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Major contenders face off

Republicans to follow suit in Houston

AUSTIN (AP) — With the major Republican candidates for governor headed to tonight's debate in Houston, Tom Luce already has begun the attack on front-runner Clayton Williams.

Luce, ignoring two other major candidates in the race, Wednesday criticized Williams' multimillion-dollar television ad campaign and said it was time to get specific.

"I believe there's more to state government than simple, feel-good solutions proposed in slogan form," Luce said.

Williams said Luce's rhetoric showed his desperation over low ranking in recent opinion polls.

Poking fun at the nearly \$4 million in personal funds Williams has spent and his claim to have created 100,000 jobs, Luce said of Williams' TV blitz: "I think it's a legitimate jobs program. I think he's presented a very significant economic development program for the state. It's helping television stations. It's creating jobs. Probably quite a few jobs."

Williams, noting that Luce has received less than 10 percent in several recent polls, issued a statement saying his rival was suffering from "candidatus disappointment."

"That's Latin for a guy who spends a million bucks on TV commercials and finds himself still in the single digits of support," Williams said.

All four major GOP hopefuls — Luce, Williams, Jack Rains and Kent Hance — are scheduled to participate in tonight's statewide, televised debate.

Luce contended that some Williams proposals to combat drug use are weaker than current criminal

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Center stage

Former Texas Governor Mark White, left, and gubernatorial hopefuls Ann Richards and Jim Mattox make their way to center stage Wednesday

night in Houston, where the three debated campaign issues. Tonight, their Republican counterparts will debate.

AP Laserphoto

Democrats focus on state lottery

HOUSTON (AP) — The major Democratic contenders for governor squared off on education, crime and abortion in a statewide televised debate, but the issue they battled over most was one they all claimed to support — a state lottery.

Attorney General Jim Mattox, who has made the lottery a cornerstone of his campaign, said both his opponents at different times have not backed the idea and they only are supporting it now because it's gained popularity.

"What's happened is you feel the political winds blowing in your faces and you've decided to get on with it," Mattox said during the 90-minute debate Wednesday night.

But former Gov. Mark White and State Treasurer Ann Richards repeatedly said they supported a state lottery.

"I'm for a lottery, and I think you are too, Mark," said Ms. Richards, who in a recent poll led White in a close race with Mattox trailing far behind. But she added she believes a lottery is an "unstable source of revenue."

At one point, rather than reply to another question about education, she said, "Let's talk about the lottery so we can finish this sucker."

Ms. Richards also said she thinks Mattox's television campaign advertisement in which he indicates his two opponents don't support a lottery is "a lie, and I think you need to pull it down."

"I'm not about to change my TV commercials," Mattox said after the debate.

White said he, too, is for a lottery and against raising taxes.

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California battling oil spill

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Crews worked under spotlights early today to protect a wildlife preserve and beaches from a slick of more than 290,000 gallons of oil spilled from a tanker that may have gashed itself on its anchor.

The 811-foot American Trader, fully loaded with 21 million gallons of heavy Alaskan crude, tore a 3-foot hole in a compartment Wednesday as it was moored at an offshore pipeline terminal 1 1/2 miles from shore, the Coast Guard said.

The slick hovered about a mile from several popular beaches and an estuary this morning, but desert winds today condensed it from a four-mile-long plume into a roundish, mile-long blob and were pushing it away from shore, officials said.

"It's good, because it's a smaller area for us to corral," said Coast Guard Petty Officer Mark Kennedy. "But the farther it gets offshore, the harder it will be to get it out of the water."

Cleanup crews using oil-containment booms and skimmer boats were helped today by calm seas. Lifeguards patrolled the beaches for signs of oil. Nine oil-fouled birds were found alive on the beach, said lifeguard Bill Richardson.

"Those wetlands and wildlife preserves are so very precious," said Dorothy Green, president of Heal the Bay, a local environmental group.

The spill occurred just off Huntington Beach, a city about 30 miles south of Los Angeles long popular with surfers and sunbathers and often the scene for movies and TV shows featuring surfing.

The tanker sat more than 40 feet deep in the water, said Sanford Schmidt, president of American Trading Transportation Co. of New York, which operates the ship. The American Trader was leased by British Petroleum Oil Shipping Co. USA.

British Petroleum has assumed responsibility for the

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Local car insurance costs to decline slightly

By JAMES CULLEN
Reporter-Telegram Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Motorists in the Permian Basin will see slight reductions in their car insurance bills in May under a new rate plan, the State Board of Insurance staff reported Wednesday.

The insurance board Monday approved a 2.88 percent statewide rate

increase effective May 1, but the rates vary by region according to loss experience.

In a county-by-county breakdown released Wednesday, the average motorist in Midland and Howard counties would pay \$543, a reduction of \$9, or 1.9 percent, for a standard policy with limits of \$20,000-\$40,000 bodily injury and \$15,000 property damage liability, \$5,000 personal in-

jury protection, \$50 deductible comprehensive and \$200 deductible collision.

The average Ector County motorist would pay \$556, a reduction of \$6, or 1.1 percent.

The rates compare with \$772 in Bexar County (San Antonio), \$736 in Dallas County, \$637 in Lubbock County and \$538 in Tom Green County (San Angelo).

The statewide rate increase will generate \$113 million to cover a 9.2 percent increase in the costs of medical care and court costs from lawsuits that offset a 6.9 percent decline in property damage costs.

The board Monday also authorized higher rates for insurance against underinsured motorists to compensate for a recent Texas Supreme Court ruling that expanded insur-

ance company liability.

The Texas Supreme Court in September 1989 ruled that in cases where damages exceed the coverage limits of an insured motorist who is at fault, the extra costs may be charged to the other driver's uninsured motorist coverage.

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State statute may block local sales tax increase

By BRIAN PEARSON
Staff Writer

Assistant City Manager Keith Stretcher glumly took the lecture before city councilmen Wednesday and announced that state law may have thrown a legal wrench in plans to raise the sales tax.

A state statute may require the

city to reduce property tax revenues by the amount spent on mass transit projects, Stretcher said.

City administrators have been working to get a 1/4-cent sales tax hike proposal on the May ballot.

The additional \$2 million in sales tax revenues would have been used for street repairs, paving east Midland roads and installing traffic

lights, officials said.

However, property tax revenues would have to be dropped by the amount the city spent on the projects, according to how Midland officials interpret the statute.

"We're trying to see what the intent of the Legislature was," Stretcher said. "We're trying to see how this is interpreted by other state

agencies."

He pointed out that no case law exists on the statute, which went into effect in August 1989.

City Manager Fred Poe said the city would not put the sales tax proposal before voters in May should officials' worst fears about the statute prove true.

Raising sales tax revenues would

mean having to lower the ad valorem tax rate of 62 cents per \$100 to about 54 cents, Poe said.

"We made no plans or calculated on having to do this," Poe said.

The property tax cut must remain in effect for a year, he said. The statute would not allow the city to raise

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Local Girl Scouts given taste of Chinese lifestyle

By JULIE HILLRICH
Staff Writer

A helping of steaming cauliflower stew turned out to be a perfect accompaniment for a meeting between East and West cultures Wednesday night, when more than a dozen Girl Scouts got a lesson in Chinese cooking.

Cissy Marin, leader of Girl Scout Troop 32, arranged the lesson for scouts from Travis, South, Santa Rita and Jane Long Elementary Schools to pave the way for the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council's observance of Thinking Day, which is slated from 3 to 4:30 Sunday at the Program Center, 901 Dengar Ave.

On this day, troops will demonstrate games and customs from other countries in the world.

Julia Wei, a 24-year-old Chinese exchange student from Midland's sister city of Dongying and the daughter of that city's foreign minister, has been in the Permian Basin since last fall attending the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in Odessa.

She enrolled in four classes at Midland Col-

lege last month, and will be living in the Midland home of United Way Executive Director Jane Wolf for the duration of the spring semester.

Ms. Marin said the scouts wanted to learn about China or Japan. "And since Julia was available to us, we decided to learn about China," she said.

Dressed in a traditional Chinese dress of burgundy velvet, Ms. Wei — who speaks fluent English — had little trouble communicating with her fourth- and fifth-grade guests.

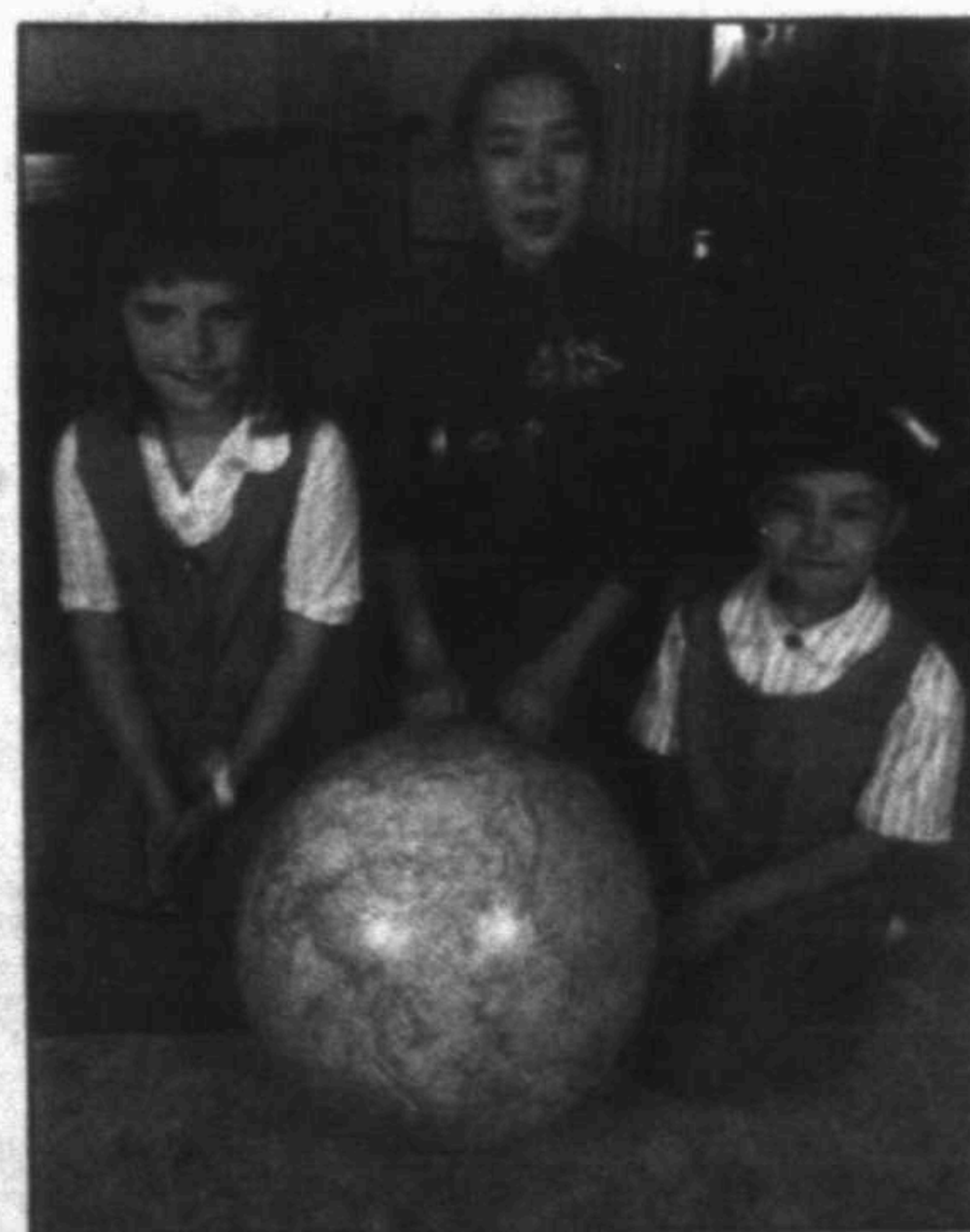
She talked about Chinese families, schools, games, dances, hobbies and parties.

Ms. Wei also taught the scouts a Chinese game similar to the American version of "Hot Potato."

Using a kettle, rock and wooden spoon, she instructed one girl to bang on the kettle while the others passed the rock around in a circle.

When the pounding stopped, the girl left hold the rock sang a song.

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Brian Adamcik, Reporter-Telegram
Julia Wei of Dongying, China, has a global exchange with Midland Girl Scouts Helen Madden, left, and Cindy Vera.

Arms cuts prospects brighten

MOSCOW (AP) — Prospects for deep arms reductions in Europe appeared to brighten today as the United States and the Soviet Union resumed intensive negotiations over their non-nuclear weapons arsenals.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze said, "There is some movement" in his talks with Secretary of State James A. Baker III. "I would certainly hope so," Baker responded in remarks to reporters.

Shevardnadze said the steps taken by the Communist Party Central Committee to abolish the party's monopoly on political power would improve U.S.-Soviet relations further.

"It will mean we have more elements of trust in our relationship," he said.

Speaking of his own government,

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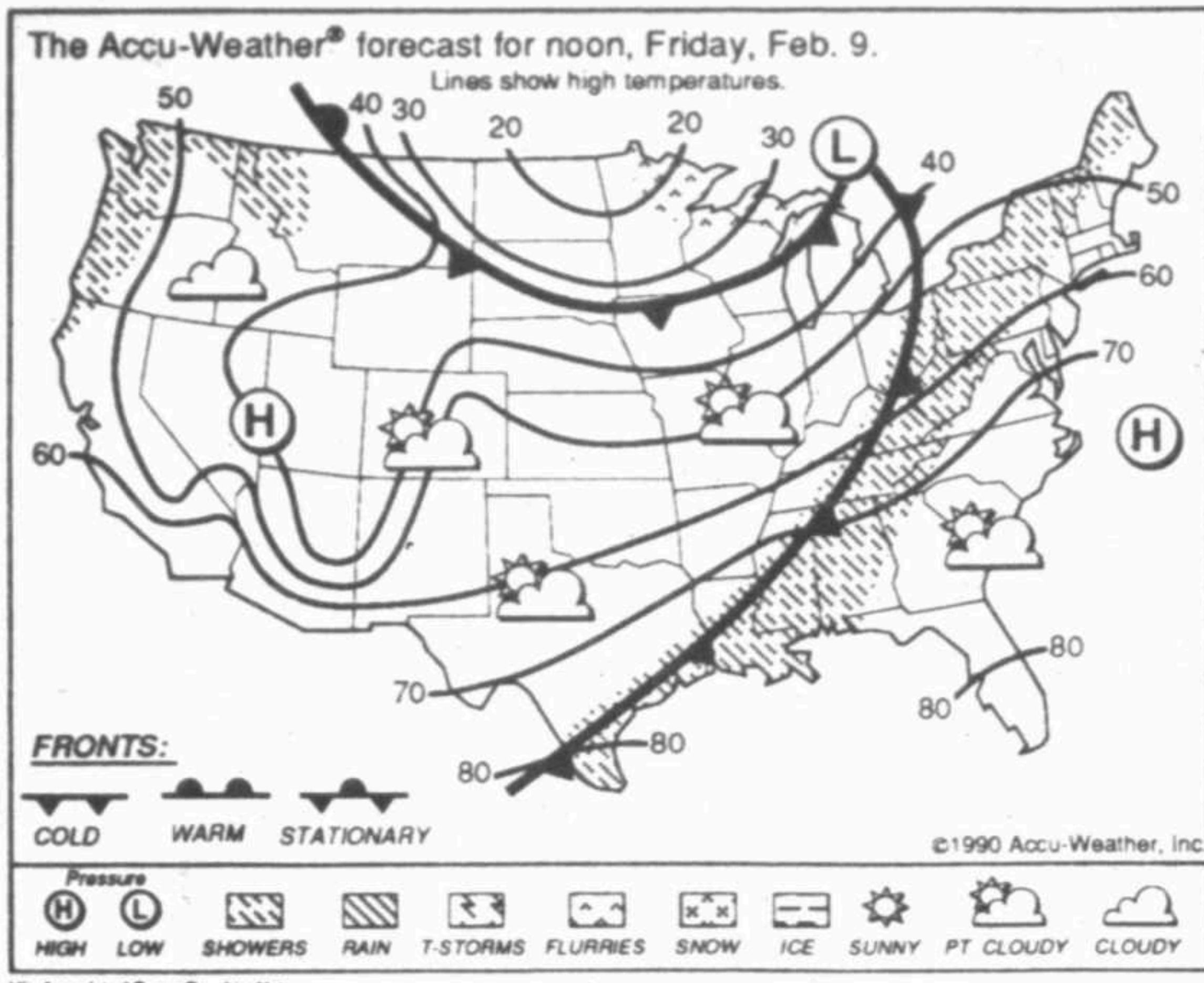
Weather

Partly cloudy tonight, low in the upper 30s, westerly winds 5-10 mph. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Low in 30s forecast

From Staff and Wire Reports

Partly cloudy skies are in the forecast for tonight with the low in the upper 30s and winds from the west at 5-10 mph, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport.

Friday is expected to continue to be partly cloudy with the high in the middle 60s and winds shifting to the west-northwest at 10-20 mph.

Wednesday's high of 78 was seven degrees cooler than the record high of 83 set for that date in 1932. The overnight low of 42 was 53 degrees warmer than the record low of -11 set for that date in 1933.

STATE

Showers and thunderstorms, including some that may reach severe levels, are possible tonight in extreme South Texas and in Northeast Texas.

The showers and thunderstorms will be triggered by a series of weak upper-level disturbances moving eastward from the Pacific area.

It will be mostly cloudy tonight across North Texas and South Texas. The only portion of North Texas expected to miss the showers and thunderstorms will be across the western third of the area.

It will be fair to partly cloudy across West Texas. A few isolated showers are possible in extreme northwest portions of the Panhandle.

The showers and thunderstorms will be ending from the west Friday and clouds will be decreasing.

Lows tonight will be mostly in the 40s and 50s, ranging from the 30s in the Panhandle to the 60s in extreme South Texas.

Highs Friday will be mostly in the 60s and 70s, ranging from the 50s in the Panhandle to the lower 80 in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

A dense fog advisory was in effect early today for the coastal bend area as fog reduced visibility to as low as one-sixteenth of a mile. Some patchy dense fog was reported in other areas of South Texas.

NATION

Coastal rain and high-altitude snow east of the Cascade Mountains continued in Oregon and Washington today as another Gulf of Alaska storm churned into the Pacific Northwest.

A warm spell, meanwhile, lingered across most of the rest of the nation, with temperatures in the Southeast averaging up to 16 degrees above normal. Record readings were expected today in parts of the Midwest and much of the East.

Arctic air was due today in the northern Rockies and Friday in the Northern Rockies.

All major passes across the Washington Cascades were expected to reopen today after being closed due to heavy snow and high avalanche danger. Snoqualmie Pass, Stevens Pass and White Pass were closed Wednesday evening, virtually cutting off road travel between eastern and western Washington, the state Department of Transportation said.

Midland statistics

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low in the upper 30s, westerly winds 5-10 mph. Friday: Partly cloudy, high in the middle 60s, west-northwesterly winds 10-20 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High: 78 degrees
Overnight Low: 42 degrees
Sunset today: 6:29 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:37 a.m.

Precipitation: Last 24 hours: 0.0 inches
This month to date: 0.4 inches
Year to date: 25.4 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

	8 a.m.	3 p.m.	8 p.m.
7 a.m.	34	7 p.m.	71
8 a.m.	37	8 p.m.	53
9 a.m.	47	9 p.m.	53
10 a.m.	55	10 p.m.	51
11 a.m.	63	11 p.m.	53
noon	68	midnight	52
1 p.m.	71	1 a.m.	47
2 p.m.	73	2 a.m.	46
3 p.m.	75	3 a.m.	45
4 p.m.	75	4 a.m.	43
5 p.m.	75	5 a.m.	45
		6 a.m.	44

Texas temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Arlene	74	54	
Alice	70	63	03
Amarillo	69	32	
Austin	75	61	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	69	61	50
Beeville	71	64	04
Brownsville	76	67	
Bryan-College Station	74	61	
Childress	74	61	
Corpus Christi	68	63	08
Cotulla	74	62	
Dalhousie	74	61	
Dallas-Fort Worth	70	56	
Del Rio	74	56	
El Paso	69	48	
Fort Worth	72	51	
Galveston	63	59	45
Hondo	71	61	
Houston Hobby Airport	66	60	09
Junction	74	57	
Kingsville	69	66	10
Laredo	74	66	
Longview	71	58	
Lubbock	72	43	
Lufkin	75	58	
Marfa	68	29	
McAllen	74	68	12
Midland-Odessa	76	42	
Mineral Wells	74	47	
Palacios	71	62	09
San Angelo	75	53	
San Antonio	74	62	
Stephenville	72	51	
Texasville, Ark.	69	51	
Victoria	74	63	03
Waco	74	58	
Wichita Falls	75	45	
Wink	74	41	

Weather elsewhere

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Onk
Albany, N.Y.	47	22	rn	
Albuquerque	57	34	cdy	
Anchorage	01	20	cdy	
Atlanta	65	45	cdy	
Atlantic City	58	30	cdy	
Baltimore	57	32	cdy	
Boise	36	27	rn	
Boston	47	29	cdy	
Buffalo	41	31	01	rn
Casper	37	13	08	cdy
Charleston, S.C.	74	55	cdy	
Chicago	42	37	cdy	
Cincinnati	47	34	cdy	
Dayton	47	35	cdy	
Denver	61	25	cdy	
Detroit	48	37	rn	
Flagstaff	44	25	cdy	
Grand Rapids	38	35	rn	
Greenville	32	22	cdy	
Honolulu	78	70	07	cdy
Indianapolis	44	31	cdy	
Jackson, Miss.	69	46	rn	
Kansas City	61	40	cdy	
Las Vegas	56	38	cdy	
Little Rock	59	45	cdy	
Los Angeles	62	52	cdy	
Louisville	55	33	rn	
Memphis	64	40	cdy	
Milwaukee	39	33	cdy	
Minneapolis	50	28	cdy	
Nashville	59	36	cdy	
New Orleans	68	54	rn	
New York City	53	37	cdy	
Oklahoma City	71	47	cdy	
Omaha	61	28	cdy	
Philadelphia	59	32	cdy	
Phoenix	70	53	cdy	
Pittsburgh	48	36	rn	
Reno	38	20	cdy	
Richmond	62	35	07	cdy
St. Louis	59	42	cdy	
Salt Lake City	37	08	13	cdy
San Diego	61	53	cdy	
San Francisco	56	45	cdy	
Shreveport	70	50	cdy	
Sioux Falls	56	21	cdy	
Spokane	33	21	18	an
Tampa-St. Petersburg	81	67	cdy	
Tucson	63	47	cdy	
Tulsa	73	60	cdy	
Washington, D.C.	71	48	cdy	
	57	37	cdy	

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Fair to partly cloudy Friday. Isolated showers extreme northwest Panhandle this evening. Lows tonight near 30 Panhandle to the mid 40s Concho Valley. Highs Friday mid 50s Panhandle to the upper 70s Big Bend.

North Texas: Mostly cloudy tonight with scattered showers and thunderstorms in central and east, some thunderstorms severe in east tonight. Showers and thunderstorms ending in the east on Friday and turning cooler in the west on Friday with clearing from the west. Lows tonight lower 40s northwest to upper 50s southeast.

Army taking back 14 combat medals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army, in an embarrassing admission, is taking back Combat Infantryman Badges from 14 wounded soldiers who were mistakenly granted the coveted awards within days of their involvement in the Panama invasion.

Some of the awards were incorrectly bestowed because the wounded men were still under sedation when the medals were pinned to their pillows and couldn't be queried about their duties during Operation Just Cause, according to Army spokesman Maj. Joe Padilla.

Gen. Carl Vuono, the Army chief of staff, awarded the medals during a visit to two military hospitals in San Antonio, Texas, on Dec. 22.

The chief of staff awarded 186 medals — such as Combat Infantry Badges and Purple Hearts — during his time at the hospitals, Padilla said.

"There were 14 non-infantry soldiers awarded the CIB in Operation

Just Cause. However, the awards have since been withdrawn and the affected soldiers notified," Padilla said.

Although the awards apparently were given with some haste and without the usual review, the spokesman said the decision was not made to grant the medals just for publicity's sake.

"This was not a photo op for Gen. Vuono," Padilla said. "This was an honest mistake."

"It was thought to be an opportunity for the men to be decorated by the chief of staff of the Army. ... It was an effort to distinguish those soldiers thought to be deserving, and allow those who were wounded to wake up with the award on their pillow," Padilla said.

A pool of reporters was permitted to accompany Vuono to Wilford Hall Medical Center for the presentation of medals to just three soldiers. The

general also visited nearby Brooke Army Medical Center.

The Combat Infantryman Badge is granted only to officers or enlisted personnel with specific infantry specialties who have "satisfactorily performed their duty" in an infantry unit while it has engaged in combat, Padilla said.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces wounded or killed in action.

A formal review of the CIB awards found 14 were incorrectly given to soldiers who weren't infantrymen or did not have infantry specialties, Padilla said.

The badges had been granted to men who were military policemen, artillery soldiers, communications specialists, truck drivers and specialists in psychological operations, the spokesman said.

"The soldiers that were incorrectly awarded the CIB were part of the

initial 236 wounded soldiers evacuated out of Panama during the first 48 hours of Operation Just Cause," Padilla said.

"Because of time constraints, the personnel records weren't available to verify the eligibility of each soldier," he said. "A decision was made to give the wounded soldiers the benefit of the doubt regarding the award of the CIB pending a final review of eligibility. It was during this review that the incorrectly awarded CIBs were discovered."

The spokesman said he didn't think a soldier would be disappointed when he awoke and found he wasn't eligible.

The medals have been the source of some controversy in recent weeks because the women who came under fire in Panama will be ineligible for the award, since they are barred under Army policy from serving in infantry units.

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Shevardnadze said, "We simply cannot afford lowering our international activity."

Contributing to the optimistic outlook was a new U.S. proposal to settle a dispute over combat aircraft restrictions.

While details were withheld, the idea is to cut through a sticky debate over which Soviet planes and helicopters are on a defensive mission — and therefore excluded from limitations in a prospective treaty — and which are subject to curbs.

Baker also presented a proposal for deeper cuts in tanks, thereby broadening President Bush's offer of last week to pare U.S. and Soviet troops in Central Europe down to a maximum of 195,000 on each side.

That would mean withdrawing about 400,000 Soviet and 100,000 American soldiers under a treaty the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Warsaw Pact are deliberating in Vienna negotiations.

Baker and Shevardnadze seemed to be in an upbeat mood as they held a second round of talks at the Soviet foreign ministry. They were joined at a long negotiating table by more than a dozen aides.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh said during the day the talks would deal with strategic and non-nuclear weapons

Soviet Union's Communist Party prepares for change

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reductions as well as a ban on production of chemical weapons.

Baker's strategy, meanwhile, is to pursue his heavy agenda irrespective of internal Soviet developments, which he hailed in a statement Wednesday night as contributing to reform and to political pluralism.

Today's meeting with Shevardnadze was expected to produce a Soviet response to Bush's troop reduction initiative.

"Overall, our response is positive, and we will discuss the details," Shevardnadze said. He said Baker's supplementary proposal on tanks and combat aircraft had "some interesting elements."

On another issue — German unification — Shevardnadze again referred to Soviet concerns that are rooted in the loss of 20 million people in World War II.

He said they would be aired when West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher come here Saturday for talks.

Shevardnadze has proposed an international referendum on the issue, while Baker has found merit in a

formula advanced last week by Genscher that would keep Germany in NATO but bar Western forces from the area that is now East Germany.

"There are some elements there that deserve consideration," Shevardnadze said of Genscher's formula. But referring to underlying Soviet concerns, Shevardnadze added: "Those issues will have to be addressed."

Baker and the Soviet foreign minister exchanged some preliminary thoughts on Germany at their three-hour meeting Wednesday night.

Overall, Shevardnadze said, "It was a good, substantive and very productive conversation."

Baker confirmed he had presented "some new ideas" to reduce weapons, and said he expected a reply from Shevardnadze on Bush's proposal for troop cuts. Initially, Bush proposed ceilings of 275,000 for the United States and the Soviet Union in Europe.

Prodded by more dramatic disarmament calls by Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev last year, Bush improved his own proposal.

As Baker arrived in Moscow, the Central Committee, the Soviet Communist Party's policy-making body, was concluding a historic meeting at which it endorsed Gorbachev's call for an end to the party's constitutional monopoly on power.

DEBATE

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"Well I think we did well," White said after the debate. "I think maybe for the first time, we got it kind of cleared up on the lottery."

Early in the debate, Ms. Richards said she would veto a bill that would forbid abortions for girls 16 years of age or younger.

"I cannot arrive at any conclusion but that no legislator, no judge and no bureaucrat has any business in determining whether a white woman has an abortion or not," she said.

After the debate, Ms. Richards said she did not recall exactly what was

said, but added that "white women ... is not a phrase that I use. I think what I said was 'why women.'" Neither White nor Mattox nor the panelists questioned her on the remark, but the subject came up at a news conference afterward.

The debate, held at the George R. Brown Convention Center, was broadcast throughout the state on Public Broadcasting System stations. The three candidates for the March 13 primary answered about a dozen questions, including those from a panel of three reporters and one question each that was posed by an opponent.

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laws. He said the law already allows suspension of many teen-agers' drivers licenses, as Williams suggests, and that it is tougher on second-time drug offenders than Williams' proposals.

He also said Williams' plan to cut state spending by 7 percent to free up money for drugs and education was unrealistic and would cost Texas

\$400 million in federal funds that are matched with state spending.

"I suppose that (7 percent) cuts sounds good to Clayton since he hasn't been to Austin very much," Luce said. "I'm stepping forward and saying the emperor has no clothes. That's not a plan. I don't care what the television says."

But the Dallas lawyer declined to say precisely where he would find additional money for his drug and

education programs.

Afterwards, both Mattox and White claimed victory, while Ms. Richards said she thought "it was a good, balanced debate."

"I think the issues were very clear cut and very strong," White said. "You've got a record with Mark White and you don't know how the other two would do. Mark White keeps the commitments he has made."

Mattox said he felt Ms. Richards and White "both decided they would orchestrate their activities against Jim Mattox... But our momentum is going to carry us on to victory."

TAX

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the sales tax, immediately drop the property tax and then raise back again in the fall, when the 1990-91 budget goes before City Council, he said.

Councilman J.D. Faircloth said having the extra sales tax revenues would have freed up general fund money and allowed councilmen to consider substantial employee raises for next year.

"It's a major setback," Faircloth said of discovering the state law. "We've got to do a lot of rethinking."

The Legislature last spring approved allowing cities in counties of less than 500,000 population to collect up to a ½ cent in sales taxes for industrial development, mass transit

or to lower property taxes.

The city has a 7½-cent sales tax, with 6 cents going to the state.

Senate Bill 971 requires municipalities wanting to fund industrial projects to either use the entire ½ cent for whatever is left.

Midland officials had planned to ask voters for a ¼-cent sales tax hike for mass transit in May and then put a proposal for the remaining ¼-cent, for industrial development, on the August ballot.

Poe said the city probably would not seek a sales tax hike for business development until the mass transit sales tax proposal is approved.

The Midland, Hispanic and black chambers had planned to meet today

to decide whether they would support both sales tax proposals, but the meeting was canceled.

In other City Council action Thursday, councilmen discussed issuing about \$1.2 million in certificates of obligation and prioritized the projects they would fund.

A center for senior citizens living in southeast Midland was a unanimous choice for top project. Construction on the estimated \$375,000 center would begin this year should City Council approve issuing the certificates.

The second choice for funding this year was completing the 601 N. Lorraine Street center, which will house the Midland Police Department and dispatchers for the enhanced 911 system.

City officials estimated that finishing the remodeling project would cost about \$1 million, but councilmen Wednesday ask for that figure to be cut in half.

Some city civil defense employees and Midland police detectives and communication officials have already moved into offices at the center.

The rest of the police department should be moved in by the end of 1992, officials have said.

Two other proposed projects, a \$500,000 animal shelter and a \$750,000 municipal garage, will not see funding until at least 1991, councilmen said.

AUTO

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For the standard coverage of \$20,000 per person and \$40,000 maximum per accident, the board accepted the staff recommendation for a \$10 increase to cover underinsured motorists in the Permian Basin.

The board set a ceiling on insurance rates, but only one-third of customers actually pay those rates, as individual companies can seek ap-

proval to deviate from those rates for preferred or high-risk customers.

In 1988, the board reported, 63.3 percent of Texans were charged less than the "manual" rates, while 3.2 percent were charged higher rates.

The board also noted that one-fourth of the state's 10.78 million private cars and pickup trucks carry no insurance, although liability insurance is required by state law.

SCOUTS

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The scouts favorable impression of their Chinese dinner host was evidenced by the number of questions asked.

"Do you teach karate?"
"Do you play softball in China?"
"Do you have proms?"
"When she says stuff in Chinese, I can't understand. But I'd like to

learn," 11-year-old Peria Terrazas, a fifth-grader at Santa Rita Elementary School, said.

Helen Madden, a 10-year-old Jane Long Elementary School fourth-grader, agreed.

"I think its pretty neat," she said. "I've never met anyone Chinese, except for my next-door neighbors. But they're both boys."

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Dog lover volunteers time to animal welfare work

LUMBERTON, Texas (AP) — Six cats lounge on wheelbarrows and bused cages. Roosters dance around empty pots, and doves coo amid piles of dust-covered junk.

Julia Lester emerges from behind her 8-foot metal fence, tall and robust. She grins, then tosses a 25-pound bag of dog food across her shoulder.

"You'll just have to wait until I get myself together," she says, disappearing behind a wall of barking dogs. Emerging minutes later, dressed in a flannel shirt, bluejean skirt and muddy boots, she slaps some newspapers on a wet lawn chair and flops down.

"I sure hope that the bluebirds and cardinals come out in this drizzle," she says, looking up at the surrounding trees. For 30 years, Ms. Lester has occupied this seven-acre property, living her life as she pleases, mostly for the love of animals.

She says she has nothing against people; animals are just more trusting. "The only time they hurt you is when they die and leave you," she says. She knows her ramshackle house and haven for critters is shocking to some.

"It looks like the wrath of God," she says with a laugh. But for this lifelong animal crusader, her home is paradise, brimming with healthy, happy animals. Ms. Lester may go without but her animals don't.

Her love of animals goes back to 1952 when as a breeder of danes and boxers she became a founding member of the Beaumont Kennel Club. Later she founded Pet Lovers Club, was chairwoman for National Dog Week and established the Hardin County 4-H Dog and Cat Club.

Today, she continues to help place homeless animals and visits nursing homes with her pets. This past year she organized the Muscular Dystrophy Dog Walk that netted \$1,000. This past November, Dog World Magazine awarded her efforts with its annual award for Outstanding Service to Dogs. The award praised her for her spirit and hard work in bringing joy, meaning and purpose to many of the people she has come in contact with.

But Ms. Lester isn't interested in talking about awards. She pushes information on her current cause Life Force, a volunteer group dedicated to aiding people spay and neuter their pets. "People need to get their animals altered and stop the over-

population because shelters and veterinarians don't like having to put animals to sleep," she says.

Ms. Lester says the financially

struggling Life Force gets about 135 calls a month from pet lovers needing help getting their animals altered. "And there is only so much

you can do when some months your budget is only \$200," Ms. Lester says. Ms. Lester says she doesn't care what people think about her brood

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Bobbi Blok, executive director of the Washington Child Development Center, continues to go to her office, despite her weakness from fasting since Jan. 1, in order to bring about a national drug summit and increased funding for drug treatment programs.

Woman fasts to make point about drug abuse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bobbi Blok's voice is barely above a whisper as she tries to explain why she hasn't eaten any food in more than five weeks. She appears somewhat disoriented and apologizes for allowing her thoughts to wander and being unable to express herself clearly.

Blok, 36, views her fast — from Jan. 1 to Feb. 14 — as her share of the war against drugs.

"The problems facing children and the family in the country (are) at a crisis situation, and drugs are the reason," says Blok, executive director of a child advocacy group, the Washington Child Development Center. "Something has got to be done."

Blok is drinking only a glass of grape juice in the morning and water through the rest of the day. The purpose of the fast is twofold — to bring about a local and national drug summit and to get the government to increase funding to battle the drug problem at the social level, not in law enforcement.

Blok plans to end her fast on Valentine's Day because she believes "this country has a heart."

She said she is grateful she was "cleansing herself" when Washington Mayor Marion Barry was arrested for possession of cocaine on Jan. 18. Blok, a senior campaign aide for Barry in 1986, said she never saw Barry use drugs.

He did, however, have the symptoms of a drug user, she said. "I made it clear to the mayor that I felt he needed help," she said. "It was three days before Christmas. Here was the mayor — a friend — who needed help, and rather than confronting him I had been accepting his less-than-adequate explanations of his activities."

Barry had "all the classic forms of denial" in that "he was saying one thing and doing another. He had his priorities distorted, and I blame drugs," she added.

So far, her hunger strike has not brought about the government policy changes she seeks. But Blok says she remains undaunted and doesn't believe she has starved herself for nothing.

"I'm losing my stamina, but in terms of my resolve and my commitment, it's never been stronger," she said in an interview Tuesday. "I feel like there's a reason I'm doing this, if only to even strengthen my belief in knowing that an individual has the power to deal with the problems that face our society."

"I do not feel as if I've been ignored... I realize that I'm risking my life — that can't be denied — but I've gotten to the point where I can't sit still and watch our elected officials deny that there is a drug epidemic."

She has asked her physician not to tell her how much weight she has lost, and she is undergoing a blood test at least once a week.

Blok said she started the fast after learning of a drug-related killing at an unlicensed child care center. A few days later, while she was working as a substitute at a day care center she overheard 3-year-old children talking about drugs, the police and guns.

"I have to believe that people care about this," Blok said. "I also believe that our president cares, but what good is reading his lips if there's no substance to what he says? Something has got to be done about this drug situation... The real victims of the drug war are our children."

\$300 billion laundered every year.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Laundering money from cocaine sales and a host of other criminal activities represents a \$300 billion worldwide business each year but could prove the drug trade's key area of vulnerability, a Senate report said today.

"Because money laundering is principally accomplished through the use of legitimate financial institutions, money laundering is the potential Achilles heel of the illegal drug business," said the report from two Senate panels.

The report released by Sen. John F. Kerry, D-Mass., was based on testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations and Banking Committees last fall.

It attributed to Assistant Treasury Secretary Salvatore Martocchio the estimate that worldwide drug revenues total \$300 billion annually, including \$110 billion generated in the United States. It said laundering all of this cash presents tough problems for criminals.

For example, \$100 billion in \$20 bills, a denomination often used in drug transactions, would weigh 26 million pounds, the report said. "A money laundering operation in New York shut down earlier this year required a tractor-trailer to haul away \$19 million in small bills," it said.

It said the 1970 Bank Secrecy Act is working as a deterrent to money laundering through American financial institutions. The measure requires the institutions to report cash deposits of \$10,000 or more.

The report said, however, that drug traffickers "continue to use foreign banks and foreign branches of U.S. banks to launder U.S. drug profits."

It said Switzerland, Canada, the Bahamas, Luxembourg, Panama and Hong Kong are among the main countries where money is laundered. It also said criminals are pushing to develop money laundering centers in a number of tiny countries, ranging from Andorra to Vanuatu.

The report said illicit funds are sometimes accepted in large cash deposits by corrupt bank employees. It said funds sometimes are laundered through seemingly legitimate businesses that appear to generate substantial amounts of cash. And often they are transferred to foreign banks that are not overly curious about the source, it said.

After the money has gone through one or more "wash cycles," it can be transferred into a legitimate American business, the report said.

The report said part of the scandals that have shaken the savings and loan industry in the United States involved thefts by organized crime organizations.

"Significant funds generated from S&L theft have been laundered beyond U.S. borders through offshore bank secrecy havens," the report declared. "These funds now represent an enormous endowment devoted to the support of organized crime."



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Survey shows racial split in Americans' interest in news stories

WASHINGTON (AP) — Non-white Americans were more interested than whites in Boston's Charles Stuart murder case, the arrest of Washington Mayor Marion Barry and the McMartin child abuse acquittal, according to a survey of interest in the news.

Among all people, white and non-white, the crash of an Avianca Airlines plane on Long Island topped the monthly interest index of the Times Mirror Center for The People and The Press.

News of the crash of the Colombian airliner, in which more than 70

people died, was followed closely by 33 percent of those surveyed.

Among non-whites, however, 31 percent paid close attention to the Avianca crash, compared with 44 percent for the story of Stuart, who took his life amid allegations that he had murdered his wife and tried to blame it on a black man.

Twenty-seven percent of whites followed the Stuart story closely, and that case was more interesting to women than to men by 34 percent to 23 percent.

Overall, the case was second in interest with 29 percent, followed by

28 percent for Barry's arrest on a drug charge and 27 percent for the acquittal of the owners of the McMartin day care center in California.

Since the survey of 1,245 adults is subject to a 3 percent error, the Stuart, Barry and McMartin stories were virtually tied.

Among non-whites, the arrest of Washington's black mayor on a drug charge attracted the close interest of 41 percent, compared with 26 percent for whites. The McMartin story also held more interest for non-whites than for whites, 36 percent to

26 percent.

News of Nelson Mandela's impending release from jail in South Africa was of close interest to 26 percent of non-whites, compared with only 9 percent of whites.

"However, since that story erupted in the midst of interviewing for the February index, there are too few respondents who were asked to rate their attention to South Africa to enable a reliable test of the significance of the racial difference in interest," Times Mirror said.

The center said there have only been 11 stories, since it started the

surveys in 1986, in which news interest has been affected by race. Others included the letter bombings of federal judges, elections of black political leaders and racial violence in Virginia Beach, Va.

The study also said 22 percent of Americans followed the Super Bowl professional football game very closely and six out of 10 watched it

on television. Four out of 10 watched President Bush's State of the Union address.

Forty percent of those surveyed could identify Barry as Washington's mayor; 56 percent knew Mandela was an imprisoned black leader in South Africa.

Times Mirror is a Los Angeles-based media company.

Witness in Boston murder case claims police coercion

BOSTON (AP) — A woman questioned in the investigation of Carol Stuart's slaying says police offered her a vacation and relocation of her family to make her account conform to theirs, that a black man committed the crime.

The Boston Globe today reported that Mary Smith said police also threatened to put her daughter in juvenile detention unless she said what they wanted to hear.

"They treated me like I was nobody," Smith said. "They tried to put words in my mouth."

Paul K. Leary, first assistant district attorney, said it would be inappropriate to comment on Smith's charges because allegations of police misconduct are being investigated by the attorney general.

Charles Stuart told police a black mugger shot him and killed his pregnant wife Oct. 23 after the white couple left a childbirth class. On Jan. 4, Stuart apparently jumped to his death after one of his brothers implicated him in the shootings.

Before Stuart's death, William Ben-

nett, a black man, was placed in a lineup and implicated in the slaying. Smith told the Globe that she saw Bennett on the night of the shooting with what looked like a silver gun. Stuart had described the assailant's weapon as a silver gun.

Smith, 43, said police pressured her into making her description of the clothes worn by Bennett fit a description Stuart gave police of an assailant.

The case raised racial tensions in Boston and called into question the fairness of the news media and the police.

Smith is the fourth person to come forward and accuse police of misconduct in their investigation. Three teen-agers have said police coerced them into giving testimony.

At one meeting, Smith said, police promised to make a deal with her if she would implicate Bennett and to re-locate her family to Springfield.

"They said if I don't answer any questions, they would put my daughter in juvenile detention," she said.

U.S. students flunking out on global front

WASHINGTON (AP) — Question: If you call a person who speaks two languages bilingual, what do you call a person who speaks one language?

An American, says Rep. George Sangmeister, D-Ill.

He is introducing legislation today that authorizes \$58 million in federal funds over five years and matching grants to states for instruction in foreign studies, language and geography.

"We live in an increasingly global society. We can no longer afford a generation of children uneducated and uninterested in the world outside the United States," said Sangmeister. "We must spark that interest and ability early so that our students become proficient in foreign language by high school or college."

Sangmeister's sentiments have become a familiar chorus among educators, politicians, businessmen and even President Bush. All are concerned with the flood of reports that focus on what American students don't know.

Experts estimate 30 million Americans are functionally illiterate and as many as 2 million students leave school with deficient basic skills each year.

To address the problems, Bush in his State of the Union address listed key education goals that include making American students first in the world by the year 2000 in science and math, and ensuring that children leave grades four, eight and 12 having mastered English, mathematics, science, history and geography.

Still, the Nation's Report Card continues to release negative reports.

In its first study of geography education, the National Assessment of Educational Progress — popularly known as the Nation's Report Card — said Wednesday most students demonstrated a limited understanding of the characteristics of the planet Earth and the relationships between people and their environment.

The study found the 12th graders tested responded correctly, on average, to only 57 percent of the geography test questions overall. However, there were wide differences depending on how difficult the question was. For example, 87 percent of the 3,000 seniors tested could locate Canada on a world map and 85 percent could locate the Soviet Union. But only 33 percent could "identify the order of the oceans, moving west to east from Africa."

The results are disturbing because students need an understanding of other countries and cultures to master other subjects, said Gilbert Grosvenor, president of the National Geographic Society.

Students cannot understand discussions of "A Tale of Two Cities" in English class if they don't know the relationship between London and Paris, or the significance of the English Channel, Grosvenor said. While learning percentages in mathematics or lessons of census shifts in civics, students could predict the growth rate of religious sects or the impact of immigration, he said.

Delaware Gov. Michael Castle said regional and national geographical know-how plays a role in many jobs. "Consider a taxi driver who cannot read a map or a fire truck driver who doesn't know the fastest way across town," he said.

Sangmeister said a lack of knowledge of foreign languages has a similar effect on world trade and other jobs. He noted 80 percent of all goods face foreign competition abroad and four out of five new jobs are created as a result of foreign trade.

However, only 18 percent of the states require geography to graduate and only 17 percent of public elementary schools offer any form of language instruction.

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Gorbachev's call sets historic clash

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's call Monday for the Communist Party to abandon its monopoly on power and to compete with other parties for the right to lead the Soviet Union may be titillating to the West, but responses in his own country revealed a schism which could topple him.

Recent news articles have revealed that Gorbachev is under increasing pressure to show in real terms how his program of *perestroika* and *glasnost* have improved life inside the Soviet Union. Even his call for the Communist Party to abandon its monopoly on power brought sharp criticism from various camps inside the party for different reasons. Liberal Communist Party members charged that Gorbachev's proposals are not radical enough to solve the nation's difficult problems. Hard-liners in the party obviously cannot embrace Gorbachev's latest reform, and some resigned immediately after his call.

While Gorbachev has become enormously popular in the Western world during his presidency because of his program of reform and modernization of Soviet society, inside his own country he faces increasing hostility because of the break with what

many Soviets view as a stable government. One participant in Monday's start of the two-day session of the Central Committee said those present did not applaud Gorbachev or anyone.

But the Soviet president faces pressures not only from those inside the party leadership but also from average Soviets who've become more critical of the performance of their government, according to news accounts. When shortages occur now or other problems arise, there's more of a tendency to criticize and call for reforms.

There's little question that in the interest of the people in the Soviet Union, Gorbachev's decision was best. With the revolt in many Eastern European countries against communist rule and in favor of democracy in the past few months, there was little other choice — if bloodshed is to be averted.

Yet Gorbachev's call marks a difficult test for the Communist Party. Can it, will it, embrace principles of democracy and cast aside the history of 70 years? Or will it fall back to its historic use of repression and the power of the gun?

The answer to those questions will determine the future of both the Soviet Union and Mikhail Gorbachev.

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Traveling officials hole up at the best

WASHINGTON — When most U.S. officials travel abroad on government business, they stay in hotels that most U.S. taxpayers couldn't afford



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In Tokyo, for example, the hotel of choice for traveling pencil-pushers is the Okura, recently ranked the fourth best hotel in the world. The Okura, with its seven restaurants, fitness center, shopping mall and secretaries for hire, is not just the place for members of Congress, diplomats and White House staffers to lay their heads. The U.S. Embassy in Japan routinely books plane loads of low-level bureaucrats into the Okura too.

That is why, until auditors caught on, the taxpayers were paying \$160 a night for lodging for every U.S. government traveler in Tokyo, plus another \$64 a day for meals and \$23 a day for walking around money. Call it "Japan on \$247 a day: Roughing it, U.S. style."

We don't expect our public servants to double bunk at the Motel 6, but we expect them to follow the federal standard and stay in "adequate, suitable and moderately priced" hotels. If that is the standard, why do they get away with lounging in luxury?

That's exactly what auditors from the State Department Inspector General's Office wanted to know. They surveyed travel records from around the world and found that daily travel allowances were too often based on the ritziest hotels and restaurants in the city, and in some cases, in the world. The smart travelers take the per diem based on the high-priced hotels. Then they stay in cheaper accommodations and pocket the difference. And it's all perfectly legal. The State Department requires few receipts for foreign travel, so it

is none the wiser about how the money is spent.

The waste is all the more infuriating when the system for setting per diem is exposed. U.S. Embassy officials around the world take informal surveys of the hotel and restaurant prices in their cities and submit those to the State Department allowance staff. If they tell Washington that the Okura Hotel is the standard in Tokyo, then the Okura becomes the basis for setting per diem.

In London, the embassy staff said the elegant Grosvenor House, overlooking Hyde Park, was the hotel visitors used the most at about \$180 a night, so that was factored into the per diem. But when the inspector general auditors checked the visitors' log at the London embassy, they found that less than 3 percent of the guests stayed at the Grosvenor. Instead, most were at the Mandeville Hotel which costs less than half as much.

In Paris, the high lodging rates were based in part on a claim that most visitors stayed at the Intercontinental Hotel for at least \$135 a night. In reality, most were bunking

at the Pullman for almost half the price.

That's how the U.S. government squanders millions of dollars on travel every year. The annual federal budget for overseas travel is more than \$300 million, not including flight costs. According to the report obtained by our associate Jim Lynch, the auditors looked at per diem rates in 48 cities where about 60,000 federal officials visit each year.

The auditors concluded that the per diem rates were inflated by 13.5 percent and that the government could save \$41.6 million a year if it stopped treating public servants like royalty. They cut per diem in 24 cities, including Paris, London and Tokyo.

The audit blames the embassy staffs abroad and the allowance office in Washington. But one allowance staffer told us that embassy officials deliberately distort the hotel and restaurant prices to boost the per diems. Their own living allowances are based in part on those per diems.

The inspector general's audit may be one of the most ill-received in State Department history.

RUSHDIE, THE SEQUEL: Salman Rushdie may soon have some company in hiding. Rushdie has had to keep his head down since Iran condemned his book, "The Satanic Verses."

Now another publication, a cartoon version of the Koran, has offended Moslem fundamentalists. The cartoons were intended to make the Islamic holy book easier for children to understand.

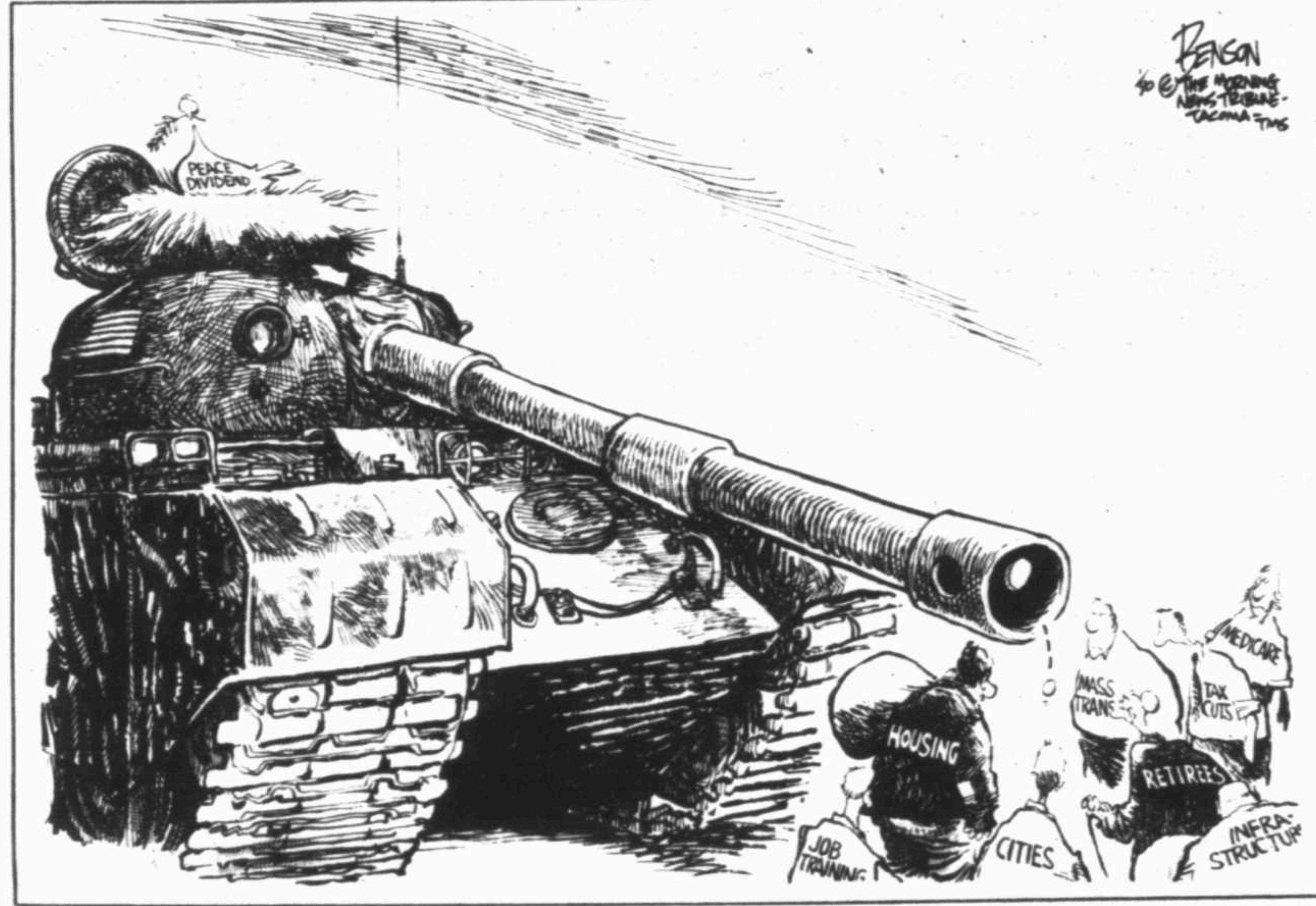
But the fundamentalists believe that the cartoons are an affront and that the Tunisian publisher, Youssef Seddik, deserves the same sentence as Rushdie. Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani is under pressure from hard-liners in Iran to condemn the new book.

MINI-EDITORIAL: Not every freedom-seeking refugee from East Germany deserves our respect.

The Washington Post recently reported that hundreds of children have been abandoned in East Germany by parents seeking a better life in the West.

Freedom for some apparently means freedom from obligations. We hope that the West proves bitterly inhospitable for these lowlifes.

Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta are columnists for United Feature Syndicate.



Other Views:

Free, but no justice

As you read these words, somewhere the killer or killers of Cheryl Fergeson are walking around freely and openly. It needn't have been that way.

That killer may or may not be Clarence Brandley. But after nine years on death row, he is to all appearances clear of the justice system in this matter. And quite possibly the guilt may rest with another person or persons unknown. The main point is this: A menace to society is on the loose, and justice has not been served.

Why? Principally because

— The Houston Post

Giant step backward

In almost every story, a bit of humor surfaces. In the case of the U.S. invasion of Panama, it concerns whether cocaine was found in the quarters of Gen. Manuel Noriega.

Early news reports indicated a quantity of the stuff was found, wrapped in banana peelings. It was confiscated, perhaps to be used later

Montgomery County District Attorney's Office took short cuts in Brandley's two trials (the first of which ended with a hung jury). Evidence and statements that might have pointed to other suspects were ignored. Witnesses who recanted their testimony between the trials were never called in the second one. And major elements of evidence used to convict Brandley have since been misplaced or thrown away.

As a result, Brandley did not get a fair trial. That is plainly true, and that is what the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled.

in Noriega's trial on charges of being a drug trafficker.

Now it seems it may not have been cocaine at all, only tamales. The Pentagon is said to be investigating. If there is any truth to the tamale tale, we may be a long time in learning the results of the official sleuthing.

— El Paso Times

GEORGE F. WILL

Debate about reunification has surreal tinge

WASHINGTON — On the first day of the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia in August 1968, a Czech enjoying coffee and croissant at a border-town cafe was startled when a tank rolled by and a German-speaking head popped from a turret to say, "Wir sind wieder da." Here we are again. As the Soviet Union tries to orchestrate worries about German reunification, it is well to remember that the only time since 1945 that German forces violated a border, they did so under Soviet orders.



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Debates now raging about reunification are surreal for several reasons, beginning with the fact that reunification is not in doubt. Another reason is that so much rubbish is being written about Germans.

The Jan. 22 issue of Time magazine contains a bizarre two-page report on "Voices of East Berlin" under the headline: "Talking to young and old alike, an American visitor discovers an abiding love of East Germany — and little desire to reunify." Oh? The Wall was a dike holding in "abiding

love"? "Abiding love" is driving East Germans west at a current rate of 400,000 a year?

Time's reporter "discovers" what a shabby remnant of the Western intelligentsia wants to cling to: faith in "real" socialism as a "middle way" between capitalism and communism. Time's report is the (dare we hope?) last in a long shabby line of stupid travelogues written, from the 1920s on, by people who prove their radicalism by writing nicely about places they would not live in for a month.

A second surreal aspect of all this is the role of the Soviet Union. Citing "the revival of sinister shadows of the past," the Kremlin has had the impertinence to suggest an international referendum on German reunification.

The Soviet Union is the only nation that began the Second World War as Hitler's ally but did not suffer a rupture of its regime. Its alliance ended at Hitler's initiative and to the surprise of the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union spent four postwar decades sowing tyranny and violence around the world. And now it presumes to say that before Germany, now in its fifth decade as a good world citizen, can enjoy full sovereignty, the Soviet Union must have a say?

At the moment, the Soviet Union is suffering acute indignation, 50 years on, because of the Baltic states it swallowed with Hitler's connivance. This is not a propitious moment for the Soviet government to speak of any other nations' "sinister shadows of the past."

At a moment when the Red Army is being used against some of the centripetal forces ripping the seams of that unnatural entity, the Soviet Union, Moscow has no standing to speak against the coming together of the German people — a real nation kept sundered by Soviet power. A regime that cannot provide soap or sustenance to its captive people, a regime facing the prospect of urban riots of desperation, has nothing to contribute to the discussion of Germany, save a timetable for removing its occupation army.

Outside the Soviet Union, there is much economic envy and fear of economic competition masquerading as anxiety about Germany's national character. And in East Germany, political desperation is part of the masquerade.

Gregor Gysi is leader of East Germany's shriveled Communist Party, which will be humiliated in the March 18 elections. Gysi accuses West German political parties of interfering in East Germany's internal affairs. West German parties are, he says, "looking for partner parties" when they should be negotiating with the East German regime.

Who does he think he is speaking for — or to? Gysi is at the ragged end of a long line of East German quislings and he is serving the occupying power to the end, citing "the danger of rightist radicalism" as justification for the old Soviet agenda of Germany neutral and completely disarmed.

This is more surrealism, this pronouncement from Gysi, a ghost of a state that has withered away. States of mind come before, and matter more than, states, so Germany already is reunified. It is unseemly for Chancellor Kohl to continue meeting with Communist representatives of a regime that was content to run the state as a prison until Hungary, with an assist from Czechoslovakia, opened a door last summer.

The reunification of Germany has been greeted in the West by a crabbed spirit of suspicion and lawyerlike talk about vestigial occupation rights. The Soviet Union, the most comprehensive failure in the history of human organization, is accorded respectful hearings when it asserts a right to audit Germany's evolution. The smudged pages of modern history are replete with reasons for alertness about German isolation, resentment, chauvinism, injured pride and consequent aggressiveness.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 1990. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Feb. 8, 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

On this date: In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1837, for the only time in history, the U.S. Senate chose the vice president of the United States, selecting Richard Mentor Johnson after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1904, the Russo-Japanese War began as Japan besieged Port Arthur in Manchuria.

In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

In 1915, 75 years ago, the motion picture "The Birth of a Nation," directed by D.W. Griffith, premiered at Clune's Auditorium in Los Angeles.

In 1922, President Harding had a radio installed in the White House.

In 1924, the first execution by lethal gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City.

In 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C., during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.

In 1974, the three-man crew of the Skylab space station returned to

Earth after a record 84 days in space.

In 1978, the deliberations of the U.S. Senate were broadcast on radio for the first time as members opened debate on the Panama Canal treaties.

In 1983, an Israeli commission which investigated the massacre of Palestinian refugees in Beirut called for the ouster of Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, accusing him of "blunders."

In 1984, the XIV Olympic Winter Games officially opened in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

Ten years ago: Citing a need to "deter Soviet aggression," President Jimmy Carter unveiled a plan to reintroduce draft registration, a proposal that would include women as well as men.

Five years ago: South Korean opposition leader Kim Dae-jung was roughed up by authorities upon his return to his homeland after more than two years' exile in the United States.

One year ago: 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores.

Today's birthdays: Actress Lana Turner is 69. Actor Jack Lemmon is 65. Composer-conductor John Williams is 58. ABC News anchor Ted Koppel is 50.

Thought for today: "Whoso does not see that genuine life is a battle and a march has poorly read his origin and his destiny." — Lydia Maria Child, American author (1802-1880).

ART BUCHWALD

Old-timer doesn't buy Madison Avenue pitch

One of the things bugging TV network executives is that too many older Americans are watching television. This is causing havoc with the advertising community which puts great store in demographics. The word in the advertising suite is that "young viewers buy products — older ones watch 'People's Court.'"



Art Buchwald

As much as they like them personally, TV businessmen cannot make a living off citizens who follow the silver fox. What advertisers fear most is that their shows will suffer from "poor demographics."

Alf London, with whom I play

checkers in Lafayette Park, said, "I know I am nothing more than a statistic, but damn it, why must I be considered an over-the-hill one?"

I told him, "Well, Alf, the networks have to deliver a young audience if the advertiser is going to buy the time — and viewers with poor demographics don't even pay for the studio lights. Having weak purchasing power is worse than having bad breath."

"How do they know that I have poor demographics? Some of us with baggy trousers have a ton of money to spend. Why, we could watch Connie Chung one day and clear out Macy's the next."

"They don't count individuals when they play the demographics game. The ratings' companies throw everyone into the pot, and then decide which are the good advertising prospects and which are the bad."

"It doesn't seem fair."

"I think that network executives are never fair — they even include their own mothers when it comes to listing someone as a lousy spender."

"Where is it written that, although we don't have the same purchasing power as Mr. and Mrs. Yuppie, we can't buy all the pantyhose they sell on Monday night football?"

"No one ever said that people with poor demographics should not watch television — you're just not supposed to let anyone know you're doing it. The advertiser puts on a program to sell his product. He doesn't need senior citizens to sit there like couch potatoes on their wallets."

"So why don't they run an advisory at the bottom of the screen which says, 'This program is not suitable for viewers who just wait for the sales — senior citizen discretion is advised?'"

"You are not very sympathetic toward the networks. They don't like to deal with poor demographics any more than the sponsor down the street. But you can't spend millions of dollars on programming which appeals only to people with bad feet."

"The reason that seniors watch so much television is that they don't

like to leave the house," Alf yelled. "We may not buy as much stuff as the baby boomers, but at least we have never turned our backs on 'I Love Lucy.'"

"I don't know why you're taking all this personally. You may not be the most popular group on the marketing research hit parade, but nobody is trying to stop you watching TV. All they are saying is that they don't figure you to be in the market for Guess jeans."

Alf was still irritable. "I wish you wouldn't keep saying that. Maybe we don't buy ski boots but we're on an American Airlines flight to visit our grandchildren every chance we get."

"Forget I brought the subject up. I am the last person to tell someone else he has poor demographics."

"I never miss '60 Minutes,'" he said. "Is that good or bad for a show?"

"It's good for the show, but the advertiser couldn't care less."

Art Buchwald is a columnist for Los Angeles Times Syndicate.



Henry Edward, mayor of Braselton, Ga., waves to a passerby recently as he spoke with a reporter in front of the grocery store, sold last month along with the rest of the town to actress Kim Basinger.

Braselton expects class act from Basinger

BRASELTON, Ga. (AP) — Actress Kim Basinger, who bought a third of this north Georgia town for \$20 million last month, has said she wants to preserve its old-time character and won't tear down even a barn.

But then, nobody tears down much here. Old barns still contain forgotten buckboards and horse-drawn plows from the days before the boll weevil ate up the cotton.

The blacksmith shop, where the village smithy hasn't sung for decades, still stands, and the forges and carriage-making equipment are still there.

At the Braselton Store, Cedelia Hosch gives a hearty turn on the cash register crank, and as the numbers of the sale pop up, the cash drawer yawns open leisurely. A little sign flips from "barter" to "credit" to "cash."

A fading federal poster on the wall notes that the minimum wage is \$1.90 an hour. The store used to be the town bank, and the small round safe hasn't been moved out.

It's not for show. It's the way Braselton is. Basinger, who starred in "Batman" and grew up in nearby Athens, hasn't said specifically what she and her co-investors want to do with the land bought from the Braselton clan.

The 1,728-acre purchase, of which about 1,000 acres is in town, includes a 600-acre industrial park with utilities; a few residences; some land ripe for development; and most of downtown, which consists mainly of a complex of Braselton family stores, founded in 1887.

"They used to say they had everything here, 'from the cradle to the grave,'" said Mrs. Hosch, a lifelong resident of the area and 24-year Braselton employee. "And they did. They sold cradles and they sold caskets."

The mayor is a Braselton as was the one before him, and all but one councilman has Braselton family ties. The sale does not affect the town government or services such as water and sewer systems.

The council will keep its control on zoning matters. Unlike much of small-town America, Braselton is not dying out. It contains a Mitsubishi plant, a winery and a tool factory. People are moving into the region, not out.

The population has stayed steady at about 500, but more than 5,000 people live within five miles. Braselton has freeway access, is about 45 minutes north of Atlanta and land prices are on the rise.

Herbert "Kit" Braselton, who runs the hardware store, said the 24 stockholders in the family holdings decided nine years ago to sell.

From his roll-top desk, he pointed to boxes of offers they had received over the years. Most, he said, wanted to pay for it over 20 or 30 years. "But the heirs are getting up in age, most of them are past 75," he said, describing himself as a "young buck" who turns 70 this month.

Mayor Henry Edward Braselton, who operates the grocery store, said he hoped the town's history would be preserved.

During the Depression, when cash was scarce, the Braselton family printed its own to pay field hands and store workers. It was good only at the family stores, and samples of it are in a frame on the wall.

House panel rakes official over the coals for China policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top administration official got a rough reception today as he defended the White House's China policy before a House committee, with one lawmaker saying it was "lacking in credibility."

Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger described Bush's efforts as the most likely route to long-term moderation of the Beijing regime.

But the message wasn't selling well among either Democrats or Republicans.

"I think there was a tone deafness

toward the values and ideals this country stands for" in the administration's contacts with China since last June's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators, said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill.

"The president has isolated himself in Congress and with the American people with a policy virtually lacking in credibility," said Rep. Sam Gejdenson, D-Conn.

The chairman of the panel's Asia subcommittee, Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., called Eagleburger's December mission to Beijing with National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft

"one of the most misbegotten missions in contemporary American diplomacy."

Eagleburger repeated testimony delivered a day earlier before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in which he argued that hopes for change in China rest with reformers in the country's leadership rather than the masses who demonstrated in and around Tiananmen Square.

"If there are to be changes ... they will depend in large measure for some time to come on the attitudes and activities of people within the

leadership" who believe in reform, Eagleburger told the Senate committee.

"The process of reform in China so far has been largely led from the top," Eagleburger added, asking for patience from lawmakers to give Bush's efforts time to bear fruit.

"The policy we are following is not one which will lead to a rapid payoff," Eagleburger told the senators. "This is a long-haul situation."

In repeated votes, Congress has rejected Bush's policy toward China as insufficiently sensitive to human rights concerns.

Childhood seizure medicine may lower IQ, study says

BOSTON (AP) — A study today warns doctors against giving phenobarbital to babies who suffer convulsions during high fevers because the medicine, taken by tens of thousands of children, doesn't prevent seizures and may lower IQs.

"There might be an unusual child for whom this (treatment) would still be of benefit," said Dr. Deborah G. Hirtz. "It should not be used in most cases."

Phenobarbital is the drug of choice given to infants with so-called febrile seizures.

An estimated 130,000 American babies a year suffer at least one such seizure and up to 40,000 are given the drug to prevent the convulsions from recurring, said Dr. Jonas H. El-

lenberg, a statistician at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and co-author of the study with Hirtz.

Hirtz said there has been growing concern about the possible hazards of phenobarbital, an anticonvulsant long used for treating epilepsy.

"In this trial, we wanted to ask the question of whether there were specific cognitive and behavioral side effects in young children treated for febrile seizures," she said. "The major outcome variable was the IQ test at the end of treatment. We did find that there was a difference between children who had been given phenobarbital and those given placebo."

After two years of treatment, the IQs of those taking phenobarbital

were 8 points lower than those who had taken dummy pills. Six months after they went off the drug, their IQs were still 5 points lower.

Hirtz said further study is in progress to see if the youngsters' IQs eventually catch up. She said that while a difference of a few points shows up on tests, it's too small to be noticed in an individual child.

The study was directed by Dr. Jacqueline R. Farwell of the University of Washington. It was published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The study was conducted on 217 children who ranged from age 8 months to 3 years and had experienced at least one febrile seizure.

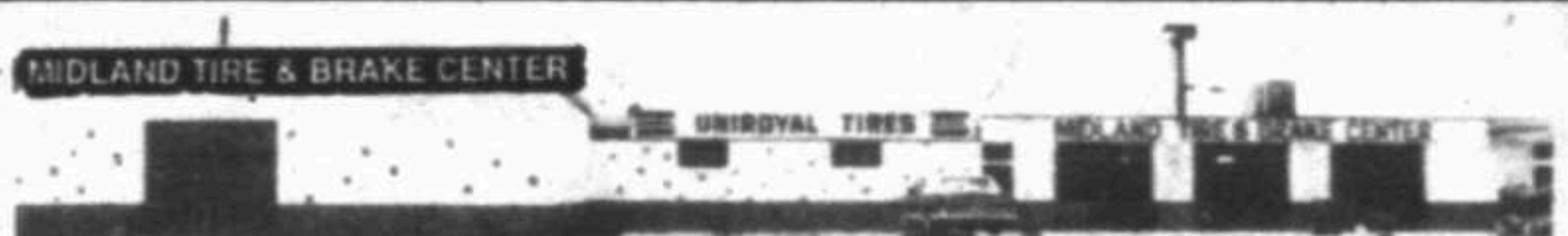
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Valdez captain's time spent at bar becomes issue

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A critical time element was vigorously disputed as lawyers tried to answer how many hours Capt. Joseph Hazelwood spent drinking liquor before he took command of the Exxon Valdez on its fateful voyage.

A Coast Guard officer's wife testified she saw Hazelwood order a vodka on the rocks at a Valdez bar about 1:45 p.m. on March 23. The skipper's lawyers contend he didn't get to the bar until 4 p.m.

He boarded the Exxon Valdez about 8:30 that night and the ship ran aground just after midnight, causing the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

Janice Delozier, whose husband, Mark, was one of the first Coast Guard officers to board the Exxon Valdez after it ran aground, insisted Hazelwood was the man she saw at the Pipeline Club and later recognized in a newspaper photo.

"My immediate reaction was, 'Wow, I saw him,'" she testified.

She had told FBI and Coast Guard investigators she had gone to the club for coffee during her lunch hour when Hazelwood arrived and ordered vodka on the rocks.

Defense attorney Michael Chalos attacked her account, noting that her husband was standing by and prompting her during her interview, which was recorded. She also acknowledged she had listened to the tape before testifying Wednesday to ensure that her testimony was consistent.

She said she waited 10 days to come forward with her story because she feared people might find her involvement "fishy" given her husband's role in the case.

"I didn't want anything to do with it," said the woman who spoke rapidly in a thick Southern accent. "And then there were the ever-present questions, 'What were you doing in a bar?'"

Chalos and Mrs. Delozier clashed when he asked why she didn't discuss her recollection with the barmaid who she said waited on Hazelwood.

"There's no 'how come' involved," snapped Mrs. Delozier. "I'm not the town crier."

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NATION IN BRIEF

Bush's environmental inaction criticized

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, criticized by environmentalists for his response on global warming, faces new attacks on two other environmental issues — protecting wetlands and cleaning up pollution on federal lands.

The National Governors' Association released a report Wednesday accusing the Bush administration of hamstringing the Environmental Protection Agency in attempts to pursue federal agencies that are violating pollution laws.



Bush

The nation's chief environmental watchdog is forced to sit by as basic environmental statutes and regulations are routinely ignored at federally owned facilities," said the report.

It said state authorities often are thwarted from action against federal sites "by claims of national security."

The report by an NGA task force

cited a Justice Department policy which bars civil suits or enforcement actions against another federal agency on behalf of the EPA.

The EPA lists 1,268 federal facilities for priority cleanup efforts.

FAT tags losers in Georgia

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — FAT tags are showing in Georgia, and it's going to cost those who want to shed the label.

Some drivers issued license plates with the prefix FAT are complaining about driving around with the word bolted to the tail end of the family wheels.

Officials say there's one way to get rid of FAT: a replacement plate, which costs \$2 to \$8.

About 900 of the plates, from FAT101 to FAT999, have been distributed in the Athens area.

"I had one lady who said she was literally sick over it because she's overweight and she had such a hang-up about it anyway, and having to go out with a tag that says 'FAT' on her car would be just horrible," said Nancy Denson, Clarke County tax commissioner and license tag agent.

Trial's outcome thrills boy

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A boy who was raped, mutilated and left for dead jumped into his mother's

arms and yelled, "Success!" after he found out a former mental patient was convicted in the attack, the woman said.

The boy remained in his second-grade class Wednesday and was picked up by his parents after the conviction of Earl Kenneth Shriner.

Under state sentencing guidelines, Shriner, who had a long history of violence toward young people, could be ordered imprisoned 99 1/4 years. But Pierce County prosecutors said they would ask Superior Court Judge Thomas R. Sauriol to go beyond that range.

"We want to see that he never walks the streets again," said deputy prosecutor James Roche.

Shriner faces sentencing March 26 for raping the then-7-year-old boy, cutting off his penis and leaving him for dead in woods near their south Tacoma homes.

Shriner looked frightened when the jury returned the verdict.

He gulped and bit his lower lip as the guilty announcements were read: guilty of first-degree attempted murder, two counts of first-degree rape and first-degree assault.

Suspected spy may be fired

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department wants to fire Felix S. Bloch, the career diplomat who is

suspected of spying for the Soviet Union.

Deputy spokesman Richard Boucher said Wednesday that, as an in-

terim step, the department was ordering Bloch's immediate suspension and was stripping him of his salary, estimated at \$80,000 a year.

The diplomat, who was placed on administrative leave with pay last June, has 30 days to answer the charges.

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Congress swiftly passes Panama aid package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Money could soon begin flowing to Panama thanks to a \$42 million aid package that Congress hastily passed in a bipartisan effort to help the country rebuild its shattered economy.

The measure, which won approval from both the House and Senate on separate voice votes Wednesday, was sent to President Bush for signing.

The administration supported the package as the first installment in aid requests for Panama that officials say will total \$1 billion. The money will be used for job programs, public works, housing and police training in the country that was invaded by U.S. troops on Dec. 20.

"It's timely," said Sen. Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan. "We do have a new dawn emerging in Panama."

Rep. Dante Fascell, D-Fla., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said the administration intends to ask for an additional \$500 million supplemental package for Panama shortly.

Bernard Aronson, the assistant secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, was to testify before a Senate committee today on the Bush requests for aid to Panama and El Salvador.

The Panama package included \$10 million to help Eastern European countries as they prepare for elections. But Bush would have to certify countries were committed to democratic, multiparty elections before money was freed.

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said the administration must notify Congress within 48 hours of spending the money in Eastern Europe.

There was little opposition to the Panama package, with most members saying the United States has a duty to help the U.S.-installed government of President Guillermo Endara.

"This is a reasonable but appropriate commitment on the part of the United States," said Rep. William Broomfield, R-Mich., citing the high unemployment and credit problem Panama faces.

Several House members, however, raised concerns about Panama's bank secrecy laws which they say



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Byrd

have allowed drug traffickers to launder money.

"Put Panama on notice: No more aid until they get rid of their bank secrecy laws which have allowed drug barons to launder profits," said Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

The legislation requires Panama to report by April 15 on efforts under way to stop banks from any involvement in drug trafficking.

Others objected to the way the Bush administration took money from aid to Somalia and Sudan for the Panama package and said they want to see that African aid restored.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., called the move "robbing the poor to help the poor."

The bill also includes trade and investment opportunities for Panama administration officials estimate are worth \$500 million.

The bill would:

- Give Panama benefits under the Caribbean Basin Initiative, the Generalized System of Preferences, the Overseas Private Investment Corp., and the U.S. sugar quota programs.

Panama was cut off from trade and investment programs with the United States when former President Reagan imposed sanctions on the country two years ago.

■ Certifies Panama is taking steps to cooperate to fight drugs.

■ Provides \$12.5 million in cash and another \$10 million in guarantees to rebuild the Panama City's Chorillo neighborhood, where fires in the wake of the invasion left 10,000 people homeless.

■ Allocates \$7 million for emergency public works and jobs.

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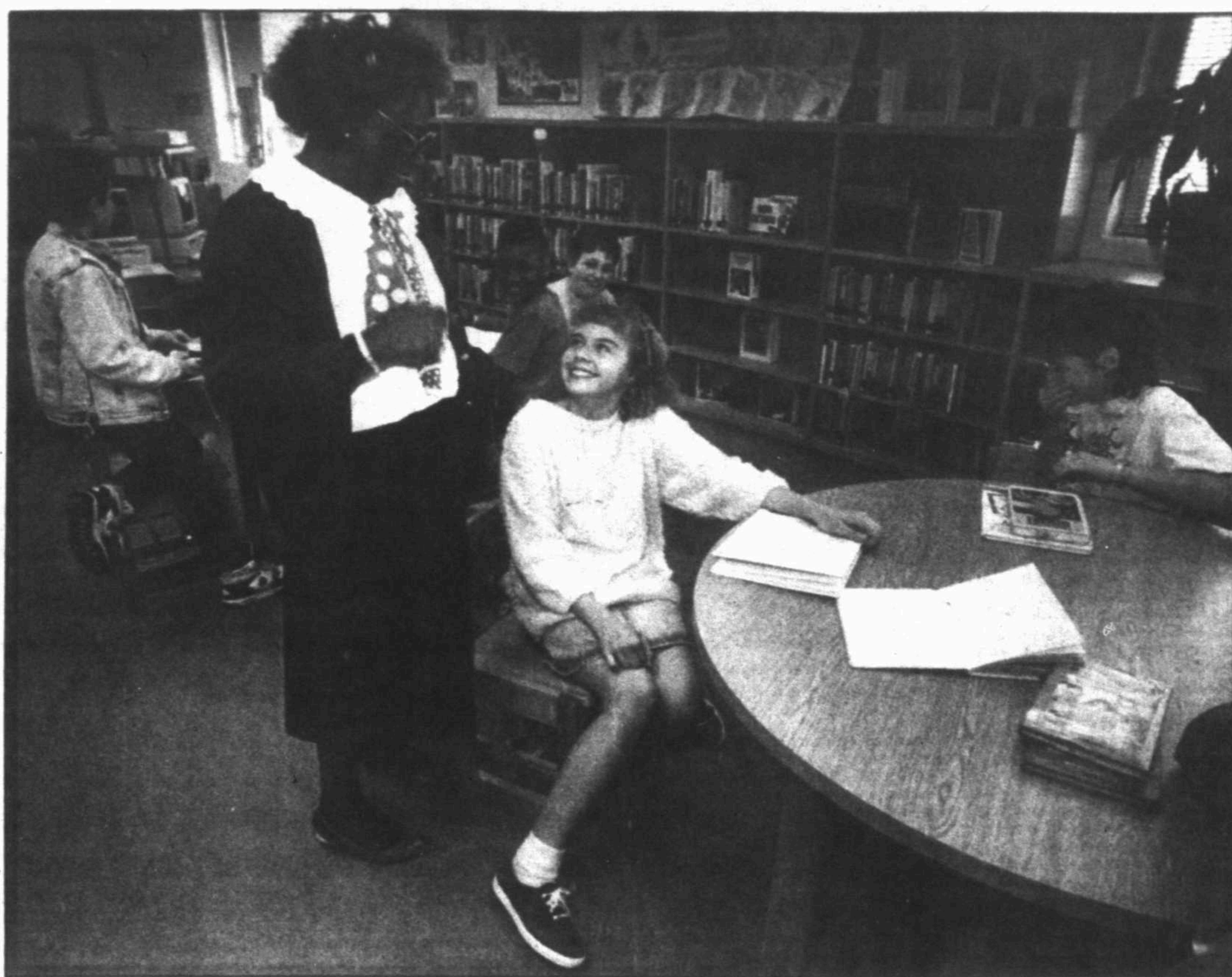
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January Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Month Barbara Yarborough shares a laugh with sixth-grader Amy Lovejoy, 12. Amy nominated Ms. Yarborough for the honor.

Teacher still amazed by students

By DAVID MORRIS
Staff Writer

After 31 years on the job, you might think you'd seen it all.

But January Teacher of the Month Barbara Yarborough hasn't lost her capacity for amazement, especially where high technology is concerned.

"Your kids nowadays are high-tech oriented children, many of them," she said. "Once upon a time you competed with Beaver Cleaver (on television). Now kids are rushing home saying, 'I've got to go play Nintendo.'"

Ms. Yarborough, who teaches sixth-grade language arts at South Elementary School, sees classroom computers as a way to keep pupils' attention on school.

"We've got to be as attractive as Nintendo

and all the other video games...and teach children to be as competitive in academics the same as they are with the high-tech video games," she said. "School should be educational, but it should be interesting, too."

Ms. Yarborough's pupils seem to find her classes plenty interesting.

Sixth-grader Amy Lovejoy described Ms. Yarborough as "the best and most understanding teacher I have ever had."

To give pupils like Kim a sense of belonging and identity in her classes, Ms. Yarborough often gives them pet names, she said. These range from common handles like "Bright Eyes" and "Dimples" to the more enigmatic "Grill."

"They all want a pet name," Ms. Yarborough said. "It makes them feel special."

Rob Van Stavern, South principal, said Ms.

Yarborough is "a true professional...She assists everyone without reprimand, corrects without disparagement, and teaches through example and deed."

Ms. Yarborough said she tries to ensure that all her pupils have a positive experience in her classroom.

"Every child should experience success in class every day and in every class," she said. "To let that kid know that he's done a good job."

Ms. Yarborough, who has taught everything from art to math to physical education in her three-decade tenure with the Midland Independent School District, said children haven't changed much over the years.

"All of them have individual personalities which challenge you from one minute to the next," she said. "There are no two the same."

Painter says fewer crimes reported in '89

By PATRICK CRIMMINS
Staff Writer

Emphasis on narcotics cases and active neighborhood patrols were credited with an 11 percent drop in the number of crimes reported in 1989 to the Midland County Sheriff's Department.

During 1989, 1,362 crimes were reported compared to 1,564 during 1988, according to the figures released by Sheriff Gary Painter.

"We are very pleased with it," Painter said today of the decline. "We hope it continues."

Investigators worked 98 narcotics cases during 1989, compared to 80 during 1988. While marijuana possession cases declined, cases involving possession and delivery of heroin, cocaine, and other drugs such as methamphetamine increased.

"When you start working more narcotics, the other crimes tend to go down," Painter said, noting that the commission of most crimes is related to narcotics. "So we are concentrating on narcotics. And we have more activity planned for deterring narcotics."

Most categories of crime were down in 1989, including house burglaries, misdemeanor and felony thefts, auto theft, and forgery.

But 23 sexual abuse cases — which includes an increase in eight cases involving a child — were reported in 1989 compared to 20 during 1988, according to the statistics. The increase does not necessarily mean the

crime is occurring more often, Painter said.

"We've got more reports involving children," he said. "People are becoming more aware of the problem and seem to be more willing to talk to us."

A sharp drop in the number of vehicle burglaries contributed to a 14 percent drop in total burglaries reported. Felony (over \$750) thefts were down 21 percent, and misdemeanor thefts, which include shoplifting, were down eight percent, according to the figures.

"We've got experienced people on the street," Painter said. "We watch the houses. We have been able to get some of our main burglars off the street and in the penitentiary, at least for a little while. Investigators and patrol have been working together."

The number of forgeries reported to sheriff's investigators were cut in half.

Six robberies were reported in 1989, the same number reported during 1988.

Assaults also increased, with 93 reported during 1989 compared to 81 during 1988.

Painter cautiously predicted several trends he expected to see during 1990.

"A lot depends on the year we have," he said. "If the economy continues to stabilize and improve, our business should slack off. But oilfield thefts we anticipate will continue to increase."

Rural communities good for business growth, study says

By JENNIFER DIXON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rural communities across Texas are fertile territory for small and large businesses looking for a place to grow, according to a study that also finds troubling signs of poverty and lower wages in rural parts of the state.

The study by the Corporation for Enterprise Development indicates rural Texas is holding its own against the state's metropolitan areas in new business growth, and is actually doing better when it comes to growth among small businesses.

The healthy enterprise job growth rate for businesses in rural Texas, whether small or large, suggests there may be some "very dynamic, big structural changes in rural Texas" that are creating opportunities for new business start-ups, said corporation president Doug Ross.

"The best piece of good news for Texas lies in the large number of new businesses being born in rural Texas," Ross said. "That is a hopeful sign for rural Texas' economic future."

"However, there is a shadow being cast across that future by the low educational attainment of rural Texans. Rural Texans not only compare poorly with other rural Americans when it comes to high school graduation and college attainment, but they also compare very poorly to urban Texans," Ross said.

The study released Wednesday by the private, non-profit research and policy consulting firm found only 50 percent of rural Texans had finished high school in 1980, for a 42nd place ranking, while only 10 percent of them had finished four years of college, putting the state in 36th place.

Another troubling sign for rural Texas, Ross said, is that despite new job growth, rural workers' earnings lag behind urban workers' pay, and many rural Texans are living in poverty.

The study said 22.6 percent of rural Texans were living in poverty between 1984 and 1986, while those who had jobs in rural Texas were earning one-third less than their urban counterparts.

Earnings for rural workers also grew 30 percent slower than for urban workers, the study found.

The good news, Ross said, was the study's finding that Texas ranked seventh nationally with a new enterprise job growth rate of 46.4 percent between 1980 and 1986, while the rate for urban areas was just slightly higher at 50.88 percent.

Texas, with more rural residents than any other state, ranked sixth nationally with a 24.4 percent new enterprise job growth rate among small firms, which exceeds the urban new enterprise job growth rate in Texas of 20.93 percent.

"What I think it shows ... is the character of the state, both urban and rural, is this sort of taking control of our economic destiny," said Mitchell Horowitz, corporation economist.

"For rural Texas it really looks like it's been out of necessity, which sometimes ... really creates the future for tomorrow," Horowitz said.

But Horowitz said Texas needs to build on the rural growth to prevent another economic downturn drowning the new businesses to failure.

Lawmaker attacks nation's farm program

By JENNIFER DIXON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Dick Armey is promising to "blow the esoteric cover" on the nation's farm program and says he will expose staggering waste and inefficiency of "almost Soviet proportions."

Armey, who is known for challenging Pentagon waste through a plan now under way to close 86 obsolete military bases, began stirring up the farm community recently by attacking price supports, import barriers and federal farm regulations in an article called "Moscow on the Mississippi."

Published in the conservative Heritage Foundation's quarterly journal Policy Review, Armey claimed current farm law costs taxpayers \$20 billion a year and has forced consumers to pay \$10 billion a year in higher food costs.

On Wednesday, Armey fired the first volley in his fight to reform the nation's farm programs by introduc-

ing the "Fair Farm Subsidy Act of 1990," which would bar farmers with annual adjusted gross incomes of at least \$100,000 from receiving federal farm subsidies. Farmers with gross receipts of \$500,000 would be similarly banned from receiving subsidies.

"There is no reason we should be subsidizing individuals who earn more than three times the average annual income of an American family of four," said Armey, a former economics professor.

Armey promised to challenge the clubby congressional agriculture committees that draft farm legislation and expose the esoteric language that cloaks farm programs.

"I'm trying to open the debate with this bill," Armey said. "It's a wedge issue."

A Lewisville Republican whose district includes 15 percent farmers, Armey's plans hit at the work of a fellow Texan, Rep. Kika de la Garza, the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. De la Garza is a de-

fender of some of the very farm programs — sugar and citrus — that Armey suggests should be challenged.

As debate begins on the 1990 farm bill, Armey said he would be "organizing a coalition of outside groups who oppose farm programs to provide a counterbalance to the well-organized and sharply focused farm lobby, and working with other congressmen who are willing to fight the special interest politics of the agriculture committees."

De la Garza, a Mission Democrat, said the federal government spends less than 1 percent of its budget on agricultural support programs. Yet Americans are the best-fed people who spend less as a percentage of their income on food of anywhere in the world.

De la Garza defended allowing subsidies to farmers with more than \$500,000 in gross income, saying farming is the "classic high-gross, low-net income business" and some

producers may end up with "only a few thousand dollars in profits, or maybe even a loss."

In his article, Armey claims that even as perestroika comes to the Communist world, federal farm programs remain as "American monuments to the folly of central planning."

"Through subsidies, price supports, import barriers and countless regulations, the Department of Agriculture continues to try to manage half of U.S. farming, with the predictable result of staggering waste and inefficiency of almost Soviet proportions."

Armey said USDA, under current farm law, has paid dairy farmers to kill 1.6 million cows and take five-year vacations from farming. At the same time, USDA has enforced regulations "that have led to the squandering of 3 billion oranges, 2 billion

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ED TODD

New jail 'very cheap' by some standards, sheriff says

Jails are about as romantic and as inviting as dusty coal mines in the pits of darkness. There may be only a glimmer of light. Faint.

However, people do go to both. Some willingly. Some not so. And most who go into the depths of confinement presume that someday they will return to daylight and to a thing called freedom — unless something really goes wrong by intent or accident.

Midland County commissioners, who have been dickering and studying for strung-out years on "resolving" the county's jail-house problems, finally have come up with a new jail: nothing fancy but plenty austere and bleak. It's supposed to be a solution, at least for a while, to overcrowded jail conditions.

That aside, within the new jail, that's running about \$4 million for a fortress-hotel with bars and sans amenities, are 202 bunks in single and multi-occupancy cells. That comes out to almost \$20,000 per bunk, which, depending on perspectives, could be a high-dollar or a low-dollar condominium.

Sheriff Gary Painter says the per-bunk cost is "very cheap for a jail," since he says he has seen per-bunk costs run as high as \$35,000 elsewhere.

"That's pretty high," he says. "We really got lucky."

However, unlike some of those higher-dollar jails, "There's nothing fancy about" the Midland jail. The



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sheriff plans to welcome the public for a tour of the jail, still under construction, on April 7.

The jail is so plain vanilla, he says, that Big Bad Joe and his friends won't be breaking in "for the country-club frills attendant to some state and federal penitentiaries."

But it ain't cheap. One reason, the jail has what the sheriff calls a "fail-safe system" designed to prevent a takeover by inmates with a commando mentality and their bold followers. It has to do with manual and electronic locking mechanisms, television monitors, eight-inch steel-reinforced concrete, hardened steel plating and bars, and guards who aren't asleep or watching soap operas. There's a galley, holding tanks for drunks, sally port, offices, control room, observation posts, offices, laundry room, exercise areas, and plenty more.

Within the inner abysses of the jail, which the sheriff hopes, probably vainly, won't become a canvas for prisoners' graffiti and sinister hieroglyphics, are 10 "separation" cells — once called isolation cells.

One is a padded cell.

That's the one to avoid.

It's high dollar and high security.

The sheriff figures it costs, perhaps, into the \$30,000 or \$40,000 range.

It's bland and uninviting despite the rouge pink color of the padding, which is designed to prevent the violent prisoner from seriously injuring or killing himself.

"The padding is pretty tough, but it's softer than concrete," said Midland architect Walter Pate, who is

construction coordinator for the jail and the adjoining Law Enforcement Building (LEB) just across the railroad tracks from the Midland County Courthouse and its "Fifth Floor" — the old jail.

As it turns out, according to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, only two companies nationwide specialize in installing padded jail cells — Marathon Engineering Corporation out of Mountain Ranch, Calif., and, across the country, American Padding Technologies in Bluefield, W.Va.

Marathon, says a company spokesman, mixes resins and "petroleum products" to come up with a costly, fire-retardant, and tough padding that meets government specifications. "It's expensive stuff."

Cost of installing the padding for the "average-size" cell is \$10,000 to \$15,000.

"That's kind of a wild guess," the spokesman said. But the Midland padded cell, at about 100 square feet, is not average. Average "free space" or wandering room in a single cell is about 40 square feet, the sheriff says.

Elsewhere in Texas, Marathon is putting in padding for a jail at a cost of \$24,000 to \$25,000 per cell.

"It is (tough)," said the Marathon spokesman, "although about the time I say that, somebody will go in there and take a bite out of it. I wouldn't like to bite it."

The pink, rubbery material, which blankets the walls and floor of the eight-foot high cell, appears seamless. The cell is sanitarium bleak. There's a raised padded area for the disturbed prisoner to stay until he can be diagnosed by a physician giving medical

treatment. There is a flush-with-the-floor toilet — a barred hole — operated from the outside. The prisoner can bounce off of walls in a rage and, theoretically, not hurt himself.

Gary Levin, president of American Padding Technologies, noted the dearth of padding installers.

"I really don't believe there is so much business you can support a whole bunch of companies," he says. "And it's a very costly situation just for us. I'm in West Virginia, and they (Marathon) are in California." There's a lot of traveling territory in between.

"It's very difficult to find material that comes up to government codes," notes Levin. "The main thing we have to fight is the fire codes — the flame spread and smoke density."

The padded cell, Levin notes, is to protect the violent inmate from himself and to protect others from his rages.

Women prisoners, except for booking, will be put up in the old "Fifth Floor" Jail atop the courthouse.

A jail cell, padded or not, is no place to be for anyone trying to keep peace with a thing called sanity. Though bright under lights, it is as dark as a coal mine.

And, likely, more bunks will be needed to room and board city, county, state and federal inmates in Midland County. And, as architect Pate says, the insidious need for more and more jails, cells and bunks is a "sad commentary on society."

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



LHS students make All-State

Seven Lee High School band students recently earned All-State honors. They are, front row, left to right, Heidi Tang, first chair flute; Amy Davidson, first chair piccolo; and Jennifer Prensner, flute. Back row, left to right, are Brian Enderson, cornet; Tommy Blaze, euphonium; Josh Smith, first chair euphonium; and Rob McGuire, first chair percussion I.



MHS students honored

Two Midland High School band students recently gained All-State honors. They were, left to right, Mike Eckerty, bassoon; and John Alldredge, first chair trombone.

Quadruplegic to join adoptive family

Hospital employees find it hard to say goodbye

AUSTIN (AP) — As 6-year-old Patty Carnes leaves the hospital that has been her home for most of her life, the people who have cared for her are finding it hard to say goodbye.

Nurses remember milestones like Patty's first tooth, and talk about playing games with the quadruplegic child, who was scheduled to leave Children's Hospital at Brackenridge today to start a new life with a real family in Portland, Oregon.

"I'm just having a hard time letting go," said Linda Horton, a unit clerk who has known Patty since the little girl arrived at 6 months of age — paralyzed and dependent on a ventilator because of a spinal cord inflammation.

Patty is a ward of the state. Her mother couldn't care for her because the woman is deaf and can't hear the alarm that would signal an emergency with the ventilator, hospital spokesman Larry BeSaw said.

The nurses, secretaries and volunteers have been Patty's surrogate family.

"I used to hide under her bed and in the closet. She couldn't see me, and we'd play hide and seek," nurse Nancy Clegg said. "I would put a towel or a sheet over her head, and she'd pretend she was hiding, too."

"It's hard for me to say goodbye, but I think (moving) is the happiest thing in Patty's life," Ms. Clegg said. "I'm so thrilled over this, and so excited."

"I kind of feel like I'm giving up my baby," said Edwin Mole, a hospital volunteer who has spent up to 100 hours a month with Patty. "I'm going to miss her terribly."

"She's not just this poor pitiful abandoned child," he said. "She's loved and she's well taken care of. She's changed my life in ways most people can only imagine."

Her new parents will be Diane and Ken Stacy, a Portland couple with five other children.

Brackenridge Hospital has donated \$15,300 for a ventilator and other



AP Laserphoto

Quadruplegic Patty Carnes, 6, has been living at Austin's Brackenridge Hospital since she was 6 months-old, but will be going home today with an

Oregon family which plans to adopt her. Nurse Debbie Biscoe visits with Patty during a going-away party on Tuesday.

medical equipment Patty will need in Oregon, and Travis County has given \$9,600 to help pay for the air ambulance that will take her to Oregon today.

More than \$21,000 in private donations will be used by Patty's adoptive parents to buy a van with a wheelchair lift.

A going away party was held at the hospital Tuesday. Brackenridge

workers are making a videotape of themselves so Patty can watch it in Oregon, and respiratory therapist Nancy Emody is collecting letters from workers and friends in a scrapbook for Patty.

"I'll miss seeing your pretty smile everyday, but I'll think of you smiling with your new family in Oregon," Ms. Emody wrote in her letter.

Lupe Enriquez, a licensed vocational nurse who has known Patty as

long as she's been at Brackenridge, said she dreads telling Patty goodbye. She will miss terribly the imaginary Cinderella game Patty played with her.

When it was time for Enriquez to appear on Patty's videotape, she held back the tears by keeping her message short and simple:

"Patty, you will always be my Cinderella, and I will always be your fairy godmother."

DEATHS

Debra Sanders

Services for Debra Murphy Sanders have been set for 3 p.m. Friday at the Hughes Street Church of Christ with Elder Jay Henderson officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She died Tuesday.

She was born Oct. 18, 1953 in Plainview. She moved to Midland with her family in 1955. In 1972 she graduated from Lee High School and then attended Midland College's nursing program where she obtained her LVN license. She worked as an LVN at Midland Memorial Hospital from 1973-75. She later joined Midland Independent School District, working in the school cafeteria. At the time of her death she was employed at Santa Rita Elementary.

She was a member of the Hughes Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Calvin Sanders of Midland; two daughters, Heather Sanders and Jennifer Sanders, both of Midland; her

parents, Delbert and Audry Murphy of Midland; two brothers, Marshall Murphy of Albuquerque, N.M., and Gary Murphy of Midland; three sisters, Elizabeth Aldridge of Carlsbad, N.M., and Sara Stone and Lila McGowan, both of Midland; eight nieces and six nephews.

Millie Taylor

Millie Mae Taylor, 76, of Midland died Wednesday at a local hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Antioch Baptist Church with Rev. D.E. Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery with Jackson-Baker Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

She was born Sept. 4, 1913 in Moody. She married James August Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor was a member of Peaceful Rest Baptist Church in Moody. She moved to Midland on

Dec. 3, 1985.

Survivors include three children, Jessie L. Hunter and Willie B. Moore, both of Midland, and Janice Betz of Austin; one sister, Maggie Smith of McGregor; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Dale Miles

Dale Robinson Miles, 28, of Odessa died Saturday in Odessa.

Services are pending with Warren Funeral Home of Midland.

Sarah McLaughlin

Services for Sarah N. "Saddie Brown" McLaughlin are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

She died early this morning at a local nursing home.

Wilma Stapp

CAMP WOOD — Funeral services for former Midlander Wilma Dee Stapp, 59, were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Nueces Canyon Church of Christ. Services were under the direction of Nelson Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 28, 1930, in Midland, she married D.E. Stapp on Oct. 31, 1947 in Midland.

Survivors include her husband, D.E. Stapp of Camp Wood; four daughters, Kathryn Walzel, Nancy

Groom, Amanda Cockrell and Beverly Roush; a sister, Joyce Nix of Midland; a brother, Clint Vaughan of Las Cruces, N.M.; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Lucilla Schwamkrug

Services for Mrs. E.H. (Lucilla) Schwamkrug of Midland are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

She died late Wednesday at a local hospital.

Kenneth Beman

Services for Kenneth A. Beman of Midland were to be at 3 p.m. today at the Ellis Chapel with Rev. J.W. Stovall officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He died Monday at his home. Pallbearers were to be John Todd, Olin Burch, Tim Lyles, Vernon Sharp, Ken Evans and Larry Snyder.

Mary Petri

Services for Mary F. Petri of Midland are set for 10 a.m. Friday at the Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She died Tuesday at a local hospital.

Churches receive apology letter for neo-Nazi letters

BRYAN (AP) — A person who wrote threatening, neo-Nazi letters to three churches wrote another letter to them recanting his earlier statements, an FBI agent says.

United Missionary Baptist Church and Martin Luther King Street Church of Christ received a letter Tuesday in which the author seemed to be saying he was sorry for the statements of the first letter sent this past weekend, said Mike Williamson, an FBI special agent in Bryan.

Copies of both letters also were sent to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

The Rev. Kevin Washington, pastor at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, said the first letter was not discovered until Monday because the church's mail is sent to the parsonage, rather than the church itself. He said the letters have sparked concern.

"I understand that the (second) letter said something like, 'I'm sorry, I'm only 17 and I was drunk,'" Wash-

ington said. "But a drunk person wouldn't write as legibly as he did and he probably wouldn't have sent the letters to three churches."

"It is something we need to be concerned about. Only the person that wrote the letter knows what's going on in his own mind."

Reginald Washington, United Missionary Baptist deacon, said the second letter did not ease his discomfort.

"Whether he said he was sorry or not, he's still a sick person and needs attending to," he said. "Suppose he gets drunk again tomorrow — what then?"

The first letter made reference to a neo-Nazi group that would "go underground so we can cover more ground." The letter also mentioned that four more people like Martin Luther King Jr. need to die, implying the national holiday could be extended for a full week.

The churches reported receiving the letter to Bryan police, who turned the matter to the FBI.

FARM

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lemons, and hundreds of millions of pounds of nuts and raisins.

"It has rewarded crop farmers for leaving idle 61 million acres of farmland — an area equal to all the territory of Ohio and Indiana and half of Illinois," Arney wrote.

Arney said his axiom on the USDA's farm program is, "Every bad policy precipitates another bad policy."

"We don't pay truckers not to truck, we don't pay miners not to mine," said Arney, a free-market adherent, during lunch with reporters

at the Heritage Foundation.

Arney said challenging the farm program, with its lobbyists and political action committees that fill congressional campaign coffers, would be far tougher than passing his base-closing plan last year.

Yet the public, he said, may be ready for farm reform.

"In the stench of billions of rotting oranges, the spectacle of a million slaughtered cows, and the stillness of 61 million acres of idled farmland, one can discern the fundamental truth: The free market works and central planning does not," Arney wrote.

RURAL

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"They've got to shore up that base, make sure its operating smartly," he said.

Horowitz said the state should take pride in its entrepreneurs.

"It's something other states' economies really wish they could have — the gutsiness, saying 'Hey, we're going to make it, and we'll do it ourselves if we have to,'" he said. "In the Northeast, the industrial Midwest, it doesn't happen as often."

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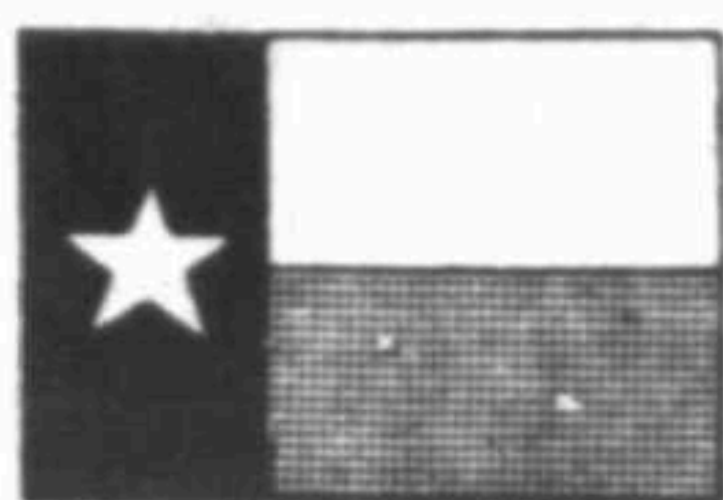
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STATE

INS commissioner says aliens will be detained

BAYVIEW (AP) — The federal government has reversed a recent decision to ease the detention of Central Americans seeking asylum in the United States and said it hopes to staunch an increased flow of illegal aliens.

Only those able to prove they are fleeing a "well-founded fear of persecution" will be allowed to stay. Gene McNary, commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, announced Wednesday.



McNary

He said an additional \$11 million will be spent to bring in extra Border Patrol agents and immigration officials to stem the flow of new asylum-seekers along the Mexican border in Texas.

To save money, the INS last month lowered the population at the 347-acre detention center at Bayview to less than 700 by freeing asylum-seekers on their own recognizance to travel elsewhere in the United States while their cases were decided.

"Since that time, I'm convinced that because of the gradual increase in people coming across the border that we need to put on a blitz," McNary said. "We're not going to allow border crashing."

He said asylum-seekers no longer would be released.

Six large tents, such as those used for state fairs, have been erected, raising the camp's capacity to 2,500. McNary said the INS will build tents for 10,000 if needed.

The Bayview camp held 998 de-

tainees Wednesday, mostly Central Americans. Another 632 people were detained at five other INS centers in southern Texas.

A year ago the INS reduced the time it took to make asylum decisions to just one day when it was overwhelmed with more than 500 applications for political asylum every day.

Because most of the asylum requests were denied and those denied were put in deportation proceedings, the number seeking refuge dropped to fewer than 10 a day. At one point, the Bayview camp's population topped 2,400.

But the detention of aliens from countries other than Mexico in October rose to 829 alone in the McAllen area of southern Texas. By January, the figure had risen to 1,860, mostly Central Americans, said INS spokesman Duke Austin.

Refugee advocates have speculated that a return of tensions, especially in El Salvador and Nicaragua, are responsible for the recent increase in immigrants from that region.

Asylum is granted to those able to show they are fleeing a country because of political and not economic reasons. INS officials say most Central Americans come to the United States to find work, and therefore do not qualify.

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A complete copy of the proposed rate changes is on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and at each of TU Electric's business offices.

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TU ELECTRIC

Teen's death stuns students, school faculty

PARIS (AP) — Some couldn't find the words to tell how they are going to miss Melicia "Mimi" Harvey, but a few at a North Lamar high school did.

One of her classmates at Frank Stone High School wrote two poems after learning of her death Wednesday.

The news that their classmate — the world's first recipient of a lung implant device — had died early Wednesday at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City stunned students and faculty alike.

The experimental IntraVascular Oxygenator, implanted during two hours of surgery Friday afternoon, functioned properly, said hospital spokesman Tim Madden.

"There were no clinical complications from the use of the device, which added oxygen to and removed



Harvey

"Each of us in turn have been touched. All of us have been treated as a best friend."

— From a poem written for Melicia Harvey

carbon dioxide from the patient's blood," he said.

The IVOX, a 20-inch bundle of hundreds of synthetic tubes about as fine as human hair, with walls so thin that oxygen and carbon dioxide can pass through, was designed to give damaged lungs time to rest and recover.

Mimi also received conventional treatments, which ordinarily include mechanical ventilation, antibiotics, and medications designed to remove excess fluid and support heart function, Madden said.

Mimi's fellow students copied poems and passed them among one another as they grieved for consolation and understanding.

"Each of us in turn have been

touched," one of the poems read. "All of us have been treated as a best friend."

Those closest to her said Mimi added a spark to any place she went. She was vice president of the student council and played flute in the school's band.

"She had a great sense of humor and she had a contagious laugh," said Krissy Hicks, who was on the drill team with Melicia. "She was always telling these weird jokes that nobody understood."

Another friend, Kathleen Norris, said Melicia was always willing to help other girls on the drill team, especially the younger ones.

"I didn't think of her just as a friend, because we all are family," she said.

And now those who felt they were Melicia's family say they are going to chip in to help her relatives pay for her burial expenses. School officials have authorized a fund-raising "Mimi Harvey Day" on Friday.

Eight ministers came to the school on Wednesday to counsel students after word arrived of her death. Many of the school's 735 students — including her sister and brother — wept unabashedly after being told she had succumbed to pneumonia despite the device.

"We all knew of her condition, but the last thing we heard this morning was that everything was going fine," said principal Tony Daugherty. "Boy, when (news of her death) hit this morning, these kids went nuts."

A month before Mimi died, she gave birth to a son, Trenell. "It's good that she left the baby behind because that's like she's leaving behind the best part of herself," said one of Mimi's friends, Carolyn Hawkins.

Melicia's 41-year-old mother, Edith Harvey, died Jan. 31, seven days before her daughter.

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STATE IN BRIEF

AT&T to lower rates Feb. 14

AUSTIN (AP) — The Public Utility Commission has approved a request by AT&T for lower long-distance phone rates on Valentine's Day to make up for problems customers experienced during a widespread outage Jan. 15.

AT&T won approval Jan. 28 from the Federal Communications Commission to offer the discounted Valentine's Day rates on interstate and international calls as well.

"We are making this gesture to underscore how much we value our relationship with our customers, knowing there is no way to make up for the inconvenience they may have experienced," AT&T Vice President Pres Sheppard said in a news release Wednesday.

Long distance service to several cities in the nation was disrupted because of a computer problem at AT&T's national control center in New Jersey.

Regular weekday daytime rates will be discounted 25 percent on Valentine's Day and will apply on all in-state direct-dialed long distance calls on AT&T's network.

The PUC approved the Valentine's Day discount 3-0. Commissioner Martha Greytak called it "a sweetheart deal."

AT&T said that an under the special rates, a 10-minute call from Dallas to Houston between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. will cost \$2.78 instead of \$3.71.

Texas firm to build missiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has awarded a \$36.2 million contract to LTV Corp. for initial production of the Army Tactical Missile System, with the work being done in

El Paso, according to Sen. Phil Gramm.

Gramm, R-Texas, said the "TACMS" "is a tactical missile that is so accurate that it is four times more accurate than the Army's specifications were to begin with."

He said the Department of Defense has bought 50 missiles and has contracted for another 104. President Bush is requesting \$186.2 million in his 1991 budget for another 318 of the missiles.

LTV in El Paso now has 200 people working on the project, Gramm said, and "if we produce the ultimate buy, (2,300 missiles), the number of jobs would grow from 200 to 500."

"What this missile in essence allows the Army to do is stand off at great distances and put a missile on a very, very small target," Gramm said. "This is one of the new weapons of the future that we will need in a smaller, more effective military force."

Gramm said the weapon, given its accuracy, has the potential to replace nuclear warheads. The missile is designed for conventional warheads, not chemical or nuclear warheads.

Viewer's tip leads to arrest

DALLAS (AP) — A 25-year-old woman who authorities say helped her husband escape from a California prison in 1987 was arrested by FBI agents Wednesday after a tip from a person who learned of the case from a television show.

Shelly Rose Godwin was arrested at a Dallas residence Wednesday afternoon after FBI agents were tipped to her location by a viewer of the nationally syndicated crime show "America's Most Wanted," authorities said.

Her husband, Glen Godwin, a convicted murderer, was arrested by Mexican authorities on drug charges

on Nov. 4, 1987, in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco. He had escaped five months earlier from the Folsom State Prison in Sacramento by crawling through a storm drain.

Folsom prison officials said Mrs. Godwin had rented a car to aid her husband's getaway.

Godwin is serving a seven-year sentence for drug possession at the Puente Grande federal prison in Guadalajara.

FBI agents, alerted to Mrs. Godwin's whereabouts last Saturday, said she had been working at a bar in the Dallas suburb of Mesquite.

Bentsen opposes tax cut

DALLAS (AP) — A proposal to cut Social Security taxes is not good because it would cost the government important revenues, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen says.

Bentsen, D-Texas, said Wednesday that he strongly opposes the proposal by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., to cut the Social Security tax from 7.65 percent of the first \$51,000 earned to 6.55 percent.

"I refuse to support it because that kind of loss of revenue would lead to extremely serious problems," Bentsen said during an interview in his Washington office.

"There would be an enormous increase in the deficit," Bentsen, chairman of the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee, said, "and you would have foreigners beginning to question if we could manage our economy."

It marked the first time that Bentsen had taken a public position on the proposal.

Rural panel to meet

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements has announced a series of regional hearings by the Rural Economic Development Commission, beginning Feb. 21 in Pecos.

The commission was created by the 1989 Legislature to make recommendations to revitalize rural Texas. Clements appointed Zerie Carpenter of College Station, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, as commission chairman.

Other hearings have been sched-

uled for Lubbock on Feb. 26, Amarillo Feb. 27, Wichita Falls March 2, Stephenville March 6, Weslaco and Overton March 7, Prairie View March 8, Uvalde March 14 and San Angelo on March 20.

Gas line accidentally cut

MCKINNEY (AP) — After an unexpected day off because of a gas leak in the area, students at McKinney

High School were scheduled to return to classes today.

Lone Star Gas spokesman Howard Matson said the area was evacuated Wednesday after a private contractor punched a hole in a 6-inch gas line about 300 yards from the school.

No one was injured in the accident, said Sheldon Mann, a McKinney fire dispatcher.

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Communist leaders preparing for competitive role

Gorbachev's influence on world economy may be exaggerated

By BERNARD D. KAPLAN
Hearst News Service

PARIS — Mikhail Gorbachev's political fortunes have become closely tied to the world's economic fortunes.

When the Cable News Network reported Jan. 30 that he was considering relinquishing his post as Communist Party general secretary, world stock markets went into a nosedive and the dollar, always a safe haven in times of international uncertainty, rose sharply.

Gorbachev promptly denied the report, and the markets breathed a heavy sigh of relief.

This week, indications that Gorbachev probably will abandon the general secretaryship — but in circumstances that make the action a sign of his political strength rather than weakness — were enthusiastically welcomed by the stock exchanges.

The conventional wisdom is that Gorbachev's survival has become crucial to the global economy because he alone offers a guarantee that the former communist bloc's speedy economic modernization and a system based on fulfilling consumers' needs will continue and ultimately win the day.

With Gorbachev, many economists argue, the prospect is for international economic stability and expansion.

Without him, they add, the outlook could be for disintegration and chaos in the Soviet Union and possibly the rest of Eastern Europe, inevitably creating worldwide economic problems including a likelihood that western governments would have to restore big defense budgets.

No wonder, then, that the stock markets suffer the jitters at anything that appears even remotely to cast a shadow over his future.

But some experts insist that the "Gorbachev factor," as it affects the international economic outlook, has

been overblown.

No one doubts his disappearance would have a tremendously unsettling effect, both in and out of the Soviet Union.

What the skeptics dispute is how much difference his continuation in power will make to Eastern Europe's chances of economic progress.

Dominique Colas, a professor of Soviet history and economics at the University of Paris, predicts that "with or without Gorbachev, economic redress is going to require decades. Generally speaking, western governments and business executives are seriously underestimating the odds against success, especially in the Soviet Union, but also elsewhere in Eastern Europe."

In this context, he says, "Gorbachev is almost an irrelevance. If he fell tomorrow, it would have only marginal effect on the prospects for saving the Soviet economy from ruin."

Colas argues that western observers have paid far too little attention to Yugoslavia for clues to what happens when a communist state abandons party control in favor of decentralized, market-oriented economies.

"The Yugoslavs have been trying for nearly 20 years to create a free market system, based on cooperatives, individual enterprise and labor mobility," he points out. "That is what Gorbachev says he now wants. The only trouble is, the Yugoslav experiment has been an almost total flop."

Gorbachev's status as the "indispensable man" is also questioned by Francoise Thom, French author of "The Gorbachev Era," an analysis of the Soviet leader's motives and policies that has been widely read in European political circles.

For her, the radical changes demanded by Gorbachev at this week's Communist Party Central Committee meeting — including the introduction of a multiparty system — signal a "retreat," not a move forward.



WORLD

Communism's Vanishing Act

The Soviet Union has joined its six Warsaw Pact allies in embracing the multiparty system. Old-style Communist one-party states have all but disappeared from Europe. Hardline regimes have been replaced by reformers and non-communists.

TIMELINE

1989 AUG. SEPT. OCT. NOV. DEC. JAN. '90 FEB.

Poland

First non-communist government since World War II takes power

Hungary

Communist party disbands and becomes Socialist party

East Germany

Communists' monopoly on power abolished by Parliament; leadership resigns

Bulgaria

Parliament votes to abolish guaranteed leading role of Communist Party

Czechoslovakia

Communists' monopoly on power abolished; new coalition with non-communists takes power

Romania

Popular revolt drives hardliner Nicolae Ceausescu from power

Soviet Union

Communist Party officials agree to President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's platform calling for abolition of the party's constitutional guarantee of power

Key to communism's grip on power:

Hardline Moderate Reformist

By JOHN-THOR DAHLBURG

MOSCOW (AP) — The Communist Party leadership has blazed the way to a brave new world of Soviet politics, where it will be forced to compete with other parties and people will directly choose the nation's leader for the first time.

"There will be a multiparty system. There will be a normal democracy," is how Communist Party member Syatovslyav Fyodorov, a noted eye surgeon, approvingly summed up a three-day meeting of the party's Central Committee.

Progressives, however, said today that the committee did not go far enough when it agreed Wednesday to end the party's 70-year legal monopoly on power and ask the national parliament to restructure the government into a presidential system partially based on Western models.

To release the Communists' grip on society, "it is necessary to eliminate the party organizations in the army, the police, the KGB, the courts, in all the state institutions," Yuri Mityunov, a spokesman for the independent Democratic Union, said in a telephone interview.

Mityunov said the pressure for reform is moving to the streets, noting that party secretaries had recently been removed in four cities following public outcry over abuses of power.

Wednesday's decisions are the boldest steps yet in President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's campaign to get the party he heads out of the day-to-day business of running the country and provide greater freedom for political action.

They won't assume force of law until they are adopted by the Soviet legislative system, a process that could begin next week.

A Central Committee source said the new platform calls for a president elected by the people instead of the Congress of People's Deputies or another legislative body — a revolutionary transformation for Soviet

politics.

That would allow Gorbachev to bypass the entrenched Moscow bureaucracy and take his case directly to the people.

"The party does not assume full government authority," Vice President Anatoly I. Lukyanov told a news conference called to explain the new platform, which was to be published later. "Its role is to be a political leader with no particular role to be included in the constitution."

Following the lead of its fraternal parties in Eastern Europe, the Soviet party will propose repeal of its constitutionally guaranteed monopoly on power, Lukyanov said.

On Wednesday, after Gorbachev succeeded in pushing the dramatic change through a largely conservative Central Committee, hard-liners lashed out at the breakaway Lithuanian Communist Party.

"That was the conservatives' revenge," said Justis Paleckas, ideology secretary for the Lithuanians, who split in December from the national party. "It was as if the past had returned within the walls of that hall in all its beauty." Some even shouted, "Traitors!" he said in an interview with Lithuanian television.

The resolution adopted Wednesday says the Central Committee will support a small group of Lithuanian Communists who remain loyal to Moscow.

Gorbachev has been struggling for nearly five years to transform the Soviet Union into a modern democracy, to save the badly ailing economy and to keep the union from dissolving under the weight of nationalist upheaval.

Unlike Eastern Europe, where alternative political groups have been at least marginally active for years and sprang quickly into genuine opposition parties during last year's peaceful revolutions, the Soviet Union has no nationwide alternative to the Communists.

Soviets balk at pulling out of Czechoslovakia

MOSCOW (AP) — A Czechoslovak diplomat said today that the Kremlin is balking at a swift pullout of the estimated 75,000 Soviet troops in Czechoslovakia, citing difficulties in absorbing the returning soldiers.

Soviet and Czechoslovak officials resumed negotiations today in Moscow on the pullout, which the new Prague government wants completed by the end of the year.

Antonin Murgas, a spokesman for the Czechoslovak Embassy in Moscow, said the Soviets have argued that the deadline is impossible to meet for humanitarian reasons.

He said the Soviet side contends such a pullout cannot begin until 1991 because there are not currently enough schools and homes in the Soviet Union for the families of the officers stationed in Czechoslovakia.

Czechoslovakia's new non-Communist government, led by President Vaclav Havel, declared void two 1968 agreements with Moscow that legalized the troops' deployment.

The government, which replaced hard-line Communists after a peaceful revolution in November, not only demands all the troops out by the end of the year but wants half of the force out by May.

Unlike Hungary, where initial talks on a Soviet troop withdrawal took place last week, Czechoslovakia considers the matter of Soviet troop withdrawal separate from Vienna talks on arms reduction in Europe.

The Soviet forces in both countries are viewed as occupiers who crushed movements for democracy, in Hungary in 1956 and in Czechoslovakia in 1968.

The demands from Prague and Budapest for a Soviet troop pullout have increased pressure on Moscow for a radical cutback in central Europe, under discussion at the Vienna talks.

U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III was in Moscow today for talks on the U.S. proposal to cut Soviet and American troops in all of Europe to 225,000 on each side, with a limit of 195,000 in central Europe.

Thatcher praises party decision

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on Wednesday praised the Soviet Communist Party's vote to give up its monopoly on power.

"Further than we could ever have thought five years ago," Mrs. Thatcher said, "A lot still to be done but a great decision, a great decision."

Mrs. Thatcher spoke to reporters outside her 10 Downing St. office standing alongside the Soviet Communist Party's ideology chief, Vadim A. Medvedev, who arrived for a six-day visit.

Medvedev, a member of the Soviet Politburo, flew into London shortly after the vote in Moscow and said the decision "opens up a new page in perestroika."

During an hour of talks with the prime minister, Downing Street officials said, she gave her a long and substantial message from Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev that marked increasingly close relations between their nations.

Medvedev heads a seven-member delegation invited by British lawmakers.

Perestroika is the term Gorbachev uses for his program of restructuring the Soviet economy and society.

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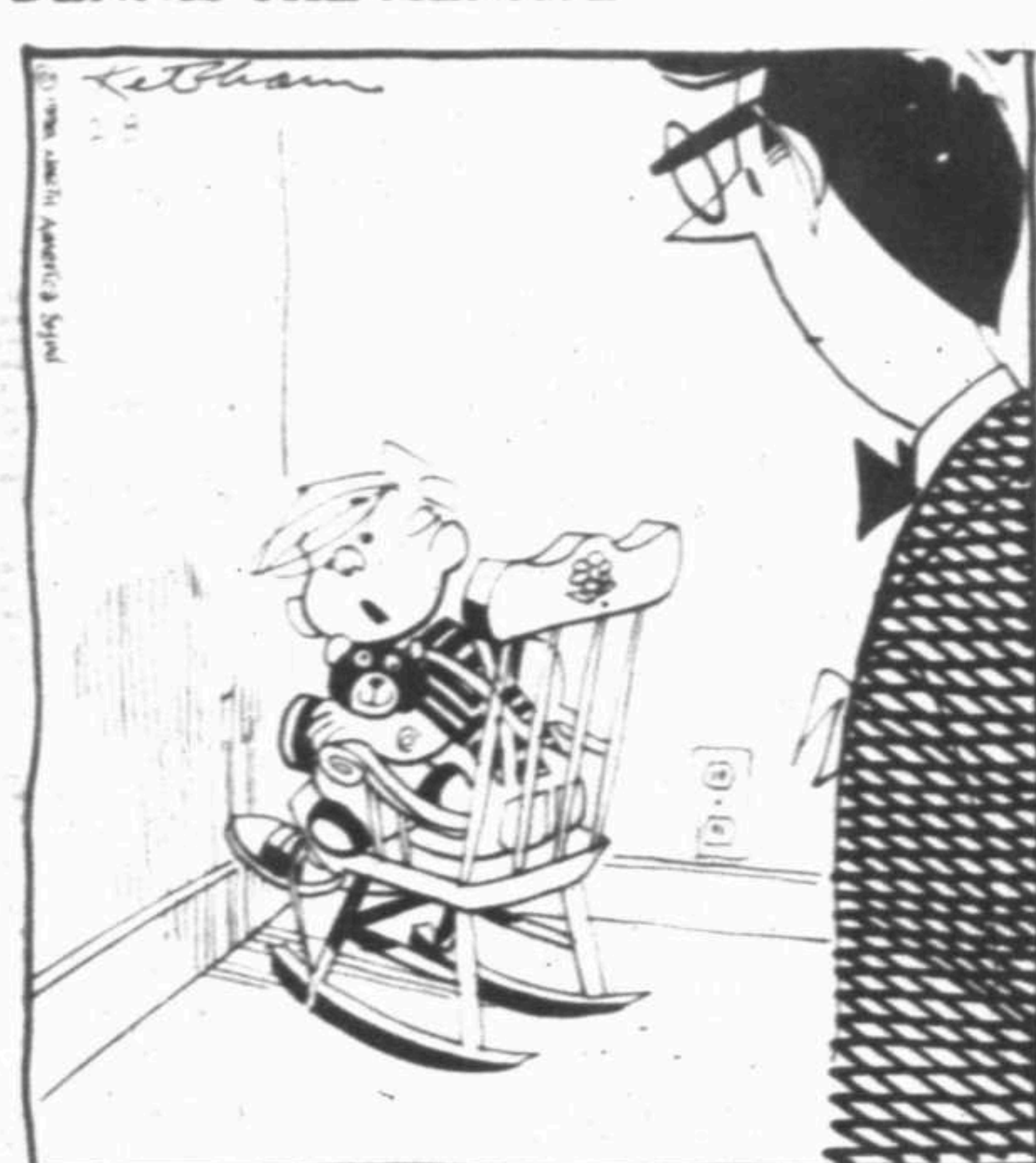
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DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAR SIDE



Wildlife day shifts

SCRAM-LETS WORD GAME

1 Rearrange letters of the four scrambled words below to form four simple words.

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L I G A Y

P R O V A

E J E T R S

2 PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN SQUARES

3 UNSCRAMBLE FOR ANSWER

4 Complete the chuckle quoted by Dennis in the missing words you develop from step No. 3 below.

Flight attendant: "Pay attention to this safety video. There may be 50 ways to leave your lover but there's only 6 ways to leave this airplane."

5 Complete the chuckle quoted by Dennis in the missing words you develop from step No. 3 below.

SCRAM-LETS ANSWERS

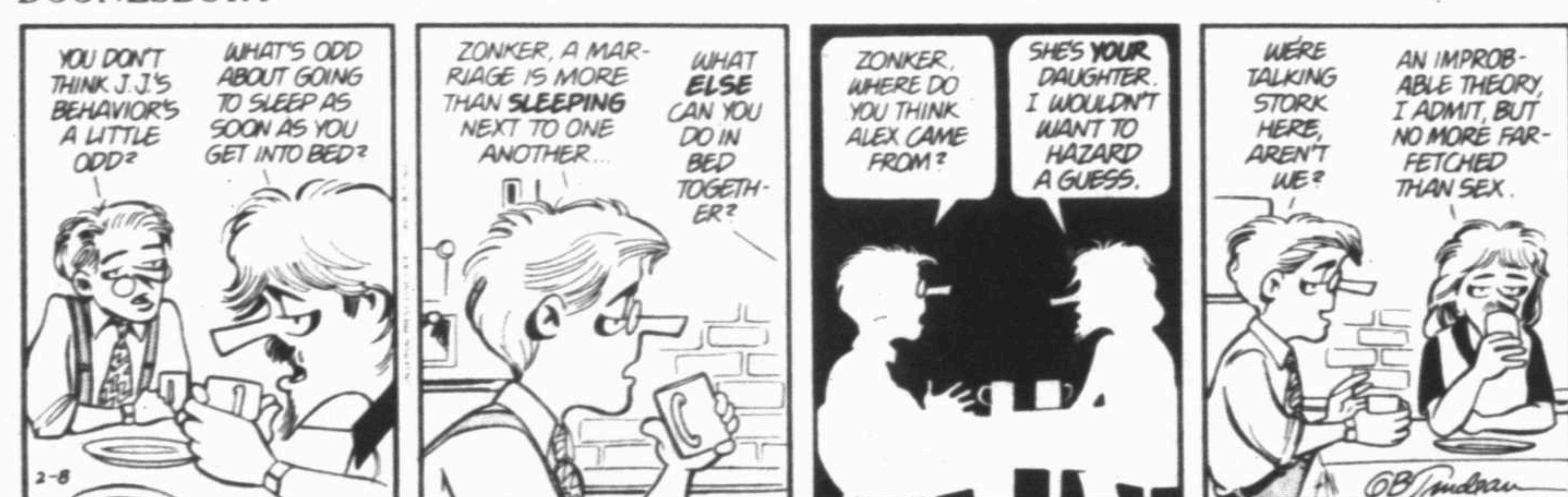
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3 PROVA - PROVA
4 EJETS - EJETS
5 RIMEEN - RIMEEN
6 LIGAY - LIGAY
7 PROVA - PROVA
8 EJETS - EJETS

FAMILY CIRCUS



"I made a belt for you, Grandma. I cut it out of Daddy's leather jacket."

DOONESBURY



Evening TV Schedule

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 1990

	KMID Cable 3	KOSA Cable 8	KTPX Cable 9	KPEJ Cable 14	FAM Cable 4	WTBS Cable 7	SIN Cable 10	WGN Cable 11	ESPN Cable 12	KOCY Cable 13	HSE Cable 20
4:00	Donahue	Growing Pains	Trial by Jury	Chip 'n' Dale	Batman	Addams Family	Cristina	Chip 'n' Dale	Trucks	Sq. 1 TV	Weight Room
5:00	Cosby Show	Jeopardy!	News	Highway to Heaven	Hardcastle	B. Hillbillies	Los Ninos	Charles	Speedway Am.	Sesame Street	Body By Janis
6:00	News	News	News	Mama	Scarecrow	Jeffersons	Rubi	A & C	College Basket-	Telecourse	Outdoor News
7:00	Father Dowling	48 Hours	Cosby Show	Hunter	The Jesse Owens	Jeffersons	Rebelle	Police Story	Southern Kan-	MacNeil/	Sportstalk
8:00	Young Riders	Island Son	Cheers	Movie: "Rio Grande"	700 Club	ball: Atlanta	Maria	College Basket-	at Virginia	mary Debates	Challenge
9:00	Primetime Live	Knots Landing	L.A. Law	700 Club	Clash of the	Houston Rock	Fama-Fortuna	ball: Chicago	Bulls at Den-	ver Nuggets	SportsCenter
10:00	News	News	News	Love Connec-	Hardcastle	Clash of the	Aqui Esta	ver Nuggets	SportsCenter	College Bas-	ketball: Notre
11:00	Ent. Tonight	Pat Sajak	David Letter-	Movie: "The	The Jesse Owens	Movie: "The	net"	Movie: "Amor a	net"	Sign-On	Movie: "The
12:00	Hard Copy	The Prisoner	man Bob Costas	Border"	"The Outfit"	Movie: "Amor a	Todo Gas"	Movie: "Amor a	Todo Gas"	Movie: "Amor a	Todo Gas"
	SHOWTIME Cable 5	TMC Cable 17	DISNEY Cable 18	MAX Cable 21	HBO Cable 22	TNN Cable 23	USA Cable 24	NICK Cable 25	A&E Cable 26	TBN Cable 31	TNT Cable 37
4:00	Walk Movie: "The	Firstworks	Kids Inc. Mickey Mouse	Movie: "2001"	Loser Take All	Don't Sit	Dance Party	Can't on TV	draws	Praise the Lord	Martian
5:00	Nutty Professor	Movie: "No-body's Fool"	Movie: "From Disney, With	A Space Odyssey	Perfect Match	gazine Top Card	Jem He-Man	Think Fast	Decades: '70s	Praise the Lord	Fraggle Rock
6:00	"Throw	"Love"	Family Circus	Movie: "Proto-	col"	Heroes Always	Been Cowboys	Insp. Gadget	Looney Tunes	Jerry Bernard	Pais
7:00	Momma From the Train	Movie: "Who's Harry	Movie: "Six Pack"	Movie: "The Ultimate War-	rior"	Movie: "Physi-	cally Evidence"	Church Street	Crook	Murder, She	Wrote
8:00	Movie: "Ground	Crumb?"	Movie: "Fair	Movie: "World	Movie: "World	Movie: "World	Movie: "World	Movie: "World	Movie: "World	Movie: "World	Movie: "World
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12:00	Movie: "Torch Song Trilogy"	Firstworks	Movie: "Dead 2"	Movie: "The Image"	Movie: "The Image"	Movie: "The Image"	Movie: "The Image"	Movie: "The Image"	Movie: "The Image"	Movie: "The Image"	Movie: "The Image"

PEOPLE

Land-for-\$\$\$ trade in works between Indians and Jackie O.

GAY HEAD, Mass. (AP) — Jacqueline Onassis and the Wampanoag Indians are nearing an agreement to end a 10-year struggle over beachfront property on Martha's Vineyard, officials said.

Under the agreement, the Indians would sell Onassis the land in return for money and another tract, said a clerk in Dukes County probate court.

According to Wampanoag legend, Chief Moshup and his wife, Squant, are buried in the disputed land, a stretch of 264 feet of coastal property.

Onassis' 380-acre private estate surrounds the property. Onassis, the widow of President Kennedy, bought a 17 percent interest in the land in 1980 from a Wampanoag family. The Indians retained a right of access to the site.



Onassis

MONTEBELLO, Calif. (AP) — First lady Barbara Bush heard accolades for California's adult literacy campaign by a father who now reads to his children and a man who's reading his Bible for the first time.

"I think it's wonderful what you've done," Mrs. Bush told organizers and tutors. She spent an hour Wednesday at the Los Angeles County Library in suburban Montebello.

"I've come a long way in this program. ... Now, I can read the newspaper, said Chris Norton, 26, of Downey.

"I'm not sure reading the newspaper is so great," Mrs. Bush quipped.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Cruise, Roseanne Barr, and Bill Cosby were among nominees picked in a public opinion poll for the 16th annual "The People's Choice Awards."

"Batman" and "Dead Poet's Society" were among nominees in the movie categories, while "Cheers" and "Life Goes On" were among the series winning nominations in the television categories.

The winners, to be announced during a March 11 telecast on CBS, were determined by a poll conducted by the Gallup Organization and announced late Tuesday.

NEW YORK — Richard Griffin, who appears with the rap group Public Enemy as Professor Griff, is scheduled to deliver a speech at Columbia University next week.

The invitation, from the Black Students Organization at Columbia, has upset other student groups, including Jewish organizations, because of remarks he made last year that many consider anti-Semitic.

Jewish groups on campus met Monday to plan a response to Griffin's appearance. More than 400 students jammed an auditorium, while 200 others waited outside.

At the meeting, Jack Greenberg, dean of Columbia, proposed that students boycott Griffin's speech.

"I think all the decent people at Columbia — blacks, whites, gays, straights, women, Hispanics, Christians, Jews — should gather together in a compact of nonparticipation," he said.

No one has publicly demanded the cancellation of his talk, scheduled for Sunday evening.

The leaders of the Black Students Organization said they had asked Griffin to talk about education in the 21st century, not his remarks about Jews.

The student group, which issued the invitation because, it said, it considered Griffin an important force in black America, maintains that it can sponsor his appearance without endorsing everything he believes.

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali was on his way home from a visit with a teen-ager suffering from cancer when he found himself in the middle of a disturbance. At least that's what police thought.

Officers responding to a report of a street disturbance found Ali surrounded by a crowd, police said Wednesday. "They found it was just a group of juveniles talking to a celebrity," Capt. Eugene Kyle said.

Floyd Bass, groundskeeper of Ali's estate near Berrien Springs, Mich., said after Ali visited the girl's home on Tuesday night he decided to mingle with youngsters in the neighborhood.

The officers asked Ali if he would make one more visit — to the police station.

As a practical joke, Cpl. John Collins brought Ali into the station in handcuffs, claiming he had arrested the ex-fighter. After everyone had a good laugh, the officers lined up for autographs and photographs.



Ali

HONOLULU (AP) — Comedian Red Skelton was called as a prosecution witness in an art fraud trial, but he had kind words for the defendants — and one-liners for jurors.

The Center Art Gallery's owner and director are charged with 104 counts of mail and wire fraud. They are accused of misrepresenting the involvement of surrealist Salvador Dali and celebrity artists Tony Curtis, Anthony Quinn and Skelton in reproductions.

On the witness stand Tuesday, Skelton gave his age as 77. "I would have been 78, but we spent a year on Maui," he said.

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Jimmy Van Heusen, a Tin Pan Alley veteran who won four Academy Awards and composed such memorable tunes as "High Hopes," "Call Me Irresponsible" and "Swingin' On A Star," died Tuesday of cerebral vascular disease at age 77.

Born Edward Chester Babcock, he adopted the name Van Heusen from the shirt maker's billboard advertisement.

He collaborated with such lyricists as Johnny Mercer, Johnny Burke, Eddie DeLange and most notably, Sammy Cahn. He also wrote for two legendary crooners — Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra.

Van Heusen's tune "Love and Marriage" won a 1955 Emmy and has been introduced to a new generation of viewers as the theme song for the television show "Married ... With Children."



Van Heusen

CHICAGO (AP) — Lawyers for actor Lloyd Bridges say celebrities may not pitch products so easily after his settlement of a lawsuit alleging he misrepresented an investment in television ads.

A judge's ruling on a pretrial motion and a similar ruling by a judge in a related case indicated celebrities could be held liable for misrepresentations when endorsing a product or service.

"The fact that a celebrity is merely reading a script may no longer be an excuse," said Dan Formeller, an attorney for Bridges.

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

ACROSS

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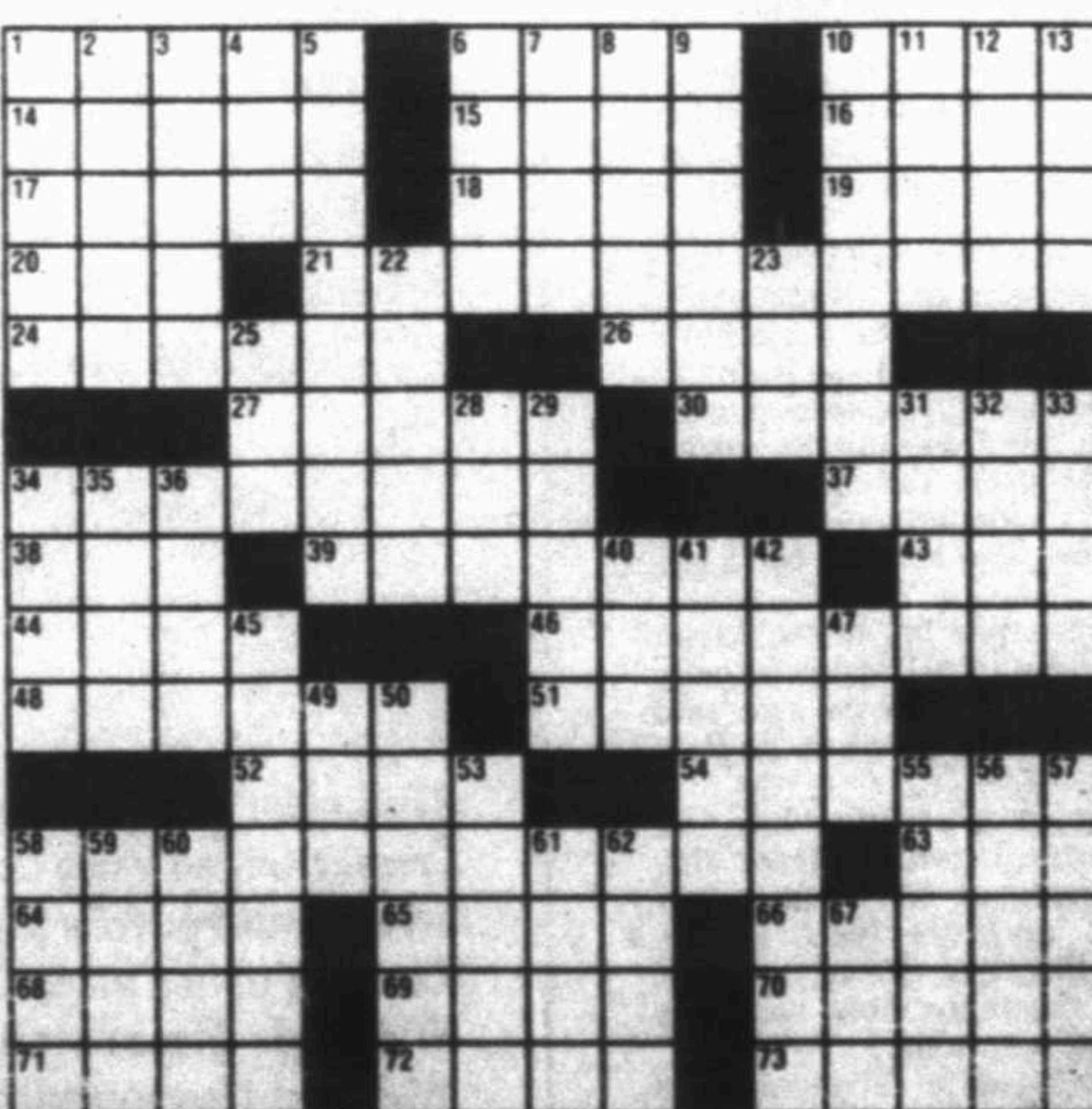
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- 29 Ruling
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- 35 Impression
- 36 Approach
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- 41 Pertaining to birds
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- 47 USMC grads
- 49 Dues
- 50 Snare
- 53 Composition
- 55 Wrangel-Saint — National Park
- 56 Sometimes it's common
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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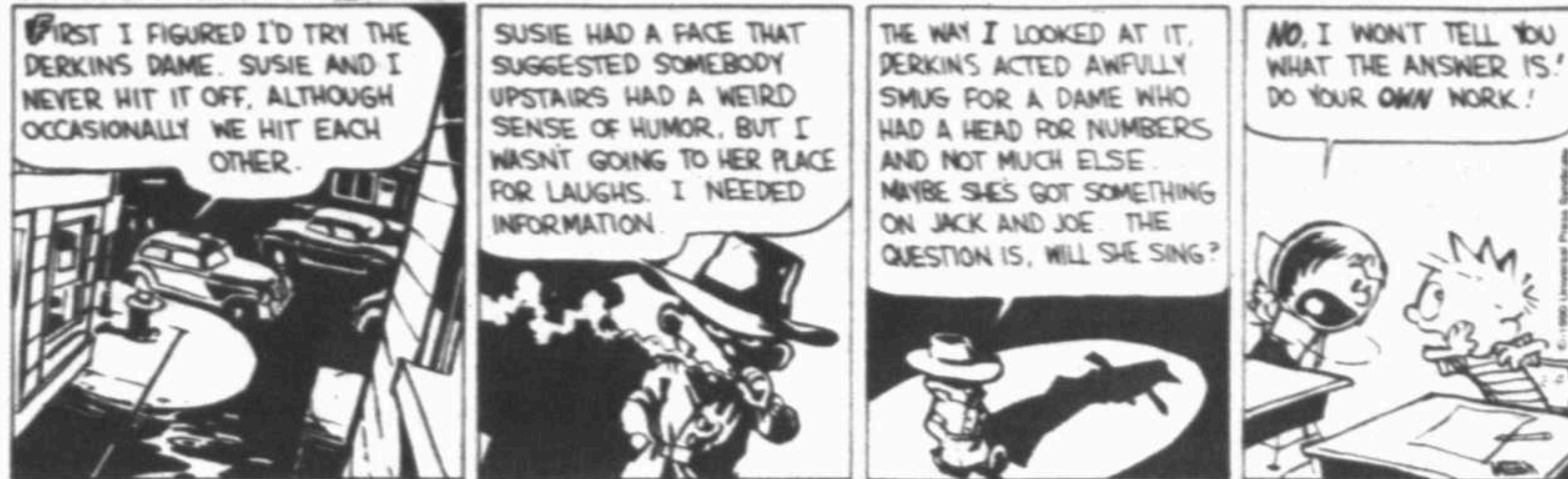
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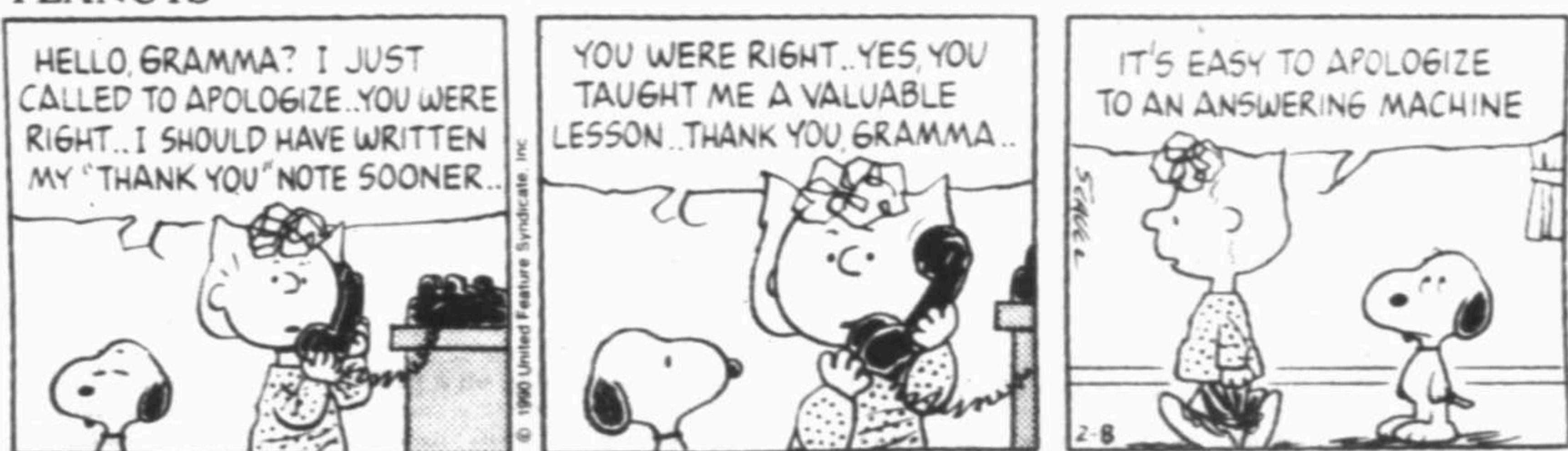
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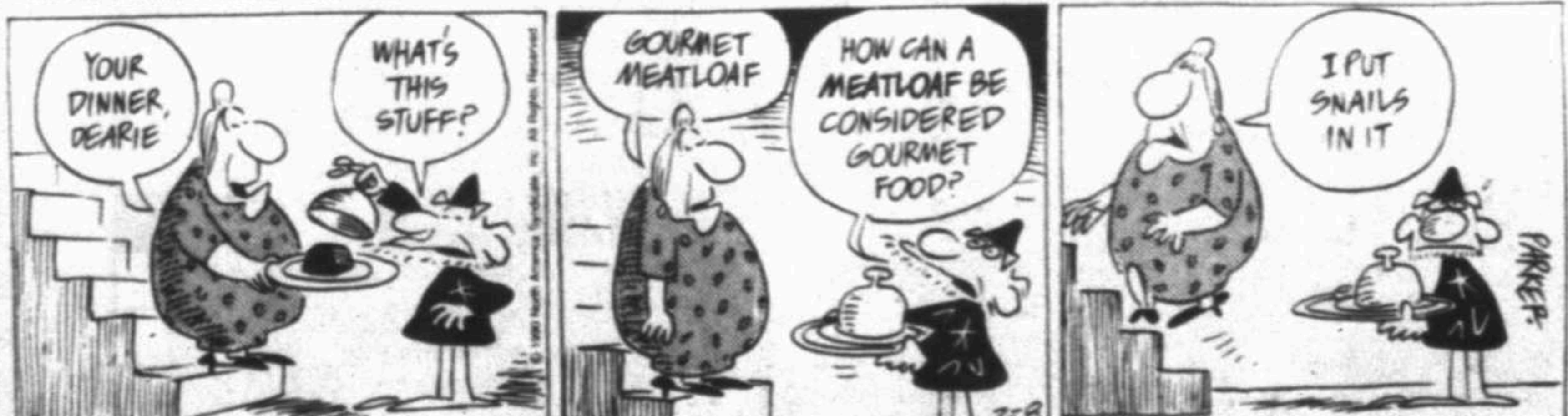
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JEANE DIXON'S your horoscope

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1990

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:

Tangled financial affairs can be straightened out if you buckle down to work. Invest wisely and you will make a bundle. Travel abroad may be necessary for business success. Take along your mate and enjoy a second honeymoon. Loved ones are counting on you to keep certain promises. An unusual career opportunity could mean a move to another city or state next fall. Welcome a chance to change direction.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actress Mia Farrow, poet Amy Lowell, President William Henry Harrison, baseball's Mookie Wilson.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Quick decisions are necessary when you deal with influential people. A close friend's advice is worth following. Your finances may need attention. A surprise could have a startling effect on your future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your energy may rise and fall in concert with your enthusiasm. Strive for a better balance between work and play. Be sensitive to other people's feelings. Share your ideas with those who can help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Choose your words carefully when discussing sensitive issues. Use your family ties to better advantage. Review all your options before making plans. Write to friends. Love will reign supreme tonight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A spontaneous discussion could lead to greater rapport with an influential member of the opposite sex. You need to set some specific goals for yourself. Others are eager to follow where you lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Unexpected developments are featured today. Being flexible will help you through a rough period. Your business plans are strongly influenced by distant events. Doublecheck someone's figures.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a trip for either business or pleasure — the results will astound you. Fascinating new friendships lead to romance or higher profits. A good pal provides valuable job information. Be appreciative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do some serious thinking about your career. Conventional methods will work best in business. Act on your own ideas even if it would be easier to go along with the crowd. Pursue romance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid all forms of gambling today and make a special effort to be nicer to family members. Release nervous energy through exercise. Travel enjoys highly favorable influences.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your instincts about new people and situations are right on target. Share your thoughts with that special someone. Your powers of concentration are high. Tackle a project requiring precision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Changes are in the works at both the office and home. Someone applauds your decisions. Study your spending patterns before revamping the family budget. Romance keeps you guessing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): New work plans can be put into operation. Rely on your intuition when dealing with personal matters. A lack of cooperation at home could lead to some tense moments. Extend the olive branch.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The emphasis now is on making more money. Overseas contacts hold the solution to a career or financial problem. Events beyond your control could set off fireworks in the romance department.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

COVER AN HONOR?

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH		EAST	
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The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
4	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠
There is more than one way to play a suit combination. Suppose you are declaring six hearts. How would you tackle the trump suit?

South's hand was a borderline demand bid and the opening bid of one heart followed by a jump to game depicted just about the full worth of the hand. North liked his support and prime cards enough to cue-bid the ace of clubs and South needed no more urging to contract for a small slam.

West led the ace of spades and continued with a low spade, declarer winning. With 10 trumps in the combined hands, most declarers we know would lay down a high trump and concede one down when hearts broke 3-0. But there is a better way to handle the suit.

At trick three, declarer should cross to dummy and then lead the jack of hearts. Of course, if East follows with a low heart, declarer intends rising with a top honor and playing for a normal split. However, every now and then a careless

East might choose to "cover and honor with an honor." When the bad break shows up it's a simple matter for declarer to return to the table in the other minor and this time take the marked finesse for the ten of hearts to land the slam.

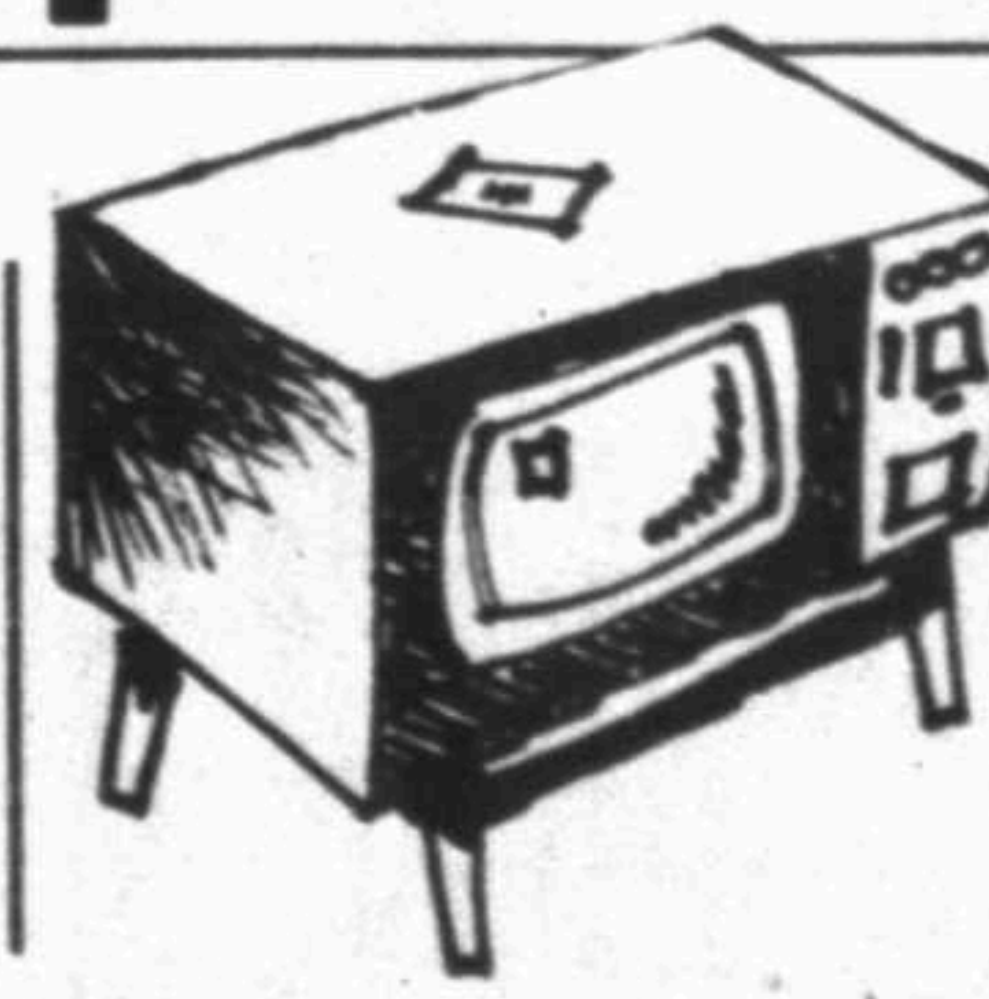
Just in case you don't believe that any player worth his salt would cover the jack of hearts let us disillusion you. This hand is based on one played in a national championship

some years ago and Dorothy Hayden Truscott pulled off just such a swindle!

Available is a two-for-one package of DOUBLES booklets. For your copies send \$3 to "GOREN DOUBLES," care this newspaper, P.O. Box 4426, Orlando, Fla. 32802-4426. Make checks payable to "Newspaperbooks."

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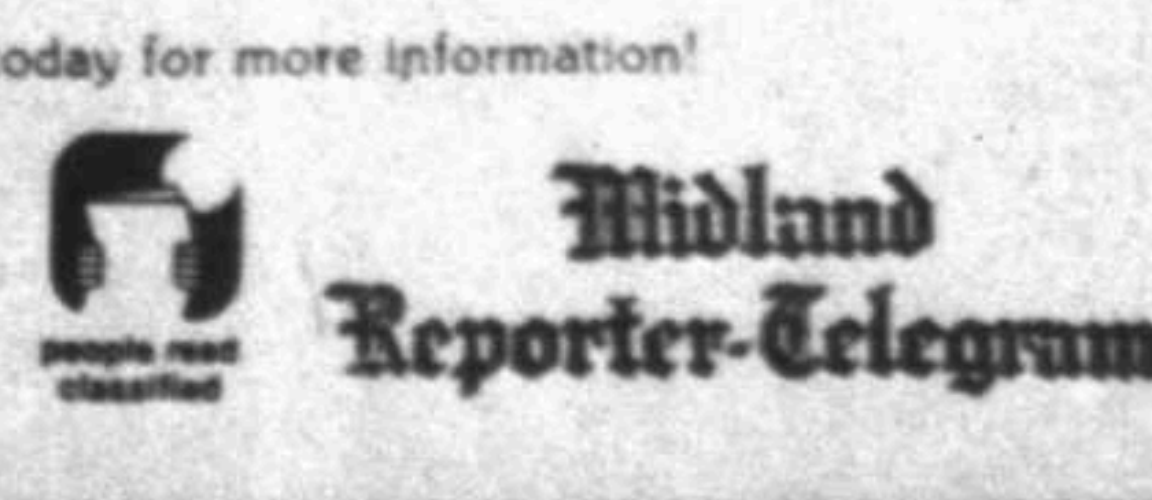


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Pediatric AIDS epidemic in Romania

Ceausescu's ban on contraception blamed

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Nicolae Ceausescu's ban on contraception is being blamed for Romania's epidemic of AIDS among children, most of whom contracted the deadly disease through blood transfusions to treat malnourishment.

Government officials say AIDS was a state secret under the ousted Communist dictator and they now are publicizing the problem to gain international help to fight the disease.

Health Minister Dan Enachescu said Wednesday that Romania has about 74 confirmed cases of AIDS, including 50 children. About 600 Romanians carry the human immunodeficiency virus, — HIV — which causes AIDS, he said.

He did not say how many people were tested for the virus or how many had died of the disease.

Doctors blame Romania's outbreak of pediatric AIDS on contaminated blood transfusions and the constant reuse of needles at hospitals. Elsewhere in the world, most children with AIDS have contracted it from their mothers while in the womb.

Disposable needles have been in short supply in Romania and foreign governments and charities are now pledging to send several million disposable hypodermic syringes.

Enachescu said that because of Ceausescu's ban on contraception, there are 14,000 abandoned children in Romania. Many were given small blood transfusions to treat malnourishment, and the transfusions proved to be a main source of passing on the AIDS virus, he said.

Enachescu said the Health Ministry had only halted such transfu-



A dying child infected with AIDS cries in a crib at the Victor Babas Hospital in Bucharest.

sions on Jan. 5.

But he said that in some orphanages and hospitals in Bucharest, the Black Sea port of Constanza and the Danube port of Giurgi "there is between 15 and 50 percent" of children who have the AIDS virus.

Other towns have reported no cases and a nationwide survey must be conducted for a more complete picture of the epidemic, Enachescu said.

Dr. Jacques Lebas, president of the Paris-based humanitarian organization Doctors of the World, said Monday that the outbreak was the first known AIDS epidemic to in-

volve mainly children and that an initial screening of 1,025 children up to 3 years old in several hospitals and orphanages found 367 with the HIV virus.

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, attacks the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to a wide variety of infections and cancers. A person can carry the HIV virus for years without having AIDS, but in almost all cases it leads to the disease.

There is no known cure for AIDS. Enachescu said the government was completing a national program for the treatment and control of the

disease.

Ceausescu, who was toppled in a bloody popular revolution and executed on Christmas Day, banned contraception because he wanted continuous population growth.

Enachescu said Romania has enough equipment to test blood in Bucharest for AIDS for the next two months, but needs more equipment as well as disposable needles.

Britain announced Wednesday that it was sending a million syringes to help fight the epidemic. American Cares, the U.S.-based medical relief organization, also said it would send a million syringes.

Enachescu was joined at the news conference by two World Health Organization experts who are part of a team assessing Romania's AIDS problem and immediate health needs.

Dr. David Heymann, an American based in Geneva who heads the team, said WHO would publish a report later.

Dr. Alex Gromyko, a Soviet based in Copenhagen and an expert on the medical aspects of AIDS, said: "It's enormous what has to be done to get an adequate idea" of the extent of the problem.

He said the first case of AIDS in Romania was reported in 1985, but until October 1989 only 10 cases were reported.

Among the early victims was a truck driver who died and whose wife and children are now infected, Gromyko said.

Last month, Dr. Ludovic Paun of the Infectious Diseases Department at Bucharest's Victor Babas Hospital said 89 people treated there had developed AIDS since 1985, including 53 young children.

Mexico seeks investors in tourism industry

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's tourism secretary said Mexico is seeking foreign investment of \$4.5 billion in the tourism industry to provide more jobs and diversify the economy.

Tourism Secretary Pedro Joaquín Coldwell was shown Wednesday night on Televisa, Mexico's private TV network, speaking of the investment at a conference on promoting tourism in Mexico.

Coldwell said Mexico needs to concentrate on promoting three separate tourism areas: the U.S. border, historic cities and Mayan ruins.

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Earthquake hits central Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A strong earthquake rocked the central Philippines today, swaying buildings, injuring at least 22 people and raising fears of a tidal wave, authorities said.

The earthquake, the most severe in the region in nearly half a century, was measured at 6.9 on the Richter scale by the U.S. Geological Survey, said Pat Jorgenson, a public affairs officer at its Menlo Park, Calif. office.

Jorgenson said an aftershock measured 6.6 on the scale. Philippine officials measured 20 aftershocks.

The quake was centered near Camiguin Island, about 450 miles southeast of Manila, said Bart Bautista, a seismologist of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology.

The earthquake also was felt on Cebu and Negros Islands, about 140 miles north of Camiguin, and the northern tip of Mindanao, said Bautista.

He said the area was located along a fault line.

Efren Ennafa, chief seismologist in Cebu, advised residents living near the shores of Camiguin Island to move to higher ground to avoid a possible tidal wave.

About 22 laborers working on a 16-story building in Cebu suffered burns when a vat of hot tar spilled on them during the earthquake, physicians said. They said 15 were hospitalized and only one was in serious condition.

Buildings swayed and electricity was cut in Cebu seconds after the first tremor struck.

Several people were bruised when a stampede broke out at one of the largest department stores in Cebu. A woman shopper who fainted during the commotion had to be taken to a hospital, witnesses said.

Traffic stopped as people ran out of homes, office buildings and schools.

The power failure affected large parts of the city and electricity had not been restored more than three hours after the quake struck.

Jorgenson, the U.S. Geological Survey spokesman, said the earthquake was the strongest in the region since Feb. 4, 1941.

The Richter scale measures the magnitude of a quake at its epicenter, according to ground motion as recorded on seismographs. An earthquake of 6 on the Richter scale is considered "severe," a magnitude of 7 a "major" earthquake capable of widespread heavy damage.

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Chaps look for revenge in rubber match

By JIMMY PATTERSON
Assistant Sports Editor

The Midland College Chaparrals are clinging to a time-honored theory as the South Plains College Texans roll into town Thursday night.

A theory that more often than not is air tight. A theory that, should it hold up, could spell trouble for South Plains.

The theory? What goes around, comes around.

In December it went around, as the Chaps lost to South Plains 86-48, the worst loss in school history. A 38 point defeat that still stings just at mere mention.

Thursday, though, South Plains comes around for its second visit to Chap Center of the season. SPC lost the first match-up of the year between the two—an 86-72 defeat in the consolation finals of the Chaparral

Classic.

MC head coach Reggie Franklin said getting his Chaps to forget about the 38 point loss to South Plains is not his main concern, but that "getting over (the Howard College) loss (Monday) in time for South Plains" is his goal.

Although a loss to SPC Thursday would not mathematically eliminate Midland College from a berth in the Region V tournament it would be a severe blow to the Chaps' chances.

At 15-9 overall, MC is 5-4 and in a three-way tie for fourth place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race. Western Texas, which had its scheduled Monday game at Clarendon reset for March 3, and New Mexico Junior College, are also tied at 5-4 in conference.

South Plains, 103-72 winners Monday over New Mexico Military, is 18-5 and 7-2, second place

WJAC Standings

OVERALL				CONFERENCE			
TEAM	W	L	Pct	TEAM	W	L	Pct
Howard College	24	0	1.000	Howard College	9	0	1.000
Odessa College	20	4	.833	South Plains	7	2	.750
South Plains	18	5	.783	Odessa College	6	3	.667
Western Texas	16	7	.696	MIDLAND COLLEGE	5	4	.556
MIDLAND COLLEGE	15	9	.625	Western Texas	5	4	.556
New Mexico JC	12	12	.500	New Mexico JC	5	4	.556
Frank Phillips	9	14	.391	Frank Phillips	2	8	.200
Clarendon	5	11	.313	Clarendon	1	6	.143
New Mexico MI	4	17	.190	New Mexico MI	0	9	.000

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Howard College 126, Midland College 111; South Plains 103 New Mexico Military 72; New Mexico Junior College 90, Frank Phillips 73; Odessa College, open; Western Texas at Clarendon, rescheduled, March 3.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
South Plains at Midland College, 7:30 p.m.; Chap Center; Howard College at Odessa College; Western Texas at Frank Phillips; New Mexico Military Institute at Clarendon College; New Mexico JC, open.

in conference.
"I expect to win Thursday," Franklin said. "I expect to win the rest of them. That's the way we'll play them. But on the other

hand, (SPC) is going to come in here fired up because if they lose they'll be in third or below that."
"I don't think any of us have a

safe bubble in this thing yet," SPC head coach Ron Mayberry said. "I don't see it like that. I don't think (Midland) is any more on the bubble than we are. From a realistic standpoint, this game is just as important to us as it is to them."

After Thursday's game, SPC still has road dates left with Odessa College and Howard.

SPC will likely be without the services of sophomore forward Jeff Stern who remains injured following a shattered-backboard incident last week against Howard.

Stern, one of the league's scoring and rebounding leaders, took 10 stitches in his lower leg and has been virtually immobilized since, according to Mayberry.

Stern had his stitches removed Monday and is expected back next week.

"We hope he can play but I don't see any way" Mayberry said.

Stern, who had been in bed with the flu for two days prior to the shattered backboard game was sick on the night he cut his leg and hasn't practiced with the team in well over a week.

The Chaps can only hope for another career night by Tim Owens. Owens has been unstoppable in the past two contests, scoring 39 against Howard Monday and 31 last week at Western Texas, for a 70 point week.

Fred Campbell, quiet most all season, had 19 against Howard and Gym Bice had 18 points and 10 assists.

Against South Plains in Levelland, Owens was the only Chap in double numbers with 15 points. MC was outrebounded 44

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Chap netters ace small school field

From Staff Reports

MINNEAPOLIS — Janneke Garos and Sharla Barone of Midland College grabbed all the women's titles Wednesday in the finals of the Rolex Small College Indoor Championships. Garos won the singles crown, then teamed with Barone for the doubles title.

They became the first Midland College players to win titles at this tournament.

Garos and Barone now enter a three-day Rolex Collegiate Indoor that includes NCAA Division I players, plus winners of the Small College event.

"We have sent regional winners from Midland College to this event each of the five years its has been held," said MC coach Joe Williams. "But this is the first time we have gotten a championship ... and to get two of them in one year is great."

The Chaps had a chance for a

third Small College title, as the MC duo of Anne Kadiri and Mohamed Ridaoui reached the men's doubles semifinals before losing.

Garos, ranked number one in singles and, with Barone, number one in doubles by the Volvo ITCA junior college rankings, lived up to her billing in comparatively easy fashion. In singles, the right-handed freshman from Holland whipped tournament veteran Edna Olivarez 6-3, 7-6, taking the tiebreaker at 7-5. Olivarez, a senior from California State-Los Angeles, reached the singles semifinals in 1987 and was a finalist in 1988.

After a brief rest, Garos and Barone (soph., Des Plaines, Ill.) cruised past Monica Davis and Angela Moore of the Air Force Academy in the semifinals 6-3, 6-0. The Chaparral twosome then knocked off Donna Ewing and Onnaca Heron of Cal Poly-Pomona 6-4, 6-1.

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Akeem dreams of title with or without Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston center Akeem Olajuwon says he may decide to ask for a trade if the Rockets don't improve.

Coach Don Chaney says that's when he'll worry — when Olajuwon does ask.

"I have too many other problems," Chaney said Wednesday. "That's down the line, at the bottom of the list at this point. My main concern is to concentrate on winning games."

Olajuwon told The Houston Post Wednesday he may never reach his full potential with the Rockets and could decide to seek a trade if Rockets management doesn't move to upgrade his supporting cast.

Olajuwon earlier this season was

quoted as saying the Rockets didn't have the personnel to win a championship and Wednesday raised the possibility of seeking a trade.

"After this season, I have to concentrate on which direction I want to go," Olajuwon told The Post. "I love Houston, I'd like to play here. But the only way is to win."

Olajuwon said the team needed to be upgraded to have a chance to win a championship.

"The thing that really gets me down is that I know my full potential, but I might not reach it," Olajuwon said. "You have to be in

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Rice's Brent Scott holds on to the basketball for dear life as Houston Cougars Carl Herrera (11) and Alvero Tehran harrass

him, and teammate Kenneth Rourke tried to help in Wednesday night's 84-67 Houston win.

Horns end skid, Hogs raid Tech

Associated Press

The Texas Longhorns had a tough time while the Arkansas Razorbacks had fun as both were victorious against Southwest Conference foes.

Texas edged Baylor, 96-91, Arkansas whipped Texas Tech, 100-77, Arkansas defeated Rice, 84-67, and Texas Christian slipped past Texas A&M, 72-67.

Lance Blanks scored 36 points to lead the Texas Longhorns to a 96-91 victory Baylor.

The victory allowed the Longhorns to end a skid where they lost three of four games and it ended a five-game winning streak for Baylor.

Texas is now 8-3 in SWC play and 15-6 overall. Baylor dropped to 4-6 in conference play and 12-9 overall.

The game was close throughout, with 12 ties and 11 lead changes. The game was tied at 85-85 with 3:17 left before Blanks and forward Benford Williams drove for consecutive buck-

ets. Bear guard Dennis Lindsey put in a three-pointer and Texas guard Travis Mays answered with another three-point shot.

Baylor pulled within one with 45 seconds left when forward Julius Denton scored a three-pointer over a leaping Travis Mays to pull the Bears within one. Then Blanks and Mays hit four consecutive free throws to ice the victory.

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Thursday's Question — When was the last time that Arkansas was ranked as high as third in The Associated Press basketball poll before this season?

Wednesday's Answer — Houston's Darrell Mickens grabbed 21 rebounds against Texas. Mickens, who did not start against the Longhorns, averages only about three boards per game.

JIMMY PATTERSON

Broken backboard fuels Howard-SPC controversy

The shattered backboard incident from the Howard College-South Plains game of January 29 is slowly but almost surely turning into the story of the season in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

When South Plains forward Jeff Stern went up to retrieve a Tyrone Maxey rebound that night, he had no earthly idea what he was about to cause. He is, though, well aware now.

Stern hung on the rim causing the glass backboard to break into thousands of pieces. So impressive was the breakage, ESPN felt compelled to include the incident on a recent Plays of the Week segment.

When Stern hung on to cause the postponement of the game, 10:09 remained in the second half; SPC led 73-70 at its

Texandome home court in Levelland. Maxey had just been fouled and was to have shot two free throws.

A replacement backboard, sitting nearby on the Texandome floor, was found structurally unfit which was when the confusion — and real problems began — for the schools involved.

For some reason, school officials, game officials and coaches alike weren't able to make a quick solution acceptable to all parties involved.

The confusion continues today, although the two schools have at least decided to complete the game should it have an effect on the Region V tournament pairings next month in Snyder.

The game would be finished in Levelland and would be picked up at the point of Stern's impact — with 10:09 left and SPC ahead, 73-70, Maxey at the line.

That, though, is about all SPC head coach Ron Mayberry and Howard coach Steve Green agree on when it comes to how the game should be finished.

Both are outspoken on their views of

how the game should be completed, each understandably so.

Stern is again the central character. When the sophomore big man shattered the glass, he cut his lower leg and required 10 stitches and crutches for it to heal properly. He has missed two games and over a week of practice, and will likely miss tonight's South Plains-Midland game.

"He was in there at the time it all happened," Mayberry said. "Even with all the blood gunning down his leg he was going to (keep playing). We were going to play him."

Stern is a power on defense, thought of as one of the toughest players in the conference. Stern averages over 10 points a game and is a dominating presence underneath the basket on both ends of the floor for the Texans. Which is why Howard's Green is not so anxious to welcome him back into the game should it need to be finished.

"If we go ahead and continue the game," Green said, "we're going to have to ac-

cept the conditions of the game the way they were (after the shatter). Should (Stern) not be out for the rest of the game?"

Melvin, a forward for Howard, was not suited out for the Hawks-Texans game that night.

What may add fuel to the fire — although both Mayberry and Green deny the incident will intensify the rivalry between the two schools — is that Mayberry feels his team was on its way to victory that night. The SPC coach said the "consensus" was that Howard was not playing well and SPC was on its way to an upset.

"It was in our favor to play, no doubt about it. We had more (momentum) on our side. But that's speculative. Howard's strong. They're for real. We were playing as well as we could that night. And they weren't playing very well."

Added Green: "There's no way we'll be able to arrive (at a conclusion) we're both happy with," the Howard coach said.

Howard is currently 24-0 overall, 9-0 in

conference and ranked No. 1 nationally. SPC, 18-5, is 7-2 in league play and in second place.

Whether the game will have to be completed or not it's too early to tell as both teams still have tough games both at home and on the road. March 1, though, will likely be the most looked-forward-to day of the conference season when both teams close out their season at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring.

"Personally, I don't see any way we can't play it," Mayberry said, referring to the unfinished business.

Added Green, "I just hope that 10 minutes doesn't come down to determining the championship. That would be a travesty."

Big story? The only bigger story of the season would be if Howard College fails to win the Region V championship and doesn't make it to the national tournament. Now that'd be big.

Jimmy Patterson is assistant sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

NBA ROUNDUP

Warriors end Sixers' 12-game run

Associated Press

Given an opportunity to choose their next victim, the Philadelphia 76ers couldn't have been blamed for thinking of the Golden State Warriors as the perfect prey.

After all, the 76ers hadn't lost to the Warriors in Philadelphia since Jimmy Carter occupied the White House. So, extending the NBA's longest winning streak of the season figured to be no big deal.

But Golden State made it a little deal, little as in using no players taller than 6-foot-7 for most of the game. It gave the Warriors quickness that led to 20 Philadelphia turnovers in a 113-112 victory that ended the 76ers' 12-game winning streak.

"A very small team played very big tonight, and that was a gutsy win," Golden State coach Don Nelson said. "Sometimes David does slay Goliath."

Mitch Richmond scored the winning basket on a last-second rebound as the Warriors beat the 76ers at the Spectrum for the first time since Jan. 1, 1979.

"It was definitely the biggest shot I've made this year," Richmond said. "It was just a case of being in the right spot."

Richmond, who had 11 of his 32 points in the final period, scored with three-tenths of a second remaining after rebounding a miss by Winston Garland. Charles Barkley had made one of two free throws with 19 seconds left to put Philadelphia ahead.

Barkley, who led the 76ers with 30 points, took the loss in stride.

"We knew we weren't going to stay undefeated for the rest of the season," he said. "One game doesn't put a damper on the 12 we just won."

Celtics 146, Hornets 125

Kevin McHale scored 31 points and Reggie Lewis added 26 as Boston enjoyed its best offensive output this season, handing Charlotte its ninth straight loss.

Boston's previous high came in a 133-111 victory over Orlando on Jan. 17. The Hornets gave up the most points in their two-season history as Boston passed New York's total of 139 last Feb. 23.

Jazz 108, Nets 101
Karl Malone scored 26 points and Thurl Bailey added 23 as Utah handed New Jersey its 10th straight loss.

Delaney Rudd, subbing for flustered All-Star point guard John Stockton, added 18 points and six assists for Utah, which has won 12 of 15.

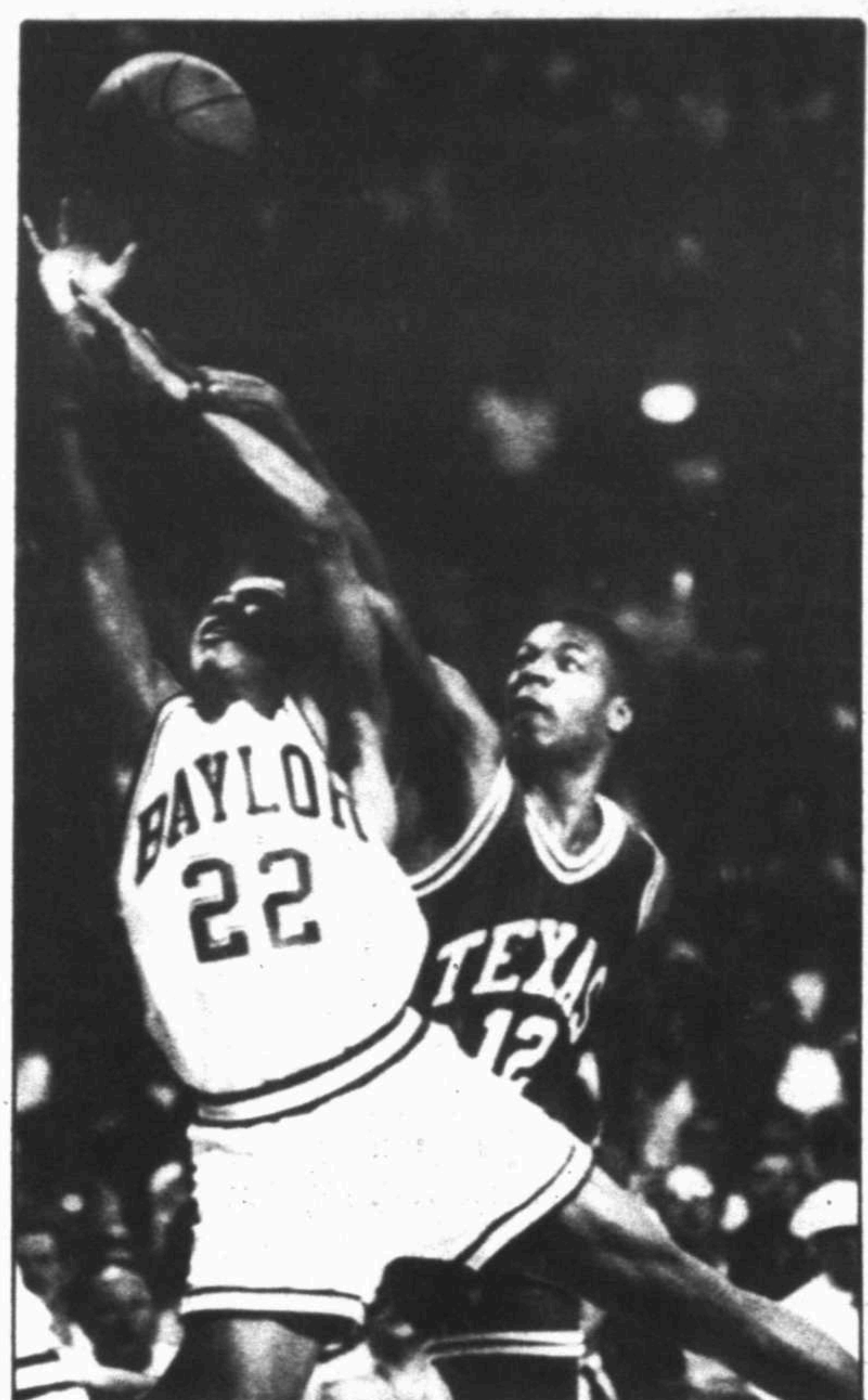
Lakers 121, Bulls 103
James Worthy had 30 points and Magic Johnson 22 points and 17 assists as Los Angeles won for the eighth time in 10 games. Michael Jordan led Chicago with 32 points.

The Lakers, coming off a 121-119 overtime victory Tuesday night in their showdown at Portland for the Pacific Division lead, won their fourth straight game. Los Angeles is 22-2 at home and two games ahead of the idle Trail Blazers.

Suns 128, SuperSonics 124
Kevin Johnson made 17 of 18 free throws, including four in the final 40 seconds, and scored 33 points as Phoenix won for the 14th time in 17 games.

After Johnson, who also had 11 assists, made his last two free throws with 32 seconds left to give Phoenix its final margin, Seattle's Dana Barros missed two shots and Derrick McKey one in the closing seconds.

McKey led the Seattle with 26 points. Xavier McDaniel added 23. Barros and Quintin Dailey had 22 points each.



Baylor's David Wesley gets fouled by Texas' Longhorn Joey Wright in the second half Wednesday.

SWC

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Mays and Williams helped the Longhorn win with 19 points apiece, and center Guillermo Myers pulled down nine rebounds. The score leaves Mays four points shy of the 2,000-point mark for his career.

Wesley led the Bears with 23 points. Texas coach Tom Penders praised Myers' defensive effort. "Panama Myers played a great game tonight," he said. "He was the difference in the game, in my opinion."

"Baylor is playing really well, and they made some amazing shots. They played a real physical game, and we had to play hard for the entire 40 minutes to get the win," Penders said.

Arkansas 100, Texas Tech 77
Todd Day, whose 22 points helped lead the third-ranked Arkansas Razorbacks to a 100-77 victory over Texas Tech, says he and his teammates enjoyed themselves.

"We had fun tonight," he said. "I think we played harder than we've ever played."

But Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson said the spread of defense that Gerald Myers' Red Raiders used early in the game gave the Razorbacks a hard time until they tightened up with a press.

Arkansas is now 11-0 in SWC play and 20-2 overall. The Red Raiders dropped to 0-10 in conference play and 5-15 overall.

"Gerald had a good game plan," Richardson said. "He spread us out and made us chase the ball. We got hungry and they made some easy baskets."

Texas Tech took a 19-18 lead

midway through the first half. But the Razorbacks' press forced six consecutive Tech turnovers midway through the first half, allowing Arkansas to get ahead 30-19 before ending the first half on top 49-41. Two driving layups by Lee Mayberry fueled the Arkansas surge.

The Razorbacks had four others in double figures, with Mayberry and Ron Huey contributing 15 each, Mario Credit, 12, and Larry Marks, 10.

Marks started in place of Lenzie Howell, at the bedside of his ailing father in Dallas. Marks said Richardson had the right words for his team at halftime. Texas Christian 72, Texas A&M 67.

Craig Sibley scored 20 points to lead Texas Christian to a 72-67 victory over Texas A&M.

It was the fifth victory for TCU in its last six outings. The Horned Frogs are 12-9 for the season and 5-5 in SWC play.

Texas A&M's season record dropped to 11-13. The Aggies are 4-6 in conference play.

Tony Milton had a game-high 24 points for Texas A&M.

Houston 84, Rice 67
Carl Herrera and Craig Upchurch scored 16 points each to power the Houston Cougars past the Rice Owls 84-67.

The Cougars' offense revolved around point guard Derrick Daniels, who had a career-high 16 assists and 12 points.

Houston stands 16-6 for the season and is 7-3 in Southwest Conference play. Rice, which lost its fourth consecutive SWC game, is 4-5 in conference action and 10-10 for the season.

Rice freshman Brent Scott had a game-high 26 points.

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Giants' Meggett arrested

BALTIMORE (AP) — New York Giants running back David Meggett was arrested Wednesday and charged with lewdness and soliciting a prostitute after allegedly offering to pay an undercover female police officer for sex, police said.

Both charges are misdemeanors. City police Agent Arlene Jenkins said Meggett, 23, was arrested around 11:45 a.m. by vice officers in the Fells Point area, a restored waterfront area popular for its nightclubs and restaurants.

He was arrested three days after he scored a touchdown in the NFL's Pro Bowl game in Honolulu.

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Gimmicks fail to foil Georgia Tech, LSU

Associated Press

Wake Forest and Auburn devised special gimmicks for Georgia Tech's Dennis Scott and LSU's Chris Jackson. As a result, they won the battles but lost the wars.

Wake Forest threw a triangle-and-two at Scott, who was nursing a bruised right shoulder, so Brian Oliver stepped in and scored 31 points, including seven of 10 3-pointers, to lead No. 16 Georgia Tech to a 79-70 victory Wednesday night.

"I thought it was a smart gamble because at times Oliver doesn't shoot very well," Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins said. "But the kid just showed some guts tonight. He stepped forward and made the shots (12-for-16). If he doesn't make those, we lose."

Oliver also had five rebounds and six assists.

Auburn slowed the pace against No. 11 LSU and held Jackson to a career-low nine points on 3-for-11 shooting. But 7-footers Shaquille O'Neal and Stanley Roberts took over and led LSU to an 82-71 victory.

"I think Chris Jackson showed a great deal of restraint tonight," Auburn coach Tommy Joe Eagles said. "It was not one of his better scoring nights, but he saw where the opportunities were and got the ball to the big men."

"A lot of great scorers, when they're defended hard, lose their poise and force things. We never saw that from Jackson."

No. 2 Kansas 83, Oklahoma St. 76
Kevin Pritchard and Mark Randall keyed a second-half run that gave Kansas a lead sufficient to survive an Oklahoma State rally. Pritchard made two 3-pointers and Randall added three field goals in a 16-8 run in the first four minutes of the second half as Kansas built a 52-32 lead.

The Jayhawks (23-1, 6-1 Big Eight) led by 24 on three occasions.

Mattias Sahlioum scored 10 points and Byron Houston seven as Oklahoma State rallied to within 75-69 with 2:16 remaining. Four free throws by Pritchard and two by Jeff Gaudner gave the Jayhawks an 81-70 lead.

No. 5 Georgetown 97, Pittsburgh 81
Dikembe Mutombo had 17 points, 15 rebounds and eight blocked shots and Sam Jefferson scored a career-high 16 points as Georgetown moved into first place in the Big East. The Hoyas (18-2, 8-2) are one-half game ahead of Connecticut.

Texas files letter of protest on Richardson's walkout

WACO (AP) — Texas basketball coach Tom Penders said Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds sent a letter to the Southwest Conference office protesting the last 14 seconds of Sunday's Texas-Arkansas game at Austin's Erwin Center.

Speaking after his team's 96-91 victory over Baylor Wednesday, Penders said the letter protests the lack of a technical foul call on Arkansas Coach Nolan Richardson.

Ed Steitz, secretary of the basketball rules committee for the NCAA, told a reporter that Richardson should have been hit with a technical foul.

"Since Ed Steitz said it should have been a technical, I think what we want to do is play it over from

the point of the technical," Penders said.

"It's one thing if it's a judgment call, but according to Ed Steitz, we're talking about an interpretation not a judgment call."

In Sunday's game, Richardson walked off the court when Arkansas guard Lee Mayberry was called for an intentional foul on Texas forward Lance Blanks. The foul gave Blanks two shots and Texas possession with an 86-83 lead.

After Richardson walked off the court, Texas guard Travis Mays was fouled with 12 seconds left. He missed the front end of a one-on-one. Mayberry then hit a three-pointer at the other end to force overtime.

work on trades and the draft.

"Look how Phoenix turned their program around in such a short time," Olajuwon said. "It can be done but you've got to make the proper moves."

Junior College Indoor Championships

The Barone-Garos duo has piled up a 14-3 record this year. They had a loss to the University of Arkansas, a loss in the Midland USTA professional event and two weeks ago lost to their Midland College teammates Allison Bradford and Maria Vago at the Junior College Indoor Championships.

Kadiri and Ridaoui actually finished second to a Tyler twosome at the Rolex regional tournament in Abilene last fall. But an injury forced one of the Tyler players out, so the Midland squad was invited to Minneapolis.

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Ridaoui is a sophomore and Kadiri a freshman. Both are from Morocco. "These results pretty well confirm the national rankings given our teams earlier this year," Williams said. "We've played strong competition all year, including (NCAA) Division I universities, so those players don't scare us."

Garos has a 21-3 singles record this season. She lost a three-setter to a University of Colorado player in October, a touring professional at Midland's recent USTA professional tournament, and two weeks ago to Barone in the finals of the National

West Texas Sports

Basketball...

Midland Area Association for Retarded Citizens is sponsoring a basketball tournament from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Goddard Junior High School gymnasium. No admission will be charged and all interested parties are urged to attend. For more information, call Craig St. Martin at 561-7334.

AAU-Carrier Youth Sports Program has scheduled age-group tournaments for May 18-19 and June 7-10 in Amarillo. The 11-and-under tourney will be held May 18-19, while age groups through 18 and under will play on the later date.

For more information, call Garey von Netzer at 806-353-7116 or 806-376-4488.

Tennis...

The Midland Women's Tennis Association invites all players not currently registered with the association, including those new to the area, to join its spring league, which will run Feb. 12 through Apr. 26. For more information, call 685-3916, 684-0677 or 687-2294.

Midland Tennis Club's upcoming tournaments include the **Fred Middleton Hello Mixed Doubles** on Mar. 3-4; **Men's Singles** on Mar. 17-18; **Women's Doubles** on Mar. 24-25; and **Men's Doubles** on Mar. 31-Apr. 1. For more information, call 694-2200, 699-0195, 697-2492 or 687-4046.

Golf...

The Senior Women's Golf Championships will be April 10-13 at the Club at Sonterra in San Antonio. The 54-hole competition is open to Texas residents age 50 or older with a USGA handicap index. The lowest 96 handicap index entries will make up the field. For more information, call Anita Weiner at (713) 528-0130.

Luck of the Draw Partnership, two person best ball with full handicap, tournament will be held Feb. 10 at Green Tree Country Club. \$25 per person, carts not included and is for GTCC members only. Sign up at pro shop.

Swimming...

Masters Swimming (age 21 and up) is offering new members, former members and triathletes a chance to join now and pay no dues until March 1. Contact Scott Tuttle, 684-7755 or 689-9647.

Cycling...

United States Cycling Federation clinic Feb. 17 for individuals interested in obtaining a USCF officials license. Clinic is free. Cost of exam and license is \$20. Contact Howard Barbie, 563-0910, or Phil Warlick, 685-3014, for information.

Permian Basin Bicycle Association's February executive committee meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 at Avis Rental Cars, Air Terminal. Fort Davis CycleFest and Spring Thaw Road Race will be discussed.

PBBA Club Meeting is 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at Coors Hospitality Room at Highway 80 and Coors Road. Open to all levels and ages and includes bicycle parts and accessories swap meet. New and used equipment and apparel to buy, sell or trade.

Football...

Roosevelt High School, near Lubbock, is now accepting applications for head football coach and athletic director. Resumes and applications will be accepted through Feb. 9. Previous experience as head football coach and AD is preferred, but not required. For additional information contact Don Taylor, superintendent; James Rose, principal; or Clarence Witherspoon, assistant principal, at 806-842-3282.

Billiards...

Eight-ball and Nine-ball tournaments will be at Fast Freddy's of Texas, Westwood Village at Midland Dr. and Illinois, through the winter. Eight-ball tourneys Monday, nine-ball Thursdays. Entry fee \$5. Call 694-2404.

Bowling...

Gloria Loftis, a field representative for the Young American Bowling Alliance will conduct a youth workshop at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at Fairmont Lanes. For more information, call Gary Seay at 694-2162.

Skiing...

The 11th Annual Wild Turkey Texas Cup ski race is set for Feb. 17-18 at Ski Apache in Ruidoso, N.M. Entry fee is \$25. For more information, call Steve Moss at (818) 787-1330, or L.B. Davis at Ski Apache, (505) 336-4356.

The Nex Mexico High Desert Ski 'N Tee will be held Feb. 10. The day includes skiing at Sandia Peak near Albuquerque and golf at the Rio Rancho Golf and Country Club. For more information, call Mark Lautman at 505-892-9200.

Tarpley's lawyer asks for help

DALLAS (AP) — The attorney for Dallas Mavericks forward Roy Tarpley is going to his bench for support.

Dallas lawyer Jay Ethington has announced that he plans to enlist the help of Bill Alexander in defending Tarpley who is accused of driving while intoxicated.

Alexander gained fame as a prose-

cutor in the Jack Ruby trial following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the death of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Alexander said the public is going to be surprised at evidence that will be presented in the trial, but he would not elaborate.

Tarpley's hearing is set for June 25.

ROCKETS

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the right place at the right time in the right environment."

Chaney said he had no problem with Olajuwon's comments if they did not disrupt the team.

TENNIS

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For the MC men's team, the semifinal loss was a heartbreaker for the losers, but wonderful for spectators at the 98th Street Racquet Club. Greg Skaggs and Kevin Klabunde of Cal-Riverside took the first set tiebreaker with a score of 13-11. Kadiri and Ridaoui retaliated with a 7-3 tiebreaker win in the second set.

Skaggs and Klabunde took the third set, 7-5, ending the match after two hours, 52 minutes.

In the quarterfinals Tuesday night, Kadiri and Ridaoui needed three sets to win. They ousted Larry

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Players' union, agents at odds

By SAM GOLDAPER
N.Y. Times News Service

Objections by player agents have slowed a plan developed by the National Basketball Players Association that the union says would insure the financial security of its members in the years before they are eligible for their pensions.

Under the plan, the union would take some of the money it receives from the league under the revenue-sharing plan and invest it in individual annuities based on players' salary.

When a player retired or reached the age of 30, whichever was later, he would be entitled to withdraw the money and the accumulated interest in monthly payments until he reached the age of 50 and became eligible for the regular pension.

The union devised the plan because the league's revenues — and thus money available to the players — have grown faster than anticipated.

"In light of this," said a letter the union sent to the players, "the goal of the proposed change is to take some of this money and use it to provide each player in the NBA with financial security and stability beyond his playing career."

The union's player representatives, who were to vote on the plan Thursday night at a meeting in Miami, have put off the vote until May and will instead devote the meeting to a discussion of the plan.

The opposition to the plan was detailed in a letter to the union's members signed by a group of the most powerful agents, including David Falk of ProServ, Bob Woolf, Lee Fentress of Advantage International and Marc and Eric Fleisher of International Management.

The agents pointed out to the players that the money put into the plan would reduce the salary caps for individual teams and thus reduce the amount of money available to be used to sign free agents.

"The total dollars that each team will be permitted to spend on player salaries will be substantially reduced" under the pension program, the agents' letter said.

"Therefore, more NBA teams will be at or around the salary cap and consequently unable to spend the additional dollars necessary to sign free agents. This will limit the number of teams that will be in a position to make an offer to unrestricted free agents or sign offer sheets with restricted free agents."

The agents' letter also pointed out to the players that they would have no choice about joining the plan if it was approved and that the money in the fund would be invested by the union and not by a financial adviser, who is often the agent.

The money for each player would be invested by an independent entity.

Trevino win silences senior critics

By JAIME DIAZ
N.Y. Times News Service

Lee Trevino's victory last Sunday at the Royal Caribbean Classic in Key Biscayne, Fla., should assuage some of the coolness he was feeling from fellow players since arriving on the Senior Tour.

"I don't know that I felt it from all of them, but I felt it from the majority of them," said Trevino in a telephone interview from this week's tournament, the GTE Suncoast Classic in Tampa, Fla.

"Everybody out here has been talking about how Trevino's not going to do this and he's not going to do that and that it's not that easy to win."

"I realize that. But, hey, don't downplay me like I can't beat anybody."

The Key Biscayne tournament was only Trevino's second on the Senior Tour and gave him his first victory anywhere since the 1984 PGA Championship.

He made up five shots on the leader, Jim Dent, by making birdies on two of the last three holes while Dent played them in bogey, bogey, double bogey.

"It was an early Christmas present," said Trevino, "but at least I was there in case Jim gave it away. A couple of players came up to me afterward and said, 'Boy, were you lucky.' I said, 'Yeah, I was lucky. But I was the next guy in line. Where were you?'"

Some of the resentment toward Trevino's arrival was generated when he was quoted as saying that he expected to win five Senior tournaments in his first year.

"In 23 years, I've stuck this 9D in my mouth a lot," he admitted. "But there's no reason for animosity. If a guy can beat me, I would just work that much harder to get even with him."

"Don Bies is the only one who said anything that I thought made sense when he said, 'I'm glad Lee's out here because it turns up my game a couple of notches.' That's the way

I've always felt about Jack Nicklaus. When Jack plays out here, I'm going to play even better."

Trevino spent most of 1989 on a strict regimen of golf and physical conditioning in anticipation of playing 90 tournaments as a senior over the next three years.

His weight is 185 to 190 pounds and he says he has changed his action through the ball from the blocking action that shaped his trademark fade to a releasing action that can produce a longer-traveling draw.

His drive on the 72d hole Sunday went 285 yards against a stiff breeze. Most importantly, Trevino proved

he can still thrive in a cauldron of pressure.

"I like the heat," he said. "It makes me think better. That's why I was such a good front-runner on the regular tour. The more heat, the better I play. It's the killer instinct."

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S&L bailout cuts builders' credit

Congress sympathetic, but doesn't promise relief

By DAVE SKIDMORE

WASHINGTON (AP) — A well-intended change aimed at curbing reckless and dishonest savings and loans is also choking off credit to some builders, industry representatives complain.

S&L bailout legislation enacted in August sharply reduced the limit on how much an institution can lend to one borrower, from 100 percent of net worth to 15 percent. The provision took effect immediately with no transition period.

"The availability of thrift funds for housing has been abruptly curtailed," Martin Perlman, president of the National Association of Home Builders, said Wednesday.

"Many builders in the final stages of preparation for a project have been left without funds to start while others have been left in limbo about whether an existing loan will be renewed," he told the House Banking oversight subcommittee.

He said 31 percent of the builders surveyed at the groups' annual convention in Atlanta last month reported receiving notice that their S&L was cutting back on future loans.

Banks cope with the limit by selling off pieces of large loans to other banks, but S&Ls are inexperienced at the technique and developers say they are being turned down for loans at S&Ls that for years have been reliable sources of funds.

Members of the panel and officials

from banking agencies and the Department of Housing and Urban Development offered sympathy, but little prospect for relief.

"We are seeing healthy home builders around the country being turned away by healthy savings associations. ... We in Congress created a Catch-22 situation that threatens the survival of solvent thrifts and of thriving home builders," said Rep. Carroll Hubbard, D-Ky., chairman of the subcommittee.

Hubbard said analysts indicate 500,000 units of new housing could go unbuilt over the next five years. He said in some cases builders will get the loans, but at a higher interest rate, a cost that will be passed on to consumers.

However, the chairmen of both the Senate Banking Committee and the House Banking Committee have said they oppose overhauling the S&L bill this year. And Hubbard said, "I am not proposing to amend" the S&L law.

Housing and Urban Development Under Secretary Alfred A. Delibovi said his department has been trying to ease the strain on builders by having secondary mortgage market agencies, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, buy development and construction loans from S&Ls.

But, he said, any relief will be limited and he urged S&Ls to develop networks of other institutions to participate in big loans.

Bell Labs confirms new matter

By BOB McMAHON

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — AT&T said Wednesday that researchers at its Bell Laboratories have confirmed the existence of "quasi-crystals," a new and much-debated form of matter that could be used to improve electronic equipment.

Scientists in university and private research say X-rays and other techniques have already helped prove quasi-crystals exist, but say Bell Labs' research gives the most straightforward description of the matter.

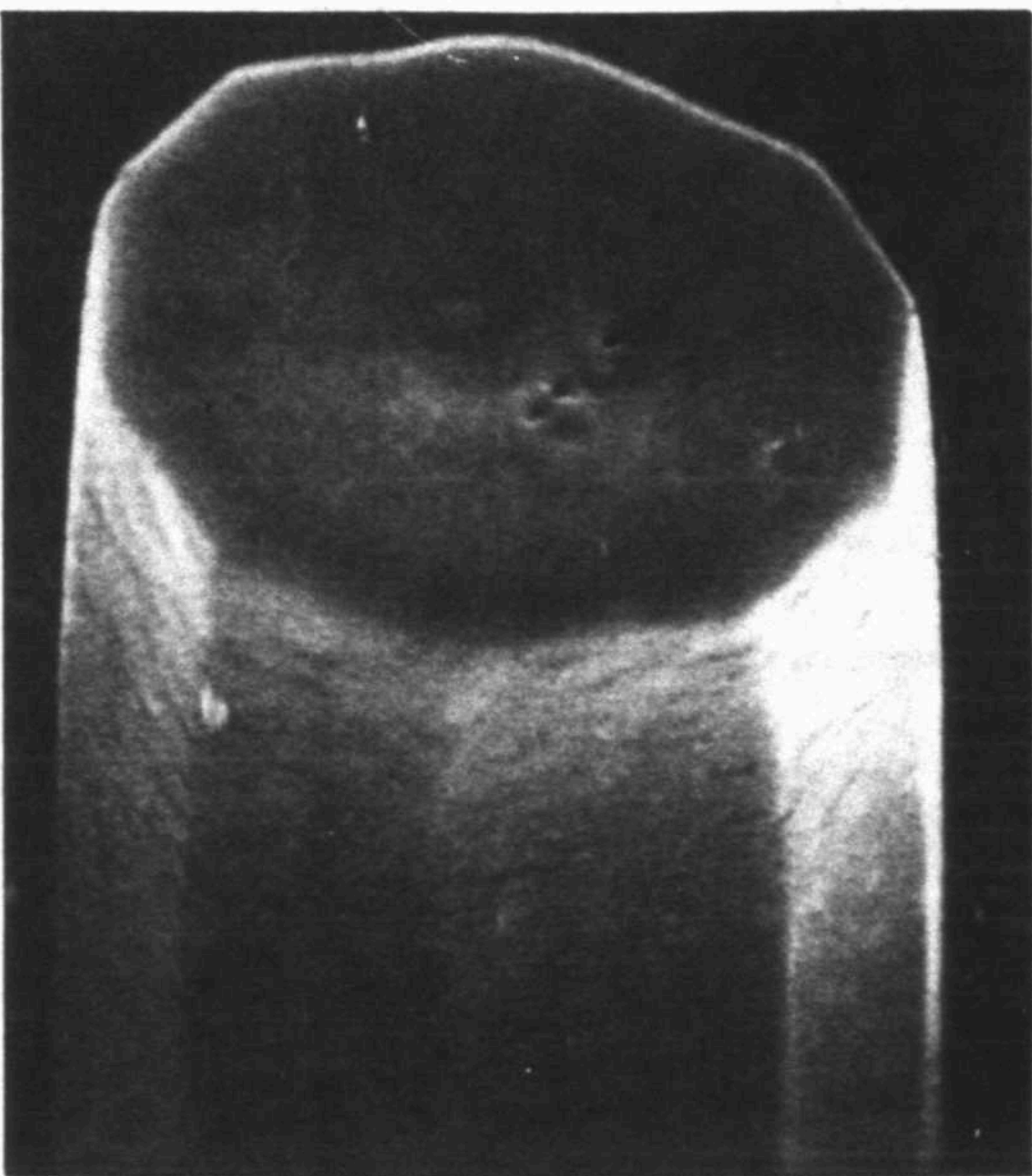
Discovered in 1984, quasi-crystals have been the focus of some of the most intense study in the scientific community along with superconductivity and cold fusion, say scientists familiar with the subject.

Researchers praised Bell Labs' announcement, but said it could not be considered a breakthrough, as the company claimed.

Paul Horn, director of physical science at International Business Machine's Thomas J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown, N.Y., called the development a "nice piece of science." But he said, "It didn't tell us anything we didn't expect."

While research has revealed the presence of quasi-crystals in bulk form, Bell Labs provided the first glimpse of a quasi-crystal surface, helping refute arguments that previous manifestations were a quirk of nature, said

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This is a "quasi-crystal," a new form of matter formed by researchers at AT&T's Bell Laboratories from a metallic alloy of aluminum cobalt and copper. The object shown is a fragment about 80 microns in diameter. A micron is a millionth of a meter.

Market set for flood of 'junk bonds'

By ANISE C. WALLACE
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Wall Street dealers and investors are bracing nervously for the sale by federal regulators of large amounts of "junk bonds."

With the seizure of the Centrust Savings Bank in Miami last week, the federal agency responsible for selling the assets of ailing savings institutions now controls a portfolio of high-yield, high-risk junk bonds worth almost \$2 billion, analysts estimate.

Investors in the junk market worry that any heavy selling by Resolution Trust Corp., the agency created last year to oversee the bailout of the industry, will disrupt the already fragile market.

"In the short run everybody's nervous," said James Caywood, founder of Caywood-Christian Capital Management, a junk bond firm partly owned by Imperial Corporation of America, a West Coast savings institution with one of the largest junk bond portfolios.

But at Resolution Trust Corp. in Washington, Elisabeth N. Spector, director of finance and administration, said regulators do not intend to dump the bonds on the market.

Calling the market "inherently illiquid" and "in disarray," she said agency officials will decide in the

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California gas pipeline plans get green light

By THOMAS C. HAYES
N.Y. Times News Service

California regulators voted unanimously Wednesday to allow three competing proposals for pipelines to transport natural gas from Canada and the Rocky Mountains into the state to move ahead.

Industry analysts said the decision marked a shift in attitudes among the five members of the California Public Utilities Commission.

Four years ago, the agency was solidly against the construction of new pipelines across the state.

"Competitive forces should decide

which pipelines get built," said G. Mitchell Wilk, president of the commission.

"We in government should not be making these kinds of decisions." The projects involve the nation's two largest pipeline companies and California's largest public utility.

By a vote of 5-0, the commissioners signaled the start of a race among at least four competing projects to sign long-term customers for gas shipments into California.

Financing costs for the projects range from \$600 million to \$1.2 billion.

Analysts had said only two pipelines were needed: one to bring new sources of Canadian gas into northern California, and one from the Rocky Mountain region of western Wyoming.

But the public utility commission said today that industry figures suggested that Californians will require 900 million cubic feet to 2 billion cubic feet in additional supplies daily by the year 2005.

California now consumes an average of 5 billion cubic feet of natural gas daily.

Wilk said demand for natural gas

will surge in Southern California, where stringent air-quality standards will limit use of gasoline-powered cars sharply in coming years.

Population growth will increase demand for electric power, and much of it will be supplied by natural gas, he said.

Officials at each of the three pipeline projects have announced that they have enough firm contracts to begin construction and said they were confident their projects would be built and become profitable.

Holidays increase flight delays

WASHINGTON (AP) — An epidemic of delays and baggage problems are plaguing the nation's airlines but they're getting fewer complaints, according to a government report.

On-time performance for December dipped to 70.2 percent from the 78 percent reported in November, the Transportation Department Air Travel Consumer Report said Wednesday.

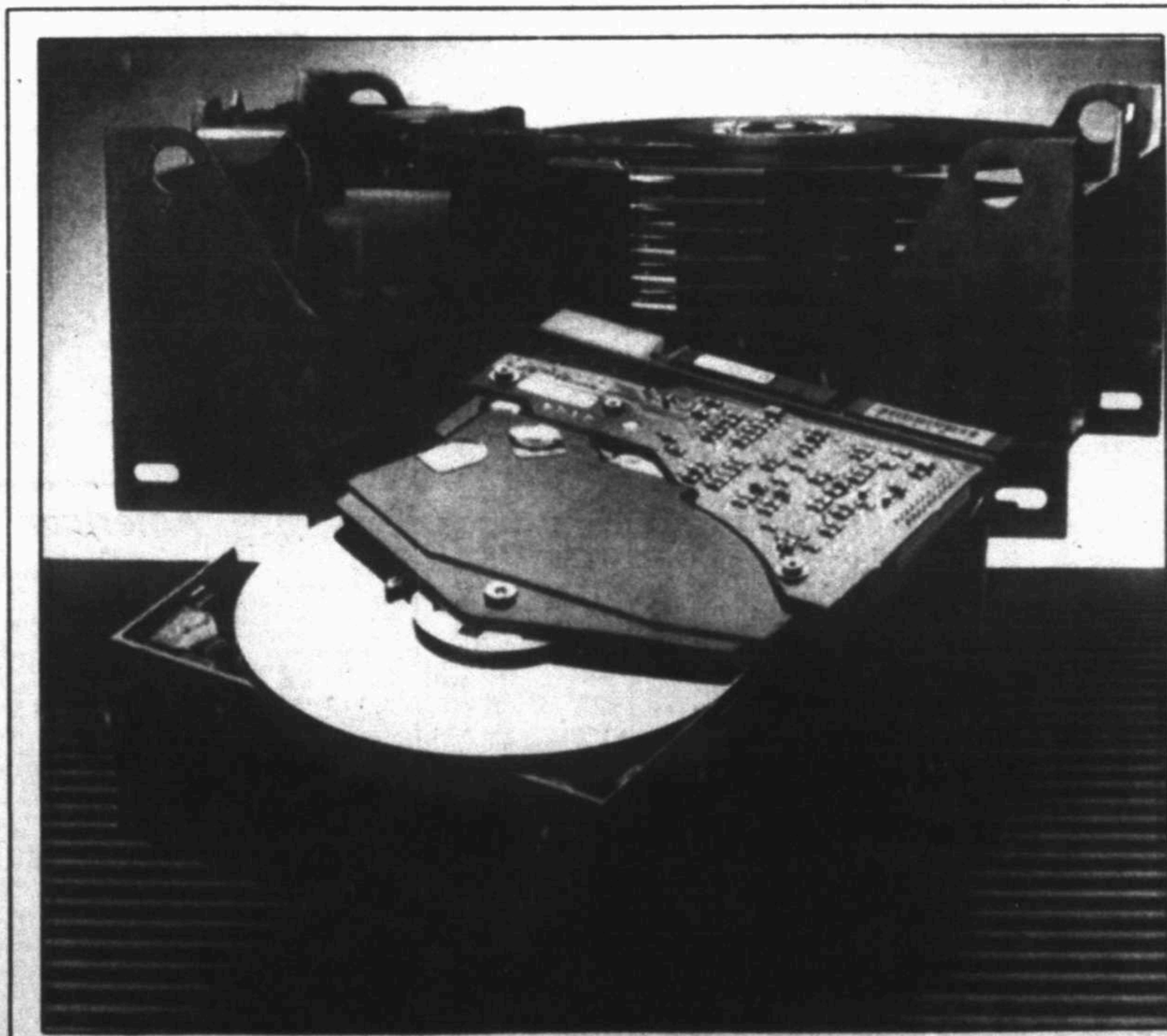
The worst previous showing was in January 1988 when 69.2 percent of flights were reported on time.

The department blamed heavy holiday travel and severe winter weather in some parts of the country for service disruptions at the nation's largest airports. Delays due to mechanical problems are not included in the report.

Mishandled baggage complaints filed against the carriers nearly doubled, from 6.99 per 1,000 passengers in November to 12.78 per 1,000 passengers in December. It was the worst month since the department began reporting airline performance two years ago.

Complaints for 1989 totalled 12,403, which was about half the number received in 1988.

Continuing the downward trend, December complaints totalled 749, down 33 percent from the 1,125 logged in November and the lowest since December 1989 when there were 733.



AP Laserphoto

Smaller is better

IBM has announced a faster, smaller hard disk drive, foreground, for its System 400 mini-computers. The new smaller 3.5-inch drive has a

320 megabyte capacity with an access time of 12.5 milliseconds. The new systems will range from \$18,670 to \$59,500.

MARKETS

Oil prices bounce back

From Staff and Wire Reports

Oil futures prices have gained some strength, recovering from Tuesday's decline.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, March contracts for West Texas Intermediate were up 4 cents to \$22.36 in mid-morning trading. The contract fell 19 cents Wednesday to close at \$22.32. Contracts for delivery in April, May and June also declined, but later months rose.

Among refined products traded on the exchange, the March contract for regular unleaded gasoline fell 0.68 cent to 61.20 cents a gallon. Other contract months also retreated.

No. 2 heating oil for March delivery declined 0.30 cent to 55.89 cents a gallon, but later contract months rose.

Analysts said prices zig-zagged erratically through the session without any fresh market developments to influence them.

"The market told you nothing today about its overall direction," said Michael Hiley, a vice president at Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc.

After the market closed Tuesday, the American Petroleum Institute released a weekly report that showed sharp increases in in-

CRUDE OIL

SPOT MARKET

W.T. INTERMEDIATE

- Mid-morning Quote \$22.36
- Wednesday's Close \$22.30
- Previous Close \$22.50
- One Year Ago \$17.50

W.T. SOUR

- Wednesday's Close \$19.40
- Previous Close \$19.79
- One Year Ago \$16.40

SOURCE: NYMEX

POSTED PRICE

- This Week \$21.50
- Previous Week \$21.50
- One Year Ago \$16.75

ventories of both crude and refined products. For the week ended Feb. 2, crude inventories rose 7.7 million barrels to 351.1 million; heating oil stocks rose 4.5 million barrels to 121 million barrels; and gasoline stocks rose 4.7 million barrels to 231.4 million barrels.

Dollar up against major currencies

LONDON (AP) — The dollar

rose against most major currencies in European trading this morning. Gold was lower.

In Tokyo, the dollar opened and closed at 145.50 yen, up 0.40 yen from Wednesday's 145.10-yen finish.

Much of today's activity in Tokyo involved sales of the mark for profit-taking after the West German currency's overnight surge on overseas markets, and sales of other European currencies for yen, said a trader with Mitsui Bank, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The mark, rather than the dollar, has been the focus of recent trading because reforms in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe are expected to benefit the West German economy, traders said.

The British pound traded at \$1.6880, compared with \$1.6995 late Wednesday.

Gold dealers in London fixed a recommended price of \$418.50 per troy ounce at mid morning today, compared to Wednesday's late price of \$423.00 per ounce.

Silver fell in London to a bid price of \$5.35 a troy ounce, compared to Wednesday's \$5.38 per ounce.

Exchange Rates

- 1.6665 West German marks
- 1.4885 Swiss francs
- 5.6690 French francs
- 1.8775 Dutch guilders
- 1,241.00 Italian lire
- 1.1990 Canadian dollars

Stocks surge 33.78 points

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market surged Wednesday after recovering from an early slump prompted by concerns about the Treasury's refunding auction.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials jumped 33.78 points to end at 2,640.09.

Advancing issues overpowered losers by a margin of about 5 to 3 in nationwide trading of New York Stock Exchange-listed stocks, with 941 issues up, 567 down and 443 unchanged.

Volume on the floor of the Big Board came to 186.71 million shares, up steeply from 134.07 million in the previous session.

The market opened sharply lower in what analysts said was a response to weakness in the bond market, reflecting worries about interest rates and the Treasury's quarterly refunding. The Dow Jones industrials were down more than 20 points shortly after the opening bell.

High technology stocks, which lead the advance, helped revive the blue chip sector before midday. Bouts of computerized program trading fueled the upward move once the rally got under way, traders said.

MARKET IN BRIEF

NYSE issues consolidated trading February 7, 1990

Volume in shares

220,485,090

Issues traded

1,951

Up

941

Unchanged

433

Down

567

NYSE Index

184.31

Up 1.98

S&P Composite

333.75

Up 4.09

Dow Jones Industrials

2,640.09

Up 33.78

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

U.S., Soviets prepare for trade talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and the Soviet Union will open talks here next week aiming to remove trade barriers between the two superpowers by next June's scheduled summit meeting between President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills, in announcing Wednesday the opening round of negotiations here next Monday, said the administration hopes to complete work on a bilateral trade accord by early May.

Midwest has most affordable housing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Midwest had the most affordable existing homes as 1989 ended, while the most expensive existing housing was found on both coasts, a real estate trade group reported.

Peoria, Ill., had the lowest median price, \$47,200, of the 83 metropolitan areas surveyed by the National Association of Realtors, the group said Wednesday. That was \$233,700 below the median cost of a home in Honolulu, the most expensive area in the survey.

Progress on Third World debt expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Negotiations to relieve the crushing debt burden on Third World countries should progress more smoothly now that Mexico and its creditor banks have signed a debt reduction agreement, a senior Bush administration official predicted.

"The strengthened debt strategy is very much alive and well," Treasury Undersecretary David C. Mulford, architect of the administration debt plan, said Wednesday to the House Banking subcommittee on international development.

Insurance industry seeks federal help

WASHINGTON (AP) — The insurance industry called for federal help in the wake of last fall's California earthquake, saying it would be unable to bear the costs of a major tremor.

"Insurers cannot finance a catastrophic earthquake," Franklin W. Nutter, chairman of an insurance industry coalition on quake dangers, told a House Banking subcommittee on insurance on Wednesday.

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Relor	.34	31
RelSIG	.28b	7
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Avallo	1	33	374	36% +	+
Amico	5	12	212	113 +	+
Amor	118	18	174	—	—
August	40	15	110	12% +	+
AVMCO	40	15	5	25 +	+
Avery	56	15	181	29% +	+
Avnet	60	17	543	30% +	+
Ayon	1	45	485	32% +	+
Avlon	1a	8	21	15	—

B-B					
Bachhu	.46	37	6441	26% +	+
Ballyho	10	3	956	31% +	+
BanDe	2.10	18	134	11% +	+
BanDe	1.04	11	1029	30% +	+
BANT	2.12	136	162	36% +	+
BaKun	1	5	5860	25% +	+
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Baxter	.56	16	10561	24% +	+
BaZell	4.40	17	1179	92% +	+
BellCo	2.52	14	910	52% +	+
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BlackH	1.28	17	409	23% +	+
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Borco	1.32	4	159	5% +	+
Borco	.56	1794	35% +	+	+
Bozard	1.92	822	18% +	+	+
Braun	2.12	3	325	53% +	+
BuCh	4.24a	12	2128	69% +	+
Broadco	20	11	377	9% +	+
Brown	40	24	1537	35% +	+
BuWfH	.80	197	12% +	+	+
BuWfH	1.20	10	7215	51% +	+
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C-C					
CBS	4.40	17	609	184% +	+
COGNA	2.96	8	605	47% +	+
CSS Exp.26	9	1468	35 +	+	+
CPC	1.3	10	489	46% +	+
CSS	1.12	12	74	17% +	+
CSS	1.40	8	1098	33% +	+
Cox	10	941	24 +	+	+

D-D					
DPI	2.34	9	193	29% +	+
DQE	1.36	11	44	21% +	+
DataCo	1.6	8	333	31% +	+
DataCo	1.2	21	77	9% +	+
DayHed	1.32	15	432	63% +	+
Deere	2	13	2557	67% +	+
Deere	2.00	2	1642	63% +	+
DeWid	1.68	9	622	23% +	+
Digital	48	11	2601	80% +	+
Dinney	48	25	2865	103% +	+
Dinney	3.32	11	405	14% +	+
Dover	72	16	310	36% +	+
DowCh	12.60	7	7046	63% +	+
DowCh	26	9	26	9% +	+
Dress	1	20	3272	47% +	+
Dress	1	11	3656	38% +	+
DukeP	3.12	11	1109	54% +	+

E-E					
EastCo	1.40	13	206	32% +	+
Edkold	2	23	321	78% +	+
Edison	2	9	266	51% +	+
Edson	70	18	231	13% +	+
Edson	70	18	231	13% +	+
Emmett	1.26	14	3406	38% +	+
Enron	2.48	25	71	57% +	+
Enron	80	38	1309	25% +	+
Etal	1	31	325	71% +	+
Ether	.40a	13	490	25% +	+
Exxon	2.40	19	8308	48% +	+

F-F					
FAC	9	236	37% +	+	+
FFS Co	2.28	11	1166	34% +	+
Fairfield	33	15	—		
Feders	.48	11	416	13% +	+
Fedex	.56	13	615	34% +	+
FedEx	1	10	932	—	—
Fidelity	.82	673	14% +	+	+
FCapital	3	3920	5% +	+	+
FerCo	2	6	325	—	—
Festate	3	633	35 +	+	+
FetFo	13	829	14% +	+	+
FWitch	.152	10	43	38% +	+

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INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Law student can't defer paying capital gains

By BILL DOYLE

Q. My husband passed away in 1989. I sold our home and the closing was in January. I will enter law school as a full-time student next fall and will live off the income from my investments, including the proceeds from the home sale, while in school.

Since I will be in school for a minimum of three years, is there any way I can defer paying capital gains tax on the profit from the home sale while I am enrolled as a full-time student?

A. No. Sorry about that, but you will be stuck for that tax unless, by January 1992, you buy or build and live in another principal residence costing at least as much as your former home. The general rule is that you must move into a newly purchased home within two years before or after the sale of your previous home in order to postpone the tax on the capital gain you realized by selling your former home.

There is an exception to this rule for members of the U.S. Armed Forces. For them, the replacement period is suspended while they are serving on active duty. It can be as long as eight years for a military person who serves overseas and/or is required to live in on-base quarters.

Since you don't indicate any plan to enlist, the two-year replacement period holds for you. The Internal Revenue Code provides no extension in that period for full-time students.

If you were 55 or older and lived in your former home for at least three of the five years before the sale, you could use the once-in-a-lifetime exclusion to escape tax on up to \$125,000 of the profit on the home you sold. But your letter indicates you are a younger woman. It also shows you to be an intelligent and ambitious person. If you can swing it on your investment income, you should think about buying another home by January 1992.

Q. I sold my first home and bought another one costing \$15,000 more. I understood I did not have to pay any tax on that transaction. Last year, I sold my second house for \$1,000 less than I paid for it. Crazy, I know, but that is the way it happened.

Is there any tax form I have to file to prove that loss?

A. You're required to include Form 2119 with the federal income tax return you file for any year in which you sell your principal residence. Do so with your 1989 return and let's hope you did it when you sold your first home.

I suspect the following will come as an unhappy surprise. The \$1,000 capital loss you realized on the sale of your last home cannot be used to offset any capital gains you had or your ordinary income.

Even though you call that loss "crazy," it's far from unique. Real estate values have plunged lots of places around this nation.

Q. Do you consider buying a vacation home in Mexico a good investment?

A. Permit me to hedge by saying that depends on many factors. Some U.S. citizens have vacation places south of the border and have been delighted to see the values of those homes rise. Others have had horrible experiences and have taken financial beatings.

Before you get close to buying a Mexican hideaway, I urge you to make a visit and check things out very carefully.

Q. If I buy a vacation home in Mexico, will the real estate taxes I pay down there be deductible on my U.S. federal income tax return?

A. Sure. The rules say the real estate taxes levied on property you own in foreign countries are deductible, just as are local and state real estate taxes in the United States.

Q. A man I know sold his home and bought a 42-foot yacht on which he lives. He claims the boat is his principal residence for tax purposes. Is that legitimate?

A. It is, if it is the place where he normally lives. A principal residence can be a house, condominium, cooperative apartment, mobile home, boat or even a cave.

About 20 years ago, a reporter I knew lived in a houseboat at St. Paul, Minn., where the Mississippi River froze solid, except around the marina. That boat was his principal residence.

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BONDS

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next few weeks how to liquidate the bonds.

"We're under specific instructions not to dump," Ms. Spector said.

The agency is considering proposals from brokers, money managers and investment bankers on the disposition of the securities.

"We're listening to everybody's proposal," she added. "The process will take several weeks or months."

Traders contend that the government may have a difficult time selling the bonds in the savings portfolios. Before the government took the institutions over, the traders say, many institutions had sold their well-known, actively traded junk issues, leaving them with holdings that are less liquid.

"They sell the easiest stuff first," said Michael Hyland, a portfolio manager with Salomon Brothers Asset Management, who has helped several savings institutions sell junk bonds.

Because of the jittery market, the federal agency is in a difficult situation.

If it unloads large amounts of bonds, prices could be depressed further. If it holds them indefinitely, their value could decline anyway if the market continues to weaken.

"We have to deal with what we are given," Ms. Spector said.

Under legislation passed last year, all savings institutions are required to dispose of their junk bonds by 1994.

Some institutions began trimming their holdings last year, but more than 200 institutions held \$132 billion of junk bonds at the end of September, down from \$148 billion at the end of March.

The majority of these low-rated securities are held by a few institutions, notably Columbia Savings and Loan of Beverly Hills, Calif., Imperial and Centrust, according to a recent study by K.H. Thomas Associates, a Miami-based consulting firm that specializes in banks and savings institutions.

At the end of September, the 10 savings institutions with the largest junk bond portfolios held \$9.7 billion, or almost three-quarters of all savings institutions' junk bond

holdings.

Such bonds represent less than 1 percent of the industry's total assets of \$1 trillion nationwide.

So far, the government has seized three savings institutions with large junk bond portfolios.

Centrust, the 23rd-largest savings and loan, had a portfolio of junk bonds totaling \$922 million in September.

City Federal Savings, based in Elizabeth, N.J., which was seized last year, held junk bonds worth \$714 million at the end of September, and Lincoln Savings and Loan of Los Angeles, which was also seized last year, had junk bonds totaling \$339 million.

Included in the Centrust portfolio, said Kenneth H. Thomas, president of the consulting firm, were bonds of such troubled companies as Braniff, Integrated Resources, Hillsborough Holdings and Eastern Airlines.

Ms. Spector said the agency had plans to centralize its junk bond holdings but did not have analysts in Washington examining the portfolio. This means, for instance, that the agency does not know whether its holdings give it in effect control of some small or troubled companies.

Currently each savings institution in conservatorship is allowed to sell limited amounts of junk bonds from its portfolio. But Ms. Spector said that arrangement was likely to be changed to provide the agency more control over the sale of the securities.

To sell the junk bonds, the agency may hire professional money managers at independent investment advisory firms.

One firm that will not be hired, Ms. Spector said, is Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., which used junk bonds to become a power on Wall Street. Drexel pleaded guilty to securities-law violations, and government guidelines prohibit hiring a firm guilty of such a crime.

As for finding buyers, the government may have a hard time persuading Wall Street firms to bid for the junk bonds, many of which were originally underwritten by Drexel.

For instance, a 1988 investigation by federal regulators found that almost 90 percent of the bonds in Centrust's portfolio were issued by Drexel.

Electronic filing speedier, but costs extra

By VIVIAN MARINO

NEW YORK (AP) — If you're tired of waiting the usual six to eight weeks for your income tax refund, Uncle Sam will gladly let you cut in line, but the privilege costs money.

The Internal Revenue Service has expanded its electronic tax filing system nationally this year, allowing anyone due a refund — or about 70 percent of the 110 million expected returns — to file directly into the government's computers. Those owing money can't participate.

Last year, 36 states were plugged into the system, up from 14 states the previous year and three cities when it was first tested in 1986.

The IRS says the high-tech approach will save an overburdened agency about \$200 million in processing costs over 10 years and substantially reduce errors. That will mean speedier refunds for taxpayers filing electronically — about three weeks, vs. the usual six to eight weeks from filing the old-fashioned way by mail, tax experts say. Those choosing to receive their refund through direct bank deposit can expect the money in about two weeks.

But like anything else the taxpayer must pay for this efficiency. Many accountants warn that unless you're expecting a refund well into four figures, it may not be worth it.

"The economics are clearly not there for some people," said Stephen Corrick, a tax partner for the accounting firm Arthur Andersen & Co. "It's also not for people with complicated returns."

The IRS's embrace of pre-approved electronic filing has spawned a new type of accounting service that will transmit your return via computer for a fee. Individuals can't use personal computers to file directly on their own yet.

Filing fees range from around \$20 to \$50, with costs usually lower for individuals whose returns are prepared by the same services. Many companies will advance you the return within days for an additional \$30 to \$35 fee.

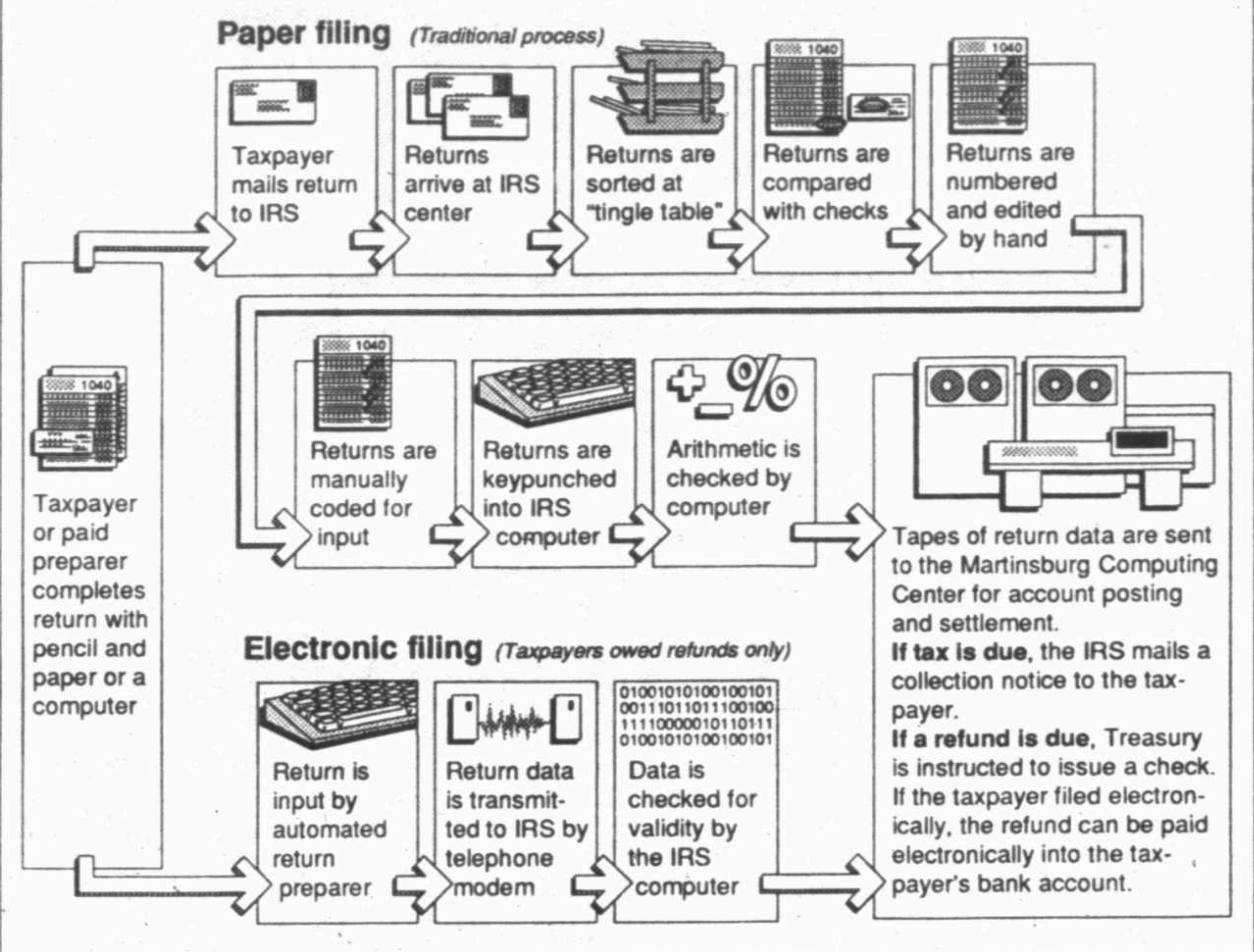
For those needing money in a hurry or without available credit lines it may be worth paying the added expense.

"(But) you have to ask yourself what is the time value of the interest associated with my getting the refund," said Richard H. Lager, a managing partner with the Grant Thornton accounting firm.

For example, if you invested a \$1,000 refund check in a money market account at 9 percent interest,

Filing Your Taxes: Paper vs. Electronic

For the first time, an electronic alternative to filing paper tax returns the old-fashioned way will be widely available. But taxpayers cannot file electronically themselves. They must go to an IRS-authorized automated return preparer.



Sources: Internal Revenue Service; InstaTax

AP/Pat Lyons

that interest compounded annually would amount to only \$7.50 a month. It's probably a lot cheaper to get a one-month cash advance from your credit card — even at the 18 percent interest — than to pay the fee of the electronic filer, Lager said.

Kansas City, Mo.-based H&R Block Inc. is clearly the largest of the nation's tax preparers to participate in the program. Last year it filed 70 percent of the 1.2 million returns sent electronically, said Harry Buckley, president of H&R Block's tax preparers division.

In addition, niche companies, such as San Diego, Calif.-based InstaTax, have set up thousands of storefronts nationwide in which consumers can fax their forms to a data processing center, which, in turn, enters the return immediately on a computer

connected to the IRS.

Customers who use these services still have to send out a short form, which is their proof of signature, and attach their W-2 forms and other documentation.

Some electronic tax filing services accept floppy disks or direct transmission from an individual's personal computer. Store-bought programs such as McInTax will do the arithmetic.

PC-users may some day be able to file directly on their own, but IRS spokesman Frank Keith said that's a long time away since the technology is not quite there yet.

This year, though, the IRS is working with a handful of banks in the Boston area testing how taxpayers who owe money can file electronically

and have the amount deducted from their accounts, Keith said.

For now, the IRS is promoting its refund electronic filing system, offering lists of accountants and companies hooked into its computer for those calling a toll-free number.

As of Feb. 1, the IRS received 608,350 electronic returns, about 8 percent of all the returns received so far. Keith says the agency predicts it will get at least 2 million electronic return this tax season, up from 1.2 million for 1989. Only 25,000 were received when the program began four years ago.

By the end of the century, the IRS predicts that at least 30 percent of all returns will be electronically, Keith said.

MATTER

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Lionel Kimmerling, who heads Bell Labs' materials interface research department in Murray Hill west of Newark.

The company used a scanning-tunneling microscope, which is exact enough to probe individual atoms. Researchers cut atoms on a plane and used the microscope to move a fine-tipped probe over the surface. The image of each atom was then projected on a television screen, said Kimmerling.

"It's the first time that people have used a scanning-tunneling microscope to get an image of the surface of the material," Horn said. "It confirms what people believed and what people had very good evidence for."

The three states of matter are solid, liquid and gas. The solid state is divided into amorphous — or unorganized — solids, such as glass, and crystal, which includes rocks and metals. The quasi-crystal — in this

case composed of an alloy of aluminum, cobalt and copper — falls in between the two known categories of solids.

Bell Labs' finding was published in the Jan. 8 edition of Physical Review Letters, the journal of the American Physical Society.

"It's definitely in the revolutionary category," said Kimmerling. "Now we have a new material and we're anxious to find out what it will do that substances not structured like this cannot do."

The outlook for uses of quasi-crystals is mixed.

AT&T officials said the material used to make quasi-crystals is durable, lightweight and can withstand a range of temperatures, qualities valuable in making electrical fuses and resistors.

But Kimmerling said any practical uses of the technology are years away.

"I don't think we're ready at this point to say ... this is where the technological impact is going to be," said

Earle Ryba, an associate professor of metallurgy at Penn State University.

Bell Labs' research also shows quasi-crystals to have an arrangement of atoms with a pentagon-shaped symmetry, which many scientists doubted could happen. Perfect five-sided shapes could not fit together without holes and breaks, but the quasi-crystal shows pentagons of many shapes and sizes comprising the atoms, AT&T officials said.

"What they have done is provide more direct experimental proof that this in fact happens," said Robert Metzger, a professor of chemistry and a crystallographer at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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By EARL ARON

NEW YORK (AP) — Many labels show rain streams and falls, not all bottles are the same. Some may be purified tap water.

The price of not indicating you're traveling long shipping costs.

So check labels. There are 650 bottled water sold in the United States. Naya Beverages Canada, says some nothing more water.

"As with other food stores today understand the tled water and readers," Asbar. When choosing look at the label the brand name it's natural, tr water.

NATURAL SPRING. Natural spring water from a natural underground spring or taken a naturally carbonated.

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DEAR ABBY
Calling may

By ABIGAIL V.

DEAR ABBY: name) and I have more than 30 years away four years ago. In the last four years, Henry and his wife have invited me to their home for dinner on special occasions such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, Thanksgiving and other holidays. I'm like a "family."

During a recent said that he and I had entered into a reciprocal taking them out of my life because of my cheapness. I have been a cheapster!

Abbey, I have home for dinner them a bottle of of the best candy send them a pl. My question: cheapster? Please, as a friend balance. — HUI BEACH

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Check labels, brands on bottled waters

By EARL ARONSON

NEW YORK (AP) — Even though many labels show beautiful mountain streams and cascading waterfalls, not all bottled waters are the same. Some may be little more than purified tap water.

The price of a bottled water may not indicate quality. Heavy bottles traveling long distances carry high shipping costs.

So check labels closely; they'll provide clues to what's inside.

There are 650 different brands of bottled water sold in Canada and the United States. Michele Asbar of Naya Beverages in Mirabel, Quebec, Canada, says some bottled waters are nothing more than treated tap water.

"As with other products in the food stores today, consumers need to understand the differences in bottled water and become alert label readers," Asbar says.

When choosing a bottled water, look at the label. The line beneath the brand name tells you whether it's natural, treated or distilled water.

NATURAL SPRING WATER

Natural spring water must originate from a natural aquifer, or underground spring, with nothing added or taken away. It may be naturally carbonated, or still (non-carbonated).

Not all natural spring waters are the same. A major difference is the amount of dissolved minerals, or solids, they contain. The lower the dissolved mineral salts, the better the taste. However, you do want a small



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amount of minerals in the water or it will taste flat.

The container used to bottle natural spring waters can make a difference in taste. For reasons of breakage and shipping weight, most bottles of still water are plastic. Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) is the most com-

mon material, but using this material can mean the transfer of outside odors through to the water. Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) is a newer packaging material that does not allow foreign odors to penetrate.

TREATED WATER

Treated water is essentially tap

water, with the harmful bacteria removed. Ozone and chlorine, among the most commonly used additives, are effective purifiers, but may leave a bitter aftertaste.

DISTILLED WATER

Distilled water is also known as demineralized and salt- and chemical-free water. Distilled water is tap water with the undesirable bacteria and the mineral content removed. This can be accomplished by charcoal filtration and deionization and, in some cases, carbonating the water. Distilled water can serve as drinking water, but the absence of minerals leaves a flat taste.

DON'T USE ICE CUBES

If you drink bottled water, don't make your ice cubes from tap water. "Cubes made from ordinary tap water can't help but detract from the purity of bottled water, so chill bottled water, just as you would fine champagne," Asbar says.

Naya draws its water from a huge underground layer of water that is 250 feet below the Laurentian Mountains. The water passed through natural filters of limestone and shale and is protected under a waterproof seal of hardened clay. The aquifer lies beneath 20 million square feet of wilderness, far from industrial development.

The water is bottled without contact with outside air, piped through stainless steel directly from the source to the bottles. Clear bottles made of polyethylene terephthalate are used to guard against absorption of foreign tastes or odors.

Check water for drinking safety

NEW YORK (AP) — Are your sinks stained green, blue or brown from tap water? Do you drink bottled water because you think it's safer? Have you considered installing a home water filter?

"Turning on the tap water and getting safe, drinkable water is something most of us take for granted," says Anastasia Schepers, a nutritionist and assistant editor of Environmental Nutrition newsletter. "But according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, about 7,400 cases of drinking water-related illness are reported each year."

According to Dr. Robert Tauxe of the Centers for Disease Control, parasites, bacteria, chemicals and viruses are responsible for about 50 percent of the cases of waterborne illness; the causes of the remaining 50 percent are unknown.

Schepers says, "While many consumers believe that bottled water is purer than tap water, this isn't necessarily the case. Several surveys of bottled water have revealed that many do not comply with U.S. water drinking standards. For example, a 1987 Massachusetts study revealed that 13 out of 15 brands of mineral water exceeded one or more federal or state guidelines."

How can you be sure that the water in your home is safe? Environmental Nutrition offers these tips:

■ Check Pipes: Plumbing installed

before 1930 may contain lead, which can cause unhealthy amounts of lead to leach into drinking water. Also, houses built before 1986 with copper pipes may have lead solder. Water coming from suspect pipes or solder joints should be tested by a competent laboratory.

■ Check Sinks for Stains: Any stain can suggest corrosion and possible lead leaching. Brown stains mean high iron content of water, which ordinarily does not pose a health risk. Green-blue stains mean high copper content which is toxic only in extremely high amounts. Both copper and iron give water a metallic taste.

■ Flush the Cold Water Tap: Allow water to run until it has reached maximum coldness. Use only cold water for drinking and cooking, since hot water is more likely to contain dissolved metals and shouldn't be ingested. This is especially true in homes with lead pipes or copper pipes with lead solder.

(For a free copy of Environmental Nutrition's "Drinking Water: Guarding Against Impurities," send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Water, Environmental Nutrition, 2112 Broadway, New York City, NY 10023, or call 212-362-0424. Environmental Nutrition is a monthly newsletter for health professionals and health-conscious consumers.)

CONSUMING INTERESTS

Faucet filter improves drinking water's flavor

By LINDA ANDERSON

Let's face it folks — Midland may be a wonderful place to live, but it's not known for the high quality of its drinking water. About all you can do to get good drinking water now is (1) buy bottled water in the supermarket; (2) install (expensive!) water purification systems in homes or offices; (3) cart empty water jugs around in the trunks of cars; or (4) cart those same empty jugs to be filled when visiting relatives who live in good-tasting water areas.

All of the above methods may help with the good-tasting water problem, but they certainly aren't as convenient as just turning on the faucet.

The American Cyanamid Company Household Products has recently introduced a new product designed to help solve this problem.

The Tap Guard Faucet Filter is an attachment/filter for the kitchen faucet that is said to clean impurities out of regular water and make it better for drinking and cooking.

The company sent me a couple of these Tap Guards, so a friend and I both got to check them out for price, advertising accuracy and, of course, taste of the water.

Fortunately, both of us have children who are excellent taste judges, too.

Tap Guard is marketed to cost \$10 or less at the supermarket.

I suppose that would vary according to where it is being sold and what that store's pricing practices are, but it isn't supposed to be much more than \$10.

Tap Guard has a "snap-on/snap-off replaceable filter," according to label advertising, that is supposed to be replaced at least every two months.

(However, a company representative told me that if Midland's water is super hard — which it may be — the filter may have to be replaced more often.)

Other label advertising claims the product is "easy to install — no tools." That proved to be true, when I finally got mine installed.

NOTE: If you decide to buy a Tap Guard, be sure to check the package for the little washers and adapters that are included.

They are sometimes overlooked, like mine were, and as a result it took me much longer to get mine working than it should have.

Label advertising goes on: "TAPGUARD faucet filter removes chemicals, contaminants, chlorine, chloroform, TCE, THMs, pesticides, rust, silt and sediment. It does not remove beneficial minerals that improve the taste of tap water. It also will not remove water hardness."

"This faucet filter is designed for use on kitchen faucets in homes with municipally treated water."

Consumers are advised not to filter hot water through the Tap Guard: "Only cold water should be used for drinking or cooking."

In the all-important taste-test, testers decided that, yes, Tap Guard did improve the taste of Midland water somewhat. (I was disappointed, however, that my ice cubes didn't clear up like I thought they were going to do.) One adult even said Tap Guarded water was better to wash hair in.

The children all agreed that the water tasted better when it was filtered through the Tap Guard, though the adults were a little more reserved in their judgement. One adult said it was better than Midland water but not as good as bottled water.

But when you start out with Midland water, any improvement is welcome. And Tap Guard is certainly more convenient than a trunk full of gallon jugs.

Linda Anderson is a Reporter-Telegram Lifestyle writer.

DEAR ABBY

Calling friends cheap may cost high price

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: Henry (not his real name) and I have been friends for more than 30 years. My wife passed away four years ago. In the last four years, Henry and his wife have invited me to their home for dinner on special occasions such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, Thanksgiving and other holidays. (I'm like "family.")



Van Buren

During a recent argument, Henry said that he and his wife had discussed the fact that in all the years they had entertained me, I had never reciprocated their hospitality by taking them out to dinner, and because of my failure to reciprocate, they have decided that I am a cheapskate!

Abby, I have never gone to their home for dinner without bringing them a bottle of good wine or a box of the best candy. Every Christmas, I send them a plant.

My question: Would you call me a cheapskate? Please answer in your column, as a friendship hangs in the balance. — HURT IN WEST PALM BEACH

DAR HURT: You indicated that Henry revealed that he and his wife thought you were a cheapskate during an argument. Obviously, that remark was intended to hurt you — which it did.

Don't write off a 30-year friendship because of something that was said in anger. Level with Henry. Tell him his "cheapskate" remark hurt you and clear the air. Then offer to take them out to dinner because you've often been a guest in their home. Even the most hospitable people appreciate dining out occasionally.

DEAR ABBY: Your youth is showing! Re the guest who wore her hat during the meal: In my grandmother's day (I'm 75) even the hostess wore a hat as she sat down to tea or lunch with her guests. I well remember Grandmother getting all hatted up for such an occasion. She also wore a hat and a veil to go shopping — even if it were for only a loaf of bread. (Milk was delivered to our

doorstep. This was in England.)

Non sequitur: All through the Blitz in London (1940-41), she slept in her corset in case the house was bombed and she might have to run out into the street. — MARJORIE WORTHINGTON, OCALA, FLA.

DEAR MARJORIE: Rumor has it that Sir Winston Churchill had always slept in his birthday suit, but through the Blitz he wore pajamas in case he had to leave the house in a hurry. You British are very proper people.

DEAR ABBY: May I address that small portion of your readers who are insensitive to the point of being cruel?

Why do you think that:

(a) the parents of a new baby want to hear about your neighbor's 6-month-old son who was a victim of crib death?

(b) the wife of a man scheduled for surgery wants to hear about "this fellow at work" who went into the hospital for a minor operation and died when they gave him the wrong medication?

(c) the son of a woman recently admitted to a nursing home wants to hear about the dreadful home your Aunt Tillie lives in, and how miserable she is there?

Abby, we all deal with our anxieties in our own ways. Please tell your readers that if they have no words of encouragement, kindly shut up! — ANXIETY ENOUGH

DEAR ANXIETY: Thanks for a "gentle" reminder to people who shoot from the lip without realizing how their words can affect others. And, add to your list: Women who, upon meeting an obviously pregnant woman, can't resist describing in detail the nausea of morning sickness and the horror of labor pains.

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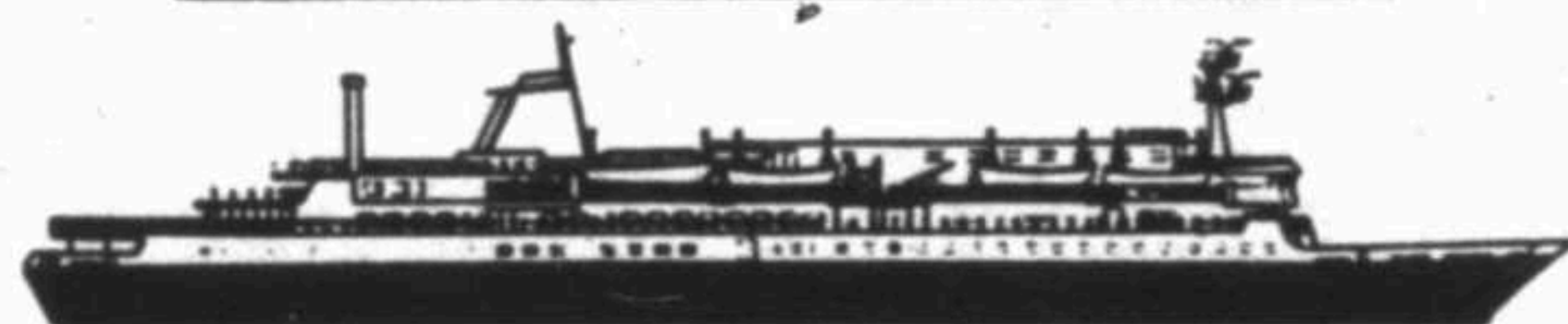
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Shopper-watching reveals trends

By KIM FOLTZ

N.Y. Times News Service

Even as car shoppers look over new models in dealer showrooms, some of them are being sized up themselves.

In Cadillac, Mercedes and BMW showrooms around the nation, researchers hired by the Toyota Motor Corp. discreetly watched prospective car buyers inspect the cars.

The researchers noted not only whether the customers kicked the tires but also how they dressed, what questions they asked and whether they appeared timid or confident.

"Just asking people questions isn't going to reveal everything about them," said Bobby Calder, the Montgomery Ward professor of marketing and psychology at Northwestern University.

"The best way to get an in-depth understanding of consumer values is to watch people buying and using products."

Such people-watching is the newest trend in consumer research, marketing experts say.

A rather daring technique five years ago, the hiring of cultural anthropologists to observe and often videotape consumers in stores, shopping malls and even their own homes has become a standard practice for many large corporations and some of the nation's leading advertising agencies.

OBSERVATIONAL RESEARCH, for example, has shown marketers that consumers prefer to take several cold remedies, not just one.

By watching people eat breakfast, researchers concluded that enjoyment is a leading factor in selecting what to eat. While most Americans say they want a nutritious morning meal, they especially want it to taste good.

During some projects, said Margaret Mark, director of research at Young & Rubicam, people allowed researchers to watch them while they talked to friends and family members, even about disturbing subjects like sex and death.

There is an incentive. Families that allow researchers into their homes are paid \$40 for several hours to \$300 for a week or more.

Companies with radically different approaches to marketing — from Toyota, known for its adventure-some style, to the far more conservative Procter & Gamble — have come to rely on what is known in the industry as observational research.

Such research studies consumer attitudes toward a wide range of products and services, including fast food, over-the-counter medicine, household products, travel and personal care items.

"We use observational research for every one of our major clients," said Penelope Queen, director of research for Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising, a large agency that pioneered this type of monitoring.

"By observing, we can get underneath the surface and interpret consumer behavior."

WHAT COMPANIES spend on such research is usually a closely held secret.

Most marketers refuse to discuss details of people-watching projects and the way in which the information is being used.

But industry analysts estimate that companies spend millions of dollars watching Americans to discover the often-hidden impulses that prompt them to buy an expensive car, eat gourmet ice cream and wash their clothes with a particular detergent.

The growth of observational research has also raised troubling legal questions about privacy, particularly when the research is conducted in public places where people shop and do business.

"We are deeply concerned that there is any kind of secret filming



going on," said Janlori Goldman, a staff lawyer on the American Civil Liberties Union's privacy project.

"People should never be recorded or watched without their knowledge. We are very worried about how this information will be used."

Most Americans do not seem to resent what many civil libertarians regard as unnecessary prying into their private lives.

"People are usually flattered by the attention," Ms. Mark said. "They are quite willing to be open about their lives and emotions."

Not everybody agrees.

Stephen and Maritza French of Costa Mesa, Calif., filed a suit two weeks against the Nissan Motor Co., accusing the auto maker of invasion of privacy.

The couple assert that a researcher working for Nissan who they agreed to let live in their home for six weeks spied on them to gain insight into how American families live.

Nissan denies the charge. "The researcher was compiling a study on how Americans feel about cars, but it did not include the French family," said Don Spetner, a Nissan spokesman.

LEGAL PROBLEMS like the one facing Nissan are rare. Most researchers require people to sign a consent form if they are going to be observed or filmed in their homes.

But in large stores or shopping malls, researchers often do not warn people that they are being watched.

"We aren't interested in the individual so much as the behavior," said Paco Underhill, founder of Envirosell, a behavioral research company that has filmed shoppers in hundreds of stores.

"Still, we would never use any of the information in a way that would exploit anyone," he said.

Some industry analysts say that invasion of privacy problems will increase as the use of observational research grows.

"I worry that a lot of awful stuff could be done that is intrusive," said Langburne Rust, an independent researcher specializing in television viewing habits. "Some people are going to get burned."

In the more primitive days of consumer research, most companies tried to study the consumer's psyche simply by asking people what they thought about products and how they used them.

Now, many research experts believe that questionnaires and surveys alone do not dig deeply enough.

"People are often not aware of what they are actually doing and why," said Steve Barnett, a cultural anthropologist who taught at Prince-

ton University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is now the director of product strategy for Nissan.

"The way consumers use products symbolizes how they view themselves."

THE MARKETPLACE has also become so competitive that companies must identify and promote subtle product benefits that differentiate their products from their rivals.

By watching people, observational researchers think that they may also better understand the bond between people and products that is the essence of brand loyalty.

In watching car buyers last year, for example, Toyota concluded that some people think of their cars as art objects that are on display whenever they drive them.

The auto maker worked that theme into a print advertisement for its new luxury car, the Lexus, which discusses the creation of the car as if it were a Henry Moore sculpture.

Observational researchers also hope to unravel the mystery of what a product symbolizes to a consumer. Take the case of gourmet ice cream eaters.

For one client, which it would not identify, Young & Rubicam wanted to find out what goes on between an ice cream lover and his bowl of macadamia nut fudge swirl. After several weeks of observation in consumers' homes — and gallons of ice cream — researchers discovered that ice cream eating is often a highly ritualized activity.

"Ice cream lovers have a special spoon, a special bowl and a favorite chair," Ms. Mark of Young & Rubicam said. "They like to get comfortable and let their hair down. For them, it symbolizes the ultimate indulgence."

SO WHEN advertising for the product was developed, the agency knew that it would be a mistake to show people eating ice cream in any formal setting.

Instead, the ads have focused on the personal joy of eating what is for many dieters a forbidden food.

To get a better fix on consumers' lives, anthropologists hired by Ms. Mark are given permission to snoop around people's homes.

"We look in the refrigerator, the kitchen cabinets and the closets," she said.

"We ask people to show us their favorite things. We learn a lot more by looking around than we'd ever find out just asking people about their homes. Nothing is hidden from us."

Observing consumers often provides valuable insights that can be

used to custom-tailor advertising.

Young & Rubicam, for example, hired anthropologists to tag along with mail carriers on their delivery routes to find out for its client, the U.S. Postal Service, what the public thought of letter carriers.

As their research showed, most people think of their mail carriers as friends; many even know their first names. As a result, the Postal Service began prominently featuring mail carriers in its ads.

RESEARCHERS OFTEN discover behavior patterns that surprise the people being observed.

Saatchi & Saatchi, for example, videotaped women washing clothes in their homes for its client, Procter & Gamble, which produces Tide.

When the tapes were shown to the women, some said they were astonished to see the amount of time and care they put into this task.

"It was clear that this actually was a very important activity that reflected how much they cared about their families," said Ms. Queen of Saatchi & Saatchi.

As competitive pressures increase, researchers have been monitoring some unusual targets to detect changing social trends.

For example, when Unilever N.V. wanted to find out what Americans now consider to be glamorous, a behavioral research firm, Holen North America, studied transvestites working in New York nightclubs.

"When these men dress as women, they have to think more carefully about what is glamorous because they have to construct it from the ground up," said Barnett, who headed Holen before joining Nissan.

The growing emphasis on people monitoring is also a function of cost. "Depending on the scope of the study, it can be less costly than traditional research," Ms. Mark said.

That does not mean that questionnaires and surveys and other forms of customary market research have disappeared. Companies and advertising agencies that use other techniques as well as observational research.

"Like everyone else, we still do surveys," Ms. Queen said. "But we use observational research to help explain the results and find out the why's behind behavior."

AT GREY Advertising, observational research was added to help the agency more accurately reflect how people really live, and how they want to live, in its advertising.

"By watching people using products in their natural habitat, we get important clues about how the advertising should look," said Barbara Fagin, executive vice president for strategic services at Grey.

AT WIT'S END

Please let us keep our disposable diapers!

By ERMA BOMBECK

The question being asked by baby boomers isn't, "Is there life after throwaway diapers are abolished?" but, "Is that life worth living?"

Disposable diapers were something my generation used to fantasize about. That, and catheter implants. I used to stand at my picture window in the suburbs, watch a blizzard raging outside, and pray, "Please God, I don't care if the milk gets through or the mail or even the school bus — but please give wings to the diaper service truck."

Maybe it's because we had all gone through the dip-and-flush era on our hands and knees in front of the commode. It was not a pretty sight. If we drifted for a moment, the flush sucked the diaper and our arm right into the septic tank on the front lawn.

When diaper service came into being, we rejoiced. It wasn't until the day before pickup that dropping a soiled diaper into the can meant risking the sight of a good eye, but it was better than what we had.

When paper products became state of the art in this country, disposable diapers were a natural. Today, mothers use 16 billion of them a year. That's 3.6 million tons a year going into sanitary landfills. Environmentalists say you have to start somewhere. Why not go back to cloth diapers that you dip and flush, wash, bleach, soften and use again?

Could we talk about this? As a mother, I'd rather do away with foam cups and have hot coffee poured into both of my hands and drink fast than do away with disposable diapers. Want to cut back on paper products? Abolish those little paper dresses that doctors use to make you forget why you came to their office in the first place. Just bring a bathrobe from home.

It's not as if we don't have other options. Think how much wastepaper we could save by doing away with the 18 or 19 subscription cards that drop out of a single magazine and into our laps each month. Ask yourself, do we need all that paper wadded up in the toes of new shoes? There is absolutely no reason in this world to keep turning out gift boxes year after year. My mother has enough of them stored to supply every major city in this country for the next 10 years.

You have to have priorities. What is more important? Filling out eight pounds of insurance forms for a crack in your windshield or changing the diaper of a child who just ate mud?

There have been few contributions to society in this century that have made such an impact on our population as the disposable diaper. I don't think people really care if their hamburger is housed in a white foam condo or if plastic rings are really necessary to "bond" their six-pack. But to do away with paper diapers would once again bring mothers to their knees — literally.

Let us hope manufacturers can come up with a diaper that is environmentally sound. To go back to cloth would send us back to the day when breathing and raising a baby at the same time were incompatible.

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In future, travel streamlined

By BOBBI IGNEZLI
Copley News Service

In the near future, air travelers will get to their destinations sooner, and in more comfort. At least those are the goals of most airlines, reports the American Express Newsletter.

High-speed travel to the Pacific Rim may be made possible in the 21st century.

The United States is developing a hypersonic "Orient Express." Flying at roughly 3,300 mph, or about five times the speed of sound, the jet could fly from New York to Tokyo or Hong Kong in under three hours.

The Japanese are also at work on a hypersonic, long-range jet and the French are designing a Concorde II with double the capacity and the range of the current Concorde.

Inside the aircraft cabin of the '90s you will be seeing other changes, including:

■ Bigger bins. Passengers will have more storage space for their carry-on items, thanks to larger overhead bins on new commercial jets.

■ Seat phones. For convenience, telephones will be available at your seat. Pan Am already uses seat phones on some of its shuttles. Phon- ing on international as well as domestic routes will become common in the near future.

■ Personal videos. Miniature video screens will be available for viewing movies, accessing news and financial data, and using built-in software to operate a spread sheet.

■ British Airways' new first-class sections already provide small screens on armrest posts. Passengers can choose movie videos from the onboard library.

■ Bar-coded bags. All airlines will have computerized baggage handling systems by the mid '90s. Bags will be bar-coded, just like groceries in the supermarket, to enable carriers to keep better track of them.

■ Automated seats. Aerospace builders are considering automated seat configurations to enable the airlines to provide more space at the push of a button.

Breathing pure oxygen is not beneficial, doctors say

N.Y. Times News Service

Portable oxygen is now being sold as a "pick-me-up." Doctors say it doesn't do anything of the sort.

It is available through various catalogs under the name Sports Oxygen and comes in a tank that fits into the palm of the hand and contains 18 ounces of pure oxygen — about 20 minutes' worth — for \$79.95.

George Stanford, the president of Leland Ltd. Inc., of South Plainfield, N.J., which manufactures and fills the tanks, said the product is "basically a pick-me-up for people who dabble in sports."

"We also sell to people on Wall Street, who take it for hangovers," Stanford added.

Dr. William Pierson, a spokesman for the American Lung Association, said, "There is no physiological evidence to show that oxygen does anything other than make a person think they feel better."

More important, he said, is that in-

haling oxygen may be harmful to people with cardiovascular illness or chronic lung disease.

But he added that generally, pure oxygen will not harm a healthy person, even someone with a severe cold.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Civilians flee Beirut's ravaged eastern area

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Waves of civilians scurried out of embattled east Beirut to the city's western sector today during a relative lull in the battle by rival Christian forces for control of the country's Christian enclave.

Police said the respite was used by Gen. Michel Aoun and Lebanese Forces militia chieftain Samir Geagea to add ammunition and weapons to areas under their control in devastated east Beirut and Kesrouan province.

The 10-day fight for predominance in the 310-square-mile Christian enclave north and northeast of Beirut has claimed the lives of 365 people and left wounded 1,682, by police count.

Civilians emerged from bomb shelters and hospitals sought to replenish depleted stocks of food, fuel, water, oxygen, blood and medicines.

At the museum crossing, the only open link between the mainly Christian and Moslem halves of Beirut, an exodus was under way.

Hundreds of civilians emerged from the narrow alleys of the Ashrafieh district, scene of some of the heaviest fighting, and stumbled through the no-man's-land at the crossing.

Peruvian candidate injured

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Police firing birdshot to break up a leftist campaign march Wednesday slightly wounded presidential candidate Henry Pease and three others, Pease said.

Speaking in a radio interview after the incident, Pease said he was leading a group of supporters of his United Left coalition on a march through Lima's downtown when police opened fire with anti-riot shotguns, water cannon and tear gas.

Witnesses said the marchers tried to cross the Plaza de Armas, the public square in front of the Government Palace, where President Alan Garcia lives. The square has been closed off by police for several months for security reasons as Peru combats a rebel insurgency.

Police detoured the marchers down a side street, where the confrontation occurred.

Brawl interrupts TV debate

PARIS (AP) — A brawl broke out during a live television debate between a Jewish leader and a member of an extreme right-wing organization, and the scene was rebroadcast repeatedly Wednesday.

The fight, which interrupted the weekly "Ciel Mon Mardi" public affairs program Tuesday, began when a spectator clambered onstage and slugged Olivier Mathieu of the right-wing National Front and European Party.

Mathieu had been debating the state of the far-right in France with Jewish leader Jean-Pierre Pierre-Bloch, president of LICRA, the French acronym for the League Against Anti-Semitism and Racism.

After Mathieu was attacked, a free-for-all broke out among other spectators and participants for about two minutes before host Christophe Dechavanne reimposed order.

Mathieu left the stage and the debate continued on the show, which is broadcast over national network TF-1.

Honduras won't allow bases

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — President Rafael Leonardo Callejas on Wednesday described relations with Washington as "excellent" but said he will not allow the United States to have a permanent base in Honduras.

The United States has conducted joint military maneuvers with Honduras since 1984 and has stationed 1,200 men at Palmerola air base since 1984 on a rotating basis but has no permanent installation.

"The position of my government is very clear. We are not willing to establish permanent U.S. military bases in our territory," Callejas said at a news conference.

Callejas, who took office Jan. 27 after winning elections in November, emphasized: "All of this is framed in the Honduran government's foreign policy."

Pinochet to retain command

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — President Augusto Pinochet said Wednesday he will remain as army commander "as long as necessary" after relinquishing the presidency next month because of the threat of the "Marxist germ."

Pinochet told a group of women in Iquique, 1,150 miles north of the capital, that the danger of Marxism has diminished as a result of the democratic changes in eastern Europe.

But, he added, "We still have to be careful, because this threat can persist. The Marxist germ is the danger, and women must always be alert."

Pinochet is in Iquique as part of a nationwide farewell tour he organized under the motto, "Mission accomplished."

He told the women that some leftist exiles who have recently returned from exile are planning to kill him.

Lutheran president elected

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — The Lutheran World Federation elected a new president Wednesday at an assembly in southern Brazil, a spokeswoman said.

The new leader, Brazil's Gottfried Braegemeier, promised to work so that "the cry of the people of Latin America, and all of the world's oppressed, is heard," spokeswoman Paula Voight quoted him as saying.

Braegemeier, elected to a six-year term, is president of the Evangelical Church of Lutheran Confession, the largest Lutheran church in Latin America, Ms. Voight said.

She said more than 1,000 Lutherans from more than 60 countries were participating in the assembly, being held in Curitiba, 505 miles southwest of Rio.

Early Wednesday, about 100 conference participants sang songs and marched through Curitiba with a wooden cross to show support for agrarian reform to benefit Brazil's estimated 12 million landless peasants.

But opponents said the action Wednesday did not mean democracy was on the way.

"I consider I have left a small jail for a bigger one," Evans Paul, one of the released activists, said in an interview broadcast by Radio Antilles. "The whole country is a prison."

The amnesty measure comes less than three weeks after the government of Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril declared a state of siege, arrested many activists and sent several opposition leaders to exile.

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