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Blake Johnston will be ending his Midland High School basketball career with a run at the state playoffs./1C



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Papal visit

Cleaning churches and painting crosses are among the tasks being done in preparation for the pope's visit to Egypt./5A

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Council candidates sound off on stadium

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

The \$46.3 million in estimated costs of the Scharbauer Sports Complex remain the talk of the town. And, with four of the seven City Council seats up for election on May 6, the sports complex could be one of the central issues that candidates center their campaigns around.

Filing for candidacy began on Tuesday. Thus far, James M. Bradford, Robbyne Hocker Fuller, J.D. Faircloth, Dale Brown, Jerry Morales and Bill Dingus have filed their names at City Hall.

Candidates yet to file who say they will run include LuAnn Morgan, Robin Donnelly, Mike Canon and Steve Coulon.

The deadline for filing is March 22.

In the wake of the sports complex estimated costs being \$46.3 million and council's recent vote approving the issuance of \$38.95 million in bonds, the Reporter-Telegram contacted the above mentioned candidates for their views of the situation and what they feel the best remedies are.

City officials contend the proposed cost of the sports complex will run approximately \$4 million over the original \$35 million price tag.

But when all costs — streets, water and sewer lines, and other off-site amenities — are included, the total figure comes to approximately \$46 million, or \$11 million more than the original estimate. An increase in the sales tax will provide the funding for the complex itself, although the off-site improvements — streets, water and sewer lines and so forth — will be paid for with other city funds.

Robbyne Hocker Fuller, District 2 candidate, thinks it's possible to raise the extra \$11 million for the sports complex costs without using taxpayer money. "Since the (bond) figure is quoted at \$38.95 million they need to secure this 25-year deal for the naming rights for the stadiums," she said. "Your facts and figures ought to be in place. As a City Council they have a responsibility to inform the people truthfully. The citizens did not vote for \$11 million more."

James M. Bradford, the other District 2 candidate, understands why the voters are angry but believes reparations should be made to ensure the project rolls forward. "I believe people with differences of opinion can get together and we can still make this thing work," said Bradford.

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'I know that I'm not willing to go beyond the costs that have been estimated at this point for the sports complex.' — Dale Brown, at-large incumbent



'... I think the city fathers have a responsibility to deliver to the public what it thought it was getting.' — Mike Canon, at-large



'This sports complex should have been billed as a \$50 million project that only required \$35 million in bond money.' — Bill Dingus, at-large



'If I were elected I would make the effort to make sure all on-site costs are within \$35 million.' — J.D. Faircloth, at-large



'I think we can bring the costs down by selling the naming rights and reducing parking lots.' — Jerry Morales, at-large



'I feel ... there's a possibility that the citizens have not been given the most up-front and accurate information....' — Steve Coulon, at-large



'It's very difficult at this stage to ascertain what the real costs are, at any rate.' — Robin Donnelly, District 1



'Those people passing the petition should have voted back then or been more active ... and not reactive.' — LuAnn Morgan, District 1



'I believe people with differences of opinion can get together and we can still make this thing work.' — James Bradford, District 2



'... They need to secure the 25-year deal for the naming rights for the stadiums.' — Robbyne Hocker Fuller, District 2

State of the economy
Conference focuses on diversification

More than 600 people listen to presentations on exploring the city's potential.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

More than 600 Midlanders from all walks of life focused their attention Wednesday on economic diversification and ways to expand the city's economic base at the "State of Midland's Economy" conference at Midland Center.

Buddy Sipes, chairman of the board of directors of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, said he was pleased with the attendance.

"It was incredible. We had the leadership of Midland in this room and I hope this conference energizes the community to go out and do what's needed to grow Midland," he said.

Sipes and Mayor Bobby Burns both stressed that the oil and gas industry is and will remain the backbone of the Midland economy, but that the city needs to find ways to expand its economic base.

Economist M. Ray Perryman agreed, saying that with oil prices near the \$30 level, Mid-

landers feel more confident than a year ago, "but even if oil went to \$100 tomorrow, you'd still have to diversify if you're going to sustain a viable community and offer opportunities to your children and grandchildren."

He told of an outline for a novel that Nathaniel Hawthorne planned to write. Found after his death, Hawthorne's main character never appeared.

"The main character in economic development is the community — individuals, the government, schools, health care providers. It's time for action. It's time for the main character to be alive and well," he said.

"I'm excited about it. I'm here to see what they're thinking about," said Bharat Mody, manager of Midessa Transportation, about why he attended the conference. He said he believes such a conference was necessary.



very informative," she said.

"I'm here to better prepare myself with the information that's available to help promote a sales tax initiative when it comes up," said Greg Banner with Energas. He added, "I'm also here to see what other towns have done and what they see for the future."

Banner said he was surprised to hear the statistics on the decline of the oil industry in the Permian Basin as provided by Jack Rathbone, executive vice president of Titan Exploration.

Rathbone offered both bad news and good news about the Permian Basin energy industry.

He said transportation was his main concern. "Without transportation, nothing works." Real estate developer Sue Mullins said she has been interested in economic development all her life and served on the Vision 2000 economic development task force.

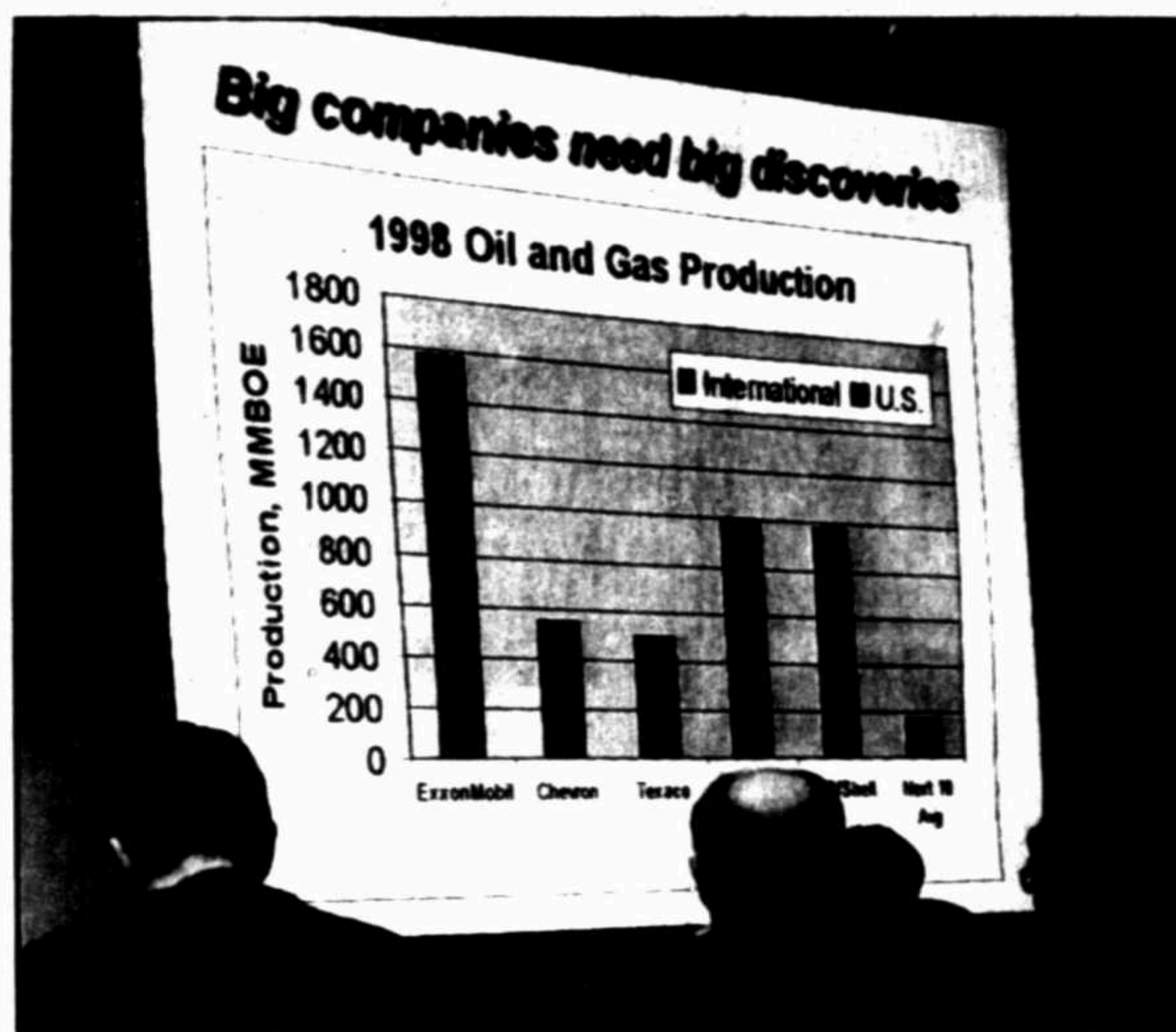
"Permian Basin oil and gas production peaked in 1974 and oil production has been on a 3 percent decline since the peak." He said that according to his calculations of the Hubbert Curve — devised by a renowned geophysicist — production will reach an endpoint in 2030.

Technology, he said, will extend the curve perhaps another 10 to 20 years, but will do nothing to stop the decline. That, combined with the need of large multinational producers to focus their resources where the large discovery opportunities are — primarily overseas and offshore — will prompt them to work their way out of the Permian Basin.

The good news, he said, is that the Permian Basin may be mature but that it is not exhausted, and its 5.4 billion barrels of oil equivalent in proven oil reserves and 12.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves, combined with 3.4 billion barrels of future potential production and 16.5 trillion cubic feet, offer opportunities for smaller producers.

He described the Permian Basin oil company of the future

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TOP AND INSET: During the morning session of the "State of the Economy" conference, Jack Rathbone, executive vice president of Titan Exploration, talks about the future of oil and gas production in the basin. LEFT: Sande Updegraph, foreground, and Pat Callahan-Culp, both with Hilton Midland, take notes. Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

Midlanders: Independents will back Bush in November

By Gary Ott
City Editor

They are usually known simply as "independents."

But over the years, they have been called "Reagan Democrats," "fiscal conservatives," "social liberals," "middle-of-the-roads," and "baby boomers."

Now, more than ever, they are being touted as "makers of presidents." Indeed, it has been suggested that it is next to impossible to get elected to the White House these days without securing at least a major chunk of those voters, a group that seems to be getting bigger and bigger each year.

Just as important, though, they have proven to be unpredictable when it comes to their voting patterns.

For example, after helping Republican Ronald Reagan defeat incumbent Jimmy Carter in 1980, they turned around 12 years later and played a pivotal role in Democrat Bill Clinton's unlikely upset of President George

'You can't win just getting the Republican vote or just the Democratic vote. You've got to have those so-called Reagan Democrats.'

— State Rep. Tom Craddick

Bush.

So what will they do in November of 2000? No one seems to know for sure. And that's why many in the Republican Party — both on the national level and in Midland — are casting a watchful, and an increasingly wary, eye on what is happening in this year's presidential primaries.

The party is attracting huge numbers of independents, which would normally bode well for it in the general election, but instead of supporting the party's presumed nominee, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, most of them are casting their ballots for the underdog, U.S. Sen.

John McCain of Arizona.

And that begs the question: If Bush does secure the nomination, will those independents vote for him, or will they flock toward Vice President Al Gore, who is expected to defeat Bill Bradley for the Democratic nomination?

Longtime Midland Republican Win Brown, who was a Midland County commissioner for more than 20 years, thinks they will support Bush.

"Gore is just too liberal," Brown said. "When it comes down to it, the conservatives and moderates will have only one choice, and that's George Bush."

In addition, Brown said, Gore doesn't possess the same political instincts as his boss, President Clinton.

"As much as I dislike the fellow, Clinton is one of the most politically astute politicians we've seen in a long time. For some reason, he has been able to tap into that group of independents. But I don't think Gore will be able to. He's just too liberal. Only those on the far

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high in lower 70s.
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Preston King, shown with his daughter, Oona King, returned to the U.S. Wednesday for the first time in 39 years. King, who had fled to England as a draft fugitive, has received a presidential pardon./6B

Off the wire

'Multimillionaire's bride' said televised marriage was a mistake./7B

U.S. paratroopers stage surprise search in Kosovo

By Elena Becatoros
Associated Press

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia — U.S. paratroopers swooped down on the Serb part of a divided Kosovo city at dawn Wednesday, arresting eight people and seizing weapons in a surprise raid only three days after Serbs drove them away in a hail of stones.

As a further sign of NATO resolve to maintain control, peacekeepers announced plans to start moving ethnic Albanians back to their homes in the Serb-controlled part of Kosovska Mitrovica north of the Ibar River.

The peacekeepers also said demonstrations would be banned in a wide area encompassing both Serb and ethnic Albanian-dominated neighborhoods.

But Serb leaders objected to the resettlement plan. One of them, Oliver Ivanovic, warned that the crisis in Kosovo's most multi-ethnic city would "peak within 10 to 15 days" unless the NATO-led Kosovo Force abandons its plan.

As French troops surrounded the search area, about 300 troops of the U.S. 504th Airborne Infantry — backed by armored vehicles and in full battle gear — crossed the Ibar River at dawn and swept through "Little Bosnia," an ethnically mixed neighborhood, searching house-to-house for weapons.

A NATO spokesman, Flight Lt. Neville Clayton, said the Americans seized a rocket-propelled grenade launcher, rifles, grenades and ammunition. Maj. Erik Gunhus, an American spokesman, said eight people were taken into custody.

It was the first time the Americans had been on the river's north side since they and German forces were driven away Sunday by stone-throwing Serbs during a weapons search.

"We're trying to send a message that KFOR can operate and move freely north of the Ibar and anywhere in Kosovo they want to go," Gunhus said.

The Americans later left the city and returned to their base at Camp Bondsteel in southeastern Kosovo. The U.S. soldiers were among troops from more than a dozen countries sent to reinforce the French last weekend, when tensions escalated.

French troops continued the search after the Americans left, smashing doors of apartments and garages that would not open. A French soldier, who refused to give his name, told residents they would be compensated for damage.

The plans announced Wednesday by the peacekeeping command involve moving ethnic Albanians back to homes in three high-rise apartment buildings on the north bank. U.N. officials said ethnic Albanians would

begin registering Friday and would have to show proof they owned apartments in the buildings.

The United Nations hopes to start relocating them next week. Troops also plan to build a footbridge across the Ibar River in front of the three apartment houses to provide secure access.

The KFOR command agreed to establish a security zone, in which demonstrations will be banned, in an area encompassing the heart of both sides of the city. The ethnic Albanian leader of the city, Bajram Rexhepi, called on his fellow Albanians to avoid demonstrations on the south bank.

The decision to move ethnic Albanians back, however, enraged Serb leaders, who said they were not consulted. One leader, Nikola Kabasich, claimed Albanian snipers had fired on French peacekeepers last weekend from buildings to which ethnic Albanians will be returned.

"Serbs were excluded this time, although we believe we could have given some suggestions for calming down the situation," Kabasich said. Ivanovic accused the ethnic Albanians of "building up tensions to the maximum so they would use the situation to provoke bloodshed in the northern part of the city."

Ivanovic insisted that no Yugoslav security forces had



Serbs have their car searched for weapons by French soldiers in the northern part of Kosovska Mitrovica, in Kosovo, Yugoslavia Wednesday. The ethnically divided town was relatively quiet Wednesday following weeks of tension and violence which have left at least nine people dead.

infiltrated the city.

Most Serbs in Mitrovica, he said, "are ordinary, disappointed people who have nowhere to go, and 7,000 temporarily displaced people are waiting to see what

will be their destiny."

"Therefore, they are determined to stay here and fight with all means, first peaceful and then any other," Ivanovic said. Tensions have been rising here

since a grenade attack on a U.N. bus Feb. 2 killed two elderly Serbs south of the city. That triggered revenge attacks that have left nine people dead and scores injured.

Kohl's 70th birthday to go unfeted amid controversy

By Burt Herman
Associated Press

BERLIN — Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl will turn 70 without fanfare after two planned birthday celebrations were canceled Wednesday amid his party's growing scandal.

After Kohl asked state party officials to cancel a planned celebration in his hometown on the Rhine, federal party headquarters also said a Berlin gala planned for thousands of guests was off. Kohl's birthday is April 3.

Since the scandal erupted in December after Kohl admitted accepting up to \$1 million in off-the-books donations, the statesman who presided over German unification and led the country for 16 years has been increasingly reclusive.

Last month, he skipped the 100th anniversary gala of the German soccer federation. He also

has yet to take his seat in parliament since it reconvened last week, and has been absent from party meetings.

The Rhineland-Palatinate state Christian Democrats said they had been asked to cancel the party planned in Kohl's hometown of Ludwigshafen because he told them "this event should not take place in the current situation."

Bonn prosecutors had searched the state party's offices Tuesday, looking for evidence against Kohl in their pursuit of possible breach of trust charges.

Thousands had been expected to attend the Berlin celebration on the fashionable Gendarmenmarkt

square in a hall that had been reserved long before the scandal came to light. Party spokeswoman Eva Christiansen said the event was canceled "by mutual agreement."

Kohl also was a no-show at a ceremony in January to receive a \$15,000 prize for promoting European unity. His spokesman said participating in the event would have been inappropriate.

On Kohl's 60th birthday celebration in Bonn, held while he was still in power, 3,000 people turned out — including many foreign heads of state.

But since he celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the fall of the

Berlin Wall in November to the cheers of thousands, Kohl's popularity has plunged. The scandal has grown to include revelations about secret accounts, false book-keeping and allegations of influence peddling. In interviews, Kohl has repeatedly maintained he did nothing wrong and was only working to serve the country.

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By Heather
Associated Press

DILI, East Timor — Last night, East Timor was closer to national unity when Australian soldiers withdrew from a wave of violence.

The departure of the Australian Force Interfet, leaving blue berets in the island territory after several years of peacekeeping.

U.N. administration governing the new force was so that despite destruction caused by the presence of the force, the new force was in place. U.N. and the people dependent on the East Timor lives.

As the last soldiers back from Dili had peacekeepers. "We will intervene."

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By Miguel
Associated Press

TRES QUINAS — Army soldiers descending on the remains of a British plane 52 years ago.

The 17-year-old force, on a foot and on a key, which vanished was spotted on the 21st volcano. The reach a base day.

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Safe at last, East Timor bids farewell to peacekeepers

By Heather Paterson
Associated Press

DILI, East Timor — Wrecked and burned out, but peaceful at last, East Timor moved a little closer to nationhood Wednesday when Australian-led peacekeepers withdrew five months after ending a wave of pro-Indonesian militia violence.

The departure of the International Force in East Timor, called Interfet, leaves a U.N. force of blue berets in control of the half-island territory, which remains several years away from independence.

U.N. administrators temporarily governing East Timor said the new force would maintain peace so that desperately needed reconstruction could proceed.

Tens of thousands of East Timorese continue to live in tents or makeshift huts. Few services are in place. Unemployment is high, and the people are poor and aid-dependent. But at least the citizens of East Timor no longer fear for their lives.

As the last ship taking Interfet soldiers back to Australia sailed from Dili harbor, locals praised the peacekeepers as saviors.

"We will forever remember this intervention and this help," said



AP Photo
Australian Maj. Gen. Peter Cosgrove, commander of the International Force for East Timor (INTERFET), right, shakes hands with an East Timorese man as he takes a farewell tour of the Governors Palace Wednesday in Dili, the capital of East Timor. Cosgrove leaves East Timor today upon the completion of INTERFET's mission to protect the East Timorese from raging militia violence which broke out last September. He handed over military command to UN Forces Wednesday.

Jose Alexandre "Xanana" Gusmao, the territory's main independence leader. "On behalf of the East Timorese people I want to offer our very deep gratitude for the intervention of Interfet."

Local Joaquim Antonio Calabu said simply, "Without Interfet we might have all been killed."

Interfet commander Maj. Gen. Peter Cosgrove earlier attended a low-key flag-lowering ceremony

outside his temporary headquarters, once a public library in the capital, Dili.

"It's an emotional scene for me and my colleagues to see that a military force can walk into a

country and walk out after five months with the people cheering it," Cosgrove said as he boarded a ship to Darwin, the Australian city from where he had launched his rescue mission.

The 19-nation force, sanctioned by the U.N. Security Council, landed in East Timor on Sept. 20 after militias, backed by sections of Indonesia's military, unleashed a bloody two-week rampage.

The violence, which killed at least 300 and displaced hundreds of thousands, came after an overwhelming majority of East Timorese voted in an Aug. 30 referendum for independence from Indonesia.

The first Interfet soldiers found the tiny territory in terror and chaos. Buildings were on fire, and gunshots from militia gangs and looting Indonesian troops echoed across Dili. Later they entered deserted and destroyed villages and uncovered mass graves.

Cosgrove said he had been shocked by the extent of the violence and destruction.

However, he also had fond memories of "Aussies playing with kids, helping children, helping mothers with babies, helping repair houses."

Interfet troops restored order and gradually allowed Indonesian

troops to withdraw from the former Portuguese territory they had occupied since 1975.

The U.N. transitional administrator, Sergio Vieira de Mello, commended the work of Cosgrove's troops.

"It brought an end to the killing of civilians and senseless and widespread destruction that shocked the international conscience," Vieira de Mello said.

However, some criticized the world community for not acting faster.

"Interfet arrived here late. The houses had been burned down and the towns destroyed," said Anice-to Guterres, the director of local human rights group Yayasan Hak.

He also criticized the U.N.'s inability to repatriate 100,000 East Timorese now living in squalid refugee camps in Indonesia's West Timor. Many of the camps remain under militia control.

Cosgrove has also raised concerns about security along the border with West Timor. In recent months several militias have made incursions, ending in brief fire fights with Interfet soldiers.

About 2,000 former Interfet soldiers remain in East Timor and have been transferred into the 8,000-strong U.N. contingent.

Mountaineers find human remains from vanished plane

By Miguel Gil
Associated Press

TRES QUEBRADAS, Argentina — Army mountaineers were descending Wednesday from a towering Andes volcano with the remains of at least three victims of a British plane that crashed there 52 years ago.

The 17-member expedition force, on a hazardous descent by foot and on mules, were also carrying key pieces of the plane, which vanished without a trace and was spotted only last month high on the 21,848-foot Tupungato volcano. They were expected to reach a base camp later Wednesday.

Operated by the now defunct British South American Airways, the Stardust plane was carrying 11 people — five crew members and six passengers — and was headed to Santiago, Chile when it disappeared during a snowstorm on Aug. 2, 1947. The passengers included three Britons, a German, a Palestinian and a Swiss.

Army Lt. Col. Ricardo Bustos could not identify the victims except to say that the remains of one woman were found at the site in the Andes mountains near the Argentine border with Chile.

A photograph released by the army showed a rocky slope covered with scraps of clothing and a severed human hand.

Bustos said the group also had

recovered pieces of the engine and landing gear on the debris-strewn slope some 16,500 feet up the volcano.

The group spent several days investigating the site, accessible only by a difficult climb. One member of the army expedition had to be evacuated earlier this week after suffering breathing problems, authorities said.

Investigators are hoping to solve one of the longest-running mysteries in the Andes, a mountain range that was a virtual graveyard for planes in aviation's early days.

The last message from the plane has puzzled aviation investigators for years. Radio operators in Chile reportedly received a Morse code message reading "STENDEC" — an acronym investigators say has no meaning.

Following the crash, search teams from England, Chile and Argentina combed the area by air and on skis but found nothing.

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American mountain chain, and aviation experts said the plane — a converted World War II bomber — did not have deicing capabilities and was unfit to travel through winter conditions.

In January, five mountaineers climbing through ice fields atop Tupungato, stumbled across the remains of the four-engine plane.

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Midland forecast

By The Associated Press



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Friday
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Low 46

Saturday
Partly cloudy
High 75
Low 37

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and high temperatures with a high in the upper 70s. The wind will be from the south at 10-20 mph and gusty.

Tonight will be fair with a low around 40-45.

Friday will be mostly sunny and breezy with a high around 70. Friday night will be dry with lows in the mid-30s to lower 40s.

Saturday will be dry and unseasonably warm with highs in the 70s. Sunday and Monday will be dry with continued above normal temperatures. Lows will be in the 40s with highs in the 70s to lower 80s.

After an overnight low of 42, Wednesday's high was 73, compared to the record high for that date of 84, set in 1956. The record low of 14 was set in 1965.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday .00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday .00 in.
Total for month .42 in.
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Yesterday's temperatures

High .73
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Normal low .35

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BUSH: Core of future support will be from GOP

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left will support him."

State Rep. Tom Craddick of Midland, who has been involved in Republican politics since the 1960s, agreed that Bush "should be fine" in the November general election, adding that he thought the exposure the party was getting in the early primaries was a positive development, even though McCain has run much stronger than most people thought he would.

"There has been a lot of focus on our candidates and our issues, and that's good," Craddick said. "The Democrats have been sort of out of public view. All of the attention has been on the Republicans. Those independents are looking at our candidates and I think they like what they see."

And Craddick said it is essential that any person seeking the presidency who those independent voters. "You can't win just getting the Republican vote or just the Democratic vote. You've got to have those so-called Reagan Democrats."

Bush himself, after conceding defeat in Tuesday's Michigan primary, predicted those independents now supporting McCain will eventually vote for him in November.

He stated flatly that he would be his party's nominee, and then added: "The real question is, when I'm the nominee, will I be able to pick those independents up? And I believe I will be. There are a lot of people sick and tired of what's going on in Washington, D.C. They want something different."

Still, the core of Bush's support continues to come from those voters who identify strongly with the Republican Party.

And one Midland Republican — former Judge Barbara Culver Black — said that's a fact that Bush should not avoid, or be

ashamed of.

"He should be proud that he's seeking the Republican nomination," she said. "And he should be proud of having the support of the rank-and-file Republicans. There's nothing wrong with being supported by the Republican Party."

She also said it was ironic that Bush was being viewed as "the establishment candidate," and McCain, "the outsider," since it is McCain "who has been in Washington all of these years."

And while Culver acknowledged the independents will be a key factor in the November general election, she suggested that many of those voting for McCain in the GOP primaries, especially those who openly call themselves Democrats, are doing so in an "attempt to weaken the eventual Republican nominee."

And that "eventual nominee," most Midland Republicans agreed, will be Bush.

The only question, they suggest, is when it will become official.

"The next few primaries will tell the tale," said Sue Brannon, a local Republican who is running unopposed for the chairmanship of the Midland County Republican Party. "California (one of 13 states having GOP primaries on March 7) could clinch it for Bush."

And if that's the case, the party will officially begin the long process of convincing those skeptical independents now supporting McCain that Bush, and not Gore, will be their best voice in Washington.

The outcome of the November general election could rest in the balance.

Santana wins 8 Grammys

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Carlos Santana, who first gained fame a generation ago with a searing guitar performance at Woodstock, capped a triumphant comeback Wednesday with a record-breaking eighth Grammy Award.

The 52-year-old guitarist's multi-platinum "Supernatural" won album of the year. His first No. 1 single, "Smooth," capped a sweep of the major Grammys by winning song and record of the year.

Santana tied Michael Jackson's 1983 record of most Grammys on a single night.

"Music is the vehicle for the magic of healing," he said upon accepting the album of the year trophy, "and the music of 'Supernatural' was a sign and designed to bring unity and harmony."

Another nominee whose career began in the 1960s, Cher, won her first Grammy for dance recording. She enjoyed her biggest commercial success last year with the hit single "Believe."

In a mild upset, Christina Aguilera beat out her fellow teen queen and former Mousketeer, Britney Spears, for the Grammy as best new artist. Even she was surprised.

"Oh my God, you guys," she said. "I seriously do not have a speech prepared whatsoever. I'm shaking right now."

Feuding soul divas TLC picked up two Grammys — for best rhythm 'n' blues performance by

a group for their frank put-down of men, "No Scrubs," and best R&B album for "Fanmail." "No Scrubs" was also named best R&B song.

Sting sprang an upset in the male pop vocal category with a victory for "Brand New Day," beating out younger, Latin-influenced singers Marc Anthony and Ricky Martin. Sting also won for pop album.

Eminem won two awards, for best rap solo performance and best rap album.

Two '70s icons took home their first trophies ever: love god Barry White's "Staying Power" won best male R&B performance and Black Sabbath's "Iron Man" was honored as best metal performance.

Country's leading ladies, the Dixie Chicks and Shania Twain, won two Grammys apiece. George Jones won male country vocal for "Choices."

Tony Bennett, a familiar winner in the traditional pop vocal performance category, was honored with his ninth Grammy for his tribute to Duke Ellington.

Sheryl Crow, whose cover of the Guns 'n Roses tune "Sweet Child O' Mine" won for female rock vocal, thanked Santana for not being nominated in her category.

Santana's success in 1999 came amid a teen-age explosion in pop music. Backstreet Boys, 'N Sync and Spears had three of the year's four best-selling albums.

STATE: Abilene, Tyler representatives speak at session

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as having a high degree of regional knowledge and expertise, a willingness to dedicate resources, both capital and people, a high degree of technological sophistication, low cost production and low overhead, a fast and agile response to opportunities, creative dealmaking ability, financial strength and capability and a local business network to exploit.

Perryman said Midlanders are talking about diversification at an optimal time, when the current information technology revolution has barely scratched the surface in fueling a record economic expansion with low inflation.

Technology like fax machines, cell phones, e-mail and the Internet have removed the necessity of being in a particular place to do business, he said, and will allow entrepreneurs to grow and build businesses where they want.

Among the opportunities he sees are those created by the environment as technology is developed to clean the environment or operate machinery in a cleaner manner, technology that could be built by the skilled mechanics that live in Midland area.

Tucker Bridwell, president of the Development Corp. of Abilene and of the Texas Economic Development Board, told the audience that economic development is risky, controversial, not an exact science and done differently in every community.

When his community passed a half-cent sales tax to fund economic development, it formed the DCOA. The five-member board administers the fund and from March 1990 to September 1999 spent \$42 million. Its success stories include the French Robertson prison unit, which now employs 1,000; Zoltec Industries, a carbon fiber manufacturing plant expected to employ more than 200 in the next few years;

and the Blue Cross Blue Shield claims processing center that will soon occupy the entire 170,000 square-foot Texas Instruments location.

He cited the front page of a recent edition of the Abilene newspaper that reported the closing of some of West Texas Utilities' operations in Abilene and the loss of 114 jobs and the expansion of Blue Cross' operations that will create 160 new jobs.

"There are two steps forward and one step back," he said. "You'll have these disappointments."

Abilene resident Bill Wright, in describing how the city revitalized downtown by turning it into a cultural center and the resulting economic growth, said he could not emphasize teamwork enough.

He said it took the cooperation of local foundations, the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, Cultural Affairs Council, city of Abilene, Abilene Preservation League, Taylor County and public and private involvement.

Local foundations spent \$10 million to renovate downtown buildings into museum space and performing centers, he said, but it took activities like the monthly Artwalk, the Celebrate Abilene Christmas celebration, Festival of Americas diversity celebration and other activities to bring people downtown and breathe life back into the area. Now, he said, eight new restaurants have opened, as have two new bookstores, and downtown Abilene has even attracted some residents.

"The arts create a sense of creativity that is contagious and you can't have that many creative people without it flowing into different areas," he said. "You get people thinking outside the box."

Tim Brookshire of Tyler offered five suggestions for diversifying Midland's economy.

First, he said, fund capital

expansion through a half-cent sales tax, a move he called the most productive decision Tyler residents ever made.

Second, be aggressive in attracting young families and new young talent to Midland. By young, he said, he meant those aged 18 to 20 or 25 who may move to Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth or San Antonio after graduating from college. He pointed out that those young families will turn into the civic leaders of the future.

His remaining three suggestions were: Promote racial fairness, provide modern air transportation and aggressively compete for new industry.

Tyler Mayor Kevin Eltife said that he believes government should lead the way in economic diversification, beginning with a close look at its infrastructure — streets, parks and its airport.

He said he won support for a half-cent sales tax to fund economic development by promising voters he would put the city on a pay-as-you-go basis. In 3 1/2 years, he said, the tax rate has been cut 45 percent to 29 cents per \$100 valuation and over four years that will fall further, to 22 cents per \$100 valuation. The city's \$40 million in general obligation bond debt has been reduced to \$12 million and will be eliminated in 2004.

Furthermore, he said, the city has paid cash for a \$3 million computer system for its police and fire departments, a new radio trunk system, a \$750,000 warning system, a \$1 million new fire station, a 180-acre park with Little League diamonds, softball diamonds, tennis courts and a lake, and a 17,000-square-foot recreation center. The city will break ground in April on a new \$15 million air terminal.

A 10-year plan will link all the city's parks with hiking and biking trails and infrastructure problems with the city's streets and drainage are being addressed —

all events that benefit the entire city, Eltife said.

"We touch lives in every neighborhood in Tyler," he said. Dr. David Smith, president of Texas Tech University's Health Sciences Center, said he sees opportunities in Midland's existing resources.

"You have superb hospitals in this area, and an excellent group of practitioners," he told the gathering.

He said he sees opportunities in a number of areas, including academics, research and additional services.

The hospital and physicians could team up to offer affordable coverage to small businesses and take advantage of the state's new health insurance program for children, he said.

There also is growth in developing programs for the aging population through emphasis on training physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other providers in geriatric care and in creating healthy aging centers that emphasize preventive care to the aging population.

Women's health is another possibility, he said.

The area also could establish itself as a clinical research center, hosting clinical drug trials and setting up research clinics where patients could be briefly admitted to monitor their chronic conditions like asthma and diabetes.

The area also could benefit from expansion of telemedicine and other technological advances that could help provide care to rural areas.

Texas Tech, he said, has just established a physician assistant program in partnership with Midland College and will be looking at establishing other academic programs, which also will serve as an economic boost to the area.

SPORTS: Council should trim budget, Morgan says

(From 1A)

ford. "I would want a first-rate facility. And if it necessitates going back to the community and explaining why it should be done, let's do that and come forward with a first-class facility."

LuAnn Morgan, District 1 candidate, believes the council should begin doing anything possible to trim the total \$46.3 million budget down to \$35 million. "I'd like to see us stay within the constraints of the budget," she said. "Can that be done? I don't know. I'd like to see an itemization of all the costs. Maybe we can get some private funding or grant funding. I mean there's a million grants out there. You can even go to the extent of having a walk of fame where we can sell the bricks for funding."

Ms. Morgan disagrees with those voters petitioning to stop the city from issuing bonds. Some voters thought they were misled, and don't want their property taxes to be pledged as collateral for the bonds. City Attorney Keith Stretcher says 5 percent of the voters' signatures are needed by March 7, or 10 percent within 30 days after that date, which would force a referendum vote regarding the city's issuance of the bonds. The 4b Corporation overseeing the complex' construction would then be required by law to issue revenue bonds, which would carry a higher interest rate without the property tax as collateral.

"Those people passing the petition should have voted back then, or been more active back then, and not reactive," said Ms. Morgan. "I'd hate for it to cost us more in interest rates and that's what it would eventually do. It's voted on. It's a done deal. Let's go ahead and build it."

The second candidate for the District 1 seat, Robin Donnelly, says the current sports complex controversy was the result of a communications problem and believes the voters weren't intentionally misled.

"The thing about this project is that it's in the very preliminary stages," said Donnelly. "It's very difficult at this stage to ascertain what the real costs are, at any rate. I'm a businessman. I look at projects to set a price, get it in on time and under budget. That's just the way it is. Given the opportunity, I feel I can help the

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fine staff over at the city do a really good job on this."

At-large candidate Bill Dingus also feels better communication could have avoided the current controversy. "This was a communication snafu that if the people of Midland are gracious enough to elect me to City Council, I will not allow to happen again. This sports complex should have been billed as a \$50 million project that only required \$35 million in bond money. That would have been both truthful and appealing. Now we have a wound which may take years to heal. But, heal we will, of that I am certain."

At-large candidate and former mayor, J.D. Faircloth, says he's OK with the city issuing \$38.95 million in bonds. "You want to make sure you have enough money in case we have slight overruns. If I were elected I would make the effort to make sure all on-site costs are within \$35 million."

But Faircloth objects to council's utilization of the streets and water and sewer funds to build off-site improvements. "I guess I disagree a little bit with the council in using other funds to pay for off-site improvements. But, that's in the council's discretion."

Faircloth says citizens have every right to petition the issuance of the bonds. "I guess I'm not as concerned about the petition," said Faircloth. "A lot of citizens are very angry and I don't think any elected official should just go on without considering the anger of the citizens."

At-large candidate Jerry Morales says he was a supporter of the sports complex, was given packets outlining the \$46 million last year, but never took the time to go through them.

"I think now that it's been underwritten by the city, council should do its best to keep it as close to \$35 million as possible," said Morales. "To me it's done. We now have to work with what they've proposed and get it down to \$35 million. I think we can bring the costs down by selling the naming rights and reduc-

ing parking lots. I think those are the right direction. I still think the sports complex is an excellent addition to our city."

Morales added that \$40 million, not \$46 million, should be the maximum amount spent on the project.

At-large candidate Mike Canon says the public voted for a \$35 million project not knowing additional dollars would be used to fund off-site infrastructure costs. He says this has led to a mistrust of city officials that needs to be healed as soon as possible. "I think the stadium complex would be a good thing for our community but I think the city fathers have a responsibility to deliver to the public what it thought it was getting," he said.

Canon believes the voters have every right to sign a petition against the city issuance of bonds. "There ought to be processes for checks and balances," he said. "If there is a mechanism that allows those people who want to question what is being done, if they want to go through that process and can get necessary numbers of voters, then they ought to be entitled to do that."

Dale Brown, at-large incumbent up for re-election, feels the petitioners may be doing more harm than good in trying to prevent the issuance of the bonds. "I do think it's a misguided effort because I don't believe we have any choice other than to proceed with the project," said Brown. "It's my understanding that the only possible outcome of that referendum would be increasing the cost with the issuance of new bonds. I'm sorry for the confusion."

Brown says his goal is to bring down the costs of the sports complex while ensuring the best product is built. "I know that I'm not willing to go beyond the costs that have been estimated at this point for the sports complex," he said. "I just think there has to be a way to design a project that we can all be proud of."

Steve Coulon, who said he is planning to run at-large, said, "I have mixed emotions. I feel like that there's a possibility that the citizens have not been given the most up-front and accurate information they could have been coming up to the vote."

Saying that the confusion over the figures may have given opponents of the sports complex "fuel for the fire," Coulon said that Midland voters want a new facility, and probably would have voted in favor had the original price tag been \$50 million. The upward creep of the sticker price had undermined voter trust, he

said.

As for what action might be best for the city to take on the sports complex project, Coulon said, "I think that if indeed it is just a question of putting in a football facility only, that's fine. If the baseball facility is a necessity, then maybe the Rock Hounds need to pony up a little more money, unless their proceeds can pay their portion in a fair and equitable manner."

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Correction

A headline on a "letter to the editor" appearing in Wednesday's edition erroneously indicated that Bobby Sanders is the Midland county attorney. Sanders is a GOP candidate for

that position, but the present county attorney is Russell Malm, who is a candidate for re-election.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

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Some Egyptians aren't sure what is, but they want anyway.

By Mort Rosen Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — A tiny, beautiful thing, this 1,000-year-old Abbasid, a Muslim old synagogue in the Coptic Christian Babylon, away from the Catholic pope.

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Pope John Paul II to visit biblical sites in Egypt

■ Some Egyptians aren't sure who the pope is, but they welcome him anyway.

By Mort Rosenblum
Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — "It is a beautiful thing, this visit," says Adel Abbas, a Muslim caretaker at the old synagogue in the crumbling Coptic Christian quarter known as Babylon, awaiting a Roman Catholic pope.

In a fresh millennium, John Paul II comes to holy ground to weave together ancient threads. He arrives Thursday in Cairo, where tradition says Joseph and Mary brought their young son, fleeing the wicked King Herod.

Before leaving on Saturday, he visits Mount Sinai, where the Bible says Moses received God's law chiseled in stone after escaping the pharaohs across a magically parted Red Sea — 13 centuries before Christianity.

Rarely has a papal visit been so charged with symbolic meaning. But Cairo is not easily fazed. Rarely has the pontiff's imminent arrival caused so little stir.

"Cairo made a much bigger deal of Hillary Clinton last year," says Maggie Michael, a Copt student at the American University in Cairo. "I don't know why, but people aren't talking about the pope."

Muhammed Fareq, in red coat and shiny buttons, greeted yet another faceless foreigner at the Conrad Hotel with heartwarming

insincerity: "All of Egypt is glad you are here, sir."

When asked his opinion of the pope's visit, however, the clueless archetypal doorman looked puzzled. "Who, sir?"

Workmen painted Vatican yellow on rusted hoardings by the stadium where the pope is to celebrate Mass on Friday. But not one banner, poster, T-shirt or coffee mug was spotted on a tour of Cairo's chaotic streets.

Deep in the Khan el-Khalili souk, it was business as usual: a raucous bustle of overeager merchants, wide-eyed tourists, undersized beggars, bootblacks and indifferent — if well-armed — police.

Men sucked on their water pipes at El Fishawy cafe, impervious to the lady offering a belly dancing doll in flamenco dress or the man with Barbie doll lamps wrapped in sequin gowns tight enough to offend any religion.

In Babylon, at the heart of Christian Cairo, a Muslim woman named Fathia sold her usual gaily painted saints and Santa Clauses. She had not heard of this man, the pope, nor did she know he was coming to Cairo.

Near the stadium, Ahmed Mustafa, a 21-year-old computer programmer, knew someone known as the pope was expected, and that he lived somewhere in Italy. But that was it.

Others, however, brimmed with enthusiasm.

"Even if they don't show it, I think many Egyptians are excit-

'Cairo made a much bigger deal of Hillary Clinton last year ... People aren't talking about the pope.'

— Maggie Michael,
Cairo student

ed that the pope is coming and are eager to see him in their land," says Rasha Soliman, a young water expert. "It is important that he comes in peace and security."

It will be John Paul II's first trip to Egypt.

"I am Muslim, but I am thrilled by this visit," exclaimed Amr Abbas, from behind a colorful wall of soft drinks for sale. "This will give a true image of Egypt and show the world we want peace with no discrimination."

Nearby, a trendy young couple, Coptic Christians, were eager to see the Roman pope.

"He is coming because of the massacre last month at el-Kusheh, to repair bad feelings," says Ahmed Shafq, a glue salesman, expressing a widely held belief among Copts.

On Jan. 2, Muslim extremists on a rampage shot or beat to death 23 people, all but two of them Christians, in the village of el-Kusheh, south of Cairo along the Nile. Unusual for Egypt, Copts are a 70 percent majority in the village.

Although the visit was announced shortly afterward,



AP Photo
Visitors take pictures and home videos of Pope John Paul II aboard his popemobile as he blesses the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican before Wednesday's general audience. Denied a chance to visit the birthplace of biblical patriarch Abraham in present-day Iraq, Pope John Paul II prayed in a ceremony at the Vatican Wednesday and watched a film of the desert site.

to Ur.

"The pope's coming here will symbolize peace, and it will show there is no difference between Christians and Muslims in Egypt," says Shafq. His friend, Naglaia Fayeiz, nodded vigorously in agreement. Asked if he would attend the Mass, Shafq replied, "Inshallah," uncon-

sciously stressing the point of the papal visit.

The word, ubiquitous in the Islamic world, means, "If Allah wills it." In Arabic, Allah means God to Muslims but also Christians and Jews, the Holy Land religions that John Paul II, as a pilgrim, is drawing together.

Voters witness mudslinging in Mexico's presidential race

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico is trying to clean up corruption in its July presidential elections — but that won't stop another kind of dirt from flying.

As the race narrows between two main candidates, mudslinging, profanity and personal attacks are marring what traditionally was a staid and formal — if often unfair — election process.

This week, the campaign has been dominated by an exchange of accusations between those two candidates, ruling-party nominee Francisco Labastida and center-right challenger Vicente Fox.

On Monday, Fox accused

Labastida — a career politician of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, who hasn't worked in the private sector since the 1960s — of spending decades "sucking at the teat of government funds."

Labastida responded the next day by criticizing Fox' relatives for getting behind in payments on some loans, implying those relatives were freeloaders.

Neither side seems ready to call an end to the attacks.

"It's not fair to personalize this debate," Fox said Tuesday, "but

if they do, we'll see who wins in the end."

Fox, who has been gaining slightly on front-runner Labastida in recent polls, has delighted

some rougher crowds — and horrified more proper Mexicans — by using occasional slang and profanity in campaign appearances.

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Smith, Michna best choices in Precincts 1, 3

Midland voters who cast ballots in the Republican primary before or on March 14 will be nominating candidates for two places on the Midland Commissioners' Court — the Precinct 1 slot being vacated by Henry Goulet and the Precinct 3 slot now served by Louisa Valencia who also is not seeking re-election.

The Precinct 1 position is being sought by Franklin Earl Rice, Robbie Gene Van Stavern, Melvin McEwen, James Robert Smith and James Dean Daniels.

While the fact that there are five candidates in the race means there likely will be a runoff election for this position and several of the candidates offer good suggestions on issues of concern for Midland County, our choice is Smith, a 47-year resident of Midland who has worked for 13 years as a real estate broker in addition to serving the Midland community in other capacities.

Smith graduated from Lee High School in 1965 and attended both Odessa College and Midland College. Since then, he has been active at various times as a reserve officer for the Midland Police Department and Midland County Sheriff's Office, served on the Midland County Appraisal Review Board and been active in Crestview Baptist Church.

A conservative, Smith said he would not favor raising taxes to expand Midland County Jail, if such a course can be avoided, and that he would not support the sheriff's department operating questionable programs.

He also stressed the importance of economic development programs for Midland County, including possible business development along State Highway 191 between Odessa and Midland.

Two candidates are seeking the nomination for the Precinct 3 post being vacated by Valencia — Fred Michna and Howard Lynn Yarbrough.

We recommend Republican voters in Precinct 3 cast their ballots for Michna.

A graduate of the American Management Association's School of Accounting in Dallas who attended Texas A&M for a time, Michna said his primary concern is conserving taxpayers' dollars. He said he would attempt to "inject a little more conservatism into the office" if elected.

Michna said another matter of concern for him is Midland County's precarious situation in regard to water. Contending that subsurface water here is already a problem, he said the county will soon "be in trouble on water" overall.

He also indicated he believes the county's residents, both inside and outside the city, want the Commissioners' Court to take an active role on the water dilemma.

On the situation regarding Midland County Jail, Michna said he believes the commissioners should "look into renting space for prisoners from other jails" as an option to building onto the current jail.

We encourage voters to cast their ballots for Jimmy Smith and Fred Michna.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2000. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Feb. 24, 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted to dismiss Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

On this date:
 In 1821, Mexico declared its independence from Spain.

In 1863, Arizona was organized as a territory.
 In 1903, the United States signed an agreement acquiring a naval station at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

In 1920, a fledgling German political party held its first meeting of importance in Munich; it became known as the Nazi Party, and its chief spokesman was Adolf Hitler.

In 1945, American soldiers liberated the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese control during World War II.

In 1955, the Cole Porter musical "Silk Stockings" opened at the Imperial Theater on Broadway.

In 1980, the U.S. hockey team defeated Finland 4-2 to clinch the gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y.

In 1981, Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Britain's Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer.

CAL THOMAS

Religious right acts in very un-Christian manner

Like a terminally ill patient who awakens from a coma before his ultimate demise, the Christian political right showed renewed strength in the South Carolina Republican primary by backing the winner, George W. Bush. But at what cost? People who are supposed to serve a higher kingdom that is "not of this world" and an unelected King who does not seek the approval of any electorate in order to exercise true power, have shown that they can get down and dirty with the best of the pagans before whom they are supposed to be setting an example and pointing the way to God.

Conservative religious "leaders" blast-faxed and e-mailed their South Carolina constituents in an orchestrated "informational" campaign designed to smear Sen. John McCain. They brought up his first marriage, his alleged affairs, his sometimes bad language, his meeting with the Log Cabin Republicans and, by association, "his softness on gays" (who have replaced Communists as the Religious Right's No. 1 enemy). They also excoriated Gary Bauer for his "sellout" — for bolting from the pack and endorsing McCain while virtually all of the conservative religious leaders have hitched their political horses to the wagon of George W. Bush. Even if all of the allegations against McCain and Bauer are true, the question



Thomas

is whether people who are supposed to be communicating the love of God did so by bashing McCain and Bauer in such an un-Christian manner.

Some not associated with religious conservatism don't think so. While not practicing the kind of religion (or politics) embraced by religious rightists, outsiders at least know how Christians are supposed to behave. Columnist E.J. Dionne Jr. lamented that Bush's effort to "transform the definition of conservative Christian politics" has been damaged by Christian conservatives in South Carolina who may have delivered him into temptation: "... the revolution in Christian conservatism that once seemed possible has foundered on the hard rocks of the McCain challenge and interest-group politics. We may have to wait another four years before the word Christian is associated in politics, as it's supposed to be in other parts of life, with civility and a decent regard for the other guy." What a rebuke!

Columnist David Broder noted the absurdity of so many people claiming that different candidates were "God's choice" for president. Some of the conservative religious prophets backed Alan Keyes, others Bush and still others McCain. All seemed to have discerned God's will in the matter (McCain was said to have been spared death in Vietnam so that God could have him run for president). Yet, as Lincoln noted when receiving conflicting advice about whose side God was on in the Civil War, all sides could not be simultaneously right.

Christian conservative leaders are using the tools

of the world in an attempt to impose a moral code and worldview that many non-Christians and even some Christians do not share. To the extent that lay people wish to indulge in this, they are free to do so, misguided though they may be, but when those who are ordained or otherwise claim to speak for God do it, they are settling for the mess of pottage that is politics and demeaning themselves and their faith in the process. One leader of a major Christian organization recently justified some of the outrageous claims made in direct-mail fundraising letters this way: "The left does it." I wasn't aware that the pagan left had replaced biblical principles in setting the agenda for the Christian church.

Both the religious and secular left have erred in their own public comments and equally outrageous fund-raising appeals. Conservative Christians aren't a threat to the state. They're a threat to themselves when they adopt the worldly tactics of those who appear to prefer political power to real power. One power changes occupants in Washington. The other changes hearts and lives. There is nothing in their political behavior that would compel people who do not believe in the God they claim to worship to begin a journey in search of Him. Because Satan is described in Scripture as an "angel of light" and a "counterfeit," it is possible they might be unwittingly in the employ of the wrong kingdom?

Cal Thomas' column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

LETTERS

Instructor explains Catholic method of family planning

I am writing in response to Michael Banschbach's Feb. 13 letter concerning his misinformation view of natural family planning (NFP).

NFP is a method of birth regulation based on a woman's observations and charting of her own body's fertility patterns each month. The timing of marital relations to either the fertile phase or nonfertile phase of the woman's cycle allows the couple to either achieve or avoid pregnancy each month. Husband and wife share the responsibility of this decision equally each month.

NFP does require periodic abstinence (also called marital chastity), but periodic abstinence is also necessary at some time or other in every marriage (during times of illness, travel, crisis, childbirth, etc.), so one does not have to be of superhuman virtue to practice this method. Because no artificial, mechanical or chemical products are used, this method is very cost-effective, is a great asset to a woman's gynecological health and can be used during all phases of her reproductive life.

The Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a sacrament (an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace), that it is a sacred bond lasting until death and that the purpose of this union is both unitive and procreative. Concerning the procreative aspect of marriage, the Church states that every act of intercourse must be open to new life. It fully recognizes God as the author of life and defends the dignity of every human being from conception until natural death. The Church has always spoken out forcefully against artificial birth control. (Read Pope Paul VI's "Humanae Vitae.")

By using natural family planning, the couple adheres completely to the teachings of the Church, thus their obedience becomes a source of great grace in their marriage.

An information session will be held at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave., at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2, for anyone who wants to learn more about this method. One does not need to be a Catholic to attend.

Fran Brezina, R.N., B.S.N.,
certified instructor,
Billings Ovulation Method of NFP

Until perfect world exists, we need affirmative action

In regard to the Feb. 4 column in the Reporter-Telegram suggesting that "affirmative action implies inferiority," the columnist fails to address a significant issue: bigotry. True, if we lived in a perfect world and if all of us could truly judge one another by the content of one's character and not by the color of one's skin (or gender, etc.), there never

would have been a need for civil rights legislation or affirmative action. We do not live in a perfect world and it is dumb and naive to think that we do.

Big sports and entertainment agents see dollar signs at the sight of the latest "hot" star, and politicians on the left and right try to prove their political correctness by appointing women and minorities to influential posts in order to please various constituencies. Women, however, according to the current statistics, earn \$.75 for every \$1.00 a man earns for the same work. Unless forced to by the law, a bigot will not hire an African-American, a Hispanic, a woman, for the ordinary, run-of-the-mill jobs that most Americans hold. Bigots do a disservice to all by perpetuating injustice and creating a climate for divisive policies.

Time will take care of much of this. Fifty years from now the lines delineating who is white, black, Asian, Hispanic, etc. will have become so blurred because of interracial marriage, there no longer will be a need for affirmative action. In the meantime, you may thank the bigots of this country for affirmative action.

Donna C. Ross

Dr. P.V. Patel's caring is beacon of his attributes

It is beyond my comprehension that anyone could question the professional integrity or responsible qualities of Dr. P.V. Patel. My personal experience dates back to 1987. After arterial bypass surgery in 1986, I was suffering from congestive heart failure, which was misdiagnosed by another doctor for more than four months. My opportunity to become a patient of Dr. Patel not only saved my life, but with his diligent, constant monitoring and treatment, allowed me to recover enough to survive a second heart surgery for additional arterial bypass and aortic valve replacement in 1989. I am now able to live a healthy and active life. For the last 11 years, I have been able to rely on this caring and accomplished doctor whenever and wherever my family and I have needed him.

Each time we have had a medical crisis, he has been there for us. He has always put the best interest of his patients first. Sometimes, the best interest of his patients is in helping the family to cope with the situation, and he has been there for them, as well. I have never known a more caring person, which is one of the beacons of his personal attributes.

R.E. "Pat" Ireland

Our teachers already seem to be doing enough

This is not a new piece, but I hap-

pened to run into it right after the article in the Reporter-Telegram, where a community member blasted the teachers of the city for not attending a Martin Luther King Day event. It might be interesting to see if that community member could follow this article and still have time to be a parent and spouse and attend every single community event.

TEACHING

Let me see if I have this right. You want me to go into that room with all those kids, and fill their every waking moment with a love for learning. Not only that, but I am also to instill a sense of pride in their ethnicity, modify disruptive behavior, and observe them for signs of abuse.

I am to fight the war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, check their backpacks for guns and knives, and raise their self-esteem. I am to teach them patriotism, good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, how to balance a checkbook and how to apply for a job.

I am to check their heads for lice, maintain a safe environment, recognize signs of potential antisocial behavior, offer advice, write letters of recommendation for student employment and scholarships, encourage respect for the cultural diversity of others, and, oh yes, teach, always making sure I give the girls in my class 50 percent of my attention.

I am required by my contract to work on my own time (summers and evenings) and at my own expense toward additional certification and a master's degree, to sponsor the cheerleaders, or the sophomore class (my choice); and after school, I am to attend committee and faculty meetings, and to participate in staff development training to maintain my current certification and employment status.

I am to be a paragon of virtue, such that my very presence will awe my students into being obedient and respectful of authority. I am to do all this with just a piece of chalk, a bulletin board and a few books (some of which I have purchased myself). And for doing this, I am to be paid a starting salary that, in some states, qualifies my family for food stamps.

IS THAT ALL?

Bobby Shelton
Memphis, Tenn.

Bostick is clearly best candidate for sheriff

As the March 14 Republican primary election approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for Republican sheriff candidate Pat Bostick. Pat is a career law enforcement officer and possesses the qualities necessary to effectively and efficiently perform the duties of sheriff.

Having known Pat for many years, I believe his character traits to be of

outstanding quality. He is responsible, respectful and demonstrates integrity beyond reproach.

I believe Pat's ideas for operating the department will enhance the quality of law enforcement in Midland County. His enthusiasm is contagious and would encourage the support and respect of the current officers and staff of the department. Pat would bring stability to the department because of his strong work ethic. He has the support and dedication of his wife, daughter and other family members. His family values would only strengthen his commitment to do the best job possible.

I hope on March 14, everyone exercises his or her right to vote. In performing this duty, let me encourage you to vote for Pat Bostick. He is by far the best candidate for the job of Midland County sheriff.

Cyndi Wilson

Officials should release original cost estimate

The citizens of the United States have been subject to eight years of lying, cheating and deception on a national level from the president and his administration. Midland citizens should not be subject to these practices from their local elected representatives. The Midland City Council should submit the entire construction cost estimate for the sports complex (that was prepared and signed by an architect/engineer) for publication in the Reporter-Telegram. Then the Midland citizens can review the cost estimate for themselves.

My wife and I lived in Lubbock in the early '90s when the mayor promised the Lubbock citizens that if they passed a 1/2-cent sales tax for a DOD project and the project failed, he would put the 1/2-cent sales tax up for Lubbock citizens to recall it. The project failed, and the mayor went back on his word. So the Lubbock citizens signed a petition to remove the 1/2-cent sales tax. At the next election, the sales tax was recalled and the mayor lost re-election by a landslide.

John C. Drissel

People should get over new cost and move on

I love Midland, am a taxpayer and I am so sick and tired of those people complaining about the new sports complex. I have no kids in school right now, but I have grandkids who will be enjoying that complex one day in the future. If people think that an estimate of cost does not ever turn out to be underestimated, then they have never had repairs of anything done around their house.

Every house, building or even small remodeling job, seems to always be a little more than what originally was projected. You can never foresee all the costs. I don't feel the cost coverage is their concern with the sports complex at all but rather the fact that it even passed in the first place. Some people's attitudes are what has kept Midland from being more diversified instead of depending on oil!

As an example, is the defeat of the economic development program. Why would anybody in their right mind fight against progress? Where would Midland be if every bond election for our college, schools, hospitals, etc., had been defeated? Get over it! Enjoy Midland and let us move forward into the future.

Betty Byrom



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By Daniel W
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Drug czar: World has ignored Colombia's suffering



AP Photo
White House drug czar Gen. Barry McCaffrey, left, listens to Colombia's national police chief, Gen. Rosso Serrano, during a meeting in Bogota on Wednesday. McCaffrey is visiting Colombia, the world's leading cocaine-producing nation, to promote the Clinton administration's proposed \$1.6 billion anti-narcotics aid package for Colombia and its Andean neighbors.

By Jared Kotler
Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — White House drug czar Barry McCaffrey, in the world's leading cocaine-producing nation to promote a huge U.S. aid package, said Wednesday that Colombia's suffering has been ignored for too long.

"The attention of the world has been carefully fixed on Kosovo and Bosnia," he told a news conference after meeting with President Andres Pastrana. "Here we are three hours flight from Miami."

McCaffrey's visit to the South American country comes as Congress debates the Clinton administration's proposed \$1.6 billion counternarcotics package for Colombia and its Andean neighbors.

While dropping in Bolivia and Peru in recent years, cocaine and heroin production have soared in Colombia as leftist rebels and

right-wing paramilitary groups protect the trade in return for huge payoffs from drug traffickers.

"Poor Colombia is facing as many as 25,000 heavily armed (members of) narco-terrorist organizations," McCaffrey said, using the combined figure for rebel and paramilitary fighters. "This is a special challenge."

New CIA estimates show a 20 percent increase in cocaine production and a 23 percent rise in heroin production in Colombia last year. U.S. officials say the South American country now supplies 90 percent of the world's cocaine and the majority of the heroin sold in the United States.

More than half of funds in the proposed U.S. aid package would finance a Colombian military push into southern regions where drug crops are expanding most rapidly under guerrilla protection.

Human rights groups and some liberal lawmakers say stepped up U.S. military aid and training

could undermine peace talks with leftist rebels and draw the United States into decades-old conflict that has claimed more than 35,000 lives, most of them civilians.

In a report issued Wednesday, the U.S.-based organization Human Rights Watch presented new charges of army links to the paramilitary groups who routinely kill villagers they suspect to be rebel collaborators.

Citing still-confidential investigations by prosecutors, the rights group charged the army set up a new paramilitary squad last year and that three major brigades have ongoing ties to right-wing death squads.

McCaffrey, a retired general and highly decorated Vietnam war hero, said complaints against the military have "dwindled to near zero." He said the police and army have a better image in Colombia than the Catholic Church — something surveys in

major cities have suggested.

Before returning to Washington on Thursday, McCaffrey plans to tour a southern anti-narcotics base where a new, 950-man U.S.-trained army battalion is based — the first of three anti-drug units that would be created with the aid package.

The post at Tres Esquinas is on the border between Caqueta and Putumayo states, an area McCaffrey labeled a "giant drug producing region" where 20 percent of the land mass is devoted to cultivating coca, the raw material for cocaine.

McCaffrey said the military component of the U.S. aid package was necessary to clear a path through the rebels so that police can fumigate illegal drug crops.

But he stressed that one-fifth of the funds support human rights and justice reforms, as well as providing loans to help poor peasants grow legal crops instead of coca or opium poppies.

Letter helps Spaniard find father's Civil War remains

By Daniel Woolls
Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — A mystery has been gnawing at Pere Vidal for 62 years — how his father died in Spain's Civil War and where he's buried. Now, after writing a letter to a newspaper, he has an answer.

It's not a pleasant one, but it's better than not knowing.

Vidal, 64, has learned that his father, Pedro, who fought for the Republican side against ultimately victorious fascist forces led by Gen. Francisco Franco, took a direct hit from a mortar shell on

May 26, 1938, in the Catalonia region of northeast Spain and is buried on a slope that soldiers then called Merengue Hill.

The overdue news came after Vidal wrote a letter published Feb. 7 in the Barcelona daily La Vanguardia.

Joaquin Masjuan, 81 and a former comrade-in-arms of Vidal's father, responded with a letter of his own that was published Tuesday.

In his letter, Vidal said he had recently uncovered a Civil War-era document in which Republican commanders informed his mother of her husband's death in combat, but did not say how he died or where his remains were buried.

"I would appreciate any kind of news from anyone," Vidal said in his five-line letter.

In his response, Masjuan described how Republican artillery gunners attacked Franco's nationalists that day on Merengue Hill.

"We captured their position almost without suffering casualties, but your father was among them," he wrote.

"I am so sorry, my friend. But that is the misfortune that pursued so many of us," Masjuan added. "Alas, war does not forgive."

Vidal, a government employee who lives in Barcelona, said he finally met Masjuan on Wednesday and has no reason to doubt his story.

"He has an incredible memory," Vidal told The Associated Press. "He remembers lots of details of the fighting."

Vidal's voice quivered as he said he now wants to go find the hill, near the town of Camarasa in Llerda province, and lay flowers on the grave holding his father's remains and those of five other Republican soldiers.

"This was my goal all along," he said.

UNESCO donates \$50,000 to protect famed Nazca Lines

LIMA, Peru (AP) — The United Nations' cultural agency has donated \$50,000 to prevent mudslides from damaging the famed Nazca Lines and to draw up a long-term conservation plan for the mysterious symbols and animal figures etched into Peru's southern desert centuries ago.

Unusually heavy rains in the desert triggered mudslides last month, damaging one minor line about 10 miles south of the most famous figures.

Archaeologist Luis Guillermo Lumbreras said in Wednesday's El Comercio that with changing global weather patterns the landslides "represent an important wake-up call."

Under Lumbreras' direction, workers are constructing a series of drainage ditches to protect the most famous figures, which include a hummingbird, monkey, heron, whale, and spider about 12 miles north of the city of Nazca, 250 miles southeast of the capital, Lima.

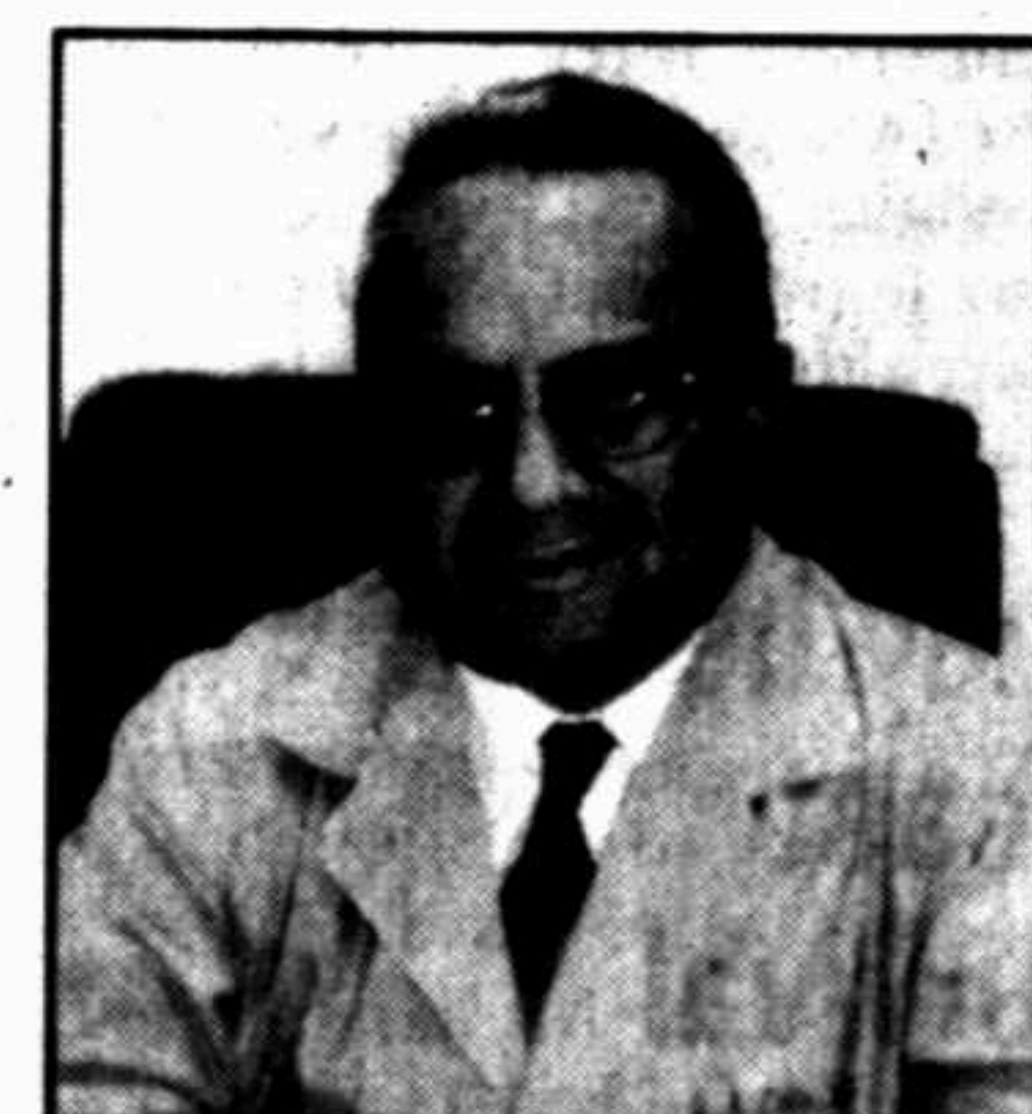
The U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization donated \$30,000 to help fund the emergency measures and another \$20,000 for a master plan to conserve and manage the tourist attraction, etched into the desert

sands by the Nazca Indians between 300-600 A.D.

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I'm Mike Hall, candidate for Midland County Sheriff in the Republican primary. My wife Susie and I live in the county. We're homeowners, taxpayers and business owners.

We have made an investment in Midland with our lives and energy because we believe there is no better place to live than Midland, Texas. I know Midlanders, like ourselves, work hard for their money and don't want to see it wasted.

As a 40-year resident of Midland, and with 24 years in law enforcement, I'm committed to making Midland County a better, safer place to live.

As your Sheriff, I'll stay home and focus on running your Sheriff's office. And I'll work with the County officials, putting you, the taxpayer, first.

I'll reach out to our youth and include them as future owners and leaders of our community. As the father of six and grandfather of three, I'm committed to making Midland County a better, safer place for our kids.

After all, it is our home—yours and mine.

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- Texas Dept. of Corrections, Huntsville, Corrections Officer
- Midland County Sheriff's Office, Narcotics Criminal Investigator
- Midland County Sheriff's Office, Patrol Sergeant
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Justices express doubt about HMO lawsuits over financial bonuses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court justices seemed unwilling Wednesday to allow people to sue health maintenance organizations that offer doctors financial bonuses to control treatment costs.

Any HMO involves "incentives to keep costs down in order to provide the care and make it pay for itself," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor told the lawyer for an Illinois woman who blames her ruptured appendix on inadequate care.

"That's the scheme that Congress has authorized," O'Connor said. "Why should the courts get involved in this messy business" of deciding whether some financial bonuses go too far.

Justice Stephen G. Breyer said he found it "hard to believe" that when Congress passed a 1974 law governing employee benefits, it "wanted to gut its own HMO legislation," passed a year earlier, by allowing lawsuits over HMOs' financial incentive rules.

James P. Ginzkey, the lawyer for Cynthia Herdrich of Bloomington, Ill., contends the 1974 federal law lets Herdrich pursue a claim that her HMO violated its legal duty by depriving her of proper medical care and keeping the cost savings.

Ginzkey said he was not asking the court to outlaw all physician incentives. But lawsuits should be allowed, he said, when such financial bonuses reach "the level of undue influence so that it affects patient care."

Carter G. Phillips, the lawyer for the organization sued by Ginzkey's client, argued that the Carle Clinic Association was a "plain vanilla" type of HMO and that allowing a lawsuit against it would make all such organizations vulnerable.

"It is no exaggeration to suggest that the future of medical care in its delivery and its regulations are implicated" by the case, Phillips said. "If Carle's setup violates (federal law) then all managed care

does as well."

Phillips added that patients have "perfectly valid remedies" in state court and that an expansion of the right to sue under federal law would undercut those remedies.

Herdrich collected \$35,000 in damages under state medical malpractice law.

A federal appeals court ruled that she also could sue under the federal law governing employee benefits, known as the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. The law requires employee-benefit plan managers to act solely in beneficiaries' best interest.

Her lawsuit contends that when doctors have a financial incentive to hold down care costs, they become plan managers and can be accused of failing to act in patients' best interest.

Carle Clinic argues that it cannot be sued under the federal law because its doctors do not act as plan managers.

A decision is expected by July in the

case, which stakes out one of many fronts in the war over managed care. Other lawsuits against HMOs accuse them of violating a racketeering law by concealing financial incentives provided to doctors to hold down treatment costs.

Some states have decided to let patients sue HMOs, and Congress is considering patients' rights legislation that could set new standards for managed care and might allow patients to sue their HMOs.

Herdrich's lawsuit said her appendix ruptured in 1992 because her doctor at Carle Clinic delayed diagnostic tests for eight days so the tests could be performed at a facility owned by the HMO. Her appendix ruptured and she contracted peritonitis, requiring emergency surgery.

A federal appeals court dismissed her claim that Carle Clinic violated its duty to act in beneficiaries' interests. But the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the issue could go to trial.

ERISA provides limited remedies for those who sue successfully. They generally can collect the cost of the benefits that should have been provided, but cannot collect damages for pain and suffering. Herdrich's lawsuit seeks to recover bonuses paid to doctors and have them placed in the health plan's financial pool for patient treatment.

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Guards shoot 9 inmates, kill 1, during California prison riot

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP) — Guards shot nine inmates, killing one, to quell a race riot Wednesday at a prison that houses some of California's most dangerous criminals, a prison spokesman said.

About 200 black and Hispanic inmates with handmade weapons began fighting in a yard of the highest-security wing of Pelican Bay State prison, Lt. Ben Grundy said. The violence ended a half-hour later after guards, who first used tear gas and pepper spray, opened fire, he said.

Grundy did not know what sparked the violence, although he noted, "We've had racial inci-

dents in the past."

The maximum-security prison was built for 2,280 inmates but has 3,400, many of whom were sent there after being involved in violence or escape attempts at other prisons. About 1,200 of the inmates are in permanent lockdown conditions.

The eight prisoners wounded by guards were taken to hospitals, said Grundy, who would not give details on the others' conditions. KIEM-TV reported that 19 inmates suffered injuries related to the melee, such as stabbings and beatings. No guards were hurt.

The prison, which opened in 1989, is situated on 270 acres of forest land 20 miles south of the Oregon state line.

Guards were able to put down another riot at Pelican Bay last August by firing tear gas and rubber bullets. A guard suffered a fractured cheekbone, but no inmates were seriously hurt.

In 1997, six inmates were killed in clashes between cellmates at the prison.

In an apparently unrelated case, two former guards are charged with violating the civil rights of Pelican Bay inmates. A federal grand jury indictment made public Wednesday accuses E.

Michael Powers and Jose Ramon Garcia of conspiring to arrange assaults on prisoners, one of them fatal.

Garcia is already serving a state prison sentence on similar charges. Another former Pelican Bay guard, David E. Lewis, was convicted of civil rights charges Feb. 14 for shooting a prisoner after a fight in 1996.

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Marrow may help gauge breast cancer survival

Associated Press

Looking for malignant cells lurking in the bone marrow of women getting breast cancer surgery may help doctors better predict patients' chances of survival, researchers say.

Currently, doctors assess a patient's odds by two means: gauging the size of the tumor, and removing and examining some of the lymph nodes in the armpit for signs the cancer has spread.

A new study conducted in Germany raises the possibility that the bone marrow is an even better predictor of the chances of a relapse or a cure.

Used together, the three methods could help doctors decide with more precision which patients should get aggressive chemotherapy after surgery, researchers say.

The study was reported in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

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Patel lawsuit alleges racism, racial slurs

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

Accusing Midland Memorial Hospital and members of its staff of practicing racial discrimination and of making racially derogatory comments, cardiologist Dr. P.V. Patel amended his ongoing lawsuit against the hospital Wednesday in Midland federal district court.

Patel's motion claims the alleged racial discrimination and derogatory language were directed against other doctors from India as well as himself.

Further, the motion said that Patel's attorney has found an unnamed witness formerly employed with Patel who may

have been a witness to direct evidence of alleged racial discrimination against Patel and others.

Patel is also suing the hospital's CEO, Dr. Harold Rubin, Memorial Heart and Vascular Institute, the Permian Cardiovascular Group and six physicians including Dr. Jay Mendez, accusing them of making racial slurs.

Court documents indicate that Patel's attorney interviewed the witness who said he was willing to testify that Patel's lab cases "were arbitrarily bumped to later in the day by a defendant while that person was using racially derogatory comments."

He said Patel was singled out for criticism for incomplete



Dr. Patel

one or more other defendants who also participated in conversations where racial slurs were used in referring to Dr. Patel and other physicians of East Indi-

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charts, "when this was not done for white doctors and in his view was because of harassment, racial discrimination and jealousy over Dr. Patel's successful practice."

The motion said "it is likely that discovery will reveal

an race."

In addition, the documents continued, "Dr. Patel has knowledge that at least three physicians from India have been harassed in connection with their efforts to obtain privileges and practice at Midland Memorial Hospital."

The original lawsuit filed Dec. 22 accused the hospital and physicians on staff of being responsible for the wrongful suspension of his privileges to perform heart surgery. He accused the hospital of antitrust violations, denial of due process, breach of contract, defamation and interference with contractual relations.

The amended suit said that the origi-

inal peer review case seeks to add racial discrimination to the complaints "since they now believe the pretextual peer review case was motivated by not only an attempt to monopolize cardiology services in the Midland market, but also by an intention to discriminate against Dr. Patel on the basis of race or color."

The original lawsuit and the Wednesday filing come on the heels of his suspension from Midland Memorial Hospital in January of 1999, and his reinstatement of privileges at MMH in early November.

Houston attorney John Murchison, who represents the hospital, Mendez and

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Hospital district votes to sell lab for \$4.5 million

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

The Midland County Hospital District voted unanimously Wednesday to sell the West Texas Pathology Laboratory to DynaCare laboratories.

DynaCare is based out of Dallas and Canada. The board will receive \$4.5 million for the facility and will retain all accounts receivable. Larry Sanz, chief financial officer for the hospital, said those accounts will tally close to \$1 million.

The 40 employees at the facility will keep their jobs and be hired by DynaCare. "That was part of our agreement," said Sanz.

West Texas Pathology Laboratories is located at 200 Andrews Highway in the Abell-Hanger Medical Pavilion.

Sanz said the hospital began entertaining the idea of selling the laboratory in December because the facility needs to expand.

"There is such a small margin there that you have to keep up the volume. To do that, you have to expand," said Sanz. "We didn't feel like we were capable of doing that."

He added that a buyer for the facility, which has operated under the umbrella of Midland Memorial Hospital since 1984, was carefully researched. He said the hospital wanted to ensure the new owner would continue to refer patients to Midland Memorial.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, the board called an election for its four available seats. Districts 1, 2, 5 and 6 are up for election. Ora Williams, the District 1 incumbent and local dentist David Orr of District 2, have both filed for reelection. Steve Kuzmich, in District 5, has moved out of his district and is thus ineligible to run again for District 5. No one has yet filed for the seat.

"As much as I would like to run again, due to my moving I cannot," said Kuzmich.

"Steve has actually served as president of the board and he's done an admirable job," said Orr. Although having served on the board since 1995, Orr will be running his first campaign. He was appointed in 1995 and again in 1998.

"I've served for a number of years but I've never actually ran," said Orr.

Jim Cosner has not yet filed for his District 6 seat and he was unavailable for comment as was



Pat McDaniel unwraps a painting for Friday's 22nd annual Art Show and Sale at the Haley Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. Artists represented in the show include, among others, Cyrus Afsary, Wayne Balze, Glena Goodacre, Veryl Goodnight, Mehl Lawson, Diane Leonard, Howard Rogers, Don Sahli, Fritz White and Jim Wilcox. A total of 35 artists are participating.

This year's show opens to ticket holders at 4:30 p.m. for a preview of the art, with a cocktail buffet at 6:30 p.m. and the highly spirited intent-to-purchase drawing at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 682-5785. Tickets to the opening reception are \$25 per person. The sale benefits the operating fund of the institution. The art remains on display through March 17.

Photo by Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

Doolittle Raid survivor to recall famous mission

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Hank Potter, who was Jimmy Doolittle's navigator in the dramatic "Doolittle Raid" over Japan on April 18, 1942, will be the featured speaker in the "Remembrance of War" series program at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Confederate Air Force Hangar at Midland International Airport.

"In the annals of all the missions flown in World War II, it (the Doolittle Raid) was probably the one that symbolized America's determination to not be defeated by the Japanese," said CAF Col. Bill Coombes, coordinator of the series that is sponsored by the American Airpower Heritage Museum.

The raid, infamous and shocking to the Japanese and heroic and morale-boosting to America and its Allies, came in the wake of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and America's entry into the 1939 to 1945 war.

U.S. Army Air Forces (USAAF) Lt. Col. James

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State NAACP president to keynote black businesswomen's banquet

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

The Negro Business and Professional Women's Club (NBPWC) will host its annual banquet Saturday night at the Hilton Midland and Towers.

The featured speaker will be Gary Bledsoe, president of the Texas state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Bledsoe opened the first state NAACP office and has been president of the organization since 1991. He received a doctorate of jurisprudence from the University of Texas in 1976 and has been a leader in the fight against racism in Texas. He currently serves as attorney for the Coleman plaintiff-intervenor, which is involved in the final stages of a desegregation lawsuit with the Midland Independent School District.

According to NBPWC President Alma Marshall, Saturday's banquet will feature awards presentations and musical entertainment.

"We're going to have some good old-fashioned African-American spiritual music," said Ms. Marshall.

The women will also present the Premier Citizen Award to an outstanding citizen. Past recipients



Norma Lewis, shown here, plays the piano while behind her, the Golden Guild singers perform for students at Washington Elementary.

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Photos by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Kimberly Garnica claps along with her fellow pupils during the Thursday performance.

Trial dates set in suspected Aranda-Renteria drug operation

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

Trial dates were set for some of the suspects in the largest drug bust in West Texas history during a docket call Wednesday in Midland federal district court. A gaggle of lawyers, suspects and friends and family of suspects packed the courtroom of U.S. Magistrate Judge L. Stuart Platt to overflowing capacity to obtain trial dates or postponements for 26 of the 31 suspects arrested or indicted Dec. 9.

In the largest of the related cases, 17 of 18 people indicted for involvement in what the government calls the Aronda-Renteria drug operation, were assigned a tentative trial date of May 1 on various charges of drug conspiracy and possession to distribute.

They include: Rita Baldree Pfofsgroff, Richard Macias, Maria Theresa Castillo, Patricio Martinez, Jaime Joshua Salazar, Robert Flores-Acosta, Elizabeth Aranda, Elizabeth Falcon, Efrain Pando, Sara Aranda, Felipe Zamora, Rafael Ronquillo, Mario Sanchez, Pete Gamboa, Steven Andrew Lopez, Pedro Sanchez Baeza and Jose Nicholas Falcon.

Defense attorney David Guinn entered a motion for the 18th suspect, Rick Jones, to be assigned a plea date, which will be assigned later. U.S. Assistant District Attorney John Klassen said Jones is the only suspect to plead

'Due to the complexity and size of the case and the number of counts, to get this to trial by late spring is pretty good.'

— John Klassen,
assistant district attorney

out so far, but he expects a number of the defendants to reach a plea agreement with the government and not go to trial.

The second largest group of suspects in the drug conspiracy and distribution case includes Aaron Herrera, Octavio Herrera, Sergio Juarez, Jesus Lucero, Rick Aranda and Dulces Nombres Nieto. They were assigned an April 24 trial date.

A third case includes Sandra Aranda

and Juanita Lopez Fuentes. They are accused of immigration fraud in the sale of immigration assistance services. A trial date was not set for the two and was continued.

A fourth case in the related cases includes Celia Puente and Sandra Aranda Herrera, who are scheduled for trial on April 17 on cocaine charges out of Hobbs, N.M.

Klassen said the trials could take a week, if all the suspects go to trial. "Due to the complexity and size of the case and number of counts to get this to trial by late spring is pretty good," said Klassen. "This is not a simple routine case."

Drug smuggling and distribution, money laundering and arranging sham marriages for aliens to gain entry to the United States are among the government's allegations against some former employees of the now-defunct Herrera law firm and some members of the Herrera family, among others.

The government has alleged that the ring operated from Mexico to parts of Texas and New Mexico with the Midland-Odessa area as the center of their operation with much of the business conducted in the firm's offices in Midland, Odessa and elsewhere.

The Herrera Law Firm was recently sold to a former partner of principal partner Jessie Herrera. Jessie Herrera has not been charged with anything in the related cases.

Area briefs

School closing

MISD schools will be closed this Friday due to a belated observance of President's Day. Also to be closed on that day are Calvary Christian Academy, Grace Lutheran Early Childhood, Heritage Preschool, Hillander School, Midland Christian, Midland Lutheran Palaestra School and Eagle Charter school.

Competition

The Midland Music Teachers' Association is sponsoring the annual Mary Alice Knox Piano Competition March 4 in the Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College.

First through 12th grade piano students from New Mexico, Midland and other West Texas areas will be competing. First-place winners will be presented in recitals at 1:30 and 3 p.m. March 5 in the Wagner-Brown Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building. Second- and third-place winners will be recognized and awarded medals. The public is invited.

Members of the MMTA participating are: Ruth Ann Griffin, Elizabeth Roweck, Maydell Corley, Darryl Knapp, Mickie Matthews, Mary Aldridge, Joan Lucas, Lanise Davidson, Phyllis Hilburn, Lyndol Taylor, Nancy Hoover, Natalie Eustace, Judy Fimple, Carolyn Porter, Marty Banner, Pam Holleman, LeAnna Brewster, Shari Santorelli, Phyllis Mason and Joy Finley. Non-MMTA members participating teachers are: Cari Garner, Diane Martin and Randall Stevens.

Judges for the event are: Jane Falk, Professor of Piano at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, N.M.; Dr. Philip Autry, Professor of Piano at San Angelo State University and Dr. Ronald Rathbun, Professor Piano and Direct of the Piano Division at Abilene Christian University. For more information call, 684-7570.

Play day

The Midland Community Center is sponsoring a basketball and swim day Friday, Feb. 25 at 2300 Butternut Lane. Basketball is from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and swimming is from 1-5 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person. For more information call: 685-7379.

Free immunizations

The city of Midland Health and Senior Services Department is providing free immunizations to the citizens of Midland. It will be Monday, Feb. 28 at 4-6 p.m. at the Midland Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

A parent or guardian must accompany children under the age of 18 and must have

their shot records. For more information call: 681-7613.

National award

The United Way of Midland has been named the recipient of the United Way of America's Fleur-de-Lis Award in recognition of having raised the most total Alex- is de Tocqueville dollars in the 100,000-200,000 population group.

United Way of Midland gained four new Tocqueville members during the 1999-2000 campaign. The award will officially be presented during ceremonies at the Tocqueville Leaders Weekend, March 4, at Coral Gables, Fla.

Speaker

Ross McSwain, freelance writer, historian and retired newspaperman, will speak at the West Texas Writers meeting at 2 p.m. March 4 in the meeting room of the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Public welcome.

McSwain, the author of five books, owns and operates ShadeTree Enterprises, a book publishing, marketing and public relations consultant business. He currently teaches at Angelo State University.

A native Texan, he grew up in Brady and presently lives in San Angelo.

Poetry Society

MIDLAND—All students enrolled in Texas schools or home schooled are eligible to enter the Poetry Society of Texas state student contests for 2000. Fifty-four different contests are included, with categories for students from first grade through college. Entries must be received by March 1. There is no entry fee.

For rules and information call: 520-4679 or write Leona Welch, State Student Contests Chair, 501 Amsden, Denison, TX 75021. Rules available at Midland library and bookstores.

Gem and Mineral show

BIG SPRING—The Big Spring Prospectors Club is holding its 31st annual Gem and Mineral Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 4 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 5 at the Howard County Fair Barn.

The show includes displays, working demonstrations and lapidary dealers. Money raised is to support the activities for the club for the entire year. No admission is charged. For more information call, Lola Lamb at (915) 263-3340 or Myrtle Griffith at (915) 267-6233.

Today's Agenda

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.

The Permian Basin Stamp Club will meet at the General Mail Facility, Midland International Airport, 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call Mike Cherrington at 699-0202.

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

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

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Best Western Sidewalk Cafe.

Nurses Christian Fellowship, 1:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, room 105; 520-4410 or 683-3300.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. Tx139, 7 p.m., 1007 Austin St., 694-8643.

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

Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m., Sibley Center by SE entrance of Hogan Park. Call 686-7442.

Permian Toastmasters, noon, Permian Basin Graduate Center, 684-0044.

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

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

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

Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m., Sibley Center by SE entrance of Hogan Park. Call 686-7442.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees 6 p.m., Mr. Gatti's.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., Midland Memorial Hospital, Room E-14 (basement), 520-4418.

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, noon, First United Methodist Church, 694-2860.

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

OBITUARIES



Fred Truelove

Fred D. Truelove was born September 11, 1918 in Midland, Texas to William Fredrick and Laurie Mae (Eason) Truelove. He attended school in Midland and graduated from Midland High in 1937. He married Zelle Larson. During World War II he served in the South Pacific. Following his discharge, he returned to Midland and was an independent paint contractor for many years. Mr. Truelove was a member of the VFW and American Legion.

He died at a local nursing home on Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

Mr. Truelove was preceded in death by his wife on September 12, 1993. He is survived by his son, Kenneth Truelove and his wife, Robin, of Houston; his daughter, Pamela Montgomery and her husband, John, of Crum, Texas; his sister, Freda Lou Prince of Midland; 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, four nieces and four nephews, and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 24, at Ellis Funeral home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday at Ellis Funeral Home with Reverend Bob Hopkins and Reverend Bob Porterfield officiating. Interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Danny Truelove, Mike Prince, Randy Prince, Bill Conder, Brad Jones, and M.P. "Snookie" Roberts. Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Truelove, Jim Truelove, Buddy Johnson, James Hill, Donnie Dow, Charlie Wheat,

Whit Lawson, Bill Isbell, Buddy Branon, Pete Simmons, Larry Marr, Bob Ketter, Gracie Satterfield, and Helen Jones.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice House Foundation, 1802 W. Wall, Midland, TX 79701; Manor Park Foundation, 2208 N. Loop 250 W., Midland, TX; or a charity of one's choice.

Kenneth Turnbow

Kenneth Ray Turnbow was born December 10, 1935 in Llaneta, Texas, to Clifford M. and Eppie (Hailes) Turnbow. He was reared and educated in Patricia, Texas, graduating from Klondike School. Mr. Turnbow married Julia Fern Claybrook on December 23, 1954 in Midland, Texas. He was employed with the Midland Fire Department for 18 years and 11 months before retiring in 1984. Mr. Turnbow was a member of First Baptist Church and the National Rifle Association.

Mr. Turnbow died at a local hospital Monday, February 21, 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Fern Turnbow, of Midland; his daughters, Rainie Knapp and her husband, Duane, of Midland and Kendra Jo Welch and her husband, Donnell, of Ruidoso, N.M.; his brother, Donald Turnbow; his sister, Joy Faye Riley and her husband, Bill, of Liberty Hill, Texas; grandchildren, Devin Knapp, Andrew Knapp, Ryan Knapp, Rae Ann Knapp, Logan Knapp, Rebekah Knapp, Timothy Knapp, Sierra Welch, and Cody Welch; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. today, at First Baptist Church with Dr. Gary Dyer officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Duane K. Knapp, Donnell Welch, Harold Herring, Zane Herring, Laron Herring and Dennis Bloom. Honorary pallbearers will be the Midland Fire Department personnel and retirees.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702 or a charity of one's choice.



Lawrence Bond

Lawrence Truett Bond of Midland died at Midland Memorial Hospital Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

He was born January 17, 1912 in Delta County, Texas to Eugene Hinton Bond and Theresa Evinda Chapman Bond.

Mr. Bond was a cotton farmer up until 1944, when he moved his family to Midland. He was then employed in the lumber and hardware business throughout his career. He was employed at Abell McHargue Lumber, Howard McCarroll Lumber, and Andy's Lumber Company.

In his more active years, he loved hunting, fishing, camping, and target shooting and was a member of the Midland Rifle Club.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Nadine Glaspie Bond; his daughters, Fran Cardin of Eldorado, Betty Rowan of Plainview, and Carolyn Mayes of Midland; nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; and his sisters, Ruby Balentine of Lubbock and Alice Cummings of Longview, Texas.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 4:00 p.m. February 24, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services will be Saturday, February 26, at 11:00 a.m. in Oaklawn Cemetery in Cooper, Texas.

Serving as pallbearers will be his grandsons, Larry Cardin, Les Cardin, Darren Mayes, Danny Cardin, David Cardin, and Steve Mayes. Honorary pallbearers will be his granddaughters, Sherri Rowan, Sheila Rowan, and Kristi Rowan.

Glen Gibbins

Glen Felton Gibbins, 73, passed away on Wednesday, February 23, 2000, after a courageous year-long struggle. He was born on January 26, 1927 in Bowie, Texas and was a Corpus Christi resident for 33 years.

He had a long career in the oil industry that spanned over 50 years, starting as a roustabout in the Permian Basin of West Texas working for his legendary uncle, J.P. "Bum" Gibbins and culminating as Division Manager for Conoco. After retiring from Conoco in 1983, he worked in public relations for Weatherford Petco until 1999.

He held a BS in petroleum engineering from Texas Tech University. He served in the Army in the Panama Canal Zone from 1945-46. He was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church and a Brother of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Glen had many passions including quail and dove hunting, golf, country and western music, and Cotten's Barbecue. His highest achievement was his capacity for friendship. His charismatic nature led to many lifetime friendships in which he was greatly loved for his constant good cheer, humor, loyalty, and most of all, his integrity.

His first wife and the mother of his children, Marjorie Morrison Gibbins, died in 1971. His second wife, Shirley Harrison Hall Gibbins, died in 1999.

He is survived by his children, Cynthia Holmes of Robstown, Texas, Glen Tyree Gibbins of Grand Terrace, California, and Molly Hipp of Austin, Texas; a grandchild, Crystal Holmes of Robstown, Texas; and a sister, Billie Fern Reynolds of Victoria, Texas.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 26, at 11 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 6301 Yorktown Blvd. under the direction of Cage-Mills Funeral Directors Everhart Chapel. Honorary pallbearers are Woody Bernard, Hal Holmes, Bob Jenkins, Jerry LaFour, Jake Levine, Rex Marchbanks, and Jim Matthews.

DEATH NOTICES

Darla Merrifield

Darla Merrifield died Tuesday, Feb. 22, at a local hospital.

Services will be 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at the North A and Tennessee Church of Christ. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pauline Kruse

Pauline Kruse died Wednesday at a local nursing home. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Mariana Acosta

Mariana Acosta, 87, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Ballard Funeral Home in Roswell N.M. Local arrangements were under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Elbert Ford

Elbert Larry Ford, 70, died Sunday, Feb. 20, in Bakersfield, Calif.

Funeral services are pending with Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

HISTORY: Doolittle raid remembered

(From 1B)

"Jimmy" Doolittle piloted the first of 16 B-25 Mitchell twin-engine bombers to get airborne off the aircraft carrier USS Hornet far off Japan's coast.

The B-25s dropped 500-pound bombs over Tokyo and other targets but invoked relatively minimal damage to Japan's industrial-military might, Coombes noted. But the raid made inroads into Japan's sense of invulnerability

and heartened America.

"In a large measure, it caused the Battle of Midway to happen in the way that it happened" in June 1942, Coombes said. "It was our first major victory" in World War II.

A month earlier, in May 1942, American and Japanese naval forces engaged in the Battle of the Coral Sea that inflicted heavy losses on both sides. The aircraft carrier, USS Lexington, was damaged and abandoned and slipped

into the ocean's depths. The USS Yorktown was damaged but was ready for another battle.

In the Battle of Midway, U.S. Navy Dauntless SBD dive-bombers from the USS Yorktown and the USS Enterprise destroyed four Japanese aircraft carriers, the Kaga, Soryu, Akagi, and Hiryu, all of which had launched air attacks on Pearl Harbor.

After the raid, most of Doolittle's B-25s flew to China. Of the 80 aircrew members, 71 sur-

vived. The others were captured and executed by the Japanese or died as prisoners of war.

For his command and enterprise, Doolittle was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, took major command posts in Europe and in the Pacific, and was promoted to general.

Potter, who lives in Austin, is one of 37 survivors of the raid.

PATEL: Doctor seeks millions in punitive damages

(From 1B)

Rubin, said Wednesday that there is no basis for the racist charges by Patel. "We don't have any reason to believe the charges," he said. "Racism certainly had nothing to do with the suspension (of privileges in January 1999) and I don't think they believe it either or they would have included that when they filed the lawsuit in the first place."

The hospital's community information spokeswoman, Karen Washington, said Wednesday it is the hospital's policy not to comment on pending litigation.

Patel claims in the original lawsuit to have been "maliciously" run out of the heart surgery business in Midland County.

He also claims that Midland Memorial Hospital and the other defendants "conspired with one another to monopolize or attempt to monopolize the invasive and interventional cardiology (heart surgery) services in ... the Midland market."

However, Patel just opened The Heart Center, a full-service cardiovascular care center, which is a plaintiff in the case, and is a business owned and operated by Patel.

The Heart Center is in a former retail store building in the Village Shopping center at West Wall and the Andrews Highway, which Patel bought in 1998. Later this year, the final phase of The Heart Center will be the opening of a full-service hospital.

The doctor is seeking a jury trial to recover his claims of \$20 million in actual damages, \$60 million treble punitive damages plus attorney's fees.

The lawsuit was filed after he was reinstated in early November. Patel said he endured a fair hearing process by a panel of five physicians that lasted

for 12 nights. After all the evidence was in, the five-member board voted 5-0, for reinstatement, said Patel.

Even though Patel was reinstated within a month of the hearing process and he is opening the new center, he is continuing the lawsuit. He said the loss of his practice for 10 months, loss of income and loss of patients who went to competitors, were deciding factors.

The six physicians in the lawsuit include doctors Stephen Brown, Michael Miller, James H. Barnett, John Foster Jr., Jay Mendez, and Donald Loveman.

BANQUET: State NAACP president to be keynote speaker

(From 1B)

include Viola Coleman, Bobby Trimble, James Fuller and Steve Davidson.

"We look at it from two perspectives. This not only gives us a chance to celebrate some of the African-Americans of the past, but also, each year we try to give some perspective of the present and the future," said Ms. Marshall. "We don't want our children to lose their sense of history. We have to find a way to pass on the successes African-Americans have made

in the past and try to encourage our children to do things their children will be proud of in the future."

Doris Richardson, treasurer of the club, had much the same sentiments.

"Being a Negro, I feel that we owe it to the ones who have made accomplishments. I think we owe it to them to give them some type of recognition. It's also important to let youngsters know that others have come along," said Ms. Richardson.

"I think it's important that we do things and that history has

this month to set aside," Ms. Richardson said. "You ought to be proud of who you are and what you've done, just like a family. Who else is supposed to give a kick if you don't?"

The banquet will begin serving at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor banquet room of the Hilton. Ms. Marshall said the banquet is expected to draw about 200 participants. Tickets are \$18 and proceeds above costs will go for scholarships to Midland students.

TODAY'S FUNERALS

WILBUR RICHMAN
10 a.m. Ellis Chapel

KENNETH TURNBOW
1p.m. First Baptist

ROBERT CHARLTON
3 p.m. Fairview Cemetery

LAWRENCE BOND
4 p.m. Ellis Chapel

"A man is seldom better than his word."
—Lord Aton
Ellis Funeral Home

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The University Volleyball Championships was named Ray back row, Alicia row, LaJean Ward, and from Kasey Wolter



Boarders from the CP Center check to Jim Gwen Anderson, Peggy Hinch, Endris, Colvin, Patricia

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By Connie M
Associated Pre

AUSTIN — judge Wednesday this week's sch of a 62-year-old attorneys said their case to the courts.

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By Stephen
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The University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Lady Falcons Volleyball Team won the 1999 Red River Athletic Conference Championship and Steve Alcinea, athletic director and coach, was named RRAC Coach of the Year. Winners are, left to right, back row, Alcinea, Sarah Koss, and Velores Upchurch; center row, LaJeana Stroh, Miranda Moore, Stacy Mace and Madlyn Ward, and front row, Mercedes Alvarado, Marissa Alvarado, and Kasey Wolters.



Boarders from 4C Stables recently presented a fund-raiser for the CP Center's Hippotherapy Program. Shown presenting the check to Jim Crawford, director of the CP Center, are, from left, Gwen Anderson, Brooke Mueller, Meredith Endris, Cici Copeland, Peggy Hinchman, Diana Endris, Alyssa Hinchman, Maddie Endris, Colleen Colvin, Piper Meinke, Colleen Meinke, Robin Colvin, Patrick Colvin and Bonnie Meinke.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin faculty members have several new publications.

Dr. Robert Perry's book, "Applied Cross-National Analysis: An Introduction to Quantitative Comparative Inquiry," co-authored with **John D. Robertson** of Texas A&M University, is scheduled to be published this spring by Westview Press.

Dr. Richard Kiebusch's chapter, "Jail Privatization: The Next Frontier," will be published in Privatization in "Criminal Justice: Past, Present, and Future" (Shichor, D., and Gilbert, M., eds.) by Anderson Publishing in March.

Dr. Robert Bartsch, along with **Vivian Paton**, a former UTPB student, had their article, "The presence of odd pricing in the Texas State Lottery," published in the November 1999 issue of the Journal of Applied Social Psychology. Dr. Bartsch recently attended the Society of Personality and Social Psychologists in Nashville.

Three psychology faculty members will present a symposium under the title, "Growing Where You Are Planted: Prospering At Small, Isolated Universities," at the national meeting of the American Psychological Association. **Dr. Linda Montgomery**, the seminar organizer, **Dr. Kay Ketzenberger**, and **Dr. Robert Bartsch** will present their seminar this summer in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Sutham Cheurprakobkit and **Dr. Robert Bartsch** have had their article, "School crime and education: Is there a need for criminology/criminal justice courses for the high school curriculum," accepted for publication in the Journal of Security Administration. In January, Dr. Bartsch presented a paper entitled "New Directions in Attitude Function-

ality Research" at the Social Psychologists in Texas conference.

Dr. Richard Kiebusch's article, "Eight new year's resolutions for correctional managers," appeared in the December/January issue of Corrections Managers' Report.

Dr. Sean Kelleher and **Dr. Robert Perry**, both Political Science faculty members, contributed essays to a recently published work edited by **James S. Olson** entitled, "Historical Dictionary of the 1970s." Dr. Kelleher contributed additional essays to Dr. Olson's forthcoming book, "Historical Dictionary of the 1960s."

Dr. Russell Calk gave the presentation, "An Impirical Investigation of the Value Index: Linking the Importance of Features to Customer Satisfaction," at the recent Southwestern Federation of Administrative Disciplines in San Antonio. At the same event, **Dr. Rajesh Gulati** presented a paper on "Info Technology and the Selling Activity: Opportunities or Threats for the Sales Person," and **Dr. John Theis** presented the "Effect of Managerial Choice on Book-to-Market Ratio in the Utility Industry."

Jacqueline Wilson presented "Read Aloud Sessions: The Art of Storytelling" at the Southwest Texas Pop Culture Association conference in Albuquerque, N.M.

SPORTS STANDOUTS

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin volleyball players **Mercedes Alvarado**, senior middle hitter, and **Kasey Wolters**, senior outside hitter, were both named NAIA Volleyball All-America Scholar Athletes for the 1999 season. Both student athletes were named to the 1998 team as well.

The honor was based upon athletic and academic performance throughout their college

careers. The UTPB athletes were two of the eight Texas collegiate volleyball players named to the team. Fewer than 200 athletes met the criteria for selection nationally.

Both volleyball standouts are both four-year letter winners for the Lady Falcons and were vital contributors to the team's Red River Athletic Conference Championship and 23-11 record in 1999. Ms. Alvarado is majoring in English and plans a career in secondary education. Ms. Wolters is a biology major and plans a career in optometry.

YOUNG LEADERS

Kristyn Hambleton of Stanton, a junior at Grady Independent School District, has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference March 7-12 in Washington, D.C. Theme of the conference is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today."

Highlights of the six-day event will include welcoming remarks from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and a panel discussion with journalists at the National Press Club, as well as leadership skill-building activities, a judicial simulation and role-playing as congressmen and debate, amend and vote on legislation.

National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization.

LEADERS MEET

Lael Cordes-Pitts, executive director of Casa de Amigos in Midland, was one of the community leaders from across the country to attend a three-day conference on "Neighborhood Centers: Positioning Ourselves in the New Millennium."

The conference, which took

place in San Antonio, was hosted by San Antonio's Ella Austin Community Center, the Executive Directors' Roundtable 2000 of United Neighborhood Centers of America Inc.

Casa de Amigos, a community center at 1101 E. Garden Lane in Midland, provides educational, social, health, dental and senior services to low-income people.

HEAD 'EM UP!

A group of young borders from 4C Stables recently sponsored a benefit horse show for Midland Cerebral Palsy Center's Hippotherapy Program. The exhibition showcased many boarders and their horses in traditional Western and English riding, as well as some "just plain fun" events — and raised more than \$500 for the CP Center's program.

The hippotherapy program allows people with cerebral palsy a chance to ride horses, which helps improve their balance, gives them a sense of freedom and contributes to their over-all well-being.

The committee included **Piper Meinke**, **Colleen Colvin**, **Maddie Endris**, **Haley Klenk**, **Emily Newman**, **Alyssa Hinchman** and **Lyndsey Williams**.

Also contributing to the event were families of the committee members, **Kimberly Jasek**, **Sue Roberts**, **Jennifer Frost**, **Brooke Mueller**, **Cheryl Ray**, **Katy Ebe**, **Gwen Anderson**, **Julie Hansen**, the **Don Allen** family, the **Butch Willis** family, **Meredith Hardwick**, **Cattleman's Restaurant**, **Birkhead Feed**, the **Tack Rack**, **3M Farrier Services**, **Scotter's Ranch Supply**, **Adobe Wells**, **Circle P**, **Barnes and Noble**, **Pueblo People Studio**, **Petsmart** and **Sam's Club**.

Federal judge refuses to stop execution of Texas woman set for today

By Connie Mabin
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A federal district judge Wednesday refused to halt this week's scheduled execution of a 62-year-old woman and her attorneys said they would take their case to the federal appeals courts.

U.S. District Judge James Nowlin denied Betty Lou Beets' request for a temporary restraining order that would have halted the lethal injection set for after 6 p.m. CST Thursday.

The order came a day after the state parole board refused to commute Beets' sentence.

Beets' lawyer, Joe Margulies, said the denial would be taken to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. If rejected there, the case would be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, he said.

"We're disappointed," Margulies said. "We are working on our 5th Circuit papers right now."

Beets would be only the second woman executed in Texas since the Civil War and the fourth in the nation since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976.

Nowlin also dismissed a civil rights lawsuit filed against the Texas Board of Pardons and

Paroles and Gary Johnson, director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the state prison system.

According to the suit, the board was required by a state Senate resolution to investigate Beets' case because it involved domestic violence but did not properly notify Beets of that investigation.

"This case presents yet another example of a prisoner attempting to delay execution just prior to the execution date," Nowlin wrote in his three-page ruling. Margulies insisted the suit had merits.

"We did not get the benefit of the review she was entitled to," he said. "Without that ... review,

it's difficult to demonstrate to the world ... what we know to be true, which is that Betty Lou Beets is not the person everyone thinks she is."

Beets was convicted of the 1983 shooting death of Jimmy Don Beets, her fifth husband, in what prosecutors said was a scheme to collect his life insurance and pension. She also was convicted of shooting and wounding her second husband, and charged — but never tried — in the 1981 shooting death of her fourth husband.

Margulies said while there wasn't evidence of physical abuse by Jimmy Don Beets, there was severe "emotional torment" in

their relationship.

Bree Buchanan of the Texas Council on Family Violence said Wednesday's order was another defeat for victims of domestic violence.

"We keep having these setbacks," Buchanan said. "It's becoming extremely disappointing. It's very frustrating."

"It's now in the hands of Governor Bush," she said. "He is the one person who can take action on this. We're hoping that he'll demonstrate mercy and compassion on Ms. Beets."

Gov. George W. Bush, a death penalty supporter who has permitted 119 executions since taking office five years ago, under

Texas law could grant a one-time, 30-day stay of execution.

Bush, who was campaigning Wednesday for the GOP presidential nomination in Los Angeles, said he will make a decision about Beets' on Thursday.

"I'm going to go back tonight, look at the facts, then I'm going to sit down with my staff tomorrow and make up my mind tomorrow," Bush said. "The question I'm going to ask about Ms. Beets is was she guilty of the crime? Did the jury hear all circumstances? Did the courts and appeals court hear all circumstances related to her case?"

Lethal injection ordered for Hall in torture-slating murder

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The same jury that took just 20 minutes to convict a former grocery store worker in an Arlington woman's torture and slaying sentenced him to death on Wednesday for the crime.

After three days of testimony in Michael Wayne Hall's sentencing phase, jurors took about three hours to decide the 20-year-old should receive lethal injection in the death of Amy Robinson.

The jury rejected defense attorneys' claims that Hall's life should be spared because he is mentally impaired.

Prosecutors argued that Hall helped his codefendant — also sentenced to death for the crime — in selecting a victim and hiding evidence.

"And it's amazing that one human being can inflict such pain on another," prosecutor Christy Jack told jurors. "There was no remorse shown at the time — just laughter. Doesn't that speak volumes? This is not about Michael Hall's mental ability, but about his soul."

Robinson's mother, Tina Roach, confronted Hall as the sentencing phase of his capital murder trial wrapped up.

"My daughter who you brutally murdered, tortured and killed, I know she is in heaven and in this room to see justice served," she said, turning to the defendant.

"I know you've been reading the Bible," she said. "You need to read the part about 'an eye for an eye' and 'thou shalt not kill.' Good luck for the rest of your life."

Defense attorneys had portrayed Hall as near mental retardation and not deserving to die.

In separate television inter-

views, Hall and Neville admitted to torturing and killing Robinson. The men described using the girl as "target practice," shooting her with arrows, a pellet gun and a gun.

Hall seemed articulate and clear-headed as he described how he and Neville, now 25, lured Robinson into their car and took her to a remote field north of Arlington.

Robinson, 19, was shot several times with a pellet gun and a crossbow. But the injuries that killed her on Feb. 15, 1998, came from a .22-caliber rifle, authorities say.

Neville was convicted in 1998 and has been sentenced to die. Neville's execution had been scheduled for April 27. But last week he received a stay of execution to pursue an appeal that could take at least two years.

'It's amazing that one human being can inflict such pain on another.'

— Christy Jack, prosecuting attorney

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Paula Deboskie

Son of famous stuntman makes 200 foot train jump

PALESTINE (AP) — Robbie Knievel found out he's faster than a speeding locomotive.

The son of famed stunt motorcyclist Evel Knievel safely completed his 200-foot, ramp-to-ramp jump over an oncoming Texas State Railroad train Wednesday night.

An estimated 10,000 people gathered along the pine tree-lined tracks turned out for the

jump, which was broadcast live on Fox television. White fireworks went off as he cleared the jump and landed on a ramp on the other side.

Afterward, he got up, jogged to the top of the ramp and waved to the crowd.

"That was close," Knievel said, smiling and out of breath.

"God's always watching over me."

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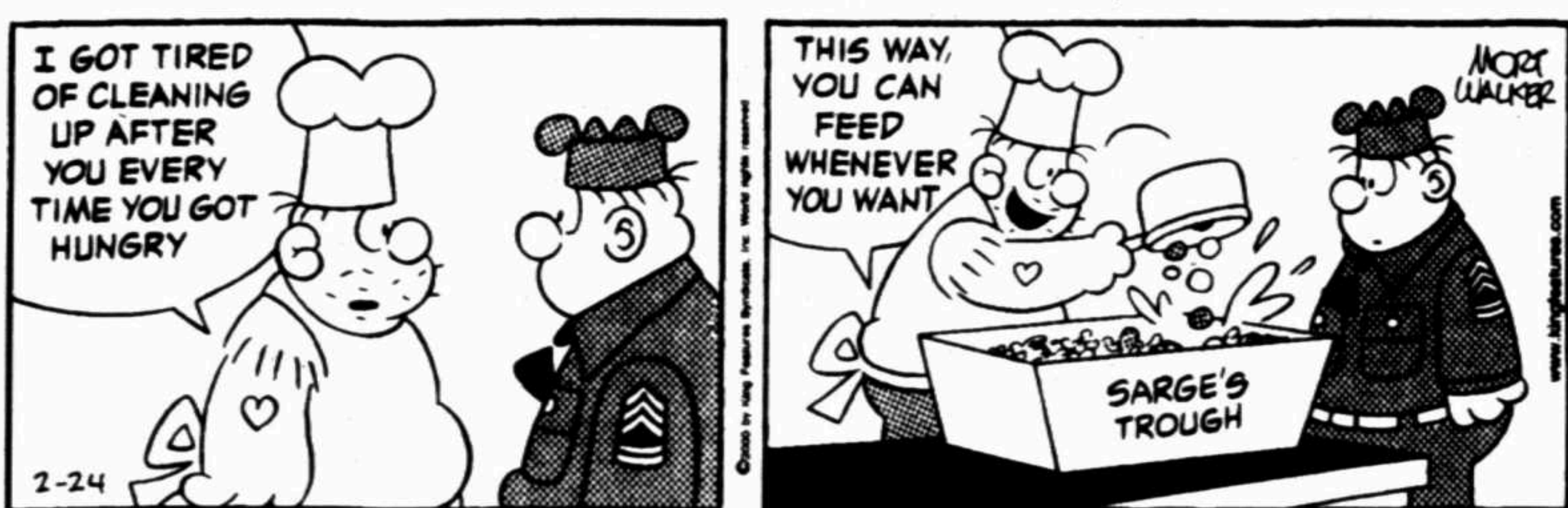
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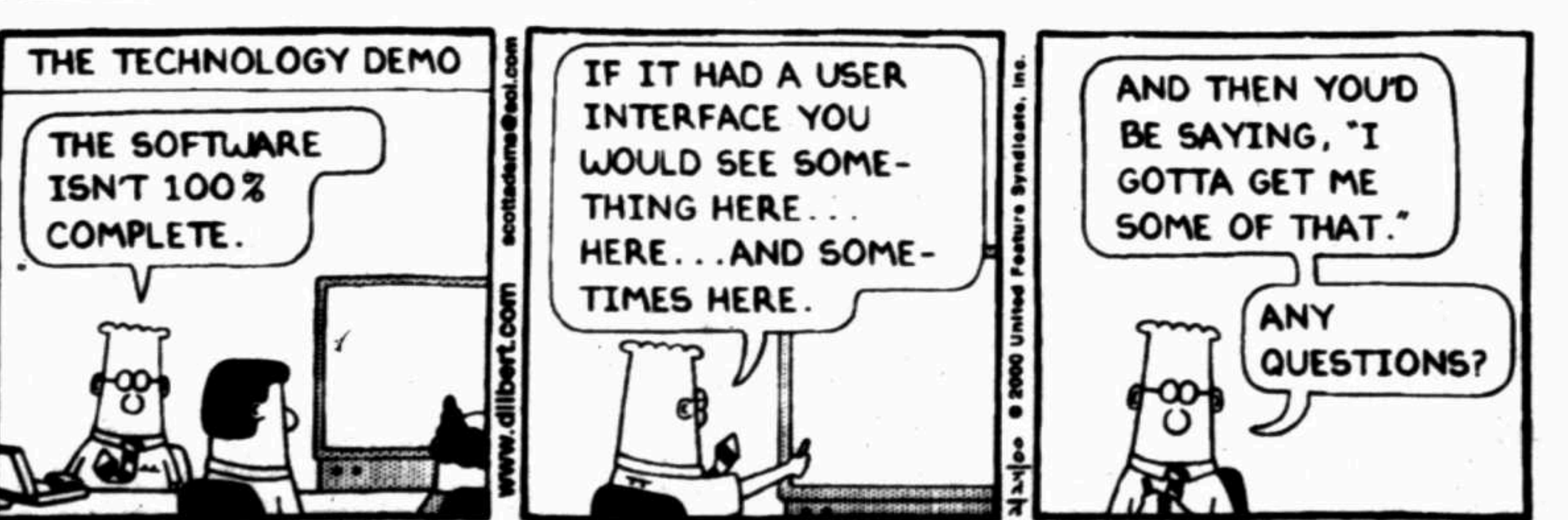
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

for Thursday, Feb. 24, 2000: Your imagination knows no limits this year. Though your fantasy life often provides an endless source of amusement, it can get you in trouble when facing the here and now. You also cannot always share your ideas and visions easily. Do needed research; check out information carefully. The written word carries an important message for you this year. Be open to travel and intellectual growth. If you are single, you fall in love easily. Still, scan your potential suitors carefully. Someone very special could enter your life. If attached, romance blossoms. Plan that special getaway. SCORPIO understands you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Your high ideals can occasionally lead you astray. It seems you see people as you would like to see them, rather than as they are. Be realistic, and you might find yourself less disappointed. Take a stern look at finances; revamp if need be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Others mean well, but they distract you from your various projects. A boss might spout many ideas, but he might not be looking at some bottom lines. Don't burst his bubble; ultimately, you will only upset one person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Face facts. Take a hard look at possibilities before launching into action. You could easily overlook certain key facts in an effort to be optimistic and positive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You trust another, but even you must shake your head at certain facts. Others simply do not seem realistic. Listen to your inner voice. Make sure you know what is right for you. Your ingenuity emerges when dealing with an obstacle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Another might really be able to pull the wool over your eyes if you don't keep them open. Caring taints your perspective when dealing with this person. Check out an investment carefully. Be aware of the time you are spending on a project.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Understanding between you and a co-worker reaches a new high. Talk about goals and aspirations, and you'll speak the same language. Listen carefully to another. Be sensitive to your professional options. Rearrange plans if you don't feel comfortable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Someone might be testing you, but you don't see it. Recognize your tendency to put people on a pedestal. Don't let another coerce you into taking a risk that feels uncomfortable. Financial disagreements run rampant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Claim your power as others waver with uncertainty. Your sense of humor comes out because of a child or loved one. Indulging him doesn't have to hurt you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ Relax. Take time to observe without reacting. Another doesn't see eye to eye with you at work. Decide to do more for yourself. Schedule a medical checkup. Getting back into an exercise pattern and healthy eating habits will help you feel better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Establish what you want. Network, touch base with friends and make that additional effort. You could be low on creativity now, but you more than make up for it with your strong, ambitious drive. Don't kid yourself about a money matter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You refuse to see certain issues clearly. A family member wants to throw his hands in the air out of pure frustration. Brainstorm with co-workers. Put more energy into your work. Establish a stronger professional presence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ What you feel and think could be substantially different than what is realistic. Others attempt to point this out to you, but you simply avoid the conversation. Choosing to play ostrich could have long-term implications.

BORN TODAY

Actor Edward James Olmos (1947), actress Helen Shaver (1951), singer Rupert Holmes (1947)

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Give Partner a Helping Hand

East-West vulnerable. East deals.

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Opening lead: Five of ♠

Winning defense is not easy to learn, and even after you have mastered the technique a moment's carelessness can ruin everything. West, known as an excellent defender, made one good play and one bad, and East-West paid the price.

If you get fixed in the bidding, stay fixed. Once East opened in South's long suit, it was correct for South to pass. One no-trump is an inferior action, since there might not be a source of tricks. When North made a questionable balancing bid of one spade, South decided there was a good chance that North had some values in hearts, and so chose to bid three no-trump.

West decided that South must have clubs well stopped, and spades was not an attractive lead. Therefore, the

defender elected to attack with hearts, the better of the remaining suits. East made the discovery play of inserting the jack, which won. The defender then continued with the ace and queen of hearts. West overtook with the king and cashed the 10 to complete the defensive book. The defense was at the crossroads.

If East held the ace of spades, it was unlikely that the contract could be made no matter what. But if East held a minor-suit ace, it might be

vital to bank it immediately. After considerable thought, West elected to shift to a club, the suit partner had bid. Declarer quickly wrapped up nine tricks thanks to clubs breaking evenly.

The jack of hearts at trick one was the good play. But East erred at trick three by continuing with the queen of hearts. Correct was to first cash the ace of diamonds, then revert to hearts. That would have ensured a one-trick set.

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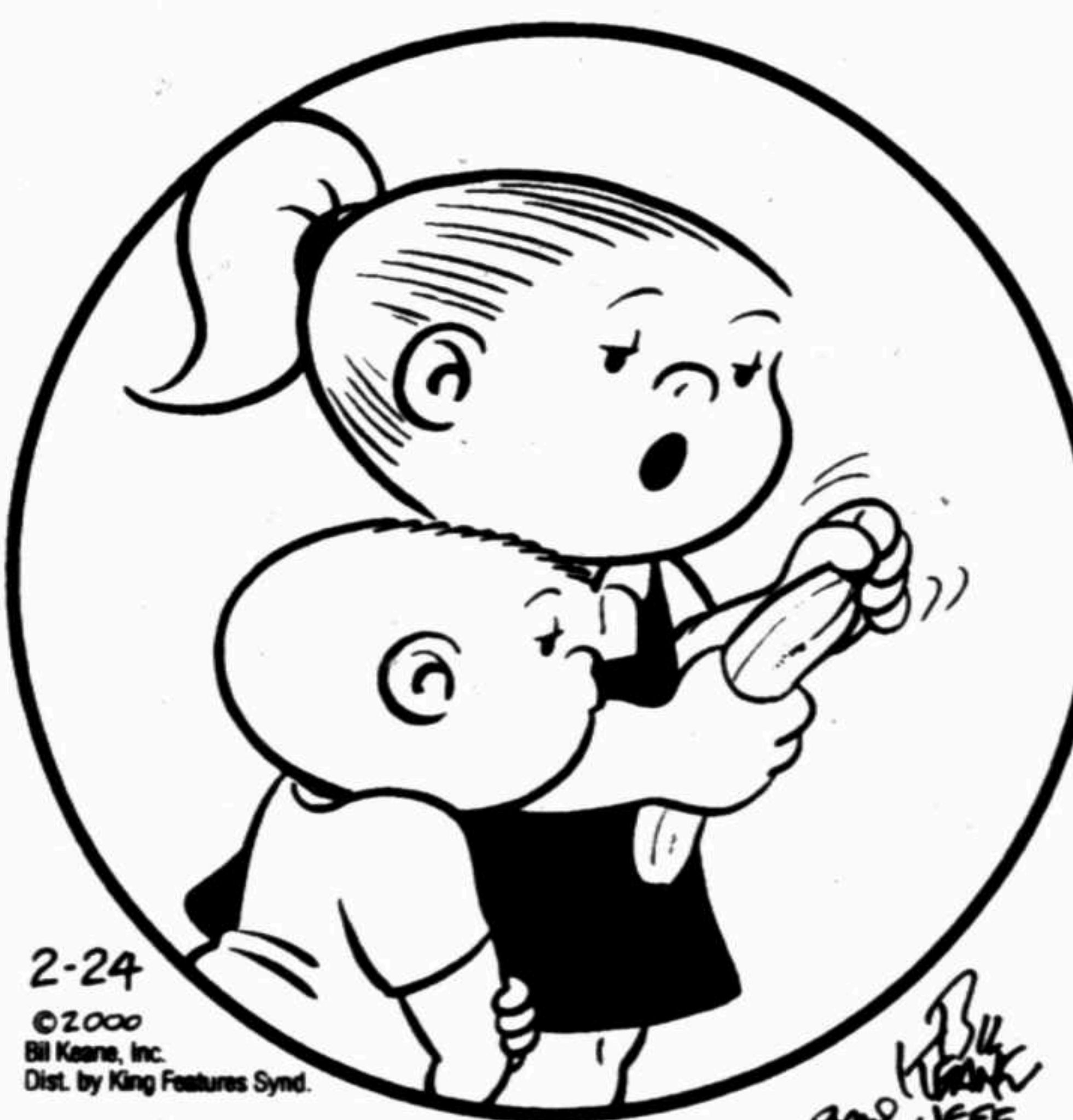
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3	KMID	2	3	2	News 521	Wheel of Fortune 873	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire 3705	2020 Downtown 3569	News 652095	Nightline (10:35)	Politically Incorrect	Cheers (11:35)		
5	KPEJ	24	5	3	Home Improvement 74873	Judge Judy 74873	The Natty Purrer (PG-13) *** (Edie Murphy, Jack Palance) 72618	Diagnosis Murder 80927	Chicago Hope: Simon Sez 96347	Mad About You 95724	The Nanny 90095	Jerry Springer 96182	NewsRadio 77569	Unhappily Ever After		
7	KOSA	7	7	7	News 2637	Entertainment Tonight 9521	Friends 4255 (TVPG)	Friends 4255 (TVPG)	Chicago Hope: Simon Sez 96347	48 Hours: In a Panic 79811	ER: Be Patient 20569 (TVPG)	News 3361182	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35) 5114231	Late With Craig Kilborn		
9	KWES	9	9	9	News 5569	Seinfeld 9521 (TVPG)	Friends 4255 (TVPG)	Friends 4255 (TVPG)	Chicago Hope: Simon Sez 96347	ER: Be Patient 20569 (TVPG)	ER: Be Patient 20569 (TVPG)	News 6863873	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35) 1171347	Late With Craig Kilborn		
12	KMLM	42	12	19	News 56291	John Hagee Today	The Light of the Southwest 64705	The Light of the Southwest 64705	Richard Roberts 77095	Richard Roberts 77095	Richard Roberts 77095	News 41279	Joyce Meyer 50927	Duane Smith Ministries 32618		
13	KOCV	36	13	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 178540	West Texas Journal	Small Business 2000	Mystery: Trial by Fire 372637 (TVPG-V)	Telecourse 644366	Telecourse 644366	Telecourse 644366	Telecourse 644366	Telecourse 644366	Telecourse 644366		
8	CNBC	8	27	8	Business Center (5:30)	Uplink Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 8703911	Rivers Live 8782231	The News With Brian Williams 8709095	The News With Brian Williams 8709095	Hardball With Chris Matthews 8702182	Rivers Live 4491637	Rivers Live 4491637	Rivers Live 4491637		
10	WGN	10	10	10	Full House 571927	Caroline in the City 571927	Highlander: The Quickening (R, 14) ** (Christopher Lambert, Sean Connery) 515251	Highlander: The Quickening (R, 14) ** (Christopher Lambert, Sean Connery) 515251	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
11	WTBS	11	11	11	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 571927	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 571927	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
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21	AMC	21	21	21	Too Many Girls (5:30)	Too Many Girls (5:30)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
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27	DISN	27	27	27	Disney's Magical World	Disney's Magical World	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
28	CNN	28	28	28	Moneyline	Moneyline	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
29	ESPN	29	29	29	College Basketball: Purdue at Michigan 375724	College Basketball: Purdue at Michigan 375724	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
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32	A&E	32	32	32	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 978796 (TVPG)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 978796 (TVPG)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
33	TLN	33	33	33	48 Hours: In the Danger Zone 184540	48 Hours: In the Danger Zone 184540	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
34	NICK	34	34	34	My Arnold 19821	My Arnold 19821	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
35	LIFE	35	35	35	Intimate Portrait: Melissa Etheridge 978502	Intimate Portrait: Melissa Etheridge 978502	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
36	OUTDR	36	36	36	Hunting With Hank 375298	Hunting With Hank 375298	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
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44	COM	44	44	44	Daily Show/ Stewart	Daily Show/ Stewart	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
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46	EL	46	46	46	Emergency	Emergency	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
47	TVL	47	47	47	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
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57	SCIFI	57	57	57	The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai (PG, 14) 518057	The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai (PG, 14) 518057	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)		
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62	HBO	62	62	62	Beach: First Look	Beach: First Look	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	Part 1: In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 511705 (TVPG-V)	News 367811	News 367811	MacGyver: The Odd Triple 377298 (TVPG)	In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of				

Campaigns using Internet, phone calls to smash opposition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rolling the Internet into an increasingly negative presidential campaign, Democrats Bill Bradley and Al Gore each have crafted Web sites criticizing the other. Bradley is airing radio ads urging voters to check out his "More About Gore" cyber-slam.

The new sites are the latest attack tactics being employed by both Democrats and Republicans as the campaign spreads across the country after a month of focus on just a few early primary states.

On the Republican side, the telephone is the weapon of choice: Sen. John McCain paid for calls branding George W. Bush anti-Catholic, while McCain has endured a phone campaign in Michigan, and now in Virginia, suggesting one of his top supporters is "a vicious bigot."

The Republican race has tightened to one of the closest in memory, and each side is looking for an edge. With a big-

ger gap on the Democratic side, Gore is looking for a knockout punch while Bradley looks to shake up the race.

The stakes are higher with more than a dozen states up for grabs in the next three weeks.

"It's like a boxing match and people are responding instantly to the jabs and posture of the opponent," said W. Russell Newman, who is monitoring the campaign at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication.

Nowhere is the increasingly bitter tone more apparent than on the Web, where candidate sites until this week had been mostly positive.

"As a conservative congressman, Al Gore was anti-choice, pro-gun, pro-tobacco and indifferent to education and health care," the Bradley's site says on its opening page, echoing a theme he began sounding on the stump this week.

A radio ad now airing in Washington

Campaign 2000

state, a prime Bradley target, hits the same message. "When it comes right down to it, what does Al Gore really stand for?" an announcer asks, suggesting that listeners check out the new Web site "to see for yourself."

By tying the two mediums together, the campaign hopes voters will get more negative information about Gore than they could from a single ad. "You simply can't provide all that information in

a 60-second radio ad," Bradley spokeswoman Kristen Ludecke said.

The Gore camp dismisses the Bradley effort as desperate. The New Jersey senator is trailing in the nomination race.

On the Republican side, thousands of phone calls blanketed Michigan and, according to McCain, have now arrived in Virginia, where voters go to the polls next Tuesday.

Christian broadcaster Pat Robertson, a Bush supporter, recorded a phone call accusing a top McCain official of being "a vicious bigot" who called conservative Christians "anti-abortion zealots, homophobes and would-be censors."

In the calls, Robertson criticizes McCain for refusing to repudiate the statements by the official, former Sen. Warren Rudman of New Hampshire.

Bush says he has had nothing to do with the calls.

For his part, the Texas governor is fuming over calls made by the McCain

camp in Michigan that suggested Bush was anti-Catholic.

McCain's spokesman initially denied campaign responsibility for the calls, which were targeted to Catholic voters, but acknowledged it late Tuesday.

The calls told voters: "Governor George Bush has campaigned against Senator John McCain by seeking the support of Southern fundamentalists who have expressed anti-Catholic views," according to a script provided by Bush's camp. The call then noted that Bush spoke at Bob Jones University in South Carolina and the caller said: "Bob Jones has made strong anti-Catholic statements, including calling the pope the antichrist and the Catholic Church a satanic cult."

During a campaign stop Tuesday night, Bush had a Catholic priest standing behind him. And on Wednesday, Bush went after McCain's campaign for first denying the calls.

Scientists: Richest diversity of life crowded onto slice of Earth

Associated Press

Scientists who inventoried Earth's shrinking wilds have reached an astonishing conclusion: More than a third of the planet's plant and animal species exist exclusively on a scant 1.4 percent of its land surface.

The researchers said the findings show that saving a large share of the world's species from extinction isn't an overwhelming task. They believe conservationists just need to focus on safeguarding 25 species-rich "hotspots" — mostly tropical rain forests.

"The whole point of this is that for a few hundred million dollars a year, focused on these hotspots, we can go a long way toward guaranteeing maintenance of the full range of diversity of life on Earth," said Russell Mittermeier, president of Conservation International, and one of the study's authors.

The British-American team led by Norman Myers of Oxford University relied on previous research to tally the numbers of land species that inhabit Earth's remaining pristine forests, grasslands and other habitats. Fish and insects were excluded. Because some of the tropical areas remain unexplored, the researchers had to rely on experts' best estimates.

The findings appear in today's issue of the journal *Nature*.

Mittermeier said some of the researchers were surprised

by the riot of life they found occupying such a small portion of land.

The team identified 25 "hotspots" covering a total of 810,000 square miles. That relatively tiny expanse sustains 44 percent of Earth's plant species and 35 percent of its non-fish vertebrate animal species.

Thirty-eight percent of that area already enjoys some form of legal protection. But Mittermeier said much of that is what conservationists call "paper parks" — lands that are protected on paper but where logging, mining and grazing are often rampant.

The researchers hope governments, corporations and private donors see that the challenge of protecting the remaining 62 percent is not overwhelming.

Their paper suggests that conservationists should use a "silver bullet" approach and concentrate on saving pieces of the hotspots from logging, slash-and-burn agriculture or other fates.

Some of the richest hotspots are in Madagascar, Brazil, the tropical Andes, the Caribbean, and Borneo, Sumatra and other islands in Southeast Asia.

"Surely the resources can be found to protect this 1.4 percent of the planet. That's not an awful lot of land to contain so much of the biodiversity of the world," said Edward O. Wilson, a professor at Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology.

Exiled professor returns to hometown in Georgia

ATLANTA (AP) — A black man who refused induction into the Army in the 1960s because the all-white draft board wouldn't address him as "Mr." returned to the United States for the first time in 39 years Wednesday after receiving a presidential pardon.

With tears streaming down his face, Preston King greeted 20 members of his family — some of whom he had never met and others he had not seen in decades — at Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport.

King, 63, fled his hometown of Albany, Ga., in 1961 after being sentenced to 18 months in prison. Over the years, he made a life for himself as a professor in England, where his daughter is a member of Parliament.

On Monday, President Clinton granted King a pardon so he could return to Albany for the funeral today of his oldest brother, Clennon W. King Jr.

"This is a wonderful homecoming," King said at the airport Wednesday. "This is my turf. These are my folks. I feel a great sense of love for this terrain."

King's daughter Oona, a member of Britain's House of Commons, flew with her father from London and said the homecoming was bittersweet.

"He doesn't get those 39 years back," she said. "He thought he would die without ever seeing



Preston King, professor of political science at Lancaster University, England, with his daughter Oona King, a British Labor Party Member of Parliament are seen here at London's Gatwick airport on Wednesday before departing for Atlanta. President Clinton granted King a full pardon on Monday from a draft evasion conviction ending a 39 years of exile from the United States.

his home again."

King thanked Clinton for having the courage to pardon what he called "a simple issue of common decency and mutual respect."

In 1958, King, who had been granted time by his draft board to pursue a master's degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science, was told to report for induction.

The draft board addressed

him as "Mr. Preston King" before learning he was black and "Preston" after that. He refused to report for an Army physical until the board addressed him as "Mr.," as they did white draftees. He was eventually convicted of draft evasion.

King, now a professor of political science at Lancaster University, said he felt no bitterness about the time he spent away from the United States.

Jury begins deliberations in case of Diallo killing

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The jury began deliberating Wednesday in the case of four white police officers charged with killing an unarmed black man, after the judge said the jurors could acquit if they believed the officers acted in self-defense.

The officers could be cleared if jurors believe their claim that they fired 41 bullets at Amadou Diallo because they thought he had a gun and wanted to shoot them, Justice Joseph Teresi said. "A person who acts in self-defense is not guilty of any crime," he said.

The judge spent more than three hours going over the legal instructions for each of 24 criminal counts before deliberations began.

He gave the jurors the option of considering charges other than murder, and told them the law allows police officers to stop and

'You should figuratively put yourselves in the shoes of each defendant and consider how the situation appeared to him. You should consider what Amadou Diallo did before or during the encounter.'

— Justice Joseph Teresi instructed the jurors

question someone if wrongdoing is suspected.

"You should figuratively put yourselves in the shoes of each defendant and consider how the situation appeared to him," the judge said. "You should consider what Amadou Diallo did before or during the encounter."

Earlier, Teresi replaced a female juror for talking about the case outside of court. The jury is

now composed of four black women, one white woman and seven white men.

Sean Carroll, 37, Edward McMellon, 27, Kenneth Boss, 28, and Richard Murphy, 27, each have pleaded innocent to second-degree murder. They face a maximum prison sentence of 25 years to life if convicted.

Lesser charges being considered include second-degree

manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide, which could result in a sentence of probation.

The defendants were members of a roving unit of New York City plainclothes officers that has been accused of stopping and frisking young black men without cause. Diallo's slaying sparked such intense publicity and so many protests that the case was moved to Albany.

Prosecutors allege that Diallo, 22, was accosted in the vestibule of his Bronx apartment building on Feb. 4, 1999, without warning or justification. He was hit 19 times.

The defense claims Diallo ignored the officers' repeated orders to halt and pulled out a black object in a threatening manner. It turned out to be a wallet.

Woman testifies Eberling confessed in 1983 to killing Marilyn Sheppard

CLEVELAND (AP) — Richard Eberling, the man Sam Reese Sheppard believes killed his mother in 1954, confessed to the slaying in a late-night conversation, a woman who once worked with Eberling testified Wednesday.

Sheppard is suing the state of Ohio claiming his late father, Dr. Sam Sheppard, was wrongfully imprisoned for the beating death of Marilyn Sheppard in the couple's home.

The highly publicized case partly inspired "The Fugitive" television series and movie.

On Wednesday, Kathie Collins Dyal testified that Eberling confessed to Marilyn Sheppard's murder in 1983, when she was a home health care worker for an elderly widow. Eberling hired her for the job and later fired her.

Eberling later was convicted of killing the widow and died in prison while serving a life sentence for her slaying. He never confessed to having any role in Marilyn Sheppard's death.

Dr. Sheppard, convicted of murder, spent a decade in prison before the U.S. Supreme Court

overturned the verdict. He was acquitted at retrial and died four years later.

He had claimed that a bushy-haired intruder killed his wife and knocked him unconscious when he heard her cries and ran to help her.

Eberling worked as a window washer for the Sheppards in 1954 and got to know the widow, Ethel May Durkin, years later.

Dyal testified that Eberling asked her one night while they were discussing a Vietnam War movie if she had ever seen someone die. He then told her he killed Mrs. Sheppard, she said.

"He said that he had killed her and that he hit her husband on the head with a pail," Dyal said. She said Eberling told him that Mrs. Sheppard "bit the hell out of him" and that "somebody else paid the bill" for the slaying.

Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Ronald Suster questioned jurors individually Wednesday but didn't remove any following local news reports about a statement Prosecutor William Mason made regarding failed settlement talks in the case.



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Assisted suicides increase in Oregon in second year of law

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Twenty-seven terminally ill Oregonians, mostly older cancer patients, used the nation's only assisted suicide law to end their lives in 1999, up from 16 the year before.

Oregon health officials said reports from doctors and patients' families indicate the people who used the state's Death with Dignity Act did so out of a desire to have some control over the way they die.

"Although concern about possible abuses persist, our data indicate that poverty, lack of education or health insurance, and poor care at the end of life were not important factors in patients' requests for assistance with suicide," the officials said in a report published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

Opponents of Oregon's law say it is immoral to have doctors assist in suicides. An effort is under way in Congress to derail it and to prevent

other states from passing similar laws.

First approved in 1994 and reaffirmed by Oregon voters in 1997, the law allows a doctor to prescribe a lethal dose of barbiturates to patients who have less than six months to live.

Although backers of assisted suicide said the new report shows the law is working as intended, opponents said the report is flawed.

One critic, Dr. William Breitbart, chief of psychiatry service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, suggested that doctors might withhold reports on assisted suicides that do not go well.

Seventeen of the 27 were cancer patients. The others had chronic lung disease, AIDS or Lou Gehrig's disease.

The median age of the those who took their lives was 71; all patients had health insurance and 21 were in hospice care before death.

'Multimillionaire's bride: It was a mistake

NEW YORK (AP) — The woman who married a multimillionaire on national TV has something in common with other Las Vegas brides: She woke up shortly after her wedding wondering, "What was I thinking?"



Conger

Darva Conger described her odyssey on "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire" as a vacation spun out of control. Now she wants her life back.

"I don't think I was thinking clearly," Conger, a nurse and Gulf War veteran, said on "Good Morning America" Wednesday, a week after marrying a stranger in a television spectacle. "I committed an error in judgment."

A few hours later, her new husband, Rick Rockwell, taped an interview across town with ABC's Diane Sawyer to air this morning.

The Fox special Feb. 15 was a

ratings sensation that quickly backfired after criticism by women's groups and revelations that Rockwell been accused of threatening an ex-girlfriend. He denies the accusations.

Conger, 34, said Rockwell wasn't abusive toward her, but she said they didn't spend much time together. They barely spoke on their one-week "honeymoon" cruise to Barbados.

"The honest truth is I was very uncomfortable around him, and I spent most of the time with the girl that chaperoned me," she said. "He's just not a person ... that I would ordinarily have even a friendly relationship with."

She said she was taken aback when Rockwell, 42, kissed her on the lips after his television proposal was accepted. Conger said she was terrified but went along with the wedding because she didn't want to disappoint the show's producers.

She said she only got involved because she wanted a Las Vegas vacation and a chance to wave to her family on TV. Rockwell chose her from among 50 women vying for his nod in bathing suits

and wedding gowns.

"Never in a million years did I ever think that I was going to be selected," Conger said. "And somewhere in the back of my mind I thought, OK, if I am selected by the man to be his bride, he's got to take it in the same way that I do. It's a TV show."

"Maybe we'll like each other and get along. Maybe we'll even date, but I never in a million years ever thought of it as an actual marriage."

Within 36 hours, she said she told Rockwell she wasn't attracted to him and that the marriage wouldn't work out.

Conger, who gets to keep her diamond wedding ring and was given an Isuzu Trooper and the Caribbean cruise by Fox, said she just wants a normal life again.

"I have worked my whole life to be a credible person, a person of integrity," she said. "Unfortunately, in two hours I destroyed much of that credibility. And that's one of the reasons that I'm here. I'd like it back."

Conger also found herself enmeshed in a spat between two morning television programs

Wednesday.

While she was appearing on "Good Morning America," NBC's "Today" show advertised that Conger would be interviewed after 8 a.m. "Today" had a car waiting by ABC's studio to whisk her away to NBC, but Conger instead stayed with Sawyer and continued the interview, bypassing "Today."

NBC believes ABC intentionally tried to derail its interview.

"I'm surprised that they would do something like that, but that's OK, because we don't play that way," said "Today" executive producer Jeff Zucker. "In this business, what goes around comes around."

But "Good Morning America" executive producer Shelley Ross said ABC planned all along to keep Conger past 8 a.m. "Good Morning America" believes NBC was attempting to blunt ABC's exclusive story after ABC paid for Conger's trip.

"Competition is very healthy," Ross said, "but you never want to put your guest in the middle of it."

Conger is scheduled to appear on "Today" today.

Treasury official says 'Net shouldn't be tax haven

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It is critically important to keep the Internet from becoming a tax haven for Web entrepreneurs seeking tax breaks not available to traditional bricks-and-mortar stores, Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said Wednesday.



Summers

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, Summers indicated that President Clinton was ready for a veto fight with the Republican-controlled Congress over various tax relief bills that the administration believes would cut too deeply into future budget surpluses.

"Excessive tax cuts outside of an overall fiscal framework that assures we are paying down debt and able to meet future obligations would be economically imprudent and could possibly put the economic expansion at risk," Summers said.

Timed to coincide with Valentine's Day earlier this month, Republicans have already succeeded in getting House approval of a 10-year, \$182 billion tax cut that would provide relief for 25 million couples who now pay more than if they were single.

Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi said Tuesday the Senate soon would take up its own version of this measure as congressional Republicans push forward with plans to force Clinton to veto popular tax relief measures during an election year.

Elimination of the marriage tax and other items on the GOP wish-list were included in a massive \$792 billion tax cut Clinton vetoed last year.

Summers said the administration still believes the better approach is for Congress to adopt

the more modest, targeted tax breaks included in President Clinton's 2001 budget. Clinton's budget included \$351 billion in tax cuts for low and middle-income taxpayers, partially offset by \$181 million in tax increases, including a 25-cent per pack boost in the cigarette tax.

Summers said the GOP tax cuts would spur consumer spending at a time when the economy is already running full tilt and the Federal Reserve has embarked on a series of interest rate increases to slow growth and keep inflation under control.

"This is not time when it is appropriate to stimulate consumption on a substantial scale," Summers said, warning the Fed could be forced to boost interest rates even higher, offsetting the benefits of the tax cuts for consumers, and threatening to push the economy into a recession.

Summers' comments on the Internet reflect an effort by the administration to find a middle ground between one group, which includes GOP presidential candidate John McCain, who has called for the Internet to be totally tax-free, and state and local government officials who want to tap into revenues being generated by the fastest-growing part of the economy.

"There should not be any penalty taxes on the Internet, but at the same time cyberspace should not become a tax haven that promotes evasion or avoidance of the basic taxes in our system," Summers said Wednesday.

Currently a commission headed by Republican Gov. James Gilmore of Virginia is studying the Internet tax issue and is due to release its recommendations in April. A federal law placing a temporary moratorium on taxes aimed specifically at the Internet will expire in October 2001.

Separately, a Supreme Court decision bars state and local sales taxes from being imposed on Internet sales or more tradi-

tional remote sales by catalog companies if those firms do not have a facility in the state.

The sales tax now accounts for about \$150 billion in revenue to states, about two-thirds of their total take, and proponents of extending sales taxes to the Internet argue that it is unfair to penalize traditional businesses on Main Street while exempting the world of e-commerce.

Summers signaled support for this view and said as an interim step to dealing with complexity issues involved in imposing sales taxes on consumers nationwide, plans should be studied to harmonize and simplify sales taxes among the various states.

Summers said he had tried his hand at cyber-shopping but conceded that he was "not terribly competent on the Internet."

On other interview topics, Summers:

■ Declared that the "fundamentals for the American economy remain strong" but cautioned that after such a long period without a recession, a record 107 months, it was important that businesses and consumers guard against complacency. "If complacency causes consumers or businesses or government to lose sight of the (economic) uncertainties, that can itself become a risk to the expansion."

■ Agreed that the ballooning U.S. trade deficit was not sustainable and said one way to help it decline would be to boost the national savings rate so there would be less demand for imported products.

■ Maintained that the administration is "watching the oil price situation closely" but believes that oil prices should be set by market forces without government intervention.

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Lee, Midland High meet in key soccer games

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

Not only do today's soccer games between Midland Lee and Midland High have the usual flavor of the crosstown-rivalry, but the boys' game has the added spice of being in the thick of the play-off battle.

The Rebels and Bulldogs are tied for third place in District 4-5A, both at 4-2. They'll meet at 4:30 today at the new Midland High Soccer Field. The girls teams will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the Lee Soccer Field.

"Any time you have Midland High and Midland Lee, it's going to be exciting and it's going to be a close ball game," MHS coach Tony Pierce said. "With both teams tied at 4-2, that puts a little more oomph to it."

"The first game was a war," said Lee coach Shane Barden. "I wouldn't expect anything less (today)."

Today's games also begin the second half of dis-

trict play. Odessa Permian and Abilene High lead the boys race at 5-1, with MHS and Lee both one game behind. Only three teams make the playoffs.

The crucial games are starting.

"It's important to start off strong, and I'm sure Lee feels the same way," Pierce said.

"This is the game to start off the second half, and we're hoping to kick it off with a win."

The first half of district play started with Lee's 2-1 win over Midland High, but the teams started to go in opposite directions after that. Lee lost two straight games — although they were to Permian and Abilene High, now the top two teams in the district — before winning three straight.

Midland High won four straight — including two shoot-out wins over San Angelo Central and Abilene High in the same week — before falling to Odessa Permian on Feb. 15.



The Bulldogs have gotten some seasoning since the loss to Lee, and Pierce said that may make a difference today.

"We're a young team, but we've gotten some experience through the rest of the five games," he said. "Hopefully we've improved on some things, like playing with pressure and playing from behind. That's where the difference has to come: our composure."

Even though Lee won the first meeting, the Rebels still had to scramble back into the race. That suggests that while a win today is important, it isn't everything.

"We feel like we're chasing Permian and Abilene High," Barden said. "Obviously, we beat Midland High and we still ended up with the same record. We're chasing the two in front of us, and I'm sure Midland High feels the same way. There are six games left, and it'll be whoever has the best

record at the end of six games."

There is some separation in the district because the top four teams haven't lost a single game to the bottom three: Central (2-4), Odessa High (1-5) and Abilene Cooper (0-6). Lee's losses were to Permian and AHS; MHS' losses were to Lee and Permian; AHS' loss was to MHS; and Permian's loss was to AHS.

Every one of those games was decided by a single goal, and two of them required a shootout.

"The top four teams are pretty equal, with one game separating four teams. It seems like we've all been beating each other," Barden said. "I don't think this race will be decided until the last game of the season."

**Lady Rebels seek playoff spot;
Lady Bulldogs eye upset**

Today's girls' game doesn't have quite the marquee value of the boys' game. While Lee is 4-2 and

Please see **SOCCER/2C**

WT Classic is hosting 46 schools

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The West Texas Classic softball tournament begins at 6 p.m. today with 46 teams in two divisions at the newly renovated MUGS Softball Complex in Ulmer Park.

This will be the largest high school tournament ever held in Midland and carries added importance for at least two local teams since District 4-5A play begins on Tuesday.

"We don't have a lot of games before district play begins, so the two tournaments we play in this year are very important for us," said second year MHS coach Shawnda Vines. "District comes in a hurry."

Midland Lee coach Wes Overton, who is also in his second year with the Lady Rebels, also feels the tournament is a chance to get in some games.

"We've got to get the team ready to play quick," Overton said. "I wish we had more time to get some games in before district starts. This tournament will give us a chance to get some games in. We could play six or seven games in this tournament."

The tournament is a double elimination affair, so all teams will get in at least three games.

Lee is the defending West Texas Classic champion and the defending District 4-5A champion. Lee made a run to the region semifinals last spring in the state softball playoffs.

Lee defeated Midland High in the finals of last year's tournament and the two could possibly meet up again in this tournament. However, there are several teams that could make a title push.

Midland Christian won the TAPPS-2A state title last year and got to the semifinals of this tournament. The Lady Mustangs are still a threat, playing Lee close this season in a practice game.

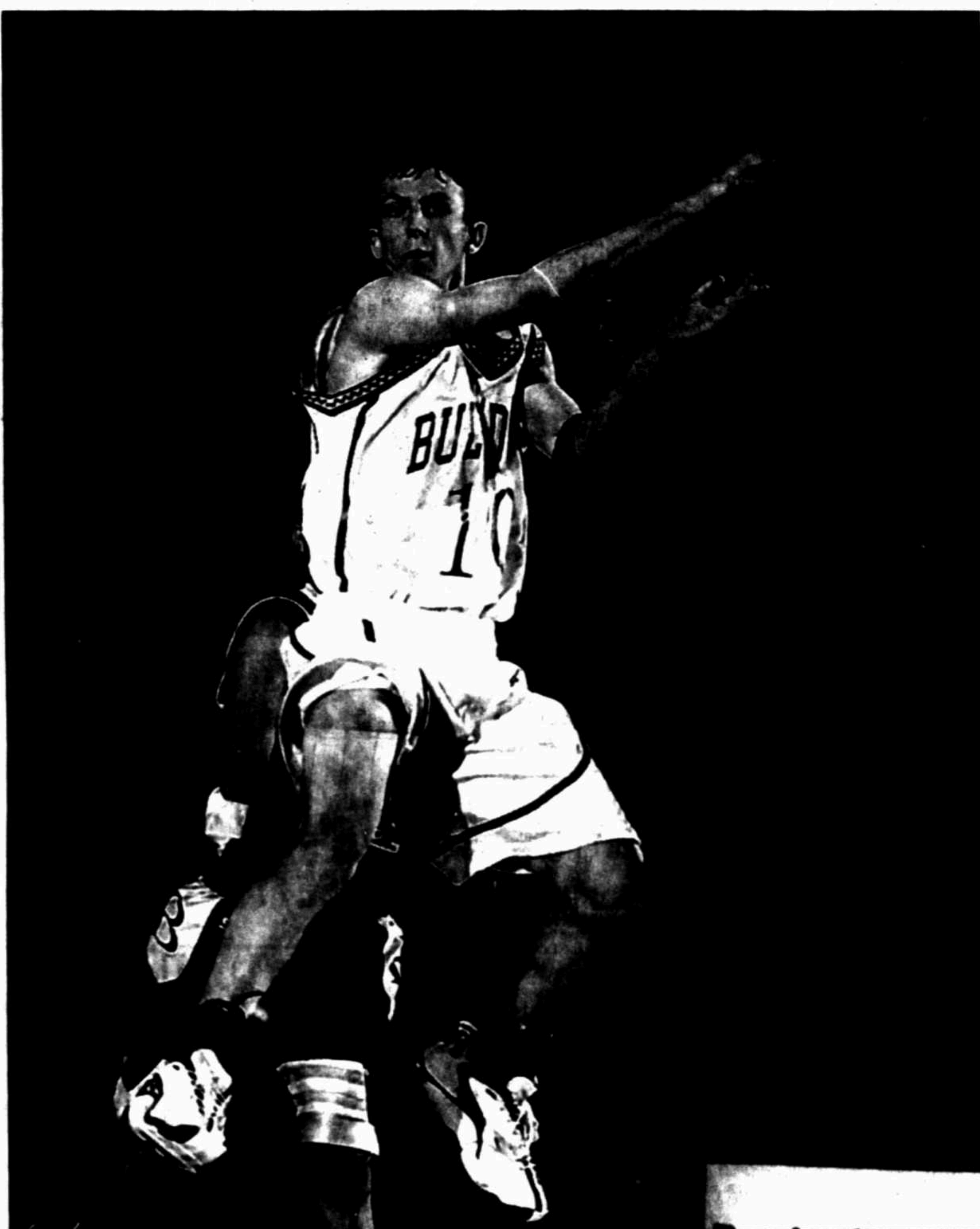
Greenwood, a playoff team a year ago, possesses sophomore Erin Smith, who is regarded as one of the best pitchers in Class 3A. Coahoma, a Class 2A team, always seems to make a deep run in the state playoffs.

Other teams in the Division I bracket include El Paso Austin, Amarillo Caprock, Snyder, El Paso Jefferson, Amarillo Tascosa, Lubbock Coronado, Fort Stockton, Dumas, Odessa High, Odessa Permian, Big Spring.

Please see **CLASSIC/2C**

MIDLAND HIGH IN BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

More than a passing fancy



Midland High guard Blake Johnston, here making a no-look pass, has made his reputation as an excellent passer, which has helped him earn a scholarship to Oklahoma. However, the Bulldogs have needed his scoring more this season, and Johnston is averaging 23.4 points a game.

■ Johnston heads into final playoff leg of distinguished four-year MHS career.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The Miracle Maker, the Tree with Deep Roots, the Stone Cold Column of Strength, the Bucket Bomber.

That's Midland High's Blake Johnston, who will be ending his high school glory ride with the Bulldogs in the upcoming state playoff run, beginning when the Bulldogs meet El Paso at 8 p.m. Friday in Pecos.

Johnston is the only player to have a four-year varsity basketball career at MHS in the modern era (since 1960). During his stay at MHS, Johnston owns a 47-1 record in District 4-5A play. He owns one state championship ring. He is the tie that binds this year's Bulldogs.

He will also play his basketball at Oklahoma University next fall, a decision that was made on the weekend before a practice game loss to Lubbock Monterey. Johnston becomes the fourth player in three years to sign for a Division I scholarship. Kirby Lemons, who has decided to play for Garden City Community College next year, signed with UT-Pan American two years ago and was followed by Jay Christian to Rice and Charles Tatum to Arkansas last year.

"Blake has done everything we've asked of him on the court," said MHS coach Jack Stephenson. "This kid is something special."

"I'm excited about OU," Johnston said. "I think it's a great place for me. I was recruited by Vanderbilt, Boston University, Baylor and UTEP, but everything fit me at OU. It was the right thing to do."

Stephenson added, "Blake is a great fit for OU and a great fit for me. I think it speaks very highly of Blake and our program to play big time basketball. I know Kelvin Sampson (OU coach) wanted him."

Johnston, however, has been asked to play a different role in each of his four years on the Bulldog varsity. Those different roles may have hindered him from being recruited even more widely than he was. But if you want a player who can play a role to the hilt, you want Johnston.

As a freshman, Johnston learned the feel of

Please see **JOHNSTON/2C**

MHS girls taking all three relays to 5A state meet

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

What the Midland High girls swim team pulled off last season was rare for a West Texas school, sending two relay teams to the state meet in Austin.

As impressive as that was, though, MHS coach Ted Carson thought he could do one better this year. While Midland High sent the 200-yard medley and 400 free relays to the state meet, Carson figured that MHS could also make state in the 200 free relay.

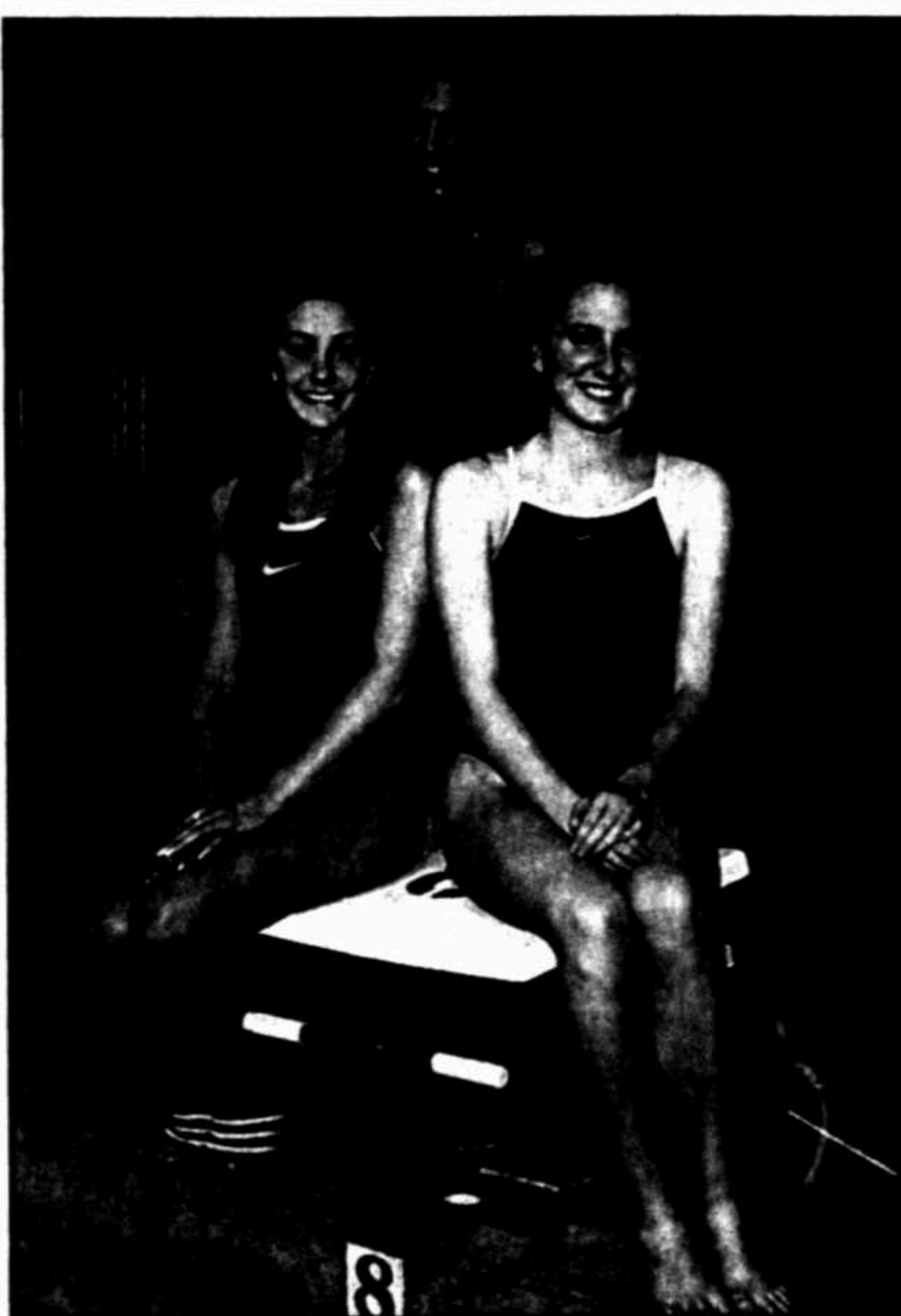
"I figured it out when I got to look at it," said Carson. "I saw who was graduating and who was coming back and knew what we needed to do."

That meant shifting a few things around for the Region 1-5A meet in Lubbock. Carson called it a gamble, but it paid off. Not only did the 200 medley and 400 free relay teams — in slightly different configurations — qualify again this year, the 200 free relay also made it, giving Midland High a sweep of the relay events.

This means that Midland High will be in the company of the elite schools from Plano and the Houston area in qualifying all three relay teams for the Class 5A state meet which starts Friday at 3 p.m. at the University of Texas.

MHS has four swimmers returning who were part of last year's two relay teams which went to state in Erin Irons, Stephanie Brown, Emily Alvarado and Catherine Jelf. Irons and Brown were both on the 200 medley and 400 free relays last year, as they are again this year.

How they got back again this year, though, is another story. Irons and Brown are both excellent backstrokers, and both have also qualified as individuals for the state meet in the 100 back two years in a row. Since Irons has won that event in the regional meet each of the past two years, she had the edge in the back, so she's lead-



MHS swimmers (from left) Catherine Jelf, Emily Alvarado and Mallory Keathley are going to the state meet with Erin Irons, Stephanie Brown, Keleigh Wentworth and Kristen Sheffield as part of Midland High's three qualifying relay teams.

ing off in the medley relay while Brown will be the finisher swimming the freestyle anchor leg.

"I don't mind either way," said Irons of swimming lead-off. "Stephanie is really good under pressure as the anchor and I'm used to leading off."

But that wasn't always set. Carson had experimented with leading off with Brown and finishing with the versatile Irons, who has also qualified for state in the 200

Please see **RELAYS/4C**

NHL sticks McSorley with suspension for vicious hit

■ Bruins enforcer banned for rest of season after attacking foe with stick.

By Ira Podell
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — The NHL struck back at Marty McSorley.

The Boston Bruins enforcer was suspended Wednesday for at least the rest of the season for his stick attack on Vancouver's Donald Brashear — the harshest penalty ever for on-ice violence. McSorley, who struck Brashear in the head Monday night with a two-handed swing, will miss Boston's final 23 regular-season games, and the playoffs if the last-place Bruins make the postseason.

"We must continue to be vigilant when there are acts that cross the line," commissioner Gary Bettman said. "In response to a clearly inappropriate act, the league acted firmly and decisively."

The suspension will cost McSorley \$72,000 in salary.

"We always try to make a statement in whatever we do because we don't want it to happen again," said vice president Colin Campbell, who handed out McSorley's punishment. "We're trying to right a wrong."

McSorley's shocking attack was an embarrassment to the NHL in the first year of a new television deal with ABC and ESPN. The commissioner was quick to point out that stick fouls have declined in recent years and that McSorley's behavior was not the norm.

McSorley might still have to answer to Vancouver police, who expect to wrap up their investigation of the attack by next week.

The findings will be sent to a prosecutor, who will decide on charges.

"We don't think further involvement by the authorities is necessary," said Bill Daly, the NHL's executive vice president and chief legal officer. "We think we dealt with the situation decisively, harshly, and we think that's probably sufficient."

The NHL players' union declined comment.

McSorley, who apologized repeatedly for the hit that knocked out Brashear, did not attend a scheduled disciplinary hearing at NHL headquarters Wednesday on the advice of his lawyers. Assistant general manager Mike O'Connell represented the Bruins at the meeting.

"They made it clear they don't condone what their player did in Vancouver, but they were here to support the player and support the team," Campbell said.

Before he can play again, McSorley must meet with Bettman and Campbell, who could decide to extend the suspension.

"I think at the appropriate time we have to make sure Marty understands the gravity of the act," Bettman said.

Bettman did not speculate on whether the 36-year-old McSorley would return to the NHL for his 18th season.

The blindside swing to Brashear's right temple knocked the 28-year-old forward down, causing him to smack the back of his head on the ice. He sustained a concussion

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College Basketball Results

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST	
Arkansas 83, Vanderbilt 63	
Memphis 84, Houston 79	
Oklahoma 93, Texas Tech 65	
MIDWEST	
Bradley 73, Creighton 65	
Cincinnati 95, Southern Miss 69	
Evansville 67, N. Iowa 58	
Illinois St. 76, Wichita St. 63	
Kansas 85, Nebraska 58	
Kansas St. 81, Texas A&M 76	
Marshall 87, Miami, Ohio 78	
Ohio St. 69, Northwestern 49	
Providence 89, Notre Dame 79	
S. Illinois 80, Indiana St. 61	
Wayne State 55, Drake 49	
Wisconsin 65, Illinois 61	
Wisconsin 54, Iowa 45	
FAR WEST	
Colorado 95, Baylor 75	
UC Santa Barbara 79, Cal Poly-SLO 69	
SOUTH	
Coastal Carolina 73, Winthrop 58	
Elon 83, Liberty 78	
Florida 90, Georgia 66	
LSU 64, South Carolina 59	
Louisville 68, Saint Louis 56	
Mississippi St. 80, Mississippi 67	
N.C.-Asheville 76, Charleston 67	
Southern	
North Carolina 70, Florida St. 67	
Richmond 56, Old Dominion 41	
Tennessee 74, Kentucky 67	
U. Ga. 53	
William & Mary 58, N.C.-Wilmington 64	
EAST	
Bucknell 72, Albany, N.Y. 61	
Dayton 71, La Salle 65	
Fordham 89, Duquesne 88	
Lafayette 92, Colgate 51	
Michigan St. 79, Penn St. 63	
Navy 89, Lehigh 52	
Ohio 82, Buffalo 62	
Pittsburgh 70, Boston College 60	
Sethon Hall 64, Minnesota 61	
Syracuse 91, Villanova 63	

Women's Scores

SOUTHWEST	
Baylor 81, Colorado 90, OT	
Louisiana 81, Texas A&M 58	
Texas Tech 91, Texas 85, 2OT	
MIDWEST	
Bethany, Kan. 87, McPherson 73	
Bowling Green 64, Akron 71	
Carleton 73, Bethel, Minn. 54	
Concordia St. P. 77, Rockford 72	
Emporia St. 73, Pittsburg 70	
Friends W. 55, Bethel, Kan. 41	
Kent 71, Buffalo 58	
Kansas 65, Kansas St. 62	
Ohio 62, Toledo 60	
W. Michigan 90, Cent. Michigan 65	
SOUTH	
Coastal Carolina 71, Winthrop 40	
Furman 72, Chattanooga 65	
Lamar 58, Centenary 47	
Radford 73, Elon 57	
Liberty 61, High Point 58	
EAST	
Albany, N.Y. 64, Bucknell 63	
Babson 53, MIT 38	
Bentley 62, American International 48	
California, Pa. 67, Clarion 63	
Colgate 68, Lafayette 66	
Connecticut 100, West Virginia 28	
Felician 55, Caldwell 47	
Georgetown 63, Providence 49	
Hunter 54, Lehman 46	
Johns Hopkins 64, Swarthmore 49	
Lehigh 76, St. Mary's 72	
Loyola, Md. 57, Manhattan 45	
Norwich 29, Lehigh 28	
Norwich 72, Albertus Magnus 54	
Pittsburgh 64, Villanova 64, Lynch	
Rutgers 73, Boston College 51	
Sethon Hall 55, Syracuse 49	
St. Joseph's, N.Y. 81, CCNY 58	
St. Peter's 79, Rider 59	
Stockton St. 71, Rowan 69	
Wagner 76, Sacred Heart 66	

Top 25 Men

No. 3 CINCINNATI 85	
SOUTHERN MISS (18-9): Thompson 3-5-4, 12, 16-12-20, Bookert 2-4-0-0, Flowers 0-2-0-1, Cauthen 0-2-0-0, Tennell 2-4-0-0, Jones 1-1-0-0, Brindley 2-2-2-5, Myers 1-2-2-8, Henderson 3-7-2-8, Carter 0-1-2-1, Totals 24-54-15-22-69	
CINCINNATI (25-21): Hunter 4-0-0-8, Peterson 1-1-2-1, Martin 7-9-33, Satterfield 3-11-3-4, Logan 6-11-22, 16, Stokes 1-4-4, 6, Designer 1-2-0-0, 1-2-0-0, Groves 2-8-0-4, Totals 32-71-33-95	
Halftime—Cincinnati 46, Southern Miss 29-30pts.	
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PENN ST. 63	
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NEBRASKA 58	
KANSAS (20-7): Collins 5-11-11, 2-12, Gregory 6-13-21-23, Johnson 2-0-0-4, Hinch 3-5-2-3, Boschee 7-4-5-6, Gooden 6-1-2-13, Earl 0-0-0-0, Nease 0-0-0-0, Totals 24-51-15-22-65	
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Golf Results

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College Baseball

By The Associated Press

Scores

SOUTHWEST

Ingramme 203, Texas A&M 100

SOUTH

Austin 12, Troy St. 4

Berry 11, Shorter 1

Birmingham-Southern 5-7, Harris

Coastal 3, Furman 1

Coker 7, Voorhees 4

E. Mennonite 6, Mary Washington

Florida St. 8, Appalachian St. 1

Gardner Webb 11, Limestone 9, 10

Georgia St. 13, Wolford 1

Lander 5, Newberry 4

Liberty 5, Virginia 4

Lincoln Memorial 18, Va. Intermont

McNeese St. 20, Prairie View 5

North Alabama 15-4, Kentucky

Samford 12, Tenn.-Martin 6

Tusculum 9, King, Tenn. 7

Texas 4, SW Texas 3

SW Texas 000 100 100-3 111

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Williams, Johnson (9) and Seaman

Johnson (10), Frantz (7), Jones (7)

Thames (8) and Hubel, W.—Thames

(2-0), L. Johnson (0-1), HRs—SW

Texas, Anderson (2)

Tennis

AXA Cup

LONDON (AP) — Results

Weekend of the ATP Tour

First Round

Cedric Pelletier (5), France, def.

Alberto Tomba (5), France, def.

Mariano Zabaleta, Argentina, def.

Tim Henman (3), Britain, 7-6 (3), 7-5

Yevgeny Kafelnikov (1), Russia, def.

Andrei Medvedev, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-4

Jeff Tarango, United States, def.

Jonas Bjorkman, Sweden, 7-5, 6-4

Second Round

Francesca Schiavone, France, def.

Hicham Argal, Morocco, 6-4, 6-2

Greg Rusedski (5), Britain, def.

Jerome Golmard, France, 7-5 (5), 7-6

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IGA Classic

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Results

Weekend of the \$180,000

USTA Tour tournament

First Round

Amanda Hearn (5), South Africa, def.

Anastasiya Myskina, Russia, 7-5, 6-2

Second Round

Natalie Dechy (5), France, def.

Nicole Pietrangeli, Australia, 6-4, 6-3

Sarah Pitkowski (8), France, def.

Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-3

(4)

Lisa Raymond (6), United States, def.

Conna Morand, United States, 2-6, 6-0, 6-3

First Round

Yuka Yoshida, Japan, and Rika

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NBA Results

By The Associated Press

Standings

Atlantic Division

W L Pct GB

Miami 32 20 62.5

New York 32 20 62.5

Philadelphia 29 24 54.7

Orlando 25 28 47.2

Boston 23 30 43.8

New Jersey 21 33 39.2

Washington 16 38 29.6

Central Division

W L Pct GB

Charlotte 36 17 67.9

Indiana 35 18 66.1

Toronto 28 24 53.8

Milwaukee 27 28 49.1

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Cleveland 22 32 40.7

Atlanta 20 30 40.4

Chicago 12 39 23.2

Midwest Division

W L Pct GB

San Antonio 34 19 64.2

Utah 33 20 62.3

Minnesota 29 23 55.8

Denver 24 29 45.2

Dallas 22 30 42.3

Ostion 21 31 39.6

Vancouver 17 36 31.7

Pacific Division

W L Pct GB

Portland 43 11 79.6

L.A. Lakers 43 11 79.6

Phoenix 33 19 63.5

Seattle 31 21 61.9

Sacramento 31 22 58.5

Golden State 25 28 47.2

L.A. Clippers 11 44 20.0

Wednesday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Philadelphia 74, L.A. Clippers 78

Utah 118, Detroit 111

Lakers 116, Cavaliers 96

L.A. Lakers (118): Dwyer 4-11-4

4-14, Green 4-8-0-0, O'Neal 8-15-3

5-19, Harper 4-8-2-12, K. Bryant 9-

22-3-21, Fisher

Girls Basketball



All-District 4-5A

Lee, MHS place five on All-District team

Staff Report

A glance at this season's All-District 4-5A girls basketball team indicates that even better days could lie ahead for the two teams in Midland.

Both Midland Lee and Midland High were well represented in the district's postseason awards, snagging a total of five awards between them. The best news for Lee and MHS is that all four of the players who were honored will return next season.

For Lee, which finished the season at 8-4 in district and claimed a playoff spot, individual honors were awarded to freshman Adrienne Ross, named newcomer of the year, and coach Elise Kail, who was named the district's co-coach of the year along with Abilene Cooper's Anthony Watkins, who led his team to a district title in his first season.

Earning first team selections from the Tall City were a trio of juniors, Edrea Rogers and Laura Koch of MHS and Shamera Bryson of Lee.

While those three players had at least a year of varsity experience prior to this season, the biggest splash made on the floor this year was felt by Ross. Her level of play quite simply rose high above her classification.

After making her varsity debut with a remarkable 31 points against San Angelo Lake View, Ross made Kail's decision to make her the first freshman to play on the varsity in Lee history look like a stroke of genius. Ross, playing mainly as a wing, led the Lady Rebels by averaging 18.5 points a game this season, which was impressive enough, but she saved her best for last.

In Lee's bi-district playoff game against Amarillo High, the Lady Rebels suffered a humbling 83-50 defeat, but you couldn't blame Ross. She was the best player on the court that night, scoring an astonishing 40 points in perhaps the best performance ever by a 4-5A girl in a playoff game.

Bryson was Lee's second leading scorer behind Ross with 9.7

points a game. She established herself in the backcourt in the second half of district, and her improved play was a big reason the Lady Rebels swept the second half of district to make the postseason.

Rogers, in her third varsity season, was a repeat selection to the first team. On a Midland High team sorely lacking in experience and depth due in part to the loss of four players to midseason disciplinary violations, Rogers needed to come through. She did by leading the Lady Dawgs with 17.3 points a game.

Koch, who came off the bench as a sophomore, established herself in the starting lineup from the outset, and was asked to raise the level of her game when Midland High's roster dropped to only seven players. Koch gave the Lady Dawgs a legitimate second option offensively, averaging 12.1 points a game.

Another junior, Celeste Stevenson, was named the district MVP for her role on Cooper's championship team.

Lee had two players selected to the second team in seniors Danielle Dickey and Andrea Long. Midland High sophomore LaQuori Harris was named to the second team as well.

Two other players from Lee, senior Julie Jay and junior Shandi Neatherlin, were honorable mention selections.

1999-2000 4-5A ALL-DISTRICT
Co-Coaches of the Year: Elise Kail, Midland Lee and Anthony Watkins, Abilene Cooper.
MVP: Celeste Stevenson, Jr., Abilene Cooper.

Newcomer of the Year: Adrienne Ross, Fr., Midland Lee.
First Team
Shamera Bryson, Jr., Abilene High; April Coffield, Sr., Abilene High; Kelly Garcia, Sr., Abilene High; Lacey Hohmann, Sr., San Angelo Central; Shamera Bryson, Jr., Midland Lee; Laura Koch, Jr., Midland High; Edrea Rogers, Jr., Midland High; Jocelyn Ansley, Sr., Odessa High; Lindsey Casey, Jr., Odessa High; Chanté Sutherland, Sr., Odessa High.

Second Team
Lauren Napier, Sr., Abilene High; LaShara Richardson, Jr., Abilene High; Erin Brumm, Sr., San Angelo Central; Karl Medeiros, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Danielle Dickey, Sr., Midland Lee; Andrea Long, Sr., Midland Lee; LaQuori Harris, Soph., Midland High; Zovana Gatson, Sr., Odessa High; Sylvia Rivera, Sr., Odessa High; Natasha Moser, Jr., Odessa High.

Honorable Mention
Sarah Lackey, Sr., Abilene High; Nichole Ayala, Fr., San Angelo; Nikko Truss, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Julie Jay, Sr., Midland Lee; Shandi Neatherlin, Jr., Midland Lee; Shimeen Ray, Sr., Odessa High; Brandy Turner, Jr., Odessa High.

Elliott works hard to come back

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sean Elliott is practicing harder, and he predicts he can rejoin the San Antonio Spurs in three weeks.

Elliott, trying to become the first pro athlete to return to his sport after a kidney transplant, said Wednesday he needs more weeks like this one with back-to-back practices.

"Tuesday's practice was a monster," said Elliott, who went through grueling drills with the reserves.

Elliott practiced again Wednesday with the full team before the

Spurs left for a three-game road trip.

No specific timetable has been set by the 32-year-old forward or coach Gregg Popovich. Popovich certainly does not want to be locked in to Elliott's prediction for a return in three weeks.

"I can't on a day-to-day basis say he improved X percent," Popovich said. "We're going to wait until the beginning of March, evaluate him again and then we'll give everybody an idea of where he's at."

RELAYS: 200 free squad set region mark

(From 1C)

individual medley.

Through trial and error, though, the quartet settled on Irons, a senior starting and Brown, a junior, finishing.

"In the medley relay, we had to switch because that's the way it's worked out for the best," said Brown. "It's helped us drop time."

Swimming in between Irons and Brown on the medley relay are senior Kristen Sheffield and freshman Mallory Keathley, both of whom are making their first trip to the state meet. Sheffield will swim the breaststroke leg while Keathley will swim the butterfly.

Sheffield, who also qualified as an individual in the 100 breast, thinks that the strength of the team in the medley relay has had a trickle down effect to the other two MHS relay teams.

"We have a lot of depth on (the 200 medley) relay," said Sheffield. "The 200 medley and 400 free were a pretty sure thing. I think it's awesome that we got all three relays in."

Perhaps the best evidence of the strength of the medley relay team is that Jelf was on it last year but

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won't be there this year. As a freshman last year, Jelf broke ground by becoming the first frosh in Midland history to make the state swim meet by swimming the breast portion of the 200 medley relay.

This year, though, Sheffield emerged as the team's top breast-stroker, but that didn't push Jelf out of the relay picture. Instead, Jelf emerged as a valuable cog in the MHS relay team, this time as a freestyler in the 200 free relay. "Just for this season," said Jelf, who still considers the breaststroke her strongest event. "I've made some great strides in my freestyle events so I guess Ted felt safe with me in the free relays."

Nonetheless, Jelf had to make another switch to help get all three relays into the state meet. Prior to the regional meet, she had been a regular on the 200 free relay with Keathley, Alvarado and freshman Keleigh Wentworth. Irons was entrenched on the 400 free relay along with Brown, Alvarado and Wentworth.

With the 400 free relay team having smashed the record set by

Midland Lee five years earlier by nearly five seconds at the District 4-5A meet, Carson figured there was a margin to play with in the regional meet. Since the 200 free relay was only .3 of a second off the top seed time heading into the regionals, Carson figured that by switching Irons and Jelf, that extra time could be cut from the 200 free without sacrificing anything in the 400 free.

The switch paid off in huge fashion. Not only did Irons, Keathley, Alvarado and Wentworth win the 200 free, they did so in 1 minute, 40.26 seconds, setting a region record.

"We weren't really expecting that," said Wentworth, who also qualified as an individual in the 500 free. "It wasn't the relay that we supposed to do well. I think we surprised a lot of teams."

Like Wentworth, Keathley is a freshman attending her first state meet. She barely missed qualifying as an individual as she finished second in the 100 fly at the regional meet.

"I didn't even think about the relays (at regionals)," said Keathley. "I was focused on the 100 fly so I was real happy we did so well in the relays. I felt like I was doing something for the team."

With all three teams securely in the state meet, Carson has switched Jelf back to the 200 free and Irons to the 400 free. The latter event might be the best chance for any of the relay teams to win a medal.

Alvarado, a junior, was also on last year's 400 free relay which went to the state meet, and she's hoping that she and her teammates aren't only a year older but a year wiser.

"I guess I won't be as nervous because I'll be prepared for what's next," said Alvarado. "It's still going to be exciting and fun."

Friday's preliminaries begin at 3 p.m. while Saturday's finals begin at 2 p.m. This will be the first year the 5A swimmers will participate separately from the 4A swimmers.

For the 4A boys, Andrews has four individual qualifiers. Micheal Ashabanner qualified in the 200 free while Justin Waldrop made it in the 500 free. Tanner Jackson and Jerred Tochterman made it in the diving while the 200 free relay team also got picked up.

Big Spring's boys were picked up in the 400 free relay, while for the girls, Big Spring's Melissa Sheedy made it in the 200 IM.

WJCAC BASKETBALL TODAY

Women

New Mexico Junior College at No. 22 Midland College

Where: Chaparral Center.

When: Game time is 6 p.m.

Records: Midland College is 24-5 overall and 12-1 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. New Mexico JC is 12-14 overall and 7-6 in the WJCAC.

WJCAC Significance: Midland College has already wrapped up the outright conference title but wants to win this game to have momentum going into the Region V tournament. New Mexico Junior College is in good position for a playoff spot. A win tonight or a South Plains loss at Howard College would clinch a playoff spot for the Lady Thunderbirds, which would mark the fifth straight appearance in the Region V tournament.

Notes: This will be the last home game for Lady Chap sophomores Julie Rampley, Tynesha Gregory, Fatime Ndiaye and Shekinah Brazzle. MC is coming off a tougher-than-expected 65-59 win at Western Texas on Monday. It was a victory that assured the Lady Chaps of the outright WJCAC title. It wasn't the type of performance MC coach Ron Jones wanted out of his team, especially going into the Region V tournament next week. Jones hopes his team has a much better overall performance tonight against the Lady Thunderbirds. NMJC is coming off an 81-73 win over Odessa College on Monday and placed itself in a great position for the playoffs.

Next: The Lady Chaps begin play in the Region V tournament March 3 at Lubbock's United Spirit Arena.

STATISTICS

Midland College Women

Player	G	FG	FTA	FTM	T	AVG
Fatime Ndiaye	29	197	146	89	483	16.7
Julie Rampley	27	113	53	38	306	11.8
x-Nana Lobela	9	33	41	23	89	9.9
Charonva Rhodes	29	92	128	90	274	9.4
Shekinah Brazzle	29	91	90	60	266	9.2
Hendi Lange	27	75	42	25	221	8.2
Loren Mostacilla	29	84	103	54	222	7.7
Kanendra Wilson	29	80	66	42	216	7.5
Nikki Maloney	28	50	61	40	147	5.2
x-Nicole Villarreal	20	30	8	1	89	4.7
x-Mia Battle	20	38	22	13	92	4.6
Tynesha Gregory	25	16	5	4	43	1.7
Jennifer Roemisch	17	9	3	2	26	1.5
Mishka Bailey	18	8	8	3	19	1.1
Totals	29	906	775	490	2,493	85.9

x-no longer with team
3-point goals: Lange 46, Rampley 43, Villarreal 28, Brazzle 24, Wilson 23, Gregory 7, Maloney 7, Roemisch 6, Battle 3.

Men

New Mexico Junior College at No. 13 Midland College

Where: Chaparral Center.

When: Game time is 8 p.m.

Records: Midland College is 25-4 overall and 12-1 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. New Mexico JC is 9-19 overall and 3-10 in the WJCAC.

WJCAC Significance: A win by Midland College will clinch at least a share of the conference title. New Mexico JC has been eliminated

the playoff race.

Notes & Quotes: This is also the last home game for Chaparral sophomores Alvin Brooks, Eugene Costello, Armon Whitaker, Teohn Conner and Ricky Duff and MC's first-year coach Junsie Cotten wants them to have a good send-off. "We put ourselves in a great position to win this league and we just have to go out and play hard," Cotten said. "This is our sophomores' last game and I want nothing more for them than to leave here with the conference championship." The Chaps would also want a win to have momentum going into the Region V tournament. "A win would boost our confidence going into the tournament," said Cotten. "A loss would put a little damper on the season."

Next: The Chaps begin Region V tournament play on Thursday, March 2 at Lubbock's United Spirit Arena.

STATISTICS

Midland College Men

Player	G	FG	FTA	FTM	T	AVG
Eugene Costello	29	204	242	191	680	23.4
Teohn Conner	28	119	44	30	307	11.0
Ricky Duff	29	120	73	41	262	9.7
Alvin Brooks	29	87	57	35	283	9.1
Armon Tillman	29	82	52	29	205	7.1
Jason Williams	19	37	20	13	87	4.6
Jerome Beasley	27	60	14	8	128	4.7
Quannas White	28	43	56	41	133	4.8
Armon Whitaker	29	26	47	36	96	3.3
Macklin Thornton	19	25	24	12	66	3.5
Adrian Martin	29	27	58	21	75	2.6
Jermaine Allen	9	4	4	3	13	1.4
C.J. Young	21	6	17	8	20	0.9
Totals	29	837	702	467	2,355	81.2

3-point goals: Costello 82, Brooks 54, Conner 38, Tillman 12, White 10, Whitaker 8, Thornton 4, Allen 2, Duff 1.

Mets' pitcher collapses in his bathroom

By Josh Dubow
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Mets pitcher Bill Pulsipher stopped breathing briefly after collapsing on the floor of his bathroom Wednesday, but was resting comfortably in a hospital later in the evening.

Pulsipher, who had worked out earlier in the day at the Mets' spring training complex in Port St. Lucie, Fla., was breathing without aid and all vital signs were normal, Mets general manager Steve Phillips said on a conference call shortly before 11 p.m. EST.

"He was in serious condition when he was brought in," St. Lucie Medical Center spokeswoman Ginger King said by telephone. "He's OK now. He's up, talking with the staff and walking around."

Michelle Pulsipher called an ambulance after finding her husband lying on the floor of the bathroom unconscious and not breathing around 3:30 p.m. The pitcher was taken to the emergency room and had a tube inserted to help his breathing.

"It was concerning certainly when he had difficulty breathing," Phillips said. "But as time went on the symptoms relieved themselves and he was feeling much better."

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Previous	\$2.515

Oil rises

NEW YORK — Crude oil led energy futures higher Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, as supplies remain tight and uncertainty remains over what OPEC will do to about ease production restrictions.

The 11-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is set to meet next month in Vienna, Austria. On Wednesday, oil ministers from Gulf Arab states said they are leaning toward a slight increase in oil production to reach a price of between \$20 and \$25 a barrel.

The skyrocketing price of oil, which has nearly tripled over the past year, has led to spikes in heating oil and gas prices in the United States, where officials have also been lobbying OPEC and non-OPEC countries to increase oil production to alleviate the high energy costs.

Industrials fall

NEW YORK — The Nasdaq Composite Index soared to a record, ending a two-day slump as Cisco Systems Inc. and Qualcomm Inc. rose. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell.

The Nasdaq rose 168.21, or 3.8 percent, to a record 4550.33, its biggest point gain ever and largest increase since Jan. 10. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index gained 8.52, or 0.6 percent, to 1360.69, rebounding from a 10-point loss.

The Dow fell 79.11, or 0.8 percent, to 10,225.73, led by Procter & Gamble Co. and Johnson & Johnson. Three stocks fell for every two that rose on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Nasdaq's gain was the 10th time this year the index has moved more than 3 percent in a day. That's more swings of that size than during the first eight years the Nasdaq existed.

The index's average move this year has been 2.2 percent, compared with 1.4 percent in 1999, 1.2 percent in 1998, and 0.6 percent for 1997 through 1996.

Today also marked the 12th time in this year's 36 trading days that a Nasdaq gain has been coupled with a decline in the Dow. The Nasdaq has advanced 11.8 percent year to date, while the Dow average has dropped 11.1 percent.

Dollar rises

NEW YORK — The dollar rose for the seventh day in eight against the yen and strengthened against the euro as U.S. stocks rebounded, bolstering demand for the U.S. currency.

The dollar strengthened to 111.26 yen from 110.68 yen late yesterday in New York, when it touched a six-month high of 111.73 yen. The U.S. currency was little changed at \$1.0031 per euro from \$1.0038 yesterday. It rebounded from a one-month low of \$1.0086 earlier, to rise as high as \$1.0010 as stocks extended gains.

The yen also slipped against the euro, falling for the seventh straight day, to 111.61 yen from 111.225 yesterday. It earlier fell as far as 111.97, the lowest since Oct. 26.

Gold falls

Gold closed in London at \$301.50 bid per troy ounce, down from \$302.50 on Tuesday. In Zurich the bid price was \$301.55, down from \$301.65. Gold rose 50 cents in Hong Kong to \$305.50.

Silver closed in London at \$5.23 bid per troy ounce, up from \$5.21.

Greenspan urges caution on surplus use

By Alice Ann Love
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan made another appeal to lawmakers Wednesday to hold off committing projected government surpluses to new programs, at least until better predictions are available.

"All I say, all I'm asking in effect, is just to delay for a while until we have a better grip on what the true balance in the federal government accounts is," Greenspan said.

The chairman of the nation's central bank was answering questions in an appearance before the Senate Banking Committee to deliver the Fed's semiannual report to Congress. He gave similar testimony in the House last week.

Greenspan said that Fed policy-makers are taking a cautious approach to the nation's unprecedented economic boom — remarks that have put financial markets on notice that another interest rate increase is likely soon.

On Wednesday, the Dow Jones average of industrial stocks fell about 79

points to close at 10,225.73, compared with a sharp 250-point drop Friday that followed Greenspan's House testimony.

The Fed chairman said he expects the economy to remain strong and noted that Americans at all income levels are benefiting from the current prosperity.

"The distribution of income, which had been increasingly skewed to the upper incomes through most of the 1980s and 1990s stopped in the middle of the decade and everybody has been growing by the same amount," he said.

Meanwhile, inflation is still largely absent. "I can't find it no matter where I look, with the possible exception of oil prices," Greenspan said.

But he cautioned that tight labor markets and a continued consumer spending spree present potential price pressures too great to ignore.

If Fed policy-makers don't pay attention to those factors, "then we are like the boat heading towards the dock and instead of turning so we don't go slamming into the dock, we go straight into the dock and find out that we should have

turned at least partially in order to come into ... a soft landing," Greenspan said.

Many private economists believe the Fed will opt for at least two more quarter-point interest rate increases at the central bank's next meetings in March and May.

Since June, the Fed has pushed up its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, to 5.75 percent in four quarter-point moves, the last one occurring Feb. 2.

For lawmakers, Greenspan said the lingering uncertainties of the economy should prompt wariness about making new commitments for future government spending.

"I would submit that irrevocable or almost irrevocable programs that are put in place now strike me as risking the possibility that we may be wrong on this surplus," said Greenspan.

The reasons behind recent "tax surprises" that have overstuffed government coffers in recent years are not entirely understood by economists yet, Greenspan said. Therefore, it is difficult

to predict whether they will persist.

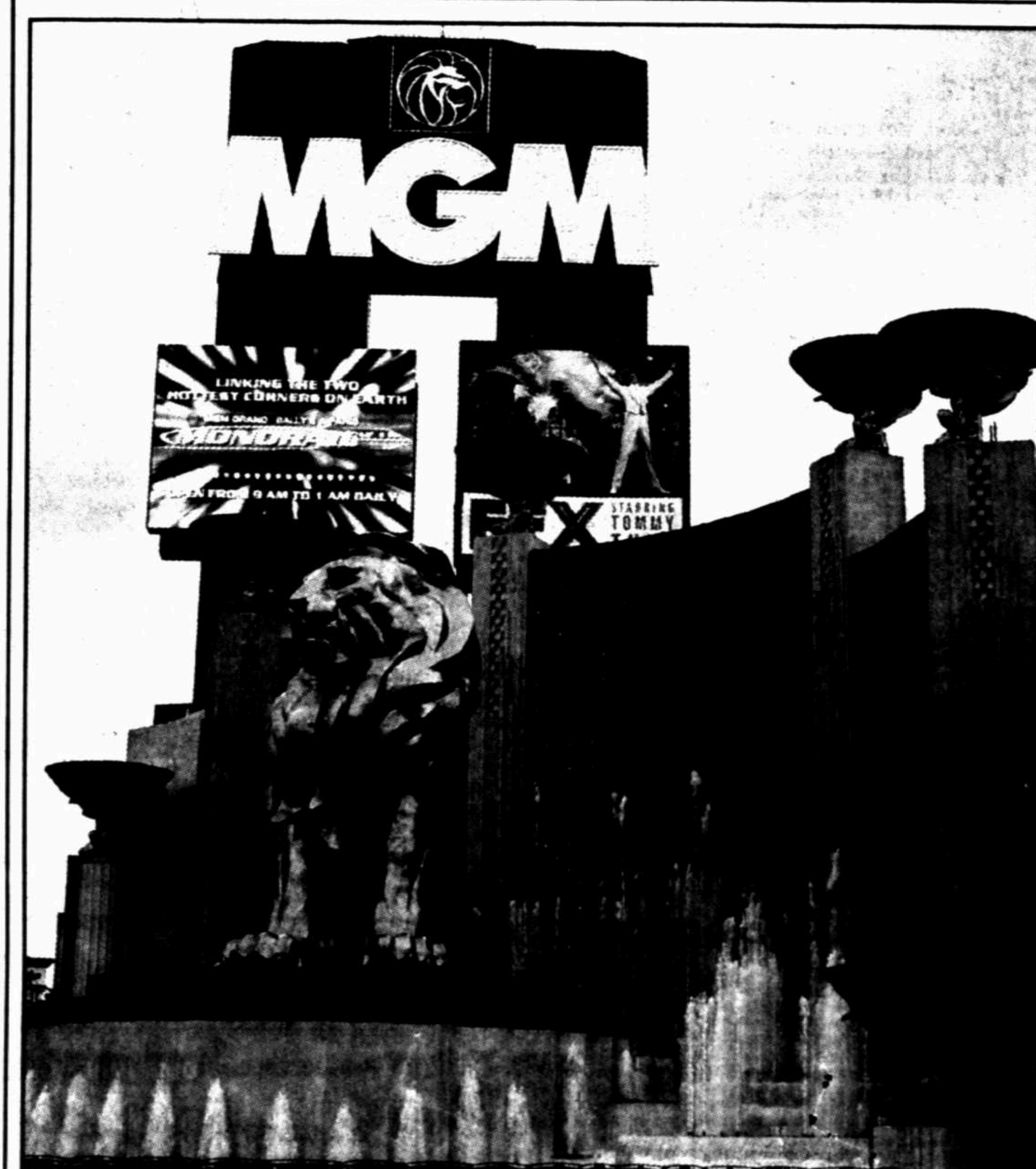
For that reason, he said he believes using surpluses to pay down the national debt is the best thing lawmakers can do for now.

Until surplus projections are more certain, Greenspan said, "I've argued that we should allow the surpluses run and ... reduce the debt outstanding."

However, if political pressures on lawmakers to use surpluses to offer goodies to voters are too great in this election year, the Fed chairman said, he would prefer a tax cut over new spending programs.

President Clinton's final budget projects that the \$3.7 trillion publicly held portion of the \$5.7 trillion national debt could be eliminated by 2013, making the government free of debt to the public for the first time since 1835, when Andrew Jackson was president.

Clinton has also proposed extensive new government programs, however, including an expansion of Medicare to include prescription drug coverage. Republicans, meanwhile, are pushing for large tax cuts.



The MGM Grand Hotel and Casino, seen Wednesday in Las Vegas, has made an unsolicited offer to buy Mirage Resorts, Inc. for \$3.5 billion in cash and stock.

MGM Grand, Inc. rolls the dice on Mirage Resorts

By Robert Macy
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — MGM Grand Inc. has made an unsolicited \$3.5 billion offer to buy Mirage Resorts Inc., setting up what could be a battle between two casino giants and two of the industry's most powerful figures.

Steve Wynn is chairman of Mirage; billionaire Kirk Kerkorian is the majority stockholder in MGM Grand.

The offer, disclosed Wednesday, was 56 percent higher than the market value of Mirage and also included the assumption of \$2 billion in debt.

Mirage issued a statement saying only that the "unsolicited proposal" would be considered by its board of directors. MGM Grand characterized the bid as a "friendly offer."

Wynn and Kerkorian helped shape Las Vegas as the gambling capital of the world. Their relationship is considered by analysts to be cordial. While Wynn has courted publicity, Kerkorian has chosen to remain in the background while amassing a fortune in hotel-casinos, film studios and Chrysler Corp.

Joe Coccimiglio of Prudential Securities said egos could play a key role in whether the deal succeeds.

"People know Wynn is not likely to say, 'Yes,'" Coccimiglio said. "We're talking about a control issue, which company gets to call the shots."

Wynn did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Wednesday's offer of \$17 a share was more than 56 percent higher than Mirage's closing stock price of \$10.87 1/2 on Tuesday.

Mirage Resorts also owns Treasure Island, The Golden Nugget and Bellagio, which boasts the largest earnings on The Strip.

Mirage stock surged 32 percent on the news, rising \$3.50 to \$14.37 1/2 on the New York Stock Exchange. MGM Grand rose \$1.43 3/4 to \$41.81 1/4.

Gulf Arab oil ministers hint at production increase

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Gulf Arab states are leaning toward a slight increase in oil production, officials said Wednesday after a meeting of Gulf oil ministers.

In a statement, the ministers called for a stable market but gave little away on what position they would adopt at next month's meeting of the 11-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna, Austria.

"The ministers stressed their countries' desire to maintain the market's stability in the coming period in cooperation with other producing nations," the statement said.

"OPEC wants to ensure stability in the market," Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi told reporters.

The skyrocketing price of oil, which has nearly tripled over the past year, has led to spikes in heating oil and gas prices in the United States and prompted calls for the government to tap the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve. U.S. officials have also been lobbying OPEC and non-OPEC countries to increase oil production to alleviate the high energy costs.

Gulf officials said Wednesday the ministers favored an increase in production of between 2 million and 2.5 million barrels a day to reach a price of between \$20 and \$25 a barrel. Oil for delivery in April was trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange at \$29.39 a barrel.

The officials, who spoke on condition

of anonymity, did not say how such an increase should be apportioned among OPEC and non-OPEC member states.

Officials from Saudi Arabia, which towers over its fellow Gulf states as the world's largest oil exporter, say their government favors prices of \$20 to \$25 a barrel.

The Saudis are scheduled to meet March 2 with Mexico and Venezuela to discuss whether to increase production. Whatever decision they reach is expected to influence the OPEC meeting on March 27 in Vienna.

Not everyone has agreed on how to deal with the problem.

Kuwait is believed to oppose any increase in production and Iran, the second-largest producer in OPEC, has

come out against a rise in output.

Before Wednesday's meeting, United Arab Emirates oil minister Obeid bin Saif Al-Nasser said a price in the \$20-\$25 range would be acceptable.

He said any decision taken on the timing or volume of a possible increase in output by OPEC should be subject to a study of demand, prices and oil stocks at the time.

U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, who is touring the Middle East, said in Cairo Wednesday he would be talking to oil officials in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait about increasing production to ease prices.

Richardson refused to say what price he wanted for oil, saying the market should dictate that.

THE ECONOMIST

Texas economy isn't a three-legged stool anymore

By M. Ray Perryman

Sometimes in my travels, I encounter people still holding to the view of Texas as an oil-dependent state, much as it was depicted in the 1955 Warner Brothers movie "Giant."

Most people I meet, however, recognize that the rise and fall of the Lone Star State is no longer dependent on the price of oil; they realize Texas is thriving because of the diversity of our economy.

A major element of the state's economic strength is the manufacturing sector. While manufacturing declined somewhat across most of the country during the past decade, Texas experienced a significant increase. In fact, Texas is the only state in the union to have added more than 100,000 manufacturing jobs during that period. In the last few years, Texas has surpassed Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio in the number of workers in the manufacturing sector and cur-



Perryman

rently is second only to California.

Approximately 1.1 million Texas workers are employed in manufacturing. That's about 12 percent of the jobs in our state. However, manufacturing produces nearly one-fifth of the state's Real Gross Product (output) and accounts for 17 percent of the annual payroll.

During the 1990s, the number of manufacturers with more than 500 employees began to increase, and today there are more than 100 such firms strategically located across Texas. However, 99 percent of the state's more than 16,170 manufacturers still have less than 500 workers, with 35 percent employing fewer than 10. Of the total number of manufacturing plants, about 85 percent are located in metropolitan areas. Some 40 percent of Texas manufacturers have annual sales volumes of less than \$1 million, while less than 2 percent sell more than \$100 million each year.

During the past decade, we've seen levels of employment decline in the transportation equipment industry due in part to defense downsizing. However, significant increases in industrial machinery, electronics, and fabricated metals, as well as in lumber and wood products and plastic/rubber products

have more than offset those losses. Today, the top five types of manufacturers (by number of plants) are machinery, including selected electrical and electronic machinery; fabricated metal products, except machinery and transportation equipment; printing and allied industries; rubber and miscellaneous plastics products; and stone, shell, clay, glass, and concrete products.

Manufacturing is vital to the state's international trade with approximately 3,200 plants producing products for export. Electronics, industrial machinery, chemicals, and transportation equipment have accounted for the majority of the overall exports in recent years. (In 1998, manufacturing accounted for 95 percent of total merchandise exports.) Among the state's leading markets, NAFTA partners Canada and Mexico together purchase more than half of our exports.

Not only is Texas growing in the number of manufacturing jobs, but the number of patents is steadily increasing. Several of our universities and research institutions been perennial leaders in electronics, medical, biotechnology, aerospace, and energy-related research.

In the past few years, this number of

patents has dramatically increased as new information technology industries have come to the forefront and traditional industries, such as oil and gas exploration and production, have gained a competitive advantage in world markets because of their use of advanced research.

When I was a kid on my grandparents' farm, I used to sit on a three-legged milking stool. I tried to never use it for its intended purpose, mind you, but I did understand how it worked. If one leg ever broke, it caused significant disruption in the whole process. It used to be that the Texas economy was in some ways like that kind of stool — dependent on a limited number of industries. Today, thanks in large part to growth in manufacturing, the number of legs supporting the economy is more comparable to a centipede. And that's one insect I'm glad to have around!

Dr. M. Ray Perryman is president and chief executive officer of The Perryman Group. He also serves as Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies.

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Jaguars show other side of Latin explosion

By Fred Shuster
Los Angeles Daily News

Alfonso Andre of the hugely popular Grammy-nominated rock en español band Jaguars muses about growing up in Mexico City during the '70s.

There wasn't a lot to do if you were a musician, Andre recalled with a sigh, adding that "it was impossible to see bands. Nobody played there."

Times have changed for Andre and his hometown.

Today, Mexico City is as much a tour stop as Anaheim for the world's largest bands. And Jaguars, with worldwide record sales of more than 5 million, is one of the most successful groups in Latin rock history.

"I remember being a kid and hearing that Deep Purple were going to come from England to

Mexico to play," Andre said. "But then it turned out none of the original members were involved. It was just some guys doing covers. Now, it's changed. But we grew up with nothing but the radio and records. I mean, even Santana moved away and never looked back."

Jaguars has something else in common with Santana besides their hometown: Both are up for Grammy awards at Wednesday's ceremony at the Staples Center. Jaguars got a nod for best Latin rock/alternative performance for the moody double album "Bajo el Azul de Tu Misterio" ("Beneath the Blue of Your Mystery"), which hit the Top 20 on Billboard's Latin albums chart and was a top seller at Ritmo Latino, the largest Latin music retailer in the U.S. "There's a lot of great new music happening now in

Mexico," Andre said. "There's a spark of freshness."

The bond between charismatic Jaguars leader Saul Hernandez and his fans is remarkable even north of the border. The band's arena-level U.S. debut Saturday at the 16,000-capacity Pond in Anaheim, Calif., is close to selling out.

A date last fall at the Universal Amphitheatre in Universal City, Calif., was sold out in minutes.

Jaguars' popularity in the U.S. is even more unusual when you consider the quintet receives little, if any airplay, even on Latin radio. But well before the current Latin pop explosion, Hernandez's music started reaching Anglo audiences on a large scale when his previous band, the now-defunct Caifanes, toured with Live before joining Peter

Gabriel's world-music caravan tour WOMAD.

"Our biggest fans still come from the Latin community," Andre admits. "But we're seeing more and more English-speaking people at our shows. We're getting a lot of attention from the media, which draws people in."

Hernandez is often called rock en español's most interesting — and artsy — figure and has frequently been compared to Jim Morrison. Utilizing swirling guitars, spacey melodies and poetic lyrics that touch on ancient mythology, Jaguars' songs reflect Mexico's proud history.

"There's an ancestral culture that exists in Mexico from many years ago," Hernandez, 36, has said. "When the Spaniards came, they weren't able, fortunately, to eliminate a certain visceral sense of (our culture's) mysticism and

magic. Mysticism has evolved as a sense of protection."

Jaguars, named for the symbolic jaguar of Mexico's pre-Columbian past, released its debut album, the Don Was-produced "El Equilibrio de los Jaguars" ("The Equilibrium of the Jaguars"), in 1996, a year after Caifanes disbanded.

Last year, doctors ordered Hernandez to take a break from performing after tumors on his vocal chords made singing too painful. The Grammy-nominated current album features a 10-song disc of new studio material, plus 11 live tracks, including seven Caifanes songs.

"We've tried to do a live album for a long time, but never got it right until now," Andre said. "We've had so many changes in the band. But now that our lineup is set, we went on tour and

were delighted with the way the band sounds."

Perhaps surprisingly, Andre bears no grudges toward the likes of Ricky Martin or Jennifer Lopez, singers whose pop confections often get branded with the Latin pop label to the detriment of more serious acts from south of the border.

"We try and get away from the business part and concentrate on the music," the drummer said.

"The Latin pop thing didn't really hurt us, because they sing in English, and we sing in Spanish, and their version of Latin music really isn't very Latin."

"It's just pop mixed with a little bit of a Latin feel. They're mainly like American pop singers. We don't have a lot in common with them."

Telemundo enters into agreement with Major League Soccer

MIAMI, (PRNewswire) — Spanish-language Telemundo network, the fastest-growing full-time broadcast network among Hispanics, has entered into an exclusive agreement with Major League Soccer to televise an extensive schedule for the league's fifth anniversary season, announced Jorge Hidalgo, Vice President of Sports for Telemundo and MLS Commissioner Don Garber.

Kicking off the 2000 slate, the league's "Soccer Saturday" television schedule includes a series of 16 matches, beginning Saturday, March 18 at 4:30 p.m. (ET) and 1:30 p.m. (PT), and continuing through August 26. MLS live television coverage on Telemundo will include the league's new format for tie breakers with additional 10-minute overtimes when games are tied after regulation.

America's fifth major professional sports league, Major League Soccer has enjoyed success during its first four campaigns on the field and in the stands. Featuring many top stars from the United States, Mexico and the rest of Latin America, MLS is the United States' 12-team Division I professional soccer league with headquarters based in New York City. The 12 teams currently playing in MLS are now aligned across the following three divisions:

EASTERN DIVISION D.C. United; Metro Stars; Miami Fusion; and New England Revolution.

CENTRAL DIVISION Chicago Fire; Columbus Crew; Dallas Burn; and Tampa Bay Mutiny.

WESTERN DIVISION Colorado Rapids; Kansas City Wizards; Los Angeles Galaxy; and San Jose Earthquakes.

MLS teams feature a unique mix of domestic and international players. Along with the top performers from the United States each club has the ability to carry four senior international players on its 19-player roster.

"Telemundo is pleased to bring the spirit, passion and intensity of the world's most popular sport to our family of Latino viewers," said Hidalgo. "Under the leadership of Commissioner Garber, the MLS is recognizing the importance of the Latino audience and is making every effort to make the league as entertaining and relevant as possible. Telemundo is proud to be a partner in this endeavor."

"We are excited about our new partnership with Telemundo," said Commissioner Garber. "Together we look to further connect with our Spanish-speaking fans who have been extremely supportive of the league since its inception. The Telemundo schedule is an excellent addition to our 'Soccer Saturday' desti-

nation coverage."

The Miami-based Telemundo broadcasts 63 markets and is currently available to an estimated 85 percent of Hispanic viewers. Telemundo plans to add 400,000 Hispanic cable homes over the next two years, boosting Telemundo's reach to an estimated 90 percent of the U.S. Hispanic market. Telemundo Network Group LLC is owned equally by Sony Pictures Entertainment and Liberty Media.

Match/Time
Saturday, March 18
Chicago at Dallas
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, April 1
San Jose at Miami
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, April 29
Los Angeles at Metro Stars
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, May 13
San Jose at Chicago
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, May 20
Colorado at Miami
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, May 27
Kansas City at Tampa Bay
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, June 3

Colorado at San Jose
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, June 10
San Jose at New England
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, June 17
Kansas City at Dallas
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, June 24
Dallas at DC United
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, July 8
Los Angeles at Miami
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, July 15
Kansas City at Columbus
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, July 22
Miami at Metro Stars
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, August 5
Los Angeles at Kansas City
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, August 19
Tampa Bay at New England
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Saturday, August 26
Chicago at Tampa Bay
4:30 (ET) 1:30 (PT)

Note: All games are subject to change.

DREAM: Hard work paves way to citizenship to USA

(From 1D)

I was really happy," he said. "I had a chance to get involved and help. I mean, that's where I came from."

Mendoza said he didn't have trouble with the test, because he went to high school in Midland. However, he said he had seen other members of his family struggling with the test.

Mendoza called Vargas and they began working out a plan.

"Hector came to me with the plan he and Rafael went over," Valadez said.

"Coors is providing the tapes and learning materials for the class for free."

"The classes are held at Midland Child Care Center for free. And we (Permian Distributing) are underwriting the teacher."

In addition, Mendoza and Valadez, along with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, helped get Vargas a television set, chairs and tables, and made posters and flyers to advertise the class.

"We went to all the people we work with and asked them to announce the class," Mendoza said.

"We got all the radio sta-

tions and were planning on talking to television, but in one day the class (of 20) was full and we have 40 on a waiting list."

Mendoza said he thinks having the classes at child care center is less intimidating to the people than it would be in college classroom.

"I think they (citizenship students) think it is a like a big place with big classrooms," Mendoza said.

"They hear 'college' in the title and think they don't want to go. But with the classes being at Rafael's place, it's a more comfortable setting. So they keep coming to classes and can be a citizen one day."

The bestfied back about the class has come from the instructor, Ramirez, who says he has a "great success rate of people becoming citizens."

"We have people who have passed come back to help inspire the people taking the class."

"I tell them they can do it as long as they do the work."

For more information about the citizenship classes, call 915-697-0045.

POET: Teacher encourages Hispanic student's creativity

(From 1D)

path where there is none.

Consider Alma Varela. She arrived in the United States alone at 14 to live with her sisters. She learned English and gradually made the transition from living with her parents in Mexico City to Moxee, a farm town of 1,050 in Eastern Washington. Now 20, she has kept writing through it all.

Varela has since graduated from Davis High School and works full time as a receptionist at the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic while taking a full course load at Yakima Valley Community College.

She remembers Bodeen's class as a refuge. "It was very welcoming. Everyone just knew each other had the same background. Their parents might be here, or not. We left something behind, and we came here not knowing what to expect."

The class helped her think

about that and write about it. "It was a way to say something. Not just do an assignment but to say something that really means something, and learn that our past is important."

"It was hard, but it was easy, like I was ready to yell it out. It was all piling up. There wasn't anything we weren't allowed to say, and that's how we went as far as we did. I know all the stuff we did was not the most poetic writing. But it was all important."

Bodeen has published several books of his poetry, including "This House," a new book of poems published through an independent press he operates from his home with his wife, Karen, a Yakima banker.

A native of Bowbells, N.D., Bodeen was a dreamy kid marooned amid farm fields. He knew he wanted to be a poet early on.

"I always had the poetry. It was the only thing that made sense,"

Bodeen said.

He works his students like a kind of drill instructor of the heart. He pushes them to step up to the front of the class and offer up poems that examine their lives, their hearts, their families, their pasts and their futures.

Some pace, stamping their sneaked feet with nervousness. But they fight it, determined to read their work. "I want to rant like crazy old Bodeen," one student reads from his poem, slipping a sly smile at his teacher.

"Keep it moving," Bodeen urges when the room falls silent, as dozens of awkward adolescents squirm. "Read the page. Go! Let's show what we've got."

A student translating his Spanish verse into English asks how good it has to be to get up and read. "As good as you can get it. That's how I want it," is Bodeen's response.

The students applaud each

other as they walk to the front, and most give full attention to the reader. Bodeen tells them not to bolt when they finish but to stand there, look their fellow students in the eyes and accept their applause. "That's the love," he reminds them.

A wall thick with their poems, taped one over the other, floor to ceiling, sighs with the press of a hand. They call it the Breathing Wall.

The collection of poems on the Breathing Wall is just part of the class's archive. Bodeen has collected six years of his former students' poems, short stories and writings in a book called "With My Hands Full/Con Mis Manos Llenas," published last fall by his independent press.

"This wall will die unless you put your poems up here; it won't breathe," Bodeen said. "And I will die as soon as I quit listening to you."

DEAR ABBY

Kind words for unhappy child came when needed

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: As I climbed the stairs to the front door one day, I got a funny feeling. When I opened the door, I knew that something had happened. I ran to the bedroom closet and jerked the door open. All of my father's shoes were gone, and so was he! No one had said anything to me about his leaving.



Van Buren

At school I was a dreamer, irritated with the boring trivia people demanded I learn. At home one parent ignored me, except when I made a mistake — corrected at the loudest volume — while the other spent every spare moment teaching and quizzing difficult subjects. No one listened or spoke to me. During the previous four years, I had lived in my own world: nightmares, sleep-

walking — once all the way down to the street — planning my death and funeral, and wishing I was dead. I lived in profound depression. No one noticed. Discovering that my father was gone felt like falling off a cliff after thinking I was on solid ground.

As I walked slowly to the kitchen I decided that I'd had enough of everything. After my usual milk and cookies and the San Francisco Chronicle — a new column had appeared a few days earlier (1956) — I would decide how and when to do it. My parents were very busy people, and I knew they wouldn't want to bother with my pain. I decided to write to the author of the new column. I haven't the first clue why I chose that person, but at least the columnist would know why I was dead.

A few days later, I got another shock. Being the first one home every day, I brought the mail in. I was stunned to see a letter addressed to me. ME! Someone thought I mattered enough to write to me even though I was only 10 years old. It was a long, thoughtful, caring response that

advised me to find someone to whom I could talk or write.

An aunt living in Arizona seemed a good choice. I didn't know her too well, but I liked her and began writing. She wrote back. When I became an adult, I told her how I came to write to her all my life.

I survived my childhood with a large unpaid debt. It is important to me that you publish this letter, Abby, so that it can be partially repaid by saying a public "thank you" for kindness to a child and for saving her life. That new columnist was you! Over the years I've thought of you often, always with amazement that you wrote to me. It was a very special thing that you did. Thank you.

With appreciation and thanks,
— D.L.G. IN BEVERLY HILLS

DEAR D.L.G.: I'm deeply touched by your letter and pleased that I was there for you when you needed someone.

The most profound way to repay your "debt" is to pass that good deed along to others who need to know that they are important and that somebody who has

nothing to gain cares.

DEAR ABBY: My boss gave me diamond earrings for Christmas. I am a married woman and he is a married man.

I know his wife thinks this was an inappropriate present. I am torn. What should I do? — **WORKING WOMAN IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR WORKING WOMAN: Return the earrings, and tell your boss you are not comfortable accepting them knowing that his wife feels they were an inappropriate gift. The last thing you need is a boss whose wife resents you.

Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 per booklet to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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This week in Hispanic history

FEBRUARY 25

In 1778 Jose de San Martin, the liberator of Argentina, Chile and Peru, was born in what is today Argentina. He was an officer in the Spanish army and fought in Spain and Africa. In 1812 he returned to South America to fight for independence, overcoming the Spanish in liberated Argentina in 1813 and Chile in 1817 and Peru in 1820.

FEBRUARY 28

In 1882 Mexican educator Jose Vasconcelos was born. He headed the nation's education ministry and worked to provide an education for all Mexican children.

MARCH 1

In 1837 the U.S. Senate voted to recognize the independence of Texas. President Andrew Jackson signed the legislation two days later. On the same date in 1845, President John Tyler signed legislation annexing Texas to the United States.

In 1901 Congress passed the Platt Amendment, giving the United States the right to interfere in Cuba's government. The amendment states that the United States has the right to intervene in Cuba and to build a naval base on the island.

In 1954 five congressmen were wounded in the House of Representatives when Puerto Ricans opened fire from the spectators' gallery. The Puerto Ricans were seeking independence from the U.S.

MARCH 2

In 1836 a convention meeting in Washington, Texas, adopted a declaration of independence from Mexico. The delegates wrote a constitution, formed a provisional government and named Sam Houston to command the army.

In 1847 American troops occupied Chihuahua, Mexico, during the Mexican-American War.

In 1917 President Woodrow Wilson signed an act making Puerto Rico an American territory and making Puerto Rican residents American citizens.

Also in 1917, bandleader Desi Arnaz was born in Santiago, Cuba. Following the overthrow of the Cuban government in 1933, his family fled to Miami where Arnaz launched his career as a musician. While making a movie, he met and married Lucille Ball and co-created the series "I Love Lucy."

MARCH 3

In 1513 Juan Ponce de Leon sailed to Florida from Puerto Rico. In early April, he landed on the northeast coast of Florida, somewhere near present-day St. Augustine.

In 1908 Puerto Rican poet and political activist Juan Corretjer was born. He founded a pro-independence group and began writing about the pursuit of a Puerto Rico free of the United States. In 1932, he led an assault on Puerto Rico's capitol building. He was jailed several times for his political protests, and after serving 10 years in prison he moved to New York to concentrate on his poetry and edit a Hispanic newspaper.

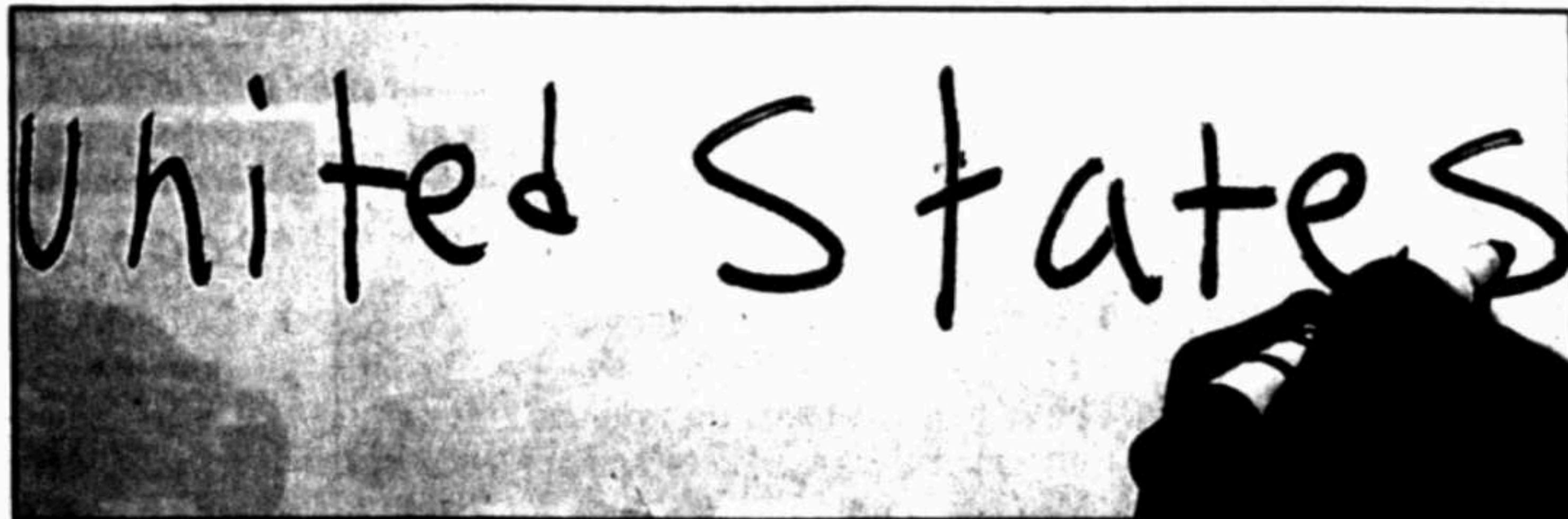
MARCH 4

In 1913 President Woodrow Wilson unveiled a new policy toward Mexico. He encouraged a return to democracy in Mexico. Throughout Wilson's term, the U.S. would become increasingly involved in Mexican affairs and eventually American troops would be sent into the country to try to influence the government.

In 1933 President Franklin Roosevelt used the term "Good Neighbor Policy" during his inaugural address. Despite his pledge to be good neighbors, the U.S. continued to meddle in the affairs of Latin American nations.

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Becoming an American



Photos by Brian Amdick

Students in the citizenship classes are learning the information they need to pass the citizenship test, such as the spelling of United States (upper left photo). Two students (lower left photo), Manuel Marmolejo (left) and Jose Cortez go over their notes while their instructor, Joe Ramirez (right photo), teaches the class.

Local company helps fulfill American dream

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

Everyday hundreds of people risk life and limb for a taste of it, while those who have seem to take it for granted.

It's citizenship, the ticket to all the rights and privileges guaranteed by the constitution of the United States of America to all her children.

For those who come to the America as children, and have the benefit of some education in the U.S., the citizenship test is not much of a challenge. However, for those who have come to this country in general — and this state in specific — as adults, the test can be very challenging and intimidating.

Three men, all of whom had to take the test, put their heads together and came up with a plan to make the transformation to American citizenship as easy as possible for Midlanders.

Hugo Patino, master brewer at the Coors brewing company in Golden, Colo., went through the process of becoming a citizen of the U.S. and wanted to help others who were undergoing the same thing. Through Coors, he produced a videotape which, like the citizenship classes, prepares people to pass the citizenship test.

That tape, entitled *Video de la Ciudadania* (Citizenship Video), caught the attention of the second man, Rafael Vargas, owner of Midland Child Care Center, who watched the tape as part of his own citizenship classes.

Vargas started his journey to become a citizen early in 1997. He attended classes at Odessa College because he was unable to find a place in Midland that could take him.

After a year he went to El Paso and took his citizenship test, in English, passed it and became a U.S. citizen the very same day.

"I took the test and got 10 out of 10," Vargas said. "The lady told me I would be an American sooner than I thought. They took three of us to a room and swore us in, and that day, July 13, 1998, I became an American."

Vargas was not an American for 24 hours before he began working on a way to make the process of becoming a citizen better for those who wanted it. As he thought, his mind kept going back to Patino and the Coors' Citizenship Video.

"I decided that this is a man who can help me," Vargas said. "He had to go through the process of becoming a citizen so he knows what it is like."

Vargas picked up the phone and called Patino, who

is one of the highest officials at Coors in Colorado. "I called and left a message," Vargas said. "I called the next day and left another message. Then he called me and left a message. So I called him back and left a message. He called me back again and left a message. Then finally he called and they came and got me to tell me he was on the phone."

Vargas said he spoke with Patino about an idea he had for using his facilities to host a class and to use the tapes from Coors to help do it. Vargas said Patino told him to call Permian Distributing in Midland.

"I got a call from Patino and he told me to work with Vargas," said Tony Valadez, president of Permian Distributing Company. "We had already approached Coors about doing something on the local level with the citizen classes. I mean we are more in touch with what is going on locally. And here was our chance."

Valadez put the project in the hands of one of his staff members, Hector Mendoza. "I knew Hector would be perfect for this. Because he had to take the citizenship classes himself," Valadez said.

Mendoza said it gave him a good feeling to do the project because he had seen the struggles of becoming a citizen first hand. "When Tony called me on this

Please DREAM/8C

Teacher encourages Latinos to 'break chains' with words

By Lynda V. Mapes
The Seattle Times

YAKIMA, Wash. — Falling snow quilts the lines of the poems on the Poetry Pole in Jim Bodeen's garden.

The author and high-school teacher will eventually bring these poems inside and put them with the others — four fat folders full of yearning, loss, confession and intimate observation.

Bodeen, 54, put up the Poetry Pole four years ago. He put it close to the road, with pins in the soft wood for people to leave their work. And they have, by the hundreds — from up the street and around the state. The poems are carefully typed

"It was hard, but it was easy, like I was ready to yell it out. It was all piling up. There wasn't anything we weren't allowed to say, and that's how we went as far as we did. I know all the stuff we did was not the most poetic writing. But it was all important."

— Jim Bodeen

or scrawled on a scrap of paper. Some are signed with a flourish, others are left anonymously, like a prayer.

"It's our first impulse at worship and devotion, that's what poetry is," Bodeen said. "It's so true, like being in a confessional."

The same is true in his Latino litera-

ture class at Davis High School.

Bodeen uses the classics of Latino literature and poetry to stimulate his students' exploration of their lives along three major themes: looking for America, making new paths and breaking the chains.

He doesn't define the chains, the paths

or the ways of looking. His students do.

For some, the class is a way to connect with their Latino heritage, rooted in the Yakima Valley back four generations. They read and write only in English.

Others are bilingual and on their way to becoming bicultural, moving fluidly between their lives in the United States and Mexico. Other students, newly arrived from Mexico, read, think and write in Spanish.

Their writings document a struggle to make sense of life, sometimes in a completely new country. Bodeen calls them "abrecaminos" — people who make a

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McDonald's & Walt Disney host the National Hispanic Corporate Council

McLEAN, Va., (PRNewswire) — The National Hispanic Corporate Council is having its Winter Member Meeting from Feb. 23-25 in Orlando, Fla. The McDonald's Corp. and The Walt Disney Company are co-sponsors of the event.

The theme of the meeting is "Leadership in the New Millennium," and opened with a reception on Feb. 23 at the Disney Institute. Workshops include Managing for Creativity & Innovation, Disney Style; Disney Outreach Strategies to the Hispanic Community; Disney/McDonald's Partnership — Model to a Bottom Line Approach.

Other sessions will focus on advertising, team building and a profile of the Orlando Hispanic market.

Speakers include Marta Gerdes, senior director Marketing USA, McDonald's Corp.; Diane

Medina, director of Diversity Programs, The Walt Disney Company; Norma and Hector Orci of La Agencia de Orci & Asociados; and Jose Fernandez, Hispanic Business Initiative Fund, U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

NHCC representatives also will visit Colonial High School on Feb. 25 as part of its in-school program to promote higher education and career development.

NHCC will conclude 2000 with a 15th anniversary gala on Nov. 2.

The National Hispanic Corporate Council is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving its member companies as a principal resource for information, expertise and counsel about Hispanic issues affecting, corporate objectives, and to advocate for increased employment, leadership and business opportunities for Hispanics in corporate America.

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8. Si Tu Te Vas by Rodeo

9. Tu Pecado by Ram Herrera

10. Se Fue Mi Amor by Los Kumbia Kings

11. Aqui Estoy Yo by Stampede

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19. No Sera Tan Facil by Intenso

20. Casa Vacía by Ram Herrera

From KMRK Tejano 96.1 for the past week

No. 20 Oklahoma has easy time in win over Raiders

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — No. 20 Oklahoma got a perfect tonic Wednesday night — an easy victory that allowed Eduardo Najera to get a much-needed rest.

Najera, banged up and looking tired in recent games, scored 19 points in just 23 minutes and the Sooners rediscovered their shooting touch in a 93-65 victory over Texas Tech.

"I think it was a needed game," said coach Kelvin Sampson, who got his 300th victory. "You know, we've won seven of our last nine and our only two losses were by three points each. We thought we were pretty good and we still do."

Those two losses, to Oklahoma and Kansas, had come in the previous three games. The Sooners (21-5, 9-4 Big 12) had shot below 40 percent in three of their past four games, but hit 56 percent against Tech, their second-best game of the season.

"For us to come out and score 93 points and attack and play the way we did tells me a little bit about the character of this program," Sampson said.

Najera had scored eight and 10 points on 6-of-26 shooting in the past two games, but was 8-of-12 from the field. He made five of his six shots in the second half when he scored 13.

Sampson said Najera benefited from the play of guards Hollis Price and Nolan Johnson. Price, a freshman, scored a career-high 20 and Johnson had 14 points and 10 rebounds. All his points came in the first half when the Sooners took a 20-point lead.

"With these guys scoring and attacking, we don't have to throw the ball to him (Najera) and allow teams to go double him and triple him and make the game difficult for him," Sampson said. "Them being aggressive makes our team better."

The Red Raiders (11-13, 2-11) were coming off their first conference road victory of the season, but never threatened after the opening minutes and lost their fifth straight to Oklahoma.

"They whipped us bad," Tech coach James Dickey said. "I thought they were sharper, quicker. They got the loose balls a lot better than we did."

"I thought we were flat, lethargic, not ready to play. They were just the opposite."

Mario Layne scored 25 and Midland College product James Ware had 13 for Tech, which shot 38 percent.

Tech led twice in the early going, the final time 8-6 after Rayford Young's 3-pointer. Oklahoma went on a 13-2 run in the next six minutes, when Tech made only one of six shots and committed five turnovers.

Kansas St. 81, Texas A&M 76
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Cortez Groves scored 30 points and Tony Kitt had 21 as Kansas State beat Texas A&M to break an 11-game losing streak.

Kansas State (9-15, 2-11 Big 12) shot a season-high 57 percent from the floor and never trailed in the second half to win its first game at home since a 97-79 win over Nebraska on Jan. 8. Groves made 8-of-12 3-pointers as the Wildcats added to a four-point halftime lead with a 7-0 run to start the second half.

The Aggies (7-17, 3-10) cut the lead to two at 71-69 with 4:03 to go, but Groves hit his eighth 3-pointer of the night to put Kansas State up by five. Larry Scott later hit a 3 as the Aggies again cut the lead to two, but Kelvin Howell tossed in a Tony Kitt miss to secure the win.

Colorado 95, Baylor 75
BOULDER — Nick Mohr scored a career-high 24 points and Jamahl Mosley added 23 as Colorado offset Baylor's long-range attack.

Mohr hit 8-of-16 shots including 5-for-7, 3-pointers for Colorado (16-10, 6-7 Big 12). Jaquay Walls had 13 points and eight assists as the Buffaloes won their third-straight game and beat Baylor (12-12, 3-10) for the fourth consecutive time.

Memphis 84, Houston 81
HOUSTON — Courtney Trask scored 24 points, 12 of them from the foul line, in Memphis' victory over Houston.

Trask went 5-of-8 from the field, including 2-of-3 from behind the arc, to lead Tigers (11-16, 4-9 C-USA) scorers. Earl Barron contributed 11 points and led in rebounds with nine, while Shyrone Chatman and Shamel Jones each added 10 points.

No. 7 Tech women need two OTs to edge Lady 'Horns

By Jim Vertuno
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — After 50 minutes of the hardest basketball she had ever played, Melinda Schmucker-Pharies had had enough. There would be no third overtime.

The Texas Tech guard hit four foul shots over the final 20 seconds of the second overtime Wednesday night to secure No. 7 Texas Tech's 91-85 victory over unranked Texas.

"I knew I didn't want to go into triple overtime," she said. "I had a chance to step up and win the game and that's what I did."

The Red Raiders (22-3, 11-3 Big 12) blew out Texas (17-10, 8-6) by 29 points three weeks ago but found themselves in a drawn-out slugfest in the first overtime game of the 59-game series between the teams. The Red Raiders had to survive a foul shooting (23-of-42) and a career-high 34 points and 18 rebounds by Texas' Edwina Brown for just their fourth victory in Austin.

"I keep thinking the Big 12 won't have any better games, but they keep getting better," Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "It was like a heavyweight fight. ... It was just a matter of who was standing at the end."

Tech shot 49 percent from the floor but almost watched Texas steal a victory as the Red Raiders, who used only seven players, got tired and started to foul out.

Plenette Pierson, who scored 20 points for the Tech, missed two foul shots with 5.1 seconds left that allowed Texas to tie it at 70 and send the game into overtime. After her second miss, Texas got the rebound but still had to go the length of the court in four seconds.

After calling timeout, the Longhorns got the ball inbound to Brown, who was fouled deep in her own end by Aleah Johnson to get to the line. Brown, who was 13-of-13 at the line at that point, rattled both around the rim and in to send the game into overtime.

Brown had a chance to win it in the final seconds of the first extra period but missed the first of two foul shots before hitting the second to tie it at 81.

"We had four different players on Edwina Brown. We did everything we could to try and stop her," Sharp said.

Pierson, meanwhile, scored the first four points of the second extra period to give Tech an 85-81 lead. Texas' Lindsey Ryan hit a jumper and dumped the ball inside to JoRuth Woods for a layup to pull the Longhorns within 87-85 with 1:06 left before Pierson again missed two foul shots.

Brown came up short on a 10-footer with 30 seconds left. The Red Raiders grabbed the rebound and forced Texas to send Schmucker-Pharies to the line. The Red Raiders outscored Texas 10-4 in the final overtime.

Schmucker-Pharies, who averages 6.7 points, finished with 14. Johnson added 21 points for Tech before fouling out at the end of regulation.

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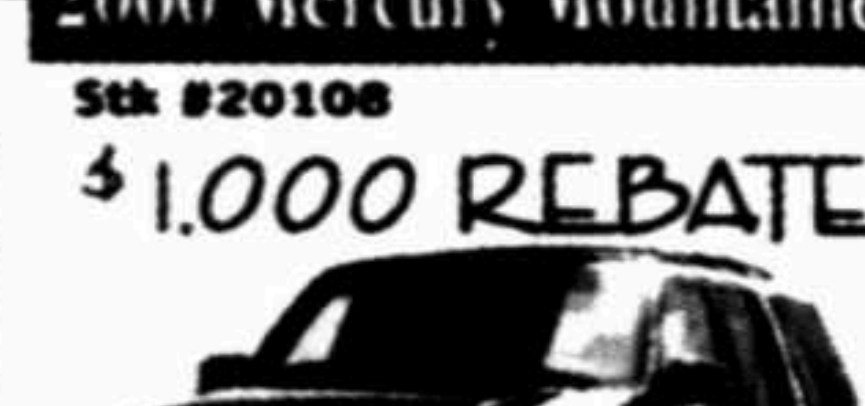
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ROLLTOP DESK, Burling Original Hardware, Civil War Era. Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection. Imperial Shopping Center.

460 Firearms

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

470 Musical Instruments

YAMAHA- Clavinova CVP-96, with computer recording capabilities, multi-media, excellent condition. \$4,000. 697-5000.

PIANOS- new and used- buy, sell trade. Financing available. Tuning, repair, moving. Caldwell Music. 697-0652.

480 Computers/ Accessories

MOTOROLA STAR-TAC 3 watt booster with antenna and stand. Reg. \$500 will take \$225. Call 570-5224 or 567-4458.

490 For Free

1 1/2 YEAR OLD- Female, black/ white, Heeler mix. Good watch dog. 458-3568.

450 Household Appliances

SHEPHERD mix, 7 mos., all shots, rambunctious needs training & large yard. 520-9664.

PART GREYHOUND Whippet pups the other part is anybody's guess. 7 weeks old. 570-8745.

LOVING HOME- 2 indoor female cats (spayed/ declawed). Go together. 687-1683.

SPRINGER SPANIEL- neutered. Loving dog with great disposition needs high fence. 687-0292.

4 LITTLE Barn kittens- 6 months old. Tame & sweet. 697-7420, after 4.

490 Pets and Animals

MINI BLACK Pomeranian, 4 months old, all shots, lovable and adorable. Call 522-1241 evenings.

NEW TODAY

ONE AKC REGISTERED Blood Hound puppy for sale, \$325. Please call 915-884-2924, or 915-650-8719.

CARALOT KENNEL & Training Center. Boarding, puppy, advanced classes. Board/ train service available. 683-4718.

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FOR SALE 7 week old Shih-Tzus. Ready for loving home. Registry eligible. Also 4 year old registered female Shih Tzu 686-8217.

8 WEEK OLD Adorable yellow Labrador Retriever puppies, AKC registered, shots included \$250. Call 687-5269.

AKC FAWN & White Boxer, 1 year old, all shots. \$100 or best offer. 694-2224.

BOSTON TERRIER- registered puppies- two females, one male- three months old. \$150 each. Call Tanya- 697-2320.

490 Business Opportunities

OILFIELD SUPPLY Company, two locations, Tatum & Jai, NM. Complete with Buildings, Land, Shelving, both complete with pump shop and full inventory. Business now in 32nd year. Hang up your shingle & start selling. Will sell as package or each tore separate. You purchase the inventory at current cost and I will give you the real estate. Contact Earl L. Jones at Box 396, Tatum, NM 88267. Phone 1-(505)398-5466 for more information.

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685 Hunting Leases
690 Outgas Leases
695 Offd. Misc.

490 Office Furniture & Misc.

WAREHOUSE SALE
USED OFFICE EQUIPMENT
EVERYTHING MUST GO
Property Sold. Must be vacated within 20 days

100 Chairs	\$5 each
20 Sofas	\$15 each
10 Sofas	\$25 each
75 Electric Typewriters	\$5 each
50 Plastic & Metal Waste baskets	\$1 each
20 Metal Office Desks (clean)	\$25 each
20 Wood Desks (rough)	\$50 each
120 Wood Desks (Clean)	\$100 each
30 Wood Desks (Clean)	\$125 each
2 Modular Desk Sets (6 desks)(Clean)	\$100 per set

Much. Much more. No no returns. Everything must be removed from building by 5:00 pm.
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
February 25th & 26th, 2000
119 East 52nd Street, Odessa.

490 Lumber & Poultry

2 BILLY GOATS & 2 BBQ goats for sale. Call 685-5548 or 684-9619.

490 Office Furniture & Misc.

MODERN DESK with computer station for sale. Chair optional. 683-1000 leave message.

FIREPROOF FILES, Two and four DRAWER models, letter or legal, \$250 and up. Call 683-8774.

OFFICE CREDENZA- Heavy, brown, good condition. \$100. Please call 697-3049.

OFFICE DESK- Heavy, brown, good condition. \$140. Call 697-3049.

490 Portable Buildings

We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings. MORGAN (915) 563-1860

490 Machinery/Tools

NU-WAY 10' TABLE Saw. 2 Hp, direct drive, excellent condition \$130. Call 699-6769.

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BLACK & DECKER- 3' X 21" Belt sander. Like new, used very little. \$30. 699-6769.

490 On Field Equip & Supplies

MUST SELL surplus oilfield tubing. Approximately 9,000 feet used, 2 3/8" EUE, J55 tubing drilled and tested. Approximately 6,000 feet used, 2 3/8" used EUE, J55, tubing yellow band. Pipe located in a yard in Midland, Texas. Call 915-620-8966 or 915-277-8295 to make an offer. Or fax: 915-620-8974.

MUDLOGGING TRAILER- analytical, 32' in excellent condition. \$21,000. Firm. Call 685-1173.

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HOT OIL Truck- 1975 International. rebuild engine. \$37,500. Call (505) 370-4645 or (505) 392-6818.

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INTERNATIONAL 1952 Farmall F-cub. Tractor. Unbelievable condition. Garage kept. Has blade- breaking plow and disk. \$2,500. 686-9777.

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Osborn & Associates
915-570-9599
Johnny Osborn
Tel Lic# 13198

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HANOVER COMPRESSOR Company is looking for qualified Mechanics in the Ft. Stockton area. Must have a minimum of 3 years experience on Natural Gas Engines and Compressors. Send resumes to 3201 East Loop 250 North or call 915-682-0301 for more information.

HIRING- COMPUTER/ Network Technician. Must have 5 years experience. Contact Julie at 915-570-8800 or send resume to 511 W. Missouri, Midland, TX 79701.

MACHINISTS NEEDED. Don-Nan Machine and Manufacturing in Midland, Texas is hiring experienced CNC and manual machinists. Salary depends on experience. Excellent benefits and working conditions. Interviews by appointment only. Contact Steve Neils at 682-7742.

NEW TODAY

MECHANIC NEEDED. Please apply in person at Midland Drive 66, 4321 W. Illinois.

MR. ROOTER is seeking a licensed plumber. Top pay, \$1,200 sign on bonus. Call 570-7473 for information.

ROTO ROOTER is accepting applications for licensed plumber. Apply in person, 1410 Carter.

WANTED FOR IMMEDIATE employment. Experienced Commercial Plumbers and Experienced Helpers. Please call 686-0002 or 570-0232.

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HELP NEEDED for totally invalid lady. Lifting necessary. Experience preferred. 697-6154, 683-4598.

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NICE THREE bedroom, two bath, double garage, fireplace, large backyard, \$610 monthly. Call 697-1422.

3 BEDROOMS, 1 bath, large storage room, 2806 Collierville, \$450/ month, \$450/ deposit. 689-2022.

NEW CONSTRUCTION! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath in Crestgate Addition. Neutral decor. Lots of amenities. Low maintenance yard. 559-5479 or 520-5096.

LARGE TWO Bedroom, one bath upstairs duplex. Stove, microwave, refrigerator. \$385/ month water paid. 694-7168.

4715 West Cuthbert, three bedroom, 2 bath, storage garage, \$625 a month, \$500 deposit. 694-7582.

CANDACE DEGRAW

THORNWOOD
 Apartments Great prices, 1, 2, & 3 Bedrooms, Free Cable, Senior discounts. 682-5381.

SAGEWOOD, 1/2 Off 1st month rent. Quiet and clean. Full amenities, a pool. 570-4884.

LARGE THREE bedroom, freshly painted, central heat and air, 3206 Mariana, \$500 Monthly. Call 694-1508.

DUPLEX: TWO bedroom, one bath, carpet, yard, all appliances, 4800 block Country Club, \$395. 520-8603.

FOUR BEDROOM, two bath home fenced. \$485 per month, \$385 deposit. Crockett Elementary area. Available 2/28. 620-0802.

2405 COLLEGE- 3 Bedroom, all bills paid, \$350 per month. Call Bob at 661-7619.

3403 WEST LOUISIANA- Pretty, bright, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood \$625 monthly. Call 683-7057.

LOOKING FOR a cozy duplex to rent? Check this out! 1 Bedroom, 1 bath for just \$275 per month. 909 A Bentwood. Please call 684-8202.

NEW TODAY! 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, Duplex unit \$595 Monthly. 3602 South County Road 1313. Call 694-2957.

SMALL GUEST house, Old Midland, private yard, new paint, carpet, water, cable paid. No pets, lease, \$265 monthly, \$250 deposit. 685-0771.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, \$250-\$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-5202.

EXTRA CLEAN Newly remodeled 1 & 2 bedroom duplexes for rent in quiet neighborhood. 697-3484.

THREE BEDROOM, 113 Howard, \$475 monthly, deposit required. Call 683-1561 or 687-3413.

NICE, CLEAN (2) 3 bedroom, 2 bath homes in the country. Call 682-8410.

UPDATING with new tile, carpet, tile in two homes. 4811 Illinois, 4817 Storey. \$650. 694-5389.

3804 ANETTA: Cute two bedroom, one bath, carpet, outside storage, \$425. Available February 1st. 694-5389.

3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 baths, laundry room, \$400 monthly, \$100 deposit. Call 684-5310.

FOR LEASE: Three bedroom, two living, new carpet/ paint. No pets. \$725/ deposit. Owner/ agent. 682-8818.

635 Condo Townhome Furn.

NEW TODAY! 2 TOWNHOME 2 1/2 bath, double garage with large storage. All new furniture. \$1,000 monthly. Call 684-4945.

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