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Republican artist

Carol, a 29-year-old Asian elephant, wields brush and tempera paint as she creates a painting at San Diego Wild Animal Park Wednesday, in Escondido, Calif. Carol has been creating "elephant impressionism" since 1989. Her red-white-and-blue colors of the day are in honor of the Republican National Convention in San Diego, according to her handlers.

TWA cargo

SMITHTOWN, N.Y. — Japanese cash registers. Blood samples. Live turtles. Hundreds of pounds of gold glitter. All were amid the commercial cargo aboard TWA Flight 800 when it exploded off Long Island. A diagram of the cargo hold being used by investigators — obtained this week by The Associated Press — and interviews with freight shippers provide perhaps the clearest glimpse yet of what was in the belly of the doomed jumbo jet.

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No winners

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$8 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 2, 3, 9, 16, 40 and 43. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$12 million.

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Two longtime public servants to retire at end of year

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland County Clerk Rosenelle Cherry, who has been a public servant for 45 years, and Midland County Treasurer Carol Baker, are retiring at the end of the year. "It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the people of Midland County for 45 years as county clerk and for three years as deputy county clerk" before that, Mrs. Cherry said in her retirement letter to the Commissioners' Court.

Mrs. Cherry said "the time has come for me to do other things," such as spending more time with her two daughters, Lynda and Martha, and granddaughter,

Morgan, who "are the joys of my life" and to increase her volunteer service in the community.

Mrs. Cherry was 25 years old and Texas' youngest county clerk in 1951 when she was appointed to the office by the commissioners. She holds the longest tenure among county clerks.

Mrs. Cherry said that her office has "always had a reputation for accommodating the public, and we still do, and we will until I am out of there."

Although she had considered running for re-election in 1998, Mrs. Cherry said that her work has "gotten to where it's not fun anymore. And that just means I need to step down. It's time for me to do something else for the rest of my life."

Mrs. Baker, who has been county treasurer since 1992, is leaving the county after 19 years of service in the auditor's and treasurer's offices "to spend time enjoying my family and doing some traveling."

In her letter to the Commissioners' Court, Mrs. Baker, 60, said that while it has "been a pleasure working with the employees and retirees of Midland County ... I feel like the time has come for me to do other things with my life."

The announcements of their retirements, which will become effective midway in their four-year terms, apparently were coincidental.

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Splash of color



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Artist Leslie Slaughter adds color to a wall mural she is painting for Aylor Pools at Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue. Ms. Slaughter said normally she does portraits and this is her first attempt at a mural.

Group decries board proposal for \$5,000 study

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

A local group of Midland citizens has taken exception to Midland school board trustees considering "spending taxpayers' money" to conduct a survey of voters to find out what the community would support in the way of another bond election.

Richard Bowden, representing Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, said "Voters made an informed decision that the bond was too big, spread out over too many years, would take too long to pay back, and would increase taxes too much for Midland's good. They decided the so-called 'needs' were really 'wants' in disguise. And finally, they were incensed by the rigging of the early voting schedule."

The organization decried setting up mobile voting units in schools during early elections, citing it as an unfair advantage for those in favor of the bond. MISD administrators have discounted that it gave the district unfair advantage, and made voting easier for citizens.

On Monday night school board trustees heard a proposal to spend about \$5,000 on focus groups and a survey intended to find out which district renovations and construction the community would support. They heard a presentation on a Bond Research Proposal Budget given by Dallas accountant Mel Schonhorst. Although the \$110 million bond election failed, the district still has schools 40 to 60 years old in need of repair.

MISD Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. said the focus groups and survey would be conducted independent of school district administrators and the board.

He said the survey is not to find out why the bond failed. "We agree with the rea-

sons (cited by Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility) for why the bond failed," Baressi said. "The motive of the survey and focus groups is to get valid information about what projects the voters think are most essential so we can package one or more bond propositions later in the school year."

The superintendent said it's possible some voters wouldn't support anything. "But a survey conducted by (Midlander) Jerry Jones and his staff would get away from the board room setting of hearing from our own employees." He said the survey is being offered at a reasonable cost and would be done by the local firm.

Trustee Dianne Anderson said the survey itself would not cost \$5,000. "The total cost included four groups of people in focus groups, which I questioned. Just a survey might cost considerably less," she said, noting that trustees did not indicate if they wanted the survey and focus groups.

Baressi said the focus groups would be necessary to deal with complicated information.

Bowden, however, said the focus groups and survey were an unnecessary expense.

"Finding out why the community voted against the bond and what the community would support is the same question," Bowden said. "It's no mystery why people voted against it. There were three or four major reasons. It's not hard to figure out and we don't need a scientific survey to find that out."

Bowden said Midlanders "would be happy to support a bond issue that is a reasonable amount of money presented for a fair vote. The district should be able

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Early-morning fire at vacant apartments destroys one unit; officials suspect arson

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

Fire officials suspect arson was the cause of an early-morning fire at the vacant Summer Place apartments, 3000 W. Kansas Ave. One apartment was destroyed; two others were damaged.

Flames coming from the roof of one of the complex's four buildings was reported around 1:30 a.m. Wednesday.

A man leaving the Taco Bell parking lot on Andrews Highway reported

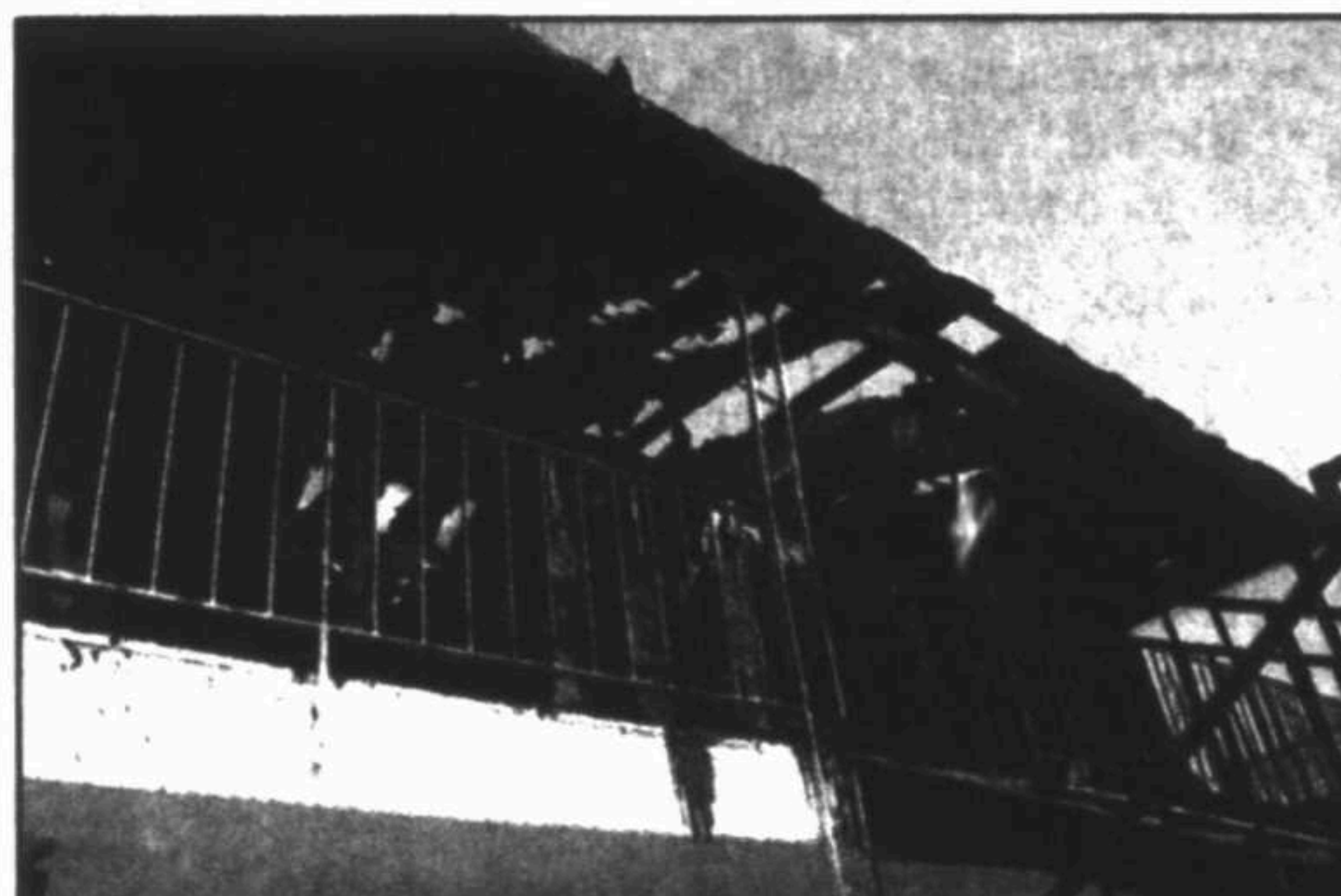
the fire.

"When I saw the flames, I ran to see if anyone was still inside," Jay Lujan, a witness, said. "I didn't see anyone. Just a lot of smoke."

No one was injured, arson investigator, Jeff Meiner, said.

The 52-unit complex was reportedly vacant. The last of the tenants moved out Friday, according to Broderick Callaway of the Midland Salvation Army.

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Three apartments were damaged in a fire early Wednesday morning at Summer Place apartments, which were shut down last week because the owners couldn't pay the bills.

Suzanne Rehak
Reporter-Telegram

Scientists present case for life on Mars; Clinton calls for summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA researchers formally presented their case Wednesday for the existence of life long ago on Mars and challenged the scientists of the world to prove them wrong.

With excitement surging in the U.S. scientific community, President Clinton announced he will convene a space summit in November to "discuss how America should pursue answers" to questions raised by research on a meteorite, apparently from Mars, that was recovered in Antarctica.

Daniel Goldin, administrator of NASA, pledged that his agency would do "whatever is necessary" to investigate the presence of life on Mars, but he cautioned that the process "must be driven by science."

NASA already had planned to send 10 spacecraft to the red planet over the next decade, the first in December, and he said some missions might be redesigned to try to prove or disprove whether primi-

tive life ever existed there.

Goldin said that a robot mission to return samples from Mars will not be mounted before 2005.

Clinton said, "I am determined the American space program will put its full intellectual power and technological prowess behind the search for further evidence of life on Mars."

Some scientists hailed the findings as having far-reaching significance, perhaps reshaping the way that humans view themselves, their world and the universe beyond.

"This is the most provocative and evocative piece of evidence for life beyond Earth," said Carl Sagan, a Cornell University scientist and a leading figure in the search for extraterrestrial life. "If the results are verified, it is a turning point in human history, suggesting that life exists not on just two planets in one paltry solar system, but throughout this magnificent universe."

However, scientific critics weighed in quickly with cautionary statements about the interpretation of the research. One expert at a crowded news conference in Washington stated bluntly that the NASA researchers had yet to present a credible case.

At the news conference attended by Goldin and a group of scientists from other government agencies, David McKay of the Johnson Space Center, leader of the Mars research team, said that chemical, microscopic and organic tests of tiny golden-colored bits of a meteorite show that there must have been microscopic life on Mars some 3.6 billion years ago.

From the totality of the tests on particles a billionth the size of a pinhead, he said, "the simplest explanation is that they are the remains of early Martian life."

McKay said the conclusion is drawn from more than

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Villagers say killing of Hutus goes on despite Burundi leader's claims of peace

KIRIBA, Burundi (AP) — Villagers say the Tutsi soldiers came at dawn. Armed with machine guns and machetes, they took positions around the densely populated clusters of mud huts. Then, mayhem.

"I was looking down on the village," Onesphone Bugusu remembers. "I saw soldiers kill my 90-year-old grandmother with a machete blow to the neck."

Another Hutu villager, Mathilde Nyakana, shows where a Tutsi army bayonet slashed the head of her 1-year-old daughter.

The child survived, one of the lucky few. Villagers say Tutsi soldiers massacred about 1,000 Hutus as they roamed from village to village July 27 in Gitega province, in central Burundi.

In addition to witness accounts, fresh graves and splashes of dried blood in the sun-scorched banana groves of Kiriba village give testimony to what happened that day. Indentations in the ground suggest that soldiers mounted machine guns there, trapping villagers in crossfire while machete-wielding companions went in for the kill.

The army denies committing such a massacre.

But a survey of the area, combined with at least 100 interviews with survivors, local officials and non-partisan observers, made it possible to piece together a horrifying tale of slaughter.

The July 27 attacks came two days after the Tutsi-led army launched a coup, ousting the Hutu president and installing a Tutsi major, Pierre Buyoya, in his place. As the slaughter took place, Buyoya was holding a news conference in a Bujumbura hotel, trying to convince reporters and civic leaders that he could control the country's 20,000 soldiers and restore peace to Burundi.

Two days later in Bihuroro, another Gitega province village,

residents saw soldiers drag screaming women and children from their homes, beating some to death with sharp rocks. Blood-covered rocks lay scattered around the huts. Villagers say 43 people were killed.

More than 150,000 people have been killed since October 1993 in this ethnically divided nation where 85 percent of the people are Hutus and 14 percent are Tutsis.

Amnesty International reported this week that between July 25 and July 29, military attacks killed at least 250 Hutus — a figure that does not include the 1,000 Hutu peasants that witnesses say were slaughtered on July 27.

Fighting between the Tutsi army and Hutu rebels, who took up arms after the Oct. 1993 assassination of a Hutu president, has intensified this year.

Amnesty International reported this week that between July 25 and July 29, military attacks killed at least 250 Hutus — a figure that does not include the 1,000 Hutu peasants that witnesses say were slaughtered on July 27.

United Nations sources told The Associated Press that 268 Hutu civilians were killed on July 26 in several villages in Gitega province, and that soldiers killed many more Hutus in villages the following day.

Nevertheless, the military claims that since the coup on July 25, calm has prevailed in this tiny central African nation.

The army admits to killing some Hutus on July 27 in Gitega province,

but gives a very different version of events. It says Hutu rebels attacked a coffee factory in nearby Giheta on July 26, and the army retaliated, killing some 30 assailants.

But several independent sources, who asked for anonymity because they fear for their safety, insist the soldiers themselves set the factory and a nearby rice plantation on fire to justify a retaliatory attack on dozens of villages where Hutu rebels were thought to have taken refuge.

A senior U.N. diplomat said Burundi's ethnic violence is a "continuous reality" despite Buyoya's promises of peace. "But it is my impression that there is some calm for the moment," he added.

Still, he acknowledged that since the coup, regular and reliable information from remote areas is almost impossible to obtain.

The U.N. has only five human rights monitors in Burundi, a nation of 6 million people. Although the military usually does not deny monitors access to massacre sites, the monitors' reports are generally not available to the public.

When Tutsis are killed by Hutu rebels, the news is widely reported in Burundi. But when the army kills Hutu civilians, it is never reported in the local media, which is controlled by Tutsis. Outsiders who attempt to investigate massacre sites put themselves in serious jeopardy.

"The military will never allow journalists to see the bodies of dead Hutus," said Emmanuel Mpayokurera, a Hutu member of the parliament ousted in the coup.

Hutu rebels routinely attack

camps for Tutsis displaced by the conflict as well as businesses, military convoys and government posts. But soldiers reportedly stage fake attacks on Tutsi positions in order to justify retaliatory assaults on Hutus.

The Zaire-based rebels further

endanger the Hutu population by infiltrating villages, because the army does not distinguish between rebels and civilians.

"To the military, the Hutus are all one common enemy," said one diplomat. "The soldiers don't think they're doing anything wrong when

they kill civilians."

Since independence from Belgium in 1962, the minority Tutsis have controlled the country and the military, which Tutsis consider to be their protection against being wiped out by the more numerous Hutus.

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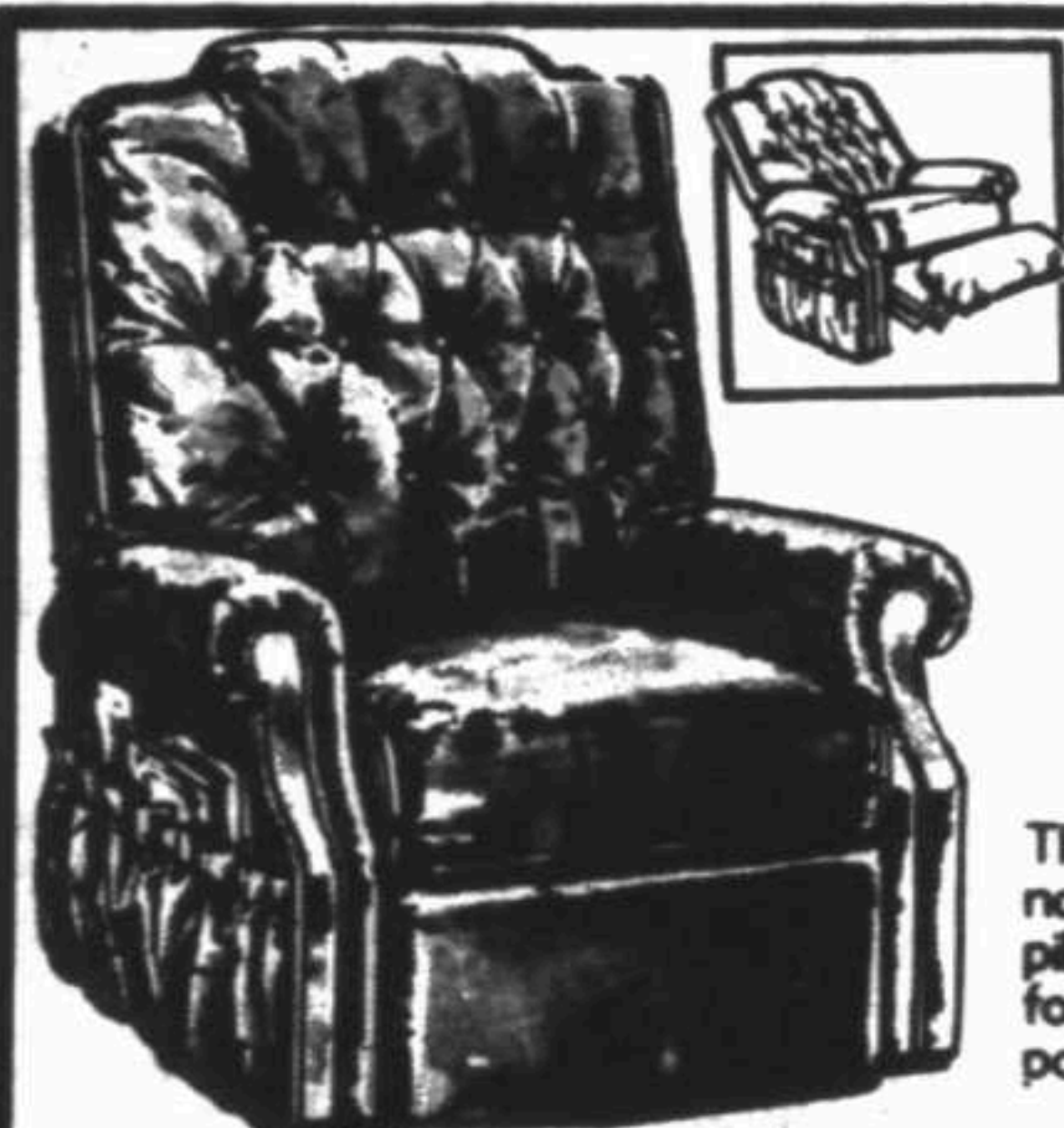
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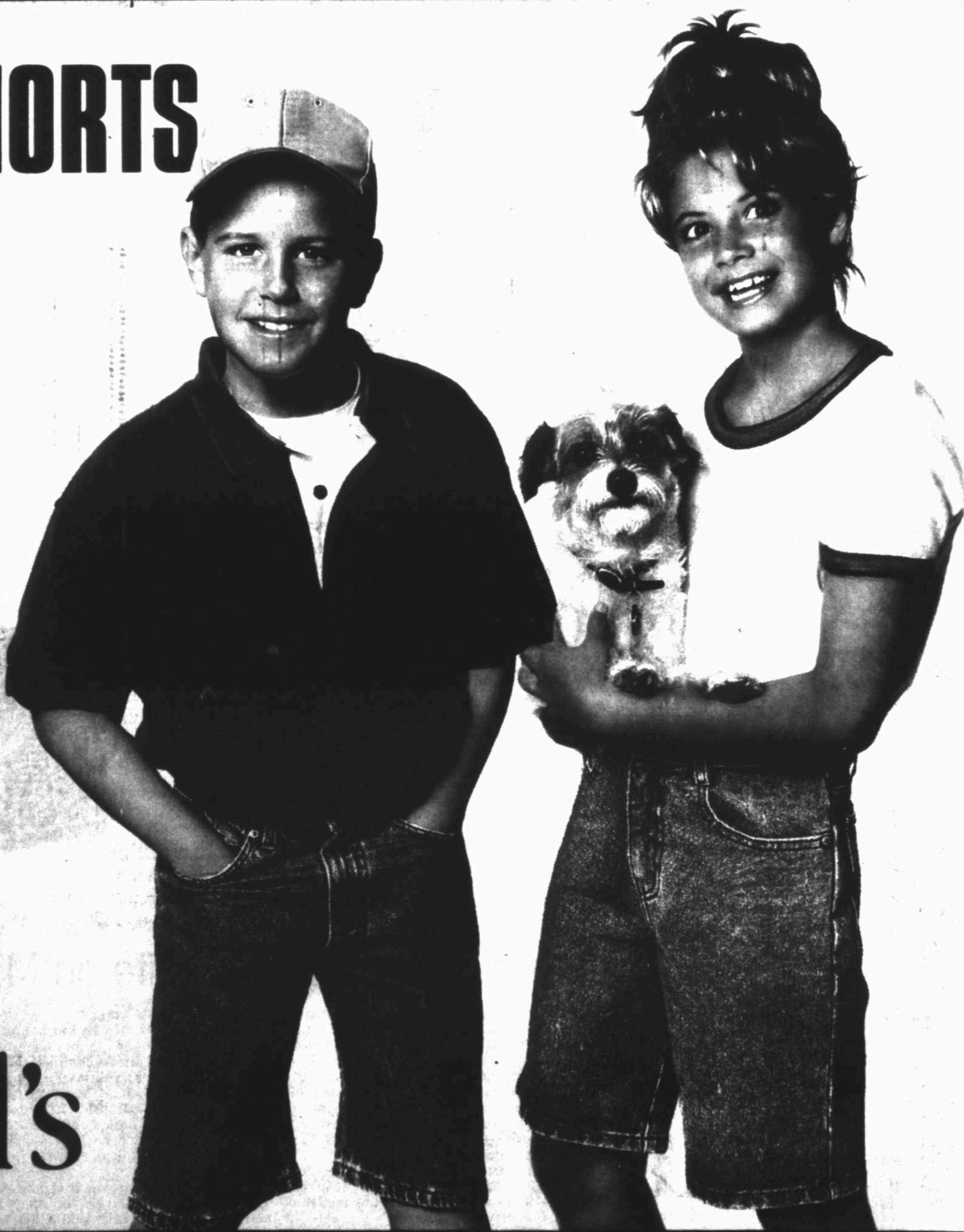
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No hope for peace with Israel without land exchange, Syrian president says

■ Assad's comments were his first response to Netanyahu's recent suggestions for reopening peace talks.

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt — Frustrated with Israel's suggestions for resuming talks, Syrian President Hafez Assad said Wednesday he sees no "glimpse of hope" for Mideast peace as long as Israel refuses to give up occupied land.

Assad's comments were his first response to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's recent suggestions for reopening peace talks suspended in March during a series of terrorist bombings inside the Jewish state.

Netanyahu's offer to discuss "all outstanding issues" with Syria, made Monday during a visit to Jordan, had been seen as a signal he was backing away from his refusal to return the Golan Heights to Syria.

But Assad said that an Israeli invitation to renew talks — passed through the United States — gave no hint Israel would accept the land-for-peace formula that has served as the basis of peace negotiations for five years before Netanyahu's election.

"They (the Israeli government) want to resume the peace process without any foundation or ground for action," he said. "I don't think that this will lead to any result."

Speaking to a news conference

following a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Assad said the Israeli invitation "did not mention any formula which indicates to anybody that there is a glimpse of hope for any future peace."

Although he did not disclose the text, the Syrian leader said, "Any one who reads it will never feel that this invitation is the road to peace or that who wrote it is interested in the peace process."

Assad repeated that Syria wants a comprehensive Mideast peace but seeks to negotiate on the basis of a U.N. Security Council resolution, which calls for Israel to return land seized in the 1967 Middle East war in return for peace.

The resolution was accepted as the basis of Middle East peace talks that began at a conference in Madrid, Spain, in 1991. Syria insists this means Israel should return the Golan, but Netanyahu has said he hopes to make peace without ceding the heights that loom over northern Israel.

Assad charged that Israel wants to ignore accepted agreements and negotiate with its own rules.

"Peace is not for one party alone," he said. "When it will be established, it will be for all parties."

In response to Assad's remarks, Netanyahu's office issued a statement saying Israel was "still waiting for a positive response to the proposals that have been passed on to him."

"Israel does not see in the answer of President Assad a door slamming on the peace process," Shai

Bazak, Netanyahu's spokesman, said in a statement faxed to The Associated Press in Jerusalem.

He added that Israel is willing to negotiate on every subject "without preconditions."

Also Wednesday, PLO leader Yasser Arafat met with Jordan's King Hussein in the Jordanian town of Aqaba on the Red Sea to discuss Palestinian-Israeli peace.

Sources close to the talks said Hussein, who met with Netanyahu on Monday, assured Arafat the Israeli leader would abide by

accords already signed with the Palestinians.

The sources said this would include resuming talks toward a final peace and withdrawing Israeli troops from Hebron, the last West Bank city under occupation. Israel's pullout was supposed to take place in March.

Netanyahu also suggested in recent days the possibility of negotiating peace with Lebanon — which is virtually under Syrian control — before discussing the main Syrian-Israeli differences.

Mubarak, acting as mediator, said Israel's talks with both Syria and Lebanon should be reopened as soon as possible. He said he believed Israel wanted to resume talks but a gap remained on the basis for negotiations.

Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai will meet Arafat on Aug. 18, becoming only the second leading official of the new hard-line government to hold talks with the Palestinian leader, Channel 2 TV said Wednesday.

No official confirmation of the

report was immediately available.

Such a meeting could pave the way for a much-anticipated summit between Arafat and Netanyahu. Last month, Foreign Minister David Levy met with Arafat.

Israel suspended talks with the Arabs after a series of bombings by Islamic militants in February and March killed more than 60 people in Israel. It held a largely symbolic session with the Palestinians in early May, but no talks have been held since Netanyahu's May 29 election.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today, cloudy, chance of rain

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for partly to mostly cloudy skies, 20 percent chance of rain and a high between 90 and 95 with east to southeast winds at 5-15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies, 20 percent chance of rain and a low in the upper 60s.

Friday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies, 20 percent chance of rain and a high in the upper 80s.

The high for Wednesday was 97, compared to the record high for that date of 104, set in 1964.

Wednesday's low was 72, compared to the record low of 61, set in 1936.

STATE

Warm and humid air fueled afternoon thunderstorms scattered over Texas on Wednesday.

Late-afternoon thunderstorms generated winds gusting to 51 mph and a one-hour rainfall of 1.60 inches in El Paso.

Showers also fell near Wichita Falls, in parts of the Panhandle and north of College Station.

Otherwise, sunny skies prevailed as temperatures rose into the 90s and heat-index readings into the low 100s over much of the state, except for 70s and 80s behind a front in the Panhandle. Dalhart reported a high of 73.

Ahead of the front, winds were from the south and east near 10 mph but gusting to near 20 mph.

Temperatures topped out at 104 in Laredo, 101 in Wichita Falls and 100 in Cotulla, Waco, Del Rio and Grand Prairie, near Dallas.

Today should bring more of the same to North Texas. Skies are expected to be partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the 90s. Lows in the 70s.

South Texas expects widely scattered showers and thunderstorms over much of the region, with highs in the 90s and lows in the 70s.

The West Texas outlook calls for partly to mostly cloudy skies with showers and thunderstorms possible. Highs will be in the 80s and 90s, except for around 105 along the Rio Grande. Lows will be in the 60s and 70s.

NATION

Strong thunderstorms with scattered hail and tornadoes ripped through the upper Midwest and Great Lakes on Wednesday, while showers fell over the Southeast and Gulf Coast. It was unseasonably cool in the West.

High winds, large hail and tornadoes were widespread across an area from Iowa through Minnesota into northern Wisconsin.

In Black River Falls, Wis., strong winds destroyed three mobile homes in a rural neighborhood, killing a 5-week-old baby and injuring four other people.

Further east, the storm destroyed some homes and farm buildings and uprooted hundreds of trees. One man awoke to find his ceiling falling in on him.

"I just tried to duck my head under anything, but there was nothing there. It was all gone," said Richard Roerowicz, who lost the roof of his 8-month-old Shantytown, Wis., home.

It was mostly dry Wednesday in eastern Nebraska, where three days of rain caused rivers to overflow and prompted a state of emergency. Flooding fears remained along the Missouri River where runoff moved downstream.

Some areas of northern Wisconsin still were without electricity late Wednesday because of toppled trees and branches on power lines.

Other thunderstorms hit the Southeast and Gulf Coast on Wednesday. A cluster of showers and thunderstorms was forming in North Carolina and southeastern Georgia and South Carolina.

Thunderstorms across the upper Midwest, and thunderstorms across the South and Mid-Atlantic regions Tuesday, produced heavy rains. While most areas saw less than an inch, there were a few isolated locations, including Duluth, Minn., and Greensboro, N.C., that had 24-hour totals of more than 2 inches.

A strong, cool area of high pressure kept much of the West unseasonably mild, particularly in the Great Basin and northern Rockies.

Also see our expanded weather coverage and map on page 8B.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 2-3-9-16-40-43. Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$8 million.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-2-1.

STUDY: Group decries possible survey

(From 1A)

to set priorities, not the public at large, and a survey shouldn't be needed to set priorities."

He said Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility is not "trying to impose ourselves on the school board. We are not a facility needs committee. Our only focus is prudence on borrowing, what the total dollars are and how the district proposes to pay it all back. We would be happy to offer ideas to the board."

Bowden said the organization

printed and distributed 20,000 fliers (before the June 1 bond election) to Midlanders with a statement they still stand by: "Midlanders care deeply about education, recognize legitimate needs, and will support a reasonable bond issue presented for a fair vote. But educational excellence need not cost a fortune. Instead of throwing borrowed money at the school system, let's return to high standards, discipline and rigorous curriculum."

ARSON: Fire destroys apartment unit

(From 1A)

Seven fire units controlled the fire, which started in a unit on the second level, Meiner said.

The fire went into the attic, through the roof and spread through the building, damaging two other apartments on the second level.

Fire officials are not sure if the fire was the result of arson, but they suspect that it is because of how quickly the flames spread, Meiner said.

The electricity was still on and because of reports of faulty wiring, Meiner said he could not be sure of the cause.

Most of the apartment doors were open and some units contained strewn clothing and abandoned furniture. Witnesses said vagrants had been seen around the complex, but no suspects have been reported.

"Currently, we are ruling out all accidental causes and are sending evidence to Austin to be analyzed,"

Meiner said.

Results from the test are expected in a few weeks, he said.

Officials have not contacted Colonial Investment of Maryland, owners of the property, and it is unknown if the complex was insured.

"We knew it was at one time," Meiner said.

The money-troubled apartment complex had been empty for only a few days. After unpaid bills mounted into the thousands of dollars, owners announced they were closing the complex and gave tenants to the end of July to move.

Before the owners decided to close the complex, electricity and water had been turned off because the owners didn't pay utility bills, which was included in tenants' rent.

The Salvation Army, Midland County Housing Authority and local churches helped many of the low-income families find other homes.

Clarification

In a story in Wednesday's edition, when MISD administrator Art Martin discussed Midland Independent School District's property tax rate (\$1.38 per \$100 valuation) in comparison with other districts, he was speaking of all districts' tax rates for next year.

If MISD's tax rate remains flat again next year, it will be lower than Lubbock (\$1.47), Abilene (\$1.41), and Ector County (\$1.41) independent school districts. San Angelo ISD's tax rate currently is lower at \$1.33, but will increase to \$1.44 next year because of the passage of a \$48 million bond election in May.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets any misunderstanding.

CASE: Clinton to convene space summit

(From 1A)

two years of study of a rock, called Allan Hills 84001. The 4 1/2-pound rock is thought to have formed on Mars 4.5 billion years ago, been blasted out of the planet 16 million years ago and then landed in an Antarctic ice field 13,000 years ago. It was picked up in 1984 by a National Science Foundation group that regularly searches the polar ice for meteorites.

A team led by McKay, including scientists from NASA, Stanford University, McGill University in Canada and the University of Georgia, examined thin slices of the potato-sized rock and found minute objects that closely resemble fossilized bacteria that has been found on Earth.

They also found chemical compounds that they said could have been deposited by microbes living in the wet climate thought to have existed on Mars more than three

billion years ago.

Additionally, McKay said the organic matter was found deep inside a crack in the rock and that more of the material was near the center than toward the outside. This suggests, he said, that it formed there before the rock was jolted away from Mars and is not contamination by Earthly microbes.

William Schopf, an expert on ancient bacteria from the University of California, Los Angeles, said that the NASA team scored well in proving the source and age of the rock, and in proving the presence of organic material.

But, speaking at the news conference as an "optimistic skeptic," Schopf said the researchers failed his "subjective confidence rating" in proving that the microscopic bits of matter isolated from the rock are really the remnants of life.

"It is exciting, it is interesting, but a lot more work needs to be done before we can have fair confidence that this is proof of life on Mars," he said.

Among the proof required, he said, are electron microscope studies that show the presumed microbe fossils do, in fact, have the cell walls that are required to hold "the juices" of life.

"I hope they can nail this thing absolutely shut," said Schopf.

Goldin said at the beginning that the NASA researchers were not claiming "absolute proof" that their interpretation is correct. Instead, he challenged the scientists of the world to examine and debate the findings.

Results from the international research, he said, will shape NASA's Mars exploration program over the next decade. The agency was planning to send 10 craft to the red planet, starting

with the launch of Mars Pathfinder. That craft will land on Mars next year and send out a small rover that will chemically test rocks.

The craft will not be able to prove or disprove whether life ever existed on Mars, but later probes can be designed to address that question, he said.

"The real proof may not come until we go to Mars or send a probe there and bring back a chunk," said Ed Weiler, a NASA scientist.

The NASA administrator said his agency would not accelerate its Mars mission efforts, nor go to Congress to ask for more money. Instead, said Goldin, NASA planned to conduct a steady program of exploration within its present budget and guided by the suggestions of "international scientists."

END: County to lose longtime public servants

(From 1A)

"This is a sad day for Midland County because we will not be able to take advantage of the tremendous talents that Rosennelle Cherry and Carol Baker have brought to their job," County Judge Jeff Norwood said Wednesday.

Norwood said that it will take county government "a long time to recover... when you lose the kind of institutional memory that Rosennelle Cherry and Carol Baker have in the courthouse."

They are "wonderful people" and are "pleasant to work with," he said.

Perry D. Pickett, 80, a retired Texas district court judge, said "We (Mrs. Cherry and he) are old-timers, kind of, and a different generation is up there now" in the courthouse.

Pickett was judge of the 142nd Texas District Court for Midland County from 1954 until his retirement in 1981. Afterward, he served as a circuit judge.

"When I am there visiting around (the courthouse), it is just not like it used to be: harmonious, and we had a lot of fun — kind of like one family," Pickett said.

Pickett said Mrs. Cherry "is a very unique person" and is "very talented."

"And she is as probably as good a county clerk that has ever been in Texas. She is just a marvelous person. She liked people, and everyone respected her, and I am sure she did, too. She is very well-qualified, very talented."

Judge Barbara Culver Clack, former Midland County judge,



Baker



Cherry

Texas district court judge, and Texas Supreme Court justice, recalled that Mrs. Cherry was named the outstanding county clerk of the state of Texas by the Texas County and District Clerks Association in 1983.

"And I always felt like she was the best county clerk in Texas because so many (county clerks) called her and sought information or guidance from her," Mrs. Clack said.

"From the time" when Mrs. Cherry became county clerk in 1951, "she strove to be the best she could be, and she was."

Mrs. Cherry received the Liberty Bell Award from the Midland County Young Lawyers in 1984 for her "outstanding community service in all fields of endeavor."

Except for her initial election to office in 1952, Mrs. Cherry has been without opposition in her subsequent re-elections.

Because both women announced their retirements before Sept. 1, the executive committees of the Midland County Republican and Democratic parties may select their candidates for the Nov. 5 general election. Filing deadline is

'It's sad for the county to lose two good people like Rosennelle and Carol. I'm going out with good people.'

— Mark Dettman
Midland County attorney

Sept. 6.

Both Mrs. Cherry and Mrs. Baker are Republicans, although Mrs. Cherry had been a Democrat until she switched parties in 1989.

Midland County Attorney Mark H. Dettman, who, too, is retiring at year's end, said that he has "the utmost respect for her (Mrs. Cherry) professionally," and "I consider her one of my good friends. And she always will be."

"It's sad for the county to lose two good people like Rosennelle and Carol," Dettman said, "I'm going out with good company."

Like Mrs. Cherry, Dettman said that working at the courthouse in recent years has "lost its fun down here."

Dettman, who opted not to seek re-election, said that the 60-plus years of experience between Mrs. Cherry and Mrs. Baker "can't be replaced."

Retired Commissioner Win Brown characterized Mrs. Cherry as "one of the most dedicated public servants I have ever known — dedicated, honest, congenial. She is one of the most respected county clerks in the state of Texas."

Texas District Court Judge

Governors force Dole into secret meeting to head off abortion fight

SAN DIEGO (NYT) — A brazen display of political muscle by some of the Republican Party's "superstars" forced Bob Dole into secret negotiations Wednesday to avoid an abortion convention floor fight that could mar his presidential nomination next week.

Dole's campaign officials undertook the private talks in response to the highly unusual threat from a trio of popular Republican governors to take the abortion fight to the floor of the GOP convention next week if the views of the party's abortion rights advocates are left out of the platform.

The threat of a floor fight clearly irritated Republican leaders, especially House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia, who, in a pep talk to the party's platform committee, urged his warring Republicans to "get it out of your system."

Gingrich's call for party unity buoyed the spirits of the 107 committee members, particularly his suggestion of a news media conspiracy to highlight the abortion dispute in order to undermine Dole's presidential candidacy against President Clinton this fall.

Gingrich said the Republican Party is "not going to allow the press to divide us no matter how desperately they try to do so." He

added, "They are so desperate to stop us from winning."

But it was a trio of Republican governors who kept media attention on the abortion fight in the third day of the GOP's platform proceedings by threatening to take the fight into the heat of primetime television next week.

Gov. Pete Wilson of California led the charge with an unscheduled appearance at the platform hearings Tuesday afternoon in a last-ditch effort to get the platform to acknowledge the profound differences in the party over abortion rights.

When his amendments to the platform went down in a one-sided defeat, Wilson admitted that "unhappily" a floor fight "may be the only option" left to those who oppose the GOP platform call for a constitutional amendment making abortions illegal. He huddled with Dole strategists on Wednesday in search of a compromise.

A Wilson ally, Gov. Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, who will chair the convention's opening day on Monday, issued a statement declaring that if there is a floor fight on abortion, "New Jersey will be there, and I will be as vocal as I need to be."

And Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts, a scheduled speaker on

the convention's second day, reiterated his commitment to a floor fight if the views of pro-choice Republicans are ignored by the platform writers.

"It's pay me now or pay me later," Weld said in a statement Wednesday. "We can either have an agreement for a minority report this week or we can have a floor fight next week."

One proposed compromise under review in the private negotiations undertaken by Dole's representatives Wednesday was the production of a platform "annex" in which the Republican Party would acknowledge the views of party members who either support abortion rights or believe abortion should not be a political issue.

Bay Buchanan, who has spearheaded the drive to retain the party's antiabortion platform plank, said Wednesday that she would not oppose an "annex" to the platform.

However, she confidently asserted that Wilson, Whitman and Weld lack the necessary votes to trigger a floor fight next week. "They just don't have the votes," she said.

To take their fight to the convention floor, the governors would need the support of 27 members of the 107-member platform committee, or a majority of at least six state delegations to the convention.

The last time a Republican Party convention experienced a floor fight was in 1964 between Barry Goldwater and Nelson Rockefeller over the ideological direction of the party. Goldwater, the so-called "father of modern conservatism," won that fight but lost to Lyndon Johnson in the general election in one of the biggest landslides in presidential history.

Wilson threatened such a fight at the 1992 convention but deferred to the wishes of then-President Bush, facing an uphill election against Clinton, to avoid any actions that would divide Republicans.

Dole currently trails Clinton by margins similar to those of Bush's in 1992. But rather than uniting behind Dole, the "superstars of the Republican Party," as RNC Chairman Haley Barbour frequently calls the governors, are picking a public fight over the most divisive issue in the party.

Gingrich called the party's antiabortion plank "a remarkable step in the right direction" and pronounced the 50-page platform, which received some fine-tuning Wednesday, "the broadest bringing together of this party ever written."

But Weld said, "The jury is still out on whether we can come together."

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Chechen rebels take control of Grozny, kill, wound Russian soldiers

MOSCOW (NYT) — Chechen rebels dedicated to humiliating Russian president Boris Yeltsin on the eve of his inaugural took virtual control of the region's ruined capital Wednesday, killing scores of Russian soldiers, wounding hundreds more and sending rings of fire spreading across the city.

The audacious assault on Grozny, which the Russian air force practically leveled in 1995, began on Tuesday and raged throughout the day as Russian helicopter gunships tried desperately to pick off the rebels with rockets that mostly, according to reports from the scene, killed civilians, whose corpses were strewn on the bomb-scarred roadways.

After rolling through roadblocks, capturing two major militia stations and the central telephone exchange office, the Chechen separatists, working in groups of no more than 20 soldiers, spent most of the day laying siege to the heavily fortified government

building in the center of the city. Giant columns of black smoke spiraled into the sky as the rebels pummeled the stone building with rocket launchers from as close as 30 yards, according to reports from Russian journalists who Wednesday night remained trapped in a bunker beneath the building.

Yeltsin made stopping the war in the southern republic one of the cornerstones of his re-election campaign. After the first round of voting he named the army's best known critic of the war, Aleksandr I. Lebed, as his overall security czar. That convinced many skeptics that Yeltsin was serious about finding a way out of the war that has taken at least 30,000 lives since it began in December 1994.

But Lebed, since assuming his new role, has mostly sounded like a militant spokesman for Yeltsin. He has long promised to go to Chechnya to try and negotiate, but so far no dates have been planned

for his trip.

The city of Grozny, already scorched and twisted, shook throughout the day with exploding rockets and bombs. Chechen separatists carried out a similar assault in March, but this attack has already proved far more deadly. Russian military officials said Wednesday night that more than 50 of their soldiers had been killed in the past two days of fighting, and that more than 250 were injured. There is no way of verifying those figures, or most of the contradictory and confused information emerging from the city Wednesday night.

Russian leaders alternated between vowing revenge and asserting that the battle was over.

"The situation in Grozny is perfectly under our full control now," said Doku Zavgayev, who was installed as the leader of the republic by Russian forces. He was speaking late Wednesday afternoon from a heav-

ily guarded position at the Khankala airport, a major Russian military base where he was evacuated along with most of the other government leaders early in the day.

Reporters and military officials in Grozny laughed at Zavgayev's assertion that all was well.

"It is impossible to comment on these words because of their obvious absurdity," Valery Yakov wrote in an article for Izvestia. Yakov, one of the most experienced of the Chechen war correspondents, is in Grozny.

"At a time when the city is practically controlled by the rebels the head of the government is sitting at an airport and trying to tell the people of the republic he is in control of something," Yakov wrote. "He is paying with the lives of hundreds of civilians."

Yakov, who is not among those trapped in the government building, spoke to a colleague there who said the building was sur-

rounded and that the Chechen leaders have vowed to capture it by Friday, the day of Yeltsin's inauguration.

In a television interview Wednesday night, Lebed, the national security adviser and erstwhile critic of the war, explained: "This war is beneficial for too many people. The roots of the war are economic. We have to create a way to bring the two sides to the bargaining table. It is a tortuous path but it is the only way."

The trouble is that the two sides have been at the bargaining table several times in the past year — most famously in the Kremlin this spring when Yeltsin and the leader of the separatists, Zelim Yandarbiyev, signed a peace accord that lasted only until the election was over. Negotiators have failed to make any progress on the central issue: Chechen rebels want independence and the Kremlin insists that the republic is part of Russia.

U.S. removes last obstacle to sale of Iraqi oil to aid civilians

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States removed the last major obstacle to limited Iraqi oil sales, agreeing Wednesday to U.N. procedures for monitoring the oil-for-food agreement.

The United States had been the only member of the 15-nation Iraq sanctions committee that did not support the procedures. Committee decisions must be unanimous.

U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright said a few technical details remain to be resolved.

Iraqi oil is expected to begin flowing about a month after final approval, which could come this week.

"I don't expect any other obstacle," said Iraqi Ambassador Nizar Hamdoun. "This should have happened a couple of weeks ago."

In May, Iraq accepted a U.N. offer to sell \$2 billion worth of oil for an initial 180-day period to buy food and medicine for its people, suffering from six years of eco-

nomie sanctions.

The Security Council imposed sweeping sanctions on Iraq in 1990 after its invasion of Kuwait, which led to the Persian Gulf War. The sanctions remain because Iraq has failed to satisfy the council that it has complied with orders to dismantle its programs to build weapons of mass destruction.

Despite the May agreement, the United States repeatedly delayed implementation, demanding that

U.N. procedures for carrying out the sales ensure that Saddam Hussein's government is not able to skim off any of the money.

"We will make sure that they are carried out very rigorously," Albright said. "The point here is to get the assistance to the right people."

The new rules increase the number of monitors overseeing oil exports and imports of food and medicine.

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Cargo diagram provides investigators with glimpse inside belly of Flight 800

SMITHTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Japanese cash registers. Blood samples. Live turtles. Hundreds of pounds of gold glitter. All were aboard TWA Flight 800 when it exploded off Long Island.

Federal officials have refused to release the Paris-bound jetliner's cargo manifest, which lists the exact contents, origins and destinations of each shipment of air freight.

But a diagram of the cargo hold being used by investigators — obtained this week by The Associated Press — and interviews with freight shippers provide perhaps the clearest glimpse yet of what was in the belly of the doomed jet.

The contents are more than a curiosity. Although preliminary signs suggest the jetliner was decapitated by a bomb planted in a front hold packed with passenger luggage, the unscreened air freight carried in the rear half the 747 is not free of suspicion, one investigator says.

"It's still a viable part of the investigation, very much so," the investigator, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told the AP on Monday. "Too many people had too

much access (to freight) to not be interested."

From the first impact of the blast, some of that freight sprinkled the entire disaster with golden dust. It coated floating chunks of wreckage. It clung to bodies. And long after all else had hit the water, it continued to drizzle down, lighting up rescuers' radar screens.

Puzzled investigators initially thought the substance was shredded plane insulation. Later, they realized it was gold glitter, the stuff of school children's art projects and theatrical makeup and costumes.

The top-view diagram of Flight 800 notes that separate cargo bins held the boxes of glitter, as well as air mail, State Department documents, newspapers and magazines, airplane parts and supplies, oxygen tanks and live turtles.

It also notes "human eyes loaded in cockpit" — a reference to the plastic-foam container of donated organs placed on the plane moments before takeoff — but fails to confirm reports that a disassembled bowling alley was aboard.

Listed, too, are several air forwarders, the companies that package freight and buy space on air-

planes. Most of those contacted by the AP, including Randy International, which arranged the shipment of glitter, refused to comment.

But one, World Courier, confirmed it handled the transport of HIV-positive blood samples. The vials, packed on dry ice in a small, sealed container, were sent from a Chicago-area laboratory to researchers in France.

Another, Inter-Jet Systems Corp., identified its cargo as 17 cash registers. Inter-Jet owner Jerry Trimboli said FBI and Federal Aviation Administration investigators visited company offices in Los Angeles and New York City within 48 hours of the explosion.

Agents reviewed documents showing the cash register shipment originated in Yokohama, Japan, was sent to Los Angeles by sea, then was flown to Kennedy Airport for the flight to Paris, Trimboli said. Their questions "all seemed pretty routine," he said of the agents.

The fact that a wide array of merchandise from far-flung places ended up on Flight 800 is not surprising, said Charlie LeBlanc, operations manager at Air Security

International, a Houston consulting firm.

LeBlanc, former manager of cargo security with Continental Airlines, said the freight riding below passengers can include "everything from machine parts to clothing to human remains, chickens, parrots, cats, zoo animals like lions," he said. "Whatever you can fit inside that plane, they'll do it."

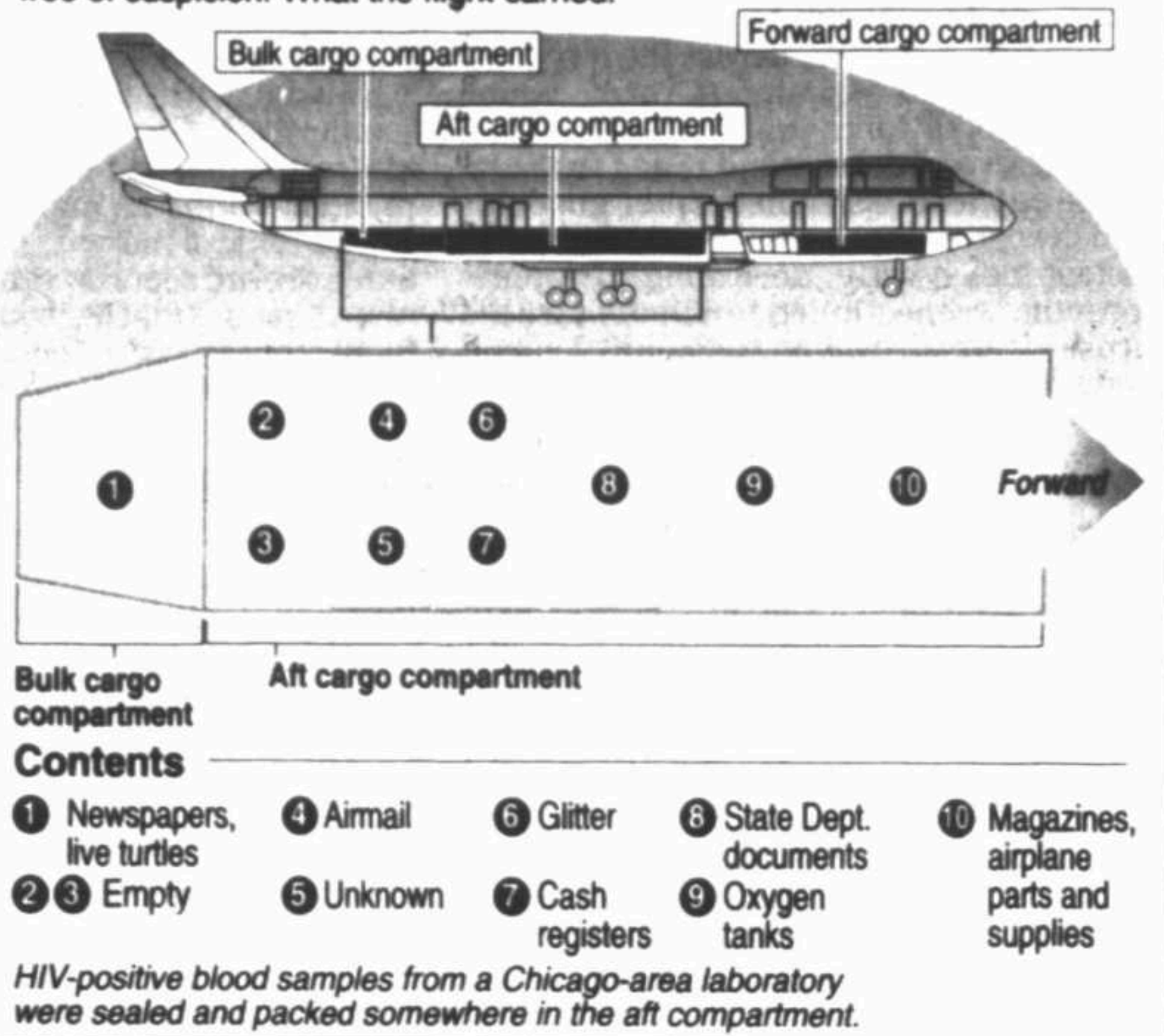
The FAA is reviewing cargo security standards that have been criticized for years as too lax. Currently, the airlines rely on FAA-approved freight shipping companies to vouch for the contents of shipments. And the freight shipping companies often rely on the honesty of frequent customers.

At airports, dozens of workers have access to the commercial shipments typically loaded onto airliners three to four hours before takeoff. The situation is ripe for theft — or sabotage, LeBlanc said. "Pillage is our No. 1 problem," he said.

"Reverse the logic: If you can steal something, you could easily put it inside. ... (The Flight 800 explosion) may not turn out to be a cargo bomb, but some day it could be."

Inside Flight 800

While investigators suspect a bomb in the front cargo hold may have downed TWA Flight 800, the air freight carried in the rear and bulk compartments is not free of suspicion. What the flight carried:



AP Graphic

U.S. Olympic team members visit White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cavorting on the White House lawn with medals — and cameras — around their necks, members of the U.S. Olympic team visited President Clinton on Wednesday to receive a personal presidential thanks.

Clinton, Hillary Rodham Clinton and their daughter Chelsea greeted about 500 members of the 654-member U.S. team. High jump gold medalist Charles Austin and synchronized swimming gold medalist Becky Dyroen-Lancer presented Clinton a set of commemorative Olympic pins.

"I had very high hopes for all of you and for our country. They were exceeded not only by the medals you won but by the way you won them," Clinton told the athletes. "You gave something very special to the American people."

Even the White House staff was inspired by their prowess, Clinton joked. "We've all intensified our

training schedule around here," he said. "An enormous number of people asked if we could get the women's soccer team to teach us that belly slide."

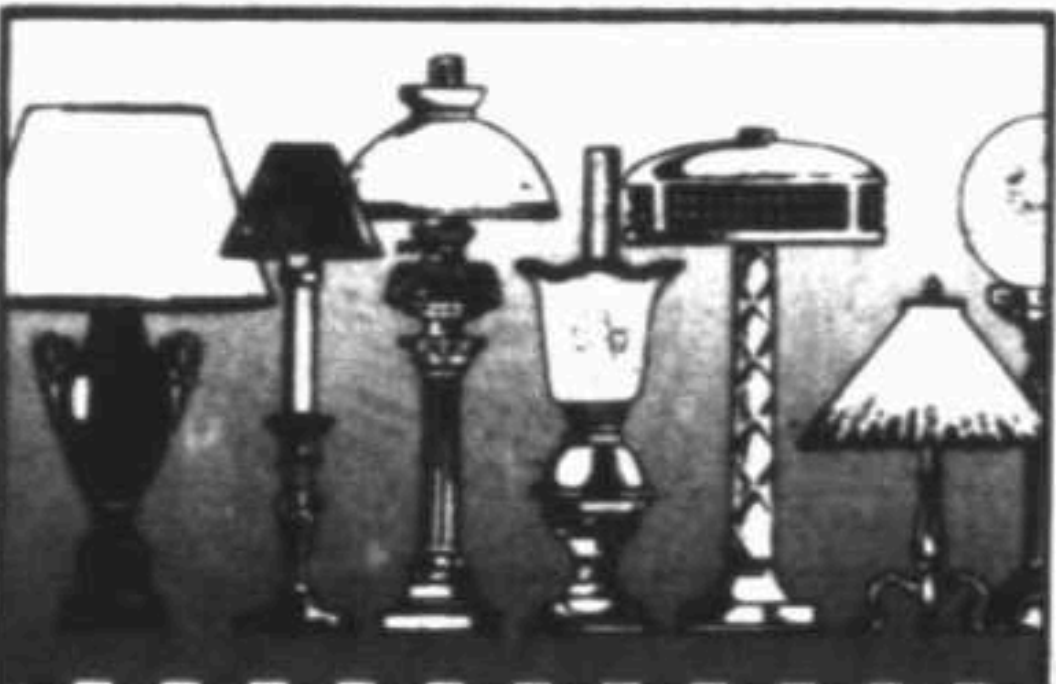
Team members, clad in red, white and blue team jackets and shorts, milled about on the South Lawn, laughing at the adventure like school children on a field trip. Many snapped photos of each other with the White House as a backdrop.

After posing with the Clintons on the steps of the south balcony, the athletes resumed their high jinks. Massive Matt Ghaffari, wearing the silver he won in Greco-Roman wrestling, came over to a bank of television cameras carrying diminutive gymnast Kerri Strug and declared: "This is the real hero of the Olympics."

The president ranked Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Games among the greatest in history. He cited the

largest ever number of participating nations, the stellar performances of U.S. athletes and the positive way athletes, officials and fans dealt with and responded to the bombing in Centennial Olympic Park that killed a Georgia woman and injured 111 other people.

"As far as I'm concerned, these Atlanta Games were the best," Clinton said.



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Dole tells top aides he is 'very near' making decision on running mate

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Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Bob Dole narrowed his list of vice presidential prospects to three Wednesday and told top aides he was "very near a final decision" in a search he has described as critical to reviving his campaign.

Campaign officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, refused to name the finalists, although one said there was a strong possibility the Republican nominee would turn to someone who has not factored in public speculation.

Previously, campaign and other Republican sources have suggested Dole had focused on four or five contenders, including former

South Carolina Gov. Carroll Campbell, Gov. John Engler of Michigan, and Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Connie Mack of Florida.

While declining to rank the finalists, one source confirmed that Dole's search team had been in contact with McCain and Mack as recently as Wednesday.

Mack said he was flattered to be considered and said of a national campaign, "there obviously are some very rewarding things ... expressing your beliefs, your ideas, your commitments." But he also said he found the prospect "scary."

McCain said he was "very honored" to be on Dole's short list. "I don't think I could contribute as much as some of the others," McCain said, noting that his state had just eight electoral votes.

Asked if he was among the finalists, Campbell said: "I don't know and I'm not going to say anything about it."

Dole plans to announce his pick Saturday in his hometown of Russell, Kan., and then fly Sunday to San Diego, the GOP's convention city.

Elizabeth Dole wouldn't drop any hints about her husband's choice.

"I can't. It's his decision. It's his announcement," she told AP. "Let me put it this way: we have a continuing dialogue on that subject." She added: "I can say that it is not Elizabeth Dole."

Over the course of the past few weeks, Dole's search team has been contacted by at least nine Republicans. But even as their names became known, there has been speculation among top aides about a mystery candidate known only to Dole.

Within the Dole campaign, some aides are advocating former Secretary of State James A. Baker; others note the emergence of former congressman and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld as a prominent Dole policy adviser. Former HUD Secretary Jack Kemp was on the grapevine, too.

Others contacted by the Dole search team include Govs. Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin, Jim Edgar of Illinois, George Voinovich of Ohio and Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania. Voinovich asked

last week that he be dropped from the list, and GOP sources have said Ridge also withdrew from consideration.

Edgar would be an unlikely pick because of his support of abortion rights and past heart troubles. Thompson said as recently as Tuesday night that he was still getting requests from the search team, but one official said flatly that the Wisconsin governor was not among the finalists.

"If it was true it would be one of relief," Thompson said when asked about this. "I certainly am not upset about it."

Dole's pick is considered a critical part of the run-up to next week's Republican National Convention in San Diego, as the GOP hopeful looks for a surge in polls that consistently show him well behind President Clinton.

As he whittles his list, Dole faced conflicting advice and pressures. Some advisers have been urging Dole to reach for the political center by picking a supporter of abortion rights. But in San Diego, antiabortion activists have warned against that, and point to their

strengths in the platform hearings as evidence they could disrupt the convention.

Other factors include whether to target a particular state or region with the vice presidential pick.

Engler, for example, could help the ticket in Michigan and elsewhere in the industrial Midwest, and his tax-cutting record meshes nicely with Dole's new economic plan. But Dole does not have close rapport with Engler.

South Carolina is a solid GOP state in presidential politics, but Campbell backers suggest he could help throughout the region. Detractors suggest his recent work for the American Council of

Life Insurance would allow Democrats to paint him as a lobbyist.

McCain was chairman of Sen. Phil Gramm's primary campaign but gave Dole a prominent endorsement after Gramm quit the race. The former Vietnam prisoner of war has a solid rapport with Dole.

Florida's Mack won a 1994 re-election landslide over Hugh Rodham, Hillary Rodham Clinton's younger brother, in a state critical to Dole's comeback hopes. He is a solid conservative who in his House days was a close ally of congressional leaders Newt Gingrich and Trent Lott.

U-2 spy plane explodes, crashes in newspaper parking lot, kills 2

OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A U-2 spy plane exploded and crashed into a newspaper building's parking lot Wednesday, killing the pilot and a newspaper customer. Two others on the ground were slightly injured.

"The wing just blew off and the plane spiraled right down," said Robert Frutos, a technician working on a nearby radio tower. He said the plane burst into flames while still in flight.

Capt. Randy Roby, an experienced instructor assigned to Beale Air Force Base, radioed the Beale tower and declared an in-flight emergency a few minutes before the crash, and witnesses reported seeing a parachute.

Roby, of Fresno, was found dead in his ejection seat, said Lt. Col. Dennis Linn, a spokesman at the base about 25 miles southeast of Oroville.

Jerri Vering, an Oroville woman who had just walked out of the Oroville Mercury Register building, was killed at the plane's point of impact, newspaper employees said.

Two others were treated at Oroville Hospital for injuries related to the crash: a police officer who suffered from smoke inhalation and a 34-year-old woman who was knocked down by the blast. She was treated for bruises and a temporary loss of hearing, said Bob Wentz, chief executive of the hospital.

Air Force officials said the plane went down about 2:15 p.m. in Oroville, about 60 miles north of Sacramento.

"We were inside and we heard this huge boom. It shook everything in the store," said Karissa Nelson, a clerk at a convenience store about 300 yards away. "We ran outside and we saw everybody running on the street and all this smoke going up."

The impact left a large area of charred blacktop outside the newspaper office but few discernible pieces of the plane other than a piece of the tail section. The building, which was evacuated due to the smoke, did not seem heavily damaged, but several cars

appeared burned.

The U-2 reconnaissance aircraft, built by Lockheed, may be flown by a crew of one or two. Only about 49 feet long but with 80-foot wingspans, U-2s can reach altitudes above 70,000 feet. They are powered by a single jet engine.

Built as Air Force spy planes during the Cold War, the U-2 became famous when U.S. pilot Francis Gary Powers was shot down by the Soviet Union in 1960 in the Ural Mountains. Powers was held by the Soviets for 21 months.

More recently, the planes have

been used for high-altitude research.

Beale's 99th Reconnaissance Squadron, the only unit of its kind in the Air Force, operates U-2s at Beale and bases in England, Cyprus, Korea and the Middle East.

On Aug. 6, 1995, a Beale AFB U-2 crashed shortly after takeoff, about 80 miles west of London, while in support of NATO forces in Bosnia. The pilot, Air Force Capt. David Hawkins, 34, was killed.



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Congress' action beats 'nothing'

Congress finally did it! "It" came at the last moment of the session as both Democrats and Republicans finally realized that if they didn't get their act together and enact some worthwhile legislation, they would be going back to their constituents empty handed and with well-deserved egg on their faces.

So last week, Congress — that more-often-than-not aggravating collection of politicians — reeled out a welfare reform measure that should change the entire scope of the system, passed a health bill that will protect people from losing their health insurance, raised the minimum wage and even passed a measure to improve the nation's drinking water systems.

What hit them, apparently, was as House Speaker Newt Gingrich characterized it an "underlying sense of both Democrats and Republicans wanting to be able to go home with things the American people want."

Hey, what's wrong with that? Isn't that what we elect these men

(and women) for in the first place? And if they happen to feel the pressure of having to do an important job once during a congressional session, that's certainly better than never feeling it at all.

Of course, not everyone sees the session this way. Professor Ross Baker of Rutgers University, an expert on Congress, chastised Congress for waiting until the last minute to accomplish anything.

He noted, "It's like saying I had the best meal of my life because I had several desserts. The purpose is to have the whole session productive, not just the last few days."

In a perfect world where everyone takes their responsibilities seriously, we might agree with the professor. But Congress, like the world, is far from perfect.

At least the members of Congress were fearful enough of returning to their home districts empty handed to accomplish some good — and that's better than some sessions we've seen.

GEORGE WILL

GOP hopes ride on Dole economic plan

SAN DIEGO—Dispirited Republicans, their fates linked with Bob Dole's, have of late experienced life as all Lent and no Easter. Resurrection, they hope, began Monday with Dole's deployment of his economic plan, built around a 15 percent across-the-board tax cut, which he hopes will, at last, draw a sharp distinction between himself and his rival.

Will flaming hope replace dull despair in Republican ranks? Time will tell, but recent events have already told Republicans that trying to draw sharp distinctions between conservatism and Clintonism these days is like trying to carve fog with a trowel. Clinton, too, favors a tax cut, but one smaller and more targeted. This reflects the reversal of roles in contemporary American politics.

During the liberal era, from the New Deal to the Great Society, the Republican Party's doctrine often seemed to be an unenthusiastic echo of the Democratic Party's. Republicans were for approximately what Democrats were for, only less of it, and slower. Echo politics worked well enough for Eisenhower and Nixon. In this conservative era, it may work as well for Clinton.

It is axiomatic that just as birds are called by sounds like their own, voters are summoned by thoughts like their own, and today they think the government gets more of their money than is good for it or them. However, they also are afflicted by cognitive dissonance—holding contradictory views with equal intensity. They want tax reduction and a balanced budget and most of the current menu of government benefits.

When Reagan proposed his tax reductions, the nation was reeling from years of oil shocks and stagflation. The "misery index"—the sum of the unemployment and inflation rates—had recently topped 20. Hence the potency of the question he posed to the country in his debate with President Carter: Are you better off today than you were four years ago?

Today no one bothers to compute the misery index. The San Diego Union-Tribune reports a

poll of the Republican delegates who are about to convene here—a cross section of the country's hard-core anti-Clintonites—showing that 64 percent say they are as well off or better off than they were four years ago.

And the Los Angeles Times reports that the economy of this state, where one-eighth of the electorate lives, is percolating briskly enough to have generated \$2.6 billion in unanticipated revenues. The revenues result partly from hefty bonuses paid to executives of profitable corporations. Also, wages are rising faster than inflation, partly because of rapid job-creation in high-wage fields like computers and entertainment.

Because the economy is not obviously broken, Dole must make an argument that Reagan did not make concerning what new tax cuts are supposed to fix. The argument is that the task of funding the existing welfare state requires a bold dash for a higher rate of economic growth. Demography is destiny for a welfare state, and the great demographic fact of our time is the aging of the population, with the elderly being the principal recipients of wel-

fare state transfer payments, for pensions and medical care.

In asserting the "supply side" faith that the tax measures he proposes will be sufficiently stimulative to be partially self-financing, Dole is committing the unspeakable faux pas of partially changing his mind.

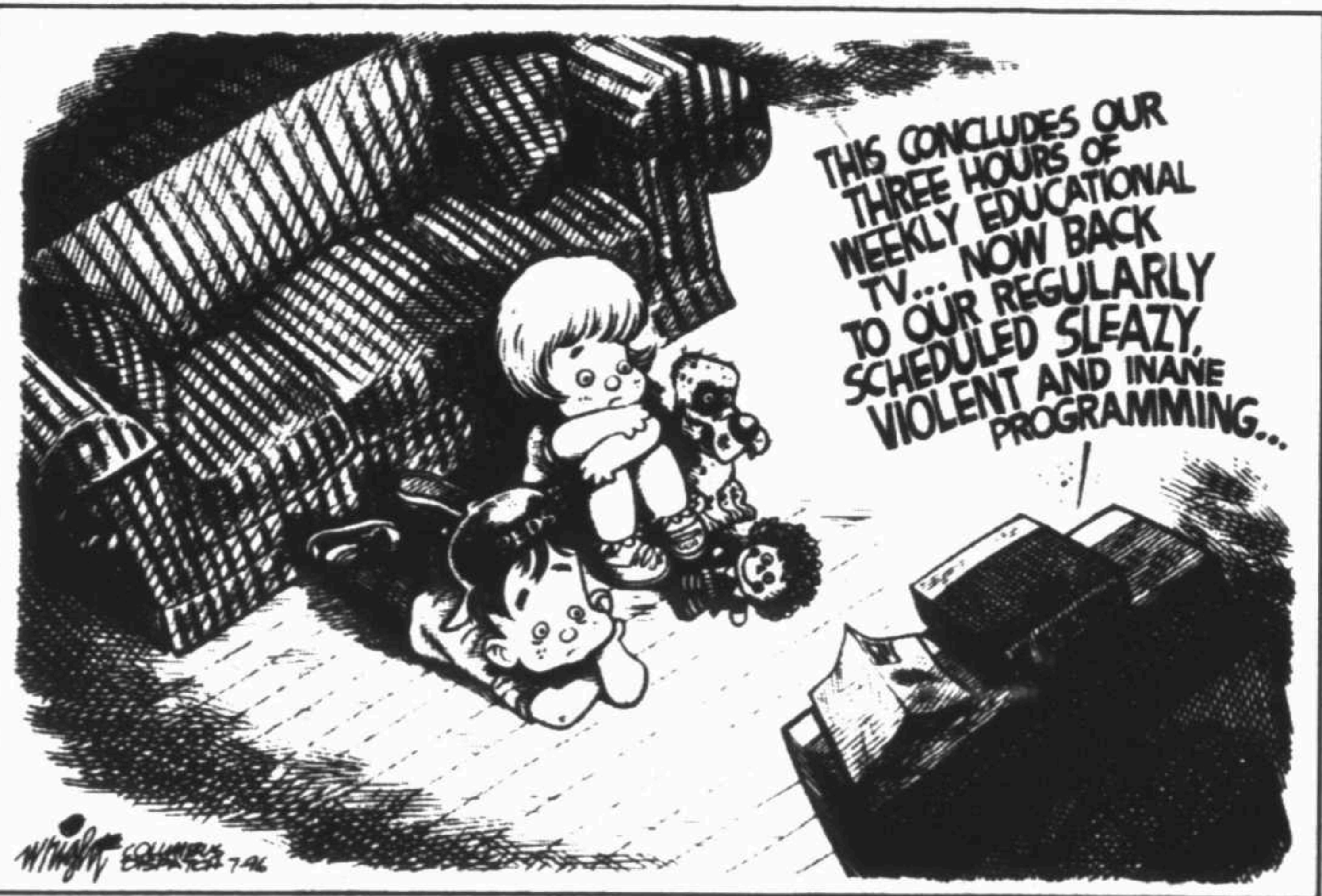
It was said that when Czar Nicholas II uttered the word "intelligentsia" he did so with the same facial expression he wore when uttering the word "syphilis." A dozen years ago Dole seemed to feel that way about the most brassily optimistic "supplysiders."

However, just as hunger is the best sauce for unappetizing food, political peril is the best argument for Dole to swallow his skepticism and embrace the argument President Kennedy correctly made for his tax cut: "It is a paradoxical truth that tax rates are too high today and tax revenues are too low and the soundest way to raise the revenues in the long run is to cut the rates now."

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Will



MIKE ROYKO

Democrats can make real party of it if they will

All the early indications are that the Democratic convention will be painfully dull.

There's nothing new about such dullness, since the modern political convention tries to stretch one day's activities into almost a week of babbling, strutting and fibbing.

The main purpose of a convention is to choose a presidential candidate. But that's already been done in the primaries.

So the time is filled by politicians who brag into microphones about how happy they make us by seizing our money and flinging it every which way.

This doesn't really matter to most people, since the majority of Americans will wisely ignore most of the somber silliness.

But it matters to me. As a media creature, I am an integral part of the convention. Yes, if it were not for the presence of the thousands of media creatures who flock to political conventions, the events wouldn't exist.

Like the tree falling in the forest, if nobody is there to hear it, is there any noise?

More than that, though, it matters to me as a Chicagoan. If there is anything Chicago ain't, it ain't dull. Since its earliest days, it has been big, bawling, bawdy, boisterous, boozy and occasionally blotto.

It's one thing for San Diego to host the Republican convention, which promises to be dull and depressing. San Diego, while a pleasant little city, is dull. It always has been because it is filled with retired Navy officers who spend their days picking lemons in their back yards. Wild and crazy guys.

But Chicago has a reputation to uphold. Remember, this was the last city to have a convention that was truly lively.

Some people insist on referring to the 1968

Democratic convention as "infamous." But that's unfair. It was great entertainment and fun.

It was fun for the cops who ran wild, trying to bash the skulls of the protesting hippies, Yippies, liberals and media creatures.

It was fun for the protesters and the hippies and the Yippies because it gave them a sense of history-making importance beyond their wildest grass-induced dreams.

It was fun for the liberals because they could shriek that Chicago's old-time politicians and cops were big brutes, and it inspired them to soon seize total control of the party.

And it was fun for the media creatures because it gave us a chance to be indignant, outraged and scold everyone involved.

But that was then, and this is now. And now there isn't much going on. No unpopular war and no unpopular military draft to threaten the comfort of the well-born young. No LBJ to ask how many kids he killed today.

Now, the protesters will be kept in designated areas where they can yammer at the TV cameras. Who cares, since most are just organized moochers, professional shakedown artists and ego trippers?

So this convention promises to move as smoothly and dully as a swallow of warm milk. Which is why I'm tossing out an idea and hoping that some daring business types will run with it.

My idea is jousting, and I'll explain. If you go to Bristol, Wis., just across the Illinois state line, you will find a delightful entertainment called the Bristol Renaissance Faire.

Actors dress the way they did in the era of Elizabeth I, the balding, sexually inhibited babe who ruled England from 1558 to 1603.

And there is jousting. As a Chicago Tribune reporter wrote: "It's got high excitement: handsome knights jousting, their armor sparkling in the sun as they bash, clash and attempt to unseat one another."

What I have in mind is something similar: jousting Chicago-style, à la 1968.

It could be done on any large tract of vacant

land near the convention center. Or in Grant Park. Almost anywhere.

Instead of knights, we'd have guys in cops' uniforms wielding billy clubs (soft plastic, of course) and trying to conk the heads of shaggy-haired, obscenity-screaming Yippies, who would throw bags of a dark brown substance at the cops (chocolate mousse rather than the original 1968 unmentionable stuff).

Rather than using actors, though, anyone could take part — for a fee, of course, to rent the costumes, the billy clubs and the chocolate mousse.

And some might pretend to be media creatures, which many media creatures already do, which would allow them to be hit on the head by the cops and lied to by the Yippies.

For a slightly higher fee, you might even choose to be the late Richard J. Daley and stand above the fray intoning his marvelous malapropism: "The police ain't here to create disorder, they're here to preserve disorder."

It would be true performance art, living theater. And a great nostalgia trip, especially since most of the media creatures coming to Chicago are more interested in rehearsing the 1968 convention than in yawning through the upcoming one.

And what a treat it would be for some of the surviving figures from the '68 convention.

Tom Hayden, for example, was one of the protest leaders. Now he is a California politician, chum of wealthy and powerful liberals and Jane Fonda's ex-husband.

He will be at this convention, and jousting could let him relive his 1968 role.

And maybe Jane Fonda would want to take part too. She'd probably want to be a Chicago cop and hit Tom on the head.

If not jousting, then something that is lively. Or the convention will be one long yawn.

Unless the president decides to hit some of our singles bars. But he's not yet that far ahead in the polls.

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Royko

ART BUCHWALD

Welfare buck gets heavier as it's passed along

Man came to the house and gave me \$800. "What is this for?" "It's your federal tax cut compliments of President Clinton."

"I didn't know I was entitled to one."

"Everyone in the middle class is entitled to one. We couldn't have presidential elections if we didn't give people a tax cut and welfare reform."

"Well, thank you very much. I can't tell you what this means to me."

I was about to put the money in my piggy bank when another man came to door. Instead of smiling, he had a dour look on his face.

"You owe us \$2,300."

"Who is us?"

"The state treasury. The federal government has gone out of the welfare business and has

decided the problem can be handled much better by the states. It's going to cost you a pretty bundle because we don't have any more ideas than Washington does."

"How come you can handle it better if it costs me more than when Washington was in charge?"

"The closer you get to the problem, the more expensive it is. The White House likes you to think the states can do it cheaper, and Congress is constantly trying to get rid of welfare cheats. So with the new bill no one can cheat Washington — only the states."

"Washington must be breathing a sign of relief to get the welfare recipients off its back," I said.

"Getting rid of entitlements is a load off both Democrats and Republicans. Clinton sleeps better knowing he no longer is responsible for children's food stamps."

"Is Dole happy that legal aliens aren't entitled to welfare?"

"He is as happy as anyone could be in his position. Unemployed people taking money for doing nothing was something he never

approved of. Please give me my taxes so I can be on my way."

I gave him \$2,300 from my piggy bank, and he departed.

After he left, there was a knock on the door. It was the mayor from my home town who said, "I have to tax you \$5,000 to build new homeless shelters for the welfare cheats who were taken off the Washington payroll."

"I thought the states had taken over."

"They passed it on to the cities. The governor is no fool. The city is stuck with the whole bill, so I am raising taxes, stopping your fresh water and cutting off hospitalization for pregnant women."

"But if I give you any more money, I'll have to apply for relief."

"When Clinton announced he was running for president again, he never promised the welfare recipients a Rose Garden. As a matter of fact, he didn't promise them anything."

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Buchwald

ANOTHER VIEW

Counter terrorism? Look into our faces

If you want to know how to counter terrorism, you won't find it in airport metal detectors or cordoned-off public buildings or bomb-sniffing dogs.

No, if you want to find the only weapon strong enough to win against terrorism, look into the faces of those in Atlanta. Grandmothers and children. Construction workers and gymnasts. Police officers and secretaries. See their bravery, their strength, their refusal to be cowed by cowards.

We've seen that look before. The stoicism. The quiet courage. The absolute determination that those who deal in terror will not be victorious.

But always before, that look was on someone else's face. In London. In Belfast. In Tel Aviv. In Tokyo....

And so terrorism has, at last, come to America's shores — not from without, not from a foreign source, but, it appears, from within. But the tools are the same; the tactics of fear unchanged.

Oklahoma City. TWA Flight 800. Now the Olympics.

To our credit, Americans have reacted with the same bravery as our fellows in Ireland, in Israel, in Japan, in England

have shown before us. Whether the bombers were the IRA or the PLO, whether their targets were department stores or subway stations, it has always been the average citizens who have led the way in fighting back.

The manifestation of that courage, of course, is the remarkable speed with which the people return life to normal. Shoppers returning to Harrod's in England, Lebanese markets reopening, Japanese commuters crowding the subway, Israelis clambering onto a bus. All are acts of a courage both ordinary and great.

The day after the early-morning bomb went off in Atlanta again found lines outside the various events, again found traffic congested in downtown Atlanta, again found athletes and audiences bound together in the emotional web that is the Olympics.

No surrender. It is the very ordinariness of daily life that terrorists seek to disrupt. To give in to that fear of unpredictable violence is to grant the terrorists victory. To hide because of the fear, to alter our normal routines, is to hand them the battle.

— North County Times
Escondido, Calif.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, August 8, the 221st day of 1996. There are 145 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 8, 1974, President Nixon announced his intention to resign following new damaging revelations in the Watergate scandal.

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In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena to spend the remainder of his days in exile.

In 1942, six convicted Nazi saboteurs who'd landed in the United States were executed in Washington; two others received life imprisonment.

In 1945, President Truman signed the United Nations Charter.

In 1945, the Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

In 1963, Britain's "Great Train Robbery" took place as thieves made off with 2.6 million pounds in banknotes.

In 1968, Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican national convention in Miami Beach. (Later that day, Nixon chose Maryland Gov. Spiro T. Agnew to be his running mate.)

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew branded as "damned lies" reports he had taken kickbacks from government contracts in Maryland, and vowed not to resign — which he eventually did.

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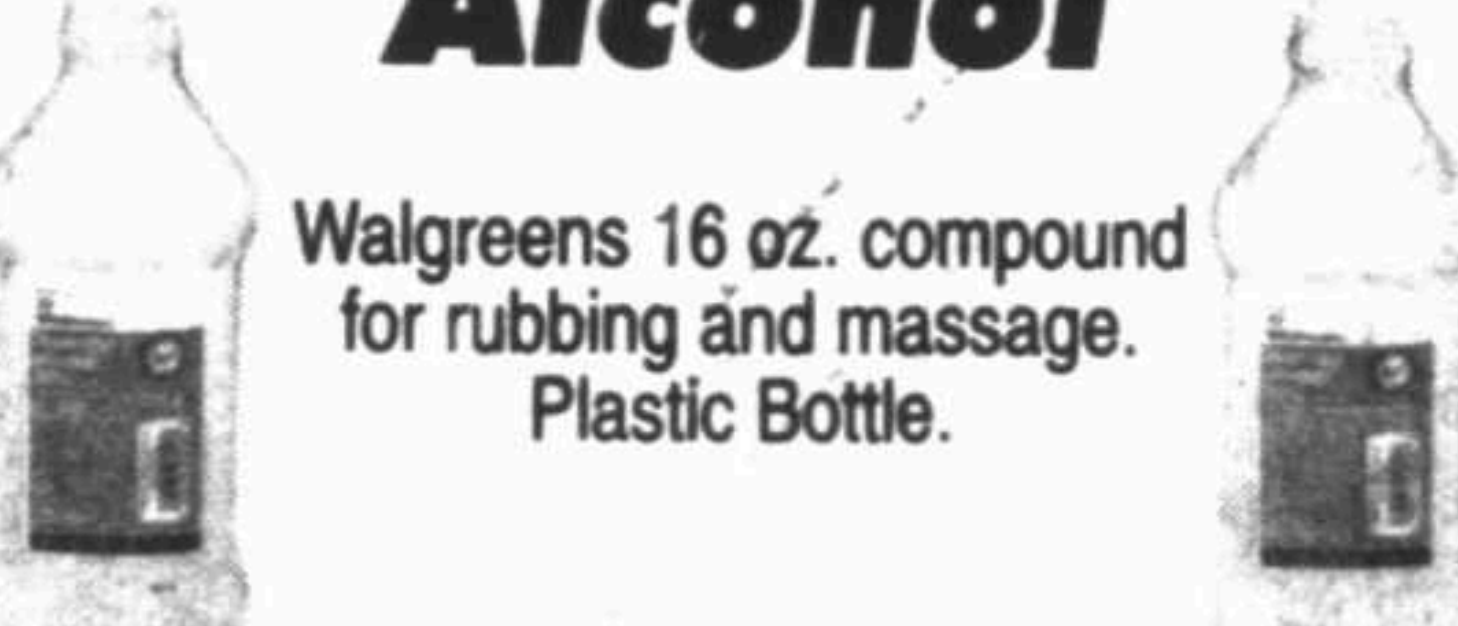
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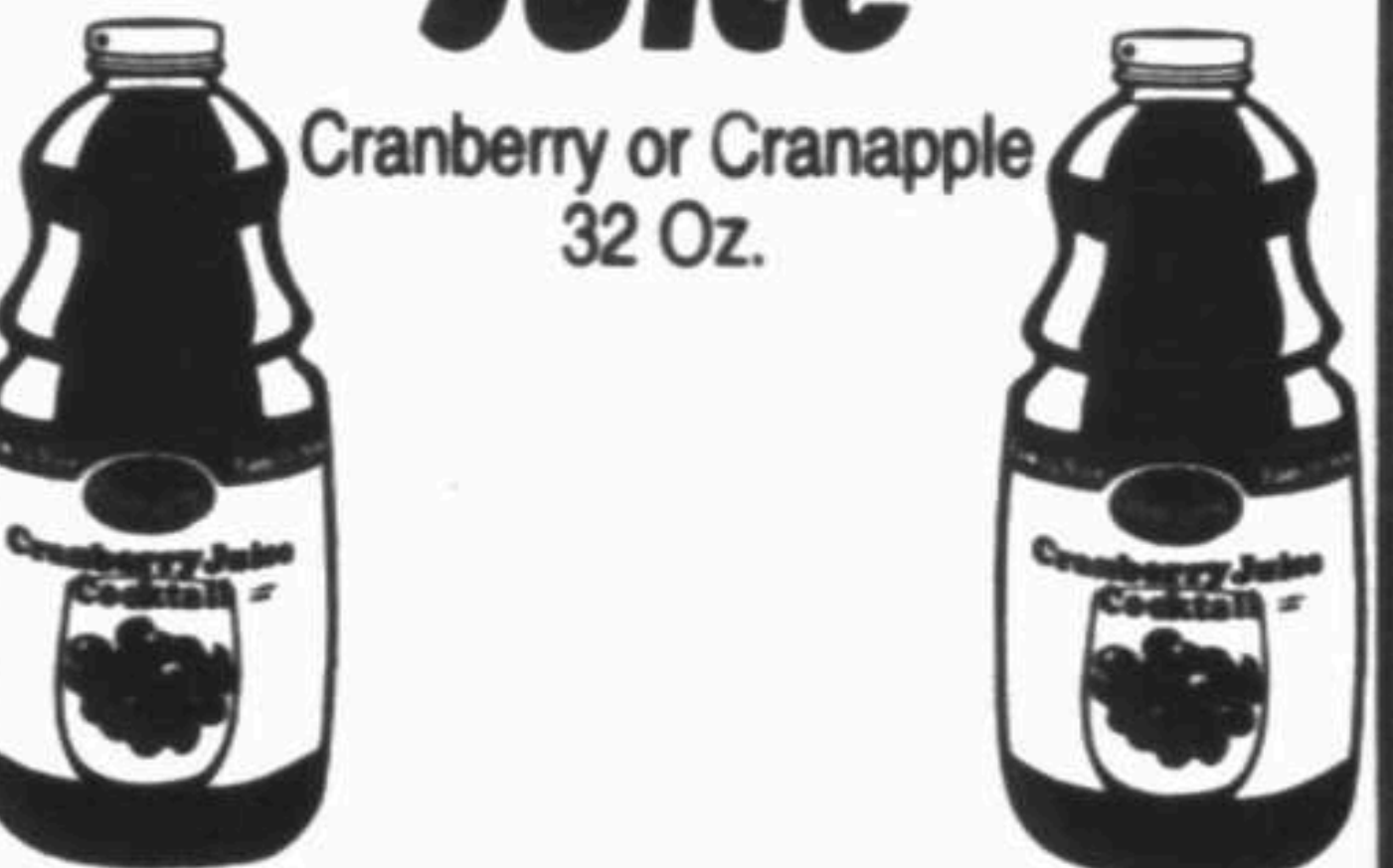
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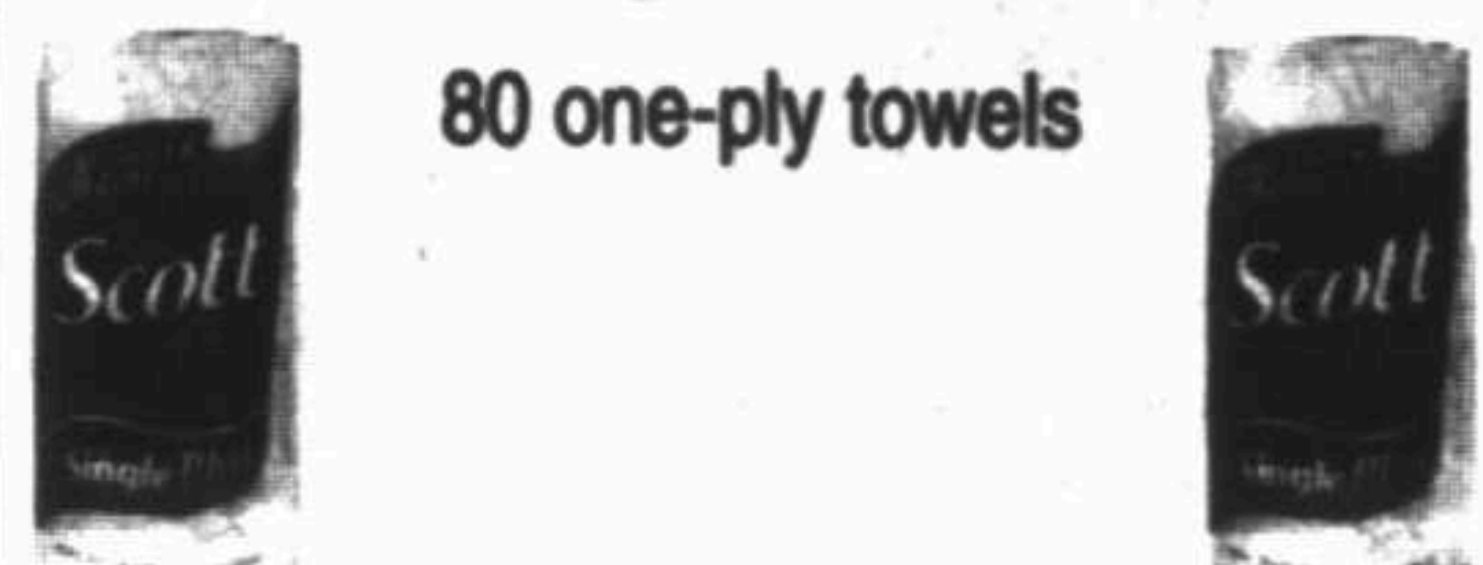
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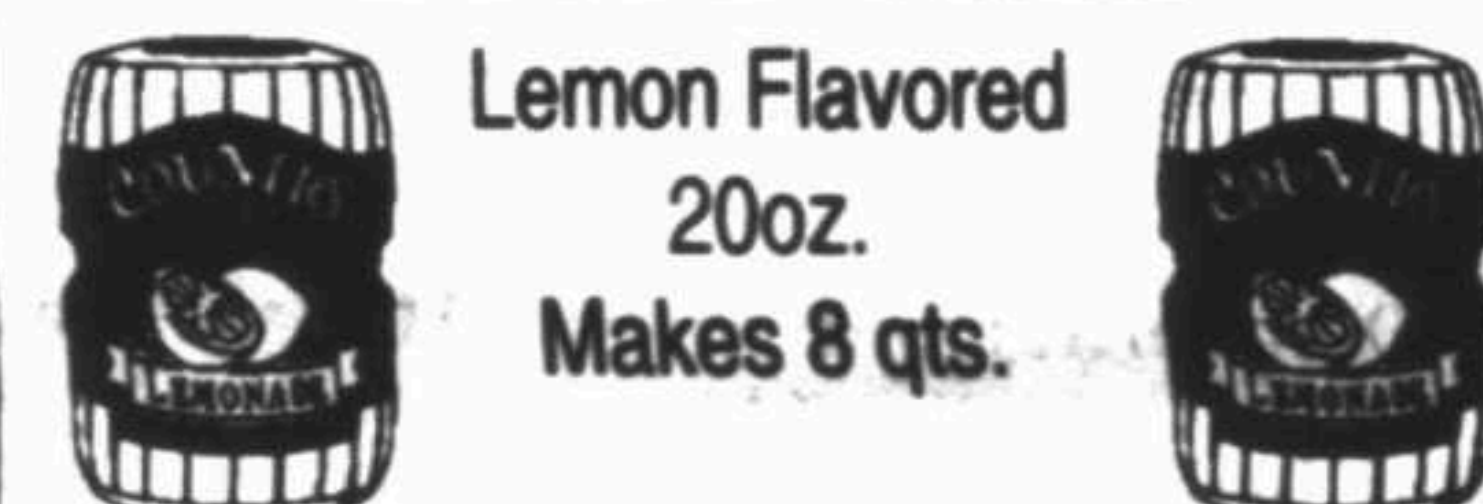
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Bone marrow transplants cure severe cases of sickle cell anemia, study says

BOSTON (AP) — Bone marrow transplants have been found to cure sickle cell anemia, a disease that afflicts 80,000 Americans, most of them black. But the risky treatment will probably be reserved for only the worst cases.

A study published today found that while three-quarters of victims are cured, 10 percent die from the treatment itself.

The approach is radical. Doctors use chemotherapy drugs to destroy the victim's own blood-producing bone marrow, then substitute marrow taken from a genetically similar brother or sister. Evidence has been building for more than a decade that this can reverse the disease, and the new study offers proof.

However, two major shortcomings remain: Only an estimated 18

percent of sickle cell patients have a suitable marrow donor. And even when a donor is available, doctors will be reluctant to risk the procedure unless they are certain patients will have severe forms of the disease.

Nevertheless, experts say finding a way to cure — not just treat — even a small percentage of sickle cell cases is an important milestone.

The word "cure" is being used "with a great degree of consideration and advisement," said Dr. Keith M. Sullivan, an author of the study. "But these patients have been observed for a long period, and they have no evidence of sickle cell disease."

Sickle cell disease results from an inherited genetic flaw that causes oxygen-carrying red blood

cells to take on a sickle shape. They get stuck and clog tiny blood vessels, cutting off the blood supply. Organ damage and bouts of severe pain may result.

About one in every 400 American blacks is born with sickle cell anemia. On average, the disease shortens their lives by about 30 years.

In their study, doctors from more than 30 hospitals in the United States and abroad — including the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas — gave bone marrow transplants to 22 children with severe symptoms of sickle cell anemia. Sixteen were cured, two died, and the treatment failed in four, including a 3-year-old boy in Dallas. Despite the failure of the transplant, the Dallas boy survived, UT South-

western said.

However, the transplanted tissue can attack the patient in what is known as graft vs. host disease, a common transplant complication that can kill. Even if the patient survives the transplant, he or she faces an increased risk of sterility and cancer later in life as a result of the treatment.

Marrow transplants already are routine for treating some forms of cancer. In a U.S. case in 1984, doctors gave a transplant to a young leukemia victim who also happened to have sickle cell anemia.

The treatment cured both diseases.

The transplants cost \$150,000 to \$180,000. But the medical bills for three to five years of treatment without transplants could add up to this much.

Because the severity of the disease varies substantially, doctors usually cannot tell how bad it will be until serious complications have already occurred.

Sullivan, a doctor at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, said that only about 6 percent of sickle cell victims are

as clearly ill as those enrolled in the study.

The patients ranged in age from 3 to 13. Half had already suffered strokes because of their disease. Others had lung problems or frequent pain.

"We think this is an important first step in looking at potential cures, but without the ability to identify patients who are at significant risk for complications, a lot more work needs to be done," said Dr. Helena Mishoe of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

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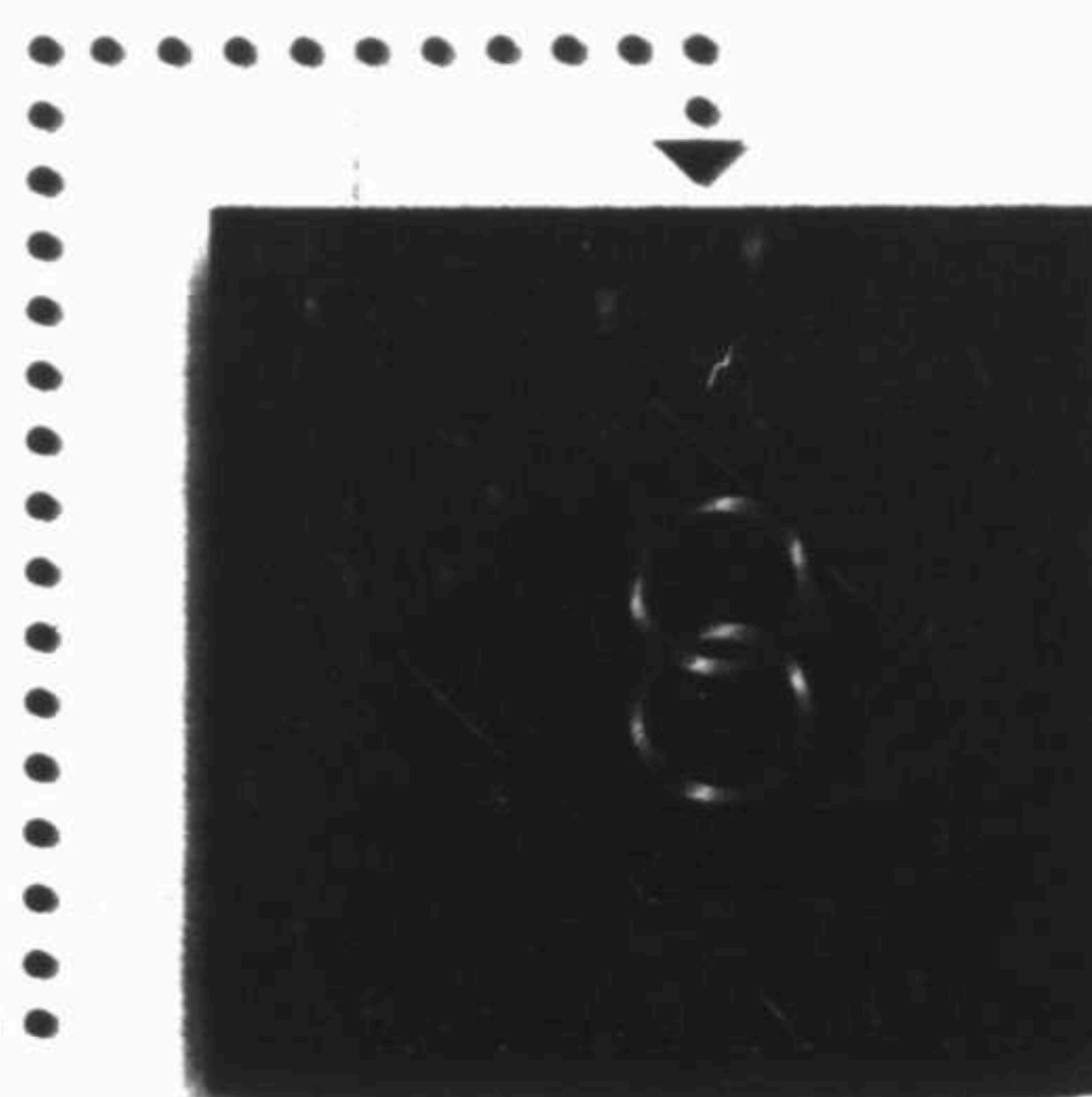
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BASIN BRIEFING

Book signing

Author Lois Hjelmstad of Englewood, Colo., will be signing copies of her book, "Fine Black Lines: Reflections in Facing Cancer, Fear and Loneliness," 6-8 p.m. Aug. 18 at Waldenbooks at Midland Park Mall. In addition, Ms. Hjelmstad, a cancer survivor, will be speaking 7 p.m. Aug. 20 at Allison Fine Arts Center at Midland College.

Art exhibit

LAMESA — The Lamesa Association of the Arts will be sponsoring its 14th annual "Gem and Diamonds" art exhibit, sale and auction Saturday at Indian Canyon Ranch, eight miles east of Lamesa. The event is for the benefit of the West Texas Rehabilitation Centers of Abilene and San Angelo. Sixteen artists from Texas are scheduled to participate. The preview of the auction begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by an authentic chuck wagon barbecue at 7 p.m. and the auction at 8 p.m. Texas Lone Riders will entertain. Tickets are \$20 a person and a limited number of reserved tables are available. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by contacting Linda Taylor, 1-806-672-7818, or Todd Howard, 1-806-672-3233.

D-FY-IT

Drug Free Youth in Texas (D-FY-IT) will offer drug testing in Midland High School's auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. today. All students interested in becoming D-FY-IT members must bring a signed application and parent consent form. New this year will be re-testing of all current members. Each member will have a sticker affixed to their D-FY-IT identification card to show that they are in good standing for the 1996-97 school year. The Midland D-FY-IT program is expanding into the seventh and eighth grades this year.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Building, 15 Smith Road, 11:30 a.m., 687-7286.

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

Midland Genealogical Society, 902 W. Denger Ave., 7:30 p.m.

DAV Chapter 58 & auxiliary, VFW Post 4149, 6:30 p.m., 682-3562.

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

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men) - Support group, 6:30-9:00 p.m., 689-8426 or 520-0277.

Midland Jaycees, 7 p.m., Furr's cafeteria, 699-1643.

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

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Calico Kitchen.

PMS/PHS/Menopause support group, 7 p.m., family room, Memorial Hospital, 687-4700, 689-7477.

Self-Help for Hard of Hearing, Golf Course Road Church of Christ Bereavement Support Group, 7 p.m., Hospice of Odessa office, Texas Commerce Bank, fourth floor, 362-1431.

Northside Lions Club 7:30 a.m., Plaza Club at Clay/Oesta, 694-5624.

Texas State Guard 4th MP Group Headquarters, 7:30 p.m., National Guard Armory.

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

Hogan Park Women's Golf Association, Hogan Park Golf Course.

Westside Lions Club, noon, Westside Lions Den.

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City budget goes on display today

First reading, council vote for approval to be held Aug. 27

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

The city's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year — which begins Oct. 1 — goes on display today for public review.

The budget document will be available for public scrutiny for 30 days at the City Secretary's Office on the fourth floor of City Hall, 300 N. Loraine St.

The City Council will hold a public hearing Aug. 27 and vote on the first reading of the necessary ordinance to adopt the budget. At the council's Sept. 10 meeting, a second and final reading will be held and a tax rate will be adopted.

Overall, the anticipated 1996-97 budget

doesn't differ much from last year's budget, city officials said.

The proposed total budget — which includes internal fund transactions such as for services provided by the city garage to other departments — totals \$94,293,050. Last year's total budget was \$94,333,229.

The general fund operating budget — using dollars generated by taxes and user fees — amounts to \$41,338,435 of the total budget. That reflects a \$39,872 increase — or 3.68 percent — from last year's general fund budget.

The budget increase over last year is largely due to inflationary costs and the addition of nine employees, mostly in public safety, officials said.

The budget document provides tax rate information and how that's compiled, a summary of expenses from various funds and line item expenditures for each department.

The budget on display will reflect a 1½ cent cut in property taxes. Pending further review by the City Council that may be adjusted to as low as a half-cent cut, city officials said.

The tax cut was made possible by the added valuations from new properties. Last year, the city was able to trim off a half-cent from the rate bringing it to 67.4 cents per \$100 valuation.

The possible departure from the anticipated 1½ cent cut this year would be due to lower valuations of properties than pre-

liminary figures indicated, matching dollar requirements for some anticipated federal grants this fall and, a more longer-range concern, the future need for funding to meet various federal mandates when the city population hits 100,000, city officials said.

Property taxes make up 38 percent of the city's general fund revenue.

Aside from the tax cut, another notable change in this year's budget are allocations to provide for three more police detectives, three more firefighters, a plumbing inspector, an administrative services clerk and a youth development coordinator.



Outta my way!

Eight-month-old Robert Nava "drives" while he and his mother, Kristie Nava, were waiting in their car.

Combest holds electronic meeting with physicians, news media

■ Congressman campaigns for access to latest information for rural health-care providers.

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest met with physicians and news media representatives in Lubbock, Odessa and Amarillo simultaneously Wednesday to extol the virtues of teleconferencing.

From a video conferencing studio at Lubbock's Health Science Center, the Texas Republican spoke to and took questions from people at Texas Tech Health Science campuses in both Odessa and Amarillo.

The two-way interactive video link was established through Texas Tech University's HealthNet, which links the university through dedicated cable to rural hospitals and college campuses throughout West Texas. HealthNet has been expanding since its inception in 1987, according to physicians at the Odessa center.

Combest — who has been a continuing sponsor of HealthNet — has most recently succeeded in gaining provisions in the newly passed telecommunications bill that "establishes for the first time that rural communities have the right to affordable rates for telemedicine and distance education," said Keith Williams, Combest's press secretary.

HealthNet allows rural nurses to access the latest knowledge through continuing education classes and has even allowed physicians at Texas Tech in Lubbock to assist electronically with surgery in Alpine and other smaller West Texas cities, Combest said.

In his congressional dealings, Combest also has gained a guarantee that rural areas will receive "more evenhanded" consideration of their grant requests from the federal government's distance-learning and medical link grant programs, he said.

The problem of rural health-care delivery has been more than just a shortage of personnel. Various social, economic, demographic and regulatory factors make it difficult for rural practitioners and rural hospitals to deliver health-care services with the appropriate expertise in the various medical disciplines, according to Texas Tech medical officials.

Medical specialists in Lubbock, Odessa and Amarillo have provided electronic consultations with rural physicians for free, which, as the network expands, can be a problem since these doctors must take time away from their own practice to provide the consultations.

Please see COMBEST/2B

Nuclear site residents feel left out of debate

SIERRA BLANCA, Texas (AP) — Maria

Ramirez feels her future is spinning out of her control. She had no say in the state's decision to target her town for a radioactive dump and now that she can speak, she finds her voice being lost.

Ramirez attended a state hearing to solicit comment on the proposed Sierra Blanca dump, but like other town residents she was frustrated that outsiders dominated the debate as they have always seemed to.

"It upsets me a lot," she said from the back of a gym packed with people waiting to address state officials. "I mean, this is our community."

The hearing, which entered its second day Wednesday, is part of the licensing procedure for the dump.

Two state administrative law judges will use the public comments, along with testimony from later hearings, to arrive at a recommendation on whether the facility should receive a license.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission will then cast a final vote.

Maria Ramirez says the state's selection of Sierra Blanca as a site for the dump has robbed residents of the right to determine their own future.

The proceedings opened with officials from surrounding communities and from Mexico attacking the dump as a potential threat to the environment and welfare of residents in the region.

They were followed by anti-nuke activists, outside doctors and experts favoring the site and local officials urging state authorities to consider scientific evidence over the emotional pleas of opponents.

Austin-based environmentalists even led a march through the town.

Every now and then a resident, sometimes wearing a red ribbon proclaiming "I live in Sierra Blanca," would get up and address the hearings officers. But they were few and that troubled some people.

"I resent it (the heavy outside involvement). I certainly do," said steel cutter George Carter, who believes the facility

will be a boon to the community.

Even though she was on a different side of the issue, Ramirez agreed that residents needed to have bigger role.

"I think if the community will come out, that will help us more," she said. "I think we need to fight it together."

A mother of three, Ramirez said she fears what the dump will do to her home and how may it affect her children now and in the future.

She said the state's selection of Sierra Blanca, a town of 600 about 90 miles east of El Paso, as a site for the dump has robbed residents of the right to determine their own future.

"They're not giving us a chance to go on with our lives," Ramirez said. "We need that chance."

Porter said he feels locals have been pawns for factions on both sides of the debate who have used half-truths to advance their causes. He said residents were sick of the entire process.

"It's divided the community," he said. "We would be much better off if we could go on and get this thing done."

Midland High dropout rate earns low marks from TEA

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

As Midland High School students line up to register during the school's annual "Dawg Days," MISD administrators are considering plans to keep those students from dropping out.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) recently released its accountability ratings that ranked MHS as the only "low performing" school in the Midland/Odessa area, because of the school's dropout rate. Last year, MHS was in the same boat, along with Lee High School (also due to the dropout rate) and Odessa and Permian high schools. Monahans High School was also named low performing this year.

This year fewer high schools were rated as low performing across the state, according to information from the TEA.

"Only 124 campuses across the state are low-performing, a drop of more than 50 percent over last year's figure of 267," said Joey Lozano of TEA's communications department. "Only 12 schools in the state received the lowest rating of 'academically unacceptable.'"

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses said, in a news release, "I'm pleasantly surprised that more schools received the higher performance rankings, especially since the state raised the minimum

standards that campuses and districts had to meet to be rated acceptable academically."

"While it is always encouraging to see schools improve their performance when the performance bar is raised, this is certainly not the time to declare victory," Moses said. "Student performance did improve this year; our challenge is to continue that improvement."

Aside from MHS, all other Midland public schools were ranked "acceptable." In Ector County ISD, all schools were ranked acceptable, with the exception of Hayes Magnet and San Jacinto elementary schools, which achieved the higher ranking of "recognized."

The highest possible ranking is "exemplary." To achieve the recognized ranking, Lozano said districts and campuses must have at least 70 percent of all students in each group — African American, Hispanic, White and economically disadvantaged — passing each section of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test, a dropout rate of 1 percent or less for all students and each student group, and an attendance rate of 94

Please see MHS/2B



Midland High School counselor Deena Harrel helps incoming junior Rosa Urbina with a schedule change Wednesday during registration. The Texas Education Agency rated MHS its "low performing" category in the latest accountability ratings. The high dropout rate at the school was blamed for the low rating.

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POLICE REPORTS

Stolen vehicle

A 19-year-old Midland man was arrested Wednesday morning after he was stopped at the intersection of Louisiana Avenue and North D Street in a 1979 Ford Fairmont station wagon that was reported stolen.



Grimaldo

The station wagon had been reported taken from a residence in the 1100 block of North Louisiana Avenue at 2:03 a.m.

After Jose Grimaldo was stopped at around 6:30 a.m., police said he fled to the 900 block of Bedford, where he got out of the car and fled on foot.

Grimaldo was located in the backyard of 905 Bedford and refused to identify himself to police, according to the police report.

Grimaldo was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and evading arrest. He is being held at Midland County Detention Center on \$500 bond.

Midland Police Department Tuesday

Burglary of a residence: A VCR was taken at 1712 E. Oak Ave., reported Natisha Mitchell at 1:37 p.m.

Theft: A Sunbeam gas grill and a wheel barrow were taken at 4402 Gulf Ave., reported Karla Murray at 3:10 p.m.

Theft: Two leaf blowers were taken at 603 N. B St. It was reported at 11:34 p.m.

Wednesday

Vandalism: A portable stereo and fan were taken at 200 S. Madison St., reported B.R. Williams at 1:35 a.m.

Burglary of a residence: Cash and a photograph were taken at 1902 N. Midland Drive, reported Sylvia Munoz at 1:41 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A tool box was taken at 400 E. Pine Ave. It was reported at 2:41 a.m.

Burglary of a residence: A couch and love seat were taken

at 4405 N. Garfield St. It was reported at 1:51 a.m..

Vandalism: A brick was thrown through a window at 2611 W. Wadley Ave., reported Gene Carlton at 4:37 a.m.

Vandalism: A window was broken on a vehicle at 4501 Woodhollow Drive, reported Karen Pierce at 7:40 a.m.

Stolen vehicle: A silver, four-door 1994 Mazda Protege was taken at 2601 N. A St., reported Amanda Williams at 7:30 a.m.

Vandalism: A cinder block was thrown through a windshield of a vehicle at 2501 Noel Ave., reported a Ms. Jones at 8:35 a.m.

Vandalism: Cinder blocks were thrown through windows of vehicles at 2414 Maxwell Drive, reported Ronald Douglas at 8:28 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A stereo cassette player and cassettes were taken at 1508 Butternut Lane, reported Anita Hernandez at 9:03 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A face plate of a pioneer stereo was taken at 3415 W. Wall St., reported Dry Dock Auto Sales at 9:17 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A cellular phone was taken at 2115 Hereford Blvd. It was reported at 9:17 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A Samsonite briefcase with a Marathon Oil Co. logo was taken at 4504 Cherrywood Drive, reported Roger Edelbrock at 9:36 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A stereo was taken at 722 Kansas Ave., reported Aaron Strickland at 11:48 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Wednesday

Vandalism: A brick was thrown through a window at 12 E. Industrial Loop, reported the Hillman Co. at 8:21 a.m.

Anyone having information concerning these incidents should contact the Police Department at 685-7108, the Sheriff's Office at 688-1228 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

DEATHS

Cameron Wiseman

Services for Cameron Wiseman were Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Pete Campbell officiating. Wiseman died Sunday, Aug. 5, in Midland County.

Survivors include a son, Tony Lee Wiseman; four daughters, Darla Kay Finley, Tammy Jean Jones of Amarillo, Debbie Ann Conley of Odessa and Carolyn Sue Dominguez of Carrollton; a brother, Levey Wiseman; five sisters, Annette Byrnes and Marilyn Graves, both of Santa Fe, N.M., Ramona Bivins of Rockville, Md., Rada Brown of Denver and Linda Fischer of Alabama; 10 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Judith Basham

Services for Midlander Judith Maxine Basham are to be 11 a.m. today, Aug. 8, at Living Way Church with James Whitaker and Gary Kurtz officiating. Burial will be in Owego, N.Y. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Basham died Monday, Aug. 5, at her residence. She was born Sept. 17, 1943, in Owego, N.Y.

Pallbearers are to be Paul Crawford, Ronnie Long, Jerry Fussell, Dan Poe, Don Bizzell and Jerry Jobe.

Bernard Dierschke

ST. LAWRENCE — Services for Bernard "Ben" Paul Dierschke, 84, of St. Lawrence are to be at 10 a.m. today, Aug. 8, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with the Rev. Tom Barley officiating. Burial will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Dierschke died Monday, Aug. 5, at a Big Spring hospital. He was born Dec. 28, 1911, in Moulton.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Army. He married Clara Malinak on Dec. 28, 1949, in Yoakum.

He was a farmer. He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and was a member of its church and hall committees and Men's Society. He was a past member of the board of directors of Glasscock County Coop Gin. He was a member of the St. Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department, Wall Gun Club and St. Lawrence Gun Club.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter Dierschke and Joseph G. Dierschke; three sisters, Hertha Ripper, Leona

Dierschke and Evelyn Mican; and two half-sisters, Emma Haas and Alma Acker.

Survivors include his wife of St. Lawrence; a son, Alan J. Dierschke of St. Lawrence; a brother, Norman J. Dierschke of Wall, a sister, Elizabeth Thumann of Houston; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are to be Kenneth Dierschke, Larry Dierschke, Norman Dierschke Jr., Glenn Dierschke, Robert Dierschke and Cecil Halfmann.

Honorary pallbearers are to be members of St. Lawrence Gun Club. Memorials can be made to Glasscock County Volunteer EMS, P.O. Box 55, Garden City 79739.

John Rendon

Services for John R. Rendon are to be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at La Gloria de Dios Church with the Rev. Hector Gonzalez officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Rendon died Wednesday, Aug. 7, at a Midland care center. He was born Dec. 20, 1935, in Munday.

He lived in Midland for 38 years and had served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife, Eva N. Rendon of Midland; his mother, Concepcion Urias of Midland; four daughters, Irma Rendon, Cynthia R. Aranda, Rachel Smith and Irene R. Sanchez, all of Midland; and nine grandchildren.

Lela Morrison

STANTON — Services for Lela Morrison, 89, of Stanton, are to be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at Belvue Church of Christ with W.K. Boyce officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Mrs. Morrison died Wednesday, Aug. 7, in Stanton. She was born Oct. 6, 1906, in Comanche.

She married James Seth Morrison on Dec. 24, 1924, in Lorraine. She moved to Martin County 56 years ago from Lorraine.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Belvue Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 25, 1978. Survivors include a son, Glen Morrison of Stanton; two daughters, Reba D. Snead of Clovis, N.M., and Romell Saunders of Stanton; two brothers, J.W. Hagans of Hurst and R.A. Hagans of Georgetown; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two

great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are to be George Costlow, Newell Tate, Buster Haggard, Joy Morgan, Van Glaze, Alex Haggard, Bud Lindsey and Bruce Key.

Mary Villa

STANTON — Services for Mary L. Villa, 66, of Lubbock, are to be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton with the Rev. Tom Barley officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today, Aug. 8, at the church.

Mrs. Villa died Tuesday, Aug. 6, in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

She was born April 9, 1930, in Austin.

She married Jose A. Villa on Feb. 28, 1948, in Stanton.

She had lived in Stanton, Big Spring and Earth before moving to Lubbock three months ago.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Sept. 5, 1972.

Survivors include five sons, Jesse L. Villa of Killeen, Johnny L. Villa and Jose M. Villa, both of Stanton, Joventino Villa of Seguin, and Joseph Villa of Jarrell; seven daughters, Mary Ann Marquez and Judy Mae Villa, both of Big Spring, Juanita Villa and Guadalupe Hernandez, both of Austin, Angela Lomeli of Spearman, Patsy Kay Hernandez of Damon and Delores Villa of Earth; three sisters, Rachel Loera, Carolina Rodriguez and Rosa Reyes, all of Austin; two brothers, Ignacio Loera and Juan Loera, both of Austin; 32 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are to be Joseph Villa, Joe Louis Salgado, Joe L. Marquez, Alex Rios, Mario Segura and Emilio Villa Jr.

Felix Ramirez

BIG LAKE — Services for Felix Ramirez, 23, of Big Lake are to be 11 a.m. today, Aug. 8, at First Baptist Church in Big Lake with the Rev. Danny Reeves officiating. Burial will follow at Glenrest Cemetery under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home in Crane.

Ramirez died Monday, Aug. 5, at his home.

He was born Aug. 8, 1972, in Big Lake.

Ramirez was derrick hand for Pool Well Service.

He was a Baptist. Survivors include his mother, Margarita Rodriguez of Big Lake; his father, Joe Vargas of Mona-

hans; four sisters, Rosemary Ramirez of Big Lake, and Maryann Saenz, Sonya Vargas and Elsa Vargas, all of Monahans; four brothers, Vernon Lee Black of Floydada, and Randy Vargas, Joe Vargas Jr., and Jamie Vargas, all of Monahans; and his paternal grandmother, Marie Vargas of Monahans.

Opal Bailey

NAVASOTA — Services for Opal L. Bailey, 89, of Navasota, mother of Midlander Robert F. Bailey, are to be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at Nobles Funeral Chapel in Navasota. Burial will follow at Oakland Cemetery in Navasota under the direction of Nobles Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Bailey died Wednesday, Aug. 7.

Other survivors include another son, Charles Bailey of Houston; a daughter, Marian Bailey of Houston; one sister; two brothers; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

C.C. Cunningham

BIG SPRING — Services for C.C. (Cliff) Cunningham, 89, of Big Spring, are to be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Eldon Cook officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Cunningham died Wednesday, Aug. 7, at his residence. He was born Feb. 19, 1907, in Flower Grove.

He moved to Howard County in 1911.

He married Corynne Rose on May 25, 1937.

He had been an engineer for Texas & Pacific and Missouri & Pacific railroads for 42 years before retiring in 1972.

He had also worked for the Big Spring Police Department.

He was a member of East Fourth Baptist Church, Big Spring Rebekah Lodge and past noble grand of Mullin Lodge.

Survivors include his wife of Big Spring; three sons, Charles Cunningham of Midland, Gary Cunningham of Marietta, Ga., and Tommy Cunningham of Stanton; two daughters, Kay Shockley of Plano and Melissa Graham of Gadsden, Ala.; two brothers, L.D. Cunningham of Big Spring and Winifred Cunningham of Wichita Falls; a sister, Edith Redman of Big Spring; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Amtrak to end its only north-south route through Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Amtrak is eliminating its only north-south route in Texas, leaving Dallas as the nation's largest city without interstate passenger rail service, employees said Wednesday.

Amtrak spokesman Mark Magliari refused Wednesday to confirm the report. However, Amtrak employees said they were told that the "Texas Eagle" line is

scheduled to end Nov. 10. A public announcement was expected Thursday.

Trains roll three times weekly in each direction along the line from San Antonio through Fort Worth, Dallas, Longview, Little Rock and St. Louis.

The agency told employees that the Texas line is no longer cost-effective.

The action angered officials in Dallas and Fort Worth, although they said Amtrak has little financial impact on the area.

"I would have thought the city would have been given warning," Dallas City Manager John Ware told The Dallas Morning News for Thursday editions.

Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr also said he was "not very happy

about it. ... It will concern all of us at a local level across Texas."

This will be the second time that Dallas and Fort Worth will be without passenger train service. The area also lost service from 1968 — when the Texas and Pacific Railroad stopped carrying passengers — to 1974, when Amtrak began serving Dallas.

COMBEST: Promotes teleconferencing

(From 1B)

Combust said he would work to provide some compensation to these specialists, since the spreading of their expertise greatly saves on the expense of treating rural patients, many of which are insured by the state.

Combust also vowed to work with telecommunications companies in the private sector to establish more dedicated lines capable of transmitting the two-way, interactive link to more rural sites.

In the near future, campuses such as those in Lubbock, Odessa and Amarillo will become hubs for teleconferencing, officials at the Odessa center said.

Soon HealthNet will link rural physicians with experts in all medical disciplines, which will help preserve the rural dispensation of quality medical care for the future.

"And I don't know how you put a price tag on that," an Odessa physician said.

As the network grows, this kind of technology will expand beyond the medical sector and provide rural students access to every course taught by Texas Tech, Combust said.

MHS: Dropout rate hurts school's rating

(From 1B)

percent or more.

To receive the acceptable ranking at least 30 percent of all students (in all groups) must pass the TAAS, with a dropout rate of 6 percent or less and a 94 percent or higher attendance rate.

Smaller area high schools, some with few minorities and economically disadvantaged students, achieved recognized status, including Greenwood, Stanton, and Rankin high schools. In Andrews, San Andres Elementary School was also ranked as "recognized."

MISD administrator Joe Cummins said MHS' ranking indicates "a need to develop dropout prevention programs." He said it was notable that the school's ranking is not due to problems with academics.

Specific details of MHS' dropout

rate, and other data, has not yet been released.

MISD school year begins Tuesday, Aug. 12

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

When Monday morning dawns, don't get your children up for school. Midland and Greenwood public schools start Tuesday.

Some calendars and fliers circulated by businesses in the community have listed Monday as the first day of school. When

Midland Independent School District's calendar was approved last year, Aug. 12 was the first day of school.

However, MISD administrator Joe Cummins said the 1996-97 school calendar was changed in April to add five waiver days. The waiver days are needed in accordance with the Agreed Judgment plan and will be used

for teacher training. Waiver days are student holidays.

One of the waiver days of teacher training is Monday. So, school will start one day later for students than originally planned, on Tuesday.

Two waiver days have been added to the Thanksgiving holidays extending student holidays that week from three days to five

days (Nov. 25-29). Another waiver day was added Jan. 21 (after the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday) and the fifth waiver day is set for February 18, after the President's Day holiday.

Elementary schools are in session from 8:10 a.m.-3:10 p.m. Secondary schools are in session from 8:40 a.m.-3:40 p.m.

For more information call 689-1008.

1996-97 MISD calendar

Aug. 7-9	Teacher inservice
Aug. 12	Teacher inservice (waiver day)
Aug. 13	First day of school
Sept. 2	Labor Day holiday
Sept. 20	End of first six weeks
Oct. 14	Columbus Day holiday
Nov. 1	End of second six weeks
Nov. 25-29	Teacher inservice (waiver days)
Nov. 27-29	Celebrating holiday
Dec. 19	End of third six weeks & end of first semester
Dec. 20	Preparation Day (student holiday)
Dec. 23-Jan. 3	Christmas holiday
Jan. 6	First day of second semester
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King holiday
Jan. 22	Teacher inservice (waiver day)
Feb. 14	End of fourth six weeks
Feb. 17	Presidents' Day holiday
Feb. 18	Teacher inservice (waiver day)
March 10-14	Spring break
March 28	Snow day
March 31	Snow day
April 11	End of fifth six weeks
May 23	Last day of school
May 24	Graduation

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Retiring

KILLEEN, Tex. — Years of teaching, entertaining students special way at elementary school, retired her lab coat, paper mache head.

Mrs. Cox's former students students will never forget Professor Von Neumann or Little Bo Peep the unique Cox family.

The three were Cox developed tools to enlighten students to learn.

"People talk about kids she has helped unmotivated," said Clifton Park Elementary grade teacher. "She was a great teacher."

"She made the great environment."

After the idea was drama as a class. Mrs. Cox said she heavily on her own characters spark students' interest.

Official

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials in Houston Wednesday began special elections for judicial districts.

Federal judges redrew boundaries House seats; scrutiny results and elections for the recent U.S. Supreme Court.

The new map Houston-area districts around Dallas, more than 2 million voters in Texas.

Since the special election on Nov. 5, several affected districts had little additional notifying voters.

But any Dec. 10 election and Dallas were the most in redistricting, could

Jury

AUSTIN (AP) — A jury Wednesday found the fatal beating of a child at an unlicensed day care center.

After two days of testimony, jurors convicted the defendant of negligent manslaughter.

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Retiring teacher hangs up costumes that coaxed reluctant learners

KILLEEN, Texas — After 20 years of teaching, motivating and entertaining students in her own special way at Clifton Park Elementary School, Jean Cox has retired her lab coat, face paint and papier mache head.

Mrs. Cox's family, friends and former students said Clifton Park students will never see another Professor Von Nerdoff, Miss Piggy or Little Bo Peep played out in the unique Cox fashion.

The three were characters Mrs. Cox developed to use as teaching tools to enlighten students who otherwise may have been uninspired to learn.

"People talk about how many kids she has helped, kids that are unmotivated," said Kathy Kish, a Clifton Park Elementary second-grade teacher. "She made learning worthwhile." Ms. Kish said. "She made (the classroom) a great environment."

After the idea was ignited to use drama as a classroom instrument, Mrs. Cox said she began to rely heavily on her own ability to create characters she knew would spark students' interest while pro-

viding a little comical relief.

Mrs. Cox's characters were gathered from a variety of sources, as in the case of the professor.

"I got an old butcher's coat from a neighbor and I got the white wig from Goodwill," she said. "Basically everything came from here, there and everywhere."

Mrs. Cox said the design and construction that went into Miss Piggy required more thought, especially if she wanted it to go over with the students. She said the costume consisted of a large pink, "top heavy" head, made of papier mache, which she donned for many years at the Harker Heights Pig Fest and other celebrations, in addition to the classroom setting.

Mrs. Cox said many of her students who were touched by her characters thought the alter egos were separate people with their own minds, senses of humor and even faults. She even believes that many students never realized that their own teacher was behind the crazy glasses and matted hair.

For example, Professor Von Nerdoff was a nerd, a slow talking,

'She was a teacher you could always depend on and she always had something to pick you up.'

— Andy Binion, former student of retiring teacher Jean Cox

strange little guy who would stumble around the hallways, Mrs. Cox said.

Even classroom mishaps became sure-fire hits in getting the students' attention.

"I had a fire extinguisher ready, when (the professor) set his tie on fire," said Mrs. Cox's husband, Brian. "We'd go and find it and the kids' eyes would get real big."

Mrs. Cox said she kept the students interested in her characters by bringing them to life only twice a year, making their appearance a rare treat.

"Once in the fall and once in the spring — I didn't want to do it too much or they'd get bored," said Mrs. Cox. "It was something to look forward to."

Mrs. Cox said she never let popular demand get in the way of her wholesome, down-to-earth char-

acters throughout the years. She added that she always strived for innovation to keep the students interested, but there were limits to what she would do.

"I don't know if I'd be a Mighty Morphin Power Ranger," Mrs. Cox said. "And Miss Piggy has been competing with the Ninja Turtles, but I had to keep her going."

But, now the show has ended.

No longer will third-graders be compelled to learn through Mrs. Cox's characters. The star of the show has cancer and has decided to end her acting career. Mrs. Cox said that leaving her students and characters behind was in her best interest as she has battled ovarian cancer for the last year and a half.

"It seemed as if things kept going from bad to worse," Mrs. Cox said.

With a total of 20 years of teaching behind her, Mrs. Cox said she felt the choice was made for her, but said that she will miss this aspect of her life. In fact, she added, she would continue teaching for 20 more years if she could.

In every way, Mrs. Cox intends to keep the spirit of her characters alive even though she no longer has her third-grade audience. The energy that went into creating the characters continues to make Mrs. Cox who she is. Her colleagues said her characters will linger at Clifton Park.

"Even though she is not going to dress up as the professor or Miss Piggy, she has those kids that come back and talk about those experiences," Ms. Kish said.

One of Mrs. Cox's former students said the teacher also offered her friendship to the students.

"She was a teacher you could always depend on and she always had something to pick you up. She was more of a friend than anything," said Andy Binion, a one-time student of Mrs. Cox's and an Ellison High School graduate. "She always had a gumball machine and when you were hav-

ing a bad day, she'd give you a penny and it would make it all better."

It seems that the relationships with Mrs. Cox's students have created memories that will always remain. Mrs. Cox made a lasting impression on a former student named Mandy. She married Mandy's father, Brian, in 1987 while she was still Mandy's teacher.

Even though Mandy continues to make memories with Mrs. Cox, she said she will never forget the ones from the third-grade.

Mrs. Cox's door has never been closed to past students. Some have since grown up and become teachers themselves.

"They'll say, 'I remember you, Professor Von Nerdoff and Miss Piggy,'" Mrs. Cox said. "(Though) maybe it's not me they remember, maybe it's the characters."

Binion admits that the characters were always a big surprise, but he was always glad to see Mrs. Cox return as herself.

He said, "We wouldn't ever want to trade her for her characters."

Officials planning special elections; affected counties could end up footing big bills

HOUSTON (AP) — Election officials in Houston and Dallas on Wednesday began planning for special elections in 13 congressional districts redrawn by federal court order.

Federal judges on Tuesday redrew boundaries for 13 Texas House seats; scrapped spring primary results and ordered the new elections for the fall to conform to recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings outlawing racially gerrymandered districts.

The new map affects seven Houston-area districts and six around Dallas, accounting for more than 2 million registered voters in Texas.

Since the special election is to coincide with the presidential election on Nov. 5, election officials in several affected counties estimated little additional costs beyond notifying voters.

But any Dec. 10 runoffs in Harris and Dallas counties, which were the most impacted by the redistricting, could be costly. Sev-

en districts were affected in the Houston area and six around Dallas.

"Because we're putting it on the November ballot, the first election should cost very little money because it's basically another page on the ballot," said Dallas County Elections Administrator Bruce Sherbet.

"If you have a runoff election and have runoffs in every congressional district in this county, you could be looking at up to several hundred thousand dollars," Sherbet said. "If not, if you have one district, it could be as low as \$40,000 or \$50,000."

Because it is a special election, those costs fall squarely on the 29 counties in which districts were changed, said Ann McGeehan, the deputy assistant secretary of state for elections.

"The state is only in an advisory role, but it's the counties that have to pay for it and pull it off," she said.

Election costs for November

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could include mailing out notifications to voters about precinct or congressional district changes. But officials still must figure out how many must be told.

Dallas County, with 1 million registered voters, must notify voters in 380 precincts that they are in new congressional districts. In Harris County, with 1.5 million voters, only 10 out of 1,200 precincts were split.

Harris County Clerk Beverly Kaufman estimated runoffs would cost about \$500,000.

"Since this one rises out of a suit where the state is a defendant, it might be fair for the state to pay for it," said Kaufman, although

she conceded that taxpayers end up footing the bill.

In adjoining Fort Bend County, where voters went from a split district to solely District 22, a runoff could cost between \$60,000 to \$75,000, estimates elections administrator Dianne McWethy.

Sam Castro, elections coordinator for Galveston County, said a runoff there is likely with three candidates, including the incumbent, already seeking the District 9 seat and more expected to file. He estimates its cost at \$65,000.

In adjoining Chambers County, longtime County Clerk Norma Rowland expects voter confusion, as well as low turnout if any

December runoffs are needed.

"I told the people in my office, 'don't anyone plan on having any vacations in December,'" she said. "I can just see headaches."

But some voters say that as long as enough information is provided about the redistricting changes, people will turn out at the polls — even for a December runoff.

"If they believe in their candi-

date and they believe in this redistricting, they'll go out and vote," said Sharon Fowler, who lives in west Houston.

In the long run, redistricting will end up having a positive affect, said Harris County's Kaufman.

"These more clearly drawn, compact districts will be easier for a voter to understand," she said. "It will be easier for the candidates, easier for the voters."

Jury convicts 12-year-old in fatal beating of infant at daycare

AUSTIN (AP) — A 12-year-old girl Wednesday was found guilty in the fatal beating of a 2-year-old child at an unlicensed daycare.

After two days of deliberations, jurors convicted the girl of criminally negligent homicide and intentional injury to a child. She was found innocent of the more serious charges of capital murder and manslaughter.

The girl was 11 at the time of the beating that killed Jayla Belton on May 24. She appeared to show little emotion as Travis County District Judge John Dietz read the

verdict from the six-man six-woman jury.

One juror cried before the verdict was announced. A separate proceeding before the jury began a short time later to consider punishment.

Under intentional injury to a child, the girl faces a jury sentence up to 40 years in custody. Dietz could sentence her to the Texas Youth Commission until she is 21 on the homicide conviction.

Prosecutors argued that the girl beat Jayla to death, hitting her on

the head and body more than a dozen times. According to a medical examiner, Jayla died of a ruptured liver.

The toddler was being cared for in the home of R.L. and Shirley Murray the day she died. Authorities said the Murrays, the 12-year-old's grandparents and adoptive parents, were operating an illegal daycare at their home.

Mrs. Murray was not home the day Jayla died. Her husband, who was present throughout the one-week trial, invoked the Fifth

Amendment outside the presence of the jury when asked whether he harmed Jayla.

He later said under a limited immunity deal with prosecutors that he would not say anything to hurt his granddaughter.

R.L. Murray was not in the courtroom when the verdict was announced and was not seen at the courthouse.

While the murder of a child under 6 is a capital offense in Texas, the 12-year-old was too young to be tried as an adult.

Houston proposed 33-square-mile annexation stirs controversy

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's mayor has outlined a proposal aimed at annexing 33 square miles within the city limits, a move that is stirring controversy in suburban Kingwood.

Mayor Bob Lanier believes the annexation of Kingwood and five smaller areas is necessary partly because of middle-income flight to the suburbs, which has left the core of the city economically depleted.

"A lot of areas in our (surrounding community) are quite frankly dependent on the city of Houston," Lanier said Tuesday. "It's a real problem in this coun-

try when upper-income folks move out and don't take part in supporting the city."

His annexation program includes 18 municipal utility districts and an industrial zone composed of several businesses near the Houston Ship Channel.

Both residential and commercial development are important in charting annexation because, in addition to imposing Houston property taxes in newly annexed areas, the city has the power to collect sales and franchise taxes from businesses.

Some Kingwood residents have formed active community organi-

zations opposing the annexation plan. The Right for Annexation Voter Equality, or RAVE, was hoping residents in the targeted areas would get a chance to vote on whether to be annexed — a privilege that does not exist under current annexation law.

"This is going to get nasty," said RAVE member Jeff Johnson.

For some residents, annexation would provide property tax relief. Houston's current rate is 66.5 cents per \$100 valuation, while tax rates for municipal utility districts in Kingwood reach \$1.20 per \$100.

But Lanier noted that Houston's water and sewer rates are higher

than those enjoyed in targeted areas. Many customers, the mayor said, would end up with higher water bills after annexation.

The city's proposed plan for the targeted areas calls for spending to provide the legally mandated levels of service to newly annexed areas.

Later this month, the City Council will set a schedule for public hearings on the annexation proposal, which must be approved by the end of the calendar year. The final vote on the program is tentatively scheduled for November.

Texas' collection efforts rank high, Morales says

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' effort to collect child support from deadbeat parents is among the best in the nation, Attorney General Dan Morales said Wednesday.

According to national rankings, Texas in 1995 was seventh nationally in total dollars in child support collected, fourth for establishing court-ordered child support and second for determining paternity.

During the federal government's 1995 fiscal year, Texas ranked eighth for the total average number of child support cases at 736,413, the attorney general said.

"We're in the top 10 in every significant category and our ascent in performance is incredible," Morales said. "We're going to continue our aggressive approach to child support collections. We're not going to mess with success."

According to other federal child support statistics, though, Texas collects payments on about 14 percent of all delinquent cases. The national average is about 18 percent.

Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington and chairman of the House Juvenile Justice and Family Affairs Committee, said Morales fails to note that Texas is the second largest state, with many more child support obligations going uncollected.

"I think their field people do a good job," Goodman said of employees in the Child Support Enforcement Division. "I think

the management has been in disarray."

Since Morales became attorney

general, there have been five directors in the child support division.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A financial or domestic project brings amazing results. A new brilliant idea emerges thanks to your collaborating with a partner. Give credit where due. People react in a positive way when you reach out to them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A brainstorming session is necessary before you take action. Consult with well-informed individuals. Take cost comparison figures seriously. You need to know when to raise or lower prices.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): An open dialogue with friends or former colleagues proves helpful. Do not push your way into the spotlight; let it find you. Your caring words help resolve a family issue.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your confidence grows as your hunches begin to play out. A dream comes true thanks to who you know. Check the fine print of a contract. You need to know exactly what to expect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your instincts are right on target where finance or romance are concerned. Be discreet. Private arrangements are best kept secret. Give romance

another chance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Opportunities and bargains pop up when least expected. Do not allow self-doubt to undermine your confidence. A closely guarded secret helps you finalize a lucrative deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A clever strategy or hidden talent proves surprisingly profitable. An insider's tip spells the difference between success and failure. Wear your lucky outfit to an important meeting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An outgoing, confident manner wins you first-rate treatment today. Display your ideas to your best advantage; others will be impressed by your originality.

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North had a choice of poor rebids — a heart raise with only three-card support or one no trump without a club stopper. With a perfectly balanced hand, North rightly, in our opinion, chose the more descriptive one no trump, but South thought the hand might play better in hearts once North showed preference.

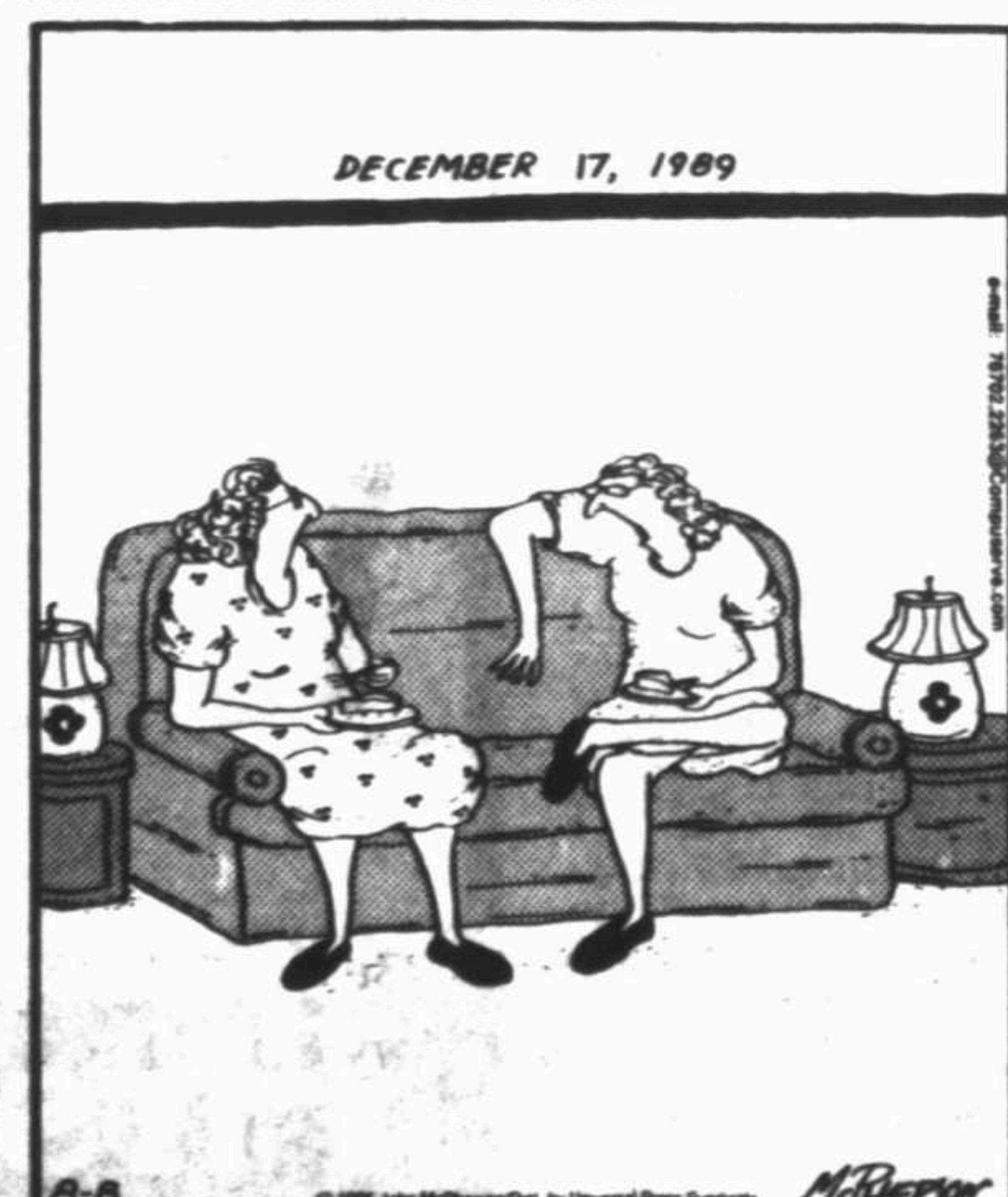
Reluctant to lead from an honor in the unbid spade suit, West selected a passive trump for the opening salvo. Declarer's problem was obvious. The only danger to the hand was for East to gain the lead to shoot a club through the king. The solution was a masterpiece of technique.

Declarer won the opening lead in dummy and immediately led a low spade, finessing the ten. West won with the queen but could not attack clubs, so the defender exited with

another trump, taken in dummy. The king of spades was cleared from hand, a diamond was led to the ace and the ace of spades was cashed for a diamond discard. Now the jack of diamonds was led for a ruffing finesse, and the defenders had no counter.

If West held the king, the club suit would again be impervious to attack and there was still the king of trumps in dummy as an entry to discard two more clubs from hand on the diamonds. When the jack of diamonds held, declarer sluffed a club and continued with the diamond ten. East covered, declarer ruffed, returned to dummy with the king of hearts, in the process extracting the last enemy fang, and discarded another club on the nine of diamonds. Declarer could now afford to lead a club to the king in an effort to score an overtrick. No luck!

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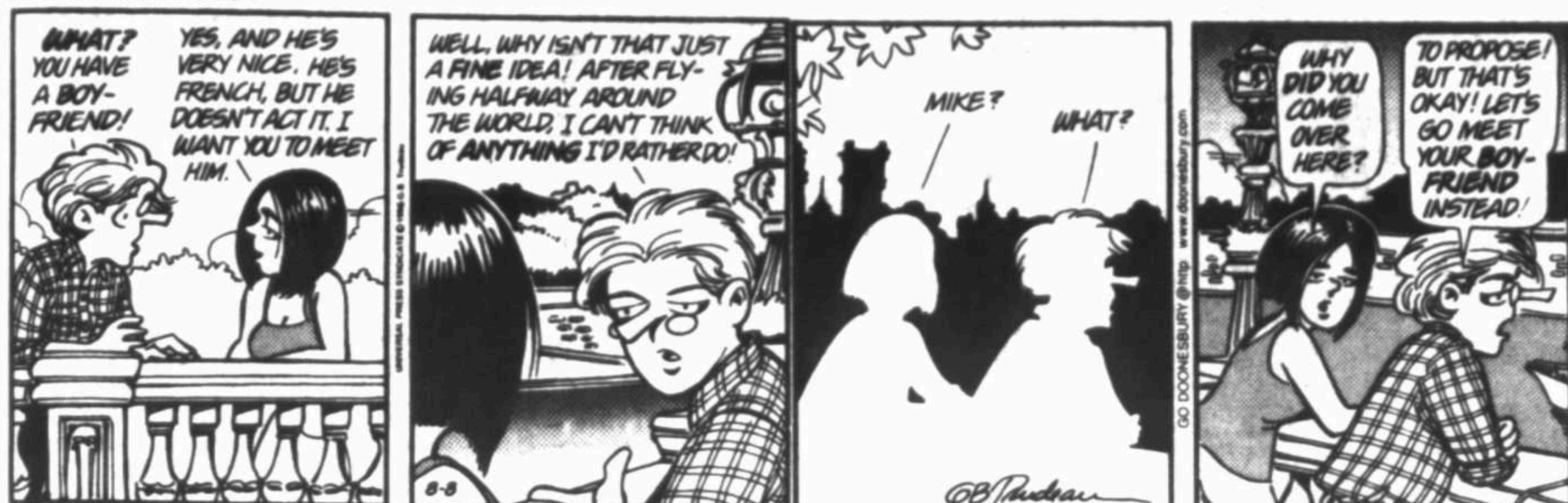
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8) KOCV	36	13
9) CNBC	8	13
10) WGN	10	13
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13) BET	20	13
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15) FAM	23	13
16) CNN	35	13
17) ESPN	36	13
18) USA	37	13
19) FX	38	13
20) A&E	39	13
21) TLC	40	13
22) NICK	41	13
23) LIFE	43	13
24) OUTDR	47	13
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Jackie took JFK's confessions of his womanizing 'pretty well', book claims

NEW YORK — With his wedding day approaching, John F. Kennedy confessed to his bride-to-be about his womanizing, but Jacqueline Bouvier "handled it pretty well," according to a new book.

"He confessed everything to Jackie," former Sen. George Smathers, D-Fla., tells author Edward Klein in "All Too Human: The Love Story of Jack and Jackie Kennedy." "Women of that class and generation were raised to turn a blind eye to sexual peccadilloes."

The book, excerpts of which appear in the September issue of Vanity Fair magazine, also says that Jackie broke off an engagement to a Wall Street stock and bond salesman, John G. Husted Jr., to marry JFK.

Among other highlights: —It was JFK's father, Joseph Kennedy, who picked out Jackie's engagement ring at Van Cleef & Arpels.

—Jackie's mother, Janet Auchincloss, plotted to stop her alcoholic ex-husband from walking her daughter down the aisle. Mrs. Auchincloss sent a relative to get Jack Bouvier drunk before the ceremony, but Bouvier showed up at the church anyway. He was relegated to a seat in a corner.

... EASTON, Pa. — Tom Berenger wants to use a historic tavern in his next movie, but the bar needs a little pick-me-up first.

"This is the first step right here," the actor said this week while admiring the recently restored window frames and new window boxes at the B a c h m a n Tavern. "But, obviously, it's going to need a little more than this."

The tavern has fallen into disrepair since it was built in 1753.

Berenger, 45, wants to use the tavern for a film he is producing for cable's TNT called "The Rough Riders," a Mexican-American War drama. But it's not safe enough for a film crew.

A preservation group is trying to raise money to restore the chimney and repair the stone facade.

The star of "Major League," "Platoon," and "Gettysburg" said that Easton — like Gettysburg — should capitalize on its history.

... NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nolan Ryan

may have more strikeouts than any other pitcher in major league history, but some country music stars proved he's not so tough throwing a softball.

"I gave up nine runs in one inning," Ryan said. "I was glad to get out of there. I was beginning to think my only hope was rain."

Ryan pitched against country stars during the City of Hope Celebrity Softball Challenge. Before the game, he joked with some of the stars, including Vince Gill.

"Since the game is softball, I plan to take it easy on them. I plan to throw sliders," Ryan told Gill during the warmups.

"I like heat baby, I want a high hard one," Gill responded.

The annual softball game raises money for the City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute.

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OBAN, Scotland — Princess Diana's mother pleaded innocent Tuesday to drunken driving and refusing to take a breath test.

Police stopped Frances Shand Kydd, 60, on April 5 for driving erratically. Her blood-alcohol level was found to be 2 1/2 times the legal limit.

Her trial was set for Aug. 13.

Shand Kydd divorced Diana's father when the princess was a child and is separated from her second husband, wallpaper tycoon Peter Shand Kydd.

She has blamed the media for her own marital problems as well as her daughter's.

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IRVINE, Calif. — Olympic gold medalist Amanda Beard is bringing home a tattooed man with multi-colored hair to meet her parents.

The 14-year-old teddy-bear toting youngster of the U.S. swim team is planning an outing with Dennis Rodman.

"I'm totally excited," Beard said Tuesday. "He's probably my favorite athlete, most definitely."

The basketball star offered to treat Beard and her family to a California Angels baseball game, and he also plans breakfast with his No. 1 Irvine fan.

"I called home, and my mom told me he called and wanted to arrange breakfast with me," Beard said. "Of course I said yes!"

"We're not talking date here," said Beard's father, Dan. "The whole family is going out."

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Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

THURSDAY EVENING		August 8, 1996									
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(3) KMD	2	News 999	Wheel of Fortune	High Incident: Father Knows Best 7:15	World of Discovery 3:55	The Grant 3:55	News 8:55	Cheers 8:55	Roseanne 8:55	Nightline 7:55	7:55
(5) KPEJ	24	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Martin 7:15	Living Single 7:15	Nowhere Man: Zero Minus Ten 7:15	Home Improvement 7:15	In the Heat of the Night 7:15	L.A.P.D. 7:15	Off (11:35)	Off (11:35)
(7) KQBA	7	News 8099	Entertainment	Miracle Babies 4:55	CBS Reports: Who's Getting Rich? 4:55	48 Hours 9:24	News 9:24	Late Show With David Letterman 10:35	The Tonight Show 10:35	Late Night Conan 10:35	Late Night Conan 10:35
(1) KWES	9	News 9717	Seinfeld 9:59	Friends 3:42	Boston Common 3:42	3rd Rock From Sun 2:15	ER: Fire in the Belly 3:30	News 8:55	Cheers 8:55	Roseanne 8:55	Nightline 7:55
(12) KMLM	42	Prime Time Live	West Texas Journal	Wild America 4:55	Mystery: Inspector Allyn II: Death at the Bar 4:55	To Be Announced 7:47	News 8:55	Cheers 8:55	Roseanne 8:55	Nightline 7:55	Nightline 7:55
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(10) WGN	10	Andy Griffith	News	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys 4:55	Xena: Warrior Princess 4:55	News 4:55	News 4:55	News 4:55	News 4:55	News 4:55	News 4:55
(11) WTTB	11	Fun Videos	Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves 7:07	Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves 7:07	Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves 7:07	Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves 7:07	Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves 7:07	Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves 7:07	Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves 7:07	Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves 7:07	Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves 7:07
(16) BRAV	18	The Lost Boys 8:00	The Miracle (R) 9:11	Video Soul 2:55	Young Again (R) 9:11	The Torkle 9:11	The Torkle 9:11	The Torkle 9:11	The Torkle 9:11	The Torkle 9:11	The Torkle 9:11
(21) BET	21	All Night	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not
(23) DISN	23	Baby-Sit	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not	Ready or Not
(28) FAM	23	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons
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(45) HSE	45	Ultimate	Ultimate	Ultimate	Ultimate	Ultimate	Ultimate	Ultimate	Ultimate	Ultimate	Ultimate
(46) COM	51	Politically Incorrect	Politically Incorrect	Politically Incorrect	Politically Incorrect	Politically Incorrect	Politically Incorrect	Politically Incorrect	Politically Incorrect	Politically Incorrect	Politically Incorrect
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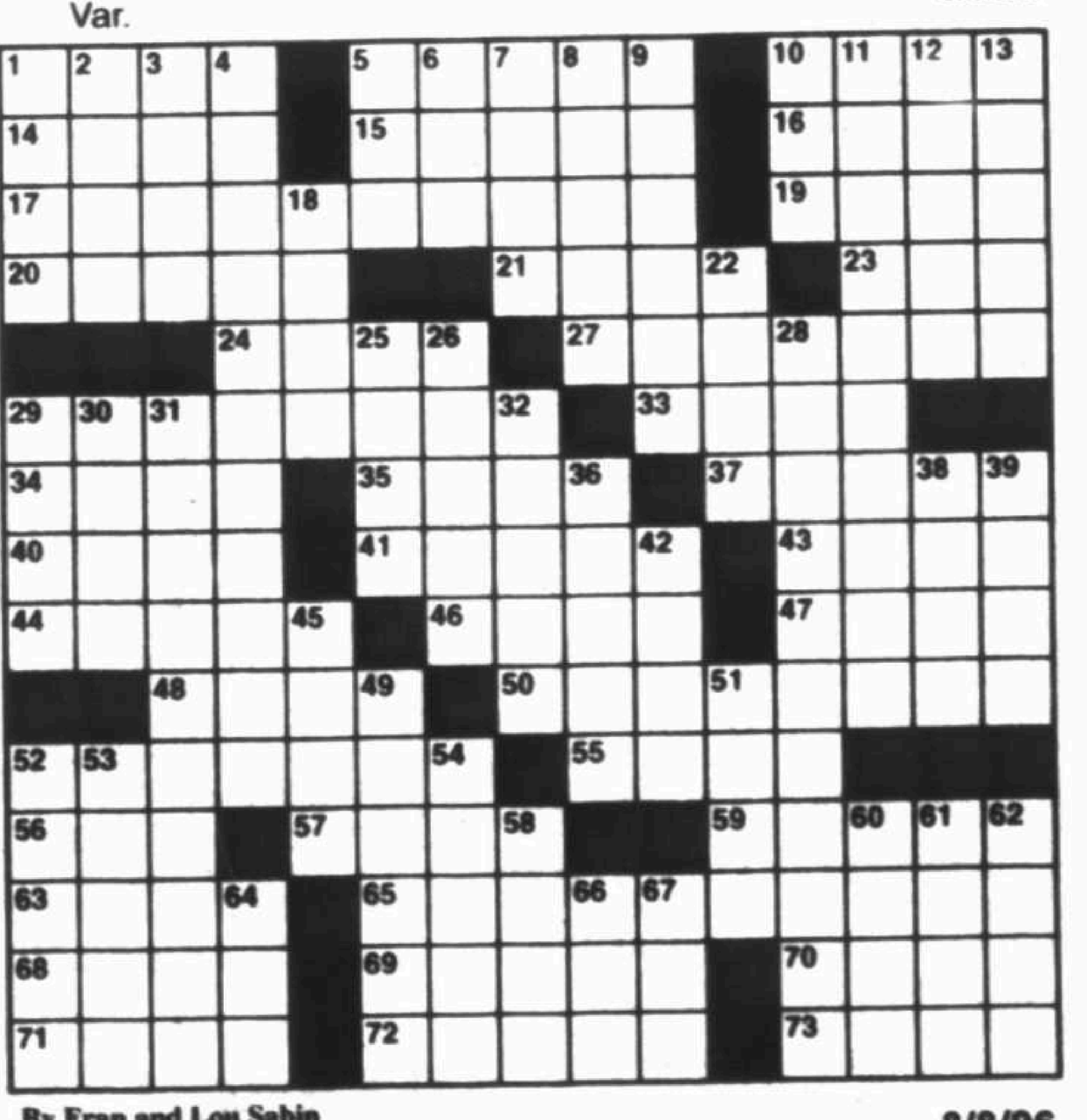
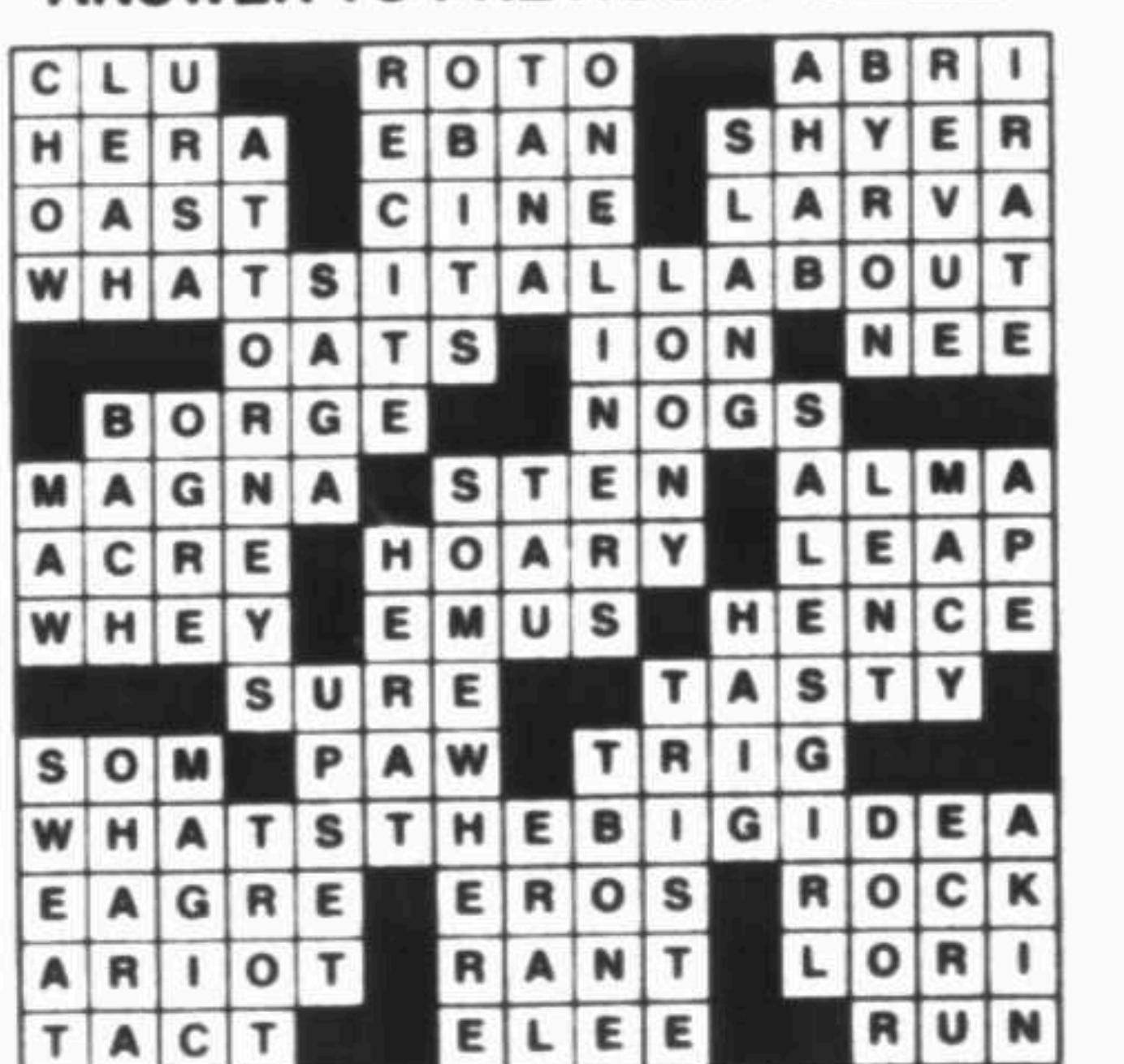
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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quite interesting." Then he stepped behind a car.

The owners of the Imire Game Park here have started an unusual effort to train their six young elephants to work. Already, their rangers ride the enormous beasts on anti-poaching patrols around the 7,000-acre park.

"A chap on an elephant sees a lot further in the bush than when he's just on the ground," said Peter Musavaya, 22, the ranger in charge of the training. "And it makes quite an impression on the poachers."

The elephants also cart tourists around. And while the plowing is still in its early stages, people here expect the elephants to prepare the fields for next year's feed crops.

The game park business is competitive these days and it does not hurt to have such a novelty. But the owner of the Imire Game Park, Norman Travers, is also hoping that his experiment catches on elsewhere.

In much of southern Africa, there is no shortage of elephants and in some parts their overbrowsing is causing ecological damage that threatens other species, not to mention extensive damage to crops and risk to the farmers and their families when hungry elephants stray from their reserves. Whether culling is necessary is a constant debate.

"How can we make use of the surplus rather than kill them?" Travers asked. "Can we maybe see a future for them through this? Using them for anti-poaching, to me that is ideal."

Despite the widespread belief that African elephants are untrainable, zoo keepers and circus trainers say they are actually more intelligent than their Indian relatives and, with patience, quite trainable. They point out that Hannibal rode African elephants over the Alps and into battle with the Romans.

"If you draw a parallel with a

horse, the African elephant would be like the Arabian thoroughbred — sensitive, very bright," said Jim Stockley, a South Africa-based trainer who has prepared African elephants for circuses, zoos and movies.

At Imire, the training system is love and reward, which means lots of talking, stroking and food. "Our basic rule is to never hurt the elephant," Musavaya said. "If you do something he thinks is unfair, if you hit him or don't feed him, he'll remember. And one day he'll bonker you."

The training starts off by naming a part of the body — literally pointing out a leg, saying "leg," and lifting your own dozens of times.

"He'll look at you for two days, thinking, 'What's this all about?'" Musavaya said. "But on maybe the third day he'll lift that leg just a little bit. That's when you shove his mouth full of oranges and pat him all over and give him lots of

praise. The next day he'll be lifting that leg way up."

Plowing took a bit longer. Travers has documented the first efforts on his home video system, and he is glad to show them off.

"Not exactly the straightest of furrows," Travers narrates over equally wobbly camera work. "But for the first time ever, it's really not so bad."

A big drawback to putting elephants to work is how much they eat — up to 500 pounds of forage a day. A tractor would cost less. But at Imire, the tourists pay the bills, and when it comes to what they would rather ride, or see plowing the fields, an elephant will always beat a tractor.

Stockley said that as the elephants grow older they must be handled particularly carefully during certain periods of enhanced sexual drive, known as musth. Some people fear that when the trained elephants reach sexual maturity, at about age 20, they will

become too onerous for domestic work, and that the problem of whether to kill them, retire them to their holding pens or release them back to the wild will arise again.

But basically he applauds the program. "For elephants in captivity, work may actually enhance their lives," he said.

Finding young men willing to work with the elephants wasn't all that easy. When the Travers family first went looking for trainers, they did not get much response from the local community. But in a poor country a job is a job, and Morris Mukara, 20, was one of those who stepped forward.

Was he scared? "At first, I was a bit worried," he said, "but due to courage everything was all right."

Nowadays, the trainers like to ride the elephants into town and park them in front of the local grocery store.

"It really impresses the girls," Musavaya said.

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‘No matter how successful we were, we were still on a victimization roll. If you tell black people that we are doing something on slavery, they would be writing checks left and right.’
— Ed Dwight, former test pilot, first black man to train as an astronaut and artist working on memorial to African-Americans who fought in the Revolutionary War

Dwight, a former test pilot and the first black man to train to be an astronaut, finds fault with what he calls an obsession with black suffering instead of heroism. "No matter how successful we are, we are still on a victimization roll," he said. "If you tell black people that we are doing something on slavery, they would be writing checks

left and right. "Because blacks have been so shabbily treated," he added, "there is a void about the flag, the nation, duty." But most public-opinion surveys report few major differences in how blacks and whites describe their feelings about their country.

Dwight has spent his career trying to focus on success rather than on his personal experience of adversity. Thirty years ago, he

While white colleagues went on to orbit the Moon, Dwight left the military and reinvented himself as a sculptor. In 1977, he earned an MFA from the University of Denver and embarked on a career whose artistic muse could be summarized by a label that he has placed on a bookcase in his studio: "Successful blacks."

Attacks confronting British soldiers. Blacks petitioning colonial legislatures for their freedom. Blacks who listened to a reading of the Declaration of Independence, and blacks who took up arms. The memorial culminates with a battle scene and a black family's reunion at the war's end.

or succeed?" Smith asked last week, before hurrying off to make more pitches for money. "There are too many young black men who don't feel they have an investment in America. This memorial would be a bridge for African American people to have pride in what we are, in what our ancestors did."

"Is America going to let this fail?"

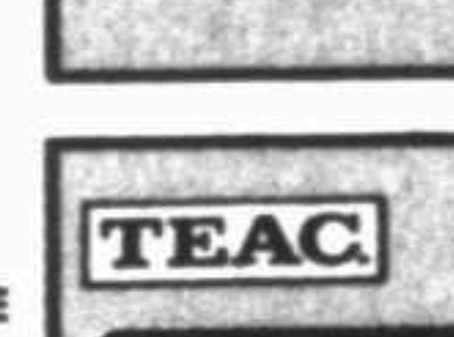
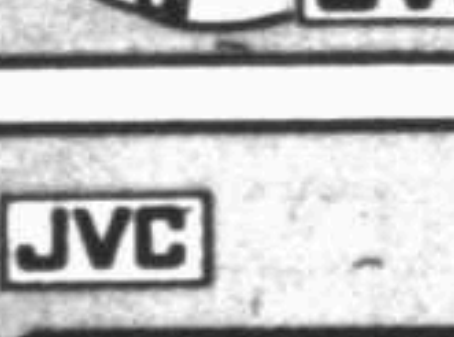


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Although black America's purchasing power now totals \$400 billion a year, Smith said, donations have only trickled in from black Americans. In his studio in northeastern Denver, a predominantly black area, Dwight reflected on the reasons for that reaction. One, he speculated, is a lack of knowledge about the black soldiers' roles. "They ask, 'There were black peo-

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TODAY
Widely scattered thunderstorms
High: 90
Low: 69

FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with a few t-storms
High: 89
Low: 67

SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with t-storms possible
High: 91
Low: 68

Texas Wednesday

City	H / L / Pop
Amarillo	98/75/0.00
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Dallas/Ft. Worth	97/78/0.00
El Paso	92/76/0.00
Lubbock	94/66/0.01
San Angelo	98/72/0.00
San Antonio	99/78/0.00

WEDNESDAY'S PRECIPITATION

Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for the month	0.02 in.
Total for the year	3.32 in.
Normal for the month	0.35 in.
Normal for the year	8.01 in.

WEDNESDAY'S TEMPERATURES

High	97
Low	72
Norm. High	96
Norm. Low	69

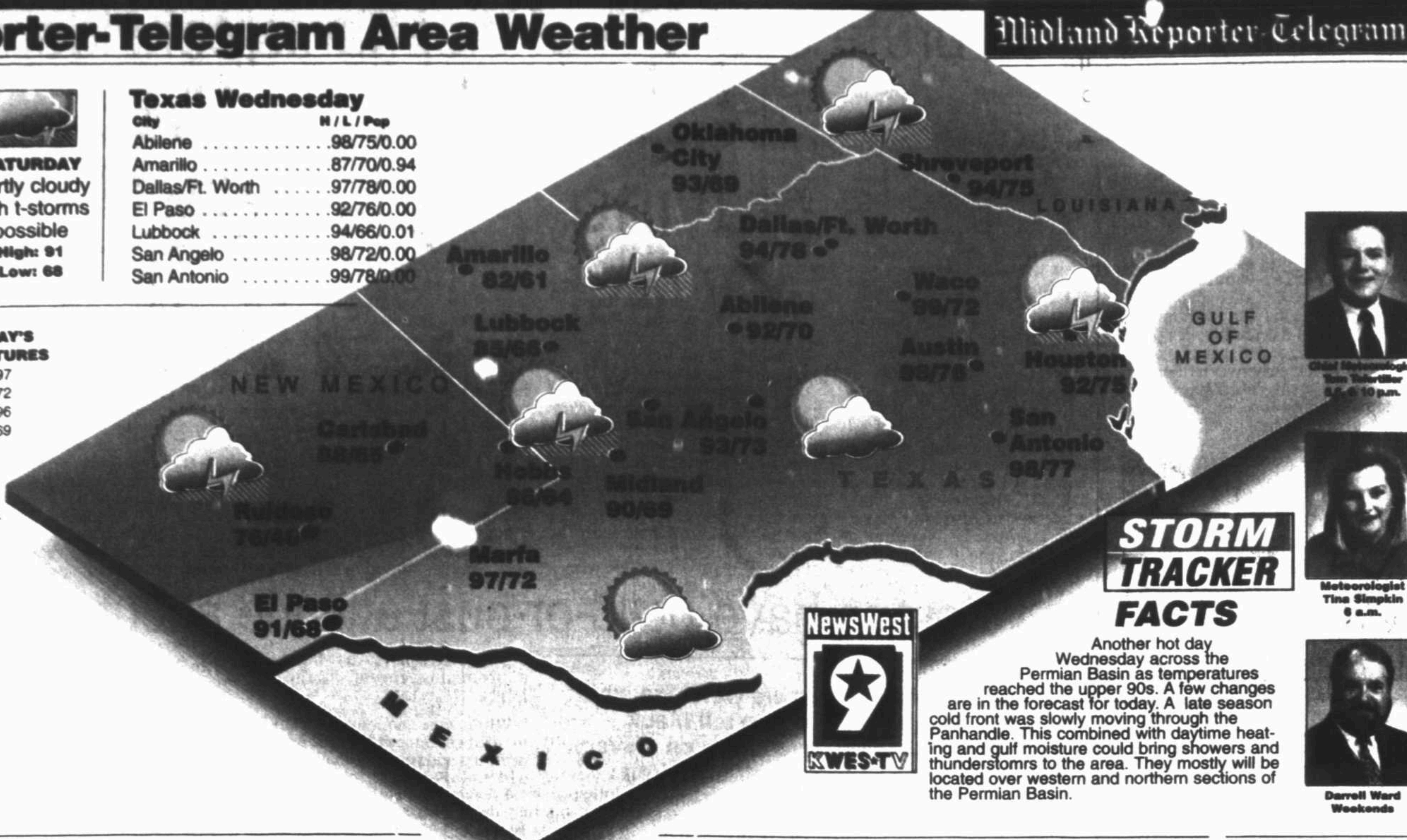
AVIATION
VFR all day, with scattered thunderstorms possible. Southeast wind at 7 to 15 knots.

MOON PHASES



SUNRISE & SUNSET

Sunrise today	7:09 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:39 p.m.
Sunrise Friday	7:10 a.m.
Sunset Friday	8:38 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:32 a.m.
Moonset today	4:31 p.m.



Chief Meteorologist
Tom Telford
5:55-6:10 p.m.

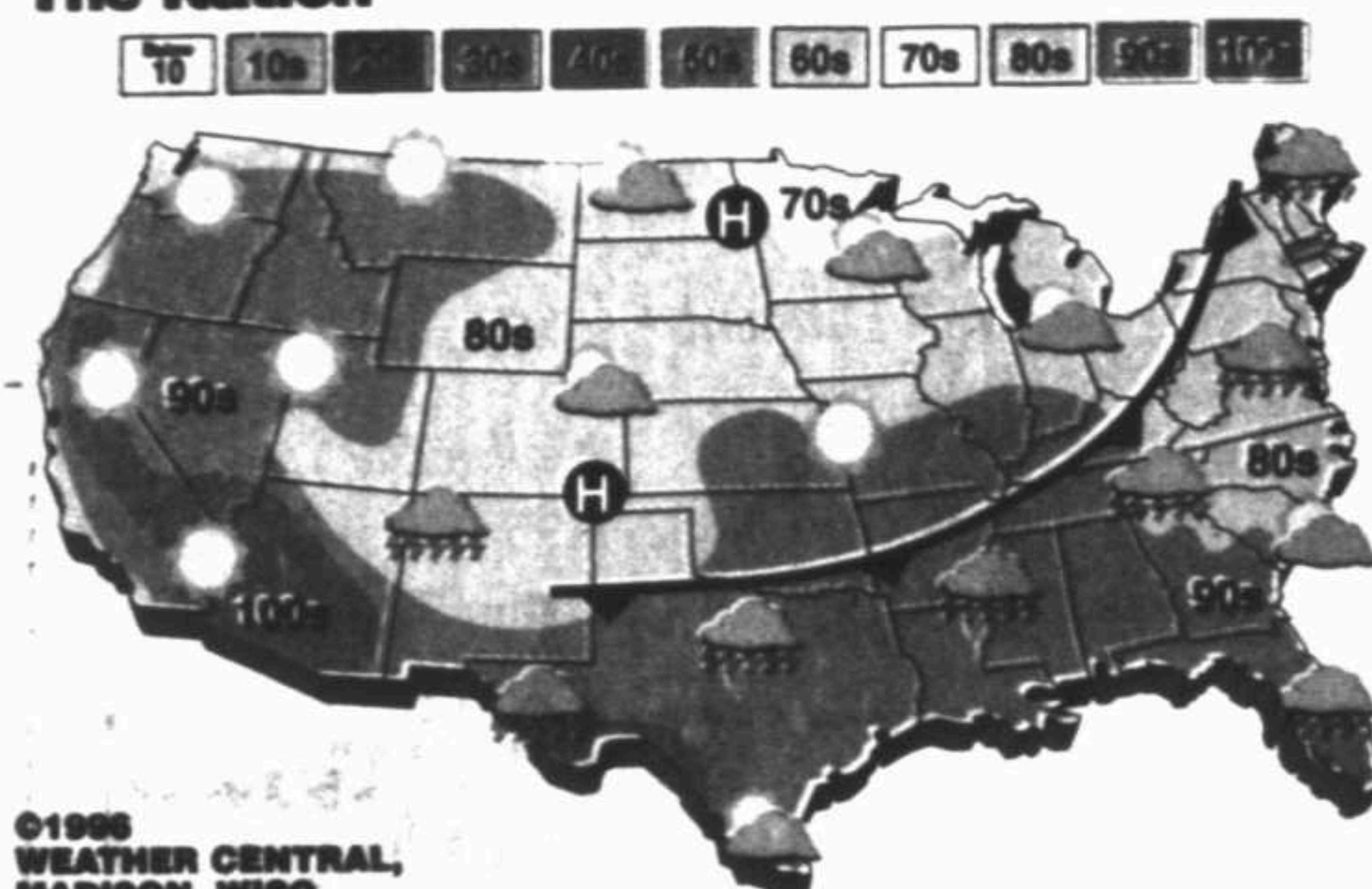


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Tina Simkins
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United States

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Albany	88	68	t
Albuquerque	84	62	t
Anchorage	67	48	s
Aspen	76	56	pc
Atlanta	90	72	t
Austin	98	76	pc
Baltimore	87	66	t
Birmingham	91	72	pc
Bismarck	82	51	pc
Boise	96	60	s
Boston	90	70	pc
Buffalo	83	63	pc
Charlotte	88	68	pc
Cheyenne	81	53	s
Chicago	86	62	pc
Cincinnati	88	67	t
Cleveland	83	63	t

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Colorado Spgs.	77	55	pc
Columbia, SC	89	71	pc
Columbus, OH	87	65	t
Dayton	85	64	t
Denver	84	57	pc
Des Moines	86	60	s
Detroit	86	60	pc
Duluth	73	50	pc
Evansville	92	69	pc
Grand Rapids	86	59	pc
Great Falls	91	53	s
Helena	90	50	s
Honolulu	90	74	s
Houston	92	75	t
Indianapolis	87	65	pc
Jackson, MS	92	72	t
Jacksonville	93	72	pc

City	H	L	W
Juneau	60	48	s
Kansas City	88	62	s
Las Vegas	106	77	s
Little Rock	92	74	t
Los Angeles	90	68	s
Louisville	91	70	pc
Memphis	92	73	t
Miami Beach	92	77	pc
Milwaukee	85	64	pc
Minneapolis	79	60	pc
Mobile, AL	74	9	t
Nashville	92	70	pc
New Orleans	90	75	t
New York	84	70	pc
Omaha	85	58	s
Orlando	93	73	pc
Philadelphia	88	69	pc

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Phoenix	108	84	pc
Pittsburgh	85	64	pc
Portland, OR	92	60	s
Raleigh	86	68	pc
Reno	96	57	s
Richmond	87	68	pc
St. Louis	91	67	pc
Salt Lake City	94	68	s
San Diego	75	66	s
San Francisco	74	56	s
Seattle	85	59	s
Sioux Falls	85	55	pc
Spokane	93	56	pc
Tampa	91	75	t
Topeka	91	65	pc
Washington	87	71	pc
Wichita	88	66	s

Pan American

City	H	L	W
Acapulco	93	76	t
Bermuda	83	80	pc
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Guadalajara	85	60	t
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Merida	90	73	t
Mexico City	75	55	pc
Nassau	90	78	pc
St. Thomas	90	79	t
San Jose	85	69	pc
San Juan, P.R.	87	76	t
Torreon	84	67	t
Trinidad	87	74	t
Vera Cruz	90	78	pc

World

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Bangkok	92	77	t
Beijing	95	75	pc
Bogota	68	49	c
Johannesburg	68	42	pc
London	68	56	c
Montreal	84	62	t
Moscow	62	51	c
Nairobi	81	53	s
New Delhi	88	83	c
Paris	75	58	s
Rio de Janeiro	80	62	pc
Riyadh	110	83	s
Rome	88	65	s
Stockholm	72	55	pc
Sydney	66	50	pc
Tokyo	85	71	s
Toronto	84	60	t

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c-cloudy, dr-driest, f-fair, h-hazy, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, s-sunny, sh-showers, sn-snow, ts-thunderstorms, w-windy.

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TV Spo

GOLF — (9 round, 11 a.m. **BASEBALL** Sox at New Y WGN. **Philadelphia** Braves, 6:30 **TENNIS** — early-round m **FOOTBALL** Buffalo Bills a p.m. **TNT**. **SOCCER** — Warthogs at 1 p.m., **PRIME**.

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McAward

Four-time Olympian Jackie Joyner-Kersey is presented with a Lifetime Award from Paul Schrage, chief marketing officer of McDonald's. Joyner-Kersey, who won her sixth Olympic medal last week in Atlanta, can now go to any McDonald's in the country for free meals anytime.

TV Sports

(Subject to change)
GOLF — PGA Championship, first round, 11 a.m., TBS.
BASEBALL — Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees, noon, WGN.
Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves, 6:30 p.m., TBS.
TENNIS — ATP Championships, early-round matches, 3 p.m., ESPN.
FOOTBALL — NFL Preseason, Buffalo Bills at Minnesota Vikings, 7 p.m., TNT.
SOCCER — CISL, Washington Warhogs at Houston Hotshots, 7:30 p.m., PRIME.

Texas Scores

TEXAS LEAGUE — Midland Angels 8, El Paso Diablos 6
BIG LEAGUE PLAYOFFS — Midland Mid-City 6, Miami Dade 2
BASEBALL — Detroit Tigers 4, Texas Rangers 2
Montreal Expos 13, Houston Astros 5
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Sports Today

TEXAS LEAGUE — El Paso Diablos at Midland Angels, 7 p.m., Christensen Stadium. Radio: KCRS-AM (550).
SOFTBALL — ASA 14-Under Fast-Pitch National Championships, Bill Williams Softball Complex, 8 a.m.-midnight.

Just boo it

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Olympic swimmer Amy White has a suggestion for other silver medalists put off by a Nike commercial that says: "You don't win silver, you lose gold. I am insulted every time I see it," White said. "They are slapping every athlete and every country that doesn't win gold in the face. That's not the spirit of the Olympics."
White said her 1984 silver medal in the 200-meter backstroke was the accomplishment of her life. She was 15 when she finished less than a second behind Yolanda de Rover of the Netherlands.
Nike was trying to convey a sentiment shared by many athletes, that second best isn't winning, said company spokesman Keith Peters.
"The women's Dream Team came up with the slogan because the players felt like if they didn't win gold, then they didn't win," Peters said.
The print and TV campaign will continue indefinitely, he said.
Lawyers at the Newport Beach office where White works as a paralegal joined her in writing Nike to protest.

United 3, Mutiny 1

TAMPA, Fla. — Bolivia's Jaime Moreno scored four minutes into his first Major League Soccer game and Raul Diaz Arce had two goals leading D.C. United to a 3-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Mutiny.
Diaz Arce and Marco Etcheverry combined to set up Moreno's debut goal. United went up 3-0 in the 67th minute after a 12-yard shot from Diaz Arce slipped past Mark Dougherty by the left post.

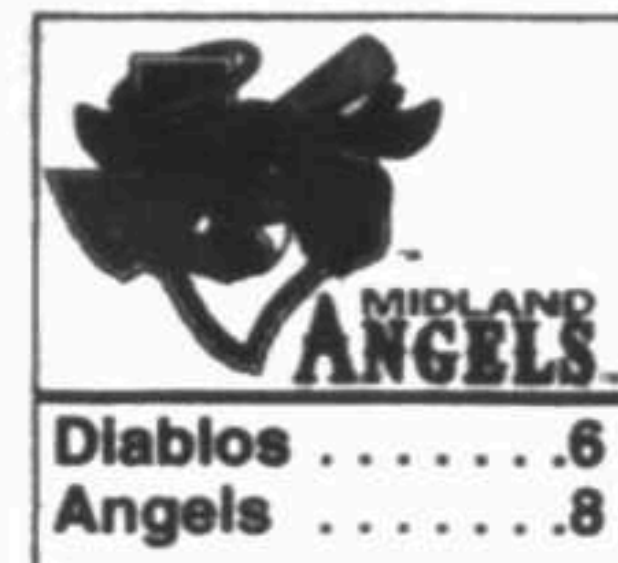


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Angels playing spoiler in West

Midland knocks El Paso from the top spot in the Texas League West with an 8-6 victory over the Diablos.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor



The Midland Angels knocked the El Paso Diablos out of first place in the Texas League West at Christensen Stadium Wednesday night with an 8-6 victory.

The Angels also helped themselves with the win, moving into a third place tie with the Wichita Wranglers, who lost 7-6 to the San Antonio Missions. The Missions now own sole possession of first place with a one-game lead over El

Paso and a six-game margin over both Midland and Wichita as the Dog Days of August are promising a tight-fisted finish.

The Angels have now won seven of their last nine games (four in a row at Christensen) and have taken a 7-6 lead over the Diablos in games played between the two teams in Midland. El Paso still leads the overall series by a 13-11 margin.

Still, the Angels are beginning to climb in the second half standings, and a run like the current streak could still see Midland make a late playoff run.

On Tuesday, Midland's Eddie Christian was a double short of hitting for the cycle (single, double, triple and homer in the same game), but he made up for it Wednesday with three doubles, scoring twice and knocking in two runs from his leadoff spot. He has now hit safely in 14 of his last 15 games (24 hits in 60 at-bats for a

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Wakeup Call

Rebels hit practice field as training camp starts

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor



Maybe all the cob webs weren't left at home, but the Midland Lee Rebels are officially on the football practice field.

With an early 7 a.m. start, Lee begin its grind toward the Sept. 6 season opener in El Paso against Coronado.

"It was just too early," said returning wingback Ricky Green. "I still wanted to be in bed."

But Green, and the other Rebels, were on the field as instructed — and in big numbers, which greatly pleased Lee head football coach John Parchman.

"It was a pretty early workout, but we had 154 report," Parchman said. "At the height of last year, we had right at 130. Our goal this year was to have 150 and we had over that on the first day."

"It's definitely an increase for us and

we now feel we can safely field three teams (varsity, junior varsity and sophomore teams). We had three teams last year, but we had trouble. We had the bodies, but it was hard to play all the kids in the right positions. We feel like we can do that now."

Parchman also had some other good news on the freshman front.

"At the freshman school, we had about 90 players last year, and we are hearing that there may be as many as 130 or 140 this year. We're really pleased with the numbers. About the only problem we have now is that we are stretched somewhat coaching-wise with the numbers, but it's a good problem to have."

Since the team can only work out in shorts until Monday before putting on the full pads, Parchman said the first practice was spent just seeing how much was remembered from the spring.

"We just needed to see where we were and what we needed to work on," Parchman said. "We feel like we are ahead of

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What's On Deck

■ What: El Paso (26-23) at Angels (21-28)
■ When: 7 p.m.
■ Where: Christensen Stadium.
■ Radio: KCRS-AM (550).
■ Pitchers: Matt Perieho (1-0, 3.72 ERA) will be on the mound for the Angels against El Paso's Brian Toffberg (5-5, 5.59 ERA).

Wednesday's Recap

■ Score: Angels 8, El Paso 6
■ Record: 21-28, six games behind
■ Streak: Won 3.
■ vs. El Paso in '96: 11-13. Streak: Won 2.
■ Halo Heroes: 3B Aaron Guilel had three hits and drove in two runs to pace the Midland hitting attack while LF Eddie Christian collected three doubles in the two-run win.

Angels' Next Five

Date	Opponent	Time
Friday	El Paso	7 p.m.
Saturday	El Paso	7 p.m.
Sunday	Off day	
Monday	at Wichita	7:15 p.m.
Tuesday	at Wichita	7:15 p.m.

Mid-City wins Tournament

Staff Report



HOMESTEAD, Fla. — They might just have to rename the loser's bracket. Midland Mid-City became the Big League Southern Region champion Wednesday by beating Miami Dade 6-2 in the tournament "if" game. Mid-City defeated Dade twice to win their third consecutive tournament after coming out of the non-winner's side of competition.

Mid-City's Keith Lant got the win on the mound and drove in three runs with a double and a home run. Mid-City will play in the Big League World Series as USA Southern Saturday against USA Northern at Floyd Hull Stadium in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The Big League World Series, for players 16-18 years old, will consist of a five-team U.S. tournament and a six-team international tournament. The winner of the U.S. tournament plays the winner of the international competition for the world championship August 17. The game will be televised on ESPN2.

Mid-City score four runs in the first inning Wednesday against Dade, the team that had beaten it earlier in the tournament.

Mike Carrasco and Lant had RBI doubles in the

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Members of the Midland Lee football team do some laps around the track at Lee High School as the Rebels open fall football workouts.

1996 ASA 14-Under National Tournament Heat, Tornados beaten

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer



For the second straight year, it didn't take long for Midland's host teams to get a quick eye-opening experience at the Amateur Softball Association's National Softball Tournament.

Wednesday, the West Texas Heat and West Texas Tornados learned their lessons of what it takes to compete with the best 14-under teams in the nation with first-round losses at the Bill Williams Softball Complex.

The Tornados, a team comprised of all 13 year-olds fell to PDX Shockers 8-0 while the Heat were defeated 10-1 by the St. Louis Maniacs.

"I feel the score is not indicative," Tornados coach Alan DiGennaro whose team will play its second game today at 6 p.m. "We had good plays in the field and a couple mistakes. That comes with age. If you are going step out on the field, you might as well do it against the best."

The Heat found out hard way that getting to the top of the field means getting the clutch hits when it needs them. The Maniacs scored their first six runs and seven overall with two out. It was the difference in the game.

"We'd get two outs and lay down a lit-

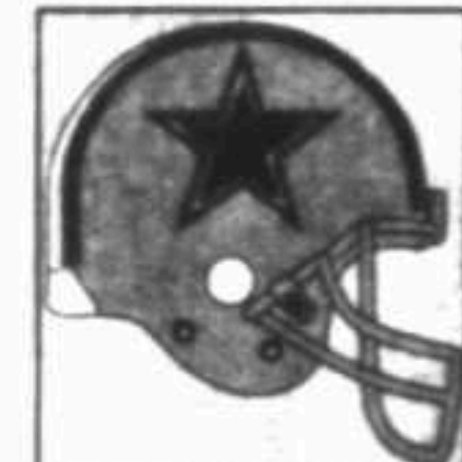
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West Texas Heat pitcher Amanda Walker is thrown out at first on a ground out as St. Louis Maniacs first baseman Amanda Carns makes the putout.

Irvin rejoins Cowboys at training camp

By Chip Brown
Associated Press Writer



AUSTIN — Michael Irvin is back. After spending three weeks away from football and the spotlight following a no contest plea to cocaine possession, Irvin rejoined the Dallas Cowboys at training camp Wednesday.

It was a somber Irvin who drove onto the field in a golf cart with best friend Emmitt Smith amid cheers from fans. But as soon as Irvin hit the practice field, it was the same old "Playmaker."

Within minutes of strapping on his helmet, Irvin was catching passes with the fluid ease that gave him career highs in receptions (111), yardage (1,603) and touchdowns (10) last year. He was counseling rookie receiver Stepfret Williams on pass routes, and, of course, there was the trash talk.

"I don't know how y'all cover, but y'all are some ugly fellas," Irvin said with a smile to the team's defensive backfield.

Deion Sanders complained that Irvin was already pushing off defenders on his routes, and after having a pass broken up by safety Darren Woodson, Irvin said, "I let that go because I didn't want y'all to be embarrassed. Get your game right."

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Lehman emerging as force on PGA Tour

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Tom Lehman sat on the deck of a house overlooking the Irish Sea, chatting with his father, his caddie and a few friends, stealing a glance now and then at the silver claret jug that goes to the British Open winner.

"I put that trophy on the ledge and looked at it and drank champagne till the sun came up," Lehman said Wednesday with a faraway gleam in his soft eyes as he recalled the night after he won at Royal Lytham.

"I still have a headache," he said, punctuating the sentence with a gentle laugh.

Maybe it wasn't a new Tom Lehman who came to Valhalla Golf Club for Thursday's start of the PGA Champi-

onship, but it was a newly perceived Tom Lehman.

Now one of the most consistent golfers in the world and a major championship winner, he was no longer the nice guy who can't win the big one. Now he's the nice guy everyone has to keep an eye on.

When players talk about top contenders in the 78th PGA, Lehman's name is right in there with Greg Norman, Nick Faldo and Ernie Els. Even he feels that way.

"I know if I play halfway decent I'll be in the thick of things on Sunday," Lehman said with a new-found confidence built on the experiences of several near-misses in majors before he got his breakthrough victory at Royal Lytham.

Lehman knows all about being in the thick of things on Sunday. Since 1994, he's finished second and a third in both the

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PGA Championship At A Glance

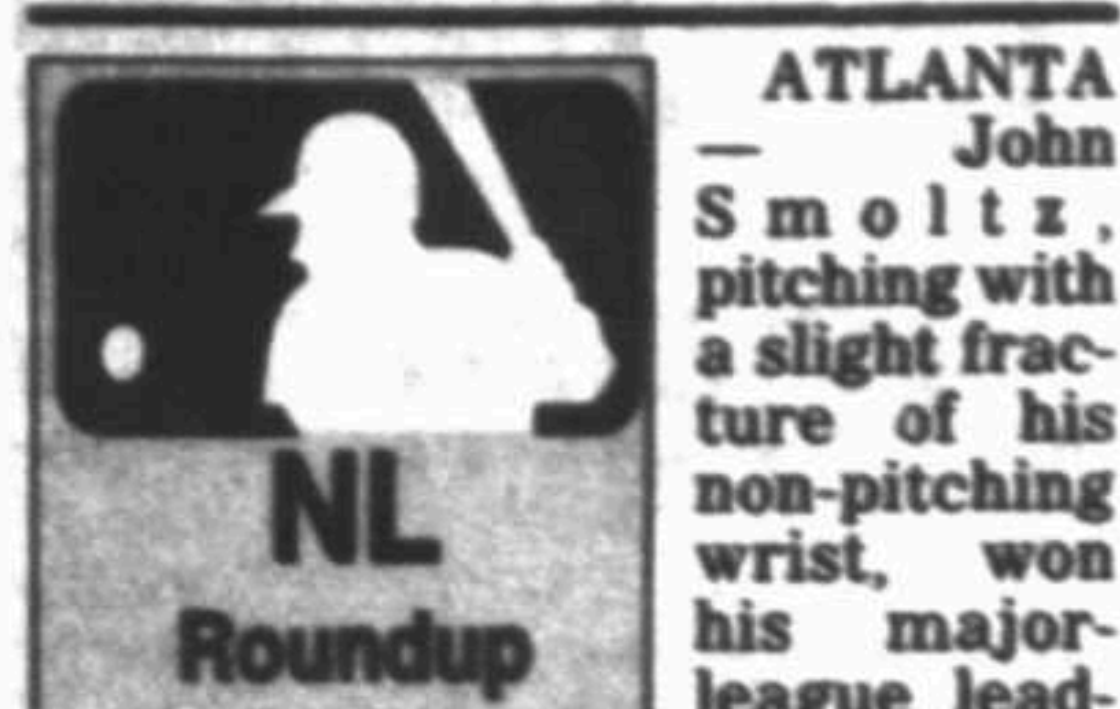
Site: Louisville, Ky.
Dates: Thursday, Aug. 8-Sunday, Aug. 11
Course: Valhalla Golf Club (7,144 yards, par 72).
Purse: TBA (\$2 million in 1995).
Winner's Share: TBA (\$360,000 in 1995).
Television: TBS (Thursday-Friday, 11:05 a.m.-5:05 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10:05 a.m.-12:35 p.m.) and CBS (Friday, 11:37 a.m.-11:52 a.m.; Saturday, 11:37-11:52 p.m. and 12:30-5 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30-5 p.m.).
Last year: Steve Elkington made a 25-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a playoff with Colin Montgomerie for the Australian's first major title. Elkington closed with a 7-under 67 and Montgomerie shot a 65 for tournament-record 17-under 267 totals at Rivers in Los Angeles.
Last week: Justin Leonard won the Buick Open at Grand Blanc, Mich., for his first tour title. He shot 65-64-69-66 for a 22-under 285 total on the War-wick Hills course.



Tom Lehman has become one of the better and consistent golfers on the Tour.

Smoltz wins 16th in Braves romp

Associated Press



Atlanta John Smoltz, pitching with a slight fracture of his non-pitching wrist, won his major-league leading 16th game as Atlanta routed mistake-prone Philadelphia in a rain-shortened game.

Smoltz (18-6) allowed five hits, an unearned run, didn't walk a batter and struck out six to raise his major-league lead to 201.

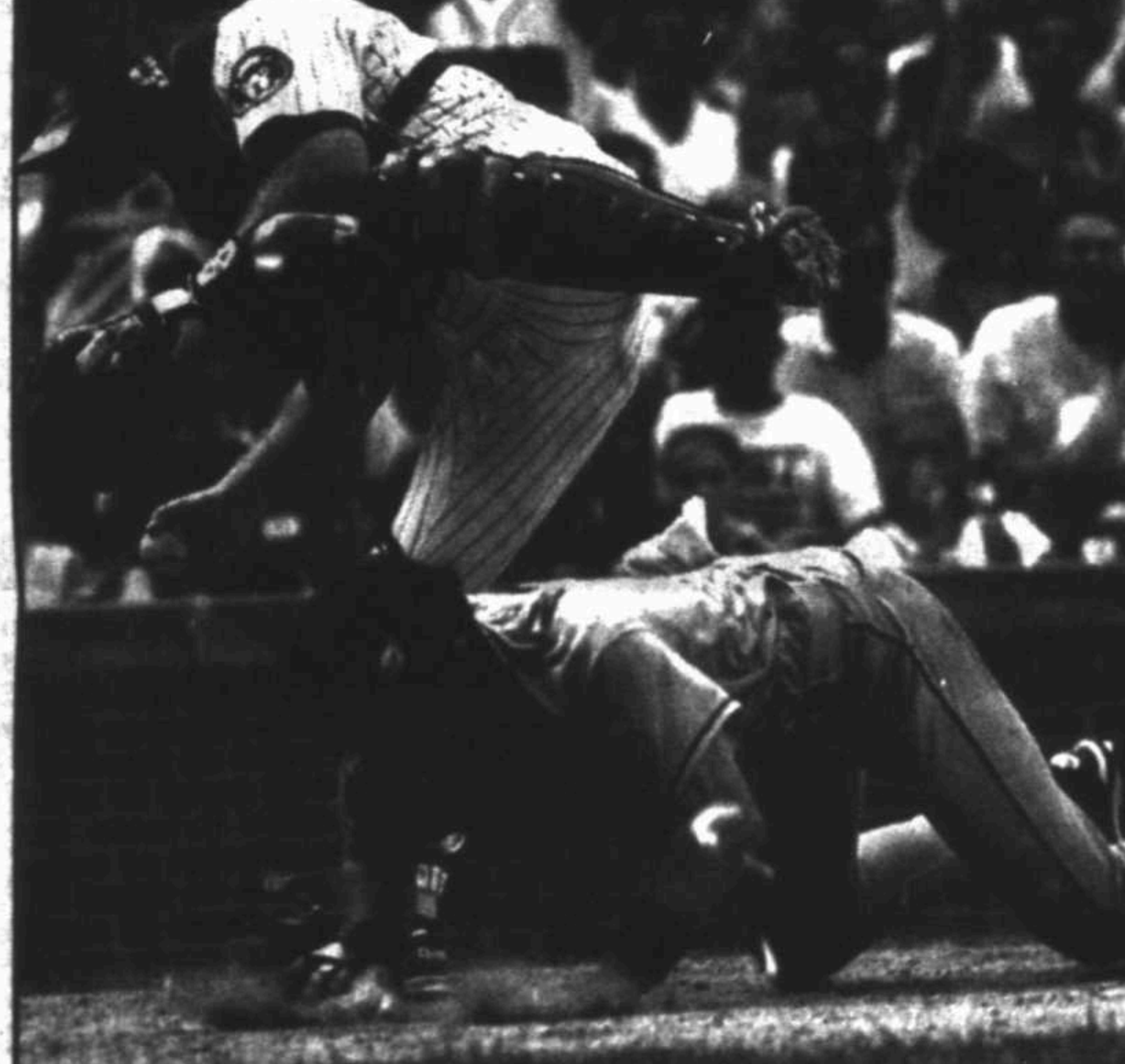
Smoltz, wearing a small black brace, sustained a chip fracture to a bone in his left wrist when struck by a line drive off the bat of Juan Castro in his last start Friday night in Los Angeles.

Pirates 12, Dodgers 2
PITTSBURGH — Mark Johnson homered one pitch after Los Angeles starter Ramon Martinez was struck in the face with a first-inning line drive.

The Pirates made it 7-2 on Nelson Lirio's three-run triple in the sixth, and Dave Clark hit a two-run homer in a five-run seventh inning. Pittsburgh had scored only one run in its previous two games.

Ca. 1, Padres 0
ST. LOUIS — Gary Gaetti homered with one out in the ninth inning for St. Louis.

The game had been a pitcher's duel for eight innings between St. Louis starter Todd Stottlemyre and San Diego's Joey Hamilton. Both right-handers allowed just four hits but were not involved in the decision.



Chicago catcher Scott Servais falls backward as he collides with New York's Brett Mayne at the plate Wednesday afternoon.

ANGELS: Winning streak now up to three (From 1C)

400 average). It's not in the rules, but maybe we could go ahead and give him the cycle nod.

But Christian is just an indicator of the suddenly productive Angel offense. The Angels scored five runs in the second inning to take a 5-2 lead and never trailed again, although the final outcome was in doubt until Mike Freehill came in to shut down the Diablos in the ninth for his 16th save in 21 save opportunities.

Midland third baseman Aaron Guilel is also on a new tear. Guilel has three singles, driving in two runs. Guilel now has a six-game hitting streak that has produced 14 hits in his last 21 at-bats, hitting .667 over that span. He has also scored nine runs and has six RBIs during the streak.

Second baseman Keith Luuloa drove in two runs in the five-run second as did reserve catcher Jose Monzon.

Anthony Chavez was credited with the victory after shutout ball over three innings of relief. Chavez, who is only 5-foot-10, 180 pounds, is becoming quite a strikeout artist. He struck out six and has 12 strikeouts in his last two outings at Christensen.

Chavez held the lead for Freehill in the ninth. Freehill gave up a one-out single to Ronnie Belliard, but waded through home run threats of Brad Seitzer and Jonas Hamlin, both representing the tying run at the plate, to record the save.

ANGEL DUST: Midland Bo Ortiz, who is in the Texas League

pitched a complete game and struck out eight batters.

The champs from Midland scored their other runs in the third. With two outs Carrasco doubled and Lant hit his homer to left field at the Homestead Sports Complex, originally built for the Cleveland Indians' spring training.

Mid-City had a total of seven hits and committed one error. Miami Dade had three errors.

With one out in the ninth, Gaetti hit a 1-2 pitch from Doug Bochtler (0-4) over the left-field wall for his 16th homer.

Expos 13, Astros 5
HOUSTON — Darrin Fletcher hit a pair of two-run homers and Mark Leiter snapped a personal five-game losing streak as Montreal won its fifth straight.

The Expos, who have won eight of their last nine games, have beaten the Astros five straight times this season. Montreal broke open the game with a seven-run sixth inning off Donne Wall (6-4), who lost his fourth straight.

Mets 11, Cubs 7
CHICAGO — Rey Ordonez cleared the bases with a triple to highlight a five-run ninth inning Wednesday that rallied New York to a win over Chicago.

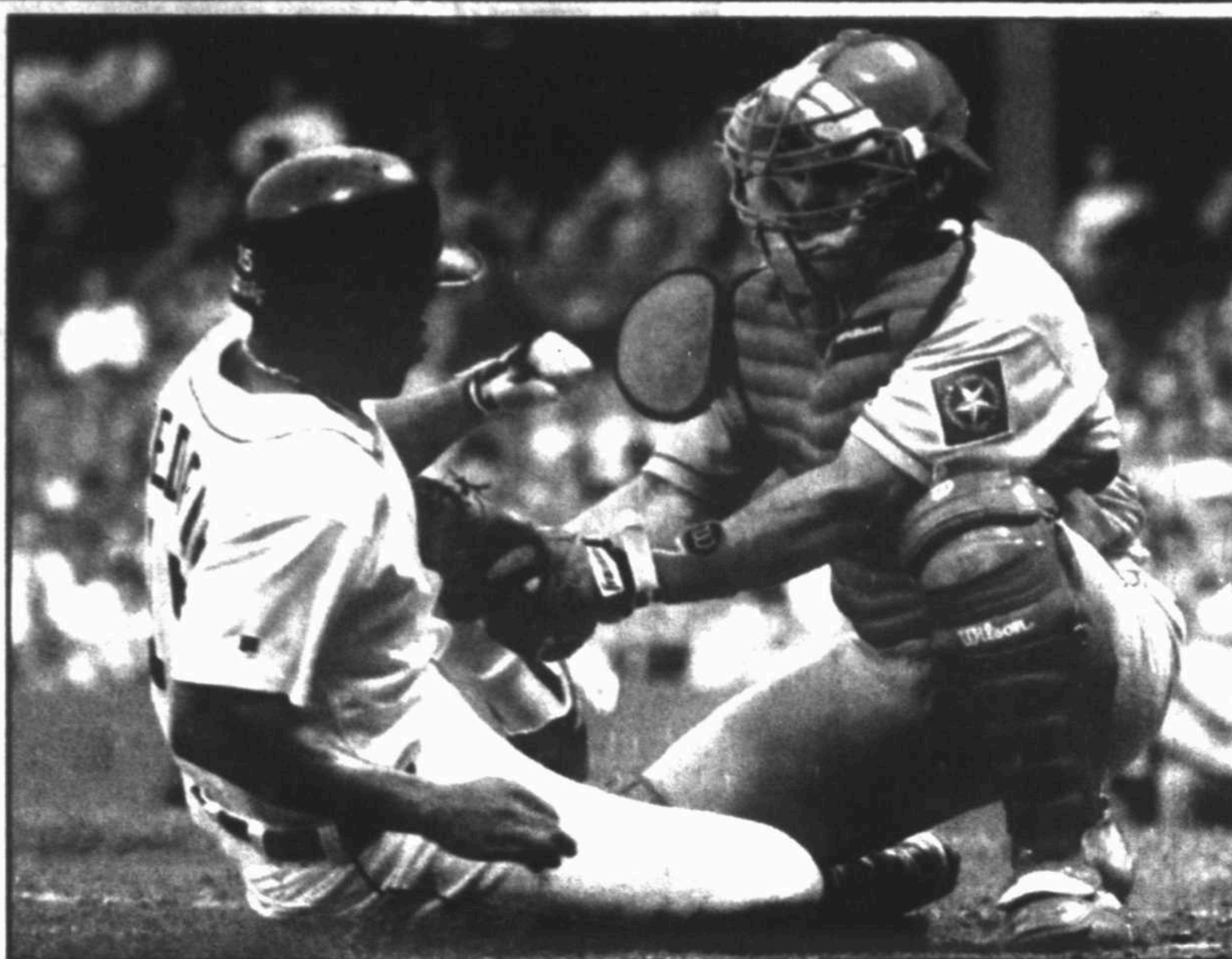
The Mets, who had rallied from five runs down to tie it 6-6 in the sixth, salvaged the final game of the three-game series and ended their losing streak at three.

Rockies 12, Marlins 5
DENVER — Andres Galarraga and Quinton McCracken each homered and drove in three runs to help Kevin Ritz become the first Colorado pitcher to win 13 games in a season.

Galarraga went 3-for-4 and hit his 31st homer, a three-run shot to match his 1995 home run total.

Giants 9, Reds 2
SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds hit a grand slam and Mark Gardner pitched San Francisco's first complete game in more than two months as the Giants ended a seven-game losing streak.

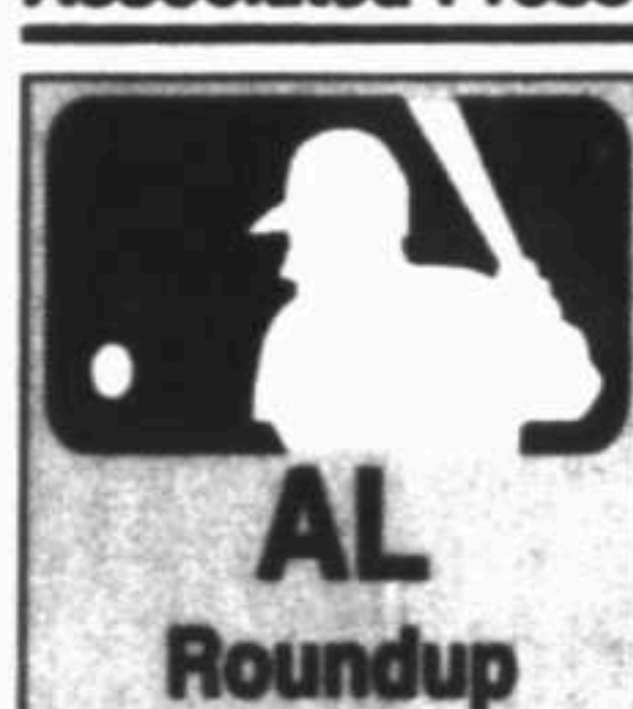
Bonds hit his 32nd homer of the season and fifth career grand slam in the sixth inning.



Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez is ready and waiting with the ball as he tags out Detroit runner Andujar Cedeno during Wednesday's game at Tiger Stadium in Detroit. The Tigers won 4-2.

White Sox rally to victory

Associated Press



YORK — Harold Baines' one-out RBI single in the top of the 10th inning Wednesday night ignited a five-run rally that gave the Chicago White Sox an 8-4 victory over the New York Yankees.

Roberto Hernandez (3-1) pitched the final two innings, allowing an RBI double to Wade Boggs in the bottom of the 10th.

Red Sox 8, Blue Jays 0
BOSTON — Tom Gordon pitched a three-hitter for his first shutout in almost six years and rookie Tony Rodriguez hit his first major league home run as Boston extended its win streak to four.

Pat Hentgen (13-7), who had won his last six starts, allowed eight runs and nine hits in eight

innings. He was 3-0 with an 0.74 ERA in his previous three starts. Gordon (9-5) struck out eight and didn't walk a batter for the first time in his career. The right-hander carried a perfect game into the fifth inning before Ed Sprague got Toronto's first hit by singling on a 3-0 pitch. The shutout was his first since he blanked Seattle 8-0 on Sept. 2, 1990.

Royals 7, Athletics 0
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kevin Appier pitched a two-hitter to extend his scoreless streak to 24 innings and won his fifth straight decision for Kansas City.

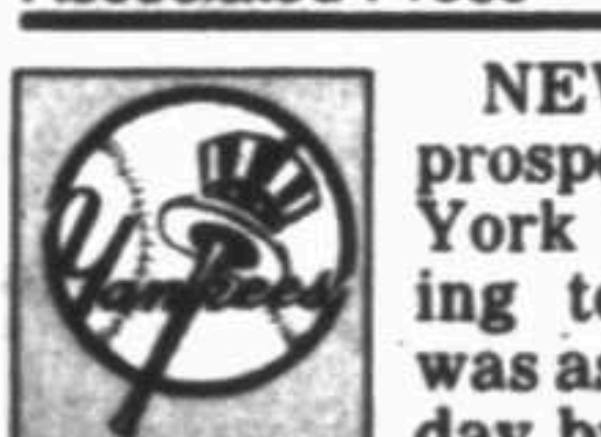
Appier (10-7) struck out five and walked two in his first shutout since Sept. 15, 1995. Oakland starter Ariel Prieto (2-5) dropped to 0-2 in three starts since coming off the disabled list July 28.

Orioles 12, Brewers 2
MILWAUKEE — Jeffrey Hammonds and Roberto Alomar hit consecutive homers, and Scott Erickson pitched a complete game for Baltimore.

Politicians getting into Yankee move debate

By Frank Eitman

Associated Press



NEW YORK — The prospect of the New York Yankees moving to New Jersey was assailed Wednesday by politicians on both sides of the Hudson River.

Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger and representatives of Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer joined environmentalists in a vow to keep the Yankees not only in New York, but at their Bronx home.

And they criticized Mayor Rudolph Giuliani for not being tougher with the Yankees owner. They say that by accepting majority owner George Steinbrenner's claim that he can easily move to the Meadowlands, the mayor has given Steinbrenner an enormous advantage in negotiations for a new stadium.

The cost of renovating the 73-year-old stadium in the Bronx, which underwent two years of modernizing in the 1970s, has been

estimated at \$770 million, according to a study by the architectural firm of Hellmuth Obata & Kassabaum. A new stadium on the West Side of Manhattan has been estimated at just over \$1 billion.

The Meadowlands sports complex already is home to the NFL's Giants and Jets at Giants Stadium, the NHL's Devils and NBA's Nets as well as thoroughbred and harness racing.

"Our area of New Jersey is completely overwhelmed with traffic congestion and gridlock with what is already here," Secaucus Mayor Anthony Just Jr. said. "A stadium in this area would further diminish our quality of life."

Nine environmental groups last spring objected to any proposal for a new stadium in the Meadowlands, contending it would "inevitably result in the filling and eradication of significant wetland acreage."

Rafael Palmeiro added a solo homer for the Orioles, who routed Milwaukee 13-3 on Tuesday night. Erickson (6-10) won for the first time in seven starts since July 2 by allowing 10 hits in his fifth complete game.

Tigers 4, Rangers 2
DETROIT — Travis Fryman and Bobby Higginson hit first-inning home runs, and Detroit handed Texas starter Roger Pavlik his fourth straight defeat.

Pavlik (12-6), who was selected for the All-Star game, is 0-4 with a 6.00 ERA in his last four starts. He struck out 10, but allowed four runs on eight hits in 7 1-3 innings. He has not won since July 13.

John Cummings (1-0) pitched two innings in relief for the Tigers, who have won nine of 13. After starter Brian Williams allowed two runs in the fifth, Cummings came in and pitched out of a bases-loaded jam.

Gregg Olson allowed a double and a single in the ninth, but Mike Myers struck out Will Clark on three pitches for his fourth save.

Paquette finds power with Royals

By Craig Horst

AP Sports Writer



KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Fifteen homers may not seem like many in this day of Mark McGwire and Albert Belle, but they're a

bushful to the power-starved Kansas City Royals. Cast off by the Oakland Athletics this spring, Craig Paquette resurfaced with the rebuilding Royals and got his 15th Tuesday to help beat the team that gave up on him. He leads the Royals with 15 home runs and 48 runs batted in.

"When he touches it, it goes," manager Bob Boone said. "He's got the most pop in his bat of anybody here. He's got something special in his bat."

Paquette does not cut an imposing figure like McGwire or Frank Thomas or Cecil Fielder or Mo Vaughn.

Indeed, he is downright baby-faced as he hands his young son a pen and some paper to scribble on as he sits in the clubhouse to talk about his latest homer.

"It would have been nicer if it was a game-winner," Paquette said.

Paquette credited his success to getting more playing time. He's getting more at-bats than ever before, he said.

"I think this year I have a lot better idea of what a pitcher is going to do and I have a better idea of what I have to do to get ahead," Paquette said.

"I'm working on just keeping the same approach and being confident in that approach. I feel confidence in that approach, and that's something I haven't had before." Paquette virtually played himself out of a job with Oakland by batting .226 with 88 strikeouts in 283 at-bats in 1995. He went to spring training this year with the Athletics trying to find a spot for him away from his natural third base — working him at second base, the outfield and first base.

Finally, though, he was sent down to Triple-A Edmonton and then given his release late in February.

The Royals signed him to their Triple-A Omaha club before calling him up about a month into the season.

Paquette now has hit in his last 17 games, going 19 for 59 (.322) with five homers and 16 RBIs in the stretch. He has raised his average to .251 in 255 at-bats this season.

"That's a big year," Royals pitcher Tim Lincecum said. "What, did he miss a month before he got here? Just think if he was out there every day. Just think if he had 400 or 500 at-bats. That's 20 or 25 homers right there."

Paquette, who objected to the Athletics' attempts to move him from position to position, now finds himself able to accept Boone's platoon. No one on the Royals knows before they get to the ballpark if, when or where they will play each night; Boone has used 107 different lineups so far this year.

"I'm a third baseman," Paquette said firmly. "But at this age (26), I'll play anywhere they want me to. The more positions I can play, the better off I'll be."

He just may be hitting himself into a future with the Royals.

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top of the first to score Jason Rogers and Cody Groves. Groves reached on an error that scored Clay Johnston, who had singled. Ross Nobles ended the scoring in the frame with an RBI single.

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Seventh-seeded Richard Krajicek can't quite catch up to a forehand smash by unseeded Vince Spadea Wednesday at the ATP Championships in Mason, Ohio. Krajicek won the match in straight sets, 7-6, 7-5.

Agassi advances in ATP

■ Agassi makes successful debut in ATP Championships while Mali'Vai Washington pulls out of the event.

By Terry Kinney
Associated Press

MASON, Ohio — Defending champion and Olympic gold medalist Andre Agassi made his 1996 debut in the Great American Insurance ATP Championship in shaky fashion Wednesday night, beating Magnus Larsson 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

The other evening match was canceled when 11th-seeded Mali'Vai Washington withdrew from the tournament because of a lower back strain, allowing qualifier Alex O'Brien to advance to the round of 16 to face Agassi.

"I don't think I could have given more than 50 percent," Washington said. "I was a little concerned about doing more damage to it."

Agassi broke Larsson's serve in the fourth game of the first set and served out uneventfully. Larsson forced a third set by breaking Agassi twice, in games six and eight of the second set.

Hard-pressed, Agassi finally broke Larsson in game seven of the third set and won match point with an ace. He celebrated by banging a ball high in the Stadium Court grandstand.

After the match, Agassi was presented USA Weekend Magazine's 1996 Most Caring Athlete Award for youth charity work in his hometown, Las Vegas.

Two seeds in the \$2.2 million tournament were eliminated. Bernd Karbacher beat No. 12 Todd Martin 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. Chris Woodruff defeated No. 14 Cedric Pioline 7-6 (7-2), 7-5.

Second-seeded Thomas Muster, a clay court specialist, had no trouble beating Wojtek Kowalski 6-1, 6-1 on the hardcourt, refusing to bow to temperatures in the mid-90s.

"I just reflect the heat, or something," Muster said. "I just prob-

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ably can take it a little better than others."

Two-time ATP winner Michael Chang, the No. 3 seed this year, beat Andre Medvedev 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. He compared the heat to playing in Australia.

"You try to do your best, but sometimes you're not quite able to get to a shot because of the heat," Chang said. "Cramping is the one thing that everyone dreads. You just try to deal with it the best you know how."

Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek, the No. 7 seed, outlasted Vince Spadea 7-6 (10-8), 7-5. He said winning at Wimbledon has been a psychological boost.

"Sometimes you feel confident with good streaks but, yeah, this is different somehow," Krajicek said.

Fan favorite Stefan Edberg, a six-time finalist and two-time ATP titlist, was eliminated by Cristiano Caratti 3-6, 6-4, 7-5. Edberg, 30, is making a farewell tour and will retire in December.

"It was a loss, but it was more losing against the heat today, I thought, because the tennis was there but my legs weren't there," Edberg said.

Among the seeded players who won Wednesday were: No. 4 Yevgeny Kafelnikov, who beat Tim Henman 6-4, 6-4; No. 5 Goran Ivanisevic, who beat Jonas Bjorkman 6-0, 6-4; No. 9 Wayne Ferreira, who beat Daniel Vacek 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; No. 10 Thomas Enqvist, who defeated Patrick Rafter 6-3, 7-6 (7-4); and No. 16 Jason Stoltenberg, who beat Sasa Hirszon 7-6 (7-2), 6-3.

MONTREAL — Two-time Olympic doubles champion Mary Joe Fernandez got back to her regular job Wednesday, defeating an overmatched Sung-Hee Park of South Korea 6-1, 6-1 at the \$1.3 million du Maurier Open.

Last week, in Atlanta, she and partner Gigi Fernandez successfully defended the doubles gold

medal they won for the United States at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

"In Atlanta, there was such an emotional high at the opening ceremonies," Mary Joe Fernandez said of her return to the Women's Tennis Association tour. "Then there were the matches, playing at home with the crowd always behind us. Here, it's like we're back to work, back to our normal routine."

Mary Joe Fernandez also won the singles bronze medal in Barcelona and just missed repeating in Atlanta, where she lost the bronze medal game to Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic.

Another Olympic competitor, 12-year tour veteran Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, won a difficult second-round match 6-3, 0-6, 6-3 over France's Sandrine Testud. Sabatini, who returned from a four-month injury layoff in Atlanta, meets top-seeded Monica Seles in the third round Thursday. Seles ousted Sabatini in the round of 16 at the Olympics.

"That was a good match even though I lost," Sabatini said. "I know I have the game to beat her. What I needed was a few more matches and I'll have that now."

The 56-player hardcourt event saw its first major upset as Yayuk Basuki of Indonesia downed third-seeded Iva Majoli of Croatia 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

In another match, No. 10 Amanda Coetzer of South Africa, beat American Jolene Watanabe, 6-0, 6-0.

San Marino Tournament
SAN MARINO — Frenchman Fabrice Santoro upset seventh-seeded Karim Alami of Morocco 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) in the first round of the San Marino tournament Wednesday.

No. 2 seed Felix Mantilla of Spain advanced with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Portuguese Joao Cunha-Silva in their second-round match.

Also in the second round, unseeded Norwegian Christian Ruud cruised to a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Czech David Rikl and fellow Czech Slava Dosedel.

ASA: Midland teams beaten in openers

(From 1C)

tle because you just think that there is one more left," Heat first baseman Sarah Dzubinski said. "We have to play tough for the whole inning. This game woke us up. We thought they would give us more of a chance. They (the Maniacs) came along way to get here and aren't going to let you win."

The Maniacs took advantage of 11 hits and four Heat errors to get out to the 6-0 advantage after the fourth inning. The Maniacs, who got to the tournament after winning the St. Louis qualifier, have gone through an 0-2 experience in the past and were hoping not to do it again.

"This win feels good," said Jeni Schellert, second baseman for the Maniacs. "We went out in two games last year (in the 14-under tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn.) and it was a disaster. Everyone was pumped and more focused (this year). We went a long way (to get to Midland) and don't want to go in a short time."

Schellert went 3-for-5 with three RBIs and three runs scored. That included a two-run triple in the top of the fourth inning when the Maniacs really blew the game open. Lyndsy Harrison and Mandy Ellis also had multiple hits for the Maniacs.

For the Heat, which plays at 4 p.m. today, Amanda Walker didn't pitch badly, allowing more than one hit in two innings. Walker just

Wednesday's Results

Friday Results from the ASA National 14-under tournament held at Bill Williams Softball Complex:

First round action: St. Louis Maniacs 10, West Texas Heat 1; Bat Buster 1, Bloomington Force 0; Ohio Lady Laser Green 1, Utah Lady Warriors 0; Virginia Shamrock 5, Alvin Bayou Babes 1. PDX Shockers 6, West Texas Tornadoes 0; Midwestern Magic 3, Bad Company 0; California Athletic gold 1, Oklahoma Hurricane 0.

couldn't get the big out when she needed it. She also didn't get the run support needed when competing against the top teams in the nation.

Megan Vallie was the only Heat player with multiple hits going 2-for-2. The only other player to get a hit was Jennifer Bryant, who led the seventh off with a triple. She came around to score on a ground-out. For Vallie, she will remember the game from a hitting standpoint and says that if the team plans to get better, they have to be able to learn from the experience.

"It was a great feeling with everyone applauding you," Vallie said. "This game was a good experience. Every time we come out we just have to think about we could not do. Tonight, it was just making a few plays here and there."

The Tornadoes came into the tournament knowing that this would be an experience that would make them better in the future. Going against an Oregon Shocker team which was 63-15-3 and placed third in the region 15 qualifier, that is all that could have happened.

The Tornadoes got two hits (one each from Sarah Lemons and Sandi Neatherlin) but just couldn't match the firepower of the Shockers. The experience was a good one for the Tornadoes expect that the results will change in the future.

"We did good for our age," pitcher Kenni Kay Buchanan said. "We were nervous because that is the way nationals should be."

"I didn't think we had anything to lose. We understand that are young but we shouldn't keep on saying that. After a while we have to stop saying that. Next year is our chance."

ASA NOTES: Cherri Burton, of the Alvin Bayou Babes, got the first home run of the tournament when she hit a bomb over the right-center field fence in Alvin's 5-1 loss to Shamrock of Virginia... Virginia Shamrock pitcher Leslie Palmer struck out 14 in the Shamrock's win over Alvin... In what may have been the best game of the night, California Athletic Gold defeated Oklahoma Hurricane 1-0 behind the 13 strikeout performance from Tia Bollinger. The pitcher had a no-hitter going into the sixth inning... Midland Softball Association's Executive Director Bennita Clark and George Logan, Director of Community Service for the City of Midland, were named to the MSA Hall of Honor.

LEE: Offense in better shape this year

(From 1C)

last year because we were still learning a new system at this time a year ago. Our first two groups can line up and run plays, do motion. We couldn't even do that last year.

"We're not sure if we are physically ahead of last year, but we are ahead mentally. Still, we had everyone run a mile-and-a-half after practice, and only a handful had to stop. I think that's a miracle. We did a good job of communicating with our kids over the summer that we would be doing a lot of running, and I guess most of

them took us seriously." Even though Lee is mostly set in terms of starting positions, with the exception of the offensive line, the real battles for playing time won't come until Monday.

Parchman would like another tight end, another defensive lineman and another linebacker to emerge from the pack. Coaches will also be looking hard at what will be a revamped offensive line where about 10 people are in the running for berths.

It will mostly be a lot of work in hot weather until Sept. 6, but there are three major breaks to look forward to. Lee will hold an inter-

squad scrimmage on Saturday, Aug. 17 and will meet fresh meat on Saturday, Aug. 24, in El Paso Riverside in Pecos at 7 p.m. The Rebels also have a scrimmage set with El Paso Socorro on Friday, Aug. 30, in Fort Stockton at 7 p.m.

Midland High will not begin workouts until Wednesday at 4:20 p.m. Lee gets an extra week and an extra scrimmage since the Rebels didn't hold spring training.

Midland High had spring training, so the Bulldogs will have only one scrimmage. That will be Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. in Big Spring when the 'Dogs meet the Class 4A Steers.

Thousands watch Cigar work out

Associated Press

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — An early-morning crowd estimated at 7,500 turned out to watch Cigar breeze through his final tuneup before Saturday's \$1 million Pacific Classic at Del Mar.

When Cigar appeared at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday, thousands lined the rail at Saratoga Race Course, far more than the usual number who attend the workouts open to the public.

Jockey Jerry Bailey put Cigar through a five-furlong run in 1:00.98, including fractions of :23.37 and :35.39.

Last month, the 6-year-old horse matched Citation's modern North American record of 16 straight wins by taking the \$1.05 million Arlington Citation Challenge. A win in the Pacific Classic, to be held in San Diego, would make Cigar the first North American horse this century to win 17 straight.

With Cigar sitting out the Saratoga meet, Wednesday's workout was a last chance for New York racing fans to see the super horse in person before he heads West. The fan interest was reminiscent of the thousands who showed up to see Secretariat work out early one August morning in 1973.

Mott said Cigar was scheduled to fly out of Albany on Thursday morning and arrive at Del Mar in the afternoon. He added Cigar is to return to Saratoga on Sunday and is scheduled to work once more before Labor Day.

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Heat wins national game

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Chrystal Smith hurled a complete game win and hit two doubles to lead West Texas Heat to a 2-1 win over the Mount Pleasant (Mich.) Drillers here Wednesday in the opening round of the under-18 National Class A Softball Tournament. Smith struck out seven and gave up three hits in seven innings. The Heat plays the Southern California Stealth today at 4 p.m.

The Heat opened the scoring when Jessica Moss' sacrifice fly scored Adrian Nobles. It took a 2-0 lead in the fifth inning on a Jennifer Aman single, a Nobles' double and an RBI single by Kim Paschall to score Aman. Jessica Garcia had two of the Heat's 11 hits and Paschall went 3-for-4.

Bennett takes Haverty's

DALLAS — Midland's Brent Bennett defeated Jeffery Edleman of Irving in the first round of a sudden death playoff Wednesday to win the North Texas PGA Tournament of Champions 7-9 age group. Bennett shot an 80 with 40 on both nines. He parred the first hole of the playoff at the Bear Creek golf course while Edleman bogeyed it.

The tournament consisted of junior golfers from across the state that had to place first, second or third in area championships. Bennett won the West Area Championship at Hogan Park last month. He is a mem-

ber of Green Tree Country Club and the son of Don and Brenda Bennett.

Midland's Omar Sanchez and Jason Lindgren competed in the 12-13 boys division. Sanchez was third with a 162 score and Lindgren fourth with a 163. Odessa's Stacey Lasater shot a 135 in the 10-11 girls division and Brad Gibson of Andrews shot 167 among boys 14-15.

MC team 2nd in Plano

PLANO — The Midland College 4.0 men's team of Jeff Daly, Robert Jackson, Charlie Hopkins, David Whiteside, Greg Wright, Chad Shaw, Jay Edwards, Dave Duncan, Don Jones, Harold Moss, Bill Patterson and Leo Proctor took second place in the USTA League Sectionals last weekend. The team placed behind the Corpus Christi squad 3-2 at the High Point Tennis Center north of Dallas.

Tinney-Drake Spree tourney

Liz Tinney and Ann Drake shot 70 to win the Green Tree Country Club Spree Golf Tournament's first flight gross. Jo Dickson and Mary Robinson were second with a 71.

Results from the Spree Golf Tournament: First flight-Gross: 1. Liz Tinney-Ann Drake 70, 2. Jo Dickson-Mary Robinson 71. Net: 1. LaNeil Guller-Nita Horton 62, 2. Jennie McVain-Patty Slotz 64. Second flight-Gross: 1. J. Johnson-Krista Turner 75, 2. Dorothy Moring-Georganne McCaughy 81. Net: 1. Linda Campbell-Patsy McRoy 58, 2. Hazel Harbert-Mary R. Robertson 64. Third flight-Gross: 1. Liz Hughes-Terry Mearns 81, 2. Carol Whitsett-Susan Ohtenberg 83. Net: 1. Carol Pitts-Dee Hines 58, 2. Betty Williams-Bernice Varner 64. Fourth flight-Gross: 1. Karen Sanford-Midge Carson, 2. Yvonne Fortner-Ann Brooks 86. Net: 1. Jean Banks-Mary Alice Knox 61, 2. Susan Taylor-Sherrin Evans 64.

Dallas signs ex-Star Keczmer

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dan Keczmer, who grew up with Dallas center Mike Modano and broke into the NHL with the Stars in 1990-91, rejoined his old friend and old team

Wednesday. Dallas signed Keczmer, a defenseman, to a one-year contract. Terms were not disclosed.

Keczmer, 28, played 13 games for the Calgary Flames last year, went to Saint John of the American Hockey League, then was traded to New Jersey. The Devils assigned him to Albany in the AHL.

Keczmer, a 10th-round pick by the Stars in 1986, has seven goals, 29 assists and 118 penalty minutes in 143 career NHL games. As a rookie with the Stars, he had one assist in nine games.

Keczmer and Modano, who recently also signed a one-year deal with Dallas, were youth hockey teammates while growing up in Detroit.

Courtball back with Canucks VANCOUVER — The Vancouver Canucks restocked their roster for the upcoming NHL season the easy way on Wednesday, re-signing former Dallas Star veteran Russ Courtball and three other players.

And if their fans aren't smiling, their bankers likely are.

Courtball, Mike Sillinger, Markus Naslund and Jassen Culimore — all Group 2 free agents — each agreed to the minimum amount Vancouver was required to offer before July 1 if it wanted to keep them.

The Canucks withheld terms of the agreements. But sources said Courtball's one-year deal was worth \$1.485 million, the same amount he made last season.

Sillinger will receive just a \$40,000 raise, to \$440,000. Naslund will get \$660,000, and Culimore \$248,000.

All are one-year contracts and all but Courtball's represent the minimum 10 percent raise the Canucks were required to offer under the NHL's collective agreement with the players.

Courtball, 31, represents the most significant signing. A native of Duncan, B.C., he has been a crowd favorite since Vancouver

acquired him from the Dallas Stars late in the 1994-95 season. In 12 NHL campaigns, he has scored 268 goals and assisted on 404.

However, the speedy winger has been less effective recently against bigger, stronger opponents. His 26 goals and 39 assists last year were good for fourth on the team, though slightly below his best years with the Montreal Canadiens, Toronto Maple Leafs and Dallas.

Re-signing Courtball and Naslund could force the Canucks to maintain an emphasis on scoring and playmaking rather than forechecking and defense — a situation general manager Pat Quinn had hoped to change.

With Naslund, Courtball, Alexander Mogilny and returning superstar Pavel Bure, the team boasts plenty of talent on the wings. But Quinn's quests for a dominant center and a big defenseman have not paid off this summer.

The weaknesses were glaring last season as Vancouver finished three games below .500 and bowed out of the first round of the playoffs against Colorado.

Panthers sign Sheppard MIAMI — Ray Sheppard signed a three-year contract with the Florida Panthers, the team said Wednesday.

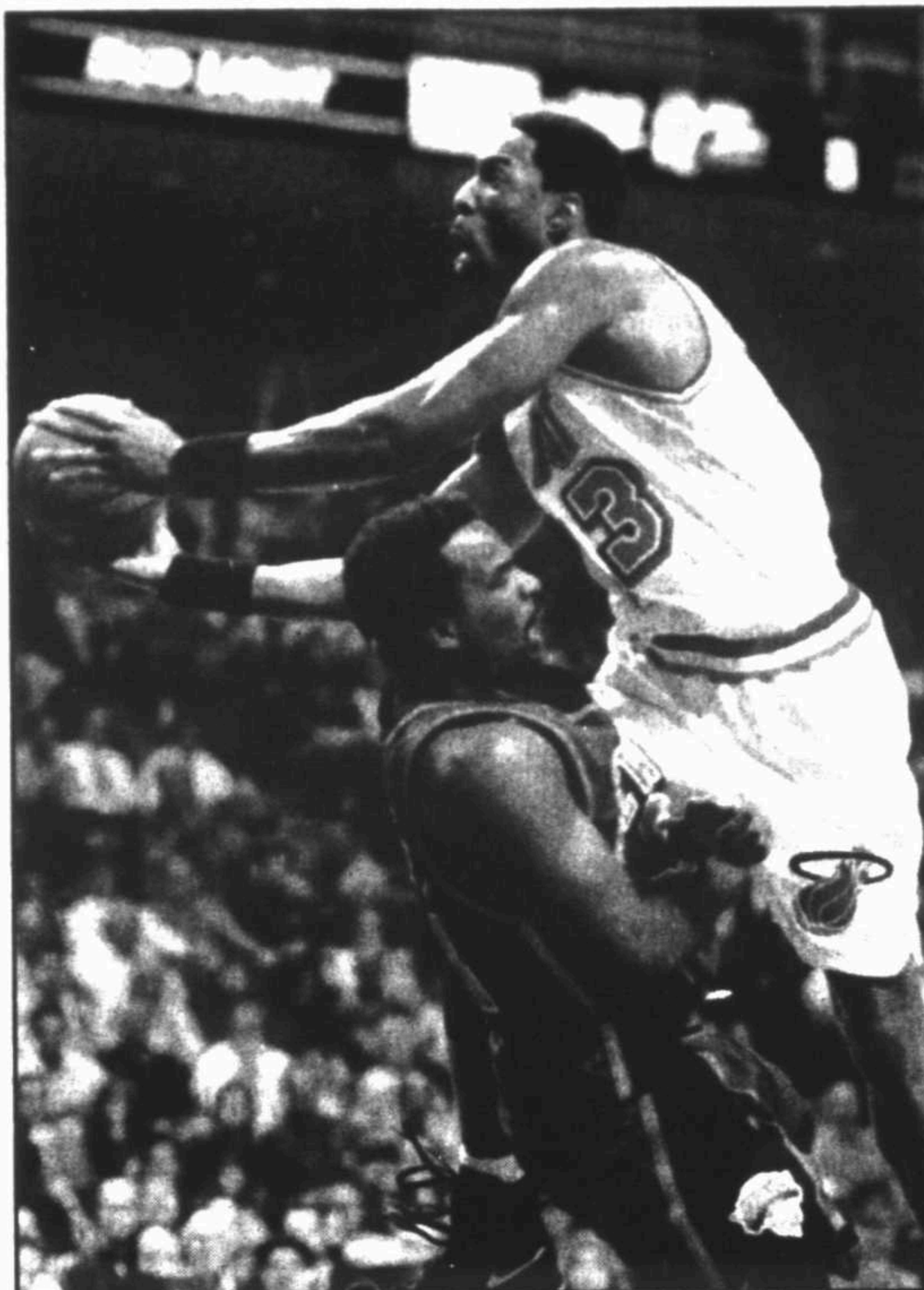
The 30-year-old wing had 37 goals and 23 assists in 70 regular-season games with Detroit, San Jose and Florida in 1995 and 1996.

The Panthers acquired him from San Jose last March 16. Five days later he scored three goals to lead Florida to a 3-2 victory over the New York Islanders. It was the Panthers' first-ever hat trick on home ice and only the second in the team's brief history.

He had eight goals and two assists in 10 regular-season games with Florida. He appeared in 21 of the team's 22 playoff games with eight goals and eight assists.

"I'm real excited about staying with the Panthers," Sheppard said. "We've got a real good team. We came close, and hopefully within the next three years we can get back to the Cup final and win."

Sheppard and Pittsburgh's Jaromir Jagr are the only NHL players who have scored at least 30 goals in each of the last three seasons. Sheppard, entering his ninth season, has 275 goals and 482 points in 557 career games.



The NBA is now looking into Miami's signing of Alonzo Mourning after the fallout concerning the nullification of the offer made to Washington Bullets' forward Juwan Howard, who had signed a \$100 million offer.

NBA, Heat wrangle over recent contracts

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In an increasingly complex legal scenario, Juwan Howard's contract remains in limbo and the NBA is looking into the contracts of three other Miami Heat players, including Alonzo Mourning.

The Heat's contract with Howard already has been voided by the league. Now the NBA is questioning the timing of the Heat's agreement with Mourning and the validity of bonus clauses in the contracts of Tim Hardaway and P.J. Brown.

The league contends the Heat and Mourning agreed to the terms of his seven-year, \$112 million contract long before the deal was announced and, more important, before the team signed Howard.

Under the NBA's salary cap, a team can exceed the limits to sign one of its own free agents, but not to sign a free agent from another team.

"There was what we call an 'undisclosed agreement' with Mourning," said Jeffrey Mishkin, the NBA's chief legal officer. He said "any understanding of any kind, any expression of intent on

the part of the team," would qualify under the league's cap rules as a contract.

Since the Mourning deal was mostly finished, the NBA says, the Heat had no room under the cap to offer Howard seven years and about \$100 million.

Further, the league contends bonuses in the contracts of Brown and Hardaway are likely to be reached, which would make them count toward the cap. Miami had presented the bonus levels as unlikely to be attained.

Meanwhile, the question of whether Howard belongs to the Washington Bullets or the Heat is still undecided. With the NBA's permission, the forward resigned with the Bullets on Monday.

The Heat last Friday got a temporary injunction from a Florida judge preventing Howard from signing with anyone until an arbitrator rules on the validity of his contract. However, it was reported Wednesday that the Heat were considering renouncing their claim to Howard.

NBA spokesman Chris Brienza said the situation likely would remain unclear until either the NBA and Heat reach an agreement or the arbitrator makes a ruling.

Otis now Detroit's man for next three years

By Harry Atkins
AP Sports Writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Otis Thorpe knew it was strictly business that the Detroit Pistons made him wait. It turned out, however, to be very good business for the 12-year veteran.

Thorpe agreed to a three-year contract Wednesday believed to be worth between \$15 million and \$20 million.

The Pistons had to make Thorpe wait because of NBA salary cap considerations. However, the club made sure Thorpe knew he was wanted.

"The main thing is that you want to be around people who want to do better," Thorpe said. "Don't get me wrong. You want to win, but it's a business, too."

The wait was hard on both sides, said Pistons coach Doug Collins, who led Detroit to a playoff berth in his first season. The Pistons, burned when Allan Houston signed as a free agent with the New York Knicks, knew they risked losing Thorpe, as well.

"Oh, sure. You always worry about losing players," Collins said. "Otis is a respected name around this league. There were a lot of teams. You think Miami wasn't ringing O.T.'s phone off the hook after the Juwan Howard thing? But I think Otis liked Detroit. He liked the people here."

Thorpe, who turned 34 Monday, also hinted he was tired of moving. He was acquired by Detroit from the Portland Trail Blazers for Bill Curley and the rights to Randolph Childress last September.

The 6-foot-10 forward from Providence was drafted by the Kansas City Kings in the first round in 1984. Thorpe played four seasons for the Kings, both in Kansas City and Sacramento, before being traded to Houston. He helped the Rockets win the NBA championship in 1994, but was traded to Portland 36 games into the next season.

"It's all part of the business," Thorpe said. "I'm just happy to be back here. I want to be part of a winner. It made me feel comfortable, talking to the coaches, knowing they wanted me back here."

David Benoit joins Nets EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Finding a replacement for P.J. Brown at small forward wasn't difficult or costly for the New Jersey Nets.

The Nets signed free-agent forward David Benoit on Wednesday to a one-year contract reportedly worth \$500,000.

"David is not the end-all with us, but he's going to come in and add," Nets coach John Calipari said during a news conference.

Calipari hopes Benoit, who played five seasons with Utah, would help the Nets with perimeter shooting, defense and rebounding. Brown signed with the Miami

Free Agent Signings

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Dikembe Mutombo, c (Denver); Steve Smith, g (Donnie Boyce, g).

BOSTON — Frank Brickowski, c (Seattle); Greg Minor, g (Alton Lister, c).

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan, g; Dennis Rodman, f.

DALLAS — Chris Gatling, f (Miami); Derek Harper, g (New York).

DETROIT — Michael Curry, g; Don Reid, c; Rick Mahorn, f (New Jersey).

DENVER — Dale Ellis, g; Ervin Johnson, c (Seattle); Bryant Stith, g.

GOLDEN STATE — Mark Price, g (Washington); Latrell Sprewell, g.

HOUSTON — Brent Price, g (Washington).

INDIANA — Dale Davis, f; Antonio Davis, f; Fred Holberg, g.

L.A. LAKERS — Sean Rooks, c (Atlanta); Shaquille O'Neal, c (Orlando); Elden Campbell, f-c.

MIAMI — P.J. Brown, f (New Jersey).

MILWAUKEE — Armon Gilliam, f (New Jersey).

NEW JERSEY — Robert Pack, g (Washington).

NEW YORK — Chris Childs, g (New Jersey); Allan Houston, g (Detroit); Buck Williams, f (Portland).

ORLANDO — Horace Grant, f; Gerald Wilkins, g (Vancouver).

PHILADELPHIA — Don MacLean, f (Denver); Lucious Harris, g (Dallas).

PHOENIX — John Coker, c.

PORTLAND — Kenny Anderson, g (Charlotte); Donte Wingfield, f.

SEATTLE — Gary Payton, g; Sam Perkins, f; Hersey Hawkins, g; Steve Scheffler, c; Jim McIlvaine, c (Washington); Craig Ehlo, g (Atlanta).

UTAH — Howard Easley, g; Glen Foster, f-c.

WASHINGTON — Tracy Murray, g (Toronto); Chris Whitney, g; Lorenzo Williams, c (Dallas).

VANCOUVER — Lee Mayberry, g (Milwaukee).

Heat as a free agent.

The Nets are an ideal situation for talented players to showcase their skills, Calipari said. Instead of having to fight for playing time behind a roster full of stars, these players will be asked to contribute immediately, Calipari said.

That was one of the reasons Benoit chose to sign with the Nets, the forward said.

With the Nets, he will be given a lot of playing time, will likely be a starter and will be relied on to score.

Benoit, who made \$1.2 million last year, took a huge salary cut to play with the Nets, gambling he would be able to prove he's worth much more money when his contract expires at the end of the season.



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Prices rebound

NEW YORK — Gasoline futures prices rose Wednesday along with crude oil on concerns that the start of limited Iraqi oil sales after long-awaited U.S. approval would be delayed by some unresolved details.

September unleaded gasoline rose 0.77 cent to 62 cents a gallon on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

West Texas Intermediate for delivery next month rose 29 cents to \$21.42 per barrel. Local crude purchasers raised their posted price 25 cents to \$19.75.

The United States removed the last major obstacle Wednesday to limited Iraqi oil sales by agreeing to U.N. procedures for monitoring the agreement. The United States had been the only member of the 15-nation Iraq sanctions committee that did not support the procedures.

U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright, however, said a few technical details remained to be resolved.

Oil prices fell initially on news of the U.S. approval. But they came back as concerns grew that the oil sales would not start immediately. Also, there was some technically driven buying after the early decline.

The rise in prices was also linked to an American Petroleum Institute report late Tuesday that U.S. gasoline stockpiles fell 1.43 million barrels last week. Demand also rose, increasing to 8.2 million barrels per day from last week's 7.9-million-barrel consumption, the API said.

Natural gas prices were lower, with contracts for delivery in September settling at \$2.091 per 1,000 cubic feet, down 3.3 cents.

Dollar strengthens

NEW YORK — The dollar rose sharply against the yen Wednesday after a top Japanese finance ministry official suggested the U.S. currency should remain strong and Japan's interest rates won't increase anytime soon.

The dollar also strengthened against most other major currencies, but its advance against the mark was limited by nervous investors selling French francs for marks, traders said.

In New York, the dollar traded at 1.4848 marks, up from 1.4847 Tuesday. The dollar traded at 107.90 yen, up from 106.79. The British pound cost \$1.5430, up from \$1.5375.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.2092 Swiss francs, up from 1.2073; 5.0805 French francs, up from 5.0555; 1.518 Italian lire, down from 1.519; and 1.3720 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3735.

Stocks above 5700

NEW YORK — Rebounding technology shares helped turn the stock market higher Wednesday, bringing the Dow Jones industrial average to its first close above 5,700 since July's rout.

The Dow industrials rose 22.56 points to 5,718.67, its sixth gain in seven sessions, bringing it within 60 points, or less than 1 percent, of its all-time high at 5,778.00, set May 22.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 1.78 to 664.16, leaving it within 15 points of its record high, and the New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 0.78 to 354.43, less than 10 points from its all-time best.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 13-to-9 margin on the NYSE, where volume totaled 392.47 million shares.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 12.24 to 1,141.11, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index, which is also dominated by technology and smaller-company shares, rose 1.60 to 550.24.

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Survey finds economy slowing by itself

■ Economy slowing on its own without an interest rate hike.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fresh evidence the nation's economy may be slowing on its own — without an interest-rate hike — was revealed Wednesday in a new survey of regional business conditions.

"The economy continued to expand in June and July, though in some areas the pace of growth has moderated since the last report," the survey by the Federal Reserve's 12 regional districts showed.

The findings were consistent with other recent data that the economy continues to grow, although easing from the sizzling pace of last spring.

The Fed survey, conducted before July 30, also found few signs of price pressures, saying the cost of raw materials and finished goods was "essentially flat."

Until recently, many analysts and investors expressed concern that Fed pol-

icy makers would boost short-term interest rates soon, possibly at their Aug. 20 meeting, to keep the economy from overheating and inflation from boiling over.

But the latest data conforms with an economy cooling itself without the help of higher interest rates.

And while some fear a tight job market could boost the cost of goods and services, the Fed survey found that so far "wage pressures remained subdued."

The survey, known as the beige book, will be used by the Federal Open Market Committee at its mid-August meeting to consider monetary policy. The panel is composed of the seven Fed governors and presidents of the 12 regional banks.

"Retail sales softened in most districts, though sales were generally up from a year ago," the survey found. Retail sales represents about one-third of the nation's economic activity.

"Demand for non-auto big-ticket durables — such as home furnishings, appliances and electronic — was particularly soft" in the New York, Philadel-

phia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago and Kansas City districts. "Auto sales were mixed."

Another Fed report Wednesday showed that consumers increased their use of credit to finance many of their purchases.

Consumer installment debt rose 8.7 percent at an annual rate in June, the largest increase since it jumped 10.4 percent last March. The \$8.3 billion gain boosted total credit to \$1.15 trillion.

Growth in auto loans shot up 17.6 percent, more than four times the 3.9 percent gain in May. But revolving credit, which includes credit cards, increased just 7.6 percent, down from 15.6 percent a month earlier.

Consumer credit includes all household debt not secured by real estate. Many analysts believe the high level of debt is partially behind the slowdown in economic activity.

The beige book survey said manufacturing continued to expand and housing markets remained "fairly strong" in

most districts.

"Commercial real estate continued to firm in almost all districts," with tight markets and declining vacancy rates in Boston, New York, Richmond, Chicago, Minneapolis, Dallas and San Francisco.

The survey found increased demand for commercial and industrial loans, but softer demand for consumer and mortgage loans.

The survey also found brisk tourism activity, especially on the East and West Coasts.

"The Olympics have clearly attracted large numbers of tourists to the Atlanta area," it said, but other parts of the district also benefited. "Large numbers" of Atlanta residents reportedly visited Florida during the games, it explained.

The report said crop conditions were mixed but generally improved since the last survey in mid-June. However, it said late plantings in the Midwest raised the potential for early frost damage.

"Labor markets remain tight, but there has been no widespread increase in wage pressures," it found.

McDermott may be facing restructuring

■ Analysts say CEO's retirement may signal major restructuring at manufacturing giant.

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The retirement of Robert Howson as head of McDermott International Inc. may be the first step in a major restructuring, analysts say.

In the face of rising costs, profits for the New Orleans-based company are considered by analysts to be weak. Howson's departure could signal a coming breakup of the company's diverse business holdings and perhaps job cuts, analysts said.

After Howson's retirement was announced Tuesday, James Dutt, 71, a McDermott director, was named interim chairman and chief executive to preside over a sweeping review of the energy services company's future.

Dutt, a former chairman of food and consumer goods giant Beatrice Cos., now is chairman of Straxx Ltd., a management consulting firm in Charlotte, N.C.

The biggest problem Dutt faces is "a general corporate flabbiness. McDermott has never really gotten its cost structure in line as did the rest of (American) industry," said analyst Arvind Sanger of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette in New York.

The company has more than 13,000 employees worldwide, including 3,500 in Morgan City who build offshore petroleum platforms and ships.

In addition to job reductions, another possibility would be a split-off of J. Ray McDermott S.A., the world's largest offshore-oil platform builder, of which McDermott owns 61 percent.

"All issues about the direction of the company are on the table," said analyst Allen Brooks of Howard, Weil, Labouisse, Friedrichs Inc. in Houston.

At Beatrice, Dutt established a reputation for attacking weak performers among Beatrice's 9,000 products, which ranged from La Choy foods to Playtex bras to STP oil treatment. He also liked big moves, and was forced out after the debt-laden, \$2.7 billion acquisition of Esmark Inc.

McDermott owns a diverse array of businesses, including the Babcock & Wilcox group that makes such things as electric-power plants and fuel for nuclear submarines.

After losses in its 1993 and 1994 fiscal years, McDermott's net income had recovered a bit. The company had \$3.28 billion in revenue for its 1996 fiscal year and net income of \$12.4 million.

But for the first quarter of the 1997 fiscal year, which ended June 30, McDermott lost \$9.9 million, or 18 cents per share, on revenue of about \$870 million.

Bottom-line profits have failed to cover the \$1-a-share annual dividend for the past four years. McDermott lost 18 cents a share during its latest quarter. But McDermott's board went ahead Tuesday and declared a regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents a share.



The new Sonic Drive-In on Midland Drive south of Loop 250 will be open for business on August 27. After hitting a lull, development resumes along Loop 250, primarily by small to medium-sized businesses, many locally owned.

Development continues along Loop

■ Businesses scouting Loop 250 now are small to medium-sized and many are local rather than national.

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

Despite the influx of big box stores on Loop 250 in the last couple of years followed by a lull along Midland's fastest developing roadway, business opportunities have not yet been exhausted.

"I think we're still going to see some steady growth the rest of the year and next year," Mayor Bobby Burns predicted.

Burns, who has helped attract several of the businesses on the loop, said he knows of between a dozen and 20 businesses scouting the loop for a home currently.

These days, more of the businesses eying the loop are for small to medium size stores rather than the big boxes and many are local rather than national, the mayor said.

In the near future, several eateries are breaking ground or making plans to do so along the loop.

Plans are in the works to build an International House of Pancakes (IHOP) restaurant off Loop 250 at Whitmore Drive.

A public hearing on a request to approve a site plan for the restau-

rant is scheduled before the City Council next Tuesday. If all goes according to schedule, the 168-capacity restaurant will be serving up food by early November, a company official said.

A Sonic Drive-In, being built just north of Target on Midland Drive near the loop is expected to be completed this month. The fast-food eatery will have 33 parking stalls.

On the north side of the loop at Midland Drive, a TCBY Yogurt is slated to go up just east of Hollywood Video, which opened in late June.

There's also plans to build a Ruby Tuesdays restaurant between Outback Steakhouse and Office Depot and a Chevron/McDonald's at the northeast corner of Wadley Avenue and Loop 250.

These future restaurants follow a steady stream that has popped along the loop in the last couple of years.

Recently that has included — in late spring — two Mexican restaurants: On the Border at 4306 W. Loop 250 N. and Ninfa's in the Mission Square shopping center at Big Spring Street.

Aside from Midlanders' love to eat out, businesses are also banking on shoppers taste for merchandise.

Stein Mart, a 38,000-square foot department store, is planned to open next to Albertson's at Midkiff Road and include expansion of the existing building. Stein Mart — a cross

between a "better department store" and "an off-price retailer" according to a company spokeswoman — sells men, women and children's clothing, linens and gifts.

The Jacksonville, Fla.-based company has 109 stores from Virginia to Arizona and the Midwest with 20 stores in Texas. An opening date was unavailable from company officials but may be late this year or next year.

At Midland Park Mall, the much-anticipated The Gap opened last month and the Gap Kids opened in May. And on Sept. 20, The Disney Store will open and that same month, Trade Secrets (hair-care products and hair styling) will open.

Shoppers at the mall can also look forward to a Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works coming in the year's fourth quarter.

And there's more to the loop than retail stores and restaurants.

Dallas-based Hollywood Theaters has broken ground west of Midland Drive with the 14-screen theater anticipated to open by Thanksgiving.

And a Fairfield Inn — a two-story, 71-unit hotel — is expected to be constructed this year behind Talbots, Denny's and Outback Steakhouse at Garfield Street and Loop 250.

In May, Putt-Putt Golf & Games opened at 3415 N. Loop 250 W. featuring miniature golf, batting cages, go-carts, video games and concessions.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Real estate, stocks, small business good for thrifty

By Eric Tyson

Q: I am 26 years old. Unlike many of my peers, I don't have difficulty saving money, because I'm thrifty. What's the best way for me to invest my money to make it grow?

A: You're right! Many people your age and some who are older don't save money because they overspend, misuse credit cards, take out auto loans and live beyond their means.

Like brushing your teeth or eating healthfully, good saving habits are begun at a young age.

I think the three best investment options to make your money grow are stocks, real estate and small business. People of all economic means and

backgrounds can choose wise investments in the three areas and make double-digit annual returns.

The best way to invest in stocks is through a tax-sheltered retirement account, in which your contributions grow without tax. With no-load mutual funds, you can invest in stocks around the world.

The best place to start investing in real estate is in your own home. After all, you'll always need a roof over your head! If you expect to move within the next few years, however, you're probably better off waiting to buy a home. Because of the costs of buying and selling a home, it usually is not worth it to buy one for such a short time.

Buying rental property can prove to be a good investment as well. But I'd want to get involved in that only after you've first had a chance to get real estate experience with your own home. Finally, you might consider investing

in a small business — which requires the most time but can yield the greatest rewards. If you have an idea you've always wanted to do, you could start your own business, or you could buy an existing business.

Q: I am 72 years old and a retired federal employee. Before working for the federal government, I paid a little — \$628 to be exact — into Social Security.

When I contacted Social Security, I was told that I needed more credits to collect benefits. Can I collect any benefits at all, and if not, do I have any alternatives?

A: To qualify for Social Security coverage, you need to earn 40 quarters of work credits. Translated from bureaucratic government speak, that means you must pay into the system for about 10 years.

In times past, quarters of credit actually were based on calendar quar-

ters. Today your credits are based on yearly income; an income of \$2,500 or more in a year earns you four full quarters of credit.

Whether you want to talk years or credits, you are a long way from being eligible for Social Security benefits. Forget about it.

Appreciate your federal pension plan, which is a lot better than Social Security, and enjoy your retirement.

If you need supplemental income during retirement, simply work a little more.

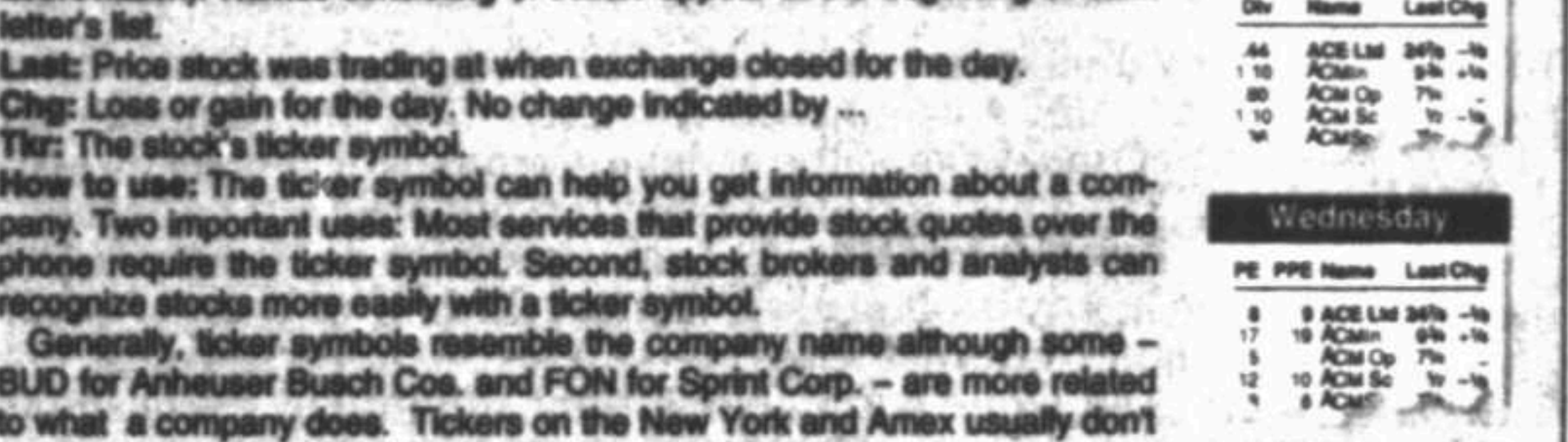
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364.98	291.26	Russell 2000	327.55	+2.25	+6.9	3.98	+9.35
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Noest/LI	12%	—	PEG	PSEG	27%	+1%	SWX	SwiGas	16%	+1%	UMG	USWM n	16%
NoSpay	45%	-1%	PSA	PuSStrg	22	+1%	SWR	SwiGas	32%	+1%	UW	USFA Waste	27%
No/Tel	49%	-3%	PSD	PugetP pl	25	—	TRK	Speedit	26	—	FG	USFG	16%
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Norway	89%	+7	PGM	PIGIT	7%	---	USG	USG	27%
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Nucor	49%	+1	PMI	PMIT	8%	---	MRO	USX/MS	20%
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NWC	15%	+1	PPT	PPHT	7%	+	ULR	Ultram	26%
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NvNuMo	9%	+1e	RN	RJRNAb	32%	+1e	STX	StrCh	11%	+1e	UEP	UnEac	37%
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OcciDpt	16%	-1e	RLE	ReliaStar	44%	+1/2	SII	SunIntH+n	1	+1/2	USI	US Inds	u24
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Oymrn	43%	+%	RLM	ReyMtl	51%	-1%	SFY	SwthEng	18%	-1%	UHS	Unvrit	26%
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OrbEng	8%	+%	RHD	RitaH	32%	+%	SYV	Sysco	30	-1%	USH	USLFE	30%

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Pancenergy	32%	1%	SK	Solom	5%
Pancif	16%	1%	SPC	Safesoft	52%
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Pancop	25%	1%	SBG	Safesoft	8%
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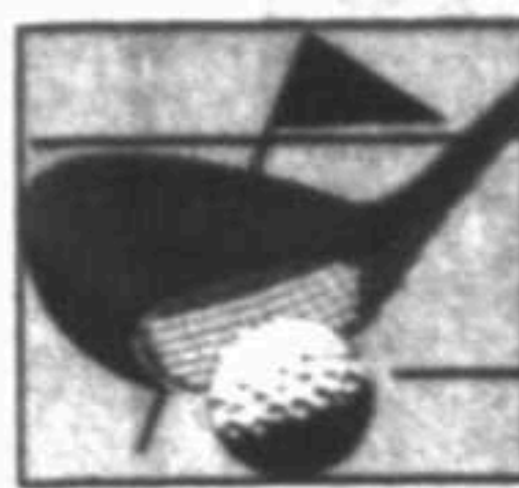
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Olazabal hopeful about comeback

By Stephen Wade
Associated Press Writer



LONDON — Former Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal, his career endangered by rheumatoid arthritis in his feet, is more optimistic about his return to competitive golf than at any time since the ailment struck.

"He's playing 18 holes on alternate days, practicing almost every day and walking normally without any limp," his manager, Sergio Gomez, said in an interview Wednesday from San Sebastian, Spain.

"To return to the top competitive level of golf, that's not quite good enough yet — that's what he feels," Gomez said. "But the improvement in the last three months is tremendous, and he's striking the ball beautifully."

The 30-year-old Spaniard hasn't played competitive golf since last September in the Lancome Trophy matches. A few days after that, the arthritis forced Olazabal to withdraw from Europe's Ryder Cup team.

The problem first flared up late in 1994. Early in 1995, Olazabal had an operation to shorten the big toe on his right foot. That was followed by worsening arthritis in both feet, making it painful for him to walk even short distances.

The arthritis could not be blamed on the surgery, which Gomez said "went perfectly."

Olazabal had treatment from the

Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., but seems to have been helped most in recent months by dietetic and homeopathic treatments, Gomez said.

Three or four times this year rumors of his return have been followed by his withdrawal from events. In that light, Gomez is now shy about making any predictions.

"This could be a blank year, or Jose Maria could return in early autumn," Gomez said. "I can't say the Lancome (Sept. 12-15) is a target. It could come a couple of weeks later."

"He could be out of Europe all season and come back in Japan. At the moment, nothing is fixed. With the four majors gone, he feels like the season is basically over."

Olazabal has declined interviews, preferring to speak through his manager. Gomez said his client was playing his golf on courses near his home in northern Spain, swimming an hour daily and in good spirits.

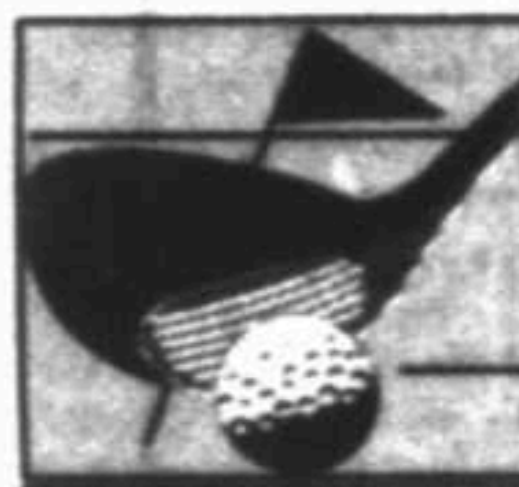
"He's had to keep me encouraged — he's been more positive than me," Gomez said. "The only time he gets angry is when he watches one of the majors on television and knows he should be there."

Ask if this would be a difficult week with the PGA starting Thursday in Louisville, Ky., Gomez agreed it would be.

"Jose Maria will be zapping from channel to channel watching the golf and being very frustrated," Gomez said. "He's accepted missing the weekly events, but missing the big ones is very hard."

Invitation is icing on the cake for Kerrigan

By Tyler Kepner
c.1996 The Boston Globe



CANTON, Mass. — Her last name is Kerrigan, she has "Professional Figure Skating Instructor" on her resume and she's from Massachusetts.

So first things first: Is Pam Kerrigan, who is playing with a sponsor's exemption in the LPGA Ping-Welch's tournament at Blue Hill CC this week, any relation to Nancy?

The Franklin, Mass. native laughs.

"I don't like to admit it, but it's very, very distant," she says. "Remote. I really don't acknowledge it. I don't hang out with her or anything."

Kerrigan will have plenty of closer relatives to hang with this week. The 31-year-old still considers Franklin home, though she spends most of the year far from the Bay State on the mini-tour. A five-year professional, she has yet to earn her Tour card and will be playing in her first LPGA event starting Thursday.

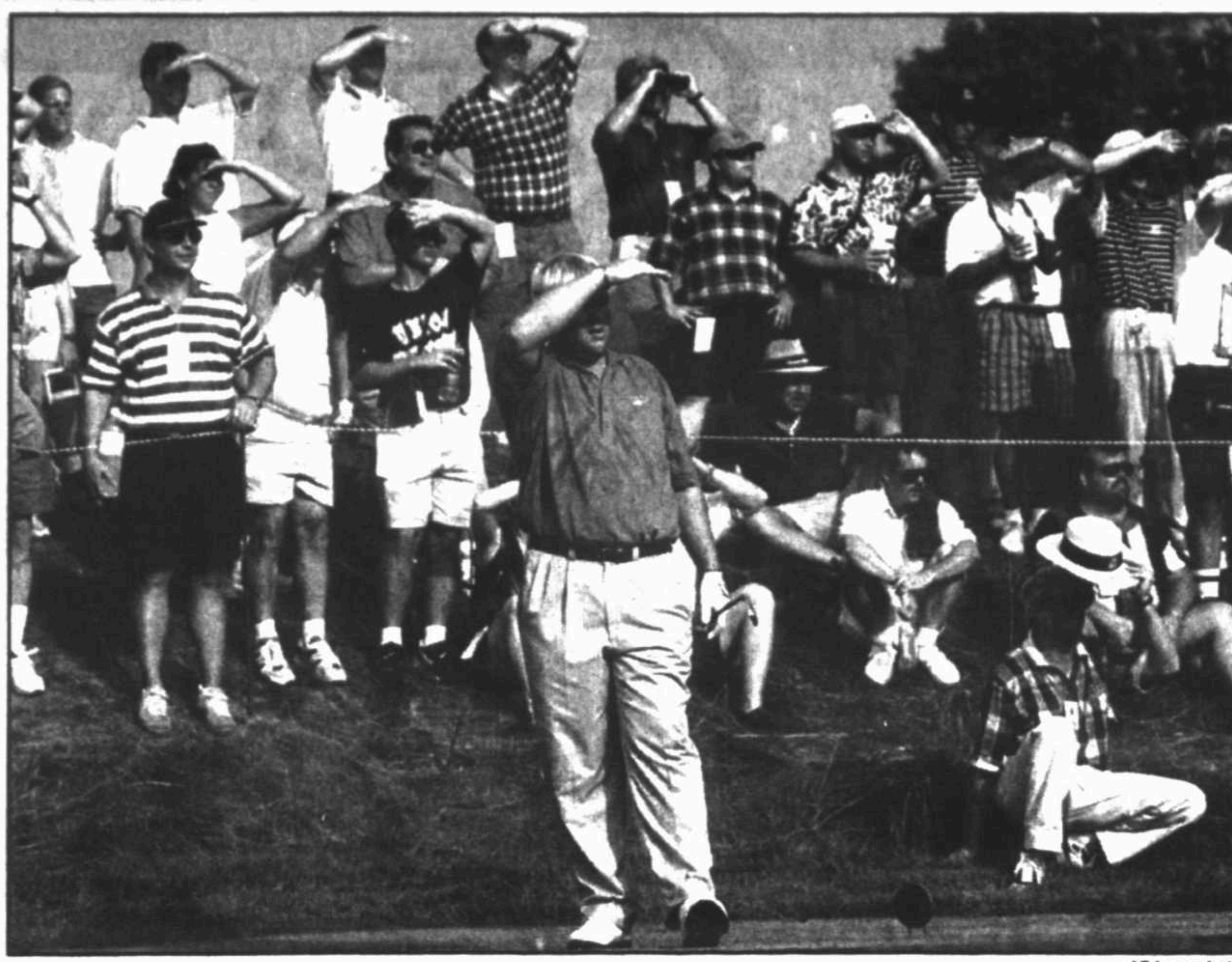
"I didn't find out until two or three weeks ago," Kerrigan says. "I never had asked for (an exemption) before, even though I've been playing mini-tours for years now. I wanted to wait until I felt like I was ready. So I sent a letter and a packet of information about me to Welch's."

On one page in that packet, Kerrigan included this quote: "Opportunity rarely knocks on your door. Knock rather than opportunity's door if you ardently wish to enter."

Safe to say, Kerrigan ardently wished to enter the Ping-Welch's field. She's played the Futures Tour for five years and is currently playing the Golden Bear Tour in Florida. For the past two years, she's spent time on the Ladies Asian Golf Circuit. The time — and location — were right for her LPGA debut.

"I know pretty much everybody who plays mini-tour, and being from the area, I know there aren't many from Massachusetts," Kerrigan says. "So I thought, from that standpoint, I had a decent chance."

Kerrigan next tries for her Tour card at Qualifying School in November. It will be her fourth attempt.



A crowd gathers to watch John Daly drive off the No. 8 tee at Valhalla Country Club during Wednesday's practice round for the PGA Championship which begins today.

Ali delights PGA crowd, Nicklaus

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press Writer



LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Muhammad Ali greeted Jack Nicklaus near the ninth green at Valhalla during Wednesday's practice round for the PGA Championship on Wednesday.

Nicklaus parred the hole, then shook hands with the former heavyweight champion and Louisville native in front of a crowd of several hundred.

"We're not going to have to fight, are we?" Nicklaus asked as he approached Ali.

Ali, who lit the Olympic flame for the recently completed Atlanta Games, showed Nicklaus the gold medal he was given to replace the one he won in the 1960 Olympics. Nicklaus put the medal around Ali's neck and the two posed for pictures.

Ali, his hands trembling from Parkinson's Syndrome, walked slowly back to a golf cart after meeting Nicklaus and rode off to the cheers of the fans. Nicklaus said the champ touched his cheek in greeting, but said nothing.

CROWD PLEASERS: John Daly and Fuzzy Zoeller drew about 2,000 spectators as they played together in a practice round for the PGA Championship, which begins Thursday.

Daly and Zoeller traded verbal jabs throughout the day and with playing partners Patrick Burke and Mike Burke Jr.

On the 18th tee, a fan asked Daly if he thought Zoeller had a chance to win the PGA this week.

"Sure, he's got a good chance. But he's only got six years before he's on the senior tour," Daly said loudly enough for Zoeller to hear. "What are you talking about? The senior tour? I'm not there yet,

Piggy," the 44-year-old Zoeller said.

"I just hope I live to be your age," Daly said.

DALY DOSE: A Boy Scout asked John Daly for an autograph on the 14th hole at Valhalla during a PGA Championship practice round Wednesday morning.

Daly told the boy to come under the ropes lining the fairway and then signed a baseball cap the boy gave him. Daly then asked the boy if he might consider exchanging his autograph for a box of cookies.

"Especially if you've got any of those mint chocolate ones," Daly said.

The boy shook his head and ran back under the ropes.

"I thought all of those kids sold cookies. I'm starving," Daly said.

PURSE SNATCHING: The purse for the 1996 PGA is an event-record \$2.4 million.

The purse for last year's PGA Championship at Riviera Country Club was \$2 million.

The winner of this year's PGA Championship at Valhalla will take home \$430,000. Last year, Steve Elkington collected \$360,000. Golfers not making the 36-hole cut will take home \$1,300 each.

TV LAND: The PGA Championship is one of the most extensively televised golf tournaments, with 26 hours of coverage on TBS and CBS, and the signal is beamed to 125 countries.

More than 1,000 members of the media are providing the coverage from Valhalla, including more than 400 television journalists, cameramen, producers and technicians.

The tournament made its television debut when it switched from match play to stroke play in 1958. That year, CBS aired about one hour of the final round of the tournament from Llanerch Country

Club in Havertown, Pa.

FAREWELL: CBS Sports producer-director Frank Chirkinian was awarded the eighth PGA of America Distinguished Service Award.

Chirkinian, 70, has been the coordinating producer for CBS Sports' golf telecasts since 1958.

Chirkinian is credited with many innovations for televised golf, including placing cameras on towers, putting microphones on tee boxes, editing and condensing tournament coverage and instituting the scoring system of listing players' scores by strokes over or under par.

THREATENING SKIES?: Conditions were expected to be hot and muggy with a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms for the opening round of the PGA Championship.

Temperatures hovered in the mid-90s during the final practice day Wednesday. High humidity made the heat feel more like 100.

Thirteen spectators were treated for heat-related problems Wednesday, making it 37 for the week. Two spectators were hospitalized with heart attacks.

NUMBERS GAME: In golf's game of numbers, Tom Watson's stand up against those of almost anyone. Five British Open titles. Two Masters championships. A U.S. Open title. Forty-one tournament victories. Five times the leading money winner on the PGA tour. Six times PGA player of the year. A three-time winner of the Vardon Trophy as the low scoring leader on tour. First player to earn more than \$500,000 in a season.

The number he wants most this week at Valhalla Golf Club is his ninth major title. He would join Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus as the only winners of the four major titles — the Grand Slam.

Heat taking advantage of golfers

By Doug Ferguson
AP Sports Writer



LOUISVILLE, Ky. — As Steve Elkington trudged up the fairway Wednesday during his last practice round before the PGA Championship, more than half of his gray shirt was streaked by dark stains of sweat.

It wasn't even 10 a.m., and he had only played one hole.

Colin Montgomerie, who found out about American summers the hard way at Oakmont two years ago, brought gloves an extra size large for when his hands swell in the oppressive heat, light-colored shirts and wide-brimmed hats to fight "heat headaches."

"You've heard about a two-club wind? It's a three-glove heat at Valhalla Golf Club."

"You take a glove out, you warm up with it and you take that off and you tie it in your bag and you let it dry out," Tom Watson said. "And then you go to your second glove and you play the first four or five holes with that, and you tie that in the bag."

"And you take a third glove out and when that gets wet, you take the first glove out, which is dried up."

The game's best players are accustomed to hot weather in August, but the steamy, stifling heat at Valhalla already has caused a stir among them. On Tuesday, two people in the gallery suffered heart attacks, neither of them fatal.

"Even the players who didn't grow up in this, the players that grew up in Britain, they've played in enough heat and enough adverse conditions to anticipate what's going to happen," said Texan Tom Kite. "They know they have to take it slow."

It's not just the heat. The Jack Nicklaus-designed course features several long walks from greens to tees over paths cut through shin-high grass, and a steep hill to climb before trying to hit one of the tightest landing areas on No. 17.

"I don't think it's going to favor the younger players," said Elkington, the 33-year-old defending champion. "I think it will favor the guys that are a little bit fitter, maybe a little stronger. I wouldn't like to be carrying a lot of weight around here for four days."

That was Montgomerie's problem at the U.S. Open in 1994, when he weighed 30 pounds more — and wore a black shirt — in huffing and puffing his way to a 78 in a three-way playoff.

"It's times like this that I'm glad for what I did over the winter," the Scotsman said. "Oakmont, I think we all realize, was as bad as anyone could ever imagine. This is getting up there now."

There's a chance of thunderstorms Thursday and Friday, which could be the only relief. If it doesn't rain, the heat of the final two rounds of a major championship figures to make things even worse.

PGA: Lehman a favorite to capture event

(From 1C)

Masters and the U.S. Open before winning the British Open this year.

His growth as a golfer came from the fact that Lehman was able to view each near-win as a learning experience and not a defeat.

"Losing at Oakland hills was more of a stepping stone," he said about his second-place finish behind Steve Jones in the U.S. Open. "I took it as a positive that I had myself in position to win."

Lehman has put himself in position to win so many times because he's been a master of the third round, the day when players either position themselves for a chance to win or fall out of contention.

This year, Lehman has shot 68 or lower in 10 of his 15 third rounds — including a 65 in the U.S. Open and

a 64 in the British Open — and was second to Mark O'Meara in third-round average at 68.3.

Jones, who played head-to-head against Lehman in the final round of the U.S. Open, was astounded by Lehman's consistency.

"It's so hard to get in contention for those things," Jones said about major championships. "That's the amazing thing about Lehman the last three years, how many times he's had the chance to win one."

For all his success in the other three majors, Lehman has made the cut only once in three PGA Championships and then only finished 37th.

If ever there is a year for him to finally play well in the PGA, this seems to be it. His consistency has been nothing short of remarkable, finishing in the top-20 in 14 of 17 tournaments in 1996.

He is truly an overnight success 15 years in the making.

"I have hung in there and persevered," Lehman, 37, said. And he knows how to take his success with the same modest grace with which he greeted his frustrations.

"When you have three little kids you get back to reality really quickly," Lehman said. "When I got home I'm dad again, not the British Open champ."

Lehman, like other players, sees the approach shots to the two-tiered greens as the key to the tournament.

"The guy who is really on with

his irons this week will do really well," he said.

"The one guy I probably think of most is Greg Norman," Lehman said about the Australian who is the only player this year to finish in the top-10 in all three major championships. "He hits the ball really high and real soft. He's really tough under these conditions where the course is soft."

Soft used to be a word that could be used to describe Tom Lehman. No more. This guy has been hardened by the heat of major championships. And he's probably not through yet.

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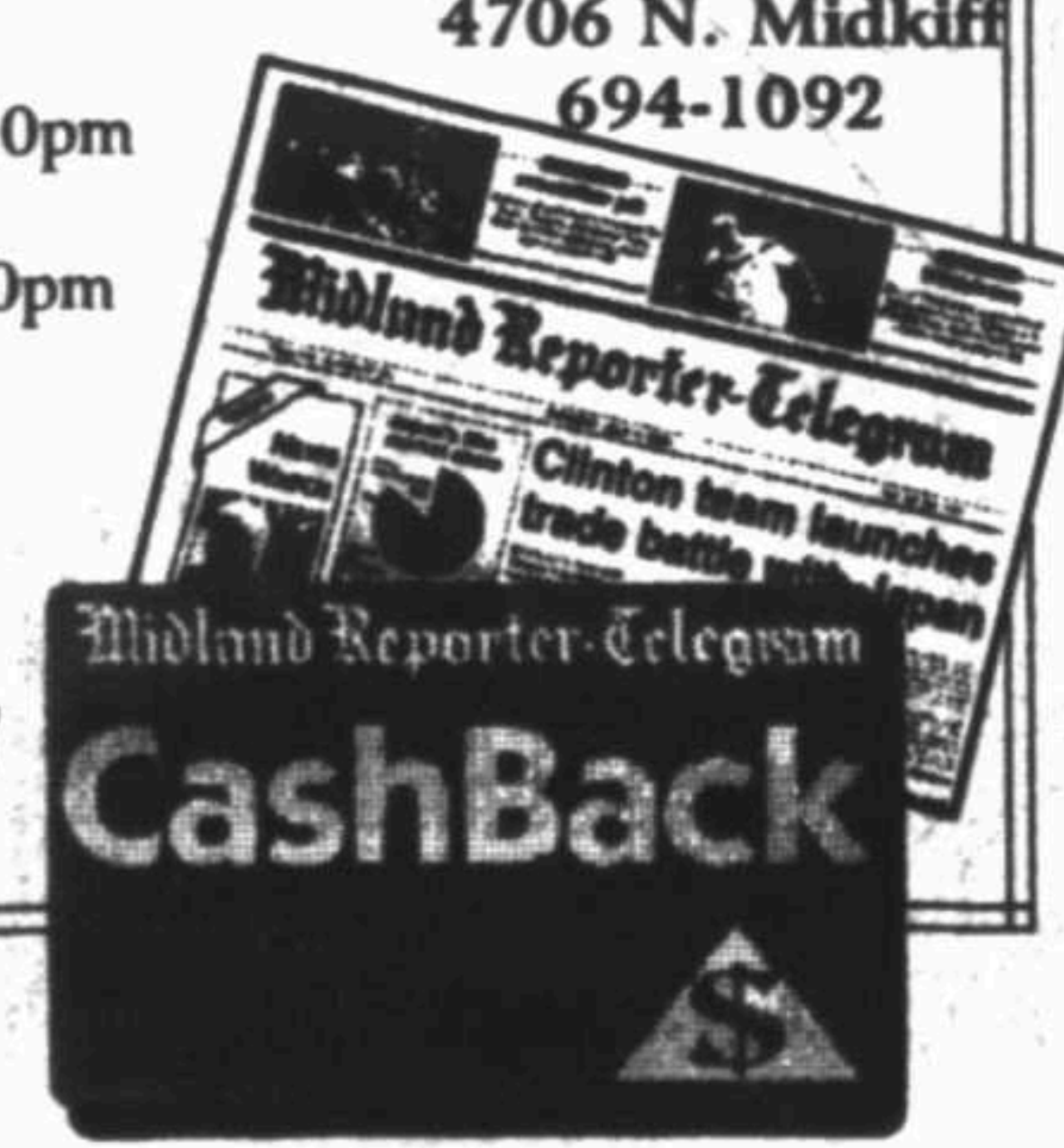
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BY THE LIGHT OF THE SILVERY MOON...

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By Deborah Berge Frost

Busy? Does the pace of life keep you going until the sun goes down leaving you no time to enjoy your garden?

If so, maybe a change is order. While you may not be able to change your hectic schedule, you can alter your garden so it can be enjoyed more in the evening hours.

The evening garden, sometimes referred to as a moon garden, usually features white and other light colored flowers. During the day, the white flowers offer a sense of coolness and refinement; by night, it can be enchanting.

The reason white and light colored plants are selected for evening gardens is that they reflect light — whether it be moonlight or artificial light — making each bloom appear like little lights themselves and therefore easier to see.

White blooms can be an outstanding asset to any garden, adding an elegant quality. White blends and contrasts well with other colors, framing, highlighting and providing a buffer from one color to the next.

White can shimmer and shine in the least bit of light so an evening garden can be enjoyed, regardless of the hour. If you are an early riser, sunrise is an equally beautiful time in the evening garden as the sun's rays reflect off the bloom.

The evening garden can be as interesting as it is beautiful. Many flowers open only during evening hours. Datura, evening primroses and moonflower vine open at the end of the day, and can be quite entertaining to watch the blossoms unfold. Most of these evening opening flowers are pollinated by nocturnal flying moths that feed on the nectar they provide. While there's still some lingering light from the setting sun, hummingbirds can also be seen feeding on some of these flowers, like white flowering *Salvia greggii*.

Another added benefit of the evening garden is the perfumed fragrances released by some of the flowers. The white blooming datura releases wafts of fragrance as soon as they open. Old fashioned flowering tobacco and moonflower vine also release wonderful fragrances at dusk.

A man-made feature that can be added to the evening garden is a pool, pond or fountain. Water reflects light, therefore any water feature will add dimension, as well as possible movement to a garden. Also, the sounds of water have a soothing, restful affect on those within ear shot.

The late day garden can be composed of flowers other than just white. Most any pale colored flower or foliage will show up. Pale pinks, yellows and blues will reflect light and add to the overall scene. Plants with gray, silver or variegated leaves also make a nice addition. Many grasses, once they begin to bloom, have shimmery seed heads that not only catch the light, but move with the slightest breeze adding to the evening scene.

PLANNING THE GARDEN

One of the most important decisions to make concerning a late day garden is the location. Near a patio or seating area appropriate. If there is a pool, pond or fountain already in the garden, that would be a perfect location for an evening garden.

Selecting a focal point is next. This focal point should capture the eye, and be attractive and interesting. It can be a plant, an evening light source or a fountain or pool. Planting a significant mass of light reflecting plants at the base of the feature will enhance the focal point. For instance, a moonflower vine could be planted at the base of a garden lamp and be allowed to climb up the post; or white blooming crepe myrtle might have a half dozen or dozen white petunias planted at the foot of it.

Next, white and light blooming plants and foliage plants can be interspersed throughout the garden and viewing area. Care should be taken to place plants according to their mature height. For example, white alyssum should be an edging plant, dwarf white

flowering tobacco next, Powis Castle artemisia, white flowering garden phlox and a white butterfly bush would all show if planted in this short to tall order.

When arranging plants, it's important to place plants so there is a dark background to show off the contrast of white, light or reflective blooms and leaves. Dark green foliage plants make a great foil to show off these plants.

It's not an absolute necessity, but a strong edge for the border gives a tidy, defined shape. A strong edging can make even a free and informal garden look more attractive. Edging materials could be brick, stone, flag stone, landscape timbers

or cross ties. Well-defined paths lend the same effect. Stepping stones, flag stone, wood, mulch or pecan shells can make the paths.

Attractive seating and perhaps a small table can add an inviting touch to the evening garden. If garden lighting is necessary, choose it carefully so it won't take away from the beauty of the area. Avoid flood lights or other strong light sources. Subtle landscape lighting can be attractive. Garden torches make a beautiful and inexpensive form of lighting for the garden. They can be filled with citronella lamp oil to chase away the mosquitoes.

EVENING PLANTS

Blooming annuals, perennials, vines, shrubs and foliage plants are some of the various categories of plants to choose from. Most of these plants are summer blooming plants. We will start out with the warm season flowering annuals.

Waving gracefully on tall, thin stems are cosmos, one of the most appealing old-fashioned summer annuals. *Cosmos bipinnatus* grow 3 to 5 feet tall, has ferny foliage and daisy like flowers with a yellow center. It is a carefree plant that is easy to grow in full sun. It blooms heaviest from August to first freeze.

Shining beauties and tireless bloomers, the periwinkles — *Catharanthus roseus* — come in the most amazing array of shades including whites and light pinks and is a hot summer wonder. Once established, it blooms non-stop until freeze. It grows best in full sun and can take lots of hot reflected light. A bushy plant that grows about 15 to 20 inches tall with a equal spread has clean, attractive, dark green leaves. A word of warning: periwinkles should be rotated in the landscape to prevent a soil borne fungi from building up and killing the periwinkles.

Rotate on a four year basis, plant in full sun, well drained soil, keep mulched and on the dry side.

once the weather gets hot. These like shade and moist, highly improved soils. Some cultivars to look for are "Candidum" and "White Christmas."

Tough but lovely warm season annuals are the white, light green and pale pink zinnias. *Zinnia elegans* come in lots of sizes and colors, but look for the white and light colored ones. These plants need full sun and well-drained soils. They grow easily from seed. Keep deadheaded for continued blooming until freeze.

A wonderful small zinnia species that can be found in white is *Zinnia angustifolia* which is covered in white flowers on a plant about 12 inches tall.

Petunias are wonderful plants that can be found in many shades of white and light colors. These low growing plants need periodic fertilizing and pinching to keep them blooming well. They actually seem to perform better as a spring and fall plant, but can fair well in summer heat. The old fashioned petunia is especially fragrant and is available in white, as well as other pale shades. For pastel color, the "Chiffon Morn" petunia is beautiful, but again there are many cultivars available.

Other warm season annuals to pay attention to include: white larkspur (blooms late spring or early summer), alyssum, globe amaranth and white tufted evening primrose. All of these are available in white and other light or pale shades that will reflect light.

FLOWERING PERENNIALS

These are plants that come back each year. They die in winter and come back in spring, usually bigger and better than the year before. Some perennials are short-lived (three years) while others are long-lived.

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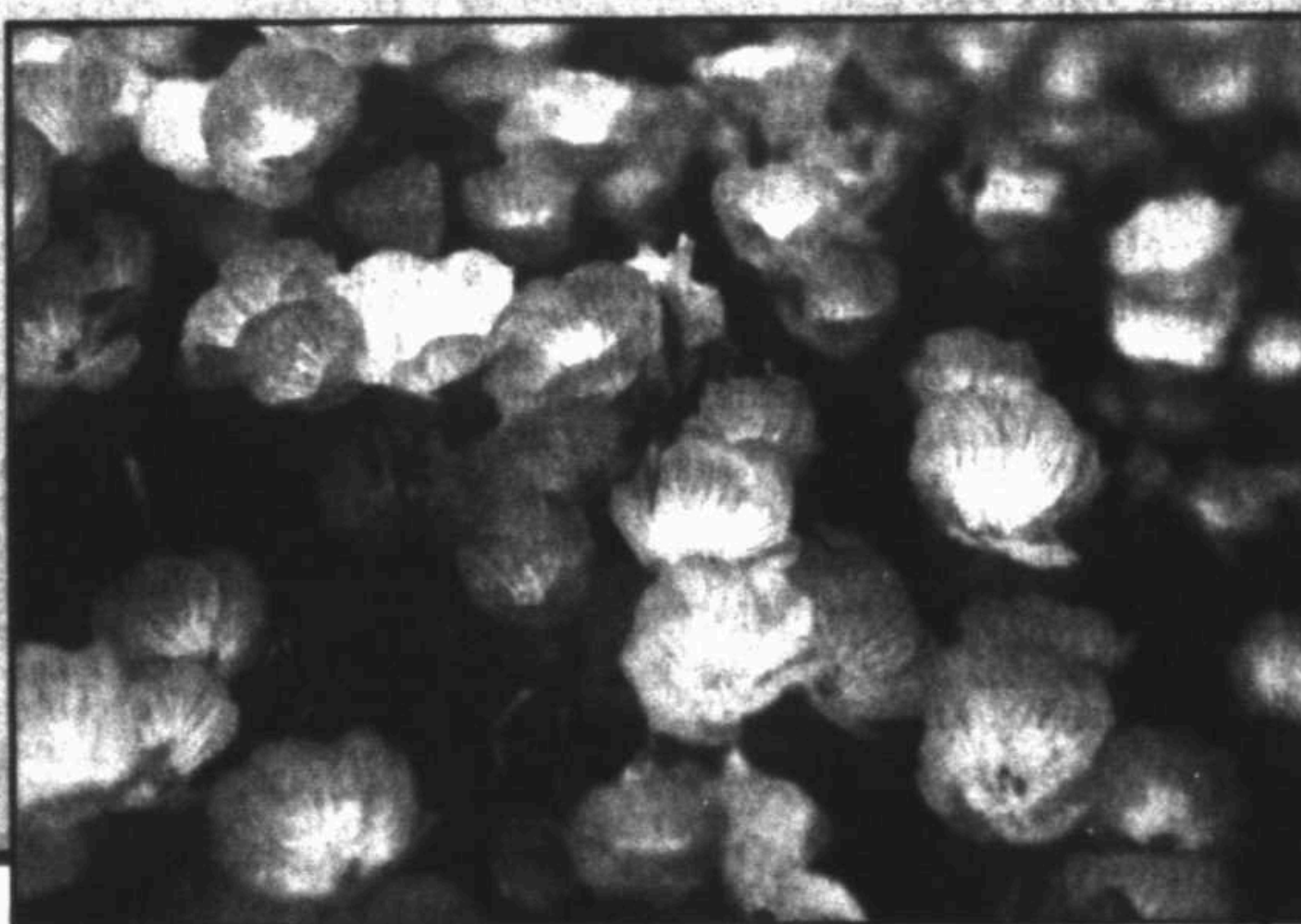
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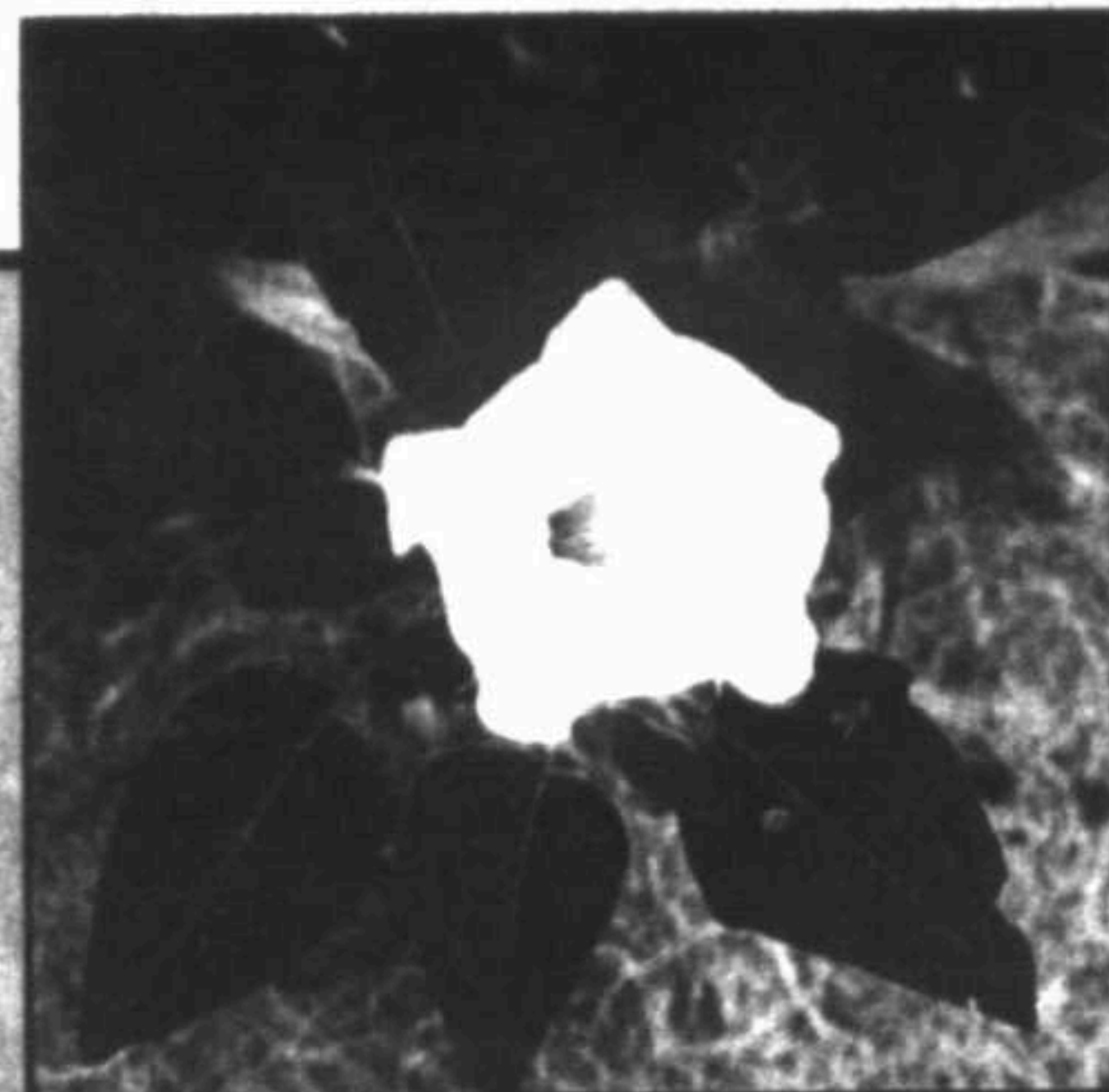
White caladiums act like a light in the dim shadows of your garden, reflecting any available evening light.



The velvety leaves of the "lamb's ear" have a silvery color. This plant makes a good border edging that will reflect evening light.



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This native datura, above, sometimes called a moon flower, blooms just after sunset and releases a pleasant fragrance through the garden.

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MOON: Evening gardens reflect light from white

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era last longer. Excellent soil preparation is beneficial for perennials to perform their best.

An old fashioned but useful white perennial is the Shasta daisy with its bold, upright clumping form. Most folks familiar with this 3 foot tall plant with dark green foliage think of it as the classic "he loves me, he loves not" daisy flower. Plenty of sun is needed, but they can tolerate a half day of sun. They thrive on regular watering and fertilizing, but can survive some neglect.

Ox eye daisy is another old fashioned flower very similar to the Shasta and very tough.

Hard to establish, but once it gets going, baby's breath is a wonderful, airy perennial that will provide numerous tiny white fluffy flowers. This perennial is long-lived and tends to be about 3 feet by 3 feet. Staking this plant early in the season can keep it looking its best through the season.

A white garden phlox, *Phlox* species, is an elegant looking plant for the mid-border. It grows about 3 feet tall and is topped with a bold mass of white blooms (as well as other colors) during summer and into fall. Plant in full sun with good air movement and well-prepared, moist soil. A good layer of organic mulch is always helpful.

A wonderful perennial called obedient plant is normally seen in a lavender-purple form, but also can be found in white, called "Summer Snow." It blooms June to August and forms large clumps. Obedient plants like moist, rich soils and will even tolerate a wet soil.

White butterfly bush, *Buddleia davidii*, is covered in long slender clusters of flowers from summer to fall. This plant gets large, 4-5 feet tall and almost as wide, so it could act as a focal point or specimen plant. It blooms in many colors, including white. Plant in full sun and avoid wet soils.

When a plant yields a gorgeous white flower, emits a strong, pleasant fragrance and does all of these right before your eyes and nose in the waning daylight ... you've got a hit for the evening garden. Datura is just such a plant.

The native datura has a big white trumpet shaped bloom, that opens quickly in the last few rays of sunlight. It's tough as a boot and can be placed in areas of the garden that get no or very little water. It grows 3 to 4 feet tall with an equal spread. The texture is coarse, but the flowers make it an excellent evening plant.

For the down side, the leaves and seeds are toxic. The leaves are gray-green and stinky, and the seed pods are covered in rather large and sharp spines. Tender tropical species are available called Angels wings, and these come in white, yellow, purple and a few other colors. Most gardeners grow these from seed each year



Gleaming white petunias make a great choice for evening gardens, especially in the spring and fall.

or grow them in a container that is taken indoors during the winter.

A perfect and powerful perennial for our area is lantana. The form and color range is large, including a couple of varieties in elegant pure white, and pale yellow. The varieties are "White Lighten," "Weeping White," "Lemon Drop" and "Silver Mound," all of which are either trailing or mounding types.

Lantanas are tough and need the hottest, blazing sun areas you've got and soils that stay on the dry side. Not all varieties are reliably winter hardy, but they are all worth the effort. Go by the Confederate Air Force Museum on the west end to see the 24 cultivar lantana variety trial being conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and maintained by Master Gardeners.

Other perennials worth a look are the mallows or hardy hibiscus. Giant rose mallow, Confederate Rose and salt marsh mallow are all available in white and other colors.

Some of these make very large, showy flowers. They like fertile, moist soil but can be very resilient in less than ideal situations. A gaura, *Gaura lindheimeri*, will make a large mass of very dainty, butterfly-like white flowers with pink tinges. This tough plant can go in dry gardens.

SILVER AND WHITE FOLIAGE PLANTS

Plants with silver and white foliage are great and combine well with other colors and textures. Many are very tough and drought tolerant as well, like the artemisias.

Artemisias have silvery white foliage that shines in any kind of light. They also bloom, but it's the leaves it is grown for. Some of the outstanding artemisias to be aware of, with their mature height and spread include: "Powis Castle" measures 2-foot by 4-foot; "Silver King" stand 4-foot tall and about the same in width; "Silver Mound" is only around 6-inches tall and 2-feet wide; "Silver Brocade" is about 2-feet

tall and wide, and "Valerie Finnis" is 2-foot by 3-foot. Give these full sun or partial shade and soils on the dry side.

Another silvery leaf plant is lambs ear, *Stachys byzantina*. This is such a wonderful plant because of its silky leaves. This plant makes an effective border plant and has a fairly attractive bloom.

VINES

There are several vines sporting white flowers that can be utilized in the evening garden. One of the most famous is the moonflower vine, *Ipomoea alba*. This confused morning glory-type vine blooms big, fragrant, white flowers after sunset. It is easy to grow and combines well with "Heavenly Blue" morning glory.

A few woody ornamental vines that provide white flowers include silver lace vine, honey suckle and sweet autumn clematis. Sweet autumn clematis only blooms about a month or so, but it is power-packed when it does. It is covered in frothy-white, starry flowers that give off a pleasant

vanilla fragrance.

A dainty little vine that will climb and tumble (but not destructively) over fences and other vines in late summer (and up until frost) is white coral vine, *Antigonon leptopus*. This vine is commonly seen with hot pink blooms, but finding the exquisite white is worth the search.

Unfortunately, the white is not quite as winter hardy as the pink, so plant it with a southern or western exposure and mulch deeply after the first freeze.

GRASSES

Some ornamental grasses can provide shining movement in the after-hours garden. *Miscanthus* species and cultivars do well. A few have variegated foliage that will shine in dim light, such as variegated Japanese silver grass and "Zebrinus." Blue lyme grass has light blue leaves that reflect light.

Fountain grasses, *Pennisetum* species — once they bloom — also will provide lots of gleaming seed heads.

SHRUBS

Some shrubs that have great white flowers include "Red Heart" Rose of Sharon, crepe myrtle and "White Cloud" Texas Sage. There's nothing more gorgeous than a white tree-form crepe myrtle covered in white blooms. The "White Cloud" leucophyllum will only bloom periodically, but it is gorgeous when it does and has silvery gray foliage the rest of the time.

OTHER COLORS

Primroses are great because they open in the evening and have light attractive colors.

Pink evening primrose and Missouri primrose are two very good choices. Calyophorus is another one that opens in the evening in a soft yellow. Blue Plumbago is a perennial that is covered with large light blue clusters of flowers. This is a great looking plant but not always winter hardy and needs heavy mulching. Bouncing Bet or soapwort is a flowering perennial that makes an effective groundcover. It is tough and once established can survive with very little care. It is covered with white and pink blooms.

Take advantage of the most relaxing leisure hours of the day by creating a garden you can enjoy in the dim light of evening. Incorporate white, light and silvery blooming and foliage plants into the garden. If you have questions about this or other horticulture topics contact your local Texas Agricultural Extension county office.

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Good supply of air, water, nutrients are top priorities for plants

By Lee Reich
Associated Press

Although garden plants hail from all corners of the world, they have surprisingly similar soil requirements — best taken before planting. Most garden plants need soils that are well-supplied with air, water, and nutrients, and this is the order in which you should take care of these needs.

Aeration must be the first consideration because if a soil is rich in nutrients, roots cannot absorb those nutrients if the soil is also waterlogged. There are two causes for waterlogged soil: either the water table is too high, bringing water up from below; or the soil has pores so small that they are all

clogged with tightly held capillary water.

If your soil has a high water table, choose another site for planting, raise roots above the water table, or lower the water table. Growing plants in raised beds is the way to bring the roots above the water table.

Make the beds sufficiently high to take the roots up out of the water, and sufficiently wide so as not to dry out too quickly. To instead lower the water level, drain the water away to lower ground by digging trenches or by burying perforated, plastic pipe.

Small pores clogged with water is a common condition of very sticky soils. The way to aerate such soils is to aggregate the particles; larger pores between these

resulting aggregates then hold air rather than capillary water. At the same time, small pores within each aggregate still hold water for plants.

Use any organic material, such as compost, peat moss, manure, rotted leaves, or sawdust, to aggregate a sticky clay. Mix an abundance of any or all these materials into the top 12 inches of ground.

Sandy soils represent the opposite extreme from clay soils. Sands hold plenty of air, but dry out too readily. Trudging water all season long to the plants is one cure, but a more practical approach is the same as for the sticky clay: merely mix in an abundance of some

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organic material. In this case, the organic materials help by acting like a sponge to hold moisture in the soil.

Once aeration and water have been taken care of, consider your soil's fertility. Soils must supply plants with 12 essential nutrients, but in order for plants to utilize those nutrients, the soil's acidity, or pH level, also must be in the correct range.

Most cultivated plants thrive best in soils that are slightly acidic, with a pH between 6 and 7. Determine your soil's acidity either with a purchased kit or by sending a sample to a testing laboratory.

Make your soil more acidic with sulfur or aluminum sulfate, less acidic with ground limestone.

The amount of materials needed to change the acidity depends on how much of a change is needed and how much clay is in the soil. To change a soil 1 pH unit requires, per 10 square feet, 0.2-1 pound of limestone, 0.1-1 pound of sulfur, or 0.5-6 pounds of aluminum sulfate. The lower values apply to sandy soils and the higher values apply to clay soils.

You also need to periodically fertilize to replace nutrients washed out of the soil by rainfall and

removed with your harvest. Nitrogen is the nutrient needed in greater quantity, and may be all that is needed if you annually enrich the soil with organic materials. A rough figure for the amount of nitrogen needed each year would be 0.2 pound per 100 square feet, which could be supplied by any one of various fertilizers: 2 pounds of 10-10-10 (10 percent nitrogen); 3 pounds of soybean meal (7 percent nitrogen); or a 3-inch layer of compost (2 percent nitrogen).

Now your soil is ready for just about any plant, from a marigold to a forsythia to a maple.

DEAR ABBY

Prayer of farmers reveals the truly tough row they hoe

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in behalf of all farmers and our embattled farming industry. Farming is one of the hardest, most labor-intensive occupations in this country. This year has been particularly difficult because a very wet spring and summer have prevented many of us from planting all of our crops. Consequently, many individuals are uncertain about the future of dairy farming in our state.



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In addition, the Southern states have suffered severe drought. This has also affected crop production, so you can bet that soon customers will be complaining about the price of food. Fortunately, in our great country we are blessed with the quantity and quality of our food products.

My grandmother sent me this prayer, which she clipped from a newspaper many years ago. Its author is unknown. Perhaps it will help consumers appreciate not only the farmers' point of view, but our struggle to survive. — A FARMER IN MAUSTON, WIS.

DEAR FARMER: Having been born and reared in Iowa, where the tall corn grows, I appreciate the Farmer's Prayer your grandmother sent, as well as its unique insight. Read on:

"Dear God, I'm grateful for the generous bounty which you have

bestowed upon me, but I must ask one more heavenly favor: Grant me the wisdom to understand why a pound of T-bone steak is considered too high at \$3.50 while a 3-ounce cocktail at \$2.25 is not, and people pay \$1 for a soft drink at the convenience store without blinking, but insist that a 15-cent glass of milk is inflationary.

"Help me, too, my Lord, to comprehend why \$6 movie tickets are a normal expense, but \$3.50 for a 60-pound bushel of wheat is unimaginable; why cotton is overpriced at 60 cents a pound but a \$20 cotton shirt is a 'bargain'; and why corn is too steep when 3 cents fills a bowl, but no one bats an eye paying \$1 for a serving of flakes in a restaurant.

"Lend me your divine insight that I may perceive the justice in being forced to grant an easement to the utility company so they could cross my property with their gas lines, then double the price they charge me for their gas. And finally, grant me the strength to endure without bitterness the consumers who scoff at me for shelling out \$10,000 for a piece of farm equipment that they were paid to build, so they can afford the cars they drive on their vacations down the road that used to be my acreage before it was stolen for the right-of-way.

"Eternal thanks to you, my Creator, for your past insight and divine guidance. But please — help me to understand their reasoning. Amen."

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, when I was a young lawyer with a prestigious law firm, I received a wedding invitation from an associate. (We're both

female.)

Another colleague also received an invitation, and suggested that we pool our money in order to purchase something nicer than either one of us could afford alone. I agreed.

Well, it was a lovely wedding, but neither my friend nor I received an acknowledgment of our gift. Several months later, I asked the bride if she had received it. She replied, "No, I haven't, but it should be among the many packages in the warehouse that we haven't had time to open."

Abby, it's been three years and still no thank-you note from the bride or groom. I'm wondering if we committed a faux pas by combining our resources to buy her a single gift, and she was so offended she felt we didn't deserve a note of thanks. — PHILADELPHIA LAWYER

DEAR PHILADELPHIA LAWYER: You did not commit a faux pas. The bride did. There was nothing wrong with pooling your funds to buy the bride a nicer gift. Should another occasion arise when a gift is required, a book of etiquette might be appropriate.

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'Angel of Saigon'

Children of Vietnam's An Lac orphanage remember American woman who saved them

Editor's note — She was called the Angel of Saigon, a petite American woman who arranged for more than 200 orphans to be airlifted out of South Vietnam in 1975 as the Communist forces were closing in. The children found a new life in the United States, but as adults they still haven't forgotten "Miss Betty."

By James L. Eng
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The children of Vietnam's An Lac orphanage are men and women now, scars slowly fading more than two decades after their war ended.

Rescued as babies from an uncertain fate in war-torn Saigon, adopted by American families and schooled in U.S. colleges and universities, they have gone on to share in the American dream. Many now have families of their own.

But they do not forget the petite, dark-haired American woman who gave them a second chance. Nor has she forgotten them.

She is Betty Tisdale, but the children of An Lac knew her as Miss Betty or Miss Sweet. Some called her the Angel of Saigon.

Tisdale raised money for and helped run the orphanage. She scrubbed floors, changed diapers and taught English to hundreds of abandoned or orphaned babies.

When the North Vietnamese army closed in on Saigon in 1975, she organized an airlift of more than 200 An Lac orphans to the United States, where all were adopted by American families. Tisdale and her then-husband, Army doctor Patrick Tisdale, adopted five of the children themselves.

"IT BECAME MY life. I just felt I was meant to do this," Tisdale said in a recent interview at her home in Seattle's Queen Anne neighborhood, where she has lived since 1982.

"The Vietnamese people that came here are still part of my life. The ones that I left behind are still part of my life. And my children. I can't imagine what life would be without them."

The mission that would take Tisdale half a world away began in the late 1950s, when she read a book about Dr. Tom Dooley, a U.S. Navy lieutenant who devoted much of his life to helping the sick and poor of Southeast Asia.

Dooley helped found the An Lac orphanage in Saigon in the mid-1950s with Madame Vu Thi Ngai, a wealthy, college-educated widow who fled to South Vietnam after the Communist takeover in North Vietnam.

Ngai assumed a caretaker role as she made her way south, taking under her wing homeless children she encountered along the way. Over the ensuing years, she cared for thousands of youngsters at An Lac, which means "happy place."

In New York City, Tisdale — then Betty Moul — started working for Dooley as a volunteer, helping with typing and other office duties. After Dooley's death in 1961, Tisdale, then in her late 20s, took over fund-raising for the orphanage and made her first trip to South-

east Asia.

HER UP-CLOSE LOOK at An Lac changed her life.

In a dilapidated former French military barracks at No. 116 Nguyen Dinh Chieu St. in Saigon, toddlers sat on overturned pots. Stools and urns of water served as makeshift showers. Food was cooked in pots placed on charcoal burners on the dirt floors.

"I walked in and saw the rusty cribs with hammocks and rags hung between them, the tiny, emaciated babies lying there with rags," Tisdale recalls.

"I knew that I couldn't go back to New York and be the business girl, everything that New York portrayed. I

bombings were routine and the fall of Saigon was imminent. Tisdale returned to An Lac one last time with actress Ina Balin, intent on rescuing all of the approximately 400 orphans then at An Lac.

They persuaded Vietnamese government officials to allow an airlift of all the children to the United States. But at the last moment, the government decreed that only children under 10 could leave.

Working for three days straight with little sleep, Tisdale and Balin rejiggered the list and drafted identification papers to comply with the ultimatum — a task complicated by the fact that none of the children had birth certificates.

Some of their documents showed various older children to be 8 or 9, though one reportedly began shaving the next year.

AS THE CHILDREN were loaded onto Air Force planes — the babies were placed in boxes strapped to the floor — Tisdale stepped inside the

An Lac nursery one final time.

"I went to get the last baby and I looked and you couldn't hear a sound, which is not like An Lac. There wasn't a baby crying. There wasn't a gurgle. There wasn't anything but silence," Tisdale recalls.

"And it was then that I thought to myself, 'Am I playing God? What am I doing taking all these children?'"

In all, 219 children were flown out of An Lac on April 12, 1975. One 3-month-old boy died en route.

On April 29, 1975 — the day before South Vietnam fell to the Communists — Tisdale flew to Guam and arranged for Madame Ngai and her two assistants to come to the United States. Ngai lived with the Tisdales in Columbus, Ga., until her death three years later at age 74.

The An Lac airlift was the largest from a single orphanage. All the children found permanent

"I walked in and saw the rusty cribs with hammocks and rags hung between them, the tiny, emaciated babies lying there with rags. I knew that I couldn't go back to New York and be the business girl, the swinging single ... I knew that I had to change my life."

— Betty Tisdale, who rescued babies from an uncertain fate in war-torn Saigon

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After a second trip to An Lac in 1963, Tisdale returned to New York and landed a job as private secretary in the New York City office of the late U.S. Sen. Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., where she worked for the next six years. She began courting donations from society's movers-and-shakers.

Soon she was sending as much as \$5,000 a month to the orphanage, as well as corporate gifts — tons of diapers from Johnson & Johnson, cartons of mislabeled baby food from Heinz.

There were some cross-cultural complications.

"Someone said Tang had a lot of vitamin C. I wrote to Tang and got stacks and stacks of it. When I got to the orphanage, there it was, all stacked in a room. I said, 'Madame Ngai, why aren't you using this?' She said, 'They (the children) don't like it.'"

"I SAID, 'LET me try.' She didn't know it had to be diluted in water. The minute we did that, they were drinking it like mad."

Tisdale spent her vacations — a few weeks around the Christmas and New Year's holidays — visiting An Lac. She saved money for the trips by skipping on lunch — "Howard Johnson's had the best hot dogs for 30 cents" — and buying her clothes at discount stores. She stayed in Javits' office after hours to use the office typewriter.

By the early 1970s, the orphanage had added washing machines and dryers, a new kitchen, indoor showers, a station wagon and bicycles that made it easier for the children to attend school.

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adoptive homes through Tressler Lutheran Services of Pennsylvania. The story was made into a 1980 television movie, "The Children of An Lac," starring Shirley Jones.

More than 150 older An Lac orphans were left behind, many of them carted off to work camps in the jungles when the Communists took over.

IN APRIL 1995, 20 years after Saigon's fall, Tisdale and adopted daughter Kim returned to Vietnam and visited the old An Lac building, which had been converted into low-income housing.

When word got around that Miss Betty was in town, several of the An Lac orphans who had been left behind — most now in their 30s — began showing up in the lobby of her hotel.

Tisdale rented a bus, rounded up a few dozen of them and drove to one boy's rural farmhouse for a hearty reunion.

These days, she says she spends most of her time acting as an information resource and go-between for others involved in philanthropic work. She is active in the Tibetan human-rights campaign. She also sits on the board of the Variety Club, a children's charity, and the World Affairs Council, an educational organization.

But the children of An Lac remain at the heart of her life.

The young woman now called

Adele Emrich was 22 months old and weighed just 14 pounds when she was flown out of An Lac. A victim of severe malnutrition, she was not expected to survive the flight. But she did, and was adopted by a family in Millersville, Pa.

She will graduate this summer from Millersville University with a degree in biology, and is considering applying to medical school to become a pediatrician.

Had it not been for Tisdale, Emrich says, "I'm almost certain I would not be alive today."

"It's nothing short of a miracle what she did."

A magazine article at the time labeled Tisdale, "The Angel of Saigon."

One reader wanted to thank Tisdale for her work and wrote a letter addressed simply to: "God's Angel, Senator's Office, Park

Avenue." Tisdale received it.

"I THINK THERE is a tendency to make a person like Betty larger than life, and I think she'd be first to say she's really just a human being doing a job that she felt needed to be done," said Bill Tremiere, vice president for constituent relations at Tressler Lutheran Services.

"She accomplished what a lot of people wouldn't even think of trying."

Tisdale is pragmatic about the "Angel" label.

"It was one of several articles and it helped raise money, and if anything would help the children, then I was all for it."

"It helped bring the plight of the children to the rest of the world, and if I could do that, then fine, I'd like to be the Angel of Saigon."

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Great fishing boat. \$1,500. 697-
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Custom cover, matching trailer,
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GENERAL- Need Extra Money?
We need part- time delivery
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Incentives include: gloves, quarterly cash drawings, up to \$40.00 per day safety incentive for drillers, \$6.00 per day for hands. Benefits: Insurance, vacations, 401K, EOE.

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SALES: Earn \$4K-\$7K per month. Give away our free security system. 570-8880.

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319 Management

EXPERIENCED MANGER for beautiful 200 unit property. Prime location. Good salary, benefit package. Call 689-0704 or 520-0705 to set appointment.

320 Skilled Trades

AIR CONDITIONING Technicians: Plumbers, Electricians wanted. Part or full time. Terms, incentives, bonuses available. 682-3542.

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Starting Pay \$13/hr.
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Must apply in person &
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Currently working 80+ hours per week.
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COMPRESSOR MECHANICS

K N Energy, Inc., is seeking compressor mechanics at its Colorado and Kansas facilities. Successful candidates must be able to routine major overhauls, routine maintenance and repair function occasional to natural gas compressors, and other associated station equipment, determine the nature and extent of repairs required and make the repairs. Three years experience working with natural gas compressor equipment, or other relevant experience is required. \$17.50/hr. AA/ECE. Please respond in writing to:

K N Energy, Inc.
Attn: Human Resources
P.O. Box 1870
Keary, NE 68848

321 Professional Help Wanted

Freemeyer Company, Inc. is looking for qualified operators. Positions are available with excellent pay for excellent people. Minimum 3 years oil field experience, CDL with X endorsement, good driving record and experience in Acidizing.

40 hour Hazwopper Bonus. Some travel required. If you have the experience & a desire to work with an aggressive, growing company. Please call (915) 381-9185.

322 Skilled Trades

MATERNITY: Leave up? Newborn baby? Special Grandmother love, excellent care. Memorial 683-8265.

IMMEDIATE opening for one 2 year old. Meals, snacks, love & learning! Excellent references! 684-9871.

CERTIFIED Medical Assistant: would like to care for your children. Monday through Friday. Registered day care, CPR and First Aid certified. 520-4735.

COUNSELOR need at Alamo Y.M.C.A. - Part Time. Must be 21 years old, have good driving record. Good with children. Apply in person 901 N. Midland Rd. 520-4861.

THERE'S always room for one more. Call 683-7536 Monday thru Friday days only.

BABYSITTING in my home. Newborn to 2 years. Reasonable rates. Call 689-3516.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Will take to activities, provide snack and tutor if necessary. Call 687-2050.

After school care, snacks, big yard, lots of fun, Christian home, Fannin, Hillander, 255-570-9319.

LET ME love and care for your little newborn while you work! Christian home located in old historic district. Have local and current references readily available. Please call Grandma Sandra at 682-8390.

323 Child Care Providers

CONSTRUCTION: Metal stud and wood stud Carpenters and Carpenters Helper. Apply in person 2300 Faulkner (behind Denny's on Loop). Ask for Brian.

DRIVERS: Accepting applications for Vacuum & Transport Drivers with at least 1-2 years experience. Must have Class A CDL License. For more information contact us at 915-756-2875.

H2S SUPERVISOR with experience needed for Buffalo, Texas area. Call (405) 622-4469.

324 Skilled Trades

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS needed for Ditchers, Backhoes, Crawlers

Experience a Must

We have work available in Arizona, California, Florida, Washington.

Excellent opportunities, competitive wages.

Call Dan for Appointment
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FRANCHISE OPPORTUNITY
Jackson Hewitt
Tax Service
New & Existing Locations
Seasonal location in Wal-Mart
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326 Skilled Trades

LANDSCAPE Supervisor needed. Must have at least 5 years experience and knowledge of all aspects in landscaping. Please forward resume to: P.O. Box 721976, Houston, TX 77272 or call (713) 933-9872.

MECHANIC: Bethesda Automotive is looking for experienced mechanic with tools. Apply in person at 302 S. Marienfeld.

MECHANIC-WANTED: experienced sheet metal mechanic. Salary based on experience. Call 686-0002.

MSA Industries, Inc.
Tank Coaters and Painters
Minimum 3 years experience
Must pass drug test & physical
Apply in person at
2742 I-20 West
Midland, TX 79702

327 Skilled Trades

OIL FIELD Welder with experience. Apply at 2302 Garden City Hwy.

LICENSED PLUMBER needed. Apply at 311 W. 42nd St., Odessa, TX.

PLUMBERS: Employee owned company needs Licensed Plumbers for commercial construction and all types of repairs. Excellent medical insurance and other benefits for qualified employees. Salary D. E. All inquiries in strict confidence. Call Alpine Plumbing & Air Conditioning at 720-7601.

328 Skilled Trades

SHOP FABRICATION
Need shop helper for general fabrication of gas compressor units. Would include insulation of rigid conduit, threaded pipe and instrument tubing. Good benefits and working conditions. Reply to Fabrication, Box 4185, Midland Texas 79704.

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Local compressor packager has opening for a welder who can do structural and pipe fabrication as well as completion work on compressor skids. Good benefits & working conditions. Reply to: Shop Welder, Box 4185, Midland, TX 79704.

TRUCK DRIVER wanted (long haul), flatbed experience preferred. Call 563-5529.

TRUCK DRIVERS needed for oil field jobs in Odessa. Must have Class A CDL, clear driving record and 2 years truck driving experience. Call 1-800-588-2888, Monday thru Friday, 8-5.

329 Adult Care Providers

CERTIFIED Nurses Aid, 21 years of experience in all elderly & disabled care including specialty cases. Excellent references, can work anytime, reasonable rates. 520-8764.

HOME HEALTH Aides available to attend your daily needs. Also hospital sitting. We work from 4 to 24 hours. Call 520-4425, ask for Jackie.

330 Child Care Providers

COUNTRY Living! 24 hour assisted residence living for the elderly. Private, room available. Also providing daycare on an hourly basis. 683-6292.

NANNY: Need someone to take care of our children (11 & 7). After school 3:15 - 7 in our home. Light cooking required. Must be responsible and have a reliable car. References preferred. 561-7269 days or 684-0855.

DO YOU Love children? I need a full time caregiver in my home. Light housekeeping. Non-smoking environment. Call 520-0705.

331 Skilled Trades

PARAGON Kiln A55B. Used less than 1 year, \$300. 697-4010.

INDUSTRIAL air compressor: 80 gallon tank, big 5 hp motor, like new. Paid \$1,250 will sell for \$850. Call 685-1105.

WATERMELONS: Black Diamonds (red), Desert King (yellow). 5110 South County Road 1157. Now Ripening. \$3.50 each. 683-5129.

VEGETABLES FOR SALE: Monday-Saturday, 9 am-6 pm. Call 682-5592.

332 Miscellaneous Sales

EXTRA large cantaloupe, watermelon, tomatoes, okra, peppers, cucumbers. 687-6072, after 5 pm 570-1216.

RED & YELLOW MEAT watermelons: St. Lawrence, Texas (915) 397-2385.

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REDECORATING: solid cherry wood Anne style king size waterbed, with mattress, will sacrifice, \$350. Call 520-2299.

333 Household Goods

BEAUTIFUL All glass dining room table, with four white high back chairs, very good condition. \$400. 689-2218.

OVERSIZED couch with oversized matching chair in pastel tweed with oak trim, \$300. Good condition. 697-4731 after 2 pm.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards: Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

BEAUTIFUL honey oak formal dining room set, like new. Table with extension leaf, 8 chairs, lighted china cabinet, roll top buffet, and side table. \$1,900. Call 550-6511.

SEARS REFRIGERATED Air window unit. Call 699-6891.

DREXEL Heritage 3 piece entertainment center, white wash oak, \$2,000. Childrens wooden play fort, \$250. 689-6410.

334 Household Goods

8 X 16 PORTABLE Building, weight machine, American Drew entertainment center, mirror and table, living room furniture, other items. Perfect condition. 682-4720.

TRADE IN SPA for sale- 5 year warranty. Priced for quick sale. 563-1807.

EVAPORATIVE Coolers, mowers, golf clubs, refrigerators, washers, dryers, clothing, pit furniture, Encyclopedias, suit group. 570-4851.

DALLAS Cowboy Football tickets. Call after 6 pm or weekends. 332-3433.

335 Household Goods

DRAPERIES! Draperies! Draperies! All colors, shapes and sizes. 682-4533.

BRAND NEW, still in plastic, size mattress and box set. Free frame or delivery. 550-5123.

SIMMONS Baby furniture: crib, dresser, baby, rocking chair. Natural ash finish. \$550. Storage unit, 8' x 10', 4 months old. \$350. 684-7415.

RAINBOW VACUUM with large and regular tank, video tape, printed instructions, deodorizer and freshener included. New complete shampooer, with shampoo solution. Excellent condition. \$600. Call Anytime. 915-756-2372.

336 Household Goods

SOUTHWEST Style sofa, blue recliner \$100 for both. Call 520-0939.

OPENING SOON! Uptown Consignments. Now taking consignments. Antiques/finer home furnishings. 570-0099. (Previously Uptown/Downstairs).

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SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

WANTED: One or Two Michelob Lite Pilsner Beer Glass (Tall Skinny Glass- Not Mug). Call Vickie at 682-5311 Monday- Friday, 8 am- 5 pm.

416 Good Things To Eat

PERMIAN Basin Farmers Market, Open Tuesday 1505 E. Front. Saturday at 5025 Princeton. Shop early for best selections.

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REDECORATING! Everything must go! Blue iron bunk bed with 1 single and 1 double \$150; wicker chest of drawers \$150; small stained rolltop desk \$150; all matching bunk bed spreads and 3 sets tie back curtains \$50. 686-1822.

REDECORATING: solid cherry wood Anne style king size waterbed, with mattress, will sacrifice, \$350. Call 520-2299.

When quality and experience is what you deserve, let BEST HOME BARGAINS sell your furniture for you. 3326 N. Midland. 689-5524.

BRASS & GLASS octagonal dining table, 48" diameter, 4 upholstered, matching chairs. New \$1,000, sell \$300. 694-6943, please leave a message.

CLAD MAPLE dining set with 6 Captains chairs. \$200. O. B. O. 694-0592.

418 Household Goods

FRIDAY ONLY! 9-5, 4 piece King bedroom set, linens, lamps, light fixtures, chairs, prints, paintings, 70's stereo, misc. & Fairfax Court. Cash only. 682-5534.

SET OF Kenmore Washer & Dryer, white, almost new, \$375. GE Microwave, \$60. 697-1858.

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CLAD MAPLE dining set with 6 Captains chairs. \$200. O. B. O. 694-0592.

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MAYTAG gas dryer, white, col- or, good condition, \$100. Call 570-1113.

MAHOGANY coffee table and 2 end tables with leather insets, good condition \$200. 694-3179.

QUEEN SIZE waterbed, 8 drawer pedestal, bookcase headboard with large oval mirror, comforter included. Best offer. 520-7107.

3 PIECE sectional couch. King bedroom suite, triple dresser with mirror, nightstands, 30 x 40 mirror, 2 fireplace screens and tools. 686-9310.

PINE DINETTE Suite with China Cabinet. \$500. Call 520-0534.

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BEAUTIFUL All glass dining room table, with four white high back chairs, very good condition. \$400. 689-2218.

OVERSIZED couch with oversized matching chair in pastel tweed with oak trim, \$300. Good condition. 697-4731 after 2 pm.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards: Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

BEAUTIFUL honey oak formal dining room set, like new. Table with extension leaf, 8 chairs, lighted china cabinet, roll top buffet, and side table. \$1,900. Call 550-6511.

SEARS REFRIGERATED Air window unit. Call 699-6891.

DREXEL Heritage 3 piece entertainment center, white wash oak, \$2,000. Childrens wooden play fort, \$250. 689-6410.

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8 X 16 PORTABLE Building, weight machine, American Drew entertainment center, mirror and table, living room furniture, other items. Perfect condition. 682-4720.

TRADE IN SPA for sale- 5 year warranty. Priced for quick sale. 563-1807.

EVAPORATIVE Coolers, mowers, golf clubs, refrigerators, washers, dryers, clothing, pit furniture, Encyclopedias, suit group. 570-4851.

DALLAS Cowboy Football tickets. Call after 6 pm or weekends. 332-3433.

434 Household Goods

DRAPERIES! Draperies! Draperies! All colors, shapes and sizes. 682-4533.

BRAND NEW, still in plastic, size mattress and box set. Free frame or delivery. 550-5123.

SIMMONS Baby furniture: crib, dresser, baby, rocking chair. Natural ash finish. \$550. Storage unit, 8' x 10', 4 months old. \$350. 684-7415.

RAINBOW VACUUM with large and regular tank, video tape, printed instructions, deodorizer and freshener included. New complete shampooer, with shampoo solution. Excellent condition. \$600. Call Anytime. 915-756-2372.

435 Household Goods

SOUTHWEST Style sofa, blue recliner \$100 for both. Call 520-0939.

OPENING SOON! Uptown Consignments. Now taking consignments. Antiques/finer home furnishings. 570-0099. (Previously Uptown/Downstairs).

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EVAPORATIVE A/C, stainless steel, down draft, never rust. 682-0217 work 697-5766 after 6 pm.

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22 Cu Ft Whirlpool refrigerator with icemaker. Almond. \$500. Call 694-5960.

440 Firewood

DICK'S FIREWOOD: Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453-2151, Fax 1-(915) 453-4322.

TURF SPECIALTIES FIRE-WOOD. 2427 E. Hwy. 80. Many varieties available. Delivered or do it yourself. Call 684-7166 or 570-7166.

7mm Remington Magnum, \$750 each, one new, one used, one 689-2448.

WILSON Staff left handed woods and irons, complete set, with bag. 689-8913.

PING ISI Copper 3- SW Blue Dot. Cobra Norman Grinds 2-PW Rifle shafts. Ram FX Pro 2-PW. 520-8538.

TITANIUM DRIVERS: Bubble shafts, lefty clubs, grips, repairs. The Clubmaker, 2605 W. Kentucky Ave. 683-2614.

HERTERS RIFLE /Shotgun loading equipment, including Pacific 5 station loader and more. CHEAPI 699-1977.

MASTER Gun Smith. Service, repair, & engraving. By appointment. Please call (915) 684-0809, 1-800-327-0809.

WINCHESTER 20 Gauge Shotgun. Model 1200, 19 1/2 inch barrel. Asking \$200. Call after 5 pm, 697-4534.

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