Madison.

Hulda was born on July 21, 1902 in Menominee, Michigan, the daughter of Gustav and Eleanor (Johannson) Salem. She attended school in Menominee, until third grade, when her family moved to Portage. After graduation from High School, Hulda attended Stevens Point and completed her High School Teachers Training Course. Her first teaching job was in Almond, WI in 1924. In 1927 she moved to Bismarck, N.D. to teach Jr. High math. Hulda then worked at the Portage Creamery for 11 years until 1941, as a bookkeeper.

She was united in marriage to Alverne D. Case on February 10, 1940 in Portage, WI. He preceded her in death on June 11, 1981.

Hulda taught 4th grade in Pardeeville from 1950 until retiring in 1969.

Hulda was a member of the United Methodist Church in Pardeeville, the retired Teachers Association, Star of Bethlehem Eastern Star of Portage and former member of the Pardeeville Study Club. Hulda held a Bible study in her home for many years. She is known for her cookie baking.

Hulda has made cookies for family, shut-ins, Christmas gifts and

church functions. When you would go to Hulda's, the cookie jar was always full. She had her cookie recipes in a cookbook called "Hulda's Cookie Jar". Hulda was an educator. Not only through teaching, but by example. She was a pillar of the church and community. She enjoyed reading, visiting at nursing homes, but most dear to her was her family.

Funeral services for Hulda Case will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Pardeeville. Pastor Dennis Weis will officiate. Burial will follow in the Pardeeville on Friday, from 3-7 p.m. and at the church on Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. until time of service.

Hulda is survived by her son, Richard (Roberta) Case of Midland, Texas, daughter, Ellen (Robert) Hull of Sun Prairie; grandchildren Katherine Case, David Case, Rebecca (Paul) Tidberg and Richard Hull (Stacy Walker); sister-in-law, Blanche Salem of Delavan; nieces, nephews, other near relatives and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers and sisters, Anna Pallin, Esther Smith, Ellen Dissmore, Richard Salem, Arthur Salem and Carleton "Goldie" Salem.

Memorials may be made in Hulda's name to the United Methodist Church in Pardeeville or to World-vision — P.O. Box 70200 Toco-ma, WA 98481

DEATH NOTICES

Georgia Bray

Georgia Warene Wise Bray died in Midland Wednesday, April 4. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Leo McCollum

Leo McCollum died in Midland on Tuesday. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Percival Oxford

Percival Oxford died in Midland on Wednesday. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Ashlyn and Brian Stroope

Ashlyn and Brian Stroope, infant twins of Billy and Joni Stroope, died Wednesday, April 4, at a local hospital. Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Betty Lynn

HOBBS, N.M. — Betty L. Lynn, 74, died Wednesday, April 4, in a Hobbs hospital. Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Jean Brummett

BIG SPRING — Jean Brummett, 60, died Wednesday, April 4, in Temple. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Andrew Garza

Andrew Garza, 34, died Wednesday afternoon at a local hospital. Services are pending with Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Eldon Truex

Eldon Truex died in Midland

on Wednesday. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Willie Hill

Funeral services for Willie D. Hill Jr. will be Friday, April 6, at 10:30 a.m., at St. James Baptist Church located at 300 S. Hancock in Odessa. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He was born in Paris May 11, 1948, the only child of Willie D. Hill, Sr., and Hattie Bell Haynes.

He married Kathrine Taylor Sept. 12, 1978 in Odessa. He worked for ECISD for eight years in the maintenance department.

He is survived by his wife, Kathrine Taylor Hill.

Cecilia Hull

SAN ANGELO — Cecilia Patricia Hull, 5, died April 1 in San Angelo.

Graveside services are scheduled for 3 p.m. today, April 5, at Lawnhaven Cemetery with Rev. H. Grosse Mohler, of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

She was born Nov. 2, 1995 and was a pre-school student at Hollman Elementary School.

Survivors include her parents, Gene and Martha Brewer Hull; sister, Kelly Hull; brothers, Robert

and Joseph Hull; grandparents, H.G. "Bub" and Pat Brewer of Midland.

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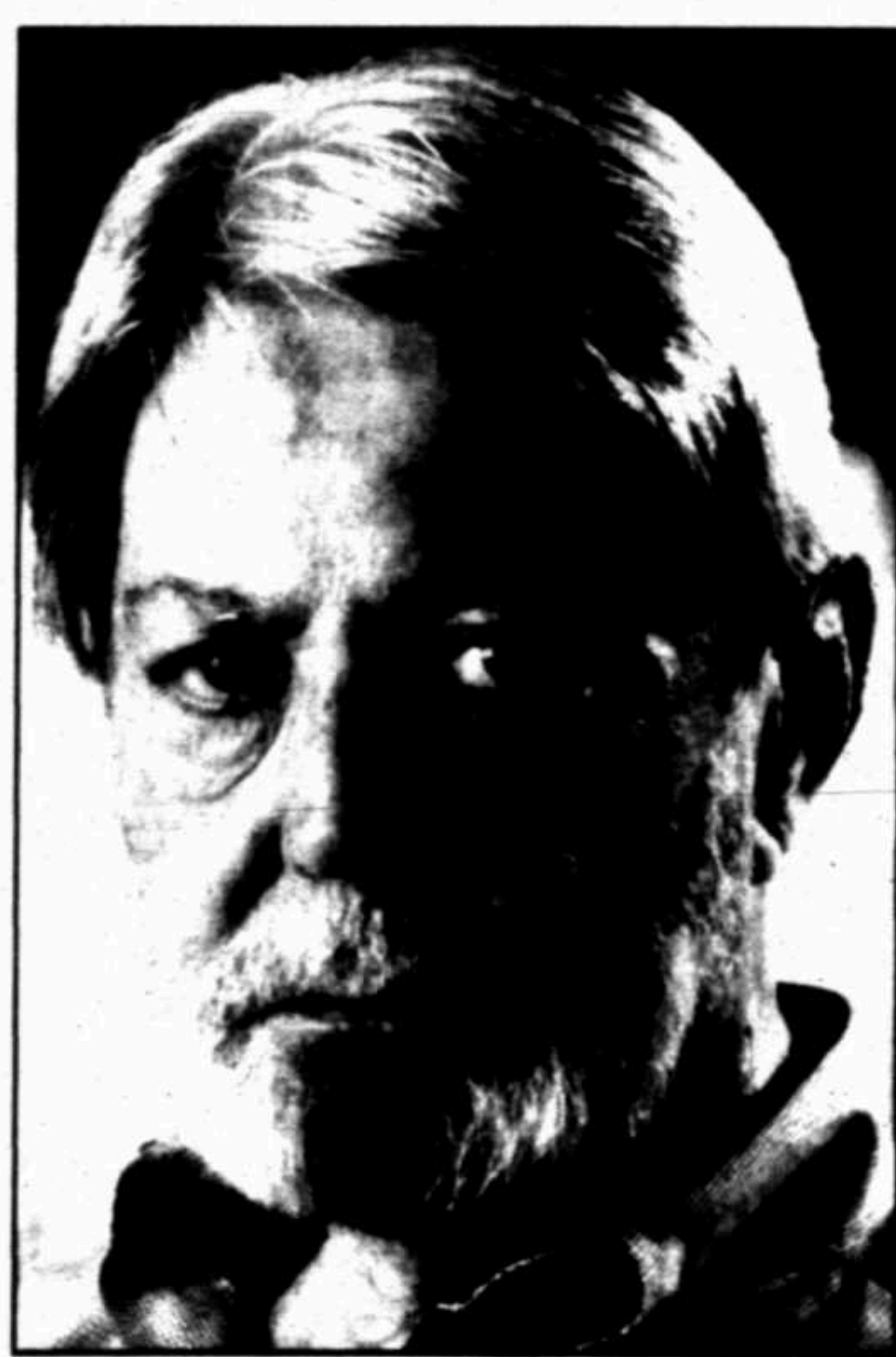
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Shelby Dade Foote, Jr., was born Nov. 17, 1916 in Greenville, Mississippi, which he called home for much of his early life.

Although he began his career as a novelist, Foote's three-volume *The Civil War: A Narrative* is his most recognized work. In *The Civil War*, Burns capitalized on Foote's engaging storytelling style. Foote is widely viewed as an authority on the Civil War, and more generally, as a representative of an era and region whose place continues to be central to our country's understanding of itself.



Mr. Foote will speak on "The Novelist as Historian"

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Area briefs

Vehicle auction

The City of Midland will be holding an Abandoned Vehicle Auction Saturday at Action Wrecker, 1109 S. Midland Drive.

Vehicles and bicycles for

auction will be ready for inspection at 8 a.m. the day of the auction. Buyers can also begin registering at that time.

Bicycle auctioning will start at 9 a.m., vehicle auctioning will begin at 10 a.m.

FOOD: Deliveries to violators halted

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a mandatory training session.

"The seriousness is we have to get in compliance or it will affect every charity within 22 counties," Ms. Neff said.

Some of the violations the agencies committed included problems with not distributing commodities monthly, not issuing enough commodities for the volume on hand, not having proper documentation, not moving the food out quickly enough, not maintaining proper temperature controls and storage policies and several others.

According to a notice that was sent out to all area agencies, some agencies had various infractions involving religious questions on intake forms. Others had problems with selling, bartering or trading food. There were also some possible Privacy Act violations involving taking food bank clients social security numbers. The memo outlined the need for the mandatory meeting.

Odesa Food Bank affiliates have to comply to a host of guidelines are rules, said Ms. Neff. Along with just dealing with the Food and Drug Administration,

charities must be in compliance with the food donors — state and corporate, the Internal Revenue Service as well as others. The food bank itself has to comply with the same rules as the affiliates.

Ms. Neff said she along with another Food Bank representative did "walk-throughs" of six area facilities that were in question. Two were in Odessa and four were in Midland. Ms. Neff compared the walk-throughs to a restaurant's health inspection. On-site visits are required every two years.

"We have them more often if we see reasons," she said. "If I'm in violation that's the same thing they have to do with me."

Ms. Neff, who would not release the name of the agencies in question, said that overall these charitable agencies are good agencies that just need to do some revisions and get some more training.

"It's kind of like the health department coming into a restaurant," she said. "It's serious to us because we all want to be in compliance at all times. Nobody does anything on purpose. Most of it is because I think we're very, very busy. Those charities have been so busy. Maybe everything wasn't so perfect."

Civil War expert to speak tonight

By Luis Garcia

Staff Writer

Free tickets are still available for the semi-annual lecture series at Midland College.

The Midland College Foundation and the Davison Distinguished Lecture Series Committee will be hosting a talk by Shelby Foote tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Chaparral Center.

Foote, a well known Civil War historian, will present a lecture entitled "The Novelist as a Historian."

Foote was propelled to national fame when he provided the commentary to Ken Burns' 1990 series "Civil War."

Foote is known for his deep engagement with the South. He was born in Greenville, Miss., in 1916. He attended the University of North Carolina, where he wrote short stories and book reviews for the university's "Carolina Magazine."

After World War II, Foote returned to Greenville, spending

time on his own stories.

Foote's most recognized written work is "The Civil War: A Narrative" series. Using the money from his 1955 Guggenheim Fellowship, he worked on the trilogy first volume, "Fort Sumter to Perryville," a 400,000-word account, which was published in 1958. Foote finished the second volume, "Fredericksburg to Meridian," by 1963. Foote published "Red River to Appomattox," the final volume of the trilogy, in 1974.

Three years after finishing "The Civil War," Foote published "September, September," a novel that features poor whites in the South utilizing Orville Faubus' 1957 tactics to kidnap a Memphis black child.

Tonight's event will be held at 7:30 at the Chaparral Center.

Free tickets can be picked up at the Midland College Foundation office, located in the Pevehouse Building on the Midland College campus.

For more information, contact Cynthia Morales, at 685-4526.

MAIL: Post Office lost \$199 million last year

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urday service would seem like a viable solution.

"I just wonder why," Ms. Euston said. "They've increased our stamps. They built new buildings. And the retirement their employees have is just wonderful."

Among the group of walkers, most of them lamented that it would be hard to give up their Saturday mail service. LaVelle Stewart said she often used Saturday to mail things like birthday cards and other items that may have gotten overlooked during the week.

The group was also concerned about losing more post offices and

postal employees. Many complained about the long lines they already have to endure when they go to mail bills or packages.

While most felt the Post Service should be able to find another option other than cutting Saturday service, walker Margaret Lance of Midland did admit that she hardly mails letters anymore because of the easier and cheaper option of email.

"I hardly use stamps anymore," Ms. Lance said. "Because I do use email all the time, but that's why they need to work on Saturday to make up for that."

A separate group of retirees also admitted that they would miss their

Saturday service if it was taken away, but commented that often their Saturday mail — as well as most of their mail — is only junk mail anyway.

"I'd miss it because I'm used to it, but if it helps us keep getting the other days," then that would be good, said retiree Carl Banks. "But I enjoy getting it on Saturdays. No question about that."

Since the Postal Service is considered part of the federal government, the constitution only allows for it to ask for a one-cent rate increase per year. The Postal Services also receives no taxpayers' money. The American Postal Workers Union, which has

366,000 members nationwide, has come out against the changes outlined by the Postal Service study. Union officials said they would vigorously oppose such changes, which would require congressional approval.

Still, despite Henderson's statements and the Post Office's financial woes, the mail walkers remained unmoved.

"I think if they're going to cut it (Saturday service) out, stamps should be down to 5 cents," said another walker, Margert Lance of Midland.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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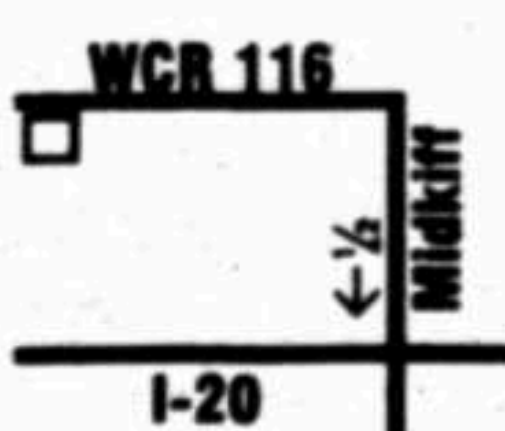
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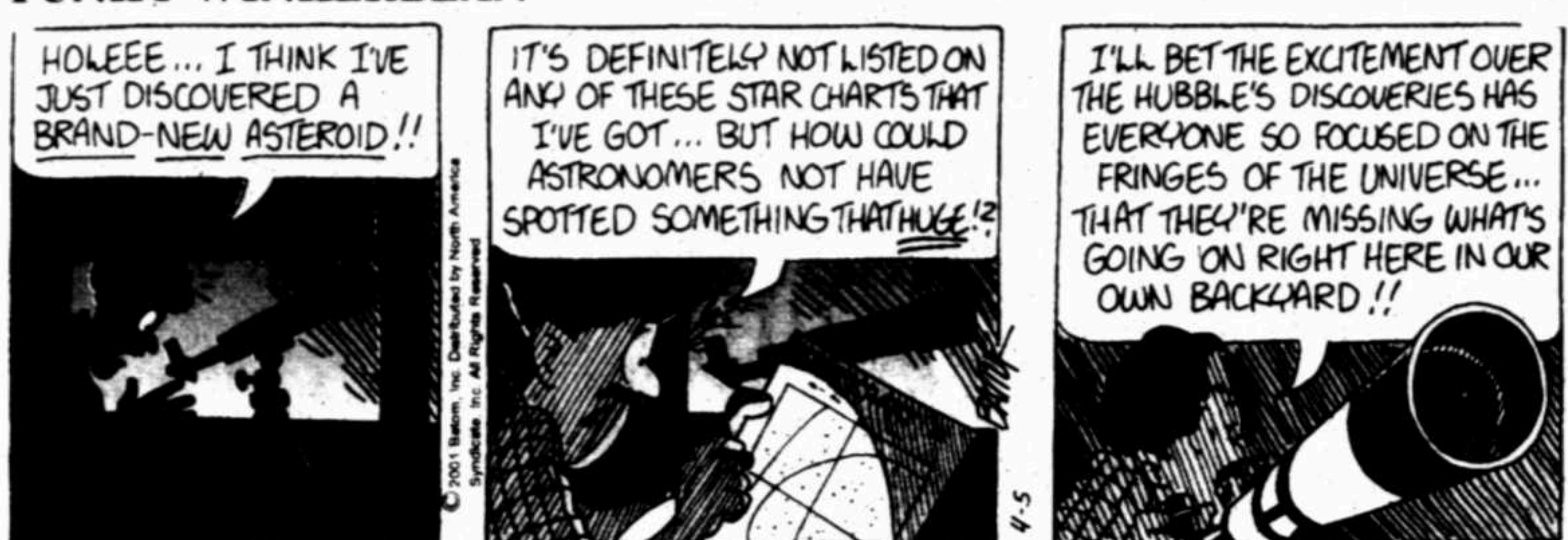
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WIRRAL: British call Sister City arrangements 'twinning'

(From 1B)

dancing or reciting poetry. And I like to drag large groups of people with me wherever I go.

Sister Cities are my cup of tea. I've toasted my hosts in China, helped put together an art exchange in the Wirral, organized Sister City events at Celebration of the Arts and learned "hello" and "thank you" in many languages. Even better, for me, this year the musical Rob Hunt and I wrote, Big Blondes, was presented in our British Sister City over Spring Break.

If anybody asks you to go on a Sister City trip, I say tell them yes. It doesn't mean you'll have a free trip. Not at all. But you'll be in the company of people who will humble you by their hospitality.

Travelers to the Wirral March 11-19 included the cast of "Big Blondes," Melanie Fry, Melanie Daniel, Amy Venable and Heather Richetto-Rumley; the crew, Vidal Cavazos, Karan Young and Jill Counts; and Jimmy Young, Bruce Partain, Nancy and Chuck Swallow, Marcus and Cindi Johnston, Gwen and Jim Ware, Carol and John Kullman, Peggy and Ellen

Thorsen, Tina and Megan Mocksfield, Lynn and Arliss Semrud and Melody and Lauren Drinkard.

David Hunt is the head of Wirral Direct, which promotes economic development for the borough of Wirral much like our chamber of commerce does for Midland. The Wirral is an association of cities on a peninsula across the River Mersey from Liverpool. I think of it this way: just as our own Permian Basin contains cities such as Midland, Odessa, Stanton and Monahans, the Wirral is a big area that contains lots of cities, such as Chester, Birkenhead, New Brighton and Port Sunlight.

David and the Wirral Direct staff made all arrangements for us and for another group of Midlanders, who preached in Wirral pulpits as a part of a Ministerial Exchange. He even arranged a dinner where we met with the Midland pastors on the one night our trips overlapped.

Wirral Direct coordinated the big events for us — a glittering gala of Big Blondes and a black-tie dinner hosted by Mayor Kate Wood on St. Patrick's Day. They responded to our requests — Midland teachers Karan Young

and Melanie Daniel were taken to visit schools and Bruce Partain and Jimmy Young went behind the scenes at a business incubator and industrial sites. Nancy and Chuck Swallow, who are both involved in recreation, got to tour Prenton Park, home of the Tranmere Rovers professional soccer team.

But it was the special touches that were so exciting. We didn't just tour the Wirral, we did it in an antique double-decker bus. Our walking tour of Chester took us into the basement level of a building, through a shop on its street-level floor and into a private living room on the top floor. We were enthralled by deputy project manager Andy Mahn, who led us through a cramped, rusted WWII German U-534 submarine and told us the story of the crew's last, panicked moments before the ocean. We went to a concert performed by Alan Price, who sang the songs popular when he was in the Animals. ("We've Got to Get Out of This Place") then had drinks with him at our hotel. Before we boarded the ferry to Liverpool, David had trays of sandwiches and pots of tea waiting for us at the ferry

depot. Now that's hospitality!

Pacific Road Theatre is newly opened in a historic tram warehouse in Birkenhead. The theatre seats about 250 at tables, and Big Blondes sold out for both performances. The staff was friendly, cooperative and professional. It's a great facility and versatile enough to be used for many kinds of activities. Phil Williams, the manager of the Liverpool Beatles Band and owner of Stage Management Services, coordinated technical aspects and kept our Midland crew hopping.

Lynn Sterling of Wirral Direct called our show "a brilliant success." We were just thrilled the audiences understood the songs and got the jokes. The cast loved signing autographs, as if they were the famous characters (Mae West, Marlene Dietrich and Marilyn Monroe) that they played. Melanie Daniel (our Bonnie) was a great hit: some audience members said her red hair made her a winner with the locals, because "there are more Irish in this part of England than in Ireland!"

The British call Sister City arrangements "twinning." Our

twins over in England are much like us. They love to be entertained, and they love to entertain. They seek economic diversification. They are proud of their cities and hope we will find them pleasing. They delight in showing the kindness to strangers.

That said, I have to admit to one troublesome worry — what we can do to equal their hospitality

when our new Sister City friends come over here?

Linda Thorsen Bond is executive director of Arts Assembly of Midland and playwright of the musical "Big Blondes." She is not related to either Linda Thorsen of the Avengers or James Bond.

STAB: Suspects waived extradition

(From 1B)

Midland Memorial Hospital's emergency room by Mrs. Storey and was initially listed in critical condition. Carter's health rapidly improved and he was released from the hospital March 31.

Following the attack on Carter, her husband scooped up their 5-year-old son, Steven, and with Sadler in tow, fled out the front door of her home and into a white Chevrolet pickup truck. Mrs. Storey said.

The two men allegedly exchanged the Chevrolet truck for a different pickup truck and

drove through Texas, with Storey's son as a passenger, across the Arkansas state line and into North Little Rock, Sadler's boyhood home.

According to North Little Rock authorities, the pair were apprehended March 30 in Sadler's parents' home, located on the outskirts of the city. North Little Rock is separated from Little Rock, Arkansas' state capital, by the Arkansas River.

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GEOWEEK Have monarch butterflies returned to Mexico?

Shortly after the Mexican Día de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead) and the American holiday of Halloween, monarch butterflies by the hundreds of millions begin nesting in the trees of the Oyamel fir forests in the central Mexican highlands. Exhausted by their migration of as much as 3,000 miles (4,828 kilometers), they will spend winter protected by the trees before flying north again in the spring. This is the cycle of the monarchs, one that has probably endured for millennia. But now the monarchs are confronting two of the most deadly threats a species can face — the loss of both food supply and habitat.

The Mexican logging industry is eyeing the trees of the Oyamel, and logging efforts are moving higher into the insects' habitat. Without the fir trees as buffers, the monarchs would quickly die in even a mild winter. Equally troubling is the loss of the milkweed plant, a weed in the eyes of most of the world but the single food supply of the monarchs. As more forestland is cleared and pesticides are used to clear out weeds, the threat of starvation of the butterflies becomes more real.

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'Hounds open season in Round Rock

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Much like the rest of the Texas League, the Midland RockHounds have had plenty of firepower in their hitting lineup over the last two years. What may separate the 'Hounds from the rest of the pack this year is that they look to have the solid pitching staff and plenty of Texas League veterans to finally get over the hump and possibly into the post-season.

Last season the 'Hounds finished the year with a 70-69 record and were hurt by inconsistency. It seemed when the 'Hounds were hitting well, the

Todd Mensik, left, and Jacques Landry bring their potent bats back to Christensen Stadium for another season with the Midland RockHounds.

U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

pitchers struggled. And when the pitchers shined, the batters struggled getting the timely hits, especially with runners in scoring position. When both areas clicked, the RockHounds looked almost unbeatable.

The 'Hounds hope to get out of the blocks with a good start when they travel to face the Round Rock Express at 7:05 p.m. today for the beginning of a six game series at the Dell Diamond and part of a 10-game road trip which also takes the 'Hounds to San Antonio to start the 2001 season.

"This is a big series," said RockHounds manager Tony DeFrancesco, who returns for his third year at the helm of the Midland ball club. "I look at the

(Express) roster and they have a lot of players coming back. It's very tough to win there because they get the crowd on their side late in the game.

"What we need to do is play some consistent ball and get off to a good start, which we haven't done the last two years."

"We would love to come back here 8-2, or at worse 7-3, that would be real nice," said returning RockHound Todd Mensik, whose team will have its home opener on Easter Sunday against Round Rock. "Getting off to a good start is always very important because you kind of keep it rolling. Baseball is a game of streaks and if we kind of limit the long losing streaks and kind of up those winning streaks, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out we'll be there in the end."

Going on the mound tonight is Aaron Harang. Please see 'HOUNDS/4C



Lady Rebs add to tiny cushion over SA Central

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

ODESSA — Midland Lee got a double dose of good news at Odessa Country Club Wednesday in Round III of the girls' District 4-5A Golf Tour.

Lee fired a team score of 349 while San Angelo Central had a round of 352. The Lady Rebels now own a 901 total for three rounds, five strokes better than Central.

Abilene Cooper is actually the 4-5A leader by 12 strokes over Lee, but eyes seem to be falling on Lee and Central since the top two teams in the district earn a Region I berth in Lubbock on April 14-15 at the Meadowbrook Golf Course.

Lee went into Wednesday's third round with a meager two-stroke margin over Central for that important second slot, but increased that margin by three more strokes.

Now, the 4-5A tour moves to Abilene Country Club on Monday for the final round.

"We held on and we have one more round to go," said Lee golf coach Phyllis Sutton. "It's going to be a battle right down to the end. I'd really like to be leading by more than five strokes going into that last round. That isn't much of a lead in team golf."

The other good news for Lee was that Federica Billig, a foreign exchange student from Uruguay, maintained a steady grip on first place in the medalist competition.

Billig shot an 80 to keep her six-stroke lead over 4-5A's defending medalist Laura Cutbirth of Abilene High. Cutbirth, like Billig, produced an 80 on Wednesday.

"Being the defending champion can play for you or against you," Cutbirth said. "I have six strokes to make up and we are playing on my home course. I can't take that for granted because I have a lot of shots to make up, but the ball can go anywhere for either of us."

Cutbirth probably thought she might be able to cruise to a back-to-back title, but Billig came on to the scene as an unknown to West Texas golf.

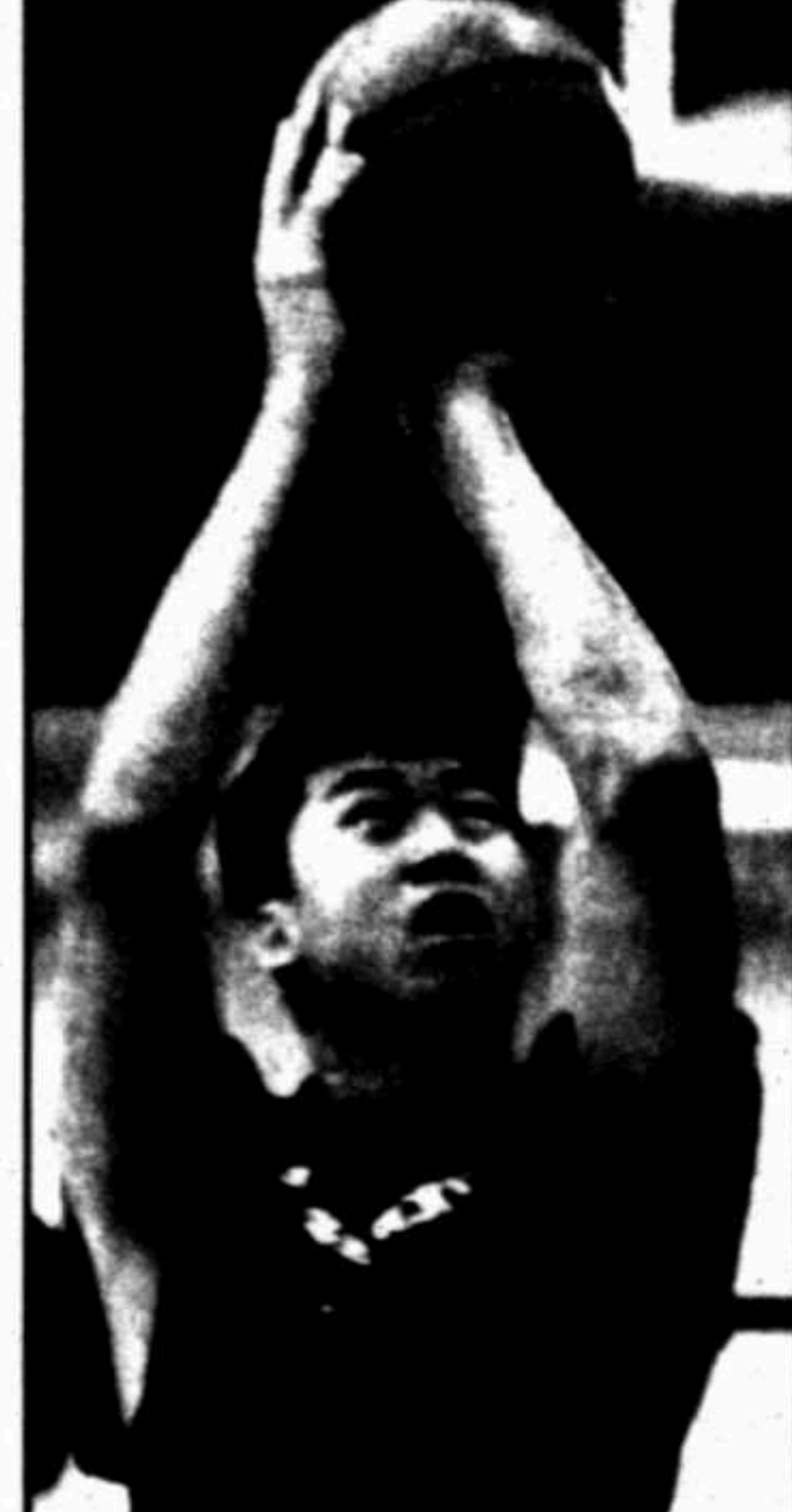
"Eight months ago, I never dreamed about someone like Federica playing in this district," Cutbirth said. "I thought I would have to beat other people. But I'm really glad she came because it makes

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Mavs introduce long-awaited Chinese center

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Wang Zhizhi was smiling and holding up his No. 16 Dallas Mavericks jersey when Don Nelson slapped him on the back and offered his first bit of coaching.



AP Photo
Wang Zhizhi shoots during his first practice with his new team, the Dallas Mavericks, on Wednesday.

"Rebound!" Nelson said with a laugh Tuesday as he celebrated the highly anticipated, hard-earned signing of the first Asian-born player in NBA history.

The 7-foot-1, 255-pound Wang is the latest in a long line of international projects undertaken by Nelson and his son, Donnie, a Dallas assistant coach who was instrumental in this barrier-breaking deal.

"I'm very excited," Wang, 23, said through an interpreter. "I also feel very calm because finally I can play in the NBA."

The Mavericks made Wang a second-round draft pick in 1999, then began trying to get him released from his Chinese Army team, the Bayi Rockets.

Several visits by the Nelsons helped. Also, officials in Beijing want good publicity to help its bid to host the 2008 Olympics and they realized that allowing Wang to play in the NBA would in turn improve China's national team in

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THE MASTERS

Unfinished Business



AP Photo
Tiger Woods works on his putting on the 13th green during a practice round Wednesday at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. The Masters begins today, and Woods will be trying to win his fourth straight major tournament.

Woods tries to win the only big tourney he failed to claim during dream season

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — One bad swing. One gust out of Amen Corner.

Just like that, Tiger Woods' chance of winning the Grand Slam began to slip away. He surrendered five shots to par in two holes, signed for 75 in the first round and never caught up in the Masters.

That was last year.

It was a time when Woods was so dominant that he had won or finished second in 10 of 11 PGA Tour events when he arrived at Augusta National. And it was a time when everyone, including Woods, assumed the Grand Slam meant winning all four major championships in the same year, starting with the Masters.

The circumstances will be similar when the 65th Masters begins Thursday.

Woods is the overwhelming favorite, especially after winning his last two tournaments at Bay Hill and The Players Championship.

A Grand Slam is at stake, even if the definition is subject to debate.

Woods is the reigning champion in the U.S. Open, British Open and PGA Championship, and now has a chance to become the first player in history to hold the trophies of all four professional majors at the same time.

"If Tiger Woods wins this tournament, it will be the greatest achievement in modern day golf," Augusta chairman Hootie Johnson proclaimed Wednesday on the final day of practice.

One other thing will never change.

No matter how talented Woods is, no matter how much control he has of his game or how much intimidation his name on a leaderboard is worth, his greatest challenge will come from the course.

Augusta National always has the final word.

The humps and bumps on the most severe greens in championship golf can turn a seemingly good shot into a disaster. The wind blows as it pleases. It requires nothing short of precision, from the opening tee shot to the uphill climb at the 18th.

"That's one of the reasons why we love to play, that challenge of it," Woods said. "You know what you need to do, and sometimes it's just tough doing it."

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Nomo throws zeroes against O's

Japanese import hurls first no-hitter for Boston Red Sox since 1965.

By David Ginsburg
AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — Another no-no for Hideo Nomo.

Nomo became the fourth pitcher in major league history to throw a no-hitter in both leagues, using his unique hesitation windup and a brilliant mix of offspeed pitches and high heat in Boston's 3-0 victory over Baltimore on Wednesday night.

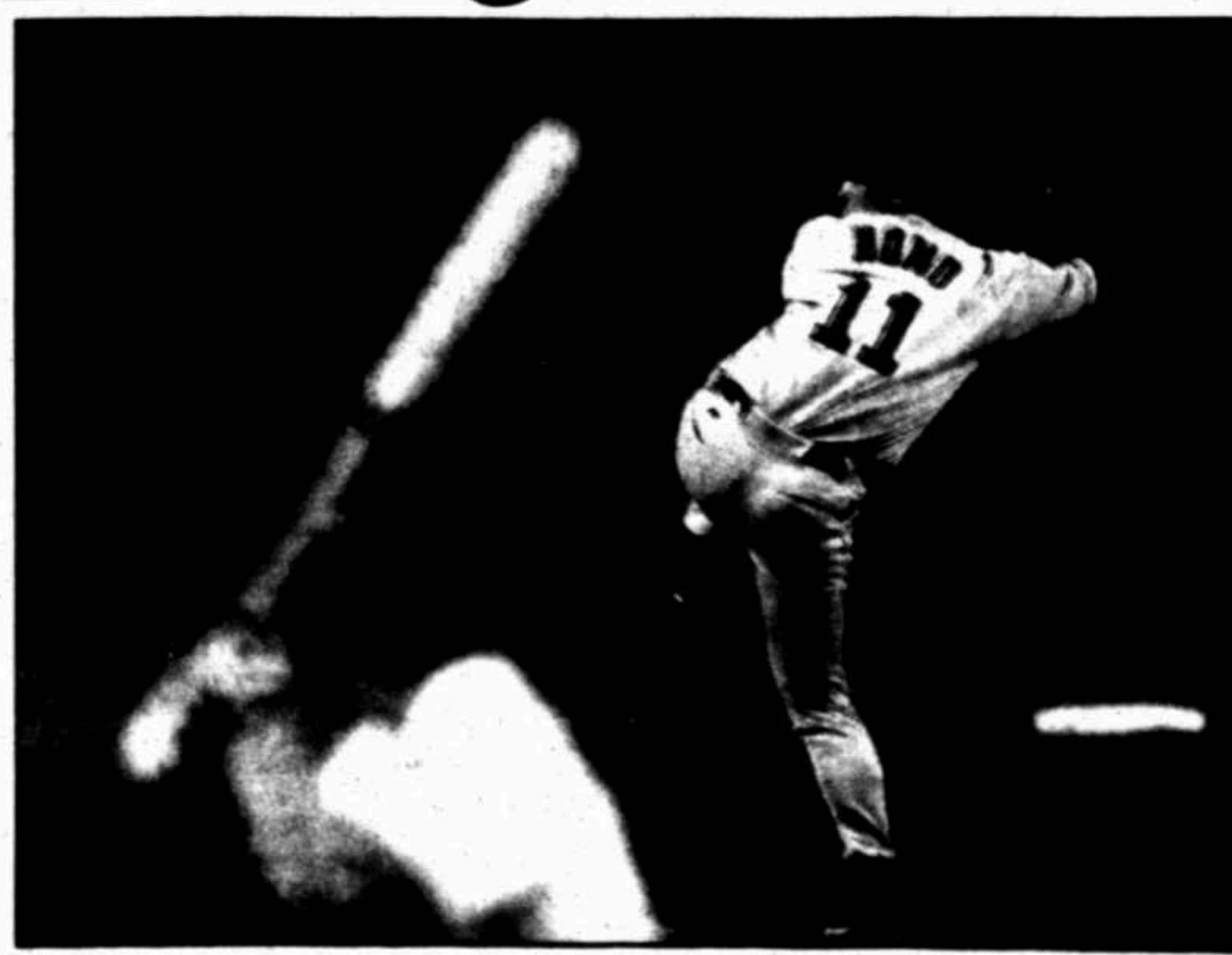
"I felt pretty good throughout the game," Nomo said through an interpreter after his spectacular debut for the Red Sox. "As I was going into the ninth inning, I was not nervous."

Second baseman Mike Lansing saved the no-hitter when he made a back-handed, tumbling catch of Mike Bordick's soft looper to center field for the second out of the ninth inning.

"I looked at the location of the ball, looked at Lansing, and I thought he'd catch the ball," said Nomo, who was remarkably calm for a pitcher who had just put his name in the record book.

Two pitches later, Delino DeShields lofted a routine fly to left field that Troy O'Leary caught for the final out. Nomo was lifted up by catcher Jason Varitek and mobbed by his new teammates as O'Leary

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AP Photo
Boston's Hideo Nomo delivers a pitch to Baltimore's Chris Richard Wednesday at Camden Yards in Baltimore. Richard didn't get a hit, and neither did any other Oriole, as Nomo threw a no-hitter.

Masters considers 18-hole coverage

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — CBS could get an unprecedented chance to televise all 18 holes of the final round of the Masters beginning next year.

Masters Notebook

Augusta National Golf Club has long kept the front nine off television and has limited coverage of the Masters to three hours, while most other golf telecasts run four. The tradeoff: The network airs only four minutes of commercials per hour, allowing it to show about as much golf as the typical four-hour broadcast.

Things could be changing thanks to the longstanding public outcry against limiting coverage to just the back nine.

"It takes us a long time to get around to making a decision," Augusta National chairman Hootie Johnson said Wednesday. Augusta National has long felt that keeping the front nine off TV adds to the mystique of the course. For most, a trip to the course is the only way to see the first nine holes.

Last year, some of the front nine was shown on TV when CBS picked up Vijay Singh and David Duval playing the beginning of their weather-delayed third round on Saturday.

But that was hardly the wire-to-wire coverage that golf fans have grown to expect from all the other tournaments. Johnson said coverage might be expanded by an hour or 90 minutes for the final round.

"That's it, by popular demand, on Sunday," he said.

TOMS TERRIFIC: A win to celebrate or not?

Helped by a hole-in-one on the third hole, David Toms shot



AP Photo

Chris DiMarco, right, talks to his son and caddie, Cristian Alexander DiMarco, 5, as they leave the 8th green during Wednesday's Par 3 Contest at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. The Masters begins today.

5-under par Wednesday to win the traditional Masters par-3 tournament.

Of course, winning this event isn't always a good thing. No winner of the par-3 tournament has ever gone on to wear the green jacket.

Toms beat Loren Roberts by one stroke. A group of five — Franklin Langham, David Duval, Jim Furyk, Greg Norman and Ben Crenshaw — finished at 3-under in the nine-hole event.

Darren Clarke, Scott Verplank and Chris Perry also had holes-in-one.

ADVICE FOR VIJAY: Along with Jack Nicklaus, Nick Faldo is the only player to win back-to-back Masters, in 1989-90. He said a change in mindset in the weeks leading up to the 1990 tournament made the difference.

"I was trying to defend for 11 months, then the last month before it, I said, 'Hell no, I'm going to go and win,'" Faldo said. "I'm not trying to defend. I'm going to go there, it's a brand new Masters, I'm going to go and win it."

He wound up in a tie with Raymond Floyd, and beat him in a two-hole playoff.

"I kept telling myself, 'I can't give the jacket to Ray,'" Faldo said. "It didn't feel right. Getting into the playoff made me want to hold onto it even more."

TRADITIONAL THREE-SOME: For the second straight year, Nicklaus is paired in the first two rounds with Arnold Palmer and Gary Player. That might be a golf fan's delight, but the Golden Bear hopes it doesn't become a Masters tradition.

"I like playing with them, but

I like to see some of the younger kids play, too," Nicklaus said. "This kind of takes us out of the loop. And you have to look at it from the other perspective. What about young kids who would like to play with us?"

Nicklaus said one of his biggest thrills came at the PGA Championship he won in 1971, when he played with Gene Sarazen, who was in his late 60s.

"Do I mind playing it like this?" No," Nicklaus said. "That's not the issue. It's an issue of tradition of the tournament. Rather than have it become a tradition of the tournament, it would be nice to play with young kids."

NO DALY: John Daly wrote Augusta National Golf Club a letter earlier this year, asking for a spot in the Masters.

His five-year exemption for winning the British Open in 1995 expired last year. He sought an extension because he missed the 1997 tournament while he was in an alcohol rehabilitation center and hoped to have that year restored.

Request denied.

"It's tough," he said last week. "I haven't played good enough to be in the tournament. It kind of makes me feel the two majors that I did win don't seem to mean anything to committees and stuff anymore. That hurts my ego a little bit."

Daly also won the PGA Championship in 1991.

DIVOTS: The Masters will show the starting ceremony live on its Web site at 8 a.m. Thursday. Sam Snead, 88, and Byron Nelson, 89, will hit balls off the first tee. Other Internet firsts: the trophy presentation, the interview with the champion, and live play-by-play broadcast.

DISTRICT 4-5A GOLF

Wednesday's third round results from the District 4-5A Girls Golf Tour held at Odessa Country Club: Team Standings 1. Abilene Cooper, 345-889; 2. Midland Lee, 349-901; 3. San Angelo Central, 352-906; 4. Abilene High, 359-929; 5. Midland High, 369-955; 6. Odessa Permian, 364-971; 7. Midland Lee II, 408-1031; 8. Abilene Cooper II, 405-1065; 9. Odessa High, 402-1077; 10. San Angelo Central II, 392-1084; 11. Odessa Permian II, 421-1106; 12. Midland High II, 428-1129; 13. Odessa High II, 439-1177; 14. Abilene High II, 478-1236. Medalist Race (Top 10 make All-District) 1. Fedencia Bilig, Lee, 80-197; 2. Laura Cutbirth, Abilene High, 80-203; 3. Amy Young, Central, 82-206; 4. Shelly Perkins, Cooper, 84-211; 5. Amy Brown, Permian, 83-214; 6. (Tie) Kristi Martin, Lee, 83-221; 7. Lisa Terrazas, Central, 86-221; 8. Taryn McNeil, Midland High, 89-223; 9. Kelly Perkins, Cooper, 87-224; 10. (Tie) Misty Hollis, Cooper, 87-228; Callie Morris, 87-228. Team Scores Abilene Cooper (889): Shelly Perkins, 84-211; Misty Hollis, 87-228; Kelly Perkins, 87-224; Erin McPherson, 91-233; Callie Morris, 87-228.	100-262; Cathy Clyburn, 115-288; Jenna Hall, 111-289. Odessa High (1077): Jennifer Roberts, 96-263; Katie Roberts, 106-272; Katie Brown, 98-277; Danielle Pepper, 100-277; Sarah Burns, 113-288. San Angelo Central II (1084): Heather Stout, 93-250; Mallory Waters, 108-291; Hilary Sanders, 100-311; Jacquelyn Bishop, 91-267; Kristin King, 121-311. Odessa Permian II (1106): Kelly Mills, 103-274; Bailey McIntosh, 99-285; Amanda Taylor, 113-285; Tessa Weatherly, 110-281; Casey Weatherly, 109-268. Midland High II (1129): Kelly Steves, 110-281; Amy Wallace, 104-268; Lindsay Levander, 108-294; Amber Douglas, 106-302; Keliye Navarro, 123-314; Medalist Emily Rowan, 131-339. Odessa High II (1177): Courtney Clubb, 104-277; Krista Gilman, 106-290; Becca Tucker, 131-341; Brenda Vogel, 122-327; Chelsy Christen, 107-283. Abilene High II (1236): Carrie Cook, 112-295; Katelyn Sulphern, 117-297; Katelyn Lick, 126-325; Keely Coston, 123-321; Desiree Rivera, 130-328.
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GOLF: MHS' McNeil stays among Top 10

(From 1C)

for good competition. I just hope she likes America."

Billig was not pleased with her round of 80.

"I hit the ball in a tree. I hit the water, and I three-putted everywhere," Billig said.

Still, she owns a strong lead going into the final round and that's where she found some comfort.

"I'm pleased to have a six-stroke lead," Billig said. "However, I haven't played here (Abilene Country Club). The good thing is that I will play with the other leaders and I will know the scores as we go."

Midland High is out of the Region I hunt at 955, but is in fifth place. Sophomore Taryn McNeil is leading the Lady Bulldogs with a 223 after an 89 on Wednesday. McNeil is in eighth place overall. The top 10 in the

medalist race earn all-district honors.

"We have a very young team," said MHS coach Bernie Hagins. "I have three sophomores and two freshmen playing for the varsity. They have the potential of being pretty good if they all stay with it. When you have a young team like this, you never know if they might choose to do something else besides golf."

Lee's Kristi Martin, playing in the No. 2 position, really helped the Lady Rebels with an 83. That tied for the fourth best score of the day. Martin moved into a tie for sixth place at 221.

The top two medalist not on a region qualifying team will earn a region berth provided they are in the top six. That means that Billig, Cutbirth and Central's Amy Young (82-206) have to keep an eye out on the team race also.

MASTERS: Singh displays confidence

(From 1C)

It all starts to unfold Thursday at a course that has been softened by two days of light rain. Sam Snead and Byron Nelson will hit their ceremonial tee shots at 8 a.m. to kick off one of the most anticipated tournaments ever.

"The bigger the tournament, the more excited all of us are about playing," Woods said.

The contenders are numerous. Defending champion Vijay Singh has finished no worse than fourth in his last six tournaments and never has been so confident about the treacherous, contoured greens.

"I'm not going to lay down this week," said Singh, trying to join Jack Nicklaus and Nick Faldo as the only repeat Masters champions.

Phil Mickelson has won five times over the past two years, twice at Woods' expense. Davis Love III had a Tiger-like comeback to win at Pebble Beach, then played in the final group Sunday in his next three tournaments.

"When you get out there and get excited about the Masters, you seem to do everything a little bit better," Love said.

The challenge might come from 46-year-old Greg Norman, who is keenly aware that Nicklaus was 46 when he won the Masters — although Nicklaus already had won five of them and the Shark will have to block out the memory of five close calls.

Still, all the attention is on Woods.

"When he plays at his best, I don't think there is anybody that can challenge him when he is in top form," said Darren Clarke of northern Ireland. "But he's not always in top form."

Woods was last year until the first round at Augusta, when a 7-iron into the bunker on No. 10 led to a double bogey and a mysterious blast of wind through the pines at Amen Corner knocked his tee shot into Rae's Creek on No. 12 for a triple bogey.

"The only time I replay it is when people asked me," Woods said curiously when those two holes were brought to his attention.

Woods often talks about complementing his awesome skills with a little luck, and that always seems to be a winning recipe at Augusta.

In 1987, Larry Mize hit a 140-foot chip at No. 11 in a playoff against Norman that might have rolled toward the green toward the water except that it went in the hole for an unlikely victory.

Five years later, Fred Couples' tee shot on No. 12 somehow stuck to the bank like Velcro instead of trickling down into Rae's Creek. "There's a lot of tricky things that happen out there," Love said. "You can get some funny bounces and you hit good shots

that suck back off of a green. You have to be patient."

Woods can attest to that.

Four years ago, in his first round at the Masters as a professional, he had a 40 on the front nine and was in jeopardy of an early departure. He played the next 63 holes in 24-under par to win by a record 12 strokes, with a record score of 270.

He hasn't given himself a good opportunity since then.

"I tried, and it just didn't work out," he said. "That's part of playing a championship, especially

majors. The key is to keep putting yourself there. If I can keep putting myself there, I'll win my share."

This one is all that matters. Bobby Jones, who started the Masters in 1934, won the four majors of his time in 1930 and gave true meaning to the term "Grand Slam." Ben Hogan won three straight majors in 1953, but lost in a playoff in the 1954 Masters when going for his fourth in a row.

When asked if this might be his only chance at history, Woods

smiled.

"I have my whole career in front of me," he said.

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'HOUNDS: Harang starts opener

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who came over to the Oakland Athletics organization from the Texas Rangers organization in the Randy Velarde trade. Last year with the Rangers' advance Class A team Charlotte of the Florida State League, the 6-foot-7, 240-pound righthander was 13-5 with a 3.32 ERA.

"I feel good," said Harang about opening day. "I feel like I have good control of all my pitches and I look forward to starting. If we get off on a good note, get the season rolling with some wins, we'll be good to go."

This year's version of the Midland RockHounds has a good mixture of veteran leadership and talented young prospects. The 'Hounds are hoping to capitalize on the large number of returning players just like Wichita did two years ago and Round Rock did last year to claim the Texas League crown.

"In the last couple of years, on paper, we've had some pretty good squads out here. This team is no different," DeFrancesco said. "We have about 14 guys coming back. That helps when you're looking for some leadership and experience. Guys who have been around understand the game a little bit better and there are less mistakes made."

"Guys like (Mike) Lockwood, (Ryan) Ludwick, (Jacques) Landry and Mensik put up some decent numbers last year, but unfortunately, there was no room at the higher levels. I'm sure it was disappointing for them but they've got to come out and do the same things this year."

The RockHounds seem anxious to get started this season.

"Spring training was long this year," Mensik said. "I guess

TEXAS LEAGUE NOTES

NEW AFFILIATIONS: The Arkansas Travelers and the San Antonio Missions have changed Major League affiliations. The Travelers are now with the Anaheim Angels after a long-standing affiliation with the St. Louis Cardinals. The Missions are now the Double-A affiliate with the Seattle Mariners after a long affiliation with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

NEW NICKNAME: Shreveport is still the Double-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants but the club is no longer referred to as the Captains. The Shreveport club is now known as the Swamp Dragons.

NEW MANAGERS: All but Midland, Round Rock and Wichita have new managers this season. The new Texas League managers are Mike Brumley (Arkansas), Al Pedrique (El Paso), Dave

Brundage (San Antonio), Bill Russell (Shreveport), and Paul Carey (Tulsa). The returning managers are Tony DeFrancesco (Midland), Jackie Moore (Round Rock) and Keith Bodie (Wichita).

DID YOU KNOW?: Former Midland Angel manager Mario Mendoza is an infield roving instructor with the Anaheim Angels organization.

STADIUMS AROUND THE LEAGUE: The largest stadium in terms of capacity is Tulsa's Drillers Stadium, which seats 11,003 fans. Midland's Christensen Stadium is the smallest in terms of capacity with seating for 5,000 fans. Oldest stadium in the league is Arkansas's Ray Winder Field, which opened in 1932. The newest stadium in the league is Round Rock's The Dell Diamond, which opened last year.

everyone was real excited to get going. Basically, we have a lot of talented guys here. Last year, we had talented guys here but it was their first year here. Hopefully, with the guys we have coming back from last year along with talent we have coming in with Ryan Ludwick as well as the talent we have on the mound, the sky's the limit for us. We're hoping to send off Christensen Stadium with a championship."

"I'm looking forward to a good year," Landry said. "We've got a good group of younger guys mixed with some older guys. We're looking forward to putting up some good numbers from top to bottom."

It's already a pretty good lineup when you have players like Lockwood, Landry and Mensik, who hit a combined 45 home runs and drove in a combined 205 runs for the 'Hounds in 2000. You then add the Oakland Athletics' No. 3-

ranked prospect, according to *Baseball America*, in Ludwick, who hit .264 with 29 homers and 102 RBIs at Class A Modesto and the 'Hounds should provide plenty of offense this season.

"This is probably the best power that we've had in three years here," DeFrancesco said. "After we've had (Jason) Hart, (Adam) Piatt and (Eric) Byrnes, this group probably has more potential than those three guys."

"We've got some big boys, and hopefully, we can give the fans some excitement and hit some home runs out here," Landry said. "But we'll take runs any way we can get them."

Defensively, the 'Hounds should be solid, especially in the middle of the infield with Oscar Salazar returning at shortstop and Esteban German returning at second base. At first base, Mensik will take over full time after platooning with Hart last season,

and at third base, it will either be Josh Hochgesang, up from Class A Visalia, or the veteran Landry, who should play a lot of outfield as well, starting off in left field.

Speaking of the outfield, Ludwick will be at center, while Lockwood should be in right.

After Harang, Mario Ramos, the No. 9-ranked prospect in the Athletics organization, goes to the mound against the Express on Friday. It will be sort of a homecoming for Ramos, who is from Pflugerville.

"I'll have some family in the stands and there should be a good crowd," said Ramos, who was 2-0 with a 1.32 ERA in four starts with the RockHounds late last season. "I'm excited to go there. It's going to be fun and it's going to be sold out. That's what everybody wants — to have a lot of people screaming at you."

The starting pitching rotation should also include righthander Justin Lehr, lefty Juan Pena and righthander Jon Adkins.

DeFrancesco said if there was a weakness in his pitching staff is that there is no true closer. Last year, the 'Hounds had Bert Snow, who captured the Texas League saves title with 27. With Snow in Triple-A this season, DeFrancesco said he will look to several guys in the bullpen to step up into the role of closer.

"When you've had guys in the past like Bert Snow or Chad Harville you knew you had somebody to give the ball to in the ninth inning," DeFrancesco said. "From the bullpen, it's a good opportunity. We've got lefties in (Claudio) Galvan and (Bryan) Mazur and there are righthanders like (Eric) Thompson, (Kevin) Gregg and (Chris) Enochs."

More Sports/8C

Hidalgo's heroics lift Astros in 12th; Rangers triumph

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Richard Hidalgo's three-run homer in the 12th inning, his second homer of the game, rallied the Houston Astros to an 8-6 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday night.

After the Brewers went ahead 6-5 in the top of the 12th on Raul Casanova's sacrifice fly against Jay Powell (1-0), the Astros rallied in the bottom half.

Craig Biggio led off with a walk and one out later Lance Berkman singled. Hidalgo followed with a homer off Curtis Leskanen (0-1) to left for his sixth career multihomer game.

Hidalgo, who hit a two-run homer off Paul Rigdon in the third inning, tied his career high with five RBIs. That came one day after Daryle Ward had six RBIs in Houston's opener.

The Astros survived Jose Lima's early struggles, and led 5-4 going into the seventh.

But reliever Wayne Franklin allowed singles by Richie Sexson and Jeremy Burnitz, and Mike Jackson came on and gave up an RBI single to Jeffrey Hammonds as the Brewers tied it.

Lima, who allowed an NL record 48 homers last season, including 27 at Enron Field, gave up a solo shot by Geoff Jenkins in the fourth. Lima, who allowed six hits and four runs, left with the bases loaded in the fifth.

Houston started the fifth leading 5-2, but Tony Fernandez and Ron Belliard singled to start the inning. The runners moved up on Lima's wild pitch. Lima then walked Jenkins and hit Sexson with a pitch to force in a run.

Scott Linebrink came on and walked Burnitz, forcing in the fourth run. Hammonds hit into a double play to end the inning with a 5-4 Astros lead.

Rangers 7, Angels 3

ARLINGTON — Andres Galarraga hit his first AL home run and Darren Oliver pitched five shutout innings as the Texas Rangers beat the Anaheim Angels 7-3 on Wednesday night. Oliver, who was 2-9 last sea-

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son and lost his last six decisions, allowed just three hits while winning for the first time since May 31 at Detroit. He struck out six and walked five while throwing 93 pitches, 52 for strikes.

Mark Petkovsek, who played for the Angels the last two seasons, pitched 2 2-3 innings in relief of Pat Mahomes, who pitched the sixth but left after being hit on the right forearm.

Orlando Palmeiro hit a pinch-hit two-run homer in the ninth off Petkovsek to end the shut out, and Tim Salmon followed with a solo shot. Jeff Zimmerman got the final out for the Rangers.

Blue Jays 11, Devil Rays 8

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Carlos Delgado hit three home runs and had four RBIs to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to an 11-8 come-from-behind victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Wednesday night.

Raul Mondesi's two-run homer off Ken Hill (0-1) snapped a 8-8 ninth-inning tie, and Delgado added his second solo shot of the game four pitches later.

Delgado, who hit .344 with 41 homers and 137 RBIs last season, also homered off Tanyon Sturtze and Doug Creek. It was the third three-homer game of Delgado's career and overshadowed the longest home run in Tropicana Field history, a 478-foot drive by Tampa Bay's Vinny Castilla, who went 3-for-4 and drove in four runs.

Rockies 13, Cardinals 9

DENVER — Todd Helton hit a three-run homer and Larry Walker a two-run shot, and the Colorado Rockies beat the St. Louis Cardinals for the second straight game, 13-9 on Wednesday night.

Colorado, which defeated St. Louis 8-0 in the season opener on Monday behind Mike Hampton, got a solid outing from Denny Neagle (1-0). Neagle went five innings, allowing seven hits and three runs and striking out seven. He left with a 12-3 lead.

NOMO: Pitcher gets second no-hitter

(From 1C)

ran in to give the right-hander the ball.

"I've always heard what a horse Nomo is and he really proved that tonight," Varitek said. "He got stronger and his fastball got better as the game went on. His fastball is what made it tonight. He was phenomenal tonight."

The 32-year-old Japanese pitcher, who threw the first no-hitter in Colorado's Coors Field on Sept. 17, 1996, for Los Angeles, walked three and struck out 11 in a 110-pitch outing for the first no-hitter in the 10-year history of Camden Yards.

Cal Ripken also reached on an error in the second inning when his grounder went through third baseman Shea Hillenbrand.

Nomo also pitched the earliest no-hitter in baseball history, doing it three days earlier than Houston's Ken Forsch in 1979 and Detroit's Jack Morris in 1984.

The Orioles didn't get anything close to a hit until Lansing's catch in the ninth. Lansing, who entered the game as a pinch-runner in the eighth, ended it as a star.

"You know what's going on. As soon as I saw it, I put my head down," Lansing said. "I knew I had to go all out and get there. ... He had worked so hard to get that far. I didn't want him to lose it at that point."

The hardest-hit ball was a drive to the warning track in center by Melvin Mora in the second inning, but Carl Everett had more than

enough time and room to make the play.

As the game wore on, many in the crowd of 35,602 abandoned the home team and cheered each out.

"People in the U.S. like good baseball, whether you're on the home team or not," Nomo said.

Nomo joined Cy Young, Jim Bunning and Nolan Ryan as the only pitchers with no-hitters in both leagues.

Signed as a free agent during the offseason, Nomo delivered the first no-hitter by a Boston player since Dave Morehead in 1965. His performance this spring offered no clue of what was to come — in four starts Nomo was 0-3 with an 11.37 ERA.

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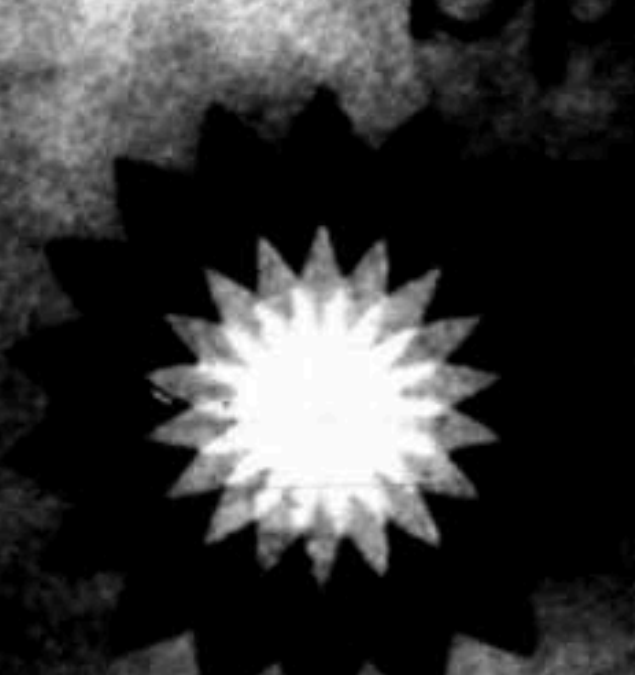
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Blue chip gain

NEW YORK — Wall Street struggled to recover from its latest earnings-driven selloff Wednesday, but investors' nerves and lack of conviction stifled several attempts at a rally.

The major market indexes fluctuated throughout the day before blue chips eked out a small gain late in the session. Tech stocks couldn't keep up.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 29.71 at 9,515.42. The blue chip index had a turbulent day, briefly slipping into bear market territory but also rising as much as 140 points.

Technology selling sent the Nasdaq composite index down 34.20 to 1,638.80, keeping it at levels not seen since October 1998. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.21 to 1,103.25.

Market watchers weren't surprised at the volatility, noting that earnings warnings and investors' worries about the future have repeatedly undermined Wall Street's efforts to rally in recent weeks.

Losses in technology were the most noticeable, particularly in chip stocks such as Intel, which fell \$2.38 to \$22.63, and PMC-Sierra, down \$1.12 at \$19.12. Concerns about Lucent Technologies' financial health sent the stock tumbling at one point to \$5.50, its lowest level ever, although the stock recovered somewhat to close down \$1.07 at \$6.78.

Futures high

NEW YORK — Gasoline futures hit the highest level since October on Wednesday after news of dwindling reserves renewed jitters that a supply crunch will produce price spikes again this summer.

May gasoline futures rose 4 percent, or 3.98 cents, to 97.15 cents a gallon at the New York Mercantile Exchange Wednesday. Tuesday, the contract rose nearly 3.5 cents.

U.S. inventories of gasoline remain below the levels that set the stage for last summer's soaring prices, and refiners have yet to boost production to meet demand, according to data released this week.

A quarterly report by the Energy Information Administration, the statistical arm of the Department of Energy, added further fuel: Gasoline stocks are at their lowest-ever at the start of the second quarter, or 193 million barrels under a year ago.

May crude futures rose 93 cents to close at \$27.12 a barrel. May heating oil rose 3.10 cents to 72.66 cents a gallon; May natural gas rose 6.7 cents to \$5.182 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dollar falls

LONDON — The dollar fell against the other major currencies in European trading Wednesday. Gold rose.

Benefitting from Tuesday's drop on Wall Street, the euro climbed against the dollar Wednesday as currency traders shrugged off higher-than-expected unemployment figures out of Germany.

The 12-country currency rose above 90 cents for the first time in two weeks and was quoted at 90.30 cents in late European trading, up from 88.62 cents Tuesday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at 90.15 cents.

Gold rises

Gold closed in London at \$258.20 bid per troy ounce, up from \$257.00 Tuesday. In Zurich the bid price was \$258.35, up from \$256.65. Gold rose \$2.30 in Hong Kong to \$259.25.

Cable increases prompt inquiries

By Kalpana Srinivasan
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Too many Americans open their cable TV bills and discover surprise increases, lawmakers said Wednesday as they quizzed industry leaders on how to keep costs in check.

Cable executives, summoned to Capitol Hill, defended their monthly rates — which increased last year by 5.8 percent, about \$2 for an average bill of \$34.11 for basic plans. They cited the higher costs they pay to carry popular programming like sports channels.

Companies also have incurred costs to add new channels and upgrade their facilities to offer high-speed Internet access and phone service.

Still, the cost per channel to consumers actually has stayed stable for a number of years, said Robert Sachs, head of the National Cable Television Association, the industry's top lobbying group.

"Compared to other entertainment options, cable remains a good value," he said.

Cable businesses have no choice but to boost the channels and new products they offer if they want to keep pace with the satellite TV industry, said Jerry Kent, head of Charter Communications, the nation's fourth-largest

cable business.

"We are just now catching up," Kent said.

But senators on the Senate Judiciary's antitrust, business rights and competition subcommittee pondered why cable bills haven't declined more rapidly after the government stopped regulating the industry to foster competition.

"Can consumers expect to see cable rates decrease any time soon?" asked Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, the subcommittee chairman.

Not until there is widespread, head-to-head competition between cable companies, asserted consumer advocate Gene Kimmelman. He cited figures showing that rates go down when a new cable company enters a market and challenges the lone provider already there.

RCN Corp., created after a 1996 law freed cable and phone companies to compete more vigorously, is one such rival provider. While the company has had success in building cable systems along the Northeast, it still faces serious competitive hurdles, vice chairman Bob Currey said.

For one, the cable company already dominating the market often strikes exclusive arrangements with building landlords that make it impossible for a new player to get in, he said.

"During the transition to competition, we need the government's active oversight and enforcement of the rules," Currey told the panel.

Both satellite and cable competitors urged Congress to close a loophole in federal law that allows cable businesses to refuse to sell some of the programming they create — including regional sports channels — to rivals.

That creates an unfair playing field because subscribers will opt for the service that gives them programs they want — such as coveted local sports coverage, said Eddy Hartenstein, chairman of DirecTV, the satellite TV provider to more than 9.5 million customers.

The subcommittee's top Democrat, Sen. Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, suggested that Congress address these inconsistencies as it extends the life of the very rules that give cable and satellite companies access to programming produced by their rivals. Those are set to expire in 2002.

On the Net:

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Dell Computer Corp. reaffirms targets for first-quarter earnings

NEW YORK (AP) — Dell Computer Corp. is standing by its revenue and profit forecasts for the current quarter, a rare dose of good news for an industry battered by the nation's economic slump and an unrelenting selloff in technology stocks.

The Round Rock, Texas-based company announced late Wednesday that it won't reduce its targets for the three months ending May 4, which is the first quarter of Dell's fiscal year, at a meeting with analysts and media scheduled for Thursday morning.

Dell, the top producer of desktop and laptop computers in the United States, issued a short news release saying it still expects to report about \$8 billion in revenue and earnings of 17 cents per share.

However, in keeping with the prevailing economic jitters, the statement cautioned that there's still a month to go in the quarter and that the market remains unpredictable. Likewise, the company also declined to provide any forecasts for the balance of the year, citing "global economic and industry uncertainty."

Analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial were expecting 80 cents per share for the year.



Bottomed out?

A label from a pair of Calvin Klein jeans is seen up close at the Canal Jeans store in New York Tuesday. Warnaco Group, the maker of Calvin Klein jeans and underwear, has revealed much wider-than expected losses for the quarter and year, casting doubt in the Wall Street community on the company's future.

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DANIEL STEPHEN HART has been named 2001 Young Engineer of the Year by the Permian Basin chapter, Texas Society of Professional Engineers. The award recognizes outstanding achievements and dedicated service to the engineering profession.

Hart moved to Parkhill Smith & Cooper's Midland office from Lubbock in 1998 and is currently the project manager for the company's Midland architecture team.

Teraco has appointed **JAY SCHWISOW** to the newly established position of vice president, sales and marketing. For the past four years, Schwisow has been vice president, special markets at Teraco.

Teraco, a part of the Identity Group, manufactures laminated plastic products targeted at the promotional products, identification, hospitality, card fulfillment and credit card markets.

LINDA MELSON of Alpha Omega Insurance has been named Agent of the



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She has also been appointed education chairman of the Texas Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors by association Chairman Dee Carter.

GARY BREDNICK has joined the Wells Fargo Energy Banking Division in Midland as an energy banking lender.

Brednick has over 25 years experience in banking and petroleum engineering.

Midland insurance broker **GEORGE F. HARLEY** has been awarded the Certified Financial Planner designation by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards. He has specialized in estate planning and life insurance for the past 40 years.

Former Midlander **TED PAUP** has joined the Abilene office of A.G. Edwards & Sons as a financial consultant.

Prior to joining A.G. Edwards, Paup was owner of Paup Distributing for 12 years. His background includes commercial real estate, oil and gas leases and ranching in Shackelford and Throckmorton counties.

EDWARD A. COOPER, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Cooper of Midland, has been named to the board of directors of Cal Farley's Girlstown in Whiteface.

He is the founding director of the Teen Court program for the City of Lubbock Municipal Court, a position he has held 14 years.

BIG SPRING — DUANE THOMAS

has been named president for Wells Fargo in Big Spring.

Thomas has over 19 years financial services experience most recently as president of American State Bank in Big Spring. He also worked as a senior vice president and credit executive for Chase Bank in Midland.

DAVID JOHNSON and **MIKE MUNIZ**, account executives with ionex telecommunications in Midland, have been named to the company's Chairman's Club, which recognizes sales team members who met or exceed their goals of increasing sales in a given year.

Dallas-based ionex is an integrated communications provider targeting small to medium-sized businesses in Texas.

THE ECONOMIST

E-commerce makes shopping easy for the consumer

By M. Ray Perryman, PhD

Because of the growth in commerce and trade over the last few years, the number of vehicles hauling freight and goods in the U.S. has increased significantly. To handle this traffic, many thoroughfares are being widened and new superhighways are being considered.

Both state and federal legislative bodies are evaluating proposals to fund infrastructure projects. Here at home in the Lone Star State, construction of roads and bridges ranks especially high on our "to-do" list because of accelerated trade with Mexico under NAFTA.

The miles and miles of concrete and asphalt are opening new lanes for commerce across our country. Many of these engineering feats are intricate and complex,

but when completed, they'll facilitate the movement of products to such a degree that it will be hard to remember how we managed without them.

On one particularly well-traveled route, traffic is flowing 24/7/365 — and moving faster every day with larger and larger payloads. That autobahn, of course, is the cyber-bypass of the Internet, and the heavy traffic it supports is e-commerce. You can hop on from any point on the international map. Onramp access is just a few mouse clicks away — all from any wired computer in your home, an airport, or office. Increasingly, people are choosing to cut in line from web-ready cell phones and other hand-held gizmos. And as far as I can tell, speed is only limited by your equipment. (A NASCAR driver's dream-come-true.)

Years ago, some pundits predicted the advent of television would bring an end to movies. Were they ever wrong! In America, a movie is produced about every sixteen hours, and the large majority of them are eventually viewed on television. Most movies today even have dotcom

addresses with cyberreviews.

The Internet has also revolutionized the exchange of goods and services. Buying and selling on the web are common practices. As a result, e-commerce has become integral to our daily lives. It seems that "everybody" is doing it — but not everybody is having the same degree of success. Just building a Web site doesn't guarantee they will come.

The companies leading the way are those that have thought "outside the box" and created ways for potential customers to log on and tune in easily and seamlessly. Top Web sites demonstrate how firms have partnered with other related companies to provide shoppers a plethora of options.

No longer does a buyer seeking certain products have to go to the different sites for a host of suppliers. A few sleight-of-hand movements, and you are on the road to "one-stop shopping." Often, competing brands can be evaluated at the same site. Traditional merchant boundaries are disappearing, and combinations of purchasing opportunities are out there for the taking — and they are flying off the cyber

shelves. Dotcom stocks may be imploding on Wall Street, but the customer base of the Internet is one continuous explosion. Of such dichotomies, opportunities are born.

In many cases, companies discern customers' interests and needs by tracking their first purchase. As a result, lists of items that compliment or parallel the first exchange pop up on the viewer's computer screen. The customer is informed that these additional items can also be purchased while visiting this virtual store. It's a bit like a grocery store stocking specialty items close together so they are easily found.

Technology is evolving toward an accepted method of e-commerce. It may soon replace that shopping list we jot down before going to the store.

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McGrady's 34 gets Magic into playoffs

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady had 34 points and a career-high 11 assists as Orlando clinched a playoff berth with a 108-101 victory over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

Bo Outlaw scored a season-high 21 points for the Magic, who return to the postseason after a one-year absence.

Orlando is in seventh place in the Eastern Conference, one game behind Toronto, which beat Cleveland 97-94 Wednesday. The Magic play host to the Raptors on Friday night.

The loss dropped Boston a half-game behind idle Indiana in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Heat 86, Wizards 84

WASHINGTON — Alonzo Mourning had season-highs of 16 points and eight rebounds as Miami beat Washington for the 11th straight time and moved into a tie with the idle New York Knicks for second place in the Atlantic Division.

Mourning, playing the fifth game in his comeback from a kidney disease, shot 8-for-11 from the field and played 23 minutes.

Raptors 97, Cavaliers 94

CLEVELAND — Vince Carter scored 32 points as Toronto officially clinched a playoff berth.

NBA Roundup

The Raptors were informed before the game that they had clinched a spot in the playoffs Tuesday night. It took the Elias Sports Bureau until Wednesday to determine Toronto's fate because of a complicated procedure involving several tiebreakers.

Suns 103, Hornets 94

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jason Kidd scored 25 of his 29 points in the second half as Phoenix rallied from an 11-point deficit.

The Suns, who had their seven-game winning streak snapped Tuesday night at Indiana, are in seventh place in the Western Conference but only 2 1/2 games out of the Pacific Division lead with eight games left to play.

76ers 90, Pistons 84

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Dikembe Mutombo had 21 points and 16 rebounds as Philadelphia ended a five-game road losing streak.

The Sixers were without Allen Iverson, the NBA's scoring leader, who missed the game with a bruised tailbone.

Timberwolves 83, Trail Blazers 79

MINNEAPOLIS — Felipe Lopez hit a game-winning 3-pointer with 50 seconds remaining as Minnesota rallied in the fourth quarter.

MAVS: Wang joins team

(From 1C)

international competitions.

As part of Wang's two-year deal — believed to be for the rookie minimum of \$316,969 per season — he'll be allowed to return to China this summer to compete in the East Asian Games, the Asian Championship and the World University Games.

"He will miss training camp and the first month of next season. This is very important to them," Nelson said.

Wang probably won't take too much NBA experience with him.

Because the Mavericks are fighting for playoff seeding, Nelson said Wang will watch most of the final eight games from the bench. Dallas clinched its first playoff berth in 11 years on Tuesday.

Yet there's a good chance Wang will make his debut Thursday night when the Mavericks

play Atlanta. The Hawks are one of only two teams with losing records left on the schedule and the only one Dallas play at home.

"He's probably a bit nervous and scared, we need to make him feel at home," Nelson said. "We don't expect he's going to play a lot, but he needs experience to be comfortable."

On Wednesday, Wang went through his first practice. He worked out with bench players and assistant coaches as the starters got a day off following their playoff-clinching victory in Houston.

Longtime NBA veteran Mark Bryant came away impressed.

"He's definitely got some skills," Bryant said. "I didn't think he was going to be that good. It's going to take him some time, but I don't think he's that far behind."

LOCAL SPORTS

'Hound tickets go on sale

Individual game tickets for the Midland RockHounds are now on sale at Christensen Stadium.

The RockHounds will be playing at Christensen Stadium for the last season and will be moving into the new Scharbauer Sports Complex next year.

The RockHounds' home opener is Easter Sunday, April 15. The RockHounds will battle the Round Rock Express at 4 p.m.

This year's promotional calendar will include five nights of post-game fireworks, highlighted by July 3 and July 4 celebrations. The Famous Chicken will be on hand to entertain in late June.

Tickets are available throughout the stadium, including box seats, reserved seats and general admission seating. Call the RockHounds office at 683-4251

for ticket prices.

Hockey awards go to players

Jackalopes Youth Hockey held its awards banquet recently. The following is a list of the award winners.

Ice Dogs: Most Improved: Brett Wagner; Andrew Vasquez; Most Dedicated: Calli Cade; Best Sportsmanship: Jesus Mercado.

Stars: Most Improved: David Pyle; Most Dedicated: Justin Hughes; Best Sportsmanship: Alex Millsap.

Vipers: Most Improved: Brandon Callender; Most Dedicated: Houston Golden; Best Sportsmanship: Kristopher Gantier.

Scorpions: Most Improved: Taylor Dendard; Most Dedicated: Trey Burns; Best Sportsmanship: Austin Smith.

Blackhawks: Most Improved: Trey Gantier; Most Dedicated: Justin Hughes; Best Sportsmanship: Case Wilson.

Ice Cats: Most Improved: Chase Sanders; Most Dedicated: Marcus Chroback; Best Sportsmanship: Cully Reid.

Outlaws: Most Improved: Cody McElhane; Most Dedicated: Chase Hughes; Best Sportsmanship: Stephen Brooks.

Brunches: Most Improved: Zeb Rogers; Most Dedicated: Christian Jaurez; Best Sportsmanship: Shawn Chambers.

Panthers: Most Improved: Oscar Gonzales; Most Dedicated: Jeremy Baker; Best Sportsmanship: David Edmondson.

Rebels: Most Improved: Scott Lovett; Most Dedicated: Tyler Brookshire; Best Sportsmanship: Chris Rubio.

Bulldogs: Most Improved: Justin Pyle; Most Dedicated: Justin Pyle; Best Sportsmanship: Justin Pyle.

Green Tree wins challenge

Green Tree Country Club beat Mission Dorado in a club Ladies Challenge Match Wednesday at the GTCC course.

GTCC had a 72.35 average to Mission's 78.25. Low gross for GTCC was Letitia Collins with a 73 while Marilyn Philpy won low net with a 63. Low gross for Mission was Sandra Hill with an 83 while Betty Perkins had low net with a 74.

MCHS golf advances

FORT WORTH — Midland Christian's boys golf team has earned advancement to the TAPPS Class 4A region golf

tournament by placing second in TAPPS District 1-4A at the Pecan Valley Golf Course.

Denton Liberty Christian won the district title with a 303 team score while the Mustangs had a 348 for second.

Phillip Prude led MCHS with a 78, placing fourth overall. Ryan Ogden had an 88 for an eighth place finish. Other Mustangs were Roy Geer, 90; Justin Carille, 92; and Chris Ryburn, 95.

MCHS will play at the Roanoke Trophy Club on Monday and Tuesday in the region tournament.

Blast beats Lubbock Elite

LUBBOCK — The Midland Blast '87 boys soccer team beat the Lubbock Elite, 4-0, over the weekend.

Chase Peeler, Evan Hernandez, Derek Darrow and Julio Rodriguez each scored a goal for Blast.

Ed Todd

Catch Ed Todd's column on Thursdays

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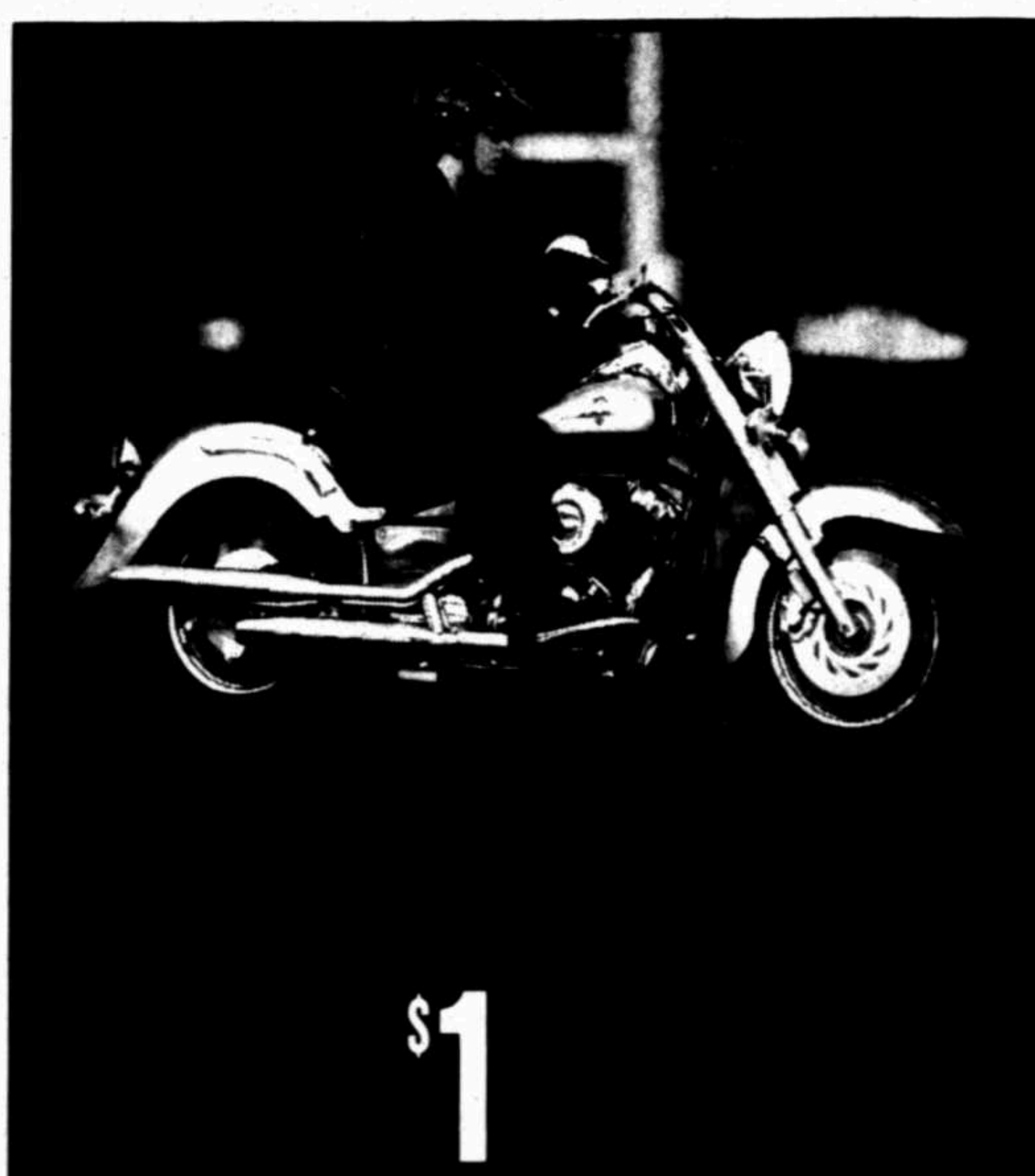
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State of the COMMUNITY

A series of reports from public officials.

This is the fifth and final installment in a series of reports from elected officials and heads of our five taxing entities discussing the state of institutions and units of government. Joseph Baressi, head of Midland Independent School District, shares his thoughts this week.

Back in 1907, Midland Independent School District issued its first report cards. Since that time, the District has grown substantially and its students have been well prepared for the world upon graduation.

How is the Midland Independent School District measuring up?

Based on recent audits and compliance visits from the Texas Education Agency, Midland ISD is in good financial condition. The district currently maintains an above-average credit rating of AA3, and reserves of over 15% of the annual budget. For the fiscal year ending August 31, 2000, the district received an excellent audit with no material exceptions. However, there are both financial and academic issues on the horizon that are not unique to Midland.

Financial issues facing the district include maintaining competitive salaries for teachers and other employees in the face of a pending teacher shortage, rising health and workers' compensation insurance costs, rising utility costs, and the significant cost of maintaining aging buildings.

These financial challenges are exacerbated by the fact the District's maintenance and operation tax rate has reached the state cap at the same time student enrollment is declining. The failure to pass the recent bond referendum only serves to highlight the problem of providing adequate facilities for secondary students.

The other major challenge facing the District and its students is the state-mandated increase in graduation standards, which includes a more rigorous course curriculum and higher passing standards on the exit Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test. The new

graduation requirements will require the successful completion of four tests in English language arts, math, science, and social studies. Midland ISD is a district of many accomplishments. The District recently completed the \$39.5 million elementary school renovation projects approved by the voters in 1997.

The projects were completed within budget and on time, and all of Midland's 23 elementary schools are in excellent condition.

Also, as part of this project, the District has updated its technology infrastructure in all its buildings, including secondary schools. This process is certainly not complete but a great deal of progress has been made.

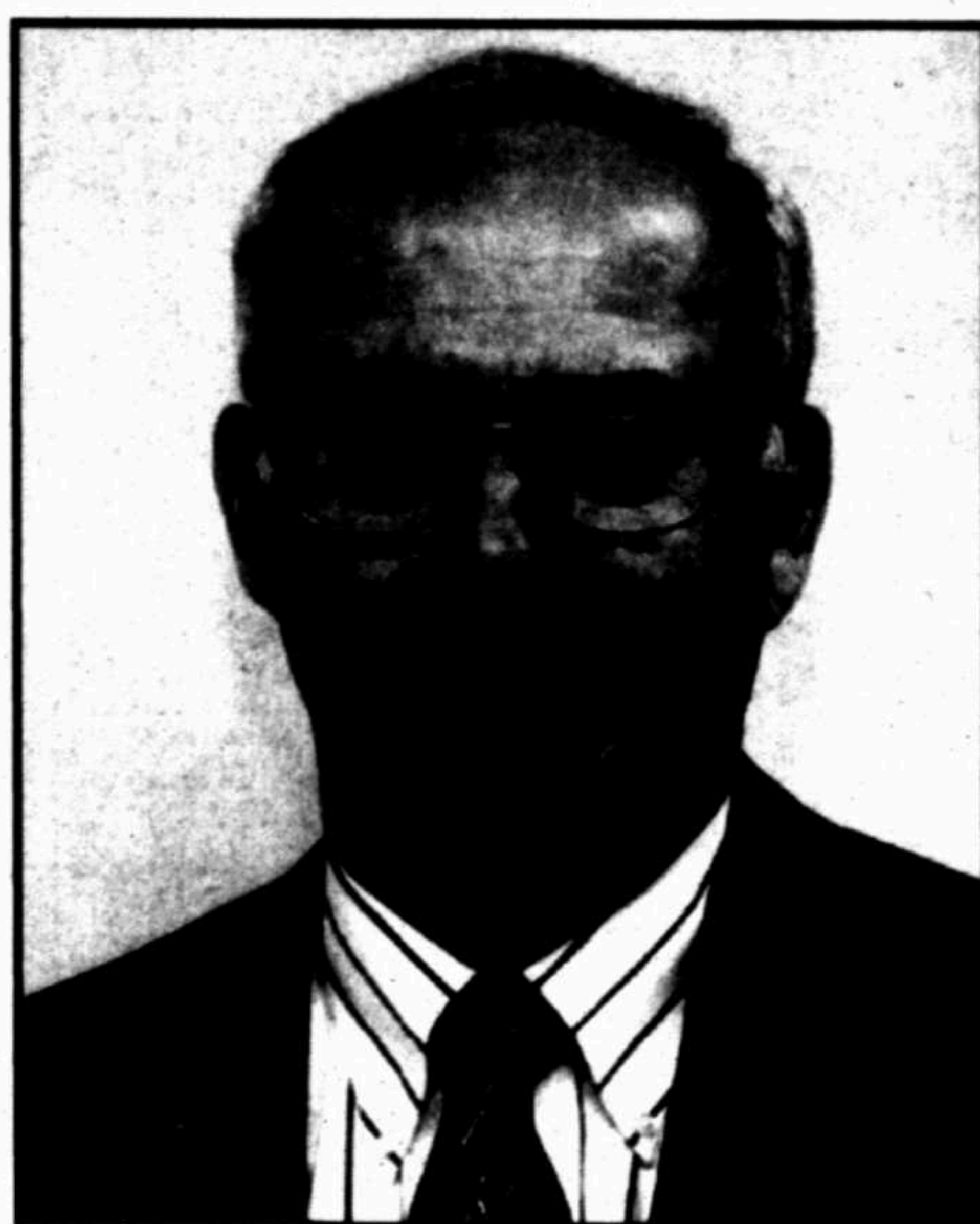
Student achievement on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and norm-referenced Terra Nova tests is well above the state and national norms. However, even though steady improvement for identified student groups has been shown on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, Midland schools, especially those serving large numbers of economically disadvantaged students, score below the state average.

Another major accomplishment is the ongoing partnership with Midland College and the City of Midland and others in the completion of the Advanced Technology Center, projected to have over 700 MISD students next year. The outstanding accomplishments of our students, athletes, and staff have been well covered by the local media over the past three years.

Finally, we are seeing the nearly completed successful effort to achieve a unitary status allowing for modification of the cluster system and the improvement of student participation in advanced courses and co-and extra-curricular activities.

Where is the District headed?

The Board has developed five goals that, when successfully completed, raise the District to the next level. These include:



Joseph Baressi

■ State accountability rating of "recognized" status for the district by August 2006;

■ District practices that promote equity and excellence in educational opportunity for all students;

■ All aspects of the community supportive of, and involved in, student success;

■ Facilities that uniformly enhance the educational program; and

■ A District finance and funding process based on clearly established priorities.

Of these goals, public involvement in and community support for our District are especially crucial. This support requires active participation of parents and volunteers in assisting teachers and staff in educating the children of Midland. MISD has been privileged to have significant quality participation through the Parent Teacher Association, Volunteers in Public Schools and Partners in Education. Still, many of our students need additional attention and positive role models to maximize their success in school.

Public education is the vehicle that has the greatest impact on a person's quality of life and one's ability to be a proactive and contributing member of society. For our democracy to flourish, no child can be left behind.

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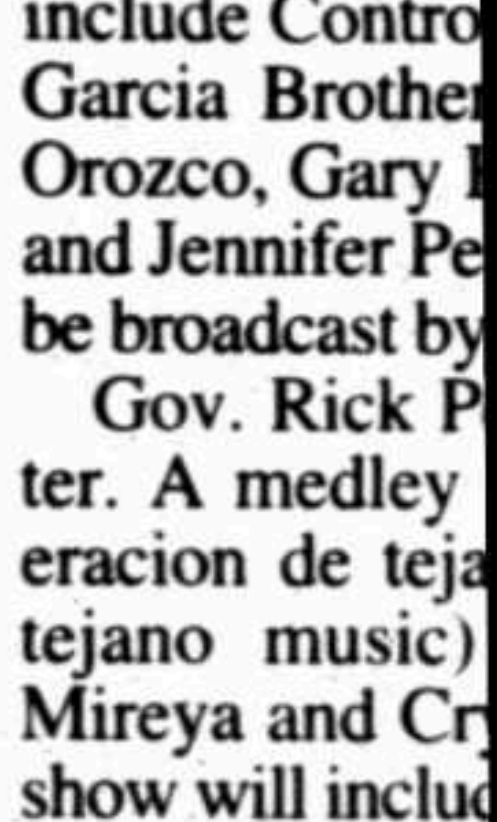
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Showtime series actor to host Tejano Music Awards

By Isela Agundis
Lifestyle Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Actor-director Tony Plana, who stars in the Showtime series "Resurrection Boulevard," will be hosting the 21st annual Tejano Music Awards Saturday at the Alamodome.

The two-day event kicks off Friday with Fanfare, an opportunity for fans to meet the stars.

Fanfare is scheduled to last from noon Friday through 2 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Station, next to the Alamodome. Seven stages will feature more than 100 bands. The event, which is open to the public, will offer food and drink booths, interactive games, artist autograph booths and sponsor giveaways.

"Fanfare, an event which is free, gives fans the opportunity to actually meet all the performers since they're going to be in one place," said Melissa González, Tejano Talent Musicians Association publicist. "I think people are anxious and ticket sales are good."

The Tejano Music Awards ceremony is to begin 7 p.m. Saturday. Performers slated to perform range from up-and-coming new artists to established musicians and include Control, Ruben Ramos, Eddie Gonzalez, Los Garcia Brothers, Jimmy Gonzalez y Mazz, Marcos Orozco, Gary Hobbs, Elida y Avante, Kumbia Kings and Jennifer Peña and DJ Kane Stefani. The event will be broadcast by Telemundo, channel 52, at a later date.

Gov. Rick Perry is scheduled as an award presenter. A medley will be performed by "la nueva generación de tejanitas" (new generation of women in tejanos music) Trisha, Laurita, Victoria, Cecilia, Mireya and Crystal. A concert performance after the show will include Desperadoz, Rodeo, Jay Perez, David

Olivarez, Margarita and Leonard y los Magnificos.

TTMA asked Plana — a frequent visitor to San Antonio — to host the event because of his collaboration with San Antonio script writer, Ruben Cuvillos.

"I love Tejano music and I love San Antonio ... the whole ambience is something we look forward to," Plana said in a phone interview. "I'm friends with Joe Hernandez and am very much attracted to that (Tejano) music and what it's about, being a hybrid of two cultures."

Plana currently stars as Roberto Santiago in the Showtime series "Resurrection Boulevard." The series is the first English-speaking weekly series produced, written, directed and starring Latinos.

"A series like this has never existed for Latinos. The second year is crucial because if we don't succeed we're not going to be around. We complain so much, but this is the one thing that is positive and could be representative of a revolution in television programming," said Plana who believes Latinos should support this landmark show. "Showtime spent close to \$60 million on this experiment and everybody in the business will be watching. If it's successful, all the other networks will follow suit; if not, it may be a long time before Latinos are given another chance to be part of something like this."

The actor has been in more than 40 movies, including "Officer and a Gentleman," "Three Amigos," "One Good Cop," "A Million to Juan" — which he co-produced and co-directed with Paul Rodriguez — "JFK," "Born in East L.A.," "Knockout" and "Picking Up the Pieces" with Woody Allen and Cheech Marin.

"I just finished 'Fidel,' a mini-series about Fidel Castro. I play the dictator and nemesis of Castro, Fulgen-

cio Batista," said Plana whose reflections on having to "get into the skin" of that character hit close to home since he was a child in Cuba during the revolution and was with his father at the 1959 parade celebrating Castro's entrance to Havana.

Plana also has appeared as secretary of state to Martin Sheen's president in several episodes of "West Wing."

The Cuban actor is also the co-founder and executive artistic director of the East L.A. Classic Theater, a group made up of mostly Hispanic American theater professionals, although Plana said it is very inclusive and multicultural. The theater is involved with developing effective literacy programs in low-performing schools and just received a Title VII grant to work with bilingual children and an educational grant to work with high school students.

"I've always felt that performing arts hasn't been utilized enough as an educational tool," said Plana. "I wanted to create a model whereby the value of performing arts was more effectively demonstrated."

The annual awards show is increasing in popularity, said Ms. González.

"I think it is growing (attendance to the Tejano Music Awards). We learn from every year and it does grow," said Ms. González, who said ticket sales would continue up until the actual event. "We're also going to have the governor here and the fact that it's being held later this year. Everyone is getting ready for fiesta week already."

Tickets may be purchased at Ticketmaster outlets 210-224-9600 and through the TTMA office at 800-500-8470.



Photo courtesy of Ruben Cuvillos
Showtime's "Resurrection Boulevard" actor Tony Plana will be hosting this year's Tejano Music Awards at the Alamodome Saturday. Plana has starred in more than 40 movies including, "Officer and a Gentleman," "Three Amigos" and "Born in East L.A."



Los Angeles could get first Hispanic mayor in 129 years

By Erica Werner
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In a city fast gaining a Hispanic majority, someone like Antonio Villaraigosa may be the face of the future.

Villaraigosa, a Mexican immigrant's son from East L.A. and high school dropout who rose to speaker of the state Assembly, is seeking to become Los Angeles' first Hispanic mayor since 1872.

With 47 percent of Los Angeles' 3.7 million residents identifying themselves as Hispanic, up from 40 percent a decade ago, some say it is about time.

"It is hugely important," said Henry Cisneros, who became the country's first big-city Hispanic mayor when he was elected in San Antonio in 1981. "Latino population growth is so big it is a huge part of the American national future, and Los Angeles would be there first."

But Villaraigosa, who eventually got his high school diploma and graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles, faces fierce competition from City Attorney James Hahn. He also risks splitting the Hispanic vote with Rep. Xavier Becerra.

The 19 candidates seeking to succeed Mayor Richard Riordan, a Republican businessman prevented from running again by term limits, will compete in a nonparti-

san race April 10. If no one wins a clear majority — and that is considered a strong possibility in a field that includes six prominent contenders — the top two vote-getters will face off June 5.

"I think there's an excitement about this candidacy," said Villaraigosa, a 48-year-old Democrat who supports police reform and organized labor and has the endorsement of Gov. Gray Davis.

"People see that there's an opportunity to elect a progressive and put together a broad coalition in support of an agenda that focuses on improving the quality of life for communities that have been left behind."

A poll released last week showed Hahn and Villaraigosa the leaders, with 24 percent and 23 percent respectively. Becerra had 5 percent.

Villaraigosa rejects the Hispanic candidate label, insisting he wants to represent everyone. And supporters cite his skill as a consensus builder during his six years in the Assembly.

"If you look at our city today, 70 percent of children in the Los Angeles Unified School District are Latino," said billionaire businessman Eli Broad. "We will have a Latino mayor sooner or later."

Hahn, a white man whose base is in the black communities of South L.A., said he does not view the city's changing demographics



AP Photos
ABOVE: Antonio Villaraigosa, left, greets striking workers outside a business last month, in Vernon, Calif. ABOVE LEFT: Congressman Xavier Becerra is seen with James Perez, 6, left, Edgar Claro, 7, and Erick Claro, 8, right, during Becerra's visit to Hoover St. Elementary School last month in Los Angeles. Becerra and Villaraigosa are contenders to become Los Angeles' first Latino mayor since 1872.

as an impediment. "I have significant support in the Latino community even though we have two Latino candidates running," Hahn said.

Hispanics are considered under-represented in local government — only three of 15 City Council members are Hispanic.

A poll conducted by the Los Angeles Times in early March showed that 50 percent of Latinos considered it important for the next mayor to be someone from their own ethnic group — compared with 16 percent of blacks and 11 percent of whites.

"It's important for the community and its trajectory into political influence and power," said David Diaz, a professor of Chicano studies at California State University at Northridge. "It addresses at least three key issues: the history of racism in U.S. politics and history, the repression of Chicanos here and underrepresentation."

Cesar Batino, who works at a money-wiring booth in downtown's bustling Hispanic shopping district, said having a Latino mayor would help the community.

"Latinos have different priorities and cultural values, and it's impor-

tant for the mayor to give value to those things," Batino said in Spanish. "It would show how far we as Latinos can go."

But Batino, 36, a five-year resident of Los Angeles, has not yet become a citizen and will not be voting in the election.

Many Hispanic residents are in the same position, which is one reason the city's Latinos vote in disproportionately small numbers, according to Arturo Vargas, executive director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. Another factor is the relative youth of the His-

panic population; many of L.A.'s Hispanics are too young to vote.

Only 14 percent of voters in the last mayoral election were Hispanic. Analysts are predicting a turnout closer to 20 percent this election, but Hispanic support alone will still not ensure victory.

"A high dependence on a lower-turnout interest group is basically a death knell," Diaz said. "Early on, Villaraigosa realized he needed to be a citywide candidate, and to win this race he had to develop interest groups and support on a much broader geography than just East L.A."

New Meadows Museum to showcase renowned Spanish art



AP Photo
Meadows Museum director John Lunsford points to a polychromed wood and ivory sculpture by an anonymous Spanish artist, on display at the Meadows Museum on the Southern Methodist University campus in Dallas. Home to one of the largest collections of Spanish art outside of Europe, the Meadows Museum at SMU is reopening in a new \$20 million building.

By Susan Parrott
Associated Press

DALLAS — Home to one of the largest collections of Spanish art outside of Europe, the Meadows Museum at Southern Methodist University has reopened in a new \$20 million building.

The 66,000-square-foot building is six times larger than the museum's previous location on campus, providing more space for galleries, special exhibitions, research and educational programs.

The 670-piece permanent collection spans more than 1,000 years of Spanish and Hispanic art, featuring masterpieces from the Middle Ages through the 20th century. Paintings include Picasso's cubist "Still Life in a Landscape," Velazquez's "Female Figure" and El Greco's "Saint Francis Kneeling in Meditation."

Also exhibited are paintings by Goya, Murillo, Ribera and Miro, along with Renaissance altarpieces, polychrome wood sculptures and hundreds of works on paper by Goya and others.

"I hope (visitors) leave with the feeling there's a great variety to Spanish art," says museum director John Lunsford. "It's not just religious themes and portraits."

Much of the collection was donated

by Algor Meadows, a Texas philanthropist and oil financier who frequented the Prado Museum in Madrid on business trips to Spain in the 1950s.

In 1962, he gave SMU the funds to build a museum for his collection, which became known as the Prado of the Prairie. That building, which opened in 1965 and closed last November for the relocation, will be used for art studies.

The Meadows Foundation donated \$20 million for design and construction of the new building.

"When the foundation turned 50, we wanted to do something significant to honor him," says foundation president Linda Evans, Meadows' niece. "It's a significant addition to the cultural life in our community. A world-class collection deserves a world-class home."

While the two-story museum features the same red-brick Georgian style of other SMU buildings, the main foyer was designed to look like a Spanish courtyard, with soft yellow walls, natural lighting and a grand staircase ascending to permanent and exhibition galleries.

The building also has art studios, seminar rooms, an auditorium, restaurant, gift shop and parking garage. The new location, on the south side of campus, is more

accessible to nonuniversity traffic. "We were sort of hidden," Lunsford says of the previous location in the center of campus. "We had wonderful exhibitions that had intermittent and disappointing attendance."

The Meadows Museum is one of the few large, specialized art collections found in a university setting, making it a resource for international scholars, Lunsford says.

"Only a few have the same kind of extraordinary collection we have," he says. "It's something SMU and the region should be very proud of."

One painting in the collection, Goya's "Yard With Madmen," is so invaluable that the museum won't lend it, even refusing a request from the Louvre Museum in Paris.

"It's a priceless collection," says Susan Verdi Webster, a Spanish art professor at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. "It's encyclopedic. It's broad-ranging. Almost every work is of the highest quality."

The museum also is increasing its outreach to the large Hispanic population in North Texas, Lunsford says. Information panels with each work of art are offered in Spanish and English, and several docents are bilingual.

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DEAR ABBY

Caring for chain-smoking aunt is more than niece can endure

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am at my wit's end. I don't know if I can go on.

My mother's 64-year-old sister, Aunt "Stella," is suffering from pulmonary disease and can no longer care for herself. I already take care of my bedridden mother in Mom's home that she shares with my children and me, while I hold down a 40-hour-a-week job and single-handedly raise my two teenagers.

Last evening, Mother asked me to take in Aunt Stella and care for her, because she is estranged from the rest of the family and has little money.

Abby, I am ashamed to admit it, but I hate the woman! Aunt Stella is the most self-centered, uncaring person I have ever known. In spite of her illness, she is never without a cigarette — even when others are in the car with her.

All my life — even as an infant and small child — she was forever stinking up the air with her smoke. She didn't (and still doesn't) care about the safety and comfort of others, as long as she gets to smoke her cigs.

Everyone, including my mother, was afraid to say anything to her about her smoking, because she would become angry and verbally abusive. (No one was going to tell HER what to do!) The few times I spoke up (or lowered the car window so I could breathe) Aunt Stella either scolded or slapped me.

She was at our place for any and all family events. I could not escape her. She was never helpful to my mother or me; just a nuisance.

I love my mother dearly, as I do my children, and do not want them to experience what I suffered all my life. Although terminal, my aunt still smokes as much as she ever has.

Mom's days are short. She is often incoherent, but she does

have days when she is really "with it," and I do not want her going to her grave knowing I did not fulfill her deathbed wishes.

However, my fear is that Aunt Stella would live on long after Mom passes, and my life — and my children's — would be pure hell.

I thought I could place her in a home at some point, but I would have to sell this place to cover the costs of keeping Stella in a facility.

Do you have any ideas, Abby? I'll be watching your column and hoping. Thank you for listening. — **EXHAUSTED AND ANGRY**

DEAR EXHAUSTED AND ANGRY: Gently tell your mother the reality is that you are unable to care for her sister. Your wishes are as important as your mother's, and should be respected.

The state or local agency on aging may be able to suggest other alternatives available to your aunt in her time of need. Call and tell them about your aunt, but make it clear that YOU cannot be responsible for her.

DEAR ABBY: Recently at a family party for my daughter's second birthday, a discussion came up about who I would like to leave my children with if

something happened to my husband and me.

Although we have not made definite plans, I said we had several options. We are extremely close to some friends who are raising their children as we are raising ours. After thinking it over, I said they would be our first choice.

Well, my parents became furious. They threatened that if we were to leave our children with these friends, they would contest the will and fight to get custody.

Abby, I love my parents, but in my heart, I know they would not be the best choice to raise our kids. How can I get my parents to back off? — **THINKING OF THEIR FUTURE**

DEAR THINKING: You probably can't, so you and your husband must talk to a lawyer and have your wishes "carved in granite." Include in the document all of the reasons you want your friends to raise your children — and all of the reasons why your parents should not. Then cross your fingers, pray that the document will never have to be seen by your parents or used by your friends, and, if it becomes necessary, that it will be reviewed by an understanding, sympathetic judge.

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



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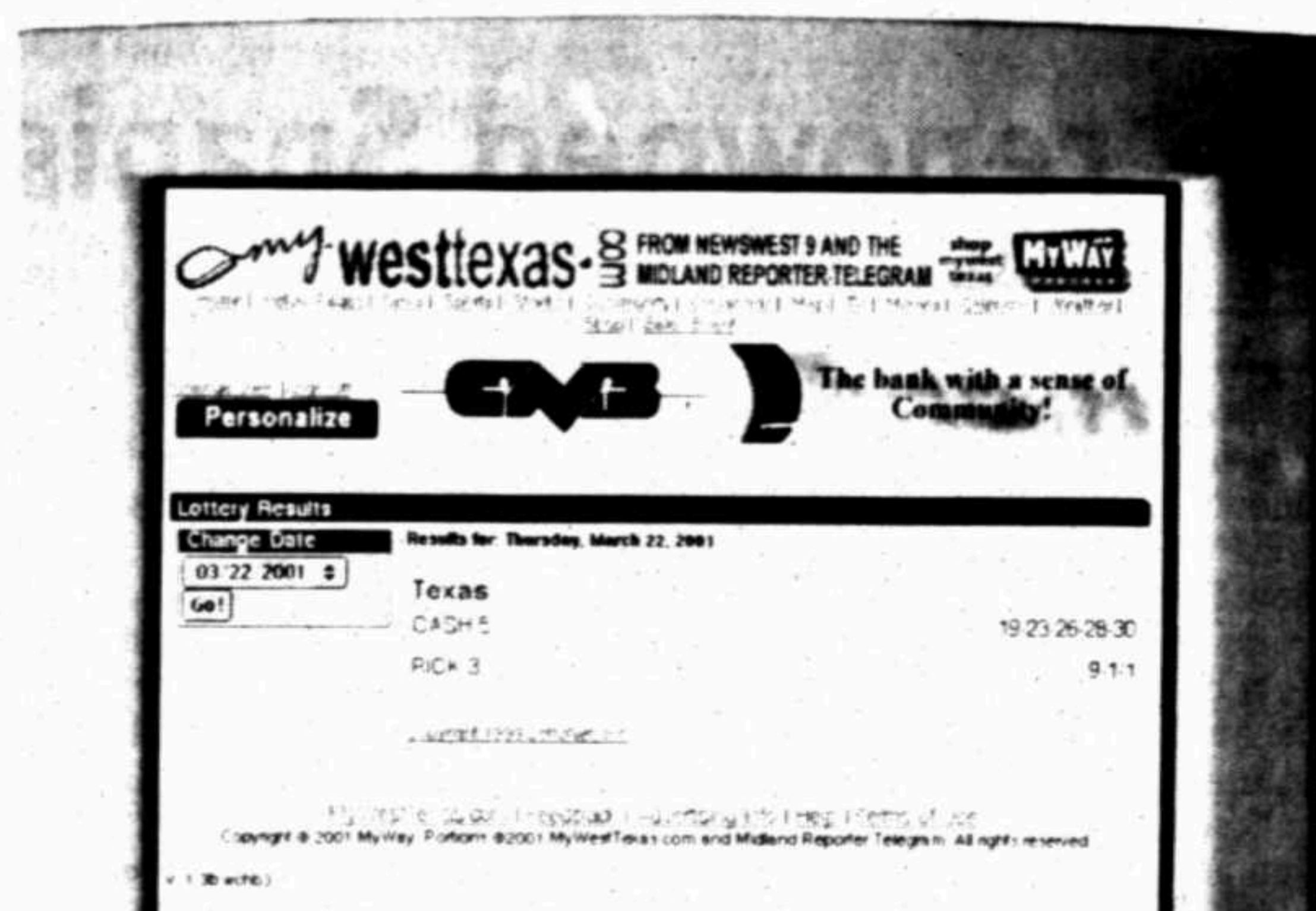
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PRIVATE CHURCH receiving applications for part time teacher assistant. Must pass background check. Good references. Experience with young children preferred. 694-9322.

Pro Snips Hair Stylist openings. Great pay. 1000 N. Midkiff. 520-9555/550-4696 ask for Betty.

SWIMMING POOL Cleaner, part-time, experience preferred, willing to train. Prefer own pickup truck. 699-7221.

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NEW TODAY
PUTT PUTT GOLF is currently hiring daytime help from 12 noon to 5 pm, Monday-Friday. Starting up to \$6.50 DOE. Apply in person.

NEW TODAY
RAPID OIL CHANGE Opening for lube techs and assistant managers. Full time plus benefits. Call for appointment 520-0079 ask for Frank.

NEW TODAY
TEMPORARY CALLERS needed, \$6 an hour, apply at 602 N. Baird, Ste 200.

NEW TODAY
VENEZIA RESTAURANT is hiring Waitstaff and Assistant Manager. No phone calls please. Apply in person 10:30-11:30 or 5:00-6:30.

NEW TODAY
WANTED PART-TIME Driver for local drinking water company. Pay \$9.00 per hour. DOE. Fax personnel information to 915-684-7050.

NEW TODAY
WANTED experienced short order cook, experienced wait person. Apply at Main Street Diner, 611 S. Main between 1:30 and 2:30 pm. No phone calls.

311 Medical Help Wanted
*\$300.00 Sign On & Referral Bonus! * RNs: \$25 to \$45 * LVNs: \$18 to \$36 * Medical/Dental 401K/Life Fax Resumes to 550-9398
NURSEFINDERS, 550-9398, E-mail us at NFOdesatx@cs.com.

Dental Hygienist. Guaranteed Base + Commission. Full time Hygienist to become our interceptive periodontal therapist in a progressive east Odessa office (15 minutes from Midland). Voice activated periodontal charting, intra-oral camera, and hygiene assistant. Excellent Benefits. Fax your confidential resume to 915-367-0636.

DENTAL FRONT OFFICE position, experience preferred. Computer and phone skills necessary. We need a responsible self-starter with a positive attitude that has a friendly, caring personality. Please bring your resume to Dr. Lou Ann Gray, 3000 N. Garfield, Suite 220, Midland, Texas.

DOCTORS OFFICE seeking part time/full time nursing assistant. Phlebotomy experience preferred. Mail resumes to PO Box 8729, Midland, TX 79708.

310 General Help Wanted
LET'S TALK AVON. Part-time, full-time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

NEW TODAY
ROUTE PERSON needed. Basic electronics helpful. Job requires heavy lifting. Apply in person at Bob Jordan Amusements, 10100 W. Hwy 80, Midland, Texas.

NEW TODAY
V.I.P. Employment Services. 696-9722. Industrial Workers needed. Long/short term assignments.

NEW TODAY
SNACK BAR cook: full time possible job at The Racquet Club. May 15 through September 15. Possible permanent position. See Chef Richard at: 3009 Racquet Club Drive or call 683-5596. Drug screen required.

NEW TODAY
TAMPOCO SPANISH Inn is currently seeking Dishwashers. Full-time & part-time. Please apply in person at 2411 West Wall Street. Ask for J.R. or Robert.

NEW TODAY
NEEDED IMMEDIATELY RN/LVN/AADON, all shifts, apply in person only. Deering Nursing Home, 1020 West County Road, Odessa, EOE.

NEW TODAY
OUTPATIENT PHYSICAL Therapy Clinic is looking for Licensed Physical Therapy assistant. Apply in person 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 308, or call 520-1558.

NEW TODAY
RECEPTIONIST Physical Therapy Clinic, 25-30 hours weekly. Data Entry and Appointment Scheduling experience a plus. \$7-8 per hour. Resumes/applications ATAC, 1012 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79701.

NEW TODAY
Trinity Haven Healthcare is Currently Hiring: LVN's FT & PRN Positions (Work 2 days and get a weeks pay)

CNA's (FT & P/T) Apply @ 3203 Sage St. (No phone calls please)

310 General Help Wanted
FULL TIME RN need. Cardiology experience preferred. Send resume to Permian Cardiology Associates, 2405 W. Missouri, Midland, TX 79701. 683-2723.

NEW TODAY
INTERIM HEALTH CARE needing RN's, LVN's, CNA's for staffing competitive wages and fast pay. 2817 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, suite 7, Odessa, 550-7593.

NEW TODAY
RN NEEDED For Out-Patient Surgery Center. Please send Resume to P.O. Box 9520 Midland TX 79708.

NEW TODAY
Midland Dialysis Center accepting applications for a LVN. Excellent salary and benefits. If interested fax resume to: 915-687-5008 or apply at 731 W. Wadley Bldg K, Suite 130. No phone calls please.

NEW TODAY
NCT needed for busy doctors office part time. Phlebotomy experience helpful but not required. Please send resume to 805 W. Wadley, Suite A, Midland, TX 79705 or call 915-683-3550. Ask for Melissa.

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NEW TODAY
LOCAL NON-PROFIT organization has an opening for assistant director, and a director development and public relations. College degree and or 2 years experience with a non-profit. Salary depends on experience. Send resume to Box D-3023 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NEW TODAY
LOSS CONTROL REP NEEDED to perform safety surveys on behalf of insurance companies. Texas LCR designation required or degree in math, science, or engineering. Salary + bonus + mileage. Will train. Fax resume to: VP Operations 800-460-0724.

NEW TODAY
OIL & GAS Revenue Accountant in San Diego. \$40-\$60K per year plus benefits. Fax resume 760-634-8246.

314 Medical Help Wanted
Global Personnel Network Positions Local & Worldwide 686-8360.

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Trinity Haven Healthcare is Currently Hiring: RN Weekend Supervisor

NEW TODAY
WEEKEND RECEPTIONIST for extended hour medical clinic. Saturdays (9 am to 5 pm) and Sundays (1 pm to 5 pm). Apply at Permian Basin Physicians, 3400 Andrews Hwy, Midland.

NEW TODAY
TEMPORARY RESOURCES 1601 W. Texas 684-0527 or 684-0836 (fax)

NEW TODAY
COMMERCIAL INSURANCE LICENSED CSR For local independent insurance agency. Please send resume to: Insurance Agent, P.O. Box 393, Midland, TX 79702-0393.

NEW TODAY
KINDERGARTEN Teacher needed beginning 2001-2002 school year. Grace Lutheran Early Childhood Program seeks a Christian teacher for their kindergarten program. Bachelors degree and teaching certificate required. Experience preferred. For information on applying call Amy at 694-3063. Monday-Friday 8:30 am-3:00 pm.

NEW TODAY
OFFICE ASSISTANT needed. USA's #1 housecleaning service has an immediate opening for a part time office assistant. Looking for a responsible person with basic telephone and computer skills. A positive attitude a must. Call Merry Maids at 522-2002.

NEW TODAY
PART TIME Secretary for doctor's office afternoons and some evenings. Typing, WordPerfect, answering phones, and other office duties. Non-smoking environment. Send resume to: 1705 West Illinois, Midland, TX 79701.

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TEMP & PM POSITIONS Available. 682-0033 or 570-0197

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT Needed: computer experience a necessity, good office and people skills, real estate experience desirable. Send resume to: Box J-5017, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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311 Medical Help Wanted
FILE SYSTEM Project Coordinator. Immediate opening for file system project. Develop and setup comprehensive file system for oil and gas company. High level of creativity and organization required. Previous file room management experience helpful. Call Kelly Services 689-9801. Never an applicant fee. An equal opportunity employer.

312 Professional Help Wanted
IMMEDIATE POSITION Receptionist with Data entry. Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00. Drug screen. Call 694-9905.

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KELLY IS YOUR JOB Connection... To Quality Jobs! Call Kelly Services 689-9801

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MOVE TO San Antonio Oil company seeking Secretary Office Manager. General accounting and OAS experience helpful. RRC Reports a plus. Pay commensurate with experience. relocation expenses paid. 682-3839.

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NEW-E-NUFF, 350 N. Midland Dr. Ste A. Open. Monday- Friday, 10:00am-5:30pm. Open 10:00am-4:00pm on Saturday. 50% off clothing, 25% off toys, 25% off appliances!

79701

1300 S. MARSHALL- Large backyard sale. Friday- Saturday 8:00 am- 4:00 pm. Furniture, miscellaneous items, decorative items, some collectibles, kitchenware items, clothes, toys, bikes, rims.

79703

5105 THOMASON- FRIDAY only, 8-3. Lots of furniture, clothes, children's items and more miscellaneous!

706 RUBY- Lawn mower, chairs, floor lamp, fans, electric typewriter, pecans, miscellaneous. Friday 8-6. Saturday 8-12.

79705

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

2300 NORTH "A" Apt. # 906-

(Courtyard Apartments) Estate Sale! Friday and Saturday only! 9 am - 2 pm. Furniture, collectibles, antiques, huge Beanie collection, Liberty Falls, men's clothing, videos, CDs, international Santas, garden tools and much more!

1008 GODFREY- THE Garage Is Full!

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 8-5. RV supplies, RV booth and table, RV swivel recliner, bar stools, chairs, desk with chair, new (still in box) Dish 500 with stand, small appliances, material, sheets, blankets, pillows.

79705

No Children-No Large Purses or Bags

FRANCES METCALFE ESTATE SALE

3001 RACQUET CLUB

Wed. thru Sat. 9 - 3 & Sun. 2 - 5

Lalique, Baccarat, Waterford, Daum, Murano, Orrefors, Sevres plates, Hoya, Herend, large Italian ceramic serving pieces & Decorative items, "Promenade" china by Fitz & Floyd, brass, large copper serving pieces, beautiful oriental items, large brass candleabras by Baldwin, black Wedgwood, Crystal serving pieces, Lamps, Large silk arrangements, large live plants, Italian garden seat, Oriental garden seat, clown collection, books, tapes, Videos, lots of linens, refrigerators, her- itage dining table, dining chairs, Brown/ Jordan patio furniture, Antique brass & marble plant stand, club chairs, accent table with elephant legs, carved Indian chair, Large desk, Marble top end tables, sofa, chrome bench, double bed, twin beds, Queen electric bed, Etageres, La Barge mirror, Designer clothes, Belts by Judith Leiber & Alexis Kirk, Weitzman shoes (9 1/2 & 10B) most new, purses by Falchi, Flori, Chanel, Dooney, Sharif & others, Evening purses, full length Lynx coat, reversible full length Muskrat, reversible, full length Nutria, other assorted furs. Over 1,000 pieces of fabulous costume jewelry: bracelets, necklaces, pins, rings & lots of "Clip" earrings, 14K gold, sterling - some Tiffany, & Much, Much More!

This is A Beautiful Sale!

Judy Jackson's Estate Sales

- Due to Security Control -
- Limited Access -

Please do not block driveways -
Parking on street only.

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79706

5701 WEST INDUSTRIAL (The Basin News Agency) Friday & Saturday, 7- noon. New Easter baskets, Easter grass and eggs, stuffed Easter bunnies and children's toys. All new! Distributor close out. Discounted Prices!

79707

3500 JORDAN- (Off Wadley across from Trinity School. Park in back) Kid's clothes, boy's 5-6, girl's 4-16, ladies petite 4-8, children's books, shoes, men's golf shirts, videos, CDs, cassettes, bedspread sets, entertainment center, dresser with mirror (\$75) & much more! Friday & Saturday, 7-9.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

\$20.50 \$20.50 \$20.50 \$20.50
GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE
\$20.50

- * 7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
- * 2 Days
- * **Stand Out Emblem**
- * **Garage Sale Kit** (includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints, \$6 Value)
- * **Package of Flavored Drink Mix** (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
- * **\$3 Off Classified Coupon** (Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get \$3 off!)

Or Get 3 Days for Only \$24.50!

Call 682-6222 Today!

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BENEFIT GARAGE SALE

BEING HELD BY OXY PERMIAN EMPLOYEES OF ANDREWS, ODESSA, AND MIDLAND

(WILL BENEFIT 2 OF OUR EMPLOYEES WITH SERIOUS ILLNESSES)

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2001

8:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.

1719 N. FM 1936, ODESSA, TX

(1/2 BLOCK SOUTH OF G.Q. SALMON & SON, INC.)

WILL INCLUDE:

OFFICE FURNITURE, CLOTHES, TOYS, DISHES, BABY ITEMS, MISC. FURNITURE, ETC.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.

Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

Get Framed!

See how this ad caught your eye with its effective use of a border as a frame? Ask Pam, Emily, Jennifer, Tammy or Deborah about framing your ad today!

682-6222

or fax to

682-6999

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today!

Household ★ Specials:

Do you have furniture, appliances, or other unwanted household items? If so, don't let these items take up precious storage space. We've got 3 economical ways for you to turn Clutter into Cash!

Super Seller I ...
7 days
for only \$10.50!

Super Seller II ...
7 days
for only \$5.50!

With Super Seller I, we'll advertise your household item (priced under \$350) for 7 days, for only \$10.50

With Super Seller II, we'll advertise your household item (priced under \$150) for 7 days, for only \$5.50

Write an ad with 15 words to describe your furniture, appliance, or other household item, & Call Brandi, Pam, Emily, Nancy or Jennifer Today!

Free Bee - 15 words,
4 days, FREE!

FREE! That's right, we'll advertise your household item (priced under \$50) for 4 days absolutely FREE! (Monday through Thursday) Submit your 15 word ad in writing (Please fax it, mail it, or bring it in!)



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All of our specials are for private, non-commercial individuals only and some specials require pre-payment, some do not. 1 item per ad please. *Free Bee per family per week. Call 682-6222 for complete details.

Academy

is accepting applications for a Secretary. Computer skills necessary, school experience a plus. 522-7200 557-3366

THE USDA Farm Service Agency is taking applications for a temporary clerical position (\$10.12 hourly rate). Requirements for this position are a high school diploma or equivalent, typing (50 wpm), and computer skills. Farm or ranch knowledge will be beneficial. Applications may be obtained at the Farm Service Agency, 1219 S. Fairgrounds Rd. Midland (915-684-6781). Final date to submit applications is 4:30 pm, April 16th, 2001. Candidates will be considered with out discrimination for any non merit reason, such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or family status, disability, political affiliation or membership in any organization. "FSA is an equal employment opportunity employer." This position was also submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission.

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Needed \$75,000 + per year. 915-522-1218.

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Current hiring Sales Clerk. Great hours. Apply in person 708 West Scharbauer.

Real Wheel Deals

ONLY \$25 w/Photo Call for info 682-6222

318 Mont. Help Wanted

NEW TODAY OFFICE MANAGER

Strong Supervisory experience. Excellent customer service. Mail out & A/P needed. Immediate opening. Salary \$8-10/hour. No Fee. Temporary Resources 1601 W. Texas 684-0527 or 684-0836 (fax)

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

GEOTECH wanted for contract part time position. Flexible hours and willing to train. Send resume to P.O. BOX 3398, Midland, TX 79702.

GROWING OIL FIELD

Construction company looking for a construction supervisor to build new drilling locations and lease roads. Must be experienced. Call Hand, Big D Construction Company, 688-8100.

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\$300 - \$90K. Office experience. Email to nolerio@hotmail.com

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. Full-time with references. MS proficient, qualified & experienced. Email: kityasha@aol.com for resume.

NEW TODAY GOT MILK? Got Data? No Problem

Call me to eliminate your excess typing! 634-3538 or home 697-9842.

336 Adult Care Providers

Loving Home Care Give us a call and we can take care of your families needs. Call 915-268-1704 or 661-0682.

20 YEAR EXPERIENCED

LVN is looking for elderly delivery van and well 24 hour care. 570-7448.

I WOULD like to take care

of your loved one. Years of experience, references. 570-1197.

341 Child Care Providers

WOULD LIKE to keep your 1-3 year old in my loving home. Brooke 688-4703.

350 Business Opportunities

Attention Readers Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram must always know the merits of the offer. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

INDEPENDENT FREIGHT

Contractor RPS/ FedEx must have valid DL, good driving record, over 21 years of age, approved through FedEx, drug screen, etc. \$60,000 buys delivery van and well established route in Odessa. Gross yearly \$75K- \$85K. Serious inquiries only 520-0609 or 425-5094. Attn: George Sheehan.

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Texas Ave. HBO, DDT, telephone, kitchenette. Low, weekly, and monthly rates. 682-9793.

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paid, covered parking. 609 West Storey.

ALL BILLS Paid, Furnished, 1 & 2 Bedroom,

down town, quiet complex. To see apartments call 682-3589.

LARGE One bedroom,

good furniture, walk-in closets, dishwasher, covered parking, quite complex. 687-4855.

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UNIQUE 1 BEDROOM Apartment- vaulted ceiling, sky lights, large closets, private stair entry. All bills paid \$350/ month \$200 deposit. 4613 Rankin Hwy.

CHEAP RENT! 2 bedroom

1 bath, \$295 month \$150 deposit XXXX Michigan XXX-XXXX leave message.

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Ask about our redecorating specials. 694-1349

MOVE IN SPECIAL, 1 & 2

bedrooms, \$99 deposit, 1st month rent free. Attractive 3 bedrooms. Call Silver Creek Apartments. 2438 Whitmore, 687-0053.

SUTTON PLACE

TOWNHOMES Garden setting. 1-2 & 3 Bedrooms. Tired of closet size bedrooms and wait to wall beds? Our smallest unit is 1,050 square feet. Covered parking. New efficiency hours Tuesday thru Thursday 6 to 8 pm. Saturday 10 am to 1 pm and by special appointment. 682-2423.

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2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Townhome- 1,100 sq. ft. Stove and refrigerator furnished. All bills paid plus free basic cable. Bowie Elementary and Midland High School District. \$500 per month. Efficiency apartments \$360. Call 570-0842 and 689-7519, 664-2694.

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Refrigerator air, bills paid, refrigerator, non-smoking environment, responsible individual, no pets. 682-1745/ 682-5405.

603 Rooms Wanted

SHARE 3 BEDROOM, two bath house. \$350/ \$100. Utilities, cable, use of kitchen, laundry. 520-0810.

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